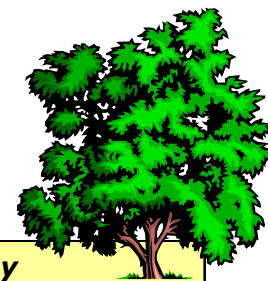


# Oakridge News



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## Scatter Shooting with Mike Rose

**“Your neighborhood influences your home value”**

Your Oakridge Neighborhood would like to thank the prior Boards, but in particular Joe Fagan and Cecile LaBossiere for their service over these past many years. All of the Board member’s tireless efforts have made your community a better place to live.

Your new ONA Board has been elected – see our web site [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org) to find out who is serving. Speaking of the web site – have you been there lately? Watch it be transformed into a site with lots of useful information such as the list of important “contacts” and the list of officers. Your new board will be working with the webmaster to include many other valuable items – stay tuned or connected!

This newsletter and other issues will be going to all who live in our Oakridge community. For our survival and continued growth please encourage your neighbors and friends to become participants in our neighborhood.

You are important to your Oakridge community.

**“The value of your home is reflected in the appearance of your neighborhood”**

## June Minutes Summary By Sharon Parrish

Board Meeting – The Oakridge Neighborhood Association board members for the June 2013–May 2014 fiscal year held its first meeting on June 6, 2013. The ONA Board of Directors plan to meet the first Thursday of each month.

At our first meeting, we voted in the following:

- District 2 Director: Dale Rouze
- Environmental Director: Don Pattie
- Membership Director: Angela Greenwald
- Communication Directors: Keith Engler  
Jackie Griffin

There was much discussion about the newsletter to settle on the new advertising format along with more neighborhood specific information. Also, invoices will be going out shortly for membership dues. A follow-up meeting will determine the cost for each advertisement along with the format for the invoice.

Everyone is encouraged to join for \$ 60.00, any contributions beyond that amount go toward our entrance plantings.

Keep the neighborhood looking beautiful!

## District 7 City Council Scott LeMay

This is my first newsletter article as your City Councilman. I am focused on neighborhood issues and keeping you informed on what’s happening on the council and in the city. We are on the eve of our first official full meeting with the new Mayor and City Council members, so I really don’t have much to report. I’m sure that will change very soon! I have spent several days over the last few weeks meeting with the City Manager and Managing Directors to “get up to speed”. Someone compared it to drinking from a fire hose. At this point I would agree.

Speaking of water, the two biggest issues I see right now involve running water and standing water.

**Running Water-** By the time you read this we will have entered Stage 3 water restrictions as determined by the North Texas Municipal Water District. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> watering by irrigation systems will be limited to once per week on Trash Day only, if needed. This does not limit soaker hose use for foundations and hand held watering can be used for new trees and shrubs any time. There are other water restrictions as well and you can learn more about them at the Water Utilities page on the city’s web-site. [www.garlandtx.gov](http://www.garlandtx.gov)

**Standing Water-** With the spring and early summer rains comes the issue of standing water which is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. After the last few summers, we are all very aware of the impact of the West Nile Virus. The City of Garland Health Department works closely with county and state health agencies to fight the spread of the virus and the mosquitoes that carry it. Which brings me to the proven fact that the best way to control the mosquito population is to eliminate their favorite breeding ground, standing water. This is something that each of us can do right around our homes. If you notice other areas of standing water around the city, please call the Garland Health Department Mosquito Hotline at (972) 205-3720. You can also learn more at the Health Department page on the city’s website.

If you haven’t noticed I am a big fan of the cities recently updated website. It is a great resource for information and events in Garland. I encourage you to use it often and when that doesn’t work you can always contact me. My direct cell phone number is (214) 794-8904 and my direct email is [scottlemayd7@gmail.com](mailto:scottlemayd7@gmail.com).

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### Treasurers Report By Dave Morgan CPA

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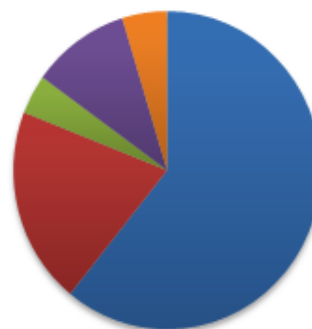
May 31st Balance Sheet Assets	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cash & Cash Investments	17,473	12,167	10,261	13,153
Less Self-insurance Reserve *	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Net Cash for Operations	9,473	4,167	2,261	5,153
USPS Bulk Mail Deposit	578	836	203	375

\* Most of the cash was appropriated as per our Bylaws to provide legal protection (rather than buy expensive insurance coverage) for the volunteers of ONA from any possible errors and omissions legal action that might be brought against them despite our perceived low exposure risk. We need to have cash on hand to pay for any unexpected sprinkler related repairs.

