



Oakridge News

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Welcome to Oakridge

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

Are you new to the neighborhood? Welcome!

Have you heard about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) yet? In 1992, Oakridge residents formed the ONA as a way to stay connected about crime and safety issues, promote neighborliness in the community, and maintain the entryways and grass around the perimeter of the neighborhood.

Twenty-eight years after its establishment, the ONA volunteers continue to dutifully care for the entryway landscaping, provide regular crime and safety updates through the Siren Alert emails and on the website, distribute an informative newsletter, and coordinate social events (when social distancing restrictions are not in place).

One of the lesser-known services of the ONA is providing welcome bags for new residents. These bags, which display the City of Garland logo, typically contain several items from the City of Garland such as brochures, refrigerator magnets, and other promotional items. They also contain a brochure about the ONA as well as a recent Oakridge newsletter and a membership application.

It can be quite a challenge figuring out who is new to the neighborhood, which means we sometimes miss our chance to welcome our newest neighbors. Maybe you arrived just this week or perhaps you moved into the neighborhood several years ago but never received a welcome bag. Either way, let us know so we can send you a welcome bag. Contact us by email (info@oakridgena.org) or reach out to a district director (phone numbers are on page 2 of this newsletter).

Welcome to the neighborhood!

Welcome to Oakridge (Hindi)

Hindi translation by Vikram Parag Shah

क्या आप पड़ोस में नए हैं? आपका स्वागत है!

क्या आपने ओक्रीज नेबरहुड एसोसिएशन (ONA) के बारे में सुना है? 1992 में ओक्रीज निवासियों ने अपराध और सुरक्षा के मुद्दों से जुड़े रहने, समुदाय में पड़ोस को बढ़ावा देने और पड़ोस की परिधि के आसपास प्रवेश मार्ग और घास को बनाए रखने के लिए ONA का गठन किया।

अपनी स्थापना के अट्ठाईस साल बाद, ONA स्वयंसेवक एंटीवे लैंडस्केपिंग की देखभाल करना जारी रखते हैं, सायरन अलर्ट ईमेल के माध्यम से नियमित अपराध और सुरक्षा अपडेट प्रदान करते हैं और वेबसाइट पर, एक सूचनात्मक समाचार पत्र वितरित करते हैं, और सामाजिक घटनाओं का समन्वय करते हैं (जब सामाजिक प्रतिबंध समाप्त हो गए होंगे)।

ONA की सेवाओं में से एक, नए निवासियों के लिए स्वागत बैग का उपहार है। सिटी ऑफ गारलैंड लोगो वाले इन बैग्स में आमतौर पर गारलैंड शहर के कई आइटम होते हैं जैसे ब्रोशर, रेफ्रिजरेटर मैग्नेट और अन्य प्रचारक आइटम। इस बैग में एक ONA ब्रोशर, वर्तमान ओक्रीज न्यूज़लेटर और एक सदस्यता आवेदन भी है।

एक चुनौती यह है कि, पता लगाया जाए कि पड़ोस में कौन नया है, जिसका अर्थ है कि हम कभी-कभी अपने नए पड़ोसियों का स्वागत करने का मौका चूक जाते हैं। हो सकता है कि आप इस सप्ताह पड़ोस में शामिल हुए या शायद आप कई साल पहले शामिल हुए, लेकिन आपको कभी भी स्वागत बैग नहीं मिला। हमें बताएं ताकि हम आपको एक स्वागत योग्य बैग भेज सकें। हमें ईमेल से संपर्क करें (info@oakridgena.org) या एक जिला निदेशक तक पहुंचें (फोन नंबर इस समाचार पत्र के पत्र 2 पर हैं)।

पड़ोस में आपका स्वागत है!

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Video Crime Watch Program. Have you added your name to the Video Crime Watch Program yet? See page 3 for details.

ONA Door Prizes. Are you looking for the July 1st winners of the Door Prizes? See page 4.

JOIN

oakridgena.org/join-us

The 2020-2021 Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) Membership Drive is underway! Now is the time to show your support. Join the ONA or renew your support through our website: www.oakridgena.org/join-us.

2020-2021 ONA Board

- President, Scott Barnes602-791-2492
- Vice President, Michelle Mizerak214-962-7795
- Secretary, Sharon Parrish469-939-2270
- Treasurer, Keith Engler972-834-0096
- District 1 Director, Mary VanPelt 214-868-9854
- District 2 Director, Billy Ray Thomas.....214-734-1017
- District 3 Directors, Dotty Moseley214-703-3532
- District 4 Director, David Whittington214-892-8939
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- District 6 Director, Brett Trutna214-274-5251
- District 7 Director, Sharon Carlton.....972-345-9741
- Communications, Heather Englebretson214-562-7857
- Crime & Safety Committee, Joan Nichols214-543-2546
- Environmental Committee, David Parrish469-733-6089
- Events Committee **Vacant**
- Membership Committee **Vacant**

Parking Regulations

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

The City Marshals are the officers who go out and issue tickets for parking violations. You may have noticed a bit more leniency during the pandemic, but this does not mean enforcement has dropped to zero. The City Marshals are still issuing tickets.

If you have a ticket to pay or you just need to brush up on the City parking laws, visit: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/3668/Neighborhood-Parking-Enforcement>.

Here are a few parking laws you may not be aware of:

- It is illegal to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- It is illegal to park within 20 feet of a crosswalk.
- It is illegal to park within 30 feet of an intersection control device (flashing sign, stop sign, etc.).
- It is illegal for the right-hand wheels of the vehicle to be more than 18" from the curb (which means you cannot park against the flow of traffic on a street).

