



Oakridge News

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Let's See Green!

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director



Our Membership Drive is underway and we are hoping to see a lot of green flags in the neighborhood this year. ONA participation is easy and—as a little incentive to consider joining—we are conducting raffles during the membership drive.

Monthly Membership Drawing

We will be conducting a Monthly Membership Raffle for April, May, and June, and residents who join the ONA will be eligible for the Monthly Drawings. Results will be posted on our website and in the newsletter. As you know, we are striving to increase participation in the ONA so we can continue our efforts to support the neighborhood. So let's try to beat last year's membership total and SEE GREEN!!!

Want to win? Join early so you can be entered in the monthly drawings!

Want to show your support? Join us and receive a green flag for your yard! Help the neighborhood SEE GREEN!

Feeling Competitive? Join us! Then ask your neighbors and friends to join too! Think about how great it would be 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!

District Race Drawing

We will also continue our District Race and we will have a raffle drawing in July which will include only the ONA members of the winning district.

Why not participate? 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. Why not be part of the solution?

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

Pop-Up Events

by the ONA Board

During the ONA Membership Drive, the ONA will be hosting pop-up events throughout Oakridge. All residents are invited to come enjoy free donuts and coffee, visit with neighbors, and ask questions about the ONA. (Even if you don't have any ONA questions, you are still welcome to come for the free treats!)

Pop-up events will be announced through email and will be posted on NextDoor and the ONA website (www.oakridgena.org).

ONA General Membership Meeting

May 26th (Thursday), 7 p.m., online

ONA Members are invited to come and vote on the 2022-2023 Board nominees and proposed budget. Meeting handouts, Zoom link, and the bios of the Board nominees will be online at www.oakridgena.org.

Nominees for the 2022-2023 ONA Board:

President – Billy Ray Thomas

Vice President – Vickie Litton

Treasurer – Veronica Brown-Corbin, Acting

Secretary – Sharon Parrish, Incumbent

District 2 – Sallie & Jack Lang

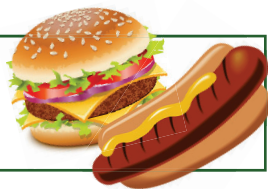
District 4 – Jackie Jones & Oliver Harter

District 6 – Ruba Qewar

Volunteer Needed for ONA Communications

The ONA is looking for a volunteer to serve as the **Director of Communications**, a position that includes producing the newsletter and managing the website. Contact communications@oakridgena.org for more information.

It's Back!!



Oakridge Spring Fling May 15th, 2-4 p.m.

After having to postpone our Oakridge Spring Fling for the past 2 years, we are excited to finally bring it back this spring! On **Sunday, May 15th, from 2-4 p.m., in the parking lot of the Duck Creek Golf Club**, join us for food, pets-for-adoption, and a chance to get together with other Oakridge residents.

All Oakridge residents are invited. The event is FREE, but we ask that you register so we know how many people to expect.

<https://www.oakridgena.org/spring-fling-2022/>

If you can help set up tables and chairs, please contact Jackie at jackiesr@twc.com.

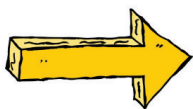
Newsletter Changes

by H. Englebretson, ONA Communications



QUESTION: How can the ONA...

- ↳ free up over \$2,000 in ONA funds?
- ↳ avoid increasing the ONA Membership dues?
- ↳ save over 300 pounds of paper year?



ANSWER: By reducing the number of times we print and mail hard copies of the newsletter each year.

The newsletter will continue to be published every month, but, starting June 1 (next month), **hard copies of the newsletter will only be mailed to the neighborhood on a quarterly basis.** All 1,166 homes in Oakridge will receive a hard copy of the newsletter in May, September, and January. For all other months, the newsletter will only be available online. This change allows the ONA to save money and reduce paper waste.

Each month, a link to the newsletter will be made available through NextDoor and by email (for those who have signed up for ONA emails).

A small number of hard copies will be available for residents who want to continue to receive a hard copy every month. If you wish to be added to the list to receive a hard copy every month, contact Heather Englebretson (communications@oakridgena.org; 214-562-7857).

Oakridge Gentlemen

by Mark Edwards, Oakridge Gentlemen

The April meeting of the Oakridge Gentlemen's Group was held on the 20th at the Duck Creek Golf Club.

Special guest was Brent Hurt, owner of the Club.

The Gents were curious about changes at the Club, and Brent had answers. As he stood beside the windows in the restaurant area, he motioned with his right hand indicating that—where he currently stood—there would eventually be doors opening to a patio overlooking the “practice” green. The dining room will similarly be provided with patio doors.

Certain greens are being improved. Trees are being trimmed and will be chipped. Those chips will be placed in the parking lot and available to the folks in Oakridge as “free” mulch (bring your own buckets and shovels)! Flowers will be “showing off” on the grounds, adding a bit of color.