Key ONA Annual Expenditures	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Landscaping & Utilities **	28,301	23,207	20,317	17,435
Newsletter	7,947	6,864	7,791	5,748
Directory	1,148	1,696	1,152	1,152
Repairs	1,654	2,295	3,606	2,953
Activities & Events	4,232	974	1,402	-
Invoices	2,716	1,226	1,961	1,354
<b>Members per year</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>461</b>

\*\* Mowing, edging, trimming, trash pickup, water, and electric for sprinkler systems at each of our nine Oakridge entrances and over 6,000 linear feet of perimeter grass, shrubs, and trees surrounding Oakridge is overwhelmingly our primary expenditure.

### How your ONA Dues are Spent



■ Landscaping & Utilities	61%
■ Newsletter	20%
■ Directory	4%
■ Repairs	10%
■ Activities & Events	0%
■ Invoices	5%



**Environmental Update By Don Pattie**

My name is Don Pattie. I have recently taken over the job of ONA Environmental Director. Joe Fagan, having been Environmental Director for the past several years, has decided to move on to more exciting activities. Joe has done a fantastic job of managing the landscape maintenance, keeping the sprinkler systems working and up to code, insuring that the planting at the entrances is economical and looks good, and assisting Bill Olive and the C.O.P. as needed when people crash their cars into the brick walls, all while working within a very tight budget. Thank you, Joe, for a job well done.

Our current landscape maintenance contractor has been on the job for two years, is efficient and professional. The crew mows on Tuesdays and is required to check the sprinklers for leaks and malfunctions each time they mow. New watering restrictions allow watering only on Trash Day. The sprinklers have been set to water three times each Tuesday – once soon after midnight, early morning and late evening.

If anyone notices a sprinkler “geyser”, a wall that has been hit, or anything else pertaining to the common areas that’s out of the ordinary, please call me at (home) 972-496-6486 or (cell) 972-768-3039, or email me at [xracer541@tx.rr.com](mailto:xracer541@tx.rr.com).

**Daytimers Meeting By Diane Winter**

The Oakridge Daytimers have adjourned for the summer. Many members are traveling, visiting friends and relatives and taking classes to continue learning. Daytimers is a social organization for women who are present or former residents of the neighborhood. The purpose is to make friends in the neighborhood, gather and disburse information regarding activities and events of the community and share joys and concerns with caring friends. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge Neighborhood Association and encourages membership in the organization. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in each month from September through May. Make plans to begin the new year of activity with the Daytimers on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the home of Betty Prickett, 2013 Diamond Oaks, at 10 am.

For more information call president, Chris Beyers – 972 530 8292.

**Golf Course Revival By Mike Ussery**

An update regarding progress on the golf course revival project has been posted at [www.duckcreekgc.com](http://www.duckcreekgc.com). With the course closed for the past two and a half years many people have become accustomed to walking or riding bikes on the property and that has generally not been a problem. Now that construction is underway, we must ask that everyone respect the fact that the golf course is private property and that trespassing on the property poses a safety hazard as well as potential for damage. Contractors are coming and going, equipment is in use and delicate practices to reestablish playable turfgrass are now ongoing. Walking or riding bikes on newly planted areas can cause substantial damage and set back progress.

So, we ask that all Oakridge residents and others please stay off of the golf course property as we work towards getting the golf course back in operation. Thanks for your cooperation.

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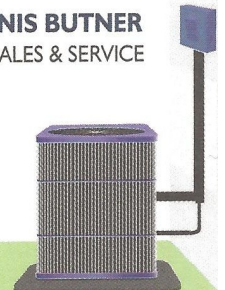
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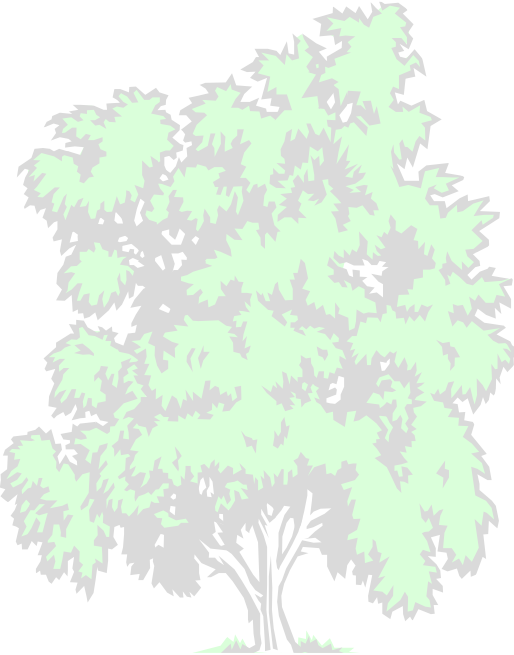
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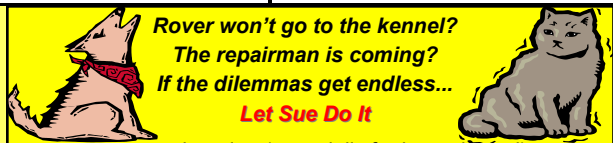
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<b>ONA Board Meetings:</b> 1st Thursday each month	<b>General Membership meetings:</b> September 26, 2013 February 27, 2014 May 22, 2014	<b>General Membership Meeting Location:</b> Achievement Center of Texas 2950 N. Shiloh Rd. Garland, Texas 75044
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