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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Cheryl Jones

by Cheryl Jones **ONA President**

Happy Easter! Spring has sprung and I'm sure you're already thinking about spring cleaning and those 4Ps; planting, pruning, purging, and preparing...for April computer, showers that is.

I hope this edition finds you and yours you need to accomplish your April goals.

It's time for the ONA 2018-2019 Membership Drive and we are excited to announce the new and improved ONA website is LIVE at www.oakridgena.org! tions via email and/or text; 4) immediate decide your privacy settings.

access to information for full disclosure; 5) have access to relevant community, and handheld device. smartphone.

Annual dues are \$60 per household online payment options; 6) ancillary reve- per year. Please help us reach our goal of nue opportunities and more. Members 500 members which will help to offset the significant increase in landscaping/ water-ONA information at their disposal 24/7, all ing costs and keep our dues low. Donain one place accessible from a desktop tions to beautification is greatly appreciator ed to enhance our nine entrances.

A special note of thanks for the con-The membership process has never tinued support of the Oakridge communiin good health, provisional wealth, and all been easier. Go to www.oakridgena.org: ty though ONA Membership. Your gener-1) create your login ID and password; 2) osity, and participation is an integral part update your profile; 3) pay dues via Pay- in ensuring the best possible neighbor-Pal, credit card or mail your check. You hood experience for every resident of Oacan download the Membership Form from kridge. We believe the website is a key the website and mail dues as usual; or component to connect us as a community, Our primary objective to provide value to contact your District Director, or any to get to know each other and to build members and the community by: 1) prov- Board Member for assistance and/or relationships as neighbors around our ing a professional web presence; 2) se- email info@oakridgena.org. The member common values, shared interests, and our cured access; 3) improved communica- directory is password protected and you varied cultures. Please join and let's get

Property Valuations:

2017 Home values were up in Oakridge so be prepared to protest your assessed valuations. The Dallas County Appraisal District plans on three mailings of appraisal notices. You can find dates and the Protest Process on our website at www.oakridgena.org under the Resident Resources tab.

If you purchased a home in 2017, as of January 1, 2018, you can file a Homestead Exemption. Beware of official looking mailers offering to file on your behalf for a fee. It is a scam, filing is free. For detailed instructions and links, visit www.oakridgena.org under Resident Resources tab.





D.I.Y. Garland: Curb Appeal Classes

Thursday, March 29, April 5 & 12 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Varying Locations



3/29 Exterior Painting | The Home Depot - Firewheel 4/5 Fence Maintenance | The Home Depot - Firewheel 4/12 Landscaping with Texan Plants | C.O.G. Greenhouse

Park Politely, Please

Modern families are always on the go in different directions, sometimes requiring more vehicles than their residential parking can comfortably accommodate. The City of Garland urges you to be a good neighbor and Park Politely, Please! Here served for any specific individual or resiare a few Park Politely tips:

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbor's house.
- mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles.
- Communicate in a respective and positive manner with neighbors about parking issues.
- When possible, let your neighbors

know in advance of activities at your home which may include excessive guest parking.

Remember, street parking is not redent; therefore, the Garland Police Department cannot ticket a vehicle because it is parked where a specific resident Never block Postal Service access to would prefer to park. Under certain circumstances, a citation can be issued. Here are just a few:

If a car is parked:

- On a sidewalk (or blocking sidewalk in a driveway)
- In an intersection or crosswalk
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign

- No commercial vehicle shall be parked and left overnight upon any public street or on any public property in the city
- Parking on unimproved surfaces
- Parking a recreational vehicle on public property within a residential zone.

For a complete list of applicable state and local laws, visit GarlandPolice.com and click on the Park Politely, Please link or call 972-205-2012.

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to all women of Oakridge. We all share a beverages, and always a few laughs! The strong and common bond in the love of Oakridge Women's Club is open to all our children, families, and community. We women of Oakridge. Email Libby Morse at welcome prospective members to join us TOMLIB@tx.rr.com for information and at all meetings. We meet the first Thurs- the next meeting location. OWC is on Faday of the month at 7pm.

Join for pot luck or dine out dinners, hot tub side chats, water aerobics, holiday hood, please contact our Neighborhood parties, progressive dinners and support sessions—all to get to know each other

The **Oakridge Women's Club** is open and unwind. We share hosting, snacks, cebook and Nextdoor.

