



Oakridge News

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Thanksgiving Meals

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Director

Oakridge has a long, 28-year history of bringing food and treats to first responders during the holiday season. This is a wonderful way for Oakridge residents to show their appreciation for the fire crews and police officers who work during a time when many families are home feasting and celebrating.

This month we are coordinating delivery of Thanksgiving items for the Garland Police Department and Fire Stations 3 & 11 (the stations that serve Oakridge).

Here are some ways you can be involved.

- 1) Make or purchase a food item.
- 2) Volunteer to help with delivery of food items.
- 3) Write a note of appreciation or have your children/grandchildren create notes or drawings showing appreciation for the fire crews and police officers.
- 4) Make a monetary donation (mail donation to: ONA, P.O. Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045).

Contact Jackie Reynolds (469-649-5799 or jackiesr@twc.com) to let her know how you would like to be involved.

Will you be the next ONA Treasurer?

The ONA is looking for a new treasurer for the upcoming membership year. This is a great opportunity for someone who:

- enjoys working with numbers
- knows QuickBooks and Excel
- wants to give back to their community

If this sounds like you, then please contact the ONA Board about becoming the next ONA Treasurer (info@oakridgena.org).

Thanksgiving Meals (Hindi)

Hindi translation by Vikram Parag Shah

ओक्रीज में छुट्टी के मौसम में पहले उत्तरदाताओं के लिए भोजन और व्यवहार लाने का एक लंबा, 28 साल का इतिहास है। यह इस तरह है कि ओक्रीज निवासी फायर कू और पुलिस अधिकारियों के लिए अपनी प्रशंसा दिखाते हैं। ये प्रतिनिधि ऐसे समय में काम करते हैं जब कई परिवार घर में दावत और उत्सव मना रहे होते हैं।

इस महीने हम गारलैंड पुलिस विभाग और फायर स्टेशनों 3 और 11 (ओक्रीज की सेवा करने वाले स्टेशन) के लिए धन्यवाद वस्तुओं के वितरण का समन्वय कर रहे हैं। यहां कुछ तरीके दिए गए हैं, जिसमें आप शामिल हो सकते हैं।

- 1) खाने की वस्तु बनाना या खरीदना।
- 2) खाने की चीजों की डिलीवरी में मदद।
- 3) सराहना के एक नोट लिखें या अपने बच्चों को फायर कू और पुलिस अधिकारियों के लिए सराहना दिखाने वाले नोट्स या चित्र बनाएं।
- 4) नकद दान (मेल दान: ONA, P.O. बॉक्स 450145, माला, TX 75045)।

जैकी रेनॉल्ड्स से संपर्क करें (469-649-5799 या jackiesr@twc.com) उन्हें यह बताने के लिए कि आप कैसे शामिल होना चाहते हैं।

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Oakridge Holiday Decorations

Each year, following the Thanksgiving holiday, the ONA board members volunteer to put up holiday decorations around the neighborhood. These decorations add a touch of holiday cheer to the Oakridge entryways and the bridge over the golf course.

If you happen upon these holiday “elves” as they are in the process of decorating, be sure to wave “hello”!

JOIN or RENEW

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Remember that memberships need to be renewed each year. It's not too late to renew your membership for the 2020-2021 membership year. Visit our website to join or renew: www.oakridgena.org/join-us.

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Keeping Yards Beautiful

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Committee

Let's take advantage of the cooler temperatures to clean up our yards and keep Oakridge looking beautiful. From campaign signs to compost, we have a few resources to help you get started.

- Campaign Signs.** What can you do with those political campaign signs for your favorite candidates? The Internet is loaded with dozens of great ideas for using those old signs - just search for "reuse of campaign signs". Some ideas include:
 - Reuse - Paint the sign and use it for another occasion (such as a Birthday celebration or your next Garage Sale).
 - Recycle - Garland residents may place the corrugated-plastic sign tops (without wire stakes) in their curbside recycling carts (i.e., your Blue Bin). *Important: make sure to REMOVE the wire stakes before placing signs in the recycling bin.* Wire stakes can be taken to Garland Recycling Center at 1426 Commerce Street.

Reference: Green Source DFW, <https://www.greensourcedfw.org/articles/where-recycle-campaign-signs-north-texas>

- Composting.** Have you tried composting? It is an easy way to reuse grass, leaves, and vegetable scraps from the kitchen. And you will produce a wonderful additive to improve the clay soil in your flower beds. For more information, please visit the Texas A&M AgriLife-Water University Composting page at: <https://wateruniversity.tamu.edu/soil/composting/>.
- Gardening.** Spruce up your flower beds and trim your shrubs. Looking for a great place to get gardening tips. Have a question about what to plant or when to trim those shrubs? Check out the Dallas County Master Gardeners for tips, questions, virtual training, and a speaker's bureau. DCMG website <https://dallascountymastergardeners.org/>

Oakridge Night Out Caravan

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee

The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups. Due to the pandemic, we had to come up with a creative way to celebrate National Night Out within Oakridge this year. The solution was an Oakridge Night Out Caravan.

