

Oakridge News

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ONA Membership Status and ONA September 24, 2015 Meeting - Dwight Davis - ONA President

We have 239 members for 2015-2016 that have rejoined and 19 new members, which is about 144 short of last year. It takes about 300 members just to cover the ONA requirements for the beautification of our nine Oakridge entrances and the mowing and maintenance of 6,000 linear feet or 35,000 square feet of perimeter grass. The city WILL NOT do this for us. We need additional membership participation to complete our annual maintenance requirements and to produce and mail the ONA newsletter and directory. Also, extra is needed to have some community events that would be beneficial for all of us. Our goal this year is 500 members of the 1166 homes in Oakridge. We need everyone's participation in the ONA membership drive to do this. Please encourage your friends and neighbors in Oakridge to rejoin or join as a new member. It will take proactive efforts from all of us to meet our needs and requirements. See: <http://www.oakridgena.org/join.htm> for the ONA Membership invoice for



Our next ONA Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 P.M. - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at the Achievement Center of Texas, 2950 Shiloh Road. I look forward to seeing you there **early at 6:30 P.M. for the social gathering.** Dwight Davis, 972-675-9195, dwight@dwightdavis.org

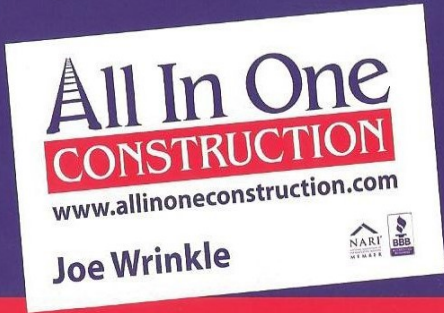
September Updates - Scott LeMay - Garland City Council, District 7

Well the first day of fall is right around the corner and I am ready. We just celebrated Labor Day with what was probably one the hottest parades in many years. I saw many familiar faces in the crowd and overall we had a great turnout along the parade route, as well for the events in and around the square. As always I thank you for coming out and supporting the vendors as well as our great city. I know you probably get tired of hearing me preach about and promote our Historic Downtown but it is something I am very proud of. It really is and has been going through a transformation over the last couple of years. The City Center project has been well underway for almost two years now and it is really starting to come together. The City Hall building exterior updates are looking great and the adjacent multi-family units are almost complete. They actually started leasing the units in the back section earlier this summer. I believe the remaining units will be open later in the fall. This development is already bringing much needed customers to the shops and restaurants around the square. And it only gets better from here!

Around the District –

Another very newsworthy development was announced last week. While it is not within District 7 it is just north of us along the 190/PGBT corridor. The City Council recently approved an economic incentive agreement with RagingWire Data Centers and NTT Communications for the development of a 1 million square foot data center. This will be on 42 acres roughly bounded by Shiloh Road and Lookout Drive along 190. This will be one of the largest data centers in North Texas and very similar to the Facebook data center recently approved in Fort Worth. These data centers typically serve banks, insurance providers and other telecommunication companies for off-site data storage. Many of them are already located along the Telecom Corridor in our area. This will be a very large scale development that should begin working its way through the final site approvals very soon. Our staff has already worked many hours to bring this to where we are now and I thank them for their efforts. And it only gets better from here!

As always 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. Scott LeMay- Garland City Council, District 7



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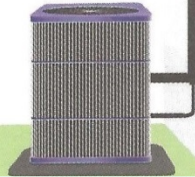
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Daytimers Update - Dianne Winter

Search your memory bank as the Daytimers gather to find "Our Common Bond," and meets on second Tuesdays of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 13th, at the home of Lila LaGrassa, 2125 Diamond Oaks Drive, at 10:00 A.M. (972-530-8618). There will be "Personal Stories of Survival During Major World Events" and as always, the fun, food and fellowship of the group with news about the neighborhood. There was an attendance of forty women at the September Fall kick-off meeting with four new members. Come join these neighbors!

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$20.00 annual dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed Ann Conrath, 972 346 8167.

Annual 2015 ACTION Walk – David Parrish, Director 7



Achievement Center of Texas

Annual 2015 ACTION Walk: A Ghoulishly SpooktACTular

The Achievement Center of Texas (ACT) in Garland invites you to join us at the Annual 2015 ACTION Walk on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Holford Park. Participants can sign-up (link below) for either a 5K Run/Walk or 1 mile Fun Walk or just show up and enjoy the fall weather. Also, you can become a Sponsor or Volunteer (see below). This year's theme is **A Ghoulishly SpooktACTular**. We encourage everyone to wear their favorite Halloween costume and celebrate the season while raising awareness for people with special needs. Register to run, walk, or volunteer, today. Funds will benefit the students enrolled in the programs of the Achievement Center of Texas.

