

Oakridge News

Special Edition 2014



Welcome to Oakridge—

A Letter from your ONA Board of Directors

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) welcomes you to our community. Whether you rent or own, you are our neighbor and we want you and your family to feel at home in our neighborhood. This is a community of diverse backgrounds and interests that makes the effort to keep Oakridge a clean, safe and pleasant place to live.

The ONA is a non-mandatory corporation classified as an IRS Section 501(c)(4) entity. We are registered as such with The State of Texas and The City of Garland, TX. Our board of directors meets monthly while general membership meets three times annually. Our monthly newsletter lists times and dates of meetings, covers progress updates and reports current events. We encourage you to become active members of our Oakridge Neighborhood community. The annual membership fee covers the monthly newsletters, annual phone directory, landscape maintenance of the common areas, our website www.oakridgena.com, and special events. We ask for a minimum of \$60 per year in membership dues. Any portion of a membership payment exceeding \$60 is placed into the neighborhood beautification fund.

For those who have sustained membership, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support. If you were members once and have not recently participated, we ask that you please rejoin. We miss and need your continued involvement. Lastly, for those who are not yet members, we would love to see you join. New perspectives for the ONA are welcome and needed. Let's all do our part to ensure Oakridge is a clean, safe, and pleasant neighborhood for many years to come. Thanks for your support.

The ONA Board of Directors

Special Instructions — Please see pg 3 for 2014-15 Membership Invoice/Application. Also on pg 4 is important information regarding the upcoming ONA Neighborhood Picnic. Don't miss out on a great chance to get to know the neighbors better!

Page 3—Please fill out Invoice entirely. We are making a concerted effort to update the membership spreadsheet with information as provided by our residents. Once completed either mail back to ONA at PO Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045-0145 OR you can bring the Invoice along with a check to the Picnic on May 22.

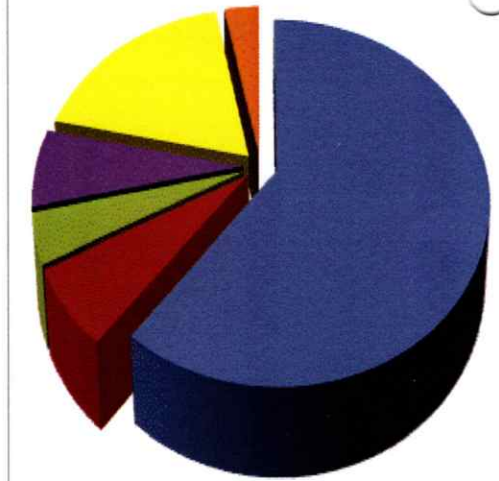
Page 4— Check out the details on the ONA Picnic. See you there!

Did you Know? — There are 6,000 linear feet of landscaping for which the Oakridge Neighborhood Association is wholly responsible to keep mowed, lit, powered, watered and maintained. The City of Garland has not, does not, and will not do so. It is up to we... the few, the proud, the members of ONA!

Oakridge Neighborhood Association—

"Fast Facts"

ONA – A Snapshot of Your Dollars at Work



Landscaping & Utilities 61%
 Repairs 6%
 Invoicing 4%
 Events/Activities 6%
 Newsletter 18%
 Other Activity 5%
Total Annual Dues \$60 per family (projected FY2015)

•The ONA is a corporation classified as an IRS Section 501(c)(4) not-for-profit entity.

•We are a non-mandatory neighborhood association.

•ONA is registered as a tax-exempt organization with the State of Texas making us exempt from:

- (a) The Texas franchise tax
- (b) The Texas sales and use tax.

The first is of no value since ONA would always file a zero Franchise tax due return. Where the bang for every ONA dollar spent is not to pay the 8.25% sales tax primarily to (a) our landscape maintenance firm (a \$1,000 per year savings) and (b) to our printers (about another \$600 per year savings).

•The ONA is run 100% by dedicated volunteer officers, district directors, committee heads (Membership, Environmental, Safety, and Communications), and the at-large volunteers that assist from time to time. (No one is compensated)

•All the time and efforts by every predecessor and our current group of volunteer folks are indeed priceless and truly appreciated! ONA also thanks our advertisers who help defray the costs of producing our newsletter and directory. Please thank all when you see them.

