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Oakridge Events

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

As we look toward the cooler weather of autumn, the ONA has planned a couple of events to give Oakridge residents an opportunity to get out of their homes and greet their neighbors. The details are below.

Oakridge Walk & Greet Sunset Stroll

Friday, September 18th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

In Greece, there is a tradition that brings much of the population out of their homes at sundown to stroll up and down the main street or – on the islands – along the shore. This tradition is known as the *Volta*. Please join us on Friday, September 18th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for our own version of this sunset stroll. Take a walk through the neighborhood or simply have a seat outside with an icy beverage as you greet passing neighbors. The ONA board members will also be strolling through the neighborhood and they look forward to meeting both new and familiar faces.

Oakridge National Night Out Caravan

Tuesday, October 6th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

RSVP at www.oakridgena.org

Make your front yard a front seat as we celebrate National Night Out. This year the ONA is coordinating a Crime & Safety caravan which will include our Citizens On Patrol (COPs) and members from the Garland Police and Fire Departments. Bring out your lawn chairs, some snacks and drinks, and even decorations and signs to welcome the caravan as it comes down your street. The caravan will begin in the Duck Creek Golf Club parking lot and will wind its way through Oakridge. Please RSVP for this event (go to www.oakridgena.org) so we can make sure the caravan visits your street!

Oakridge Events (Hindi)

Hindi translation by Vikram Parag Shah

ओक्रीज इवेंट्स

जैसे हम ठंडे मौसम की ओर बढ़ते हैं, ओएनए ने ओकरीज के निवासियों को अपने घरों से बाहर निकलने और अपने पड़ोसियों को मिलने के लिए कई कार्यक्रमों की योजना बनाई है।

ओकरिज वॉक और ग्रीट सनसेट स्ट्रोल

शुक्रवार, 18 सितंबर, 6: 30-8: 00 बजे।

ग्रीस में, एक परंपरा है जो अपने लोगों को अपने घरों से बाहर टहलने के लिए और मुख्य सड़क पर या नीचे - द्वीपों पर - किनारे पर टहलने के लिए कहती है। इस परंपरा को वोल्ता के नाम से जाना जाता है। कृपया इस सूर्यास्त टहलने के हमारे अपने संस्करण के लिए शुक्रवार, 18 सितंबर को शाम 6: 30-8: 00 बजे तक हमसे जुड़ें। जैसे ही आप पास के पड़ोसियों को बधाई देते हैं, पड़ोस के माध्यम से टहलें या एक बर्फीले पेय के साथ बाहर एक सीट लें। ONA बोर्ड के सदस्य भी पड़ोस में टहल रहे होंगे और वे नए और परिचित चेहरों से मिलने के लिए उत्सुक हैं।

ओकरीज नेशनल नाइट आउट कारवां

मंगलवार, 6 अक्टूबर, 6: 00-7: 30 बजे।

www.oakridgena.org पर RSVP करें।

इस साल ONA एक क्राइम एंड सेफ्टी कारवां का समन्वय कर रहा है जिसमें हमारे नागरिक ऑन पैट्रोल (COPs) और गारलैंड पुलिस और फायरविभागों के सदस्य शामिल होंगे। जैसा कि हमने अपनी पहली नेशनल नाइट आउट मनाने की योजना बनाई है, अपने सामने वाले यार्ड को आरामदायक बनाने के लिए जगह बनाएं। अपने लॉन की कुर्सियों और कुछ सैक्स को बाहर लाएं। कारवां के स्वागत के लिए सजें। कारवां डक क्रीक गोल्फ क्लबपार्किंग में शुरू होगा और ओक्रीज के माध्यम से अपना रास्ता तय करेगा। कृपया इस कार्यक्रम के लिए RSVP (www.oakridgena.org पर जाएं) ताकि हम यह सुनिश्चित कर सकें कि कारवां आपकी सड़क पर आए।

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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
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ONA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 24th, on Zoom

6:30 - log on & visit with other members

7:00 - meeting begins

Zoom link will be sent by email & will be available at www.oakridgena.org

A Personal Note on Diversity

by Mary VanPelt, District 1 Director

When our sons were in high school, they were accepted into the North Garland Math and Science program. In that program they both signed up to be in the medical part of the program. They loved everything about it: the teachers, the classes, the hospital rotations, and especially their classmates! Our house was a hub of their gatherings during that time. I would come home from work and the house would be full of kids. Everyone was welcome. I was surprised to see that my house looked like the North Garland UN (United Nations).

