



Oakridge News

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Support for Officer Barnes

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee Director

We are so grateful for the generosity of our Oakridge community. We raised \$8,000 for Officer Barnes (our Neighborhood Police Officer for the past ten years) as he battles a rare form of breast cancer.

We presented a check for Officer Barnes through the *Garland Police Never Walk Alone Foundation* (a charitable organization that helps Garland police officers who are battling illness and struggling to keep up with the medical and travel expenses associated with the treatments).

Oakridge has a 29-year history of doing things for First Responders during the holidays, traditionally in the form of meals or food. However, this year we had a very special mission as we joined together to support Officer Barnes in his fight against metastatic breast cancer.



You can learn more about the *Garland Police Never Walk Alone Foundation* through their Facebook page or in *The Garland Texan* online (<https://thegarlandtexan.com/foundation-helps-meet-health-needs-of-gpd-employees/>).

A Letter From Officer Barnes

Dear Oakridge Family,

When the cancer word is heard in your own diagnosis, the first response is of fear and dread. However, through the prayers and support my wife Angie and I have received from Oakridge during this challenging time; I am certain I'll come through this trying time stronger than ever because I have such amazing friends who have filled my days with faith, hope, thanksgiving, and most important your prayers.

I'm so overwhelmed with emotions from the beautiful cards and donations that I've received from the Oakridge Neighborhood, that I'm unable to express my deepest gratitude.

Seeing the generous support so many have given to my family during this illness, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for the kindness and assistance you've provided us. The emotional Get-Well Cards, the visitations, the prayers, and encouraging words, etc., shows me that I have an extended family that puts love into action!

I can't explain my gratitude like I feel it but from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you, thank you!"

To Joan and Dan Nichols, my wife and I can't say enough of the love you've shown us! I want to thank you personally for spearheading the fundraiser and the Get-Well cards.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, Thank You All!!!! I can't wait to get back to patrolling the Oakridge Neighborhood!!!

Sincerely grateful,
NPO Tommy Barnes

Oakridge Crime Stats

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee Director

Did you know that monthly crime reports for Oakridge are published to our Website every month? The final statistics for the year can be found in the December report at www.oakridgena.org/crime-watch-reports/. We are on track to have one of the lowest crime rates compared to previous years. Thanks to all of you for continuing to be watchful neighbors.

Oakridge prides itself on a long history of active involvement of its members in watching out for one another. The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA), through its Crime Prevention and Safety Committee, serves the ONA's mission to improve and maintain the quality of life in Oakridge.

Call 911 for an active crime or the non-emergency number at 972-485-4840 when you see suspicious activity. Siren alerts notifying residents of incidents in our neighborhood are available to anyone who has subscribed on our Website or by contacting us at safety@oakridgena.org.

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



Garland eAssist App

by H. Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

As residents, we often encounter things that need to be reported to the City. This includes missed trash collection, deceased animal in the road, broken streetlights, abandoned cars, and many other issues.

The Garland eAssist app is a fast way to report a wide range of *non-emergency* issues. Popular service requests include parking violations, potholes, streetlights (not traffic lights), trash on private property, graffiti, deceased animal, and standing water in meter box.

Once you submit a request, you will receive email updates letting you know when the request has been received and when it has been resolved. (Emails notifications will be sent to the email address you provide when you first sign up.)



You can access eAssist online (visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the yellow eAssist button) or you can download the free eAssist mobile app from the Apple and Google Play stores.

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ONA Positive Trend

by H. Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

ONA Memberships, beautification fund donations, and volunteer hours are some of the ways we can invest in our neighborhood.

So far this membership year (which began June 1st) we have seen an **increase in ONA memberships**. Additionally, we are so thankful for the **generous donations** for the Beautification Fund. Thank you to our new and returning ONA members and to those who have contributed to the Beautification Fund!

We still have plenty of room for **volunteers**. If you are interested in volunteering—informally or as a Board member for the upcoming membership year (beginning June 1st)—please contact us at info@oakridgena.org.

ONA Budget Update

by Keith Engler, ONA Treasurer

Note: The full budget for 2021-2022 can be found in the Financials section of the website (<https://www.oakridgena.org/>) under Resident Resources.

