



OAKRIDGE NEWS

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Board of Directors Update:

BillyRay Thomas, President

Hello Oakridge,

It was good to hear and see many of you at our General Membership meeting on Thursday September 28, 2023. I must say it was very productive with lots of dialog from those present.

We heard about many amazing things happening in our city from our District 7 Councilman, and our first formal crime & safety update from our new NPO Officer Murphy. Oakridge is fortunate to have the level of dedication and support of our community.

As always, we are thankful for the continued support of members and volunteer efforts that make Oakridge one of the best neighborhoods in Garland.

This month we spotlight two special neighbors who have stepped forward to help ONA efforts.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Joshua Lamb, our new Environmental Director and Juliard Ishizuka as District Director for District 5. Welcome aboard Joshua and Juliard! We look forward to working with them both.

Remember feedback is always welcomed by the ONA Board, and there is room for membership and volunteers. Join us Tuesday evening for National Night Out.

Membership in the ONA is not required, “it’s desired! The key word in our name Oakridge Neighborhood Association is “Neighbor”. Until next time!

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Membership Update

Cecile LaBossiere, Membership Director

I would like to thank everyone that has joined the ONA thus far! Your decision to spend your hard earned money to support Oakridge is greatly appreciated. We recognize the value of every dollar and can assure you your contributions will be spent wisely!

We are currently under our needed members to meet this years fiscal budget. Its not too late, please join.

2023-2024 Membership	Total
Renewals	230
First Time Supporters	8
Came Back after Hiatus	24
Total	262

District	Current Members	Pending Renewals	Not Yet Supporting	# Households	% Supporting
1	45	14	126	185	24%
2	53	10	91	154	34%
3	14	8	119	141	10%
4	53	7	91	151	35%
5	29	9	152	190	15%
6	31	6	144	181	17%
7	37	9	118	164	23%
Total	258	66	842	1166	22%

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Jan		1	1	1	1	0
Feb	2	0	2	1	0	2
Mar	8	0	5	1	4	5
Apr	36	92	96	10	25	5
May	94	94	125	124	134	162
Jun	71	35	57	125	80	44
Jul	38	54	47	51	64	21
Aug	11	7	11	12	13	41
Sep	7	7	8	7	9	45
Oct		0	5	17	1	21
Nov		2	2	0	3	15
Dec		1	1	1	0	0
Total	267	293	360	350	334	361

Membership Flags

Member Flags will be delivered by your District Director or Membership Volunteers. If you have not received your Flag, please email **Membership at oakridgemembership@gmail.com**.



Financial Report

Sarah Freeman, Treasurer



All 2023-2024 financial reports are available online at www.oakridgena.org/financials-main. Click the above link or find it on the "Resident Resources" page under "Financials". Contact us at treasury@oakridgena.org.

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Oakridge Safety

Joan & Dan Nichols, Crime & Safety

Oakridge prides itself on a long history of active involvement of its members in watching out for one another. The ONA Crime Prevention and Safety Committee serves its mission to improve and maintain the quality of life in Oakridge.

The Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) initiative with GPD plays a vital part of keeping Oakridge safe. We are especially grateful for our new NPO, Officer Jordan Murphy who will continue the great work began by Officer Barnes. Officer Murphy can be reached at murphyj@garland.tx.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the National Night Out event October 3rd, so save the date.

As always, call 911 for an active crime, or the non-emergency number at 972-485-4840. Subscribe to "Siren Alerts" to be notified of incidents in our neighborhood on our website or email us at safety@oakridgena.org.

Visit <https://www.oakridgena.org/crime-prevention-safety/> for all Crime Prevention and Safety Information and Tips.

Oakridge Culture:

Cheryl Jones, Communications

Oakridge has a rich diversity of cultures, and the Board would welcome current and potential members to share that diversity by joining the Board in an open seat.

These roles take very little time each month and provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know their fellow residents, as well as convey needs and wants a district may have.

We welcome you to join the Board in any of the open roles listed on page 8 of this newsletter or on our website at <https://www.oakridgena.org/ona-board/>.

