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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

Thank you all who braved the cold weather and came out to the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) General Meeting on February 28. It was great to see some longtime Oakridge residents come out and a few new residents come and join the ONA after moving to the neighborhood a short while ago.

At the meeting, Neighborhood Patrol Officer Tommy Barnes congratulated Oakridge and the Citizen's On Patrol (COP) program for reducing crime in the neighborhood by 70% over the past few months.

He asked residents to lock and remove valuables from their cars, as many crimes in the area have been car burglaries. He also stated that it is quite dark at night in the neighborhood and residents may consider installing lighting to eliminate dark areas where bad guys may hide at night.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor-elect Scott LeMay provided information on the eight propositions on the May 4 ballot relating to the bond program.

LeMay also said that news regarding ownership of the Baylor Garland Hospital may be announced soon.

As for ONA business, the nominating committee led by Dianne Winter was confirmed unanimously. The committee includes residents Chris Byers, Heather Englebretson, Joanne Williams, and ONA Board representative Keith Engler. Elections for ONA Board positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and District Director in districts 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7 will be conducted at the May General Meeting. If you wish to nominate a candidate or yourself for a position, please contact Dianne Winter at mdkwinter@verizon.net.

Proposed bylaw revisions were passed unanimously, and the newly approved Bylaws are available on the ONA website at oakridgena.org under the Resident Resources tab.

Thank you also to all Oakridge residents who came out to our March 16 Pot-"Luck of the Irish" spring festival. Bagpiper Beth Ann Meriwether performed Scotland the Brave, Amazing Grace, and other songs for us, and everyone enjoyed Mark Edwards's sloppy joes.

It has come to my attention that some residents are not receiving their newsletter and haven't been for quite a while. Specifically residents on Hearthsides Lane, Overview Lane and Peakwood Drive. I have spoken with the post office and hopefully this has been sorted out. You can always view the newsletter on our ONA website oakridgena.org.

Finally, it has been an honor serving as president of the ONA over the past year. I think we have accomplished a great number of things, including organizing many more neighborhood activities which have brought the neighborhood together.

I will not be running for reelection as ONA President as I am now councilman-elect for City of Garland District 7 with no opponent in the May 4 election. It will be a great honor for me to continue to serve Oakridge and the City of Garland in this new capacity.

I look forward to the new challenge and will, as always, invite your compliments, comments, and criticisms. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 713-677-4999 or dylan.hedrick@gmail.com.



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David's Meat Market is a Cut Above

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

As the weather gets warmer and grilling season is upon us, I head down to David's Meat Market located at 4010 N. Jupiter to fill my barbeque pit. David's Meat Market is a recent sponsor of the Oakridge Newsletter, and they specialize in premium cuts of pork and beef.

Owner Devon McDougall bought the store from his grandfather David Harris almost four years ago, and the 37 year old business hasn't missed a step.

In fact, McDougall grew up in the butcher shop with his high chair strapped to the butcher block at age two. A few years later, he was helping place pricing labels on packages, and he was handed his first set of butcher knives at age 12.



Owner Devon McDougall busy at the butcher block.



The current seasonal scene that adorns the windows of David's Meat Market.

McDougall is surrounded by coworkers who are family and friends he grew up with in the shop. Now the tradition of quality and customer service continues with his generation.

"We have over four decades of butcher experience between us," McDougall said. "We can't compete with the big box stores on price and we don't want to. We are unapologetic about quality."

Along with a variety of steaks and chops, McDougall says his best sellers are many of the 17 kinds of sausage made on site, including chorizo, bratwurst, and green apple cider.

Driving by on Jupiter Road, you may also notice the seasonal paintings which adorn the windows of the shop.

"We have a gentleman who comes in every quarter and paints a new scene for

the three major holidays for that period," McDougall said. "It draws attention to the place, and I've seen people stop and take their pictures in front of it. It certainly is a good advertiser."

Next time you plan a barbecue, be sure to stop by David's Meat Market and be sure to tell them you saw the advertisement in the Oakridge News.





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Daytimers Get Ready for Spring with Garden Tips

by Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

Jan Perry Loyd celebrated her birthday by hosting the Daytimers on March 12th. With rain sprinkles and green sprinkles for St Patrick 's Day, the attendees enjoyed the food provided by the hostesses and the fun and fellowship that occurs.

After several announcements and the appointment of the nominating committee, Susan Conner introduced Deborah Rothermel from North Dallas Garden Design. Rothermel is multi-talented, but her focus was to educate the group about the plants and the design used for landscaping. With anecdotes throughout, her main message was "do not trim the crepe myrtles as you do." She answered questions about garden pests and the treatments to get rid of them.

Daytimers are looking forward to the next gathering at the home of Miriam Forster, 2902 Oak Point Drive, on Tuesday, April 9th at 10 am. Come visit this group and bring a neighbor.

At the April meeting more announcements will be made about the May luncheon. The Daytimers will celebrate their twentieth anniversary on Monday, May 13th. Bring \$10 for members and \$20 for guests for your reservation. Look in your closet or go shopping to find a hat for this big event in May.

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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