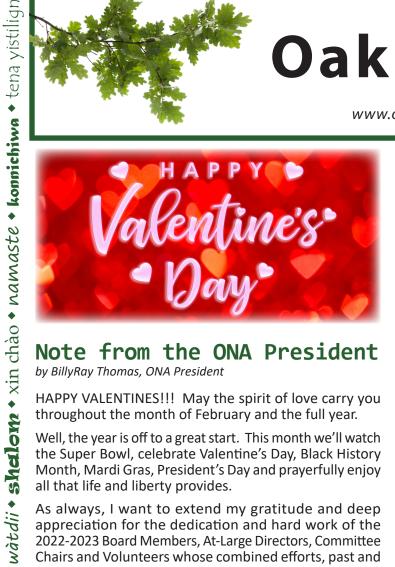


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Note from the ONA President

by BillyRay Thomas, ONA President

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HAPPY VALENTINES!!! May the spirit of love carry you throughout the month of February and the full year.

Well, the year is off to a great start. This month we'll watch the Super Bowl, celebrate Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Mardi Gras, President's Day and prayerfully enjoy all that life and liberty provides.

As always, I want to extend my gratitude and deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the 2022-2023 Board Members, At-Large Directors, Committee Chairs and Volunteers whose combined efforts, past and present, help to make Oakridge one of the best, if not "The Best Neighborhood" in Garland. More importantly, I want to say a hearty "Thank You" to the loyal renewing members, those returning after hiatus, and the record number of first-time members. I also want to extend an invitation to all of Oakridge to join us. We need you, not just your funds, but your ideas, expertise, wisdom, and fellowship.

If you are new to Oakridge, Welcome! We are a Voluntary Association -- Annual dues are \$60 and you can join anytime at https://www.oakridgena.org/join-us/.

I am so proud of the work of this 2022-2023 Board. We closed out 2022 with 289 members. We nominated our most diverse Board, a group of new faces more reflective of the diversity of Oakridge. For 2023, we will build upon our successes, look for areas of improvement, continue to be fiscally responsible and anticipate more of you will support the neighborhood through ONA Membership and Board participation. The focus of our February Board meeting included easy transitions for incoming board and committee volunteers, more efficient ways for members to pay and others to be shared at the general meeting later in the month. By the way, guests are always welcome to

attend board meetings, just email us at info@oakridgena. org if you have an interest.

Don't forget our upcoming General Meeting on Zoom. The link will be posted on the website, Nextdoor and emailed. Please ensure your email and contact information is current at https://www.oakridgena.org/join-us/ or email communications@oakridgena.org.

Until next time.

The 7th was "Wave All **Your Fingers** At Your Neighbor Day"



We Need Your Input

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

The ONA is reaching out to all Oakridge Residents and asking for your input by completing a brief survey. The survey will only take a minute......

You can remain anonymous or complete your name and address to be eligible for our \$25 Albertson's Gift Card raffle.

The input we receive will assist us in setting our goals for the upcoming year. Please scan the QR code and give us a chance to hear from vou!

The survey is also available via our website www.oakridgena.org.

> Thanks for taking the survey -We appreciate your participation.



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Oakridge Neighborhood Association GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 pm, Thursday, February 23rd, Via Zoom

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City Councilman Update

by Dylan Hedrick, District 7 City Councilman, Oakridge Resident

Keep an eye on the <u>garlandtx.gov</u> website for more information about coming events. You can also sign up for the weekly City eNewsletter to be notified of city information and events. The newsletter is sent out each Sunday evening and a link to sign up is here: https://www.garlandtx.gov/3545/City-Enewsletters.

Please reach out to me at (469) 560-6099 or council7@garlandtx.gov if there is anything I can do to assist you. It is my extreme pleasure to continue to serve the citizens of Garland and District 7.

Oakridge Crime & Safety

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.

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.



Oakridge Resident 411s

by Cheryl Jones, ONA Communications Director

If you are new to Oakridge, WELCOME to the neighborhood! The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) Welcome Committee would love to send you a "Welcome Bag" filled with goodies from the City of Garland, helpful tips and ONA information. Email us at info@oakridgena.org and let us know you are here.

