

Oakridge News

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Scatter Shooting with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis
ONA President



Our blue street sign toppers with white letters were approved by the Garland City Council on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. The City of Garland Department of Transportation staff plan to install them by mid to late June 2016.

Don't forget to put on your calendar the "Spring into Summer" Parking Lot party for every Oakridge resident at the Duck Creek Golf Club on May 26, 2016 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. There will be FREE hot dogs, hamburgers on the grill, beverages, and activities for the whole family.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association has already begun its annual membership drive for the June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 year beginning on

April 28, 2016. A membership invoice was mailed to your home on that date. You can either mail us back your payment, make an online payment on PayPal at www.oakridgena.org, or give it to one of the ONA Board Members at the party on May 26th. We have 155 members who have already sent in their dues. Some have sent in extra for beautification and we thank you.

We really thank you for your support this year. We need a good num-

ber more of you to share in the support for the maintenance and beautification of the ONA entrances. The ONA Directors will soon be putting up new blue flags with white letters for those members who have paid.

Our website has been overhauled as well so please send any activities or community news updates to our Communications Director Dylan Hedrick at dylan.hedrick@gmail.com so he may post them to the website.

Another place to look for community news is on the Nextdoor social network at oakridgearland.nextdoor.com. However, you must create a user account in order to access the Nextdoor website.



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Be Aware of Common Code Violations

by Dale Rouze
 Former ONA Director

As a reminder, please visit the city website for some of the common code violations found in Garland's neighborhoods: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/cd/code/violations.asp>

High grass and/or weeds are limited to 12 inches in height to include front, back, side yards and right-of-ways (area between the sidewalk and curb). Grass in any alley and/or easement (area behind the property) must be maintained to the mid-point.

Encroachment or obstruction is defined as any object, structure, or vegetation that fails to allow the lawful passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on any street, alley, easement, or sidewalk. These must be eliminated and/or maintained at all times. This includes trimming to the curb of all tree limbs and shrubs over the street to a minimum of 14 feet high from the ground. Those over sidewalks must be trimmed to the edge and eight feet high from the sidewalk. Alley limbs and shrubs must be trimmed one foot from the fence and also up to 14 feet from the ground. Items not made for outdoor use should not be stored outdoors.

It is unlawful to allow a fence to lean more than 10 degrees or to have missing, loose, or broken slats or panels. Only signs, symbols, writings, or other graffiti pertaining to the address or occupancy of the property are permitted. Electric fences, barbed wire, hog wire, chicken wire, used materials, corrugated metal

or fiberglass, sheet metal are prohibited. A permit is required to build a pool fence and can be obtained from inspection at 972-205-2300.

Garage Sales require prior permit from Code Compliance at 972-485-6400 and are limited to three consecutive days and three times per calendar year. Signs are restricted to seller's property, three on private property with owner's permission and are never allowed on public property such as medians, parkways, poles, or right of ways. Signs must have sellers address, sale dates, and permit number and removed by 9 P.M. of the last day of sale.

Home Business: An occupation customarily carried on in the home by a member of the occupant's family without the employment of additional persons, without the use of a sign to advertise the occupation without offering a commodity for sale on the premises, without the use of materials and equipment not usually found in a home and does not create obnoxious conditions to abutting or neighboring property such as noise, odor, increased traffic, light, or smoke.

This includes parking, stopping to load or unload anything, and stopping to pick up or drop off passengers. Not more than one vehicle shall be parked at the premises at any one time.

There is no outside storage of anything connected with the business, except one vehicle used in connection with the business. Such vehicle may be no larger than a passenger van or pickup truck.

Daytimers Celebrate Western-style, Choose New Officers

by Dianne Winter
Oakridge Daytimers

On May 10th, forty-two Daytimers were corralled at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club to celebrate the end of a hearty year of fellowship. The boots were kickin', the hats were tippin', the barbecue was eaten and gifts were given. All of these things came together in a line dancing experience with a lot of boot scootin' fun for all the participants.

A big thanks to Sandra Stevens, who planned informative programs, and Ann Conrath, who has embraced these ladies during her two years of service to this group. A special guest was Roberta Jones, founder of the group, who shared her vision for the group when it was organized in 1998.

Ann Conrath, outgoing president, thanked the board who had served for the year and revealed the new 2016-2017 board which included:

- President: Gloria Turner
- Program Directors: Glenda Watkins and Susan Connor
- Treasurer: Peggy Crenshaw
- Sunshine & Illness: Dotty Moseley
- Meeting Correspondent (ONA Newsletter): Dianne Winter
- Meeting Coordinator: Betty Cosgray
- Email Messenger: Betty Cavendar



The incoming Daytimers board members.

- Digital Media Director: Suzanne Snow
- Birthdays: Audrey King
- Phone Messenger: Suzie Gentry
- Name Tags & Gifts: Joann Williams

If you want to enjoy the fellowship of this neighborhood group, come to the first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, September 13th, at 10 AM at the home of Betty Prickett, 2013 Diamond Oaks.

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 Gloria Turner at 972-530- 0082.

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Community Party set for this Thursday

By Dwight Davis
ONA President

On Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. we will be having our "Spring into Summer" community party in the parking lot of The Duck Creek Golf Club at 2800 Diamond Oaks Drive.

We will be having **FREE** grilled hamburgers and hot dogs as well as a variety of sodas and water. We will be having a bounce house for the children and a popcorn machine. We will be having other games and activities for **EVERYONE** who lives in the Oakridge Community.

We will be having various dignitar-

ies, police, and firemen with some of their equipment visiting us as well.

This will be a great time of fun, food, and fellowship for the entire community to get to meet and know your neighbors. Some of you may never have reached out to enjoy these activities. We had a great time at our last year's annual party. Plan to come and join us this year to be able to experience this community participation in fun together.

Also, we will be having a general meeting in the Golf Club Community Room at 7:00 P.M. following our party. We only have three general meetings

per year – one in February, May, and September on the fourth Thursday of those months. At this meeting we will be electing our new Officers and Directors for the coming Annual Year of 2016-2017 that begins on June 1st. The meeting will last a little under an hour.

If you haven't yet joined the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) for this new year 2016-2017, you can bring your \$60.00 check or cash for the dues. Cheryl Jones, our new membership director, will be there to assist you in whatever way you may need.



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Ron Thomas, Senior Pastor

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Our Next
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