Key ONA Expenditures as Follows

	<u>FY '10</u>	<u>FY'11</u>	<u>FY'12</u>	<u>FY'13</u>	<u>FY'14</u>	<u>FY'15 (projected)</u>
# of Members (Of 1163 homes)	482	438	465	461	380	418
Landscaping	28,301	23,207	20,317	17,435	17,937	21,643
Newsletter	7,947	6,864	7,791	5,748	6,727	6,590
Directory	1,148	1,696	1,152	1,152	0	1,124
Repairs	1,654	2,295	3,606	2,953	189	2,400
Activities/Events	4,232	974	1,402	0	662	2,500
Invoices	2,716	1,226	1,961	1,354	1,184	1,567

* Mowing, edging, trimming, trash pickup, water, and electric for sprinkler systems at each of our nine Oakridge entrances and over 6,000 linear feet of perimeter grass, shrubs, and trees surrounding Oakridge is overwhelmingly our primary expenditure.

****City of Garland has not, does not, and will not mow or maintain ONA common areas, sprinklers, lighting, electricity, etc. It is up to our membership dues to keep care of these areas****

Invoice

(Membership from June 1, 2014-May 31, 2015)



Please mail your minimum \$60.00 payment (no cash) for your non-mandatory annual dues along with this fully completed Membership Invoice to:

**Oakridge Neighborhood Association
PO Box 450145
Garland, TX 75045-0145**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check or Money Order #: _____
(Amounts over \$60.00 will be added to the Neighborhood Beautification Budget** - thank you!)
Note – go to www.oakridgena.org to pay using **PayPal** – a \$2.00 convenience fee is added

Specify your contact information - **Please fill out completely** so we can update information
for membership directory, email will not be published):

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Spouse Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone(s): _____
Email: _____

YES NO

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- Please include me in the ONA Phone Directory.
- I understand that my email will **NEVER** appear in the Directory, and will be treated in a confidential manner.
- ONA will use the email for communication purposes ONLY.
- I am a First Time Member – welcome to the ONA!
- I am a Reinstating Absentee Member – welcome back to the ONA!
- I am a Returning Member – we thank you for your continued support!
- I am willing to HELP as a Volunteer occasionally...
The talents I can provide are _____

ONA membership is not mandatory but your support is vital, allowing ONA to fund continued services such as:

- Mowing, edging, trimming, trash cleanup, water/sprinklers, and electricity/lighting at the nine Oakridge entrances and 6,000 linear feet of perimeter grass, bushes, and trees surrounding Oakridge.
- **Note – The City of Garland has not, does NOT, and will not maintain these areas. It is up to the members of The ONA.**
- Social activities such as Picnics, Block Parties, and Community Events & Projects
- Welcome Baskets to all new residents
- Monthly Neighborhood Newsletter
- Annual Membership Directory whether you choose to be listed or not
- Neighborhood Website with expanded information beyond the Monthly Neighborhood Newsletter about our community and surrounding area PLUS every edition of the Monthly Neighborhood Newsletter ever published
- General Membership Meetings
- Christmas Decorations at Entrances and on the Duck Creek bridge

****Neighborhood Beautification Budget goes toward trees, shrubs, seasonal color, and associated landscape expenses.****

Join quickly to put your funding to work AND to be included in the ONA Directory!

Important Note
RE: Watering
Restrictions!!!

Join the
ONA Today!
PayPal

Oakridge Neighborhood Association
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Garland, TX 75045-0145

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Water restrictions continue throughout the City of Garland. We are ONLY to water on our scheduled RECYCLING days AND we MUST NOT water between the hours of 10AM to 6PM ! Thank you for your attention and compliance regarding this matter.

