

Duck Creek Cleanup

by Melanie Busby, ONA District 5 Director

On Sunday, November 8th, at 8 a.m., a group of 19 people (8 Oakridge, 1 Richardson, and 10 GISD NHS students) contributed their time and good will to help clean up the creek near the Diamond Oaks bridge on Duck Creek Golf Course. Our new Duck Creek Golf Club owners, Brent Hurt and Steve Johnson, worked with us to provide safe access to the creek and to ensure the filled trash bags were picked up and removed. It was so rewarding to see so many different people working together to improve the health and beauty of our creek. We hope to make this a monthly event on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-9:30 a.m. (depending upon weather and any COVID-19 changes).

There will NOT be a cleanup day for December. Future cleanup opportunities will be posted on NextDoor. If you have any questions, please text Melanie Busby at 972-989-2253. *NOTE: If you own or have access to a kayak, please contact Melanie Busby (972-989-2253).* Thanks to everyone helping to keep our waterways clear!



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Garland Alert System

Source: City of Garland website. Link is provided in article.

The City of Garland has changed its emergency notification system from CodeRED to the Garland Alert System. This new system allows you to select the types of alerts you wish to receive and it gives you an opportunity to provide additional information that notifies responders of unique circumstances, needs (e.g., medical conditions or physical limitations), and even emergency contact information in the event that you are incapacitated.

Be sure to register with the new system so you don't miss out on any alerts.

To register with the new system, you can:

- visit <http://garlandtx.gov/3789/Garland-Alert-System>; or
- call 972-781-7272 for assistance.

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Holiday Safety Tips

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee Director

As we enter the holiday season, keep safety in mind with these tips:



- 1. Lock your car** to help deter thieves who are looking for an easy target.
- 2. Remove valuables** from your car including holiday packages, shopping bags, guns, electronics, money, medicine, and jewelry.
- 3. Report suspicious activity.** If you see suspicious activity or something (or somebody) that seems out of place, call the non-emergency number at 972-485-4840 (or call 911 for an emergency situation or a crime in progress). Remember to include details that go beyond race and gender such as behavior, vehicle description, location, time of day, hair, clothing, identifying marks, etc. Share any security camera video that might help with Officer Barnes at BarnesT@garlandtx.gov.
- 4. Vacation Watch Request** (free for Garland residents). If you plan to be out of town, consider having *Volunteers in Policing* check your home while you are gone. Complete the Vacation Watch Request form online (<https://www.garlandtx.gov/640/Volunteers-in-Policing>).
- 5. Discourage Porch Pirates** with the following:
 - Track deliveries online and quickly retrieve packages from your porch as soon as they are delivered.
 - Have packages delivered to your office building or a remote pickup site. Amazon has several hub lockers around the city. FedEx and UPS also offer similar options.
 - Ask your neighbor to collect packages from your porch when you are away from home.
 - Get a video doorbell (such as Nest or Ring). They may not always stop a Porch Pirate in their tracks, but they can help police identify them later.

Video doorbells can also be added to the Garland Video Crime Watch program by visiting the website: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/331/Police>.

As always, please feel free to contact us with your Crime & Safety questions at safety@oakridgena.org.

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For emergencies and crimes in progress: 911

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Disposal of Holiday Items

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Committee Director
(Adapted from Garland website. See link at bottom of article.)

There is a right way and a wrong way to dispose of holiday decorations. Keep reading to learn more.



Christmas Tree (natural) -- This item is accepted for Brush collection. Remove all tinsel, lights, decorations, tree stands, and plastic bags from Christmas trees prior to setting outside for collection.

Christmas Tree (artificial) -- If in usable condition, consider donating your artificial tree to a charitable organization to brighten up the holidays for their clients. Otherwise, this item is accepted for bulky goods collection.

Placement of Brush and Bulky Waste for Collection -- Bulky waste should be set out in separate, distinct piles from brush, bagged grass, and leaves. Brush and bagged grass and leaves should also be placed in separate, distinct piles. Brush (including grass and leaves) should NEVER be placed in your green trash cart.

Christmas Lights -- Lowe's stores offer a convenient receptacle to drop off your old holiday lights for recycling. If you do not plan to recycle them through Lowe's or another Christmas Light Recycling program, then place them in your green trash cart. *Do not place Christmas lights in your blue recycle bin.*

Christmas Decorations -- Put this item in your green trash cart. Please bag all garbage to prevent litter.

For details on the City of Garland waste services, visit: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/3663/Environmental-Waste-Services>.

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Oakridge Daytimers

by Jan Reed, Oakridge Daytimers

Although we still are unable to currently gather in person for monthly Daytimers meetings, we hope that you are able to stay in safe contact with your neighbors when out walking or playing golf.

Although we aren't meeting right now, Daytimers members are still giving back to the community. We supported the Oakridge Neighborhood Association's efforts to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to our neighborhood fire stations and snacks to our closest police department. Daytimers specifically contributed the desserts and snacks. It is not too late to contact president Chris Beyers if you would like to help at Christmas.

As soon as Dallas County health officials determine it is safe to meet in groups again, we will resume gathering on the second Tuesday morning of each month. 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 or president Chris Beyers at Cbeyers2000@yahoo.com, 214-697-9541.

Garland Recovery Resources

Source: City of Garland website. Link provided in article.

The City of Garland is connecting citizens with the resources they need during the challenges brought on by the current pandemic. The City of Garland's website includes links for financial assistance (rent, mortgage, utilities, medical), mental health services, meal delivery for homebound seniors and disabled adults, various services for seniors, and more. Visit <https://garlandtx.gov/3739/Recovery-Resources> for more information.

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