

Oakridge News

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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

Hello Oakridge neighbors. You may notice that this issue of the Oakridge News looks a bit different than previous editions. As we at the Oakridge Neighborhood Association pledge to manage your dues in the most fiscally responsible manner, we have switched our newsletter to a black and white format. Full-color editions of the newsletter will be available on our website oakridgena.org.

One item I am happy to announce is the Oakridge News was named second place in the Neighborhood Publication of the Year category at the annual Garland Neighborhood Awards.

The awards are given to homeowners or neighborhood associations newsletters or publications which best inform, inspire and engage fellow neighbors as judged by the City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality. Next year I hope to make the newsletter even better and take home first place.

Also, a big thank you to all the neighbors who came out to participate in or

support our first annual Oakridge 5K Fun Run/Walk on November 10. Race day was a bit chilly to start, but the hot dogs and hot chocolate provided at the end made it worth it. The event is something that we hope to build upon for next year and make even better. Look out for future announcements for next year's event if you missed the one this year.

A big Oakridge thank you to the Daytimers who helped bake desserts for the firefighters of stations 3 and 11 for Thanksgiving. Both stations were overwhelmed with the generosity and were so appreciative of the sweets. It was just a small token of appreciation for all that they do to protect our neighborhood.

For the holiday season, I would like to announce the **Oakridge Holiday Light Decorating Contest**. This is your chance to show off your best holiday lights display at your house and be featured in our newsletter and website. Awards will be given out for the most colorful light display, best traditional light display, judge's choice and best block. Send nominations to lights@oakridgena.org. Winners will be announced in the December newsletter.

If you are interested in helping shape the rules by which the ONA governs, I encourage you to participate in our **Bylaw Review Committee**. The committee is open to any ONA member and will meet to discuss proposed changes to the ONA Bylaws. The changes will be voted upon at the February general membership meeting. A current copy of the Bylaws is on our website oakridgena.org. If you would like to participate, please email us at info@oakridgena.org.

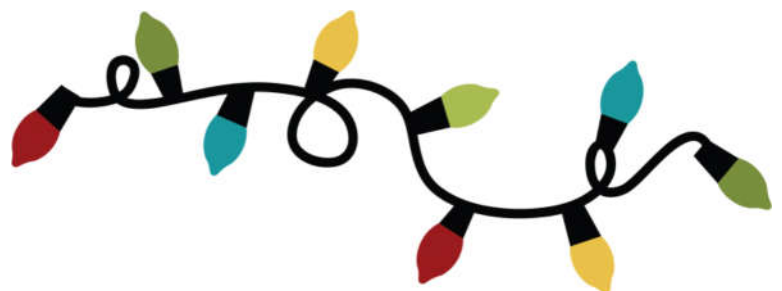
Finally, in this season of giving thanks, I am so thankful for all of my wonderful neighbors I get to live with in Oakridge. The ONA and Oakridge could not be what it is without the volunteers who so graciously donate their time to help build our neighborhood.

The ONA truly is a great neighborhood organization because of them and we on the ONA Board are here to serve you. If you have any compliments, concerns, or criticisms, please email me at info@oakridgena.org or call me directly at 713-677-4999.

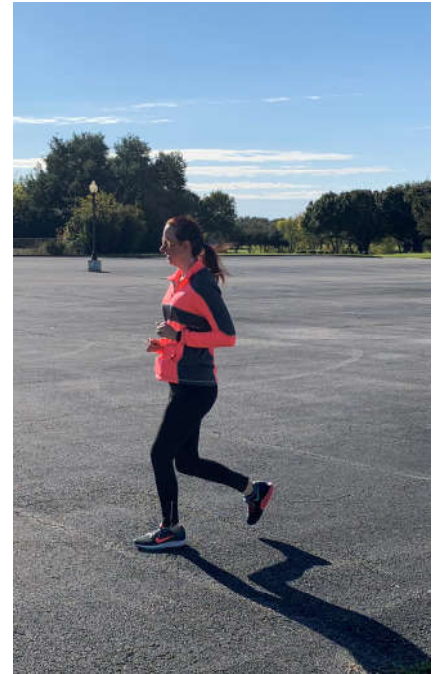
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The **Oakridge Women's Club** is open to all women of Oakridge. We all share a strong and common bond in the love of our children, families, and community. We welcome prospective members all meetings. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

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.



Join the ONA today at [oakridgena.org!](http://oakridgena.org)



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Provide Input for the Next Police Chief

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

the candidate attributes, background and experiences that are most important to the community.

In October, Garland Police Chief Mitch Bates resigned after 16 years of service in the police force to accept a position as Garland's Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

Two upcoming meetings will be held to allow citizens to let city leaders and the police department what they would like to see in their next chief.

As a participant in the latest Citizen's Police Academy, I witnessed firsthand how important a respected, competent, and trusted leader the police chief is to the department. Look for an article detailing my experience in the Citizen's Police Academy in the next newsletter.

Saturday, Dec. 8 Time: 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. **Location:** Garland Central Library – North Program Room, 625 Austin St. Spanish translation services will be available.

To find its next police chief, the city immediately began a nationwide search for and wants citizen's input to identify

Sunday, Dec. 16 (Hosted by the Vietnamese American Community) **Time:** 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. **Location:** Vietnamese American Community Center, 3221 Beltline Rd. Vietnamese translation services will be available.

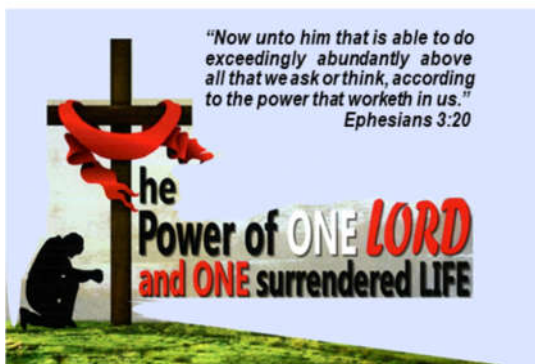
Upcoming Oakridge Events

December 2018 — Holiday lights decorating contest
Send your nominations to lights@oakridgena.org

February 28, 2019 — General Membership Meeting
7:00 PM, Duck Creek Golf Club



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"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

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Daytimers Next Meeting Set for Dec. 13

By Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

The cold weather did not stop the Daytimers from braving the elements to have lunch at the Arboretum on Tuesday, November 13th. After a menu of tasty foods, the dessert was declared the winner. The president, Shirley Heald, made a few announcements to end the luncheon but the day continued by exploring the last of the autumn colors and the beautiful December decorations.

The Daytimers will gather again at the home of Betty Prickett, 2013 Diamond Oaks, on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 A.M. Please come to share the festivities of the season with your neighbors.

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



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