



Oakridge News

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Note from the ONA President

by Billy Ray Thomas, ONA President

Hello Oakridge!

My name is Billy Ray Thomas. I have the privilege of serving as President of your Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) for the 2022-2023 season.

I am honored by your vote of confidence in electing me to serve you in this capacity. Having lived in Oakridge for 36 years, I am glad to be an integral part of our neighborhood and our community.

First, I'd like to commend and thank the outgoing President, Officers and all the rest of the ONA Board. This also includes the Committee Chairs, Directors and members of the ONA as well as the entire community. The tireless efforts and precious time that all have spent, and continue to spend, over the past weeks, months and years contributes much to making our neighborhood the best that it can be.

I come into this service knowing that I alone will not make a difference just because of an important sounding title. We are certainly one Body with many members. I know that when all the members of the Body are working together, we are stronger and able to accomplish much more than would otherwise seem possible. That's where you—the residents—come in. In order for our Body, the ONA, to realize its true potential –

We need your participation.

We need all the parts to make the whole.

The incoming team of Board members for the ONA hope that our efforts during the upcoming year will have made a difference when all is said and done. We hope to successfully accomplish all the goals set before us instead of "Kicking the can down the road".

Oakridge! We need your help. There are 1166 households in our neighborhood—some rent, some own. We are in the middle of our annual membership campaign right now. Our goal is 100% participation. I

encourage each household to become a member of our Oakridge Neighborhood Association. After you join, I invite each of you to participate when you can and where you can. If you are unable to participate, I urge you to join and just kick back and watch. You will see what a difference just your membership alone will make. Join Us!! (www.oakridgena.org/join-us)

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully,
Billy Ray Thomas

ONA Board Members

by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

At the May 26th General Membership Meeting, Members of the ONA approved the ONA Board for 2022-2023. Please join us in welcoming these volunteers to the Board.

- Billy Ray Thomas**, President
- Vickie Litton**, Vice President
- Veronica Brown-Corbin**, Treasurer
- Sallie & Jack Lang**, District 2 Co-Directors
- Oliver Harter**, District 4 Co-Director
- Jackie Jones**, District 4 Co-Director
- Ruba Qewar**, District 6 Director

Welcome!

In addition to welcoming our incoming ONA Board members, the ONA would like to thank the following volunteers who are leaving the Board:

Thank you!

- Scott Barnes**
- Marty Dall**
- Mike Devanney**
- Keith Engler**
- Michelle Mizerak**
- Vanessa West [Washington]**

We are immensely grateful for the time they donated to serve their neighbors by volunteering on the ONA Board! The success of the ONA depends on volunteers such as these.

Neighborhood Garage Sale!

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Director

You asked! We listened!

The ONA is hosting a 1-day-only Oakridge Neighborhood garage sale on **Saturday, June 25th, 9am-4pm.**

How does it work? Residents will have garage sales at their homes, and the ONA will provide advertising. At each of the major Oakridge entrances, the ONA will place signs advertising the neighborhood garage sale. We will also print maps showing all of the participating Oakridge homes. Copies of the maps will be made available at participating homes so they can be passed out to the garage sale shoppers.

Garage or Yard? Residents are welcome to host sales in their garage or yard. Keep in mind that it is illegal to block the alley, so if you plan to hold a sale at the back of your house, you will need to direct people to park on the street rather than in the alley.

Are you interested in participating? Here is what you need to do:

- 1. Obtain a free permit number:** Call Code Compliance at 972-485-6400 for a garage sale permit number. There is no fee required. They will ask for your address and the date your sale will begin. The official neighborhood garage sale will be 6/25. You are welcome to privately hold your sale for more days than that—just be sure to tell the City the dates of your sale. On the day of the sale, the permit number, date, and time **MUST** be on your sign in front of your house. For more information, visit: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/299/Garage-Sale-Tips>.
- 2. Let the ONA know—by JUNE 15—you want your garage/yard sale to be included on the map:** Any Oakridge residents who want their address included on the garage sale map should send an email to Jackie Reynolds at jackiesr@twc.com with your name, address, and permit number. The email must be submitted **by June 15.**
- 3. Plan your sale!** Read the Garage Sale Tips on the right side of this page and get ready to sell!