2021-2022 ONA Actual vs Budget as of 12/14/2021							
Category	Revenue	Membership	Beautification	Advertising	Interest	Events	Total
Category 1	2021-2022 Budget	\$ 18,146.28	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,746.28
	2021-2022 Actual	\$ 21,590.00	\$ 9,609.50	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1.59	\$ 25.00	\$ 33,401.09
	\$ Difference	\$ 3,443.72	\$ 9.50	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1.59	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,654.81
	Member Difference	57					
Category 2	<i>Mandatory Operating Expenses</i>			Monthly Budget	Months Remaining	Remaining Budget	
	Newsletter (June-Dec Paid)			\$ 212.30	5	\$ 1,061.50	
	Postage (Prepaid for Entire Year)			\$ 190.06	0	\$ -	
	Platinum Scapes (June-Nov Paid)			\$ 620.83	6	\$ 3,724.98	
	Platinum Scapes Beautification (June-Nov Paid)			\$ 800.00	6	\$ 4,800.00	
	Storage (Paid through May 2022)			\$ 102.00	0	\$ -	
	Avg Utilities per month estimated (June-Nov Paid)			\$ 350.00	6	\$ 2,100.00	
	3-Year Website Paid until April 2024			\$ 462.81	0	\$ -	
	Annual Bulk Mail Fee Due in June (Paid in June)			\$ 204.00	0	\$ -	
	Annual PO Box Fee Due in October			\$ 240.00	0	\$ -	
Total Operating Expenses Remaining						\$ 11,686.48	
Category 3	<i>Savings Balance</i>		\$ 18,000.61				
	<i>Events Budgeted</i>		\$ 950.00				
	<i>Events Spent</i>		\$ 389.00				
	<i>Events Balance</i>		\$ 561.00				
	<i>Ridge Oak Budgeted</i>		\$ 500.00				
	<i>Ridge Oak Spent</i>		\$ -				
	<i>Ridge Oak Balance</i>		\$ 500.00				
	<i>Checking Account Balance</i>				\$ 22,785.30		
	<i>Total Operating Expenses Remaining</i>				\$ (11,686.48)		
	<i>Special Events Money Remaining</i>				\$ (561.00)		
	<i>Ridge Oak Money Remaining</i>				\$ (500.00)		
	<i>Officer Barnes Fund</i>				\$ (5,115.00)		
	<i>Minimum Checking Account Balance to avoid fees</i>				\$ (2,000.00)		
<i>Operating Funds Remaining (deficit)</i>				\$ 2,922.82			

ONA Year At-a-Glance

Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA)

- **Fiscal Year:** June 1 - May 31
- **Membership Drive:** June-August
- **General Membership Meetings:** Unless there are extenuating circumstances, these meetings are customarily held September, February, and May
- **Electing new Board members:** This is done at the final General Membership Meeting of the membership year (typically held in May).
- **Board Meetings:** These take place monthly on the first Monday (except for August and December).

ONA Treasurer Opening

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

New to Oakridge?

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

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Downtown Garland

Source: www.GarlandTx.gov

Expect some detours in Downtown Garland during construction on the Square. It may be tempting to avoid the area altogether during construction, however, Downtown business owners want Garland residents to know they are still there and are open for business. Many businesses have already been hit hard with the pandemic, they are hopeful that the Downtown construction won't drive more customers away.

Storefront parking may not be available for some businesses during construction. Keep an eye out for signs directing you to available parking areas.

Construction is expected to take 18 to 20 months on the Downtown Square and up to 24 months on the streetscapes in the broader area. For construction updates, visit <http://garlandtx.gov/3888/Downtown-Square-Construction-Updates>.

Garland Watering Schedule

Source: www.GarlandTx.gov

November 1 through March 31, Garland water utility customers with an in-ground sprinkler system may water once per week. Customers have the flexibility to choose which day of the week to water.



Watering with a hand-held device, soaker hose, or drip irrigation is allowed any time on any day.

The City of Garland is currently operating under the Water Conservation Plan. For more information on the Water Conservation Plan, visit <https://www.garlandtx.gov/569/Conservation-Plan-Watering-Schedule>.

