

Oakridge News

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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis
ONA President

ONA Membership Drive for 2017-2018 Has Begun

On Thursday, April 20, 2017, all 1166 homes in Oakridge should have received the Annual Membership Invoice for the ONA 2017-2018 membership year which begins on June 1, 2017 and goes to May 31, 2018.

Our membership dues have remained at \$60.00 for nearly a decade, although our neighborhood maintenance service firm just increased our new contract by nearly 10% in monthly charges to the ONA.

We ended the 2015-2016 year with 410 members and are trusting that all will renew with the ONA again and hope for a 25% increase in membership to help support the ONA in its activities. There are a number of homes with an outside wall on the perimeter of Oakridge; who are not members yet the ONA maintains and mows the grass on the outer perimeter of the walls to the main streets that encompasses Oakridge. The cost to mow those areas yourself alone might be worth the meager cost of membership.

We implore and encourage you, on behalf of the entire Oakridge neighborhood to join the ONA. Also, thanks to a

number of you that have added additional beautification funds for Oakridge. We are now putting those funds to their intended use.

"Spring into Summer" Annual ONA Parking Lot Party

We are having our Annual "Spring into Summer" Annual ONA parking lot party on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. rain or shine. IT IS ALL FREE!!!

We will have grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings...plus FREE beverages. See full details on the back page.

Nine Entrance Beautification Up- grades Still Being Completed

David Parrish, our newly board appointed Environmental Director is close to having all the irrigation repairs completed at all of the sites. We are in the process of getting nursery bids and services to replace and redo our entrances and some of our islands at the Laurel Oaks and Ridge Oaks entrances.

We are looking forward in the next couple of months to having our entrances totally revamped with improved beautification, due to some of the beautification funds that a number of you have added and sent with your annual dues. Thanks for your assistance.

Duck Creek Golf Course Changes

The Duck Creek Golf Course has now just about completed with the pool fill in with sandy loam top soil. This will prevent any danger or risk with an open pool or prevent any standing water that might hatch mosquitos. Some of you had expressed concerns.

The golf course owners have not yet located anyone that plans to reuse the area or upgrade with a possible cul-de-sac home edition to Oakridge or any other possible use. The buildings and the tennis courts still remain intact and the owners have not had any planned use for them either.



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Daytimers Celebrate Spring

by Dianne Winter
 ONA Daytimers

No showers, just smiles, as the Daytimes gathered at the home of Linda Tucker to celebrate the beginning of Spring. In addition to the food provided by food hostesses, the warm hospitality at the Tucker home was enhanced by the presence of her mother, Heidi, and friend, Mary.

The meeting was led by Gloria Turner with announcements that included the Book Club, Canasta, and Mah Jongg meetings along with a form designed by Linda Tucker that can be used to inform residents about being a good neighbor.

The speaker from Brumley Gardens, Becky Lance, provided an excellent educational program on indoor succulent plants. She demonstrated the planting and care of the various species along with brochures and pictures to increase the success of enjoying these popular plants in the home. She also provided a beautiful plant that was won by Peggy Crenshaw.

Don't miss the last meeting of this year to be held at Into My Garden Tearoom on May 9th. Contact Peggy Crenshaw 972-530-1645 for reservations.



Garland Election May 6

by Dylan Hedrick
 ONA Communications Director

After the excitement of the past national election in November, I hope the enthusiasm for politics remains with a high voter turnout for the local contests.

The City of Garland will hold a general election Saturday, May 6 to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8. Early voting starts April 24 and runs through May 2. Polls are open Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Mayoral election features incumbent Douglas Athas and Leala H. Green. Mayor Athas is seeking his third term while retired Dallas ISD teacher Green seeks her first term in public office.

Oakridge is in Garland Council District 7, in which our current Councilmember Scott LeMay is running for reelection unopposed.



A Message from ONA Membership

By Cheryl Jones
ONA Membership Director

As a resident of Oakridge for twenty plus years, what I have admired and appreciated most as I turn into the community is the sense of peace and tranquility; the magnificence of the towering oak trees as I make my way through the neighborhood; the pride of ownership so wonderfully displayed by meticulously maintained lawns; neighbors walking, waving and even stopping to chat while moving about...a sense of calm lets me know I'm home.