Oakridge Men

Mark Edwards, Oakridge Resident

The Oakridge gents take a hiatus during the summer. We look forward to reconvening in September. Contact us at oakridgemen@oakridgena.org

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Neighborhood Summit

This year Garland will be hosting the

Saturday, November 11, 8:30am-noon.
Garland Fire Admin Building, 1500 Highway 66.

Event is Free

Register early to receive a Free T-Shirt
<http://www.garlandtx.gov/4081/Neighborhood-Summit>



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Announce or Coordinate a Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale



Contact Jackie Reynolds
ONA Events Coordinator at
events@oakridgena.org

Garland City Council, District 7

Councilman Dylan Hedrick

Finally the summer heat has broken, and outdoor activities are ramping up. The big event we are all looking forward to on the City Council is the opening of the Downtown Square October 14.

This will be one of the biggest celebrations in the history of Garland and we are expecting thousands of visitors from Garland and beyond. Parking shuttles will run continuously from 10 AM to 10 PM between the Square and nearby Williams Stadium.

Visit <https://www.visitgarlandtx.com/square-grand-opening> for more information.

Activities scheduled throughout the day include:

- A 4,000-gallon fish tank with professional anglers for bass fishing demonstrations that showcase Lake Ray Hubbard.
- A half-pipe with professional BMX riders and skaters for a stunt show that showcases Garland being home to the second-largest skatepark in Texas – the Jon Comer Skatepark.
- A Resistol cowboy hat selfie station and special hat presentation with LeAnn Rimes,
- A beer garden that showcases local craft breweries,
- An urban market that showcases local vendors and
- Chef demonstrations
- Backyard games featuring life-sized connect four, chess, jenga, and checkers
- Competitive games including a gaga ball pit, cornhole hula hoop, tug-of-war, sack races and three-legged-race contests.

Two stages of music will feature over a dozen acts throughout the day including:

- Garland Square Pickers, • Garland Symphony Brass Ensemble • Garland Civic Theatre
- Garland Summer Musicals • Garland High School Mariachi and Marching Band • Breitling Performing Arts • Young Guns of Guitar • The Vintage Yell • Empires • Robert Miller • Wanda King • Jimmy Wallace and Friends

Food trucks that showcase local fare will be parked along Seventh Street along with other vendors throughout and around the square.

The night will conclude with the headline act and Garland's own LeAnn Rimes who will take the main stage at 7:30 PM. A drone light show will welcome Rimes to the stage. This is an event not to be missed!

I also thank everyone who came to my Town Hall event September 21 at the North Garland Branch Library. We discussed several bond projects including the reconstruction of Callejo Road, Holford Recreation Center, Holford Road, exterior improvements to the North Garland Branch Library, and several bottleneck traffic improvements for intersections which are within and surrounding District 7.

If you were unable to make it, I am happy to fill you in on the details or answer any questions you may have. Please reach out to me at 469-560-6099 or council7@garlandtx.gov.

Finally, the citizen-driven initiative I am leading to let Garland citizens vote on allowing liquor sales for off-premise (home) consumption within the city limits is still ongoing. Our goal is 20,000 signatures to get it on the May 2024 ballot.

I would appreciate your signature on our hard copy petition if you support allowing liquor sales within Garland and therefore keeping sales tax dollars spent on liquor within Garland rather than subsidizing surrounding cities budgets. Please visit GarlandLOVE.com for more information or email garlandlocaloption@gmail.com and we will get a petition to you.



Happy Birthday * Happy Anniversary



Introducing **ONA's new Board Member Appointees**

Joshua Lamb **Environmental Director**

Joshua Lamb and his wife, Stephanie of 26 years, moved into Oakridge in May 2020 and have loved every day they have been here. They keep discovering new places and benefits that come with the neighborhood and location. They are both nurses at nearby hospitals with 2 young boys at home (10 & 12) and one all grown up right down the road. Joshua retired from the Army in 2012 after 20+ years of service and joined his wife in the nursing field. After years of travel and moving, they found their forever home. They look forward to meeting you all and serving the Oakridge community!

Contact: 682-558-5528; environment@oakridgena.org



Juliard Ishizuka **District Director – District 5**

I have been an Oakridge resident since 2013. I am originally from Los Angeles and have been a DFW resident since 1996. I am currently a Realtor for Ebby Halliday and prior to that I was in sales and in the food



and beverage industry. My wife Michelle has been a Kindergarten teacher for many years, and we have two boys Eli is 5 and Flynn is 7. In our free time we enjoy taking walks, going to the zoo and exploring the museum with the kids. We have enjoyed living in Oakridge and will help in making it a great community!

Contact: 817-739-1139, juliardishizuka@ebby.com



Preservation Society Fall Programs

David Parrish, Oakridge Resident

2023-2024 Fall Nature Programs Public Speaking Series at Spring Creek Forest.
1st Tuesday of each month; Runs
September to May 2024; 7:00PM to 8:30
PM via Zoom.



Topics / Dates:

- Sex in the Garden (9/5)
- All about Galls (10/3)
- Orthoptera are Hopping Across North America-grasshoppers, katydids (11/7)
- Amy Martin book preview, Wild DFW (1/2).
- 4th Sunday Nature Walks-: Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Locations vary.
- Insects on the Prairie (9/24)
- Galls in the Forest (10/29),
- Family Time in the Forest (11/26)
- First Day Hikes on January 1, 2024

For information such as locations/directions, details and newsletter subscriptions:

- Preservation Society website:
<https://www.springcreekforest.org>,
- Email: springcreekforestpreservation@gmail.com
- Facebook Group Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/113504751995744>



September 29 - October 22, 2023

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Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

Libby Morse, Resident

The Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women of Oakridge. We share a common bond of love for our children, families, and community and even become friends.

OWC meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at various locations.

If you need a break once a month to relax and unwind, email Libby Morse at tomlib@tx.rr.com for information. OWC is on Facebook and Nextdoor.

Daytimers Coffee

Sally Weiss, Oakridge Resident

On Tuesday, September 12th Gloria Turner's lovely home was all abuzz with the sounds of 32 ladies' voices eagerly catching up with the activities of the friends who they haven't seen since the beginning of May. There was much to learn! Delicious snacks were provided by Susan Conner, Glenda Watkins, Liem Ha and Sharon and Jessica Eppler. There were even tamales. What a treat! Thanks to all these ladies.

President Ann Conrath led an informative meeting as we learned that all the individual groups that are part of Daytimers such as book club, Mah Jong, game day, etc. are alive and well and ready to start the Fall season. If you don't see an activity that appeals to you, we're always open to new ideas so you may wish to suggest one. Peggy Crenshaw, the money lady, was busy collecting \$20 dues to build up our treasury again. If you missed it, there's still time so just bring your dues to our next coffee. Also, please see Ann Williams if you haven't signed up to be a food hostess. There will be others to help you so be sure to take a turn.

Next month we'll be meeting at President Ann's home where we'll be visited by our new neighborhood police officer Jordan Murphy. Come listen and learn what's going on in this lovely area that we call home.



2023 Oakridge National Night Out
By Oakridge Crime Watch and Garland Police

Free Admission

Date and Time	Location	Taste of Oakridge
Tue, October 3, 2023 5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT	Duck Creek Golf Club Parking Lot 2800 Diamond Oaks Drive	Register online or to volunteer contact safety@oakridgena.org

Featuring Garland Police and Fire Department

About this Event

Join us as we celebrate Oakridge Night Out. Bring an appetizer to share with neighbors and learn about Crime Prevention from our own Garland Police. Bring your own bag chairs and beverages will be available for purchase from the Duck Creek Golf Course beverage cart. **Free for all Oakridge residents and families.** Go to www.oakridgena.org to sign-up and get the latest info.

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.

Register Right Here!!!!

Commercial Solicitation

Scott Youzva, Oakridge Resident

In light of the most recent hail storm, there has been a surplus of Roofing company's soliciting door to door. Whereas, it is a common practice, did you know that commercial solicitations of homes requires a Permit, per city ordinance? See CODE below. You can find more information on Permits on the City's Code Compliance website at: <https://www.garlandtx.gov/Search?searchPhrase=HOME%20SOLICITATION>.

26.51 Permit required for commercial home solicitations.

No person shall engage in a commercial home solicitation without having a valid, current written permit issued under provisions of this article by the Chief of Police. A permit is not required for a noncommercial home solicitation.

Any person desiring to make a commercial home solicitation within the City shall make written application to the Chief