





## Oakridge Resident 411s

by Cheryl Jones, ONA Communications Director

### **New Residents:**

If you are new to Oakridge, WELCOME! You should receive a Welcome Bag” from the Welcome Committee filled with goodies from the City of Garland, helpful tips, and ONA information. Contact us at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org) for any questions. We hope you will consider ONA Membership. Join anytime via the website or scan the “Join QR Code”.



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### **Welcome to Garland Class:**

If you want to learn more about Garland, don’t miss the **Welcome to Garland Class for new or born and raised residents.** Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to Noon at Garland City Hall (200 N. Fifth St). The class kicks off at 9 a.m. with “Coffee with the Garland Mayor”. For more information or to register, click here <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejmuwsj5a2899777>.

### **Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA):**

The ONA is a 501(C)(4) Non-Profit chartered in 1992. Its Fiscal Year begins June 1 and ends May 31st of the following year. Membership is Voluntary. Dues are \$60 Annually per household. Additional information on Oakridge and the ONA can be found at [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org) under “Resident Resources”.

### **Oakridge District - District Directors:**

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

### **Oakridge Perimeter Walls:**

If your home is on the outer perimeter, you will be 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/>. Note: ONA Membership contributions provide for the maintenance, landscaping, and mowing “around” the perimeter walls.

### **Sidewalk Repairs- City of Garland Cost Share Program:**

Per City Ordinance, if you own property in Garland, it is your responsibility to keep sidewalks, parkways, curbs, and driveways adjacent to your property in a good and safe condition and free from any defects and hazards. A property owner who qualifies in all three categories may now bear as little as 10 percent of the cost of fixing their sidewalk. Find out program details at <https://www.garlandtx.gov/384/Sidewalk-Participation-Program>.

## 2023-2024 Board of Directors Elections

by BillyRay Thomas, ONA President

Please consider serving on the ONA Board. Qualifications are simple, be a resident of Oakridge, an ONA Member and can carve out a few hours a month. Contact the Nominating Committee or email us [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org).

**The following seats are vacant for the upcoming operating year...**

### **Officers:**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer (*Familiar with QuickBooks, Excel*)

### **Directors:**

- District Directors for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7
- 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/>.



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# ONA Membership Update

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

District #	ONA Members	Non Renewal	Non Supporting	# Households	% Supporting
1	55	19	111	185	30%
2	55	11	88	154	36%
3	17	8	114	141	13%
4	52	14	85	151	34%
5	34	9	147	190	18%
6	38	7	136	181	20%
7	41	9	114	164	25%
Totals	294	77	795	1166	25%

## RESIDENT SURVEY:

### Responses

23 Residents responded to the survey

### ONA Member

15 were ONA Members

### ONA Rating

13 were Very Satisfied

8 were Satisfied

1 was neither Satisfied or Unsatisfied

1 was Very Dissatisfied

### Comments

We had quite a few comments from our survey. We will be consolidating and reviewing the comments at our next board meeting so that we can align the ONA strategic objectives to support the feedback we received. We will be sure to include updates to your feedback in our Monthly Newsletter.

## ONA SURVEY RAFFLE WINNER

by Cecile LaBossiere, ONA Membership Director

**Congratulations to our survey raffle winner is Richard Dzanski!** I want to thank everyone that participated in the resident survey. We cannot improve our services to the residents of Oakridge without your input and participation so a heartfelt thank you!

Are you an ONA member?  
Have you received your flag?

If not, please contact us at  
[oakridgemembership@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgemembership@gmail.com)



# 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.

ONA Financial Summary as of 2/23/2023						
Category	Revenue	Membership	Beautification	Advertising	Interest	Total
1	2022-2023 Budget	\$ 14,987	\$ 9,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,587
	2022-2023 Actual	\$ 17,400	\$ 8,780	\$ 1,000	\$ 2	\$ 27,182
	\$ Difference	\$ 2,413	\$ (820)	\$ 1,000	\$ 2	\$ 2,594
Member Difference		40				
Mandatory Operating Expenses						
	Monthly Budget	Months Remaining	Remaining Budget			
2	Newsletter (May, Sep, Feb)	\$ 212	2	\$ 425		
	Postage (Sep paid)	\$ 195	2	\$ 389		
	Printing: Newsletter (50 copies/month) - May-Jan Paid	\$ 29	2	\$ 57		
	Postage (First-Class \$0.58): 25 Newsletters	\$ 15	2	\$ 29		
	Platinum Scapes (May-Jan Paid)	\$ 621	3	\$ 1,862		
	Platinum Scapes Beautification (May-Jan Paid)	\$ 800	3	\$ 2,400		
	Storage (Paid through Jan 2022)	\$ 102	3	\$ 306		
	Avg Utilities per month estimated (May-Jan Paid)	\$ 350	3	\$ 1,050		
	3-Year Website (Paid until April 2024)	\$ 463	0	\$ -		
	Annual Bulk Mail Fee Due in December	\$ 265.00	0	\$ -		
	Annual PO Box Fee Due in October (Pd thru Oct '23)	\$ 240.00	0	\$ -		
	Total Operating Expenses Remaining		\$ 6,519			
Money Market Balance		\$ 18,002				
Events Budgeted		\$ 950				
Events Spent		\$ 431				
Events Balance		\$ 519				
General Maintenance Budgeted		\$ 500				
General Maintenance Spent		\$ 230				
General Maintenance Balance		\$ 270				
3	Checking Account Balance	\$ 13,520				
	Total Operating Expenses Remaining	\$ (6,519)				
	Special Events Money Remaining	\$ (519)				
	Officer Barnes Fundraising	\$ -				
	General Maintenance Money Remaining	\$ (270)				
	Minimum Checking Account Balance to avoid fees	\$ (2,000)				
	Operating Funds Remaining (deficit)	\$ 4,213				

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## City Councilman Update

by Dylan Hedrick, District 7 City Councilman, Oakridge Resident

As we move closer to spring, we are coming up to another election cycle for the City of Garland. The filing deadline was February 17 for the Mayor's race and those candidates in Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8.