ONA Fiscal Membership Year

Begins June 1 and ends May 31st. We are currently in the 2022-2023 year; 2023-2024 Membership Drive will kick off in the Spring and officially begin June 1, 2023. Membership dues are \$60 annually. Join by Mail or on the website. Instructions are located at https://www.oakridgena.org/join-us/.

Oakridge Plat/Districts

Oakridge neighborhood is comprised of 1166 homes and divided up into "7 Districts" by Street. Each District is represented by an ONA District Director. Find your District and ONA District Director at https://www.oakridgena.org/seven-districts-of-oakridge/.

Perimeter Walls

ONA Membership contributions provide for the maintenance, landscaping, and mowing "around" the perimeter walls. If your home is on the outer perimeter, you are responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged walls on your property. Detailed information is available on the ONA website at https://www.oakridgena.org/perimeter-brick-wall/.

ONA Flag Team

by David Parrish, ONA Environmental Director

Oakridge has a long history of showing Patriotism. The ONA is currently recruiting residents to join or lead a dedicated team to deploy U.S. Flags (8"x12" on a dowel rod) to all nine entrances



before and collected soon after each of the Flag Holidays. For more information or to join the Flag Team, please email environment@oakridgena.org. Information will also be on the ONA website.





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ONA Membership Update

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) is dedicated to serving all residents of Oakridge by utilizing member dues to maintain the neighborhood. Oakridge does not have a mandatory homeowners association but is Voluntary, so we rely on membership dues to maintain the nine entrances'

landscape services, lighting and sprinkler services that needed to keep Oakridge beautiful and welcoming for our residents. Please consider being a part of your community by contributing to the ONA through Membership. It only takes a minute at https://www.oakridgena.org/join-us/ or scan the QR Code.



Join Here

Treasurer Update

by Veronica Brown-Corbin, ONA Treasurer

We are a VOLUNTARY Neighborhood Association, totally dependent on Membership Revenue and VOLUNTEERS to keep us going.

We are on track to our budget thanks to member generosity, and if no major increases in environmental, (our biggest expense) we should close out the fiscal year on target. We will continue to look for ways to best manage what we have with anticipation of increases in membership revenue and beautification donations.

Join us at the General Membership meeting on February 23rd. We welcome your input and recommendations. Visit the Website for the latest Budget and Financial Reports.



Board Positions/Opportunities

by BillyRay Thomas, ONA President

The ONA Board is made up of neighbor volunteers, like you. Qualifications are simple, be a resident of Oakridge, an ONA Member and willing to serve. On-boarding support is provided.

Open Board/Committee Positions

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer (Familiar with QuickBooks, Excel)
- Secretary
- District Directors for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7
- Nominating Committee Chair (Chair + 2 volunteers needed)
- Environmental Director

Please get involved. Your neighborhood needs you! You can find more information on the ONA Board and position duties at https://www.oakridgena.org/ona-board/.

To volunteer or nominate someone, email us at info@oakridgena.org with "Count Me In" in the subject line. We'll take care of the rest.

Nominating Committee

Nominees for 2023-2024 Nominating Committee:

Dan Nichols, Vicki Litton & Diana Edwards

View full bios and contact info at: www.oakridge.org/nominatingcommittee.com



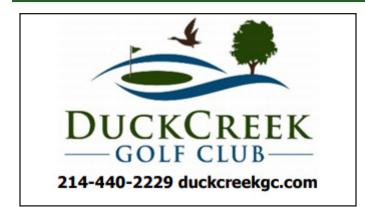


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Oakridge Daytimers

by Sally Weiss, Oakridge Daytimers

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.

Oakridge Men's Group

by Mark Edwards, Oakridge Resident

In 2022, we put together a group called The Oakridge men's group, sometimes called The Oakridge Boys. We have about seventeen members attending our meetings throughout the summer and fall. We get together on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:30 in the morning at the Duck Creek Golf Club. However, since the fire, our next meeting will be February 15th at the Spring Creek Church, 2660 Belt Line Rd, Garland, TX 75044 (Coffee House). All men in the Oakridge area are welcome to come on by. There is also the possibility of putting together an evening Club to serve the folks who are still working. If you have any questions, give me holler at 214-673-8908. Hope to see you in March.

We would love your suggestions/ideas for future newsletter content.

Please send recommendations/comments to communications@oakridgena.org.



2022-2023 ONA Board

info@oakridgena.org

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