

# Oakridge News

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## Scatter Shooting with Mike Rose

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

Our Oakridge community is a wonderful place to live. When the weather cooperates have you noticed a significant increase in walkers or joggers throughout our neighborhood? Sometimes folks will take their dogs on these walks, and yes there are a few cats that go along as well! These cats even make it back to their nice cozy home. There has been an influx of “stray” dogs within our Oakridge Neighborhood. It does not matter how these dogs get out, the fact is they are unattended. More importantly many of these dogs are not wearing any identification tags. How is one to be a good neighbor and retrieve a lost dog if there is no collar with the appropriate information including phone numbers? Apparently one of these stray dogs was hit by a car near the intersection of Buckingham and Diamond Oaks. All is well, but no one could assist in finding the dogs home before it was hit. Most pet stores have the ability to create individual name tags for each pet – better

safe than to lose a member of your “family”. Neighbors helping neighbors is one aspect of creating our strong caring Oakridge community.

Another aspect of neighbors helping neighbors is for all to become aware of our North Texas extreme water shortage and to advise those who are not following City directed watering instructions of the violation. If we go into Stage 4 watering restrictions there may be attached very severe penalties assessed to those who do not adhere to the published watering restrictions.

Once again your ONA newsletter contains informative articles. It is the Board's hope that all homeowners read these newsletters. The individuals who serve on your ONA Board do so on a voluntary basis and with great concern for the vitality of our Oakridge community. These Board members take their own time to create a City wide respected newsletter.

See you at the Oakridge Community wide picnic in May.

## District 7 City Council Scott LeMay

With the arrival of spring I know there will be questions and concerns about our watering restrictions. As it stands right now, the North Texas Municipal Water District has indicated we will stay in Stage 3 until the drought situation improves or worsens. As written in our current Code of Ordinances Stage 3 means watering-once-every-other-week from November 1 - March 31, and watering-once-a-week from April 1 - October 31. On April 1 it will be tied to your weekly trash pick-up schedule. As to the water from Lake Texoma, the new pipeline is complete. There is still some work remaining on the Wylie pump station that should be completed by early June.

### Council Updates-

**Lyles House-** The council decided in a vote of 8-1 (Willis in opposition) to retain ownership of this structure, to place it on city owned land adjacent to the Central Library and to finalize an agreement with the newly formed historical preservation group, Preservation Garland, for future care and maintenance. The location will keep the house in a historical setting next to the relocated train car and depot operated by the Landmark Society. The cost to the city for this has been capped at \$179,000 and includes the relocation, site prep and foundation work. All restoration and maintenance costs after that will be the responsibility of Preservation Garland.

**Dean International Contract-** Well after much discussion, dissection and debate the amended transportation consultant agreement with Dean International was approved in a vote of 5-4 (Athas, Gooble, Williams and LeMay in opposi-

tion). As I stated before I have some serious concerns about the increased scope and associated cost of this amended contract.

**Sidewalk Repairs-** One thing that we hear about repeatedly is sidewalk repair. Like street repair we have limited funding available. Unlike street funding the cost of repairs for sidewalks is split 50/50 between the property owner and the city. We are currently in the process of amending the payment process for this to make it easier for property owners to comply. In the past the owner was responsible for paying all costs up front if they were less than \$1000.00. After that you could work out a payment plan with the city not to exceed 36 months. As you can imagine some residents had great difficulty paying this much up front. If they were not able to pay the city could place a tax lien on the property. Our current proposed revisions would provide a sliding payment scale depending on the amount. This should come before the council for consideration soon. One thing to remember is that once a sidewalk complaint is registered and verified the city must make the repairs regardless of the financial impact on the property owner.

I encourage you to use the city's website for information about the city. 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). I am also looking for other ways to stay in touch with citizens and share information. If you like you can “Friend” me on Facebook at Scott LeMay.

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**Duck Creek Golf Update by Mike Ussery**

**DUCK CREEK GOLF CLUB IS READY FOR SPRINGTIME**  
 As everyone is aware, this has been a very cold winter in the DFW area, certainly not the best conditions for golf. But we are finally seeing a few nice days, rising temperatures and green leaves poking out their heads. The golf course has made it through the winter pretty well so far and we hope that Spring growing conditions will arrive soon.

Our overseeded fairways will become very lush over the next few weeks and we will continue to manage the rye overseed until it starts to burn out with hot temperatures in May or June. At that time the transition to actively growing Bermuda grass will occur. We were fortunate to get pretty thorough Bermuda coverage on tees and fairways prior to winter dormancy last November, so we should see nice Bermuda turf in the late Spring and early Summer. The unoverseeded Emerald Dwarf Bermuda grass on the greens should start to perk up nicely with our upcoming Spring aerification and fertility program. The canopy and root system of the greens is healthy and should respond well to warmer air and ground temperatures. Golf Course Superintendent, Craig Stockhaus has done a great job of keeping up with things through the winter and preparing for the new growing season.

We hope that all of you who are golfers have had a chance to get out and enjoy the course. Conditions should get nothing but better over the next four to six months as some of the newly planted grass matures and the trees emerge from their winter sleep. If you are wanting to learn the game, one of our PGA Golf Professionals can help you to get up to speed or to improve your game. The support of the Oakhurst community is important to the ongoing viability of the golf course operation.