> For Safety Concerns in the neighbor-Patrol Officer Tommy Barnes with the Garland Police Department at

barnest@garlandtx.gov or 972-205-2042. Email is best for faster response. For emergencies, always call 911 first.

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.

ONA Leadership Contact Information

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President - Cheryl Jones - 214-437-9132 VP - Mark Edwards - 972-414-8525 Secretary - Sharon Parrish - 972-530-3351 Treasurer - Meg Green - 903-288-6573

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District 2&3 - Dwight Davis - 972-675-9195

District 4 - Keta Woods - 469-877-7099

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District 7 - Barbara Mairs - 972-414-2623

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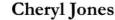
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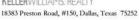


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Dallas's "Diamond" Discussed by Daytimers

by Dianne Winter **ONA Daytimers**

friend" proved to be a popular Coffee at the home of Jan Perry Loyd on Tuesday, March 13th.

freshments and the fellowship of duce others where they can doothers, the president, Shirley nate time to help others. Heald, greeted visitors and called with a few exceptions, to accept You will be welcomed. the present officers as officers for mittee will confirm that list.

serves as Co-Director of the or 469-387-5641 Speakers Bureau of the Dallas Arboretum. Nancy then revealed the diamond in Dallas-The Dallas Arboretum. The beautiful gardens and lush lawns on the shores of White Rock Lake were photographically presented as she described the history of the

gardens and the historic DeGolver home, along with current events that make the Arboretum an ever "Diamonds are a girl's best -changing place to visit and enjoy.

These ladies are very active theme for the forty-one members and vital not only to the Oakridge who attended the Daytimers community, but to others as volunteers. Next month the group will highlight organizations where After enjoying special re- members now work and intro-

To be a part of these inspirfor announcements that included ing women just visit them at the the book club meeting and a next Coffee. Come to the home of treasurer report of 51 total mem- Suzanne Snow at 2722 Big Oaks at bers. The group also decided, 10 am on Tuesday, April 10th.

Daytimers is a social organinext year. A nominating com- zation for women that requires residence in Oakridge and \$20.00 Susan Conner announced annual dues. Daytimers promotes that the May luncheon will have the Oakridge community and the special entertainment and then Oakridge Neighborhood Associaintroduced the speaker, Nancy tion. Any questions should be Nance, a native Texan—who grew directed to president, Shirley up in South Texas, and currently Heald, shirleyheald@verizon.net

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Garland Heritage Celebration 2018: Hats Off to Garland!

by Dylan Hedrick **ONA Communications Director**

Garland will celebrate it's fifth annual Garland Heritage Celebration Saturday, April 14 in the Downtown Garland Square from 5 PM to 9 PM.

The theme is "Hats Off to Garland" as the celebration will feature a century of

city's famous hat makers, including Resistol and Stetson.

Live musical acts will feature Petty Theft, a Tom Petty cover band, and The Dogensteins. Other activities include food trucks, walking tours of historic downtown, scavenger hunts and mechanical bull rides.



Trees May Cause Foundation Woes

by Mark Edwards **ONA Vice-President**

carbon dioxide, dust and pollutants; next to your home. moderate local heat and winds and er conflicting land uses; provide habipearance and property values.

The lawful removal of trees and their necessary mitigation should is to have a soaker house surround only occur where it is determined that the trees would be inappropri- yard shows cracks, water the foundaate, impractical, or cost prohibitive to tion. It should be wet, but not soggy preserve. In some cases, a tree re- or spongy. moval permit from the City of Gar-

land is required to remove the trees.

The best way to avoid tree roots doing damage to a foundation is to Preservation and replacement of plant trees an appropriate distance trees is beneficial to the public health from the house. Different types of and welfare because trees reduce trees may spread its roots in different storm water runoff and erosion; re- ways. Consult a certified arborist or generate oxygen; purify the air of horticulturist before planting a tree

If the tree is already next to the thereby conserve limited energy re- house, you may want to install a root sources; delineate urban spaces; buff- barrier to prevent additional damage.

To keep a home from developing tats for wildlife that increases biodi- foundation problems, the concrete versity; and enhance community ap- slab foundations of homes should be kept moist (think 5 on a range of 1-10). The best way to accomplish this the home. When the ground in your

Keep Oakridge Green.



