

Oakridge News

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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

A big thank you to all who came out and supported the Kids' Patriotic Parade and Homemade Ice Cream Contest June 30. The kids looked so cute in their red, white and blue attire and had a great time sampling the ice cream afterward. Please enjoy some photos from the event below.

There were several flavors of vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate ice creams and the most unique award went to the mango curry ice cream—an interesting combination of flavors that worked well together in a sweet treat! We hope that this event will grow bigger each year with your continued support.

The next event we have planned for the neighborhood is a **Neighborhood Social Hour** at Duck Creek Golf Club **August 2** from **5-7 P.M.** The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is providing a free drink to the first 50 members who come.

We hope that everyone in the neighborhood will come and share some fellowship with your neighbors at a location that is convenient for all. Even if you are not an ONA member, you are invited as well. This is your chance to join!

We are continuing our membership drive for a few more weeks and we ask you to join the ONA to help achieve our membership goals. Your support means we can continue to do things such as social events and maintain the landscaping

at the nine entrances to the neighborhood. Please visit our neighborhood website oakridgena.org for all the goings on in the neighborhood.

The District Directors will be visiting those in their district in the next few weeks in an effort to meet those they represent and better understand your concerns and hopes for the ONA.

Also, the best way to get your opinion heard in the neighborhood is to join the ONA Board. We have open positions available and invite you to volunteer. If you have any neighborhood concerns, please call me at 713-677-4999 or email me at dylan.hedrick@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



**ONA Neighborhood Social Hour
August 2 — 5-7 P.M.
Duck Creek Golf Club
First 50 ONA members to come
get their first drink free!!!**

Getting to Know NPO Tommy Barnes

by Joan Nichols
Oakridge Safety Director

The Garland Police Department strives to make personal contact with the Garland residents it serves. One of the most successful programs is the Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) program created in 1993. Our Oakridge NPO since 2012 is Officer Tommy Barnes.

Before becoming a police officer, Barnes was an Army Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division and served a tour of duty in Desert Storm. His wife Angie is a lieutenant with Dallas County Sheriff's Office. The two met in Chicago at Sunday School when she was 13 years old and he was 15 and became sweethearts.

They are renewing their vows this summer in the Dominican Republic after 20 years of marriage. The Barnes' have three grown sons and one grandson. In his free time, Officer Barnes likes to work out and watch action movies.

Officer Barnes has worked in several police departments but says Garland is the best place to work. He enjoys getting up



for work every day and being part of such a supportive and welcoming department.

He appreciates Oakridge's attentive neighbors and receives lots of calls and emails for suspicious cars and other activity. Officer Barnes describes Oakridge as a quiet neighborhood with the lowest crime rate in the district.

Officer Barnes has a few tips for keeping Oakridge one of the safest neighborhoods in Garland:

- Call the non-emergency number 972-485-4840 or 911 if you see suspicious people or activity. The police can respond only if you make a report. Also, don't assume someone else has already called in suspicious activity.
- Avoid car break-ins by not keeping valuables in your car. If possible put your car in a garage.
- The addition of outdoor security lights, cameras, being outdoors walking etc., all help make our community less inviting to potential criminals.
- Get out and meet your neighbors. Safe neighborhoods start with knowing who should be here and who should not.

Officer Barnes may be reached at 972-205-2042 or barnest@garlandtx.gov. Email is best for faster response. For emergencies, always call 911 first.

Safety reports are available on the ONA website at www.oakridgena.org under Resident Resources.

ONA Environmental Update

by David Parrish
ONA Environmental Director

Thank You - Gracias - Cảm ơn Bạn: Your generous contributions to the Beautification Fund help us to continue improving our landscaping. We hope everyone has noticed our efforts to be good stewards of the resources you entrusted to us. We promise to continue putting your membership and beautification dollars to good use.

