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ONA General Meeting—February 22, 7:00 PM

by Cheryl Jones
ONA President

Greetings neighbors, it's February and on behalf of the ONA, Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and Happy Valentine's Day or whatever occasion you may be celebrating this month.

February marks the second ONA General Meeting of the 2017-2018 membership year on Thursday, February 22nd, at 7pm at the Duck Creek Golf Club. Councilman Scott LeMay will be on hand to talk about the proposed changes to the City's Charter up for vote in May and other matters impacting Oakridge.

Our Garland Police Department Neighborhood Patrol Officer Tommy Barnes will speak about safety issues in Oakridge. Garland Animal Services' Hugo

Espinoza and Wild Life 911's Bonnie Bradshaw will address concerns about the recent coyote and bobcat sightings.

Launch of the new website oakridgena.org has been moved out to March. We will have an update by the meeting. Social hour starts at 6:00pm. Check out the club's menu and spend a little time with your neighbors. Meeting will start at 7pm sharp. Hope to see you there.

A special thanks to Duck Creek Golf Club owner Mike Ussery and his staff for opening their doors to us. Also, a shout out to Frank Granodos, owner of Tony's Diner for allowing us to hold our Board meetings there and feeding us as well.

The food there is excellent, especially the chicken fried chicken! Oakridge, lets patronize these businesses as they support us.

A few interesting "February Facts" found on the "History Place": Births of Presidents George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan, Hattie Caraway the 1st Women US Senator; Activist W.E.B Dubois, Sonny Bono, Babe Ruth and novelist Charles Dickens to name a few.

Notable historical events included ratification of the 15th & 16th Amendments, the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ending the war with Mexico, the tragic crash of the Space Shuttle Columbia and the first celebration of "Negro History Week" by Carter Godwin Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life, which was the precursor of Black History Month.

FYI: Waste Reduction, SmartScape and GP&L

by Mark Edwards
ONA Vice President

This past January, you should have received a 2018 "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle" Calendar from the City of Garland Environmental Waste Services Department. I hope you kept that Calendar as it contains a lot of information about getting rid of waste. And needless to say, we Garlanders create a lot of waste. Let's get rid of it properly.

And by the way, all of Oakridge now has been supplied with the blue Recycling cans by time your read this. Use them wisely.

Planting some new stuff in your flower bed this Spring? Go Texas SMARTSCAPE!

SmartScape plants are native and adapted to this area, therefore require less water and fertilizers to thrive. Information at txsmartscape.com website on Plant Selection, Compost & Mulching, Pest Control, Drought tolerant plants & placement, Water efficiency and Reduction of fertilizers.

This note from GP&L (Garland Power & Light): In the event of a Electric Power Outage, your phone number is the key.

When you call GP&L's Emergency Outage number, 972-205-3000, the easiest way to report a power outage is by using your phone number.

They can identify your service address to note the outage and initiate service restoration.

Make sure they have your current phone number. Call 972-205-2671 to update your number.

Wyrick Farm to be Developed as Single Family Homes South of Buckingham Road

by Dylan Hedrick
Oakridge Comm. Director

The bulldozers have begun to clear the way for Garland's newest single family home development named Riverset at the southwest corner of W. Buckingham Road and N. Shiloh Road.

The 101 acre site, formerly know as the Wyrick Farm, will be developed in two phases into 590 lots. Phase 1, generally on the northern half of the property, will consist of 93 two story townhomes, 70 villa homes, 58 garden homes and 65 manor homes. Phase 2 will consist of 177 two-story townhomes, 44 villa homes, and 83 garden homes. Approximately 16.5 acres will be dedicated to open space.

The city council approved the Planned Development and Detail Site Plan October 2, 2017. The details of which may be viewed by following the link goo.gl/Jn3e59.

"I'm excited for our citizens to have a chance to see it. And I'm very excited for all those peo-

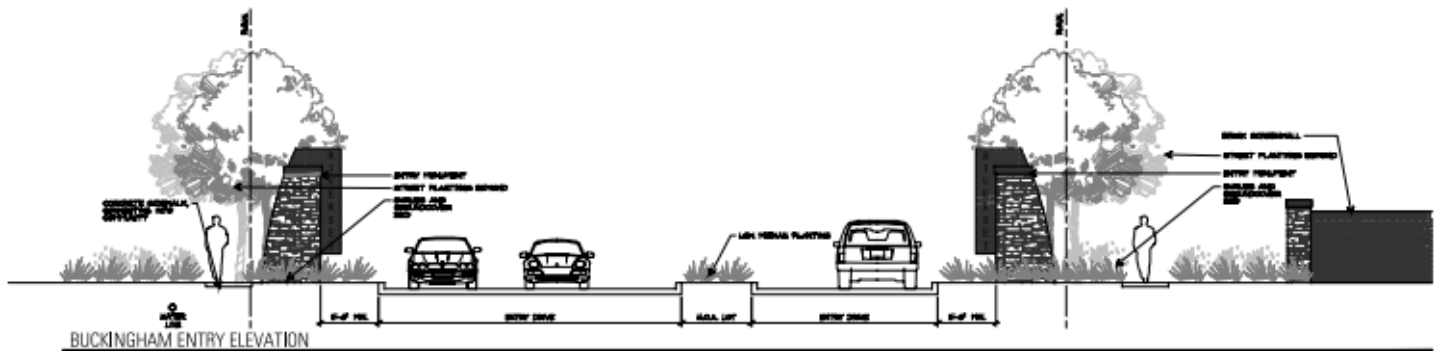
ple who want to live there," said Mayor Douglas Athas at the October 2 City Council Meeting.

