

# Oakridge News

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## Board of Directors Update

Yvette Bonavita, President



Hello Oakridge Neighbors!

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Oakridge Neighborhood Association President! My name is Yvette Bonavita, and I'm truly honored to step into this role and help serve the wonderful community we call home.

My family and I have lived in Oakridge since 2012—my husband, our two children, and our sweet Aussie, Lulu. This year marks a big milestone for us, as our youngest is heading off to MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and our oldest is currently studying at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. With both kids off on their next adventures, I'm entering the "empty nest" phase and am looking forward to dedicating more of my time and energy to our neighborhood.

## Board of Directors Update Continued



As President, I'm passionate about fostering a strong sense of community, building meaningful connections, and supporting the growth and well-being of our neighborhood. I'm also eager to work alongside our dedicated board members and get to know more of you—whether you've lived here for decades or are just settling in.

My term begins this month, and I'm looking forward to the opportunities ahead. Please don't hesitate to say hello if you see me out walking Lulu or at upcoming events. Let's keep Oakridge a place we're all proud to call home.

City of Garland

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

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[www.visitgarlandtx.org/p/events](http://www.visitgarlandtx.org/p/events)



# Featured Articles

## Daytimers Group Coffee



Our last meeting of this year was a beautiful, tasty luncheon! We had a little hiccup in our original plans but that didn't deter us from having a great luncheon at Chris's house! With plans changing at the last minute, we all proved just how resilient and flexible this group can be. I really appreciate that everyone adjusted to the new plans, and we had a great day!

The tables were decorated for May with spring flowers everywhere. And Chris did such cute gift bags for each of us with a thoughtful phrase on each one. What a treat to receive the gift bag and the sweet goodies inside. The lunch was catered by Ann Williams's daughter, Kimberly, who owns a catering company. Our lunch was delicious with garden chicken and pasta salads accompanied with assorted crackers. Dessert topped us off with a mini raspberry bundt cake. I could tell everything was delicious as the room really quieted down when everyone got their lunch!!! Always the sign of good food.... We had a fun game that Jessica shared with us. We were all given a blank piece of paper and asked to draw a pig (some of us are true artists). After we completed this task, Jessica informed us that characteristics of our pig drawing could be used to analyze our character traits. We had a lot of laughs when she started matching our pig drawing to our traits. She gave us a lipstick shape analysis and that was fun too! Thanks, Jessica, for being so thoughtful and bringing some lighthearted activities to our group.

Lots of conversation and camaraderie as we prepared for our summer break. I'm always a little sad that we do not meet in the summer but also excited to hear about everyone's summer plans and look forward to reconvening in September. We have a lot of travel plans and a few of us with big trip plans: Cruising the Mediterranean! Trip to Italy! Hiking in California!

Our meeting wrapped up with Sharon giving us a quick update on the new Holford Recreation Center that is now open. We were reminded that the individual groups such as book club, mahjong, etc. continue through the summer.

## Daytimers Group Coffee Continued...

In addition, Diane mentioned that the Garland downtown area has a lot going on and is a great place to sit out, relax and enjoy the summer if we are looking for things to do close by....don't forget about the square!

Thanks again to Chris who graciously stepped in to host the luncheon, Ann for surviving the change in venue and to everyone that was so kind in adjusting to the new plans. There were lots of hugs and promises to see you in September. 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 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 Sharon Eppler at 214-690-3340.



# Featured Articles

## **Pickle Ball at Duck Creek** **Scott Youzva, Resident**

### **Swing into Summer with Pickleball Fun!**

June is here, bringing warm days, fresh energy, and the perfect chance to step into the "kitchen" (pickleball lingo for the no-volley zone) and enjoy the game! We're excited to share that Pickleball is now in full swing at Duck Creek. Whether you're a "dink" pro or just starting to "rally," beginner and intermediate lessons are ongoing 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—we'd love to help!

### **Stay in the Loop:**

Don't "lob" this opportunity! Download the Playtime Scheduler app—a fantastic (and free!) tool to keep you updated on upcoming matches or help you plan your own game time. We'll also be sharing updates on organized Pickleball sessions and events through the app.