Location: Holford Park, 2314 Homestead Place, Garland, Texas

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 2015, 11:30 A.M.- 2:30 P.M

What's the Plan: 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk, food, games, Halloween costume contest, prizes.

For More Information: walk@acoftx.org or call

Participant Registration (5K & Fun Walk):
<http://acoftx.org/events/2015-action-walk/>

Volunteer Registration: <http://acoftx.org/action-walk-volunteer>

Want to be a Sponsor? <http://acoftx.org/action-walk-sponsors/> **Deadline- October 2**

Yours in cheerful service, David Parrish, District Director 7

New City of Garland Water Restrictions - Dwight Davis

The City of Garland has aligned its watering restrictions with the North Texas Water District recommendations that most all cities have accepted as a standard. **Year round there is no lawn watering with sprinklers between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M.** **City billed water rates have just increased!**

The following are the four stages for conservation:

Stage 1 - Lawn watering is limited to two days a week and customers can choose those days. **We are in Stage 1 now.**

Stage 2 - Lawn watering is limited to two days a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.

Stage 3 - April through October lawn watering is limited to one day a week based on the customer's residential trash pickup schedule. November through March lawn watering is limited to one day every other week based on the customer's recycling schedule. **This begins next month in October.**

Stage 4 - No lawn watering at any time.

Each of the four stages have hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation exceptions that are allowed. See the complete City of Garland Drought Contingency Response Plan on a full page at the web site link below:

<http://www.garlandtx.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=6811>

ONA Volunteering - David Parrish, District Director 7

Volunteering to Help Make ONA a Better Place to Live:

Often we have heard the words of President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." The same applies to our community, particularly, our neighborhood. The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) is a completely volunteer organization. Besides the Board of Director Positions, we have identified some key volunteer opportunities. Please, take a moment to review the list and let us know which tasks might best suit your skills and time. In most cases you will be part of a team to accomplish these tasks.

Newsletter Editors - The editor receives monthly input from several sources, edits it into the appropriate format, gets a final approval from the President, and emails the final product to the printer.

Newsletter Articles - if you have a good idea for the newsletter, let us know. Better yet write it up and send it to the editor. If it does not fit in the newsletter, it could be posted to the website. Topics can be as diverse as restaurant reviews, community interest stories, and activities of other groups within Oakridge.

Newsletter Mail Outs - The newsletter mail out team collects the newsletters from the printer, organizes them according to postal requirements, and delivers them to the Post Office. This task is done every month.

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Welcome Wagon - The welcome wagon team gets recent Oakridge home sales from a local realtor and monitors the Dallas County Appraisal District web site for new residents in Oakridge, makes up Welcome Bags, and contacts the District Directors for pick-up and delivery. This task is done throughout the year.

Social Committee - Our long time organizer has moved out of state, so we need a team to plan, organize, and implement our neighborhoods' social events (e.g., cook-outs, block parties, etc.) as needed during the year.

Safety Committee - This team works with the police and the fire stations to collect and report on safety incidents in Oakridge, participate in Citizens on Patrol, and provides safety information as needed throughout the year.

Fire Station Holiday Dinners - Did you know, that every Thanksgiving and Christmas ONA provides dinners to the two fire stations that serve our neighborhood? We need volunteers to prepare food (some dishes can be done ahead of time), organize the effort, and to help deliver food to the fire stations on both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Holiday Decorations - Every December ONA deploys Holiday decorations to all nine entrances and the bridge over Duck Creek. Volunteers organize, repair, replace, and work with District Directors to deploy the decorations. Then take them down, pack them up, and return them to storage in early January.

Website - Volunteers work with the President to maintain and update information about the neighborhood on the Oakridge Neighborhood Association website (<http://www.oakridgena.org/>) as needed throughout the year.

Environmental Committee - Volunteers works with the Board of Directors to plan and implement beautification projects at all Oakridge entrances. This task is done throughout the year.

Other - Do you have other ideas that might improve our neighborhood? Let us know.

Yours in cheerful service, David Parrish, District Director 7

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