

# Oakridge News

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## Happy New Year from your ONA Board!

by Cheryl Jones  
ONA President

I hope your 2018 is off to a great start and you are well on the way to accomplishing all you set out to do this new year.

The year 2017 was a good year overall, but not without challenges for our community. We experienced the loss of family members, friends and neighbors, and a few furry companions. We've heard reports of vandalism, encounters with coyotes and bobcats, and a confirmed shooting in December. Nevertheless, to-

gether we press on with determination to overcome these challenges and make Oakridge the community we can be proud to call home.

By the close of 2017, more than 48 homes were sold in Oakridge. On behalf of the ONA, we say to you Welcome to Oakridge! If you have not received a formal welcome via our "Welcome Bag," your District Director's will reach out soon. To our 2017-2018 members, Thank You so much for your continued support!

The ONA's 2018-2019 Strategy as defined by our core purpose is to enhance the well-being of the Oakridge communi-

ty. Our Vision is to be a leader amongst neighborhood associations everywhere. Our Mission is to assure the beauty, safety and stability of Oakridge and promote cooperation and pride amongst our residents. Our Action plan begins with the launch of the new website which should be live by February 12th.

We are so excited and invite you all to attend the General Meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at the Duck Creek Golf Club at 7PM. Stay tuned. To learn more about the ONA, have Membership questions or concerns, email us at [onamembership@gmail.com](mailto:onamembership@gmail.com).



## Baylor Garland Hospital to Close February 28

by Mark Edwards  
ONA Vice President

After 53 years, Baylor Garland Hospital, once among the largest in northeast Dallas, will close February 28 because of declining inpatient numbers.

The staff will continue serving admitted patients until February 28th; then they will either be discharged or transferred to another facility. The hospital will admit new patients until February 16th.

The closure will affect 711 employees; some are being transferred to other Baylor facilities.

Patients who wish to request copies of their medical records may contact the Health Information Management Depart-

ment at 972-487-5346 before February 28th or Baylor's Health Information Management Department starting in March at 214-820-2135.

If you need medical care in the area, there are 71 urgent care centers, 48 ambulatory surgery centers, 21 hospitals and 11 freestanding emergency rooms within 12 miles of the Garland facility.

Other facilities in or near the hospital include 40 physician practices, three rehab and two surgery centers, and an outpatient pharmacy. However, some physicians have said they are moving their practices out of Garland due to the closing.

If your doctors have been connected with the hospital, give them a call to determine their future plans.

# Remainder of Oakridge to Receive Blue Recycle Carts

by Dylan Hedrick  
Oakridge Communications Director

After delays in manufacturing due to Hurricane Harvey, the city of Garland will start the delivery of blue recycling carts. Oakridge is in a blue schedule zone which means the carts will be delivered January 23 through January 26.

This is the final phase of replacing red recycling bins with blue carts. During Phase 6, approximately 9,900 residents will be added to the program and will receive new blue recycling receptacles.

Oakridge residents who currently use their red recycling bins may keep them, return them to the EWS Recycling Center, 1426 Commerce St., or place them inside their new blue recycling carts to be recycled. Once the blue carts are delivered, the red bins will no longer be serviced.

Recycling will continue to be collected on the same schedule, with pickup occurring once every other week based on zone. Trash pickup will continue to be collected once per week.

A cart-care packet will be placed on the lid of each cart, containing a recycling poster, service dates and an activities page for kids.

Financial Services Manager and Recycling Cart Project Manager Tyra Lewis said, "EWS is thrilled to provide all of our residents with blue recycling carts. Residents can place cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum, plastics, and glass bottles and jars in the cart together."

Garland Environmental Waste Services reminds you to follow the following guidelines to better facilitate recyclables collection:

- Set bin(s) at the collection point by 7 A.M. on your designated collection day.
- Place the bin four feet from your green trash container, so the trucks can easily pick up each container.
- Do not place containers near mailboxes, electrical or cable boxes, or other stationary objects such as a gas or water meter.
- With the new blue carts, you may place all of your recyclable materials in the cart without sorting.

Visit Garland's Environmental Waste Services website at <https://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/eg/ews/recycling/default.asp> for more information.



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

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# Poinsettias Make the Season Bright For Daytimers

by Dianne Winter  
ONA Daytimers

Along with many other decorations, the abundance of poinsettias made a beautiful Christmas setting for the December Daytimers meeting at the home of Lila LaGrassa. The serving table was laden with goodies that the hostesses provided.

In the absence of president Shirley Heald, past president Gloria Turner, led the meeting. Other than a few announcements the main attraction was a Christmas Decoration Exchange. Each member brought a Christmas ornament or decoration that they wanted to pass on. Some of the ornaments had a special memory that the member shared. This meeting was a special time of fellowship to experience the Christmas spirit with neighbors and friends.

You won't want to miss the next meeting on January 9th. Daytimers will travel to the George Bush Library for a special presentation by Retired Brigadier General Patrick Mordente. Check your email for details and transportation.

The new year of 2018 will bring fun times and interesting meetings. Resolve to attend and bring a neighbor!

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 president Shirley Heald at 972- 414-0817.

## Oakridge Women's Club Wants to Connect With You

You're invited to connect with the Oakridge Women's Club (OWC). This group meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact Libby Morse on Facebook, NextDoor and soon at oakridgeona.org/OWC. Join the fun, fellowship and friendship.



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Much like on Thanksgiving, ONA Vice President Mark Edwards and ONA Daytimers President Shirley Heald provided holiday treats to Fire Stations 11 and 3. We can't express enough how grateful we are for these brave public servants who protect our neighborhood.

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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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