

# Oakridge News

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## ONA Scatter Shooting - Dwight Davis - ONA President

We now have **344 ONA members** for 2015-2016 which is about 29% of our 1166 homeowners in ONA. We really need a number of you to join with us this year and send in your \$60.00 to help us support the printing and distribution of the new 2015 ONA directory. Also, please encourage your neighbors who haven't yet joined.

Dylan Hedrick has volunteered to work as our Communications Director for the ONA. The ONA Board of Directors met on October 15, 2015 and unanimously elected him to handle our monthly ONA newsletter and ONA website. Dylan has had previous experience successfully handling communications endeavors.

The ONA has requested and is getting volunteers to provide the firemen, at fire stations 3 and 11, a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. Brenda Olive is leading this endeavor. If you can volunteer food or time for this ONA 20 year tradition, let Brenda know at 972-495-3402 or [brenda.texasinspector@verizon.net](mailto:brenda.texasinspector@verizon.net).

Due to continuing issues, the ONA is no longer using PayPal for membership payments.



Please send your membership applications and check to the ONA P.O. Box 450145

## Duck Creek Golf Course Updates – Dwight Davis, ONA President

I met with Ryan Cancino, the head golf professional at the Duck Creek Golf Course to get an update on some new things happening in the short term. The Duck Creek Golf Course is moving forward in a gradual growth status since it opened nearly 2 years ago. The greens have continued to be improved and with the scenic views of Duck Creek and the great layout design, there are more visitors joining from nearby communities. They have sowed winter rye, so that the greens will remain green during the winter. Also phosphorus was added to the edge of all the greens to keep the grass roots better preserved during the winter months. It was very clear to me, that many efforts are being made to maintain and improve the golf course for all to enjoy.

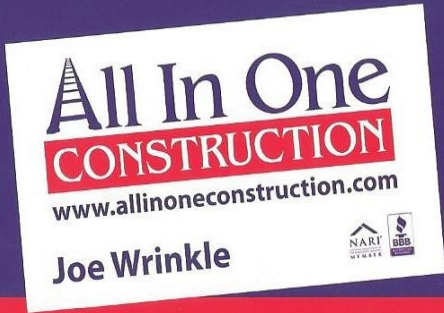
Ryan stated that they will soon begin their 2016 roll out of memberships and new programs. The Duck Creek Golf Course is starting a new Men's Club for Senior Members. They will be having play day opportunities for the club on the weekends and organized tournaments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See Ryan in the Golf Pro Shop for more information.

Also, there will be a Holiday Clearance Sale in the Golf Pro Shop from November 22, 2015 to the end of the year. This may give some of you some extra value on things you need or want, or a possibility of a Christmas present for a loved one.

The 2016 Memberships and Annual Passes are opening up for availability on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, which is the day before Thanksgiving Day. So you may want to plan for 2016 and be ready to join soon.

You probably already noticed that the sidewalk was repaired and completed about a month ago. The Duck Creek Golf Course worked with the City of Garland for all the required permits, and fully paid for and contracted the repair job themselves. All the outside lights have also been repaired and are now on a timer from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 A.M every day for improved visibility and security. We thank the Duck Creek for these repairs.

If you need any information about the Duck Creek Golf Course, you can contact Ryan Cancino, head golf professional at 214-440-2229 or [rcancino@pga.com](mailto:rcancino@pga.com). In your service, Dwight



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**Daytimers Update - Dianne Winter**

The Oakridge Daytimers will celebrate the Christmas season during their meeting at the home of Ann Conrath at 2131 Windy Ridge on Tuesday, December 8th, at 10:00 A.M.

Sandra Stevens, program leader, has developed very enjoyable presentations of "Surviving Life Events" for the year. This month, two members, Barbara Harvison and Ruby Nell Ormon, will demonstrate through a skit, "Life during WWII".

Please join us - Come and fellowship with friends having food and fun in the neighborhood and ring in this festive holiday.

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

**Park Politely, Please-by Mike Rose, Past ONA President**

Modern families are always on the go in different directions, sometimes requiring more vehicles that their residential parking can comfortably accommodate.