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— Community Wide Picnic and Membership Meeting: May 22, 2014 —

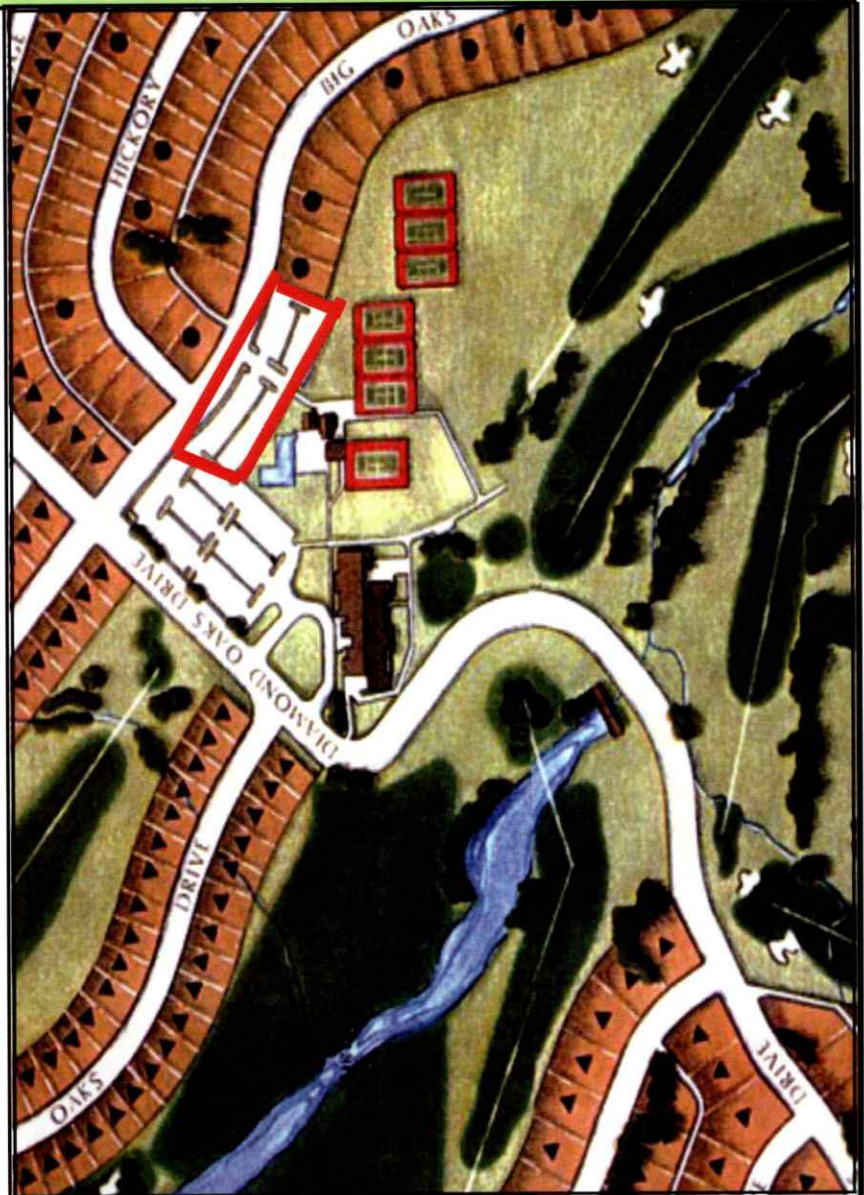
Please make sure that Thursday, May 22nd is marked on your calendar "ONA neighborhood picnic". Hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served from 5:30pm – 6:45pm in the Duck Creek parking lot near the tennis courts. We are very excited to have this different social event before the general meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. This will be a great time to see old neighbors that have been hibernating during this cold winter and to meet new neighbors. Remember, new ONA officers will be elected at this meeting also.

And while you are at the picnic; take the opportunity to check out Duck Creek Golf Course if you have not already stopped by the course. Duck Creek Golf Course staff will be on hand to answer questions about the different golf privileges you can enjoy in our neighborhood.

Always a big supporter of the ONA; the Daytimers have agreed to whip up some special treats for us to enjoy after your burger. Nobody bakes like these ladies!! You will also have the opportunity to renew your \$60 dues for the coming year at this meeting.

Wow, with all you can accomplish at this event how can you not be there??

Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer to help set up, or serve burgers or clean up after the picnic, please call Sherri Ruthford at 972-496-5454.



In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled and meeting will commence in the Duck Creek Golf Course Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM. No one likes soggy buns!

NEW TO OAKRDIGE?! consider this a personal invitation to meet your neighbors and learn more about the ONA!