

# Oakridge News

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## Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dwight Davis

by Dwight Davis  
ONA President

**ONA September Membership Meeting  
September 28th at Duck Creek Golf Club**

**Volunteers still needed for  
ONA Board Team**

The ONA Board is now rolling out major changes for the ONA that will help improve customer service with value added changes for the entire Oakridge community. Plan now to attend our next meeting and see the presentation of these planned improvements. The ONA Board wants you to engage with us to also get your ideas.

If you haven't joined yet, it is not too late. You can sign up at the meeting as the 2017-2018 Membership period runs June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

The maintenance and utility costs have gone up to maintain the quality of the entrance and perimeter mowing. Thank you to all of you that have joined the ONA this year. It is through your participation that we can continue with our scheduled perimeter maintenance and the beautification of the nine entrances.

Plan now to attend the next General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 28th at the Duck Creek Golf Course Club House Meeting Room.

We are excited for the more convenient location and ample parking so more of you can attend. Memberships applications will be taken during the social/meet and greet starting at 6:30 P.M.

**Three ONA Bylaws to be Considered at  
the General Membership Meeting**

Three revisions to the Bylaws will be considered at our general membership meeting. Please review them on the website at [http://www.oakridgena.org/Documents/ONA\\_bylaws.pdf](http://www.oakridgena.org/Documents/ONA_bylaws.pdf).

Please consider the following positions available in the board of directors:

- District 1 Director
- District 2 Director
- District 3 Director
- District 5 Director
- Assistant Director
- Marketing Director
- Social Director

For information about these openings, please contact Dwight Davis, President at 972-675-9195 or [dwright@dwrightdavis.org](mailto:dwright@dwrightdavis.org).



# Forty Fabulous Daytimers Discuss Neighborhood Happenings

by Dianne Winter  
ONA Daytimers

On Tuesday, September 12, forty fabulous Oakridge women gathered at the home of Betty Prickett where hospitality awaited them. From the moment each one crossed the threshold there was warm conversation with friends and neighbors about summer events, new happenings in the neighborhood, new hairstyles and even medical issues.

Refreshments were served and president, Shirley Heald, began the meeting by welcoming everyone and encouraging them to increase the enrollment with five new members this year.

Communication is so vital to engage the members and distribute information that part of the program was devoted to using internet tools to gain access to events and issues. Group leaders announced upcoming meetings and Peggy Crenshaw, treasurer, collected

dues. Gail Durbin continues to list community events, Lori Oswald and Dottie Moseley will contact members for celebration events and concerns and illnesses.

The program chairpersons, Susan Conner and Jan Perry Loyd, previewed a grand list of opportunities to entertain and educate members at the upcoming meetings.

Attend the next meeting on the second Tuesday, October 10th, 10 am, at the home of Dana Hopkins to hear about Texas artists. You will receive further information on this location.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of two members, Joan McDole and Luci Werner, who were deceased in the past year.

Daytimers is a social organization for women 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 Shirley Heald - 972 414 0817.

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## ONA Crime Watch

Debra Pandak—ONA Safety Director

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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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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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# ONA Membership Update

by Cheryl Jones  
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Greetings from Membership! Oakridge is an awesome place to call home and the ONA is committed to serving the needs of the community and invite you to be a part of the journey. I am excited to report that there are 387 members—we greatly appreciate your support. Here is your call to action; help us grow and join today. Thank you!

The real estate market has been great to Oakridge; and as such, we must bid farewell to our neighbors and friends as they move on to new communities. We sincerely wish you all the very best! A special send off and note of thanks to Lloyd & Nancy Whitson. Nancy has graciously and diligently served as a District Director for many years. We are so appreciative of her efforts and she will be missed.

We also welcome our newest neighbors; the Balon, Patton and Chavez families! If you are new to Oakridge and I've missed your name, stay tuned.

Our deepest sympathies to Mark Edwards, Sr. and his family, for the loss of his beloved wife Betty Jo. Mark has served as ONA Vice President for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mark.

Also our sympathies to the McDole family on the loss of Joan McDole. Joan and her late husband Robert were long time residents of Oakridge and highly involved with the Duck Creek Golf Club.

Congratulations to the Reyes family on the birth of their grandson Jack, born 9/7/14. Their son Ben Jr and Nicole recently closed on their home in August in preparation for their new son. Congratulations Mom, Dad and Grandparents!

To those of you who have expressed interest in getting involved/helping the ONA, we still need you; we're just buttoning down the processes....we will be calling. Thanks in advance!



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# ONA Environmental Update

by David Parrish  
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## Flag-Wavers Wanted

Many of you noticed American flags at many of the Oakridge entrances around Flag Day and the 4th of July, then again over the Labor Day weekend. These flags were provided by our neighbor Mike Rose. Thank you, Mike. In July, the task of deploying and retrieving these flags passed to the Environment Committee.

The Committee could use your help with flag distribution, pick-up, and clean-up on major flag holidays. If this sounds like your kind of task, even if it is for one entrance, please, send me a note at ONAenvironment@gmail.com.

## Landscape Improvements Progressing

Work continues (somewhat slowly) to improve landscaping around Oakridge, both at the entrances and in the parkways. The Committee's objectives for the near term are to clean-up dead or diseased plants, install some color for the Fall season, develop a plan for our long-term landscape requirements, and update our current landscape contract to help meet these needs.

As this is your community, we would love to hear your great ideas about how to improve our Oakridge environment. Please, send your suggestions and comments to ONAenvironment@gmail.com.



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# September is National Preparedness Month

by Dylan Hedrick  
ONA Communications Director

Prior to moving to Garland and Oakridge, I grew up in Corpus Christi and lived for 12 years in Houston during and after college. Over the past several weeks, I have seen the devastation from the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in the familiar places I once called home. My heart goes out to those affected and it will be a long time until life gets back to normal for many of them.

Earlier this week, I received an e-mail from the city of Garland, I was reminded that September is National Preparedness Month. While we don't get hurricanes here in North Texas, we do have severe weather including tornados and floods. This made me realize the importance of having a plan in case of any disaster, whether it be natural or manmade.

One good place to start is Garland's Emergency Management website [https://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/lq/safety/emergency\\_management/prepare/plan.asp](https://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/lq/safety/emergency_management/prepare/plan.asp). The site includes a link to the CodeRED Emergency Notification Service to allow you to receive local notifications of emergency situations or critical community alerts. You can sign up online at <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/FF6D7AD55083>.

The Department of Homeland Security



website <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan> is another useful website which contains tips on making a shelter plan, whether it be in place or at a mass care shelter, planning evacuation routes, and creating a family/household communications plan.

If you do have to evacuate, you need to have a plan in place ahead of time to know where you will go and what you will take with you. Be sure to include critical documents and valuables like birth records, social security cards, wills, health insurance information and other important papers.

Consider the needs of your entire family including the elderly, children and pets. Be sure to remember medicines, allergy information and veterinarian contact information.

An important tip I learned is to document your valuables and possessions before disaster strikes. Make electronic copies of important documents and keep them either in a safe location offsite or stored in a secure site on the cloud. Take pictures and document the monetary value of jewelry, art and other collectables. A sample home inventory checklist can be downloaded from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners website at [http://www.insureuonline.org/home\\_inventory\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.insureuonline.org/home_inventory_checklist.pdf).

A little planning prior to disaster striking can make handling a bad situation a little better. If you have any good tips or strategies, please share them with me at [dylan.hedrick@gmail.com](mailto:dylan.hedrick@gmail.com) and I will post them on the ONA website [oakridgena.org](http://oakridgena.org).

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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

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