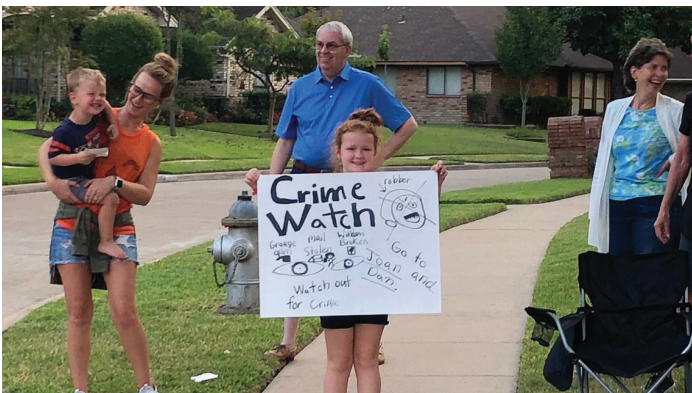


Thanks to all who came out to support a great National Night Out. It was wonderful to see the beautiful diversity of residents within our neighborhood - families with young kids, older people (but young at heart), dogs (and cats), and unsuspecting walkers (and golfers) - all out showing their appreciation of our Garland Police.

A special thanks to Garland Police (Officer Barnes, Officer Pesta, Lieutenant Hall) and our COPs (Jackie & Cheryl Jones, Mark Edwards, Dotty Moseley, Lee & Vickie Litton).

We appreciated the homemade signs, the Halloween treat bags, and everyone waving from their homes and front yards. We know our youngest residents are especially thankful for Officer Barnes and his endless supply of stickers.

Visit the photo gallery on the Oakridge Website (<https://www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries/>) to see more photos like this one of our Junior Crime Watch honoree with her crew on Oak Springs!



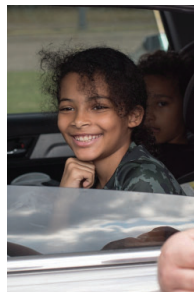
Visit the ONA photo gallery for more photos! Scan the QR code (left) or go to <https://www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries/>

Oakridge Food Drive

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Director

The Oakridge Food Drive for Good Samaritans of Garland (held on October 18th) was a great success. **The total amount of donations collected in Oakridge tipped the scales at a whopping 1,029 pounds!** THANK YOU to the many residents that came by the Duck Creek Golf Club parking lot to make a donation!

We have plenty of wonderful photos from the event, so be sure to visit our online photo gallery (<https://www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries/>) or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page).



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Oakridge Daytimers

by Jan Reed, Oakridge Daytimers

Although we are currently still unable to gather for our Daytimers meeting, we hope that you make it a point to get outside and enjoy this fabulous weather. The fresh air, sunshine, and mild fall temperatures should boost your spirits and offer a bit of relaxation during these stressful times. The continued limitation of our social gatherings due to the ongoing virus situation is difficult to maintain, but we must continue to remember how fortunate we are to remain healthy and secure in our safe Oakridge neighborhood and comfortable homes.

The Daytimers Book Club continues book discussions through Zoom meetings. After a slow start, I think we are now getting the hang of Zoom meetings thanks to the expertise of Suzanne Snow. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, contact Peggy Crenshaw at 469-371-1618. We meet the third Friday morning of each month.

Our president, Chris Beyers, has been asked when she thinks we might be able to resume our Daytimers meetings. She says we will assess the situation on a month to month basis and will resume meetings as soon as it has been determined safe to do so by Dallas County health officials. Until then, if you are new to the Oakridge Neighborhood, and have any questions, feel free to contact me (Jan Reed) at jkreed58@gmail.com.

Mental Health

If you or someone you know needs help, contact NAMI North Texas at (214) 341-7133.

If a person poses AN IMMEDIATE THREAT OF DANGER to themselves or someone else, call 911.

www.nami.org

Remember to Lock Your Car

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee

Thieves often look for easy targets such as unlocked cars and garage doors that have been left open.

While Oakridge has a very low crime rate (hooray!), the few incidents that do occur often involve unlocked vehicles.

Please remember to LOCK YOUR CAR and remove any valuables (such as guns, packages, shopping bags, etc.). Let's keep Oakridge from being an easy target!

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