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Board of Directors Update Continued

As with most neighborhoods, we have challenges, but by working together, we can meet them all. It takes all of us, as we are better together.

The key word in our name is Neighbor! Please join us in keeping Oakridge the place where people want to live.

Wishing everyone a wonderful May and looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Fling Picnic!

Membership Update

Cecile LaBossier, Membership Coordinator

Calling All Residents of Oakridge! Please Support Your Neighborhood.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association has kicked off our annual drive for financial support. As a resident of Oakridge, I know you are aware that our neighborhood does not have a mandatory HOA. Instead, we have a voluntary ONA that depends on your donations! Your financial contributions pay for essential services such as mowing the grass, landscaping the nine entries, irrigation and lighting maintenance, and utility bills (electric and water). I'm sure you also understand that our neighborhood and home values depend on all of us doing our part to maintain and support the area.

We have big plans this year as we fund the matching contribution required by the City of Garland Vitality Grant for landscaping, irrigation, and lighting improvements at the entries. Our four main entries will be renovated and updated this year through the vitality grant. However, we need your support to help us meet the ONA's matching contribution requirement. Any amount you can contribute will make a difference!

Membership Update Continued

Our organization is a 100% voluntary, non-profit neighborhood association. Our sole purpose is to maintain the neighborhood entries and common areas and to provide social gatherings that bring us together as neighbors. We take great care to ensure that all contributions are spent wisely.

Please consider supporting us today. Our request is simple: as a resident of Oakridge, we need your help! Click on this link to donate:
<https://www.oakridgena.org/membership-form/>

Don't want to be a member? That's okay! You can donate anonymously—just skip the membership form and click the donate button. If you have questions about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, please reach out to us at: oakridgemembership@gmail.com

Our Flag Color this year is BLUE.



Membership Flags

To show our appreciation, your ONA Membership Flag will be delivered by your district director or a volunteer.

Find your District Director at

<https://oakridgena.org/seven-districts-of-oakridge/>.

If you have not received your 2025-2026 Flag, email Membership at oakridgemembership@gmail.com.



If you are new to the Neighborhood...
Join the ONA and help us maintain and beautify Oakridge entrances!



Environmental

Joshua Lamb, Director



What a Gorgeous Season in Oakridge!

The days have been absolutely beautiful, and we're thrilled to see spring in full bloom with summer just around the corner! Goodbye will soon be out refreshing the flowers and adding vibrant colors to our neighborhood entrances, ensuring they feel even more inviting.

As nature comes alive, it's also the perfect time to keep an eye on our neighborhood greenery. Please be on the lookout for any broken irrigation spots or areas where water might be running unnecessarily. Let me know right away so we can conserve water and save on costs.

We're also thrilled to welcome Katie, our new Social Media Representative, who will help us share exciting updates about our Neighborhood Vitality Grant. The grant, approved during the last City Council meeting, is currently under review at the City Attorney's Office before being finalized. We'll keep you posted every step of the way! This grant will bring incredible opportunities for our community, and we're eager to see it come to life.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful residents who take the time to pick up trash during their daily walks and go the extra mile to keep Oakridge looking clean and beautiful. Your efforts make such a difference, and they don't go unnoticed.

Here's to another fantastic month in our vibrant community!

Pickle Ball at Duck Creek Scott Youzva Resident



Celebrate Spring with Pickleball Fun!

May is here, bringing sunshine, fresh blooms, and the perfect excuse to step into the "kitchen" (pickleball lingo for the no-volley zone) and have some fun! We're thrilled to announce that Pickleball is now in full swing at Duck Creek. Whether you're a "dink" pro or just starting to "rally," lessons for beginners and intermediates are already underway at the Hollanbaugh Recreation Center in Garland.

Here's the Scoop: Got questions about making your next "smash" or perfecting your "third shot drop"? Feel free to text us at 972-816-5116.

Stay in the Loop: Don't "lob" this opportunity! Check out the Playtime Scheduler app—a fantastic (and free!) tool to keep you informed about upcoming matches or help you plan your own game time. I'll also be sharing updates about organized Pickleball sessions and events through the app.

Let's "serve" up some fun and make this spring the most active one yet. Grab your paddle, and we'll see you on the courts for some smashing good games!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the bond election one vote or multiple?

The 2025 Bond Program is broken up into four propositions, A through D. Each proposition will be a separate item on the ballot, and each proposition can be voted on independently of one another.

FAQS: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/256/Elections>
Election Day: May 3, 2025



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Garland City Council, District 7 Update

Councilman Dylan Hedrick



As I write this final monthly update as your City Council representative, I want to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve you. Representing the Oakridge community and all of District 7 on the Garland City Council for the past six years has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we've made real progress, and I leave this role optimistic about our city's future.