The fireplace will be reworked to offer both sides in the vestibule. The dining room and kitchen are in the works, but probably won't be started until the fall. There are many other improvements in the works, but Brent said he would rather “not promise things until he is ready to deliver.”

Business at the Golf Course is an excellent value, already recognized by many people (just check out the busy parking lot). To address that success in laymen's terms, Brent is reinvesting his dollars into the Club.

The crew at the club is only 5 people. They could use some volunteers to help with things like cleaning up around the creek grounds after a heavy rain, being a “starter”, or being a marshal to make sure rules are observed. He will make the course and the driving range available to volunteers. Contact the Pro Shop for more information.

Next meeting for the Men's Group will be the third Wednesday in May (the 18th) at 10:30 a.m. Invite a friend. The coffee is on me. No dues for membership. For more info, contact Mark Edwards at 214-673-8908.



Report Suspicious Activity

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime Prevention & Safety Director

We always encourage Oakridge residents to report any suspicious activity to the Garland Police non-emergency number (972-485-4840). However, our residents are so thoughtful that they often do not want to report suspicious activity because they don't want to bother the police or even Officer Barnes (especially given his current health challenges).

While we love how thoughtful our residents are, please know that **this is not a bother to the police**. In fact, the suspicious activity you report may be helpful to them in tracking and solving other crimes. And though Officer Barnes is not patrolling right now, he is working with Investigations and continues to be very interested in helping Oakridge. So with that in mind, we offer the following reminders:

- *File a report for any crime no matter how minor. It offers a record and allows Officer Barnes to follow-up. He can check to see if other crimes were committed in the area during that same time period. If there is no report, follow-up is very difficult.*
- *Call the Garland Police non-emergency number (972-485-4840) for any suspicious activity. Don't be hesitant to call.*
- *Share any videos, pictures, or license plate numbers with Officer Barnes—even posting on NextDoor allows others to share related information. (Officer Barnes: 972-205-2042 or barnest@garlandtx.gov)*
- *Sign up for the Garland Video Crime Watch program so they can easily contact you and your neighbors to piece together a suspicious activity or crime. (A link to the program is on the Garland Police website: <http://garlandpolice.com/331/Police>.)*

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Oakridge Daytimers

by Sally Weiss, Oakridge Daytimers

Once again, we were welcomed into another lovely home for our April coffee. Thank you, Jan Perry Loyd, for having us and for the decadent lime sherbet punch. Thanks also to our food hostesses Susan Conner, Paula Griffin and Betty Cosgray for all the yummy goodies.

Our guest speaker was master gardener Kevin Burns. With his PowerPoint program he showed us all the different plants specifically for the shade and sun. He explained the advantages of native plants and also recommended looking for Texas Superstar plants that have been rigorously tested. A helpful web site is txsmartscape.com that will recommend plants for your specific needs.

As our Daytimer year is coming to a close, volunteers are needed to fill various positions. We've always been extremely lucky to have so many willing members.

Then the details of our May luncheon were revealed. We'll be meeting at Desperado's at Jupiter and Campbell roads on Tuesday, May 10th where they will have a private room all set up for us. We'll be entertained by a trio of musicians followed by our choice of several menu items. The luncheon will be open to all present and former members.

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.

Neighborhood Fixer

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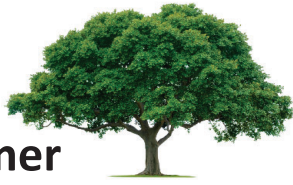
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Supporting your neighborhood is like investing in your home.

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.
- Publishes 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 prevention and safety information.
- Organizes and funds neighborhood activities for the annual National Night Out.
- Welcomes new residents and delivers a "Welcome Bag" containing community information.
- Plans, organizes, and funds three General Membership meetings.
- Coordinates holiday donations from Oakridge residents to Garland Police Department and the Fire Stations who serve our neighborhood.
- 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.

The 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!

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|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$60 | Good Neighbor Level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$100 | Crepe Myrtle Level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$250 | Maple Level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$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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Please print/fill out completely

Your information will be used for ONA communication purposes ONLY and will NEVER be given to anyone.

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Owner Tenant

Subscribe to ONA emails? Y or N

Contact 1

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Contact 2

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

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Invoice

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It relies on volunteers and donations.

Support Levels

\$60+ Good Neighbor Level

\$100+ Crepe Myrtle Level

\$250+ Maple Level

\$500+ Oak Level

What the ONA does

Perimeter Maintenance

Seasonal Plantings

Monthly Newsletter

ONA Website

Crime Prevention & Safety

Events & Social Activities

General Member Meetings

Holiday Decorations

Donations to Fire/Police Stations

New Resident Welcome Bags

Contact info@oakridgena.org for comments or to volunteer.

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