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

## **Sidewalk Repairs-City Cost Share Program**

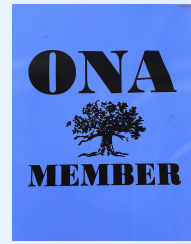


In accordance with Garland's City Ordinance, property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks, parkways, curbs, and driveways adjacent to their property, ensuring they remain in safe condition and free from defects or hazards. Qualifying property owners who meet all three eligibility criteria may now be responsible for as little as 10 percent of the cost of sidewalk repairs. For further details, visit the . Find out program details at

<https://www.garlandtx.gov/4086/Sidewalk-Participation-Program>

## **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](mailto:oakridgemembership@gmail.com).

## **Welcome New Residents**



As a new resident, you'll receive a Welcome Bag filled with goodies from the City of Garland, helpful tips, and key information about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA). We encourage you to reach out at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org) to introduce yourself or ask any questions. Supporting the neighborhood is easy—consider joining the ONA anytime online at [www.oakridgena.org/join](http://www.oakridgena.org/join).

## **About the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA)**

Established in 1992, the ONA is a 501(C)(4) nonprofit dedicated to maintaining Oakridge's nine entryways and subdivision perimeter landscaping. While it does not oversee private property matters, membership is voluntary yet vital to fulfilling its mission. The fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31, with annual household dues set at \$60. More details are available under [Resident Resources](#) on our website.

## **Oakridge Districts & Directors**

Oakridge is home to 1,166 residences, divided into Districts based on street locations. Each District is represented by an ONA District Director. To locate your District, visit Find Your District on our website.

## **Oakridge Perimeter Walls**

ONA membership dues support landscaping and mowing around the perimeter walls. However, homeowners with properties on the outer perimeter are responsible for repair or replacement of damaged walls. Additional details can be found under [Perimeter Brick Wall](#).

# Announcements and Events

**•Oakridge ONA Area-Wide•**

## GARAGE SALE

**SAT  
-  
7th  
JUNE**

**8 A.M - 3 P.M**

More Information:

469-649-5799  
[jackiesr@twc.com](mailto:jackiesr@twc.com)

- You are welcome to continue your garage sale on Sunday
- a permit is required and must be displayed
- Link to obtain permit:  
<https://www.garlandtx.gov/3165/Garage-Sale-Permit>

## Mayoral Runoff is Soon!

Voting: Saturday, June 7, 2025  
Early Voting continuing until Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Learn more and find locations here:  
<https://www.garlandtx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3554>

## PICKLEBALL CAMP

JUNE 30 - JULY 3  
**\$100 - AGES 8-12**

9:00 AM TO NOON

3925 W. Walnut St. Garland TX

**JOIN HERE!**

[HHRC@GARLANDTX.GOV](mailto:HHRC@GARLANDTX.GOV)  
972-205-2721



Join Us for a fun-filled camp at Hollabaugh Rec. Center! Whether you are new to the game or ready to level up, come learn the basics. Make new friends and enjoy some friendly competition.

## COURTS ARE OPEN!



**PLAY ALL DAY**

**\$3**  
PER PERSON

**At Duck Creek Golf Course**

# Announcements & Events

**ONA MEMBERS CAN EMAIL THEIR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, SUCH AS ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS, TO...**

**communications@oakridgena.org**

## Happy Father's Day



**JUNE 15TH**

### 2025-2026 Board of Directors

#### Officers

President, Yvette Bonavita ..... 214-734-2186  
Vice President, Megan Vernon ..... 806-281-7474  
Secretary, Vickie Litton ..... 972-762-2805  
Treasurer, Sarah Freeman ..... 214-927-1148

#### District Directors

District 1, Emma Stevens ..... 214-477-3151  
District 2, Charles Leonard ..... 972-619-9310  
District 3, Jackie Reynolds ..... 469-649-5799  
District 4, Oliver Harter ..... 214-663-8862  
District 5, Kendra Herod ..... 469-652-2383  
District 6, Mike Devanney ..... 314-440-4350  
District 7, Joetta Harris ..... 469-955-1513

#### Committees

Communications, Star Toups ..... 469-371-3222  
Crime & Safety, Lee Litton ..... 972-762-0938  
Environmental, Joshua Lamb ..... 682-558-5528  
Events, Jillian Henderson ..... 903-312-2125  
Membership, Cecile LaBossiere ..... 972-896-9413

# JUNE

# TEENTH

## Celebrate Freedom

**June 19**

# Community Reports & News

## 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](mailto: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>).

Incident	Date Reported- Incident Timing	Address
BURGLARY-VEH	4/22/2025; 5:30 PM	24XX Golden Oaks Dr.

**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.** The 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.

**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.

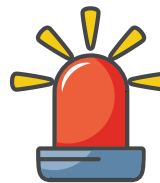
## April Crime Report Continued...

- 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](mailto:MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov).



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>



**GPD Non-Emergency**  
**972-485-4840**

### 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 \(PDF\)](#)

### Financial Report

Sarah Freeman, Treasurer



All 2024-2025 financial reports are accessible online at [www.oakridgena.org/financials-main](http://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](mailto:treasury@oakridgena.org).

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## Oakridge Neighborhood Association Membership

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Your ONA dues support:

- landscape beautification
- community events
- safety efforts
- neighborhood improvements
- communication

*A small contribution makes a big impact!*

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## ONA Facebook Group

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Stay connected with your neighbors! Join the Oakridge Neighborhood Association Facebook group for updates, events, safety alerts, and community conversations—all in one place.



**SCAN ME**



*Thank you - from your Oakridge Neighborhood Association*



# *Boost Your Business with Oakridge!*

Reach Over 1,100 Households Every Month

Looking for affordable, high-impact advertising?

Oakridge Neighborhood Association offers prime exposure through our newsletter, website, major events, and Facebook page—helping you connect directly with the Oakridge neighborhood and community.

Oakridge ONA Exclusive Advertising Package - Just  
\$300/Year

(Prorated per fiscal year, June 1st-May 31st)

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✓ *Visibility at Key Local Events*

✓ *Promotion on Our Facebook Page (ONA advertisers only)*

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 *Ready to Grow Your Reach? Contact us at*  
[communications@oakridgena.org](mailto:communications@oakridgena.org)

Note: To be featured on our Facebook page, you must be an ONA advertiser. Our team will gladly post any updates or promotions you'd like the community to see! 

*Supporting your neighborhood is like investing in your home.*

## *Join The ONA*

A neighborhood that is attractive, well maintained, safe, and vibrant can raise the pride of 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!**



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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

### *Here is what the organization does:*

- Hires qualified landscape contractors to maintain your entrances and perimeter as well as decorate for holidays
- Publishes monthly newsletter and maintains website
- Plans, organizes, and funds local events like national night out
- Partners with our neighborhood officers and citizens on patrol to provide crime prevention and safety
- Welcome new residents including welcome bag
- Hosts general membership meetings
- Coordinates holiday donations from residents to Garland PD and Fire stations
- Attends Quarterly meetings and civic events hosted by the city of Garland
- Much more...

# Oakridge News

Oakridge Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 450145  
Garland, TX 75045-0145



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EDDM Retail

## Please print/fill out completely

Your information will be used for ONA communication purposes ONLY and will NEVER be given to anyone.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Supporter

Renewal

Owner       Tenant

Subscribe to ONA emails?   Y or N

### Contact 1

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact 2

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Invoice

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
Monthly Newsletter	Holiday Decorations
ONA Website	Donations to Fire/Police Stations
Crime Prevention & Safety	New Resident Welcome Bags

Contact [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org) for comments or to volunteer.

### Total Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

Check/Money Order enclosed

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Online Payment - PayPal link is available on the ONA website ([www.oakridgena.org/join-us](http://www.oakridgena.org/join-us))

Mail check or money order (no cash) and completed form to:

**Oakridge Neighborhood Association**  
**PO Box 450145**  
**Garland, TX 75045-0145**

An ONA flag will be placed in your front yard to indicate your support.

# Thank you for supporting your neighborhood!