



# Oakridge News

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## ONA Membership Drive

by the ONA Membership Committee

Last month we began our ONA Support/Membership drive for the new fiscal year of June 1st through May 31st.

There are 2 ways to join or renew:

1. Go to our website ([www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org)) and click on the blue "JOIN THE ONA" button; or
2. Complete the Support/Membership form (provided in this newsletter) and mail it to us with your check.

## Membership Door Prizes!

by the ONA Membership Committee

This year the ONA Membership Committee is pleased to offer "door prizes". To be eligible to win, you must submit your payment *no later than July 1, 2020*.

Winners will be selected in a random drawing conducted by the ONA Membership Committee. The names of the winners will be published in the newsletter.

The door prizes include:

- 7 free haircuts – *Studio Hair Salon*
- 1 free haircut – *Blue Sky Salon*
- \$20 gift card – *Haystack Burgers*
- 2 free watch batteries – *Noble Fine Jewelry*
- \$50 – *David's Meats*
- \$40 toward grooming – *Paws & Claws*
- \$100 Intelisonic toothbrush – *Monarch Dental*
- 9-piece Mojito glassware & shaker set – *Ace Mart Restaurant Supply*
- 2 coolers – *Home Depot*

We are thankful to these businesses for providing us with these prizes. Please consider supporting these businesses as you are able.

## Crime Watch Thank You

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Director

The Oakridge Crime Watch team would like to say a big "Thank You" to the following people who - this past month - have gone above and beyond:

- **Golden Chick** - for providing 100 box lunches to the Garland Police Department (see page 2 of this newsletter for more details).
- **Rebecca Chanez and Melanie Busby** (aka Easter Bunny) - for coordinating the Easter Caravan through Oakridge and inviting our COPs to participate. (Check out the photos at [www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries/#EasterCaravan](http://www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries/#EasterCaravan))
- **Our Citizens On Patrol (COPs)** - for the increased patrols during COVID-19 and for joining the Easter Caravan fun.
- **All our Crime Watch members on every street** - for walking, watching, and reporting suspicious activity to keep us all safe. Together we are making a difference!

As always, please feel free to contact us with your Crime & Safety questions at [safety@oakridgena.org](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org).

## City of Garland Resources

Source: [garlandtx.gov](http://garlandtx.gov)

### Virtual Recreation provided by Park Services

<https://www.garlandtx.gov/3728/Stay-Play-Virtual-Recreation>

### Virtual Programs provided by the Library

<https://www.garlandtx.gov/3729/Virtual-Programming>

## Annual Meeting

*Rescheduled!*

The General Membership Meeting (also called the "Annual Meeting") which was scheduled for May has been rescheduled.

See "ONA Annual Meeting" on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

## ONA Annual Meeting

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

The final ONA General Membership Meeting of the fiscal year (also referred to as the “Annual Meeting”) is customarily held in the month of May and is the meeting where current ONA Members vote to elect the Board of Directors for the coming fiscal year. This year, due to the current social distancing requirements and out of a concern for the health of our community, the ONA Board has decided to:

1. host the Annual Meeting online through Zoom (which will allow ONA Members to visually vote with a show of hands); and
2. move the meeting to the end of June in order to allow sufficient time to communicate information to ONA Members about the online format and to allow the Nominating Committee adequate time to complete their task of finding candidates for the Board.

We look forward to having your support as we start the new membership year. As details are finalized we will post them on our website, on NextDoor, and through email (for those who have email addresses on file). We will also provide more information in the June newsletter. If you have concerns or questions, we invite you to contact the Board at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org).

## Serve on the ONA Board

by the ONA Nominating Committee

Are you interested in serving on the ONA Board? The ONA Nominating Committee would love to talk to you! To learn more about the positions that are open and how you can become involved on the Board, contact Cheryl Jones at [jonesclj@verizon.net](mailto:jonesclj@verizon.net) or 214-437-9132.

## Volunteer with the ONA

Volunteering with the ONA is a chance to invest in your neighborhood and make new connections with neighbors. The ONA has several committees - all of which could use a few new recruits.

- Communications
- Crime & Safety
- Environmental
- Events
- Membership



If you are interested or would like more specific information about the volunteer opportunities available, please email us at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org).



## Golden Chick Feeds GPD

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Director

Did you know that Oakridge has a connection with the Golden Chick at Jupiter/Buckingham? We do! In fact, we are so grateful for Golden Chick, Freddie and Colby Montemayor, and all they do to support our community.

Golden Chick has provided box lunches as part of the Jimmy Meyers Memorial Golf Tournament - which has been played at Duck Creek Golf Club. The money raised in the tournament goes to deserving Richardson Berkner student athletes who reflect the character of this well-liked student athlete who tragically lost his life to a drunk driver back in the 1990s. Several of our current and past Oakridge residents are parents or grandparents to recipients of this scholarship.

Our Oakridge Crime Watch Director, Berkner’s “Coach Nichols”, helps coordinate this tournament which was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Instead of providing lunches for the tournament, we asked Golden Chick manager Colby Montemayor (a Berkner alum) to see if this kind of donation could be used to show our appreciation to the men and women of the Garland Police Department.

On behalf of Oakridge Crime Watch, we would like to say a big “Thank You” to Golden Chick for donating 100 box lunches to the Garland Police Department in appreciation for everything they do to keep us safe. The next time you drive thru Golden Chick (Jupiter/Buckingham), please thank them on behalf of the Oakridge community!

## Ribbons of Support

Ribbons are appearing on trees all around the country to show support for the medical professional on the frontlines of COVID-19. Color seems to vary around the country with most areas using white or blue. However, some cities are going with a rainbow of colors. Feel free to choose a favorite!