This was so different from my own childhood. I grew up in the Midwest in a small town of 300 people; there was no diversity of race or culture that could easily be seen. However, I had been raised by my parents to respect all races of people. Consequently I have always wondered why our nation struggles with problems between different nationalities and cultures. After all, we are all *people*.

In 1981 I moved to the Dallas area and found myself in a melting pot of cultures and races. Garland, in particular, is one of the best cities in the nation for cultural diversity; something I can see in our own neighborhood. I realize that sometimes language is not an easy thing to overcome, but surely we can all wave and smile. Thinking back to the "North Garland UN", I wonder if perhaps we can learn something from the younger generations. In my house those kids did not see a different race or a different skin color, all they saw were friends! Somehow, they figured it out, what about us?



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Bulky Trash Trucks

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

The bulky trash (also called brush and bulky goods or waste) collection day is Tuesday. So why have we been seeing bulky trash trucks on both Monday and Tuesday? Has our bulky trash day changed? No, the bulky trash day has not changed. *Bulky trash collection is still on Tuesday.* As for the trucks you see driving around on Mondays, City Councilman Dylan Hedrick helped us get to the bottom of that mystery.

Apparently, the citizens of Garland are producing more bulky trash this season (an increase of almost 7,000 tons so far this year). In order to stay on top of the increase, and to improve overall efficiency, the EWS (Environmental Waste Services) crews are starting their collections on Monday and finishing on Tuesday. They are testing this new approach to see if it is effective in keeping up with the increased tonnage, while reducing overtime expenses. As for the rest of us, we should continue putting our bulky trash out on Tuesday as always.

Thank you to the EWS crews for working hard in this heat to keep our streets clean!

JOIN or RENEW
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
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ONA Treasurer Opportunity

by Keith Engler, ONA Treasurer

Do you love working with numbers and have a knowledge of QuickBooks and Excel? The ONA Treasurer position may be a good fit for you. I am currently the ONA Treasurer, but plan to transition out of this role this year. The ONA Fiscal Years runs June 1st – May 31st, therefore, the ONA Treasurer is busiest during the months of April, May, and June when the bulk of the membership checks are being processed. Since we are in September, we are entering the slower time of year for the Treasurer, making this an ideal time for transitioning my replacement. I took over as Treasurer mid-season a few years ago, and I received help transitioning into the role. I would like to do the same for the incoming Treasurer. I already have a sound accounting system set up in QuickBooks and a well-received reporting and budgeting system in Excel.

If anybody wants to give back to their community, loves working with numbers, and has knowledge of QuickBooks and Excel, then please step forward to be the next ONA Treasurer. Please contact the ONA Board for more information (info@oakridgena.org).

Seeking Beautification Input

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Director

The Environmental Committee wishes to thank all the ONA members who donated to the Beautification Fund! We are now preparing a plan for the efficient use of those Beautification dollars for this membership year. What kind of things do we want to include in the plan? Currently, we are looking to plant seasonal color in the fall and spring, replace a few aging shrubs, tackle sprinkler system and electrical issues at several entrances, and expand the native landscaping along the Ridge Oak median. We plan to use volunteers as much as possible thereby offsetting some of the labor costs.

Those are the ideas we have so far, but we would love to hear from you. Do you have any ideas for how we can efficiently and effectively use the Beautification funds for our neighborhood? Please send your ideas to environment@oakridgena.org.

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Parking & Code Violations

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

In the last few months, the City of Garland has shown leniency in issuing notices for Code Violations and tickets for Parking Violations. However, that grace period has come to an end. You may want to take a quick look around your property for code violations. Here are 3 common violations:

- Tree limbs and shrubs in the alley must be trimmed so they do not extend more than one foot from the fence and up to 14 feet high from the ground.
- It is unlawful to allow a fence to lean more than 10 degrees or to have missing, loose, or broken slats or panels.
- Twelve inches is the height limit for grass and/or weeds.

For a more complete list of common violations, visit: <https://garlandtx.gov/293/Common-Violations>

For more information on parking enforcement, visit: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/3668/Neighborhood-Parking-Enforcement>

Resources for Assistance

Source: City of Garland website

From loss of income to debilitating depression and anxiety the damage from the pandemic reaches far beyond the immediate health crisis of the virus itself. If the pandemic has left you in need of assistance, the City of Garland has posted these resources on their website.

Texas 211 (search for food, housing, and more):

- <https://www.211texas.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

- 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK)
- <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>

Texas Mental Health Support Line:

- 833-986-1919
- <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use>

Veterans in Crisis:

- <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

For more information, visit: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/3715/COVID-19-Facts-Resources>

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