The Flag Race is On!

by Cecile Labossiere, ONA Membership Director

As we begin our Membership Campaign, we invite you to join the ONA by going online (<u>www.oakridgena.org/join-us/</u>) or by completing the membership form included with this newsletter. When you join the ONA, an ONA Member Flag will be placed in your front yard.



As an incentive to join, the ONA will be conducting Weekly Prize Drawings (May 17th-July 5th) for residents that join the ONA for the 2021-2022 membership year.

The ONA would also like to challenge our Oakridge residents with a Membership District Flag Race. During the membership drive the ONA will track the percentage of residents who join in each of the 7 Oakridge districts. At the conclusion of our Membership Drive on July 11th, we will have a Winning District Grand Prize Drawing (held on July 12th) that will only include the residents that live in the district with the highest percentage of ONA members.

Beginning May 17th, track your district's progress on the ONA website where we will post weekly updates. We will also post updates in the June and July newsletters.

Want to win a prize? Join early so you can be entered in the weekly drawings!

Feeling Competitive? Join and add a flag to your yard, then ask your neighbors and friends to join too. Wouldn't it be great to have the most flags on your street!

Feeling Proud? Membership results will be posted on the website, through email blasts, and in the newsletter! Help your district win and get bragging rights!

Want to support the neighborhood? It's easy to think someone else will contribute and support the ONA and, as such, carry the financial responsibility in caring for and maintaining our neighborhood. But wouldn't you rather be a part of the solution while also having fun with the Flag Race and a chance to win prizes?

Membership District Flag Race Prize Information

Weekly Prize Drawing:

- Drawings will be held every Monday starting May 17th and ending Monday July 5th.
- The weekly prize drawing pool will include all residents that have become ONA members for the 2021-2022 membership year. (If you join early you will have multiple opportunities to win.)
- Winners will be notified and the winning names will be posted on the ONA website.
- Board members will be excluded from all drawings.
- Weekly Prize Winners will be excluded from future weekly drawings. However, if a weekly prize winner is part of the district that wins the flag race, that member will be eligible for the grand prize along with other ONA members in the winning district.

Winning District Grand Prize Drawing:

- Drawing will be held on Monday July 12th.
- The Grand Prize Drawing pool will only include residents from the Oakridge district with the highest percentage of residents that are members.

Please support us and join today via the website (<u>www.oakridgena.org/join-us/</u>) or you can complete the paper form in this newsletter and mail us your donation.

Your district is counting on you!

Are you a New Oakridge Resident?

Contact us at info@oakridgena.org to receive your free welcome bag!

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ONA General Membership Meeting

May 27th (Thursday), 7 p.m., online

ONA Members are invited to come and vote on the 2021-2022 board nominees and proposed budget.

Board nominee bios, handouts, & the meeting link are available online at <u>www.oakridgena.org</u>

ONA Pop-up Events

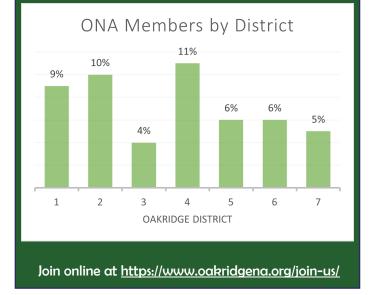
During the Membership Drive the ONA District Directors will be hosting pop-up events in their districts. These are wonderful opportunities for residents to meet their district directors, ask questions, learn more about the ONA, or grab a goodie bag.

All pop-up events will be hosted outside and will be announced through email and posted on NextDoor and the ONA website (<u>www.oakridgena.org/</u>).

Join the ONA!

Is your district winning?

During the membership drive look for this chart in each newsletter to track your district's progress.



Oakridge Plant Swap

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Directors

Sunday, May 23, 2021, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the north end of the Duck Creek Golf Club parking lot (near the stop sign).



Do you have an abundance of plants that could use a little thinning out?

Would you like to share cuttings of your favorite plants?

Are you looking to replace plants that died in the hard freeze?

Would you like some cuttings of your neighbor's plants?

Are you interested in chatting with experienced gardeners and other plant lovers?

Then JOIN US for a Sharing of Plants!

Spend some time with your neighbors, learn from other green thumbs, and expand your plant collection without spending a penny! Who doesn't want that?