# Supporting your neighborhood is like investing in your home.

## What the Oakridge Neighborhood Association does

- Sources and hires qualified landscape contractors to mow, water, trim, remove trash from, and maintain your entrances and perimeter.
- Creates, prints, and mails a monthly newsletter.
- Maintains our neighborhood Website.
- Plans, organizes, and funds social activities
- Partners with our Neighborhood Police Officer and Citizens on Patrol to provide crime and safety information.
- Welcomes new residents and delivers a "Welcome Basket" containing community information.
- Plans, organizes, and funds three General Membership meetings.
- Coordinates holiday meals and treats from Oakridge residents to the Garland Police Department and Fire Stations 3 and 11.
- Decorates entrances during Christmas and on flag days.
- Attends quarterly meetings and civic events hosted by the City of Garland.
- And more...



A neighborhood that is attractive, well-maintained, safe, and vibrant can raise the pride of its residents and increase the value of the homes in it. The goal of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association is to ensure Oakridge is one of those exemplary neighborhoods.

ONA is NOT a mandatory HOA - it relies on the **voluntary** support of Oakridge residents to accomplish its mission.

### Nothing happens without your support!

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## ONA Support Levels

**Please consider your level of support.** Giving more than the Good Neighbor Level could mean improvements to our entrances, new landscaping designs, more events, a better newsletter, and more. Let us know your vision for Oakridge!

- \$60      Good Neighbor Level
- \$100      Crepe Myrtle Level
- \$250      Maple Level
- \$500+      Oak Level

An ONA flag will be placed in your front yard to indicate your support.

# Thank you for supporting the Oakridge Neighborhood Association!

Please print/fill out completely

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First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your information will be used for ONA communication purposes **ONLY** and will **NEVER** be given to anyone else.

First Time Supporter

Renewal

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In the event that a neighborhood directory is published, the ONA has permission to include my information.

## Invoice

\$60+ Good Neighbor Level Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\$100+ Crepe Myrtle Level Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\$250+ Maple Level Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\$500+ Oak Level Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method

Check/Money Order

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PayPal

PayPal link on ONA website:  
**[oakridgena.org/join-us/](http://oakridgena.org/join-us/)**

## Please, now get involved!

Areas of interests (check all that apply)

Officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)

Crime Prevention/Safety

District Directors

Holiday Decorations  
(Installation, Removal)

Membership (Welcome Committees)

Events Planning (Annual Events, Block Parties)

Communications (Newsletter, Website)

Grill/Chef/Cook

Environmental (Landscape, Sprinklers, Walls)

Mail check or money order (no cash) and completed form to:

**Oakridge Neighborhood Association**

**PO Box 450145**

**Garland, TX 75045-0145**

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## Immediate Need for Volunteers!

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Committee Director

Do you have experience with landscape lighting or irrigation (sprinkler systems)?

The Oakridge Community has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with sprinkler system repairs and maintenance of entrance lighting. You will be part of a Team, the Environmental Committee, dedicated to the appearance of the Oakridge Neighborhood. Contact Environment@OakridgeNA.org.

## Landscape Theft

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Committee Director

The Environmental Committee continues to work hard to improve the many medians and entrance beds in Oakridge. Therefore, it was with great dismay we recently found that some of the plants had been taken from one of the Oakridge entrances. (The thieves were captured on camera.)

This type of situation puts a strain on our already limited resources. We are thankful that residents and visitors to our neighborhood enjoy the many colorful plants in our landscape and we are happy to provide information on where those plants can be purchased. If anyone would like more information on our landscape plants, please contact us at environment@oakridgena.org. We will be more than happy to provide that information!

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The 2020-2021 Oakridge Neighborhood Association Membership Drive is underway! Join online ([www.oakridgena.org/join-us](http://www.oakridgena.org/join-us)) or complete the membership form included in this newsletter and send it with your check by mail.

## The ONA Board ([info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org))

- President, Scott Barnes .....602-791-2492
- Vice President, Mark Edwards.....972-414-8525
- Secretary, Sharon Parrish .....469-939-2270
- Treasurer, Keith Engler .....972-834-0096
- District 1 Director, Mary VanPelt ..... 972-496-1744
- District 2 Director, Paula Griffin .....214-403-6300
- District 3 Directors, Dotty Moseley .....214-703-3532  
and Lila La Grassa .....972-530-8618
- District 4 Director, Keta Woods .....469-877-7009
- District 5 Director, Michelle Mizerak .....214-962-7795
- District 6 Director, **vacant**
- District 7 Director, Sharon Carlton.....972-345-9741
- Communications, Heather Englebretson .....214-562-7857
- Crime & Safety Committee, Joan Nichols .....214-543-2546
- Environmental Committee, David Parrish ....469-733-6089
- Events Committee, **vacant**
- Membership Committee, **vacant**

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### Oakridge Women's Club

by Libby Morse, Oakridge Women's Club

The next Oakridge Women's club virtual meeting will be May 7th at 7:30 PM. Please contact Libby Morse for the Zoom information: 972-523-3069

New members welcome.

### Being Neighborly

by Mary VanPelt, ONA District 1 Director

I would like to offer a special thanks to Moses Montemayor, a District 1 resident, who helped me bag 31 trash bags of leaves. I was so grateful for his help! He was just driving by and thought he could help. What a wonderful example of neighbor helping neighbor!




### 2020 Census

Have you completed the 2020 Census yet? If not, go ahead and take 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire (<https://my2020census.gov/>). Census data is used to inform a lot of decisions about funding and representation for each State. Let's make sure our corner of North Texas is counted!

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