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ONA Raffle December Winner

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

Congratulations to ONA Members **Jane and Austin LaFlame**, winners of the December Member Raffle. They won a Goodie Bag from SF Supermarket (located in Cali Saigon Mall).

Our monthly raffle for ONA members is made possible by the generosity of these businesses. Please join us in supporting them in appreciation for their donations.

Baskin Robbins
Dallas Superstore-SF Supermarket
(in Cali Saigon Mall)
Frank Marino's Texaco
Griff's Hamburgers
Panda Express
Pizza Hut
West Washington Foundation

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Monthly Raffle Eligibility: All ONA Members (excluding current board members) are automatically entered for the monthly raffles. ONA Members cannot win twice in the same membership year.

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Oakridge Gentlemen

by Mark Edwards, Oakridge Gentlemen

The Third Meeting of the Oakridge Gentlemen—now with 16 members—took place at the Duck Creek Golf Club on Wednesday, December 15th, amid the sound of saws and hammers as the club continues its renovation program.

As General Manager Kevin Herod told us at the last meeting, tradesmen are working on restoring the club to its full potential.

As noted previously, new conference rooms and a full-service kitchen are being built for an all-day restaurant. No opening date has been set for these facilities. Meanwhile the current restaurant is open, and that's where the Oakridge Gentlemen meet.

Our guest speaker for the December meeting was Dylan Hedrick, District 7 City Councilman and Oakridge Resident. He reviewed the Power Blackout situation that occurred last February (it was the front page article of December's *Oakridge News*). Also discussed were street repairs taking place in Oakridge and better street lighting. Additionally, Dylan encouraged everyone to utilize the Garland eAssist App to report ANY problems—such as garbage pick-up, electrical outage, water problems, parking, etc.

Councilman Hedrick also discussed the Animal Shelter (about to open), improvements to the City Square, and so much more. We expect to have more of these one-on-one meetings in the future with other City and community leaders who can discuss the issues that affect us in Oakridge.

Also discussed: Creating the Oakridge Gentlemen's Evening Group to allow men who work during the day an opportunity to meet these community leaders.

The next meeting of the Oakridge Gentlemen will be held on the third Wednesday of January (the 19th), 10:30 a.m., at the Duck Creek Golf Club. As our guest speaker, we are hoping to have a someone from the Garland Public Health Department to present current information on Garland's response to the latest COVID variant.

All men in Oakridge are invited. Bring a friend. The coffee is on me (Mark Edwards).

Questions? Call Mark Edwards at 214-673-8908.

Oakridge Daytimers

by Sally Weiss, Oakridge Daytimers

Hot apple cider once again wafted through the air as we were welcomed into Margaret Fowler's festively decorated home for our December Christmas coffee. Food hostesses this month were Margaret, Chris Beyers, Pam Rouze, and Jan Perry Loyd. Thanks, ladies, although I don't think any of those delicious treats made the Weight Watchers' guidelines for the Holidays. In January we'll probably get celery and kale!

We all had a chance to share a special Christmas memory or two: some old, some recent, some a little sad, but most happy and funny. One, in particular, talked about a Christmas Eve of opening family gifts and collecting the used wrapping paper in a large box prior to Santa's visit. Then...there he was, first spotted outside one window, then another and another before, suddenly, he came bursting through the front door! Then the dear, sweet, completely inebriated Santa staggered into the room and fell headfirst into the box of wrapping paper!! Ho! Ho! Ho??

In January, we're looking forward to a visit from a local jewelry designer/creator who has done some beautiful work for a couple of our members. You won't want to miss it!

Daytimers is open to all female residents of Oakridge and meets on the second Tuesday of the month. After visiting, we welcome you to join us. Annual membership dues of \$20.00 are used for speakers, community support and the annual end-of-year luncheon. Any questions about joining us and the location of our next coffee may be directed to Chris Beyers at 214-697-9541.



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The Chinese New Year for 2022 (Year of the Tiger) falls on February 1st. Garland's very own Cali Saigon Mall often hosts celebrations for the Chinese New Year.

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Business-card-sized ads only.
Placement of ads in the newsletter is rotated monthly.
\$300 per membership year (June 1 - May 31).

Email communications@oakridgena.org for more information.

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