How does it work? Bring cuttings, seed packets, or even whole plants! Be sure your plants or cuttings are pest-free. Take the plants out of pots if you are keeping the pot.

Bring a bag to take home cuttings or bring your own pots to put new plants in.

Label your plant or cutting with its NAME and how to care for it. Make your own labels or use templates. Here is one example of a template: <u>http://lavenderjulep.com/</u><u>wp-content/uploads/2019/05/plant-care-cards_LavenderJulep.pdf</u>.



Oakridge Entrances

by the ONA Board

Our brutal February cold snap left many of our Oakridge entrances in need of landscape maintenance, repair, and planting. We are in the process of addressing these problems.

Thanks to the contributions of our ONA members, we have the necessary funds to take care of these unexpected landscape issues. *We greatly appreciate the ONA members supporting our efforts!*

(Note: The ONA is not responsible for the repair and maintenance of the perimeter wall as it is legally considered private property.)

Trash Tips

Source: <u>http://www.garlandtx.gov/</u>

Our trash and recycling pick-up are handled by the City of Garland's Environmental Waste Services department.

They have a big job to do, so let's help them out by remembering the guidelines for setting out our trash.

Don't mix it up. Separate the bulk from the brush. Bulky items (like that old office chair you are getting rid of) should be at least 4 feet away from the loose branches recently pruned from your tree.

Know your recycling. Do not throw plastic bags, to-go containers, hoses, wires, chains, or styrofoam into the blue recycling cart. For a complete list of acceptable items for the recycling cart, visit:

https://www.garlandtx.gov/429/Recycling.

To bag or not to bag?

- Bag your trash before putting it in the trash cart to keep the wind from blowing it out of the container as it gets dumped. (This also helps keep your trash cart clean.)
- Do NOT bag the items in the recycling cart; leave them loose. The only exception to this is shredded paper which should be bagged in a clear bag first.

For more information on the City's Environmental Waste Services visit their website:

http://www.garlandtx.gov/3663/Environmental-Waste-Services

Parking Enforcement

Source: http://www.garlandtx.gov/

Just a friendly reminder that the Garland City Marhsal's Office is actively issuing tickets for parking violations.

A first offense carries a \$25 fine, a second offense will be \$50, and all subsequent offenses will be \$75.

IMPORTANT - You will NOT receive an email notification to pay your parking ticket. All violation notices will be sent by regular mail and posted on the vehicle.

To report a parking violation, use Garland eAssist (available at GarlandTX.gov or as an app through Google Play and Apple).

For additional information visit:

http://www.garlandtx.gov/Parking.





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Supporting your neighborhood is like investing in your home.

What the Oakridge Neighborhood Association does

- Sources and hires qualified landscape contractors to mow, water, trim, remove trash from, and maintain your entrances and perimeter.
- Creates, prints, and mails a monthly newsletter.
- Maintains our neighborhood Website.
- Plans, organizes, and funds social activities
- Partners with our Neighborhood Police Officer and Citizens on Patrol to provide crime and safety information.
- Welcomes new residents and delivers a "Welcome Basket" containing community information.
- Plans, organizes, and funds three General Membership meetings.
- Coordinates holiday meals and treats from Oakridge residents to the Garland Police Department and Fire Stations 3 and 11.
- Decorates entrances during Christmas and on flag days.
- Attends quarterly meetings and civic events hosted by the City of Garland.
- And more...



A neighborhood that is attractive, well-maintained, safe, and vibrant can raise the pride of its residents and increase the value of the homes in it. The goal of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association is to ensure Oakridge is one of those exemplary neighborhoods.

ONA is NOT a mandatory HOA - it relies on the **voluntary** support of Oakridge residents to accomplish its mission.

Nothing happens without your support!

ONA Support Levels

Please consider your level of support. Giving more than the Good Neighbor Level could mean improvements to our entrances, new landscaping designs, more events, a better newsletter, and more. Let us know your vision for Oakridge!

\$60 Good Neighbor Level
\$100 Crepe Myrtle Level
\$250 Maple Level
\$500+ Oak Level

An ONA flag will be placed in your front yard to indicate your support.

Thank you for supporting the **Oakridge Neighborhood Association!**

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