The City of Garland urges you to be a good neighbor and *Park Politely, Please!* Here are a few *Park Politely* tips:

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbors house.
- Never block Postal Service access to mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles.
- When possible, let your neighbors know in advance of activities at your home which may include excessive guest parking.

Remember, street parking is not reserved for any specific individual or resident; therefore, the Garland Police Department **cannot** ticket a vehicle because it is parked where a specific resident would prefer to park.

Under a certain circumstances, a citation can be issued. Here are just a few: **If a car is parked:**

- On a sidewalk (or blocking sidewalk in a driveway).
- In an intersection or crosswalk
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign

**Commercial vehicles** cannot be parked and left overnight upon any public street or public property.

**Parking on unimproved surfaces are prohibited.**

Visit GarlandPolice.com, link or call 972-205-2012. . . .Mike

**Trash & Refuse Guidelines - By Mark Edwards, ONA VP**

Your Oakridge neighbors are often affected by the way trash and refuse is handled by you, should you not be in compliance with the City of Garland Code Compliance guidelines.

The City of Garland, Texas Code Compliance has shared some need to know information for all Oakridge neighborhood homeowners about *Trash and Refuse*.

- Trash that is left outdoors is an eyesore and a health hazard.
- Waste that is too large for green container, such as large boxes, furniture, appliances, should be placed at the front curb.

Trash should be placed for pickup **NO EARLIER THAN 6 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE SCHEDULED PICKUP**. In the case for the Oakridge Neighborhood, that is 6:00 P.M. Monday night.

The exception is yard waste such as tree limbs or bagged leaves.

If you have any further questions be sure and contact the Environmental Waste Services Department of the City of Garland at 972-205-3500

**Silver Bells are Ringing - By Dylan Hedrick**

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we here at the Oakridge Neighborhood Association hope to help everyone get in the holiday spirit.

Be on the lookout over the next coming weeks for the decorations adorning the stop signs, along with some entrances to Oakridge and on the bridge over the creek on Diamond Oaks Drive. These decorations are graciously put up by volunteers of the ONA.

These decorations are just a small reminder of what the neighborhood association does for you. If you have not already joined the association, we hope that you will join us before the end of the year. Please visit our website at [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org) to see what else is happening with the association.



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### **HELP NEEDED - ONA Firemen's Thanksgiving Dinner - Brenda Olive, ONA Hospitality Service**

Hello everyone: Well, it's that time of year again--seems like it was just last week that we were prepping, cooking and trying to find ways to use our leftovers doesn't it? This year the ONA is very short of funds, just not enough people have joined--just another sign of the times we live in. Anyway, the ONA has agreed to buy the turkeys and stuffing ingredients and I've agreed, once again, to be the cook and organizer. I tried to step away this year but no one else would step up and take on the responsibility, and I know the firemen are looking forward to their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners from Oakridge. I was even asked if perhaps we could do it for another station too! I quickly said NO to that request. Cooking two big turkeys at the same time and trying to get everything ready to be delivered around 12 noon is just about all I can handle.

I really need your help!! As I said, the ONA is short of funds, so I not only need help with the cooking, but also with the actual buying of items. I need someone to buy and prepare the potatoes (it takes 20 lbs. per station) the green bean casseroles, the sweet potatoes, either candied or in a casserole, green salads or some other types of salad, desserts, breads, and anything else you can think of to make a full Thanksgiving dinner and again, next month for Christmas. If you can't help out this month, perhaps you can do so for Christmas. Last year I was so blessed because so many people volunteered to do so many things! If you don't have time to do the shopping, or want to have me do it since I've developed a rapport with some of the grocery stores in the area and can get some things discounted, I will be more than happy to do it. I really wish we could have things paid for by the ONA but that just isn't possible, so rather than disappoint the firemen, I'm coming to you!

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, EITHER BY EMAIL OR BY PHONE: 972-495-3402 or [brenda.texasinspector@verizon.net](mailto:brenda.texasinspector@verizon.net). I know it's a lot to ask, but this is an Oakridge tradition – going on at least 20 years now, and I'm not one to break traditions. . .

Brenda

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