As I look back on the accomplishments we have achieved during my time on the council, I am most proud of the progress we have made in implementing the 2019 Bond projects and programs. The entire bond program is approximately 75% complete, with the remainder expected to be finished within three years. The City has a new animal shelter, the Downtown Square has been completely revitalized, a new Fire Station 6 has opened (with two more set to begin construction soon), and the Holford Recreation and Aquatics Center—the largest in the City—will open to the public on May 1.

I hope you were able to join us for Build Garland Day on April 25, celebrating even more ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings from the 2019 Bond Program. If you missed it, I encourage you to view the video recap on the City's Facebook or YouTube page.

Among the celebrations of progress, the business of the City Council continues. This past month, we took two important steps reflecting our ongoing commitment to both fiscal responsibility and economic growth.



First, I'm proud to report that we voted to increase the homestead exemption by 1% for homeowners in Garland—a move that will provide direct property tax relief and help residents keep more of what they've earned. Additionally, we approved an increase in the senior tax exemption by \$4,000, reaffirming our dedication to supporting our long-time residents and those living on fixed incomes. These changes will go into effect in the coming tax year and represent a step in the right direction as we work to balance growth with affordability.

Second, we approved an economic development agreement for The Owl Ice House, a new destination coming to the Downtown Square. This exciting addition, which will fill the former Jones Hardware Building, is more than just a restaurant and entertainment venue—it symbolizes the growing momentum in our efforts to revitalize Downtown Garland. I believe The Owl Ice House will bring new life, jobs, and visitors to our historic square, complementing recent improvements and transforming it into a vibrant gathering place for everyone in our city.

As I prepare to step away from this position, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for your trust, your input, and your unwavering commitment to our neighborhood and City. The future of Garland—and Oakridge—is bright, and I look forward to staying involved as a fellow resident and advocate. If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at **469-560-6099** or by email at **council7@garlandtx.gov**.

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Daytimers Group Coffee Oakridge Resident



Our monthly coffee was hosted by Miriam Forster, and we had a great turnout for the festivities. Our food hostesses—Lila, Margaret, and Cecile—provided a wonderful assortment that included quiche, fresh fruit, lemon squares, crustless sandwiches, caprese bites, and a delectable variety of coffee cake. Thank you to Miriam and our food hostesses! We had time to mingle, eat, and catch up with each other as we prepared for our summer break. Many of us are planning trips with the Senior Center for the Mystery Trip and staying busy with summer vacation plans. I love this time of year as school breaks approach and we get to spend more time with family, children, and grandchildren who may not live in Dallas.

Sharon started our meeting on a solemn note as we marked the passing of Peggy. We all shared how important she has been to us and discussed supporting her family, as they could use some help when they are in town. Fortunately, our group enables us all to find the support we need through difficult times. I am so thankful that we have each other to lean on.

Our guest speaker this month was Katie Keyworth, Development Director for Good Samaritans of Garland. She thanked us for our support of the Good Samaritans, as the Oakridge Neighborhood Association has sponsored many food drives and has been very generous in helping. She provided an update on their move to a new location, a city-owned library that is no longer in use. This new space will enable them to improve their food distribution center and allow for easier check-in of clients. It was fascinating to hear how they support homeless individuals, families, and others who are food insecure. The food they provide is sourced from individual donations, corporate donations, and the North Texas Food Bank. Katie also mentioned that corporate donations are coming in from many grocery chains.

Daytimers Group Coffee Continued

Thankfully, items nearing their expiration dates can be gathered and redistributed to those in need! They are also pursuing donations from restaurants. Of course, this piqued my curiosity, so I looked into the food waste statistics: Did you know that food waste constitutes about 24% of the material found in municipal solid waste landfills? It is the largest single category of material disposed of in landfills, and because most of it is organic, it also contributes to methane emissions!

Our next meeting will be our last for the year and will feature our end-of-year luncheon! The event will be catered, and Sharon needs volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Don't forget to volunteer if you have the ability and the time!

See you at the luncheon! Just a reminder—Daytimers is open to all female residents of Oakridge and meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. After visiting, we invite 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 or the location of our next coffee may be directed to Sharon Eppler at 214-690-3340.



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April 2025 Crime Report



Emergency: 911

Non-Emergencies: 972-485-4840

Graffiti Removal=City of Garland Code

Enforcement: 972-485-6400

- To help keep the neighborhood safe, please report any concerns the community should be aware of to safety@oakridgena.org.
- Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Ambulance, or Fire services. A police emergency includes any situation involving a crime in progress, an imminent threat to life, bodily injury, or significant property damage or loss (e.g., an ongoing fight or assault, or a burglary in progress at a home or business).