**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for March 2014 Mtg**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Dave Morgan Financial report was accepted.  
**NEW BUSINESS**- Dave Morgan will send out a draft ONA Board Policy Manual for board review. Sherri Rutherford is organizing a picnic in the Duck Creek Golf Club parking lot to be held on May 22, 2014 starting at 5:30 PM. David Parrish will check on tents and signs referencing the club from the storage unit. The General meeting will be held inside the club following the picnic. It was suggested the new board focus on the Directory and the perimeter and entrances that ONA maintains. The General meetings should be informing and entertaining.  
**MEMBERSHIP** – Membership is currently 368 households of 1,163 homes in the neighborhood. There was discussion about the format for the dues notice. Brad Greenwald, Dave Morgan and Sharon Parrish will discuss a brochure and invoice format. A motion passed to include pre-addressed return envelopes without stamps with the invoice. Most likely, the first invoice will be addressed to Local Postal Customer. The second will be addressed to name specific. Given work obligations, it does not appear that Angela Greenwald will be able to continue the Membership tracking next year.  
**COMMUNICATIONS** – Keith Engler will step down from the newsletter after this year. Brad Greenwald is considering taking it on.  
**ENVIRONMENTAL** – Don Pattie– Ask Robert (Robbie) Sutton for a proposal and cost estimate to address the entrance planting, including drip lines.  
**SAFETY** – Bill Olive- There were five minor incidents since last discussed. There are no gangs in our area. Dale Rouze commented on the Victory garden style planting in a front yard on Diamond Oaks.



**Safety by Bill Olive**

Over the past year of 2013 crime in Oakridge fell by over 11% having only 47 incidents (taken from GPD police reports). Not one violent crime was reported while most incidents were minor in nature. Compare this figure with 2012 and one will find over 55 incidents for that year. We have been working with Garland police crime watch and citizens patrol for almost 13 years and have not seen any substantial increase in crime during that time. Residents have been asked to report even the most minor crime and have been given easy ways to report as on the "cop logic" web site at Garland Police Dept.

This past year the Garland Police increased their Neighborhood Police Officers from 16 to 26 giving each officer one specific district to cover. Our new NPO officer Barnes has only district 14 to be responsible for while his predecessor officer Capers had districts 14 and 11. This increase in the NPO unit can only be a "win-win" for our communities and police department. More and more residents are watching out for suspicious activity. This becomes well known among the "bad guys" where the word is "stay away from Oakridge because those folks will call you in"

**SUMMING UP: OAKRIDGE APPEARS TO BE A STABLE NEIGHBORHOOD AS CRIME REPORTS INDICATE!!!!**  
If any Oakridge resident would like to get our "Siren Report" which is available AS NEEDED on line as an email please send me your email address and we will place you on our list of over 150 residents. Your email address will be held in confidence and will not be given out to anyone (not even the GPD). Contact us at [indexva@verizon.net](mailto:indexva@verizon.net). Have a wonderful Spring and remember to watch those open garage doors.

**Daytimers by Diane Winter**

Thirty - two energetic, knowledgeable, kind, courageous, gracious, friendly and curious Daytimers met at the home of Dana Hopkins on March 11th, to exchange ideas, acquire neighborhood news and have fun. EJ Tanner, new member, was introduced by Chris Beyers, president.

Members decided to furnish cookies to the ONA Community Wide Picnic on May 22nd. Book club was announced by Peggy Crenshaw and Audrey King listed birthdays.

The wearing of the green was evident among the members and the decorations that Dana provided. The food items were a highlight along with the fun and games provided by Ann Conrath. Winners were Dianne Winter, Peggy Crenshaw and Mary Jensen and the door prize winner was Pat Tharp.

The real winners though are all who attended the meeting. You can be a winner also if you attend the Tuesday, April 8th, 10:00 am meeting at the home of Suzanne Snow, 2722 Big Oaks and bring a neighbor. Membership in Daytimers continues to grow!

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$15.00 annual dues. Daytimers promote the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed to president, Chris Beyers – 972 530 8292.



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**Membership Meeting & Community Picnic:**  
 May 22, 2014

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Water restrictions continue throughout the City of Garland, We are **ONLY** to water on our scheduled **RECYCLING** days **AND** we **MUST NOT** water between the hours of 10AM to 6PM

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**— Community Wide Picnic May 22, 2014 —**

Please make sure that Thursday, May 22nd is marked on your calendar "ONA neighborhood picnic". Hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served from 5:30pm – 6:45pm in the Duck Creek parking lot near the tennis courts. We are very excited to have this different social event before the general meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. This will be a great time to see old neighbors that have been hibernating during this cold winter and to meet new neighbors. Remember, new ONA officers will be elected at this meeting also.

And while you are at the picnic; take the opportunity to check out Duck Creek Golf Course if you have not already stopped by the course. Duck Creek Golf Course staff will be on hand to answer questions about the different golf privileges you can enjoy in our neighborhood.

Always a big supporter of the ONA; the Daytimers have agreed to whip up some special treats for us to enjoy after your burger. Nobody bakes like these ladies!!

You will also have the opportunity to renew your \$60 dues for the coming year at this meeting.

Wow, with all you can accomplish at this event how can you not be there??

**Volunteers:** If you would like to volunteer to help set up, or serve burgers or clean up after the picnic, please call Sherri Rutherford at 972-496-5454.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled. No one likes soggy buns!

**NEW TO OAKRDIGE?!** consider this your personal invitation to meet your neighbors and learn more about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association

**ONA Nominating Committee Update**

The Nominating Committee for the ONA met Thursday, March 13 at the home of Margaret Fowler. The committee members are Lori Oswald, Ernie Gharis, Tillie and Tony Battaglia, and Margaret Fowler. Mike Rose, President was also in attendance. The committee is moving forward to select a slate of new officers (for those retiring from the board) to be presented at the next General Membership/Picnic meeting on May 22.

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