Oakridge is truly a great community to call home and I hope you will join me and the ONA to make it even better. Let me suggest why...

Oakridge as a community is beautifully diverse; comprised of people from many different countries and cultural backgrounds. As a multi-cultural neighborhood, membership in the ONA is a means to get to know each other; to celebrate and share the common traditions; to connect with one another by areas of interest. Your community, your input, your participation.

As a Neighborhood, we work together in friendship, cooperation, and mutual respect. We look out for one another as neighbors; ensure city leaders know community concerns. We form lasting friendships as I have in the "Oakridge Women's Club," and others who are a part of the "Daytimers" group; I hope the same will be true for you.

Ideologies may differ, but we can celebrate our common love of Freedom; Faith or none and love for family.

It has been said, "it takes a village ...", well Oakridge is our village and together we can "raise" it to be a fantastic place to call home.

This is not just an association but a family where we each do a small part to make Oakridge as unique and wonderful as the people who live here. I invite you join and encourage you to get involved! Oakridge was Garland's best kept secret; and because of the wonderful people who live here, that secret is now out.

Yes, home values have greatly increased, but I believe people choose Oakridge because they see the beauty and tranquility I've seen for the last twenty years and you all have played a part in that. Thank you and may God bless this wonderful community. Join today!



ONA Crime Watch

To help keep our neighborhood safe, report any concerns you think the neighborhood should be aware of to ONACrimewatch@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive the monthly Siren Report that provides a summary of all events in and around Oakridge, please email the address above and say that you wish to be added to the Siren Report distribution list.



If you have a community event you would like your Oakridge neighbors to know about or would like to be featured in the Meet Your ONA Neighbors section, please contact the ONA Communications Director Dylan Hedrick at dylan.hedrick@gmail.com.

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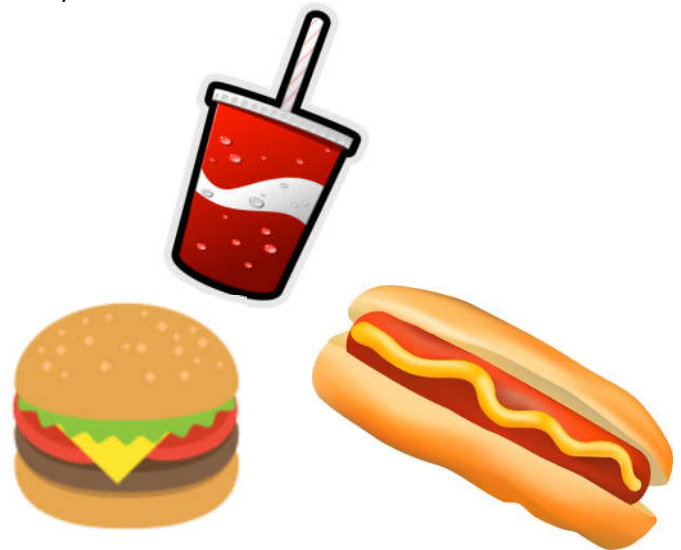
by Mark Edwards
ONA Vice President

Get ready to party for the Memorial Day Weekend one day early on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is hosting a "Spring into Summer" event on Thursday, May 25th, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. rain or shine. AND IT'S ALL FREE!!!

This is the Annual Oakridge Neighborhood Association Parking Lot Party at the Duck Creek Golf Course parking lot at Diamond Oaks Drive and Big Oaks Drive. Everyone is welcome, so bring the family and encourage your neighbors to come along too. Enjoy FREE hot dogs and burgers cooked on the grill with 85% lean beef with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, pickles, and cheddar cheese...plus FREE beverages. There will be a bounce house, popcorn and a cotton candy machine for the kids.

Put this on your calendar now, and plan to come out and meet your neighbors and friends. We expect special guests to drop in and visit us as well, including government officials, including our Garland District 7 Councilman Scott LeMay. Also, meet and greet the firemen from Fire Stations #3 and #11 and visit with the Officers of the Garland Police Department.

A general membership meeting of the ONA will be held in the Duck Creek Golf Course Clubhouse following the parking lot party. We have updated our bylaws that can be reviewed in advance on the ONA website, and will be voted on at the membership meeting. Oakridge! A great place to live, thanks to the ONA. Join today!



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