Environmental Committee Meeting:

Six of our neighbors attended the Environmental Committee on June 20. David Parrish provided an overview of the Committee's responsibilities and activities. The attendees agreed to help monitor our five sprinkler systems and the associated entrance beds for issues. David will deliver

training. The Committee discussed options, such as wildflowers and Asian jasmine, for vegetating shaded areas along the median islands on Ridge Oaks. Mary VanPelt will research and report back. Our next meeting will be at the end of August. The main topic will be fall planting.

Upcoming Official Flag Holidays:

August—None
September 3 (Labor Day).
September 11 (Patriot Day, half-staff all day).
September 17 (Constitution Day).
U.S. flags should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, as weather permits.

Questions/Issues/Feedback: Please, contact the Environmental Committee at: environment@oakridgena.org (or you may leave a voicemail at 972/530-3351).

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 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 for information and the next meeting location. OWC is on Facebook and Nextdoor.

Oakridge Recipe Corner

I am starting a new section in the newsletter and I would like you to help become a part! This is a space to share your favorite recipes with the rest of the neighborhood. We have a great diversity of cultures in Oakridge, so I hope you will share some of your family's traditional favorite dishes with the rest of us to enjoy.

Coming off the Homemade Ice Cream Contest, I want to share with you the winning "World's Best" Chocolate Ice Cream recipe.

World's Best Chocolate Ice Cream

Makes about 5 cups.

- 3/4 cup cocoa powder, sifted
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- pinch salt
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 tbl. pure vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, whisk together the cocoa, sugars and salt. Add the milk and using a hand mixer on low speed or a whisk, beat to combine until the cocoa, sugars and salt are dissolved. Stir in heavy cream and vanilla. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 2 hours, or overnight.

Pour the mixture into an ice cream maker and let mix until thickened, about 15 to 20 minutes. The ice cream will have a soft, creamy texture. If a firmer consistency is desired, transfer the ice cream to an airtight container and place in freezer about 2 hours. Remove from freezer about 15 minutes before serving. Enjoy!



If you have a recipe you would like to share, please email dylan.hedrick@gmail.com. Feel free to share the story behind the recipe as well!

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Ron Thomas, Senior Pastor

OUR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M.

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The City of Garland and Texas State Representative Angie Chen Button Present

10TH ANNUAL SENIOR AWARENESS DAY

Friday, August 3rd, 2018
9AM - Noon

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center
300 N. 5th St. Garland, TX 75040

**FREE
EVENT!**

In an effort to provide more value to its members, the ONA will allow its members to publish classified ads in the Oakridge Newsletter for free.

ONA members are allowed one ad per household, limited to 25 words or fewer. If you wish to order an ad, please provide the following information and send to dylan.hedrick@gmail.com:

Member's name, address, phone number and email address. The ad copy as you would like it to appear (limit 25 words) and the number of months you would like the ad to appear.

OAKRIDGE NEWS CLASSIFIED ADS

Example ad:

BED FRAME FOR SALE Great condition. Queen size. Solid Wood. \$40. Contact 214-555-5555

ONA Leadership Contact Information

ONA Officers

President - Dylan Hedrick - 713-677-4999
VP - Mark Edwards - 972-414-8525
Secretary - Sharon Parrish - 278-530-3351
Asst. Treasurer - Dwight Davis - 972-675-9195

ONA District Directors

District 1 - Open
District 2 - Mike Rose - 972-675-9195
District 3 - Dwight Davis - 972-675-9195
District 4 - Keta Woods - 469-877-7099
District 5 - Open
District 6 - James Aaron - 972-530-8148
District 7 - Barbara Mairs - 972-414-2623

ONA Committee Chairs

Membership - Open
Commun. - Dylan Hedrick - 713-677-4999
Marketing - Shine Macy - 469-231-8534
Environ. - David Parrish - 972-530-3351
Safety - Joan and Dan Nichols - 214-543-2546

*"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."
Ephesians 3:20*

**The Power of ONE LORD
and ONE surrendered LIFE**

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