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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

Hello Oakridge neighbors. The groundhog did not see his shadow, so that means spring is just around the corner. The ONA is springing ahead with its plans for another successful year.

Please plan to attend our General Membership meeting February 28, at 7:00 PM at Duck Creek Golf Club. Arrive early at 6:30 PM to spend some time socializing with your neighbors. Scheduled to speak is District 7 Councilman and mayoral candidate Scott LeMay.

Also please come out to our kid-friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration March 16 in the parking lot of Duck Creek

Golf Club. Festivities start at 11:00 AM with face-painting and a bag piper. We are also planning a pot-"Luck of the Irish" lunch so bring a green or Irish food to share. Even if you don't have kids, come wear your green and celebrate this holiday with some traditional Irish music.

Our Bylaw reviewers have weighed in and proposed changes to our ONA Bylaws. A draft document showing proposed changes is available on our ONA website at oakridgena.org under the Resident Resources tab.

Finally, nominations are open for our May elections to the ONA Board. This year, District Directors 1, 3, 5, and 7 are up for election along with the officer posi-

tions and any other open Director positions.

If you would like to nominate someone or have your name on the ballot, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairwoman Dianne Winter at mdkwinter@verizon.net.

Oakridge is truly a great neighborhood because of you and your support. 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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Oakridge Kid-friendly Pot-"Luck of the Irish" Celebration

Come out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your Oakridge Friends.

We will have face painting and a bag-piper!
Bring a green dish to share!

Duck Creek Golf Club Parking Lot—March 16 at 11:00 AM

New Citizens on Patrol Class Keeps Oakridge Safe

by Joan Nichols
 ONA Safety Director

Congratulations to our New Citizens on Patrol!

Oakridge was well represented at the January Citizens on Patrol (COP) training with our Garland Police Officers. An additional ten new COPs will be conducting patrols around Oakridge to help keep our neighborhood safe.

The group was 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.

We will be recruiting for the next class. For those interested in Citizens on Patrol, please contact us at safety@oakridgena.org or Officer Pesta at PestaM@garlandtx.gov. More information and required background form can be found at www.garlandpolice.com/gov/lq/safety/police/cop.asp.

Every single one of our 1166 households are part of Crime Watch by simply knowing your neighbors and calling 911 for an active crime or contacting the non-emergency number at 972-485-4840 when you see suspicious activity.



Congratulations to the January 2019 COP class

Siren Alerts notifying residents of incidents in our neighborhood are available to anyone who has subscribed or would like to be added. Send a message to safety@oakridgena.org if you would like to receive the Siren Alerts. Monthly Crime Stats are posted under Resident Resources on the ONA Website at 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.



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Municipal Bond Election Set for May 4

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

On February 5, the Garland City Council voted to send eight bond propositions to the voters on election day May 4. The eight bond propositions include funding for streets, public safety, storm drainage, parks and recreation, libraries, economic development, an animal shelter, and municipal facilities. Overall, the entire bond proposal includes \$423.7 million worth of funding for our city.

I had the honor of serving as Deputy Chairman on Garland's Bond Study Committee, which was a group of 19 citizens who was tasked with sifting through the initial \$1.2 billion worth of potential projects bond projects and making a recommendation to the city council on what projects should be proposed on a ballot. I became the de facto chairman of the Bond Study Committee after the Chairman—Former Garland Mayor Ron Jones—became ill and spent several months in the hospital.

Over many months and numerous presentations from city staff, city boards, and citizens, we soon realized the desperate need for additional funding of city infrastructure and programs the bond would provide. The need was largely created by the spending cuts necessitated due to the Great Recession and housing crisis of the past decade.

Our recommendation was for the highest level of projects—\$475 million—that the city could handle without affecting the city's high bond rating. After

some city council discussion, the final number came down to \$423.7 million reflected in the chart below.

Among the streets projects considered include the reconstruction of Holford Road, Naaman School Road and Shiloh Avenue, and programs to improve traffic flow and safety. Public safety projects include rebuilding Fire Stations #1, #6, and #7, a new police evidence facility, and safety improvements to the police headquarters. Storm drainage projects include various drainage improvements around the city focusing on areas with Class A flooding (water entering homes or businesses).

Parks and recreation projects include the reconstruction of Holford Recreation Center, park lighting improvements and field upgrades. Library projects include the modernization of all libraries in the system and the reconstruction of the South Garland Library Branch.

The municipal facilities proposition would fund a new street department facility and a transportation and sign operations shop. The animal shelter proposition would provide funding to replace the existing animal shelter which is over 50 years old.

The economic development bond money would fund the Neighborhood Vitality Program, revitalization of commercial shopping centers, and provide funding for land bank purchases to spark economic growth.

District 7 City Councilman and mayoral candidate Scott Lemay will be at the ONA General Meeting February 28 to answer any questions.



May 4, 2019 Bond Election Propositions	
Item	Amount
Streets and Transportation	\$122,250,000
Drainage and Flooding	\$47,350,000
Parks and Recreation	\$117,750,000
Libraries	\$21,000,000
Public Safety	\$51,350,000
Municipal Facilities	\$6,000,000
Animal Shelter	\$12,000,000
Economic Development	\$46,000,000
TOTAL	\$423,700,000

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Love Was In the Air with the Daytimers in February

by Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

The home of Gloria Turner was the perfect setting for the February meeting of almost forty Daytimers who came for fellowship, food and fun. All three were available to enjoy during the meeting with the theme, "Love Letters."

President Shirley Heald, recognized leaders of the interest groups for announcements, birthdays and concerns.

Sandra Stevens introduced the speaker, Dave Lieber, the consumer advocate journalist for the Dallas Morning News and the author of eight books. This Watchdog educated and entertained the attendees with stories of his introduction to Texas, how his journey with a quilt influenced his life and love.

He also discussed how to recognize a scam. His main advice to prevent being taken advantage of was to "ask questions" and contact him if you cannot resolve the issue.

Next month on Tuesday, March 13th, come to the home of Jan Perry Loyd at 2929 Oak Point at 10:00 AM to hear Master Gardener, Debbie Rothermel from North Texas Garden Design. She will give information and answer your spring lawn questions.

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 at shirleyheald@verizon.net (469) 387-5641.

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