I am extremely grateful that I will be able to serve the citizens of Garland and of District 7 for my third and final term as no other candidates filed to oppose me. Also, the current council members in Districts 6 and 8 were term limited, thus the unopposed candidates Carissa Dutton and Christopher Ott will serve in those Districts, respectively. Incumbent Mayor Scott LeMay will face Roel Garcia for Mayor, and incumbent Ed Moore will face PC Matthew in the District 3 race.

In Council business, we are considering façade improvements to the North Garland Branch Library. At our Work Session February 20, staff provided architect renderings of the proposed improvements. The red exterior sign, which frequently had lights that failed to light, will be replaced with a bright yellow library sign that will be visible from Winters Park across the street.

An outdoor space will be added with colorful murals and additional landscaping. Pedestrian access will be improved to better connect the library to the recreational facilities across N. Garland Avenue from the site. Funding will be provided through our Façade Improvement Program

through the Office of Neighborhood Vitality and cost sharing with the shopping center owner. This work will continue the improvements already made along the N. Garland corridor that includes entrance improvements to the Coomer Creek neighborhood and bridge beautifications to the bridge over the creek south of the intersection of Wagon Wheel Road and N. Garland Avenue.

Finally, the Council will consider the future of the Tinsley-Lyles House. The house is a historic structure built in the late 1800's by William A. Tinsley at Austin and First Street. The house was later purchased by R.H. Lyles in 1902 and subsequently donated to the City of Garland. In March of 2015, the Tinsley-Lyles House was moved to its current location north of the Central Library.

Since then, the house has fallen into disrepair as the structure has significant wood rot and has been vandalized multiple times. The cost to rehabilitate the mechanical and structural components of the house was estimated at \$265,000. While we attempt to preserve the history of early Garland residents, I fear that the repair and maintenance costs may outweigh the value provided by preserving this structure.

Reach out to me with your opinions on these matters or any other city issues. Please contact me at 469-560-6099 or [council7@garlandtx.gov](mailto:council7@garlandtx.gov) if there is anything I can do for you. I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Oakridge Daytimers

by Sally Weiss, Oakridge Daytimers

If red is your favorite color (and its mine) then Margaret Fowler’s lovely home is where you should have been on Valentines’ Day. Everything was colorfully decorated with heart streamers and Valentine-inspired plates, napkins and tablescape with tasty goodies from Elaine Davis, Shirley Heald and Mary Pattie. Thank you, Ladies!

As suggested in January’s article, there was indeed a surprise waiting for us this day. What better entertainment could there be than crooner-extraordinaire Brad Ackland?! He sang in the style of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Michael Buble, etc., perfect for those of our generation. He sang love songs to some of us individually and had this reporter swooning. For more information on Brad you can Google him and find the myriad events that he’s available for, although he said he’s booked well in advance.

Following our crooner, we still had a short business meeting and events of the various committees were discussed. We had been encouraged to make or buy a Valentine to bring so that when we departed, we were able to receive a random Valentine on the way out.

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

The Oakridge Gentleman’s Group meets every third Wednesday at 10:30 am. In the past, we have met at the Duck Creek Country Club. Since it burned last year, we are now meeting at the Spring Creek Church, 2660 Belt Line Rd., (14-18 Coffee Shop) on the West Side of the Church building just off Beltline Road.

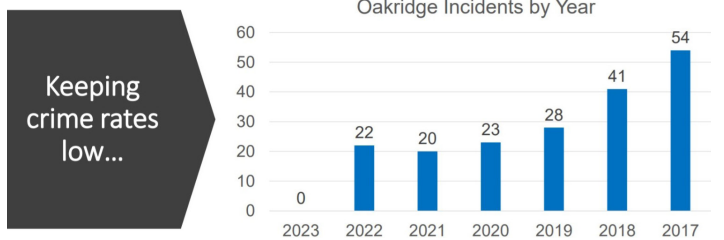
All men in Oakridge...Retired, Taking a Day off, On Vacation or just needing a break from the daily grind...are welcome. You will be surprised at the diversity and talent of all the men. We are not a Religious Group. Nor Political. Nor Controversial. We discuss everyday problems and situations. Enjoy each other’s company. And enjoy the coffee.

## 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](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org).



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The 2023-24 membership  
campaign is underway!

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association at [www.oakridgena.org/join-us](http://www.oakridgena.org/join-us)



Want to know more about the workings of GPD? The Garland Citizens Police Academy offers a 13-week program that focuses attention on the internal values, philosophy, and operations of the Garland Police Department. Designed for citizens, the academy educates citizens about the "How's and Why's" of the department, and the citizen's role in the interaction of citizens and police. The March class is full but it's not too early to apply for August. Click the link for more info. <https://www.garlandpolice.com/334/Citizen-Police-Academy>.

## 2022-2023 ONA Board

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