ONA Membership Flag



This year's ONA membership flag color is blue. When you renew or join for the current 2020-2021 membership year, your District Director will place a blue flag in your yard.

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Oakridge Hands at Work

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Committee

We are so THANKFUL for the Environmental Committee volunteers that help keep our neighborhood beautiful! There are the “old-timers” who have been with us through thick and thin, and a handful of “newbies” who recently joined us and got right to work. The volunteers are listed below, along with any entryways they may help maintain. We have also noted a few of the “hats” they wear; friendship and support “hats” are just as valuable as the brawn and landscape work!

“Old-timers”

- Mary & Chip VanPelt: Ridge Oak entrance, purchasing, counseling, sangria, old time rock and roll
- Keith Engler - Diamond Oaks entrance, electrical & sprinklers, ONA checkbook
- Mary Battaglia - Big Oaks & Richland entrances, sprinklers
- Kent Crenshaw - Laurel Oaks entrance, flags, chipper personality
- Joanna & Phil Albright - Overview entrance
- Jane Mayers - Greenview entrance
- Orville & Sally Wiess - flags
- Anne & Balon Bradley - Diamond Oaks entrance, happy hour
- Jared Parrish - brawn
- Mark Edwards - backup, moral support
- Scott Barnes - Richoak entrance, leadership, calm demeanor
- David Parrish - Environmental Director, multiple entrances (Winding Oak, Laurel Oaks, & Richoak), trash, trees, whatever

Newbies

- John Kelbe - Big Oaks & Richland entrances, sprinklers
- Michael Devanney - Richland entrance, flags
- Bruce Hard - electrical, lights

Future Volunteers (*we have been looking everywhere for you!*)

- **Your Name** could go here and be deeply appreciated! No experience needed. We will put your talents to good use. *Join us!* (environment@oakridgena.org)

Need Mulch?

If your garden needs some mulch, help yourself to the free pile of mulch in the parking lot of Duck Creek Golf Club.

A big thanks to Duck Creek Golf Club and Brent Hurt for offering this mulch to Oakridge residents!

Oakridge Daytimers

by Jan Reed, Oakridge Daytimers

The Oakridge Daytimers is open to any female resident of Oakridge for the purposes of getting to know your neighbors and to learn more about events and leaders in the Garland community. We also support our Oakridge Neighborhood Association and first responders throughout the year.

Normally, Daytimers meet the second Tuesday morning of each month from September through May. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have not yet determined when our meetings will resume. If you would like more information, contact Jan Reed at jkreed58@gmail.com.

Our new 2020-2021 slate of officers, ready to serve you, are:

President - Chris Beyers
Meeting Coordinator - Betty Cosgray
Treasurer - Peggy Crenshaw
Program Co-Director - Ann Williams
Program Co-Director - Jane Mayers
Meeting Correspondent (ONA Newsletter) - Jan Reed
Email Messenger - Betty Cavender
Name Tags - JoAnn Williams
Gifts - JoAnn Williams
Birthdays - Sharon Carlton
Illness/Sunshine - Margaret Fowler
Digital Media/Shutterfly - Suzanne Snow
Special Event Announcements - Gail Durbin

Video Crime Watch

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Director

Have you added your surveillance camera to the Garland Video Crime Watch Program yet? If enough Oakridge residents join the program, we will receive plaques to display beneath Crime Watch signs throughout the neighborhood, officially declaring we are a Video Crime Watch neighborhood.

This program:

1. is strictly voluntary.
2. does NOT provide police direct access to any surveillance system.
3. helps GPD more quickly identify cameras that may have captured footage in the area where a crime occurred. (If the police believe footage from your camera may be helpful, they will contact you using the contact information you provide.)

To add your camera(s) to the map, go to the GPD website (www.garlandpolice.com/331/Police) then scroll down to the “Garland Crime Watch Video” section.



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ONA Membership Cost

by ONA Membership Committee

How much does it cost to join the ONA?

While memberships are just \$60 a year (if paid through PayPal, there is a process fee of \$2.50), residents are welcome to contribute more than \$60. Any additional money is applied to our beautification fund. This year, the extra support enabled us to update the neighborhood entrances by removing aging perennials, planting additional colors, trimming trees, updating the lighting, and even adding in decorative river rocks. Join online: www.oakridgena.org/join-us Thank you for your support!

ONA Door Prizes

by the ONA Membership Committee

All residents who renewed their support or joined the ONA on or before July 1, 2020 were automatically entered into a drawing for one of several door prizes. The 2019 and 2020 ONA Board members were not eligible for the drawing. Names were drawn by ONA member Chip VanPelt. Door prize winners are listed below in the order in which they were drawn:

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| Robert & Donna McDonald | Lynn Fox |
| Linh & Huynh Nguyen | Hung Cao & Ng Do |
| James & Gwendoline Aaron | Ronald & Sylvia Smith |
| Gordon & Jackie Reynolds | Annette Bird |
| Chris & Jill Williams | Robert & Ann Williams |
| Beth Winstead | Hoang Tran |
| Bob & Sharon Eppler | Eddie Kimble |
| Tom & Dorothy West | Marquece Brown |
| Carl & Shirley McBride | |

We want to extend a big "Thank you!" to the following local businesses for donating the door prizes:

- Ace Mart Restaurant Supply (3201 Beltline Road)
- Blue Sky Salon (Cali Saigon Mall)
- David's Meats (4010 N Jupiter Road)
- Haystack Burgers (100 S Central Expressway)
- Home Depot (2140 N Jupiter Road)
- Monarch Dental (3325 E Beltline Road)
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