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Scatter Shooting with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis
ONA President



We had a great general membership meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Scott LeMay, our District 7 City Councilman, spoke as well as the firefighting team and new captain from Station 11 off of Belt Line Road. There were informative discussions on what the city is doing and how the firefighters are supporting our community. I am thankful we have these dedicated servants supporting us.

For community networking to best get some answers to a lost dog or other non-City concerns or just to chat with other neighbors in the Oakridge Neighborhood, get on Oakridge Nextdoor at: [https://](https://oakridgegarland.nextdoor.com/)

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I hope you are recovering from the lost hour of sleep after setting your clock forward one hour. Remember your taxes are due this year on Monday, April 18, 2016. Emancipation Day typically is celebrated on April 16. It's the day President Abraham Lincoln signed into law a bill ending slavery in Washington, D.C. Since April 16 falls on a Saturday in 2016, then Emancipation Day will be celebrat-

ed on Friday, April 15. This pushes forward Tax Day to April 18.

Put on your calendar our next full Oakridge Spring into Summer Parking Lot party at Duck Creek Golf Club on Thursday May 26th, with FREE hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages, plus many other things. See ONA Vice President Mark Edwards's article on page four for more details.

Our street sign toppers for all Oakridge street signs are awaiting approval of the City of Garland teams that are reviewing our proposal. The signs were changed in color to blue to meet the Garland requirements.

Thanks for all your support to make the Oakridge Neighborhood beautiful and friendly.

New Newsletter Format, Article Suggestions Needed

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA Communications Director

As you may have noticed, the format of the newsletter has changed to make it more readable and informative. We also wish to bring you more articles which are of interest to the Oakridge Neighborhood.

If you have any story ideas, upcoming events which may be of interest to the community, volunteer opportunities, or a person who you think would be a candidate for our upcoming "Get to Know a Neighbor" feature, please contact me at dylan.hedrick@gmail.com, and I would be happy to help get your story or event into the newsletter.



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The Daytimers Brave the Rain

by Dianne Winter
 Oakridge Daytimers

Thirty Daytimers braved the rain March 8th for fun, fellowship and neighborhood news which this Oakridge women's association provides. The Daytimers were greeted warmly at the home of Betty Prickett.

The food hostesses comforted the group with goodies and President Ann Conrath provided the information from the group leaders of interest groups: Mah Jongg, Book Club, GOGO group and member concerns and birthdays. Ann also announced the end of year May luncheon location at Woodbridge Country Club. There is a \$10 cost for the lunch payable to treasurer Peggy Crenshaw.

A nominating committee was named and a plea for Oakridge Neighborhood Association volunteers was made.

The main interest was speaker Judge John Sholden, a neighborhood resident and candidate from the primary election. He entertained and

educated the group by speaking about the duties of the Justice of the Peace in the state of Texas.

He stressed the importance of education and the role that neighborhood residents could play to help the student. He also said that the safety of the community was a focus of his interest and past years of service. He also touched briefly on some legislation and the ups and downs of a political campaign and service.

If you want to learn more about the Oakridge community come visit with the Daytimers at the next meeting at the home of Sharon Carlton, 2517 Big Oaks, on Tuesday, April 12th at 10 am. The program will interest you, and the group will welcome you.

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 to Ann Conrath, 972- 346 -8167.



LeMay, Firemen Speak at ONA Meeting

by Dylan Hedrick
 ONA Communications
 Director

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association hosted the City Councilman Scott LeMay and the firefighters of Station 11 at its general meeting February 25th.

LeMay provided information on the ongoing recovery efforts from the tornadoes which hit our city December 26th. He also spoke about the Capital Improvement Projects slated in the City's budget, which include widening Holford Road from two to four lanes. The project, which will include a bridge over Spring Creek, is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

Fire Captain Brooks thanked the community for its ongoing support and al-

lowed the station's newest firefighter Micah Wessberry to speak.

The 20-year old Wessberry, who as one of the youngest member of his station fellow firefighters tease as the "future" of the Garland Fire Department, earned a scholarship to attend the fire academy after high school. "I grew up in Garland, live in Garland, and am happy to be a firefighter in Garland. It is what I always wanted to do," Wessberry said.

Wessberry recommended that residents fill out an Emergency Medical Information Form and place it in a prominent place in their home, such as the refrigerator door. The form can be found at <http://www.garlandfire.com/gov/lq/safety/fire/forms.asp>.



Firefighter Micha Wessberry (center) with other firefighters of Station 3.

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Oakridge Community Party to be Held May 26

by Mark Edwards
ONA Vice President

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is hosting a Spring Into Summer Event on Thursday May 26, 2016 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. rain or shine. It will be the Annual Oakridge Neighborhood Association Parking Lot Party that is held on the parking lot of the Duck Creek Golf Course at Diamond Oaks Drive and Big Oaks Drive close to the sand pile in the eastern edge of the parking lot.

Put this on your calendar now, and plan to come out to meet your neighbors and friends. You will be able to enjoy FREE hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill along with your favorite FREE beverage. Everyone is welcome so bring yourself and your children.

A general membership meeting of the ONA will be held in the Duck Creek Golf Course Clubhouse following the parking lot party.

There are some other ideas we are also planning and working out the details. If you can volunteer for



the cooking or can help plan some of the activities, please contact either Dwight Davis at 972-675-9195 or Mark Edwards at 214-673-8908.

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