

Oakridge News

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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

It was great to see many of my Oakridge neighbors come out to the community Social Hour August 2. From the feedback I received, it was a successful event and reminded many of “the good ol’ days” back when the clubhouse was the place to be in Oakridge. We hope to put more social events like this together in the future, so keep your eye out for more events in upcoming newsletters.

Our next big community event is an all-neighborhood yard sale scheduled for

September 29 from 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. See the article on page 4 for more information and to get your name on the participant list.

Our next ONA General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **September 27, at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Duck Creek Golf Club.** Our Garland Mayor Lori Barnett Dodson is scheduled to speak about recent developments within the city.

Finally, thank you to all who have responded to our final membership push. We have had some unexpected expenses to fix the breaks in our irrigation system. It is your membership dues which allow

us to keep the flowers at our entrances looking nice and the grass mowed around the perimeter of the subdivision.

I enjoyed meeting many of you as I distributed membership forms in District 5 and 7. The friendliness I received confirmed that Oakridge is the best neighborhood to live in Garland.

It is not too late to join the ONA! Visit oakridgena.org to join via our website or contact your District Director on page 4. If you are not sure which district you live in, see the map below. Remember, the ONA funds are largely used to help protect your property value. Join the ONA today!

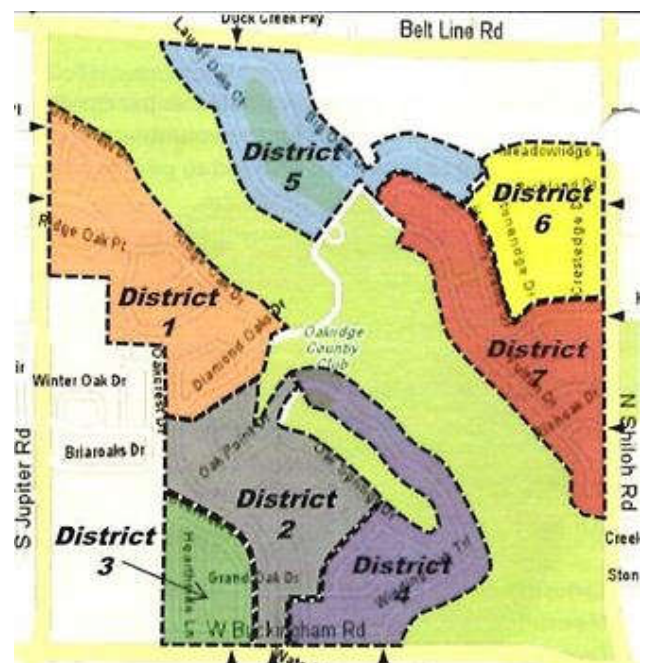


Community Yard Sale

September 29—8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

See page 4 for details

Oakridge District Map



Garland Prepares for Bond Election

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

Over the past several weeks, the city of Garland held informational meetings regarding a possible bond election to be held in 2019. A bond election allows Garland to issue general obligation bonds, which are then used to finance large capital improvements such as street/alley/drainage projects, parks, new facilities/buildings, rehabilitation projects, or other economic development incentives.

The bonds are paid back typically over a 20 year time frame using revenue from property taxes.

Bond elections are held typically every six to seven years, although the last bond program in Garland was in 2004 and consisted of almost \$224 million in new projects. Seven years ago, the country was in the middle of the Great Recession, therefore the timing was poor to hold a

bond election.

As the city prepares for this new bond program, city officials are asking for Garland citizens to provide input as to what capital improvements we would like to see get built and how large the bond program should be.

At a public informational meeting held August 11, Nathan Ante, a consultant hired by Garland to assist in the bond program, said that possible projects could include a new animal shelter to replace the current building which was built in the 1950s, a new police evidence building to replace the current building which is full to capacity due to the changes in state laws that extended evidence retention requirements, adding capacity to existing streets by building additional lanes, new fire stations, or new libraries.