Note: The ONA will not receive any profits from these sales. All sales are privately managed by the residents and the residents keep their own profits.

Garage Sale Tips!

Source: reprint from Oakridge News, Vol.26, No.9, p.6



Be Neighborly – Please direct all your lookers and buyers to *park in the street in front of your house.* It is illegal to park/block the alleys.

Sort Your Stuff – Most buyers want to go through your stuff and move on to the next sale to scoop up those bargains. Make it easy on them by sorting your items ahead of time. Sort clothes by men, women and children—hanging them up if possible. Sort other items into categories such as household items, toys, books, etc.

Price Your Items – The last thing anyone wants to do is to price every single item in a sale. So you can purchase garage sale stickers or color dots and put them on your items. Then have a cardboard sign hung in a very visible area of your sale so your buyers know what you are asking for an item. Sometimes with miscellaneous items you can have a \$0.25, \$0.50, or \$1 box marked with those prices.

Position Your Chair – Make sure you greet your buyers. It will make them more comfortable about being in your yard, driveway and garage. It will also make them aware of who you are in case they have questions about items or they are ready to make a purchase.

Do You Have Change? – Most important item for a successful sale is to have change. You want to be prepared with enough \$10's, \$5's and especially \$1's. Don't forget the coins either. Twenty dollars in coin change (especially quarters) will save you a lot of time. Also, keep your money in a secure location. A fanny pack around your waist is a great place. Be sure to periodically run the larger dollar bills (twenties or higher) to a secure place in your house. You don't want to make the wrong change and give away your profits!

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Calling All Residents!

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

As we continue our Membership Drive, I'd like to encourage all Oakridge Residents to consider making a contribution of \$60 to your neighborhood. I know that we have great neighbors and it only takes a few minutes to join your Oakridge Neighborhood Association using our website (www.oakridgena.org/join-us)!

As many of you know, we are a voluntary organization that relies on member contributions to maintain the neighborhood. All ONA board members, committee members and district directors are volunteers dedicating not only their financial contribution but also their time to continue to take care of the neighborhood that we call HOME.

The ONA is the organization that is taking care of:

- **Environmental:** Maintaining the entrances and perimeter areas with lighting, lawncare, landscaping, and seasonal plantings.
- **Social Events:** Sponsoring events so residents have an opportunity to get to know each other.
- **Safety:** Working with the Garland Police Department for Crime Watch and Citizens On Patrol (COPs).
- **Communication:** Publishing the monthly newsletter and maintaining the ONA website to keep you informed.
- **Welcome Bags:** Providing Welcome Bags so our new residents know we value our neighbors.

If you are already contributing to the ONA, please accept a BIG THANK YOU!!

For those who haven't made a decision yet, please consider that our ONA membership campaign is the ONE TIME each year when we ask for a financial contribution to support all of the activities listed above. We really need all of our Oakridge residents to participate. Please consider joining us so we can better serve the neighborhood and you can be proud to share the responsibility for your neighborhood. We need more participation and I know our residents will step up and help us increase our membership for this year!

We have 1166 homes in Oakridge that are divided into 7 Districts. Each district has a District Director that is available to answer any questions you may have about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Their contact

information is located on page 6 of this newsletter. You can find your district information on the ONA Website (www.oakridgena.org/seven-districts-of-oakridge/).

2022-2023 Current Membership Status

District #	2022-2023 Members	Haven't Renewed	Not Supporting	Total Houses
1	31	41	113	185
2	33	36	85	154
3	9	18	114	141
4	27	39	85	151
5	19	22	149	190
6	21	23	137	181
7	24	27	113	164
Total	164	206	796	1166

Take a look at the numbers in the chart above. Is your district winning? If you haven't joined yet, I challenge you to join us this month. Become a part of your community and share the responsibility for your neighborhood!

It will make you feel better to know that you contributed!!

If you have specific questions about ONA membership, send an email to oakridgemembership@gmail.com.

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 snacks, visit with neighbors, and ask questions about the ONA. (Even if you don't have questions about the ONA, you are welcome to come!)

Events will be announced through email and will be posted on NextDoor and the website (www.oakridgena.org).

New to the Neighborhood?