The Detail Site Plan calls for trails and sidewalks throughout the development for pedestrian access and street trees along interior streets to promote traffic calming and lower summer temperatures over sidewalks.

A detailed Pattern Book establishes standards for architectural styles and details including house design, construction materials, fencing and landscaping.

"Our vision for the Wyrick Farm was to establish a quality master-planned, multi-phased and multi-product, residential community with a strong sense of place consisting of a diverse collection of detached and attached homes with walkable distance to open space," Chas Fitzgerald of Wilbow Corporation said at the October 2 City Council Meeting.

"The Planned Development will have a range of housing choices to appeal to a broad range of people in different ages and life stages."



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Daytimers Visit George W. Bush Presidential Library

by Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

On Tuesday, January 9, twenty-six Daytimers traveled to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas to experience the work of archivists, curators and administrators who have researched, gathered and displayed the work of the Bush administration.

Retired Brigadier General Patrick Mordente presented information on the history, size and scope of the museum along with his journey to be selected as director along with directions and suggestions on ways to enjoy the museum.

The tour of the museum, which included interactive features in addition to the exhibits, ended with lunch at Cafe 43 where President Shirley Heald made some announcements that included the success of the dinners for the Fire Stations and security in the neighborhood.

Shirley also extended thanks to Susan Conner and Jan Perry Loyd who planned this trip that was such a great success. Susan and Jan went on to announce the upcoming February meeting plans. You won't want to miss this entertaining program of "Jazz and Jill" to be presented on Tuesday,

February 13, at 10 am at the home of Betty Cosgray, 2905 Oak Point Drive. Come to enjoy the fun, fellowship and news of the neighborhood.

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, shirleyheald@verizon.net (469)-387-5641

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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Let's Get to Know One Another

by Scott Barnes
District 5 Director

My name is Scott Barnes; I'm your neighbor. I moved into Oakridge nearly two years ago. I was born in Dallas and am returning after many years away—and I must say that I'm glad to be back in Texas.

My wife and I searched a lot of places for a home and Garland just seemed like the right fit. We have family nearby and the city seems to be the kind of place where we will feel comfortable.

It took a year or so to get settled into the house, unpack, learn my way around and to get settled in a new job. All the while I was looking around Oakridge and becoming more and more satisfied in our choice of places to live.

This year it occurred to me that, if possible, I'd like to know my neighbors. So I set out on that journey.

I read the mail that arrived and in it I get this monthly newsletter from the ONA. I had discovered when looking at buying the house that there is no HOA, as I was used to. Instead we have a Neighborhood Association. Now I'll tell you that I've lived in places with HOAs that left a bad taste in my mouth—getting notice letters, the re-

quired processes to request permission to change something, etc. I like the Neighborhood Association concept: voluntary.

My first impression was that this meant lack of restrictions on my personal choices. Excellent.

I continue to enjoy the voluntary nature of the Association. With that though, I've come to believe that if I'm going to get to know my neighbors I'm going to have to put some energy into it.

So I volunteered to help out. I am now the District Representative for District 5, which is roughly the area from the Belt Line entrance down along Laurel Oaks/Big Oaks to Stoneridge. I don't live in that section but the job was available and I wanted to get in and get involved.

The folks on the Association Board were very helpful and I've learned a lot. I got my first chance to help out when we put the Holiday decorations up! It's always hard to fit a new activity into my schedule but once I got started it was just a whole lot of fun. I saw some of you all and you waived back.

I've also had the chance to meet some of our newest residents as the ONA delivers a welcome bag to each new resident. Every family that I've met has been very

welcoming, and once they figured out I wasn't selling anything, things went very well.

This is my next step: asking. I find that once I put what I want to do down on paper it just gets easier and I have a direction to follow.

I want to meet you. I believe that the difference between a neighborhood and a community is relationship. I would like to meet you and get to know you a bit.

Seems to me that we live in an amazing time—one that has resulted in faster, more immediate communication about so much of the world—but one in which I've become more inclined to sit and get my news from a tablet than from hanging out with neighbors in the alley on the weekends (like I used to when I was younger).

So I'll start here. I'd like to meet you and would like us to talk about our neighborhood and what we can do to make it as safe, strong and fun to live in as possible.

There, I said it. Now let's see what happens.

I will tell you that this took me all of a half hour to write down, and if you do the same and send it in we can start to build our community through this newsletter. Come on, try it.



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