



# Oakridge News

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## Note from the ONA President

by BillyRay Thomas, ONA President

Hello Oakridge!

Happy October! I'm sure like me, you are welcoming the cooler weather, Football, State Fair, Texas version of Fall and the return to in-person gathering.

We had our first in-person General Membership Meeting September 29th at the beautifully remodeled Duck Creek Golf Club. It was good to be able to get out again and fellowship beyond the screens. The preceding happy hour allowed us to reconnect and visit with one another and get acquainted with those new to the neighborhood or the ONA.

The Crime and Safety committee did a great job coordinating the "National Night Out". It was a good time for the community to connect, meet our public servants, first responders and local vendors, and visit with each other. If you missed it, perhaps next time.

We are so appreciative of member contributors for the continued financial support. Oakridge Neighborhood Association membership dues, Beautification funds and contributions of time all work for the good of the Oakridge Community. Because of you Oakridge was awarded "Garland Neighborhood of the Year" and "Garland Neighborhood Newsletter" award in 2019. BRAVO! BRAVO! Together, we can accomplish great things for Oakridge. Thank You!

A special shout out to all the volunteer servants who support the Board and Committee Chairs, and the most recent Jack Catalano (Technical Support) and Cheryl Jones (Communications Director).

As mentioned in my last note to you, we are reviewing areas of board responsibility to identify where improvements need to and should be made. Chief among those are expenditures to assure we are fiscally responsible. New Memberships and renewals may be down but we are still hopeful. We are also creating a brief Survey for the website to get your feedback on how we can better serve the neighborhood and increase participation. Stay tuned.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Until next time, be well.

## Winter Clothing Drive

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Director

Good Samaritans of Garland is having a Winter Clothing Drive. They are needing gently used outer coats, scarves, hats, gloves and socks. **Drop-off donations by: Wednesday, November 30th** in boxes or bags leave on porch at 2305 Loneoak Trail. Visit their website for additional donation items needed (<http://www.goodsamofgarland.org/>).



**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

COME JOIN FOR OUR 1ST  
**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

**DUCK CREEK GOLF CLUB**  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 AT 6 PM

**COSTUME CONTEST WITH CASH PRIZE, DRINK/FOOD SPECIALS  
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Oakridge Celebrates  
**HISPANIC**  
 Heritage Month

**Crime & Safety Update**

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee Director

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.

For an active crime call 911.

Report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number at 972-485-4840.

Siren alerts notifying residents of incidents in our neighborhood are available to anyone who has subscribed or by contacting us at [safety@oakridgena.org](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org).

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**ONA Food Drive Update**

by Jackie Reynolds, ONA Events Director



Last month the ONA and Good Samaritans of Garland provided residents the opportunity to help our community with a food drive. Oakridge residents showed great generosity. Thank you!



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# ONA National Night Out

by Joan Nichols, ONA Crime & Safety Committee Director



Thanks to all for a great turnout on a beautiful evening. Photos from the event can be viewed at [www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries](http://www.oakridgena.org/oakridge-photo-galleries). A special thanks to:

- Garland Police including motorcycle patrol and new police drone
- Garland Fire Department
- Volunteer appetizer chefs, servers, and set-up/clean-up crew
- Pink Coffee
- Duck Creek Golf Beverage Cart
- Citizens on Patrol
- Special Guests – Neighborhood Vitality, Councilman Dylan Hedrick, and many others
- ONA Board
- All neighbors, families, and pets

The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups.



## Trick-or-Treaters

Halloween is just around the corner!

Oakridge prides itself on being a welcoming and safe neighborhood. Oakridge typically has a lot of traffic with little (and big) goblins running around collecting candy.

**Drive slowly and look-out for the trick or treaters crossing in the streets.**




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### ONA Membership Summary

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

District #	Curent Members	Have Not Renewed	Not Yet Supporting
1	54	19	112
2	55	11	88
3	18	10	113
4	52	15	84
5	32	9	149
6	37	9	135
7	41	9	114
Totals	289	82	795

See ONA Financial Reports:  
[www.oakridgena.org/financials-main/](http://www.oakridgena.org/financials-main/)

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