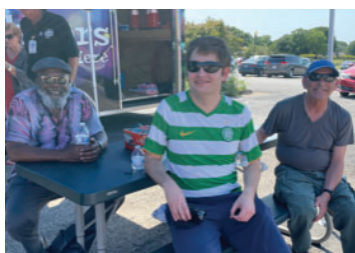
by Heather Englebretson, ONA Communications Director

The ONA assembles and delivers welcome bags to residents who are new to Oakridge. The bags contain an assortment of City of Garland promotional materials as well as some Oakridge informational items.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have yet to receive a welcome bag, please send us an email (info@oakridgena.org). We look forward to sending a bag your way!

Oakridge Spring Fling!

A big THANK YOU to the Daytimers for their delicious desserts and to the many volunteers who helped with everything from setting up chairs, tables, and tents, to grilling and serving up the tasty food!



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ONA Membership Flag



The ONA membership flag for the current membership year is green. When you renew your membership or join for the current, 2022-2023, ONA membership year, your District Director will place a green flag in your yard.

Join the ONA or renew today online at:
<https://www.oakridgena.org/join-us/>.

ONA April Raffle Winner

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

Congratulations to ONA Member **Fred Gharis** (Oakridge District 5), winner of the April Member Raffle. The prize was a \$15 gift card to Olive Garden.

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

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.

2022-2023 ONA Budget

by the ONA Board

The ONA budget for the 2022-2023 membership year was approved by the General Membership on May 26th, 2022. The budget is available for viewing on the website (www.oakridgena.org) on the Resident Resources page under "Financials".

Neighborhood Fixer

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Newsletter Changes

by H. Englebretson, ONA Communications

The new ONA Membership Year begins this month, and with it we are beginning a modified hard copy distribution of the monthly newsletter. The ONA newsletter will continue to be published monthly and will be available online each month. However, hard copies will only be mailed to homes on a quarterly basis (September, January, and May). For all other months, the newsletter will only be available online or by request only.

When will each monthly issue be available online?

The newsletter will be available online the first week of the month. Once posted, a link to the newsletter will be made available through NextDoor and by email (for those who have signed up for ONA emails).

What about residents who depend on hard copies?

A small number of hard copies will be available for residents who want 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).

Volunteer Needed

by H. Englebretson, 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. Consider volunteering with a spouse or neighbor and bring your skills together!

Email communications@oakridgena.org for more information.

City Councilman

New to Oakridge? The Councilman for our City District (District 7) is Dylan Hedrick—who also happens to be an Oakridge resident! His contact information is: 469-560-6099, council7@garlandtx.gov.



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Oakridge Daytimers

by Sally Weiss, Oakridge Daytimers

What a great way to wrap up our Daytimer year with a fun, delicious luncheon at Desperado's Restaurant! And what a treat it was to reunite with some of our absent members. We really missed you, girls!

The event began with some "oldies but goodies" from the Good Time trio lined up by Ann Williams and Sue Ratcliffe who have done a fine job of keeping us entertained with various programs this past year. Next, we took time for a brief business meeting wrapping up final reports of our different committees.

At last, lunch was served! We had quite a lovely assortment of menu items to choose from and everyone seemed very pleased with their choices. While we were enjoying our lunch, President Chris had put together a PowerPoint program of Daytimer photos from not only this year's meetings, but many more from the past. They conjured up memories of many happy moments and reminded us of those we've lost all too soon. Thanks, Chris, for bringing us this special gift! Thanks, too, for the lovely poem you wrote to close our luncheon.

All in all, this has been a very good year despite special concessions we needed to make due to the threat of COVID and its variants. Ladies have graciously opened their homes to us and others have shared and served their special goodies to us and President Chris led the way. As we take time off for the summer months we look forward our next Daytimer year beginning in September.

Remember, 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 Ann Conrath at 469-367-0802.

Leadership Garland

Source: City of Garland ([link at the end of the article](#))

Are you serious about developing your leadership skills, networking with leaders in Garland, and becoming a civic leader yourself? Then Leadership Garland may be right for you. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2022-2023 class. Tuition is \$850 and the deadline for submitting applications is July 1st. For more information, visit: <https://www.garlandchamber.com/initiatives/leadership-garland/index.html>

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