The unfortunate reality of a bond program is the bonds are paid by property taxes. Ante estimated that a \$150 million

bond program would require a 2 cent increase in property taxes while a \$450 million bond program would require a 13 cent increase in property taxes. A one cent tax rate increase on the average \$182,600 home value in Garland would result in an increase of \$16.80 on yearly property taxes. For residents over 65 years old, the tax rate impact on the same home would be approximately \$11.70.

Garland enjoys the highest bond ratings by the two rating agencies, Fitch (AAA) and Standard and Poor (AA+), which allows the city to issue bonds at low interest rates.

Garland is seeking citizen input through the website buildgarland.com. A form is available to provide comments, feedback, or project ideas. A link at the bottom of the website is for the slide show presentation which was given at the public meetings.



Daytimers Set for September

by Diane Winter
ONA Daytimers

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Fall is on the way. If it is not—Daytimers will meet anyway!

Come to “meet and greet” neighbors and discover how everyone spent the hot summer months and survived. Get information about the neighborhood and enjoy the “goodies” furnished by the food hostesses.

Shirley Heald is at the helm and we will cast off Tuesday, September 11th, at 10 am at the home of Dana Hopkins, 1000 W Lookout, Richardson, TX. Dana is a former

Oakridge resident who has graciously opened her home for the September meeting.

Watch for more information about the location and transportation in your email. You may also bring your dues to this meeting.

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.

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.

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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. Send your recipes to dylan.hedrick@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

This was a favorite of mine that my mom used to make for our family all the time. Growing up in Corpus Christi, we were only 45 minutes from the famous King Ranch—the largest ranch in Texas with over 825,000 acres. Also my high school—King High School—was named for Captian Richard King, who began acquiring land for the Ranch in 1853.

KING RANCH CHICKEN

- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 (10-ounce) can of Ro-Tel tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- Cooking spray
- 12 (8-inch) corn tortillas cut into quarters
- 1 (3-pound) roasted chicken, boned and shredded
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cups store-bought grated Mexican-blend cheese (8 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large saucepan set over medium-high heat, combine the cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, tomatoes and garlic salt. Stir until warm, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Put half of the tortillas in the bottom of the pan, layering half each of the chicken and onion, then sprinkle with one-third of the cheese mix. Pour half of the soup mixture over the top, and then repeat the layers. Top the casserole with the remaining third of the cheese.

Bake for 45 minutes or until the cheese has melted and browned slightly.

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Oakridge Community Yard Sale

Let's clean out those closets and attics and make some money. Join the community wide sale on Saturday, September 29th from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The ONA will do all the planning, advertising and permitting.

How do I sign up? Call Sherri at 972-496-5454 and leave your information, or even better, email your information to srutherford2313@yahoo.com.

What do I need to provide? First and last name, address and phone number so we can get your permit for you and put your sale on the map. Your name and phone number will not be on the map.

What if I want to do the sale multiple days? Be sure to give us the consecutive



days so we can make sure you are properly permitted. City of Garland only allows three garage sales per year.

Why do I need a permit? The City of Garland requires a permit for a yard or garage sale, but the permit is free.

Your permit number is required on your yard sign, and we will do that for you. We will provide each sale with a sign for your yard.

How will shopper's know where the sales are? Maps and addresses of all the registered sales will be provided at the yard sales nearest the entrances.

When do I need to sign up? Sign up will begin now and continue through September 15th .

Please see the September newsletter for tips on having a successful sale. Let's make some money and have some fun doing it.

ONA Leadership Contact Information

ONA Officers

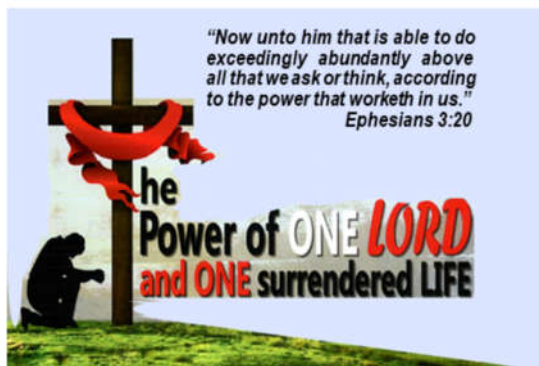
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