

# Oakridge News

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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 showers that is.

I hope this edition finds you and yours in good health, provisional wealth, and all 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](http://www.oakridgena.org)! Our primary objective to provide value to members and the community by: 1) providing a professional web presence; 2) secured access; 3) improved communications via email and/or text; 4) immediate

access to information for full disclosure; 5) online payment options; 6) ancillary revenue opportunities and more. Members have access to relevant community, and ONA information at their disposal 24/7, all in one place accessible from a desktop computer, handheld device, or smartphone.

The membership process has never been easier. Go to [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org): 1) create your login ID and password; 2) update your profile; 3) pay dues via PayPal, credit card or mail your check. You can download the Membership Form from the website and mail dues as usual; or contact your District Director, or any Board Member for assistance and/or email [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org). The member directory is password protected and you decide your privacy settings.

Annual dues are \$60 per household per year. Please help us reach our goal of 500 members which will help to offset the significant increase in landscaping/ watering costs and keep our dues low. Donations to beautification is greatly appreciated to enhance our nine entrances.

A special note of thanks for the continued support of the Oakridge community through ONA Membership. Your generosity, and participation is an integral part in ensuring the best possible neighborhood experience for every resident of Oakridge. We believe the website is a key component to connect us as a community, to get to know each other and to build relationships as neighbors around our common values, shared interests, and our varied cultures. Please join and let's get connected!

### 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](http://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](http://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

Visit [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org) to register & for more details

# 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 are a few Park Politely tips:

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbor's house.
- Never block Postal Service access to mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles.
- Communicate in a respectful 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 reserved for any specific individual or resident; therefore, the Garland Police Department cannot ticket a vehicle because it is parked where a specific resident 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](http://GarlandPolice.com) and click on the Park Politely, Please link or call [972-205-2012](tel:972-205-2012).

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The **Oakridge Women's Club** is open to all women of Oakridge. We all share a strong and common bond in the love of our children, families, and community. We welcome prospective members to join us at all meetings. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

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

and unwind. We share hosting, snacks, beverages, and always a few laughs! The Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women of Oakridge. Email Libby Morse at [TOMLIB@tx.rr.com](mailto:TOMLIB@tx.rr.com) for information and the next meeting location. OWC is on Facebook and Nextdoor.

For **Safety Concerns** in the neighborhood, please contact our Neighborhood Patrol Officer Tommy Barnes with the Garland Police Department at

[barnest@garlandtx.gov](mailto: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](mailto:dylan.hedrick@gmail.com).

## ONA Leadership Contact Information

### ONA Officers

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

### ONA District Directors

District 1 - Open  
District 2&3 - Dwight Davis - 972-675-9195  
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District 6 - James Aaron - 972-530-8148  
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### ONA Committee Chairs

Membership - Open  
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# Dallas's "Diamond" Discussed by Daytimers

by Dianne Winter  
ONA Daytimers

"Diamonds are a girl's best friend" proved to be a popular theme for the forty-one members who attended the Daytimers Coffee at the home of Jan Perry Loyd on Tuesday, March 13th.

After enjoying special refreshments and the fellowship of others, the president, Shirley Heald, greeted visitors and called for announcements that included the book club meeting and a treasurer report of 51 total members. The group also decided, with a few exceptions, to accept the present officers as officers for next year. A nominating committee will confirm that list.

Susan Conner announced that the May luncheon will have special entertainment and then introduced the speaker, Nancy Nance, a native Texan—who grew up in South Texas, and currently serves as Co-Director of the 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 DeGolyer home, along with current events that make the Arboretum an ever-changing place to visit and enjoy.

These ladies are very active and vital not only to the Oakridge community, but to others as volunteers. Next month the group will highlight organizations where members now work and introduce others where they can donate time to help others.

To be a part of these inspiring women just visit them at the next Coffee. Come to the home of Suzanne Snow at 2722 Big Oaks at 10 am on Tuesday, April 10th. You will be welcomed.

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 or 469-387-5641

Join the ONA today!  
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for information!

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### OUR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

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# Garland Heritage Celebration 2018: Hats Off to Garland!

by Dylan Hedrick  
ONA Communications Director

Garland will celebrate its 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

Preservation and replacement of trees is beneficial to the public health and welfare because trees reduce storm water runoff and erosion; regenerate oxygen; purify the air of carbon dioxide, dust and pollutants; moderate local heat and winds and thereby conserve limited energy resources; delineate urban spaces; buffer conflicting land uses; provide habitats for wildlife that increases biodiversity; and enhance community appearance and property values.

The lawful removal of trees and their necessary mitigation should only occur where it is determined that the trees would be inappropriate, impractical, or cost prohibitive to preserve. In some cases, a tree removal 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 plant trees an appropriate distance from the house. Different types of trees may spread its roots in different ways. Consult a certified arborist or horticulturist before planting a tree next to your home.

If the tree is already next to the house, you may want to install a root barrier to prevent additional damage.

To keep a home from developing foundation problems, the concrete slab foundations of homes should be kept moist (think 5 on a range of 1-10). The best way to accomplish this is to have a soaker house surround the home. When the ground in your yard shows cracks, water the foundation. It should be wet, but not soggy or spongy.

Keep Oakridge Green.

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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*