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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick **ONA President**

and supported the Kids' Patriotic Parade hood Association is providing a free drink and Homemade Ice Cream Contest June to the first 50 members who come. 30. The kids looked so cute in their red. sampling the ice cream afterward. Please lowship with your neighbors at a location concerns and hopes for the ONA. enjoy some photos from the event below.

strawberry, and chocolate ice creams and well. This is your chance to join! the most unique award went to the mannation of flavors that worked well together in a sweet treat! We hope that this your continued support.

the neighborhood is a Neighborhood So- hood. Please visit our neighborhood webcial Hour at Duck Creek Golf Club August site oakridgena.org for all the goings on in A big thank you to all who came out 2 from 5-7 P.M. The Oakridge Neighbor- the neighborhood.

that is convenient for all. Even if you are There were several flavors of vanilla, not an ONA member, you are invited as heard in the neighborhood is to join the

go curry ice cream—an interesting combi- drive for a few more weeks and we ask have any neighborhood concerns, please you to join the ONA to help achieve our call me at 713-677-4999 or email me at membership goals. Your support means dylan.hedrick@gmail.com. I look forward event will grow bigger each year with we can continue to do things such as so- to hearing from you. cial events and maintain the landscaping

The next event we have planned for at the nine entrances to the neighbor-

The District Directors will be visiting those in their district in the next few We hope that everyone in the neigh- weeks in an effort to meet those they white and blue attire and had a great time borhood will come and share some fel-represent and better understand your

> Also, the best way to get your opinion ONA Board. We have open positions avail-We are continuing our membership able and invite you to volunteer. If 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 Sherriff's Office. The two met in Chicago at Sunday School when she was13 years old and he was 15 and became sweethearts.

They are renewing their vows this summer in the Dominican Republic after for work every day and being part of such 20 years of marriage. The Barnes' have a supportive and welcoming department. three grown sons and one grandson. In his and watch action movies.

best place to work. He enjoys getting up rate in the district.



He appreciates Oakridge's attentive 205-2042 free time, Officer Barnes likes to work out neighbors and receives lots of calls and emails for suspicious cars and other activi-Officer Barnes has worked in several ty. Officer Barnes describes Oakridge as a police departments but says Garland is the quiet neighborhood with the lowest crime ONA website at www.oakridgena.org un-

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

Safety reports are available on the der Resident Resources.

ONA Environmental Update

by David Parrish **ONA Environmental Director**

Thank You - Gracias - Cam on Ban: 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. Morse Email Libby 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

whole milk 1 cup 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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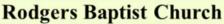
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In an effort to provide more value to its members, the ONA will allow its members to publish classified ads in the Oakridge Newsletter for free.

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.

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Example ad:

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

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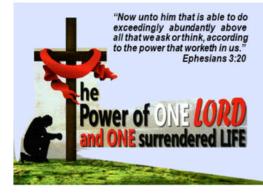
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Ron Thomas Senior Pastor

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Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
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Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M. Nursery provided for all services