

Oakridge News

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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis
ONA President

ONA now has approximately 350 members

ONA now has 350 Oakridge homeowners that have now joined the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) for our 2017-2018 year that begins on June 1, 2017 and goes to May 31, 2018.

We really need additional members as our expenses went up 17% this last year from the previous. This is due to a 10% increase in our maintenance fees for the first time in over 10 years from our QualiCare maintenance company. Also, other costs went up an additional 7%. Some have asked for a directory, but that cannot be put in the budget unless we have 430 to 450 ONA members.

We will have a shortfall this year unless we reach at least 410 members. Thank all of you who have regularly supported the ONA, and we ask that the other of our 1166 homeowners please consider your partnership with the ONA.

ONA Beautification and Flowers of Color

The board has agreed that the ONA nine entrances are to get some flowers of

color added just as soon as possible. David Parrish, our ONA Environmental Director has worked with our outside vendor to get all the sprinkler systems working properly with required repairs and upgrades needed. Now David is working with QualiCare, our maintenance vendor to get flowers of color installed at these entrances.

We want our ONA to reflect the beauty of these as we all enter and leave the Oakridge community. Look for the planting in the next several weeks.

ONA September Membership Meeting at our New Meeting Location

The ONA plans to have its next General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 28th at the Duck Creek Golf Course Club House Meeting Room. The membership voted unanimously to have all our future meetings at the Duck Creek Golf Course Club House meeting room. It is centrally located within Oakridge, and there is plenty of parking.

Mike Ussery, the Owner of the Duck Creek Golf Course has graciously agreed to allow the ONA to have our meetings here. We hope this will make it easier for more of our ONA members to attend and share in our decision making and neighborhood plans.

Two Directors Still Needed for ONA Board

Our ONA Board is still short two Directors for our team. We need someone to fill the Director 3 spot for streets on the southwest side of Oakridge and District 5 for the north side of Oakridge around the Laurel Oaks area.

These are volunteer positions that puts out membership flags once a year during our membership campaign and pass out a few membership applications/envelopes on doors of prospective members. They also pass out welcome bags to new members in their district. They also attend 9 - 10 monthly board meetings each year.

This would be a light additional task that could easily be added to your schedule. Also we have need for a Marketing Director, Social Director, and several other volunteer positions. For these openings, contact: Dwight Davis, President @ 972-675-9195 or dwight@dwightdavis.org



The City of Richardson and Texas State Representative Angie Chen Button Present

9TH ANNUAL SENIOR AWARENESS DAY

Friday, August 4th, 2017
9AM - Noon

Richardson Civic Center, Grand Hall
411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080



EXHIBITORS

ENTERTAINMENT

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REFRESHMENTS

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Calling all Daytimers

by Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

Watch for the August ONA Newsletter for information on the upcoming Daytimers Meeting on September 12th.

Remember the meeting is always the second Tuesday of the months of September through May at 10 am. The Officers have been planning great activities and events for the upcoming year.

This announcement gives you time to invite a neighbor and tell them about our coffees.

The officers are attempting to make this a true coffee get together with beverages and a few goodies—as the organization was originally planned. We do love those egg casseroles but we seem to be reluctant to cook as much. This will also help the hostesses who are so gracious to have us in their homes.

Vacations will be over soon and we will be back with our neighbors.

See you in September!

ONA Crime Watch

by Debra Pandak
ONA Safety Director

Emergency: Please Call 911
Non-Emergencies : 972-485-4840
Garland Police

To help keep the 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.



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Garland Code Cares — A Way to Give Back

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA Communications Director

We often hear about how to report code violations and neighborhood nuisances to Garland's Code Compliance department, but have you ever wondered how you can help those in need correct their code violations at their homes?

I want to share with you the rewarding experience I have had volunteering with Garland's Code Cares community outreach program. The program was created to help seniors, disabled or financially challenged residents of Garland with their property maintenance. Over the years Code Cares has helped hundreds of property owners.

The program started out modestly as Code inspectors donate their time and equipment to help residents on the weekends. The program has grown since and now most of the work is done by volunteers. The program was designed to connect those in need with those willing to help.

I have helped trim trees over streets and alleys and weedeat lawns, yet there is nothing more rewarding than the "thank you" you receive from the resident after helping them. They may even bring you a big, ice-cold, glass of sweet tea to show their appreciation too.

See <http://www.garlandtx.gov/programs/involved/cares.asp> for a video about the Code Cares program.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Code Cares administrator Os Rodriguez at 972-485-6420 or ORodrigu@GarlandTX.gov. They are always looking for volunteers who can help with the following:

- Landscaping
- Tree trimming
- House Painting
- Fence maintenance
- Trash and debris removal

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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Ron Thomas
Senior Pastor

OUR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.	Wednesday Service	7:00 P.M.

Nursery provided for all services