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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis
ONA President

We now have 362 members for our annual 2016-2017 ONA year that began on June 1st. Thanks to 27 more of you that joined during August 2016. That is about 31% of our 1166 homes. We need 35% to 40% or 43 to 104 additional members as a minimum to operate and meet all our Oakridge Neighborhood requirements.

The ONA must mow and maintain 35,000 square feet of perimeter grass, plus the landscape and flowers at nine entrances. Your ONA membership dues pays for this as well as influences your home value because of the improved appearance of your Oakridge neighborhood. It is easy to pay with PayPal on the ONA web site www.oakridgena.org. There is also an updated application to pay by check or money order by mail to our P.O. Box.

Safety Update

There have been five incidents in Oakridge this last month that required police being called. Please keep your garages closed and locked. Where possible place your cars close to your house or in your garage. Keep lighting around your home, with security systems and cameras. Each of these things discourage potential criminal activity at or near your home. The cameras provide the police with evidence that can be beneficial to help locate the perpetrators if an incident does occur.

Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2016

Be sure and plan now to attend our next ONA membership meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2016. We begin our meet and greet at 6:30 P.M. with some snacks and time to get to better know some of your neighbors. The meeting starts

promptly at 7:00 P.M. at the Achievement Center of Texas, 2950 N. Shiloh Rd, Garland Texas, just behind the Shell Service station at Buckingham and Shiloh.

We will have several speakers that will provide you with additional information on things that affect the ONA neighborhood and Garland homeowners. You will be able to ask some questions as we have time.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me: Dwight Davis, ONA President, 972-675-9195, dwight@dwightdavis.org



If you have a story idea or community event you would like to share in the next newsletter, please contact the ONA Communications Director Dylan Hedrick at dylan.hedrick@gmail.com



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Meet Your ONA Neighbors – Jim and Frieda Douglas

by Dwight Davis
 ONA President

Jim and Frieda Douglas live at 2313 Diamond Oaks Drive. They moved a little over 12 years ago in June 2004. They lived several other places before they found this choice home. They really enjoy and like the ONA neighborhood, and now would not want to live anywhere else.

Jim served in the U. S. Navy during the completion of World War II in 1945 and 1946. He discovered he was a better walker than swimmer, so he switched over the U. S. Army and served in the Korean War in 1951. Jim was moved to a military base in Austria, where he met his wife, Frieda and they were married in 1959. Jim continued to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War in 1966 and 1967. After serving in the U.S. Armed Services for 22 years and three wars, Jim retired in 1968. Frieda became a U.S. citizen and loves to be an American.

Jim and Frieda love working in their yard and doing what they can to keep their home beautiful within Oakridge. While Jim would love to be golfing at the Duck Creek golf course, his health has prohibited him that pleasure. Jim and Frieda just do some special things with their friends and acquaintances. This couple has now been married 57 years. Wow!

We certainly appreciate these fine people who live in our ONA neighborhood.





Help Stop the IRS Scam Phone Calls

by Dwight Davis
ONA President

I have been receiving a number of IRS Scam Phone Calls in the last couple of months. The scam is briefly summarized as follows: Someone comes on personally or on a recorded message declaring that the IRS is in the process of suing you. You are asked to call a phone number to make an immediate payment to take care of the amount that you owe the IRS or a warrant for your arrest will be issued.

DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER OR PAY THEM ANY MONEY. THIS IS A SCAM FOR SURE!!

The IRS only contacts people by official letters in the U.S. Mail. Be sure to record the number that they call you on and the number they ask you to call to pay the funds. Often, they are the same number.

I hung up on a few times on these scams, but after this happened to me a number of times, I decided some positive action needed to be accomplished.

I telephoned the Dallas FBI, who took my infor-

mation, but informed me that I needed to contact the Treasury Inspector General for the Tax Administration in Washington, D.C., as they were the only one handling these scam cases. He gave me the direct number to the Treasury Inspector General at 1-800-366-4484.

When I got on the line it was explained to me, that they were very busy, but I could go to their web site and report the scam incident very easily. Their web site is <http://www.tigta.gov>.

When the web site home page comes up there is a red tab on the top right of the tabs that states: "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting." When you click on that tab another web page comes up that allows you to easily type in your information to report the incident. It only takes about 2-3 minutes to complete and submit a web report. This will help the IRS in their campaign to eliminate these scams. Also, this will allow the office of the Treasury Inspector General to rapidly identify, locate, and hopefully prosecute these scammers.

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Annual Halloween ACTion Walk and 5K Run



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When: Saturday, October 22, 2016, 11 AM to 2:30 PM

Where: Holford Park 2314 Homestead Place, Garland

Cost: \$30 Adults. \$10 Children under 12. Teams \$150 (minimum).

Trophies will be awarded to the:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place 5K runners.
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Fun Run walkers.
- 1st place Wheelchair winner.

The Grand Prize will go to the team that collects the most donations for ACT and its programs serving students with special needs.

Prizes for the best Halloween costume and games.

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