Oakridge Select Incident Report ([Source:](http://www.garlandpolice.com/396/Crime-Statistics-Maps)
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Incident	Date Reported- Incident Timing	Address
BURGLARY-VEH	03/21/2025; 3:00 PM	28XX Diamond Oaks DR
BURGLARY-VEH	03/25/2025; 10:30 PM	27XX Stoneridge DR
BURGLARY-VEH	03/28/2025; 2:00 PM	28XX Diamond Oaks DR

NOTE FROM OFFICER MURPHY (NPO)

“We are still looking for the subject(s) who has burglarized a few vehicles in and around the neighborhood. If residents observe any suspicious person(s) involved in suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please contact the non-emergency number 972-485-4840. If you have any video of something or someone that you think is suspicious, please send it to me via email.”

A constant reminder... Please lock your car and remove valuables – especially your guns and keys. If you can, put your car in the garage. Almost all unauthorized use motor vehicle and theft from vehicles were unlocked with keys inside – don’t make us an easy target!

Continue to be watchful neighbors. Addition of outdoor security lights, cameras, being outdoors walking etc., all help make our community less inviting to potential criminals. It also helps to get out and meet your neighbors.

April 2025 Crime Report Continued

Report any suspicious activity to the non-emergency number at **972-485-4840:**

- **Focus on behavior:** What was the person doing that made you suspicious.
- **Details matter:** Hair, clothing (head to toe), identifying marks. Race or gender alone is not enough.
- **Vehicle:** Make, Model, Color, Direction of travel, License Plate
- **Location & Time:** Address, date, time
- If you have security camera video, please sign up at [Garland Video Crime Watch Survey](#) or email Officer Murphy at MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov.v.

Commercial Solicitation § 26.51

The city of Garland requires a Permit for *Commercial Solicitations of Homes*.

Permits can be obtained at the Garland Police Department’s Records Unit located at 1891 Forest Lane, Garland, TX 75042.

For more information contact Code Compliance at 972-485-6400. Download the application here: [Solicitation Permit Application \(PDF\)](#)



The ONA Proudly supports the Garland Police Department Foundation’s Support for “First Responders” dealing with Cancer.
Click link below for donations or more information

<https://garlandpolicefoundation.org>

Financial Report

Sarah Freeman, Treasurer



All 2024-2025 financial reports are accessible online at www.oakridgena.org/financials-main. You can click the link above or locate it on the "Resident Resources" page under "Financials." For any inquiries, please contact us at treasury@oakridgena.org.

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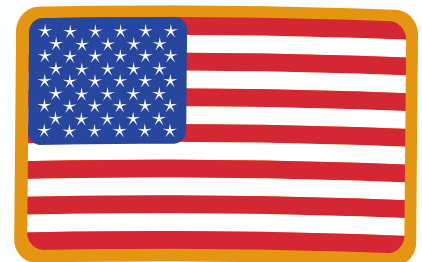
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Oakridge Residents 411s

New Residents: Welcome!

New residents should expect to receive a "**Welcome Bag**" filled with goodies from the City of Garland, helpful tips, and ONA information. Email us at info@oakridgena.org to let us know you are here or if you have any questions. We hope you will consider supporting the neighborhood by joining the ONA. Join anytime online at www.oakridgena.org/join.

About Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA):

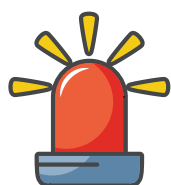
The ONA is a 501(C)(4) Non-Profit chartered in 1992. Its powers and authority is limited to the maintenance of 9 Entries and subdivision perimeter landscaping. The ONA has no authority over and takes no position over private property matters. The Fiscal Year begins June 1 and ends May 31st of the following year. Membership is voluntary but necessary to fulfill its charter. Dues are \$60 annually per household. Click the link for information at <https://www.oakridgena.org/resident-resources/>.

Oakridge Districts/Directors:

Oakridge is comprised of 1166 homes divided up into "Districts" by Street. Each District is represented by an ONA District Director. Click ***Find Your District*** to locate your District and ONA District Director.

Oakridge Perimeter Walls:

ONA Membership dues provide for the maintenance, landscaping, and mowing "around" the 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://oakridgena.org/perimeter-brick-wall>.



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Sidewalk Repairs-City Cost Share Program



Per Garland's 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/4086/Sidewalk-Participation-Program>

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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.

Oakridge News

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The ONA is not a mandatory HOA.
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	Events & Social Activities
Seasonal Plantings	General Member Meetings
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