

# Oakridge News

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## Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick  
ONA President

Although I am thankful for all the recent rain, I was disappointed the ONA had to cancel its first Corn Fest fall festival, which was scheduled for October 13th. The rain from dawn until dusk that day would have certainly put a damper on the festivities.

Don't worry, however. We are moving the Corn Fest activities to a post-race party for our next ONA sponsored event - the First Annual Oakridge 5K Fun Run/Walk. The 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 AM. I see lots of runners active in the neighborhood and I hope that they will come out to join us for a jog.

If you don't want to run, come out and cheer your neighbors along the course. The course will start at the golf club parking lot and wind around the Oakridge neighborhood. You can view the map on [oakridgena.org](http://oakridgena.org). Even if you're not a runner, we still want you to come out! You can walk the course at your own pace and join the festivities when you finish.

To support the costs of putting on this event and to know how many people want to participate, we ask you to send a message to [ONA5K@oakridgena.org](mailto:ONA5K@oakridgena.org) with your name. We also require a \$5 registration fee for ONA members. Non-members can participate for \$65 (ONA membership fee + \$5). You can send your money to our P.O. box address (Oakridge Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045-0145), Venmo me @dylanhedrick, or bring your money the day of the event.

Also, thank you to the neighbors who came out to the National Night Out meeting October 2. Officers from the Garland Police Department were on hand to discuss the Citizens on Patrol program and to invite all of Oakridge to do their part to help keep Oakridge one of the safest neighborhoods in Garland. See the article on page 2 for more information.

A great big Oakridge thank you goes out to all of the neighbors who got together to plant the median on Ridge Oak Drive October 6. I know it was hard work to break through the rocky soil to prepare the ground for the native plants and grasses. Also thank you to those who

trimmed the dead branches from the trees. The canopy the big, mature trees create over this entrance make it one of the most beautiful in the neighborhood.

Also, thank you to Curtis and Keta Woods who donated their time and efforts to beautifying the entrance at Winding Oak. They removed the weeds in the flowerbeds and put down river rock. This entrance is not irrigated by the ONA sprinkler system, and the Woods contributions to this area is greatly appreciated.

Finally, a Bylaw Review Committee is forming to revise and edit the rules which govern the ONA. It has been a year since the bylaws were reviewed, and if you are an ONA member who would like to be a part of this worthy project, please send a message to [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org). We will get you in touch with the committee members to set meeting times and dates. Proposed bylaw changes will be voted on by the ONA membership at the February General Membership meeting.

### **First Annual Oakridge 5K Fun Run/Walk**

November 10—9:00 AM

Starts and ends at the Duck Creek Golf Club parking lot

\$5 entry fee for ONA members/\$65 for non-members

See more information on the race page under the Home tab at [oakridgena.org](http://oakridgena.org)



# Oakridge Residents Invited to Join the Citizens on Patrol

by Joan Nichols  
ONA Safety Director

Former and future Citizens on Patrol gathered with GPD Officers and neighbors to celebrate National Night Out and kick-off the reinvigorated Oakridge Crime Watch.

Officer Pesta shared information with neighbors about the Garland Police Department's Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) program, an extension of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program that provides an opportunity for citizens to take an active role in crime prevention in their neighborhood.

C.O.P. members must complete a training class provided by the police department and are instructed in effective ways to patrol their neighborhood in car, on foot, or on bicycle. The objective of the program is to provide more eyes and ears on the streets of Garland observing and reporting crime and/or suspicious activity.

For those interested in Citizens on

Patrol, information and required background form can be found at <http://www.garlandpolice.com/gov/lq/safety/police/cop.asp>.



There is still room for those interested in attending the 3-4 hour training in 2019. Those who have previously completed Citizens on Patrol or Citizens Police Academy and are interested in volunteering, please contact us at [safety@oakridgena.org](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org).

Every single one of our 1166 residents are part of Crime Watch by simply knowing your neighbors and calling 911 for an active crime or contacting the non-emergency number at 972-205-2042 when you see suspicious activity. Siren alerts notifying residents of incidents in our neighborhood are available to anyone who has subscribed or would like to be added. Monthly Crime Stats are posted under Resident Resources on the ONA Website at <http://www.oakridgena.org/>.

Oakridge prides itself on a long history of active involvement of its members in watching out for one another. The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) through its Crime Prevention and Safety Committee serves the ONA's mission to improve and maintain the quality of life in Oakridge.

We look forward to working with each of you to keep our neighborhood the safest in Texas. Contact us at [safety@oakridgena.org](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org) to get involved.



Citizens on Patrol to ride again!  
Look for them on your street soon.



Neighborhood Patrol Officer Barnes with former C.O.P. Bill and Brenda Olive with official badges and Mark Edwards sporting the C.O.P T-shirt.



Neighborhood Patrol Officer Pesta Shares details of the C.O.P. program as Oakridge residents look on.

Thanks to the volunteers Kent Crenshaw, Dylan Hedrick, Katie Hedrick, Barb Honas, Jay Houston, Judee Houston, Chip Van Pelt, Mary Van Pelt, and Bob Williams who helped make our Median Beautification Day a success!



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# Daytimers Discuss JFK with Jim Gatewood

By Dianne Winter  
ONA Daytimers

The pouring rain did not stop the Daytimers as 30 members gathered at the home of Lila LaGrassa on October 9th, among fall decorations that wrapped each person in Autumn colors. Along with the decorations, the table was filled by the food hostesses with a bounty of goodies.

Gloria Turner led the group in the absence of president, Shirley Heald. Gloria called on several leaders for reports. Jane Mayers encouraged everyone to join the ONA and Peggy Crenshaw collected mem-

bership dues.

Sandra Stevens introduced the highlight of the meeting, historian and author, Jim Gatewood. Mr. Gatewood wove the facts of the assassination of President Kennedy into a journey through the influence of crime bosses, politicians and others to the purpose of eliminating the President. Some of the Daytimers had attended the parade that day and Betty Sue Sidener shared an anecdote of her connection to Maria Oswald. Gatewood has written several well researched Texas history books that contain very interesting characters.

Susan Conner led the planning for the next meeting on Tuesday, November 13th. The Daytimers will travel to the Arboretum for lunch and sites. Rides and ticket purchases are being arranged. Emails will give you updates, but for questions about this outing call Susan at 214 803 4359.

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. Questions should be directed to president, shirleyheald@verizon.net (469) 387-5641.

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Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M.

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## ONA Leadership Contact Information

### ONA Officers

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District 2—Dwight Davis -972-675-9195

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District 6—James Aaron - 972-530-8148

District 7—Barbara Mairs - 972-414-2623

### ONA Committee Chairs

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Commun.—Ken Weidaw - 214-616-0970

Marketing—Shine Macy - 469-231-8534

Environ.—David Parrish - 972-530-3351

Safety—Joan & Dan Nichols -

214-543-2546

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Ephesians 3:20

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and **ONE surrendered LIFE**

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