

# Oakridge News

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## Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis  
ONA President

Our September 22nd ONA general membership meeting was filled with a lot of information for ONA homeowners. The ONA membership meetings always provide two way communications with our city and region leaders and our community. Plenty of time was allowed for members to ask questions with our planned leaders at the meeting, who provided some clear answers for us.

Tommy Barnes, our assigned neighborhood police officer (NPO) shared with us some crime instances in our neighborhood, how they were handled, and some positive suggestions to warn us how to guard ourselves and prepare to prevent or thwart future similar activities. Officer Barnes can be reached at 972-205-2042.

Dr. Phillip Gilbreath, the Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) with the Garland Independent School District (GISD) spoke about 20 minutes on the new CTE Center and its planned use as well as other CTE programs in GISD. Our neighborhood is interested in GISD bond program and these new and continuing educational programs being planned and initiated.

The new center is on the West side of George Bush Freeway between the highway and Naaman Forest High School. The CTE will have a program that can handle 4,800 students with advanced technical courses in subjects from animation to culinary arts to engineering. Dr. Gilbreath passed out some brochures that were also very informative and showed a flythrough animation of the proposed building.

Councilman Scott LeMay, Garland City Council, District 7, shared with us the latest City of Garland decisions

and changes. It is great to hear about things in our larger City community. Scott lets us know that we can contact him directly at any time if we have issues or questions. His cell phone number is (214) 794-8904 and his direct email is [scottlemayd7@gmail.com](mailto:scottlemayd7@gmail.com).

Please continue to join the ONA for this year if you haven't done so yet. Contact me if you have any issues or questions about the ONA. Dwight Davis, 972-675-9195 or [dwight@dwightdavis.org](mailto:dwight@dwightdavis.org).



The proposed Career & Technical Education Center scheduled to open in fall 2017. Photo courtesy of Garland ISD.

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# ONA Code Compliance Process

by Dwight Davis  
 ONA President

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association officers and District Director team are doing what we can to serve the ONA neighborhood. If you should have any Code Compliance issues, the ONA team is requesting that you first contact the City of Garland Code Compliance team.

The ONA team has no enforcement ability to do anything for these issues. You could also second contact Scott LeMay, our City Councilman for District 7. He will be able to talk to Code Compliance with more clout than we have. Should you not get the proper response or corrective action from Code Compliance, then third escalate it and talk to us or send us a message at dwight@dwrightdavis.org and let us know what actions you have made. We will reiterate things with Steve Killen in Code Compliance and with Scott LeMay to get some results.

Your best Code Compliance contact is Steve Killen, Director of Code Compliance at 972-485-6408. Steve has been very good in the past about getting things done. Rick Barker is the Neighborhood Standards Manager at 972-485-6411 and Rio Orticio is the Housing Standards Manager at 972-485-6424.

You can find additional Code Compliance information for various subjects on the City of Garland 'Code Cares' community outreach web site using the link below:

<http://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/cd/code/care/default.asp>



## For Your Information: Bulk Waste Pickup Regulations

By Mark Edwards  
 Former ONA Safety Director

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 no earlier than 4 PM the day before schedule pickup. Oakridge's bulk pickup day is Tuesday so that means no earlier than Monday evening. The exception is yard waste such as tree limbs or bagged leaves.

If you see a violation of this code, please contact Code Officer, Robert Hernandez at Environmental Waste Services Department 972-205-3500. You can also take a picture on your iPad or Smartphone and send it to rhernand@garlandtx.gov. You may remain anonymous!

Let's honor the code: Keep Oakridge Looking Sharp!!!





# Daytimers are Getting to Know You

by Dianne Winter  
ONA Daytimers Correspondent

Oakridge is a great neighborhood. As you enter through the well kept entrances you see residents that are walking pets, children playing and a lemonade stand was spotted on Lone Oak.

If you live here and are not a member of ONA, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, you are not contributing to the value of your area while other residents are accepting their responsibility. Membership in ONA is certainly worth the \$60.00 per year. Please join by going to <http://oakridgena.org>.

Daytimers realize the importance of this community and celebrated it with fellowship at the home of Betty Prickett on Tuesday, September 13th, with over 30 women gathering to begin a new year with the theme of "Getting to Know You." To emphasize that theme, they sang the same named song and the new officers were introduced.

Gloria Turner, president, will be leading the group and Program Directors, Susan Conner and Glenda

Watkins will be responsible for speakers and/or entertainment for the group.

Peggy Crenshaw, treasurer, will collect the \$20.00 dues. Betty Cosgray will ensure that food hostesses and homes are available. These food hostesses certainly accomplished their goal of delicious refreshments at this September meeting. Food and fellowship go together.

The highlight of this meeting was presented by one of the residents who generously shared her life story of escape from Cambodia to this area. Her story was so compelling and Daytimers are grateful for members like Borom Mc Elyea. There were other activities and announcements along with the distribution of officer lists and a bookmark with meeting date reminders made by Chris Beyers.

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$20.00 annual dues. Daytimers promote the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions including about upcoming meetings should be directed to president, Gloria Turner, 972-530-0082.

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# Volunteering to Help Make ONA a Better Place to Live

by David Parrish  
District Director 7

Interested in how you can help the ONA? Here are a few suggestions:

**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 web-

site ([oakridgena.org](http://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. Dwight Davis, 972-675-9195 or [dwright@dwrightdavis.org](mailto:dwright@dwrightdavis.org).



This month, be sure and visit our website [oakridgena.org](http://oakridgena.org) for a poll to vote for your favorite Texas State Fair food. Results will be shown in next month's newsletter.

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](mailto:dylan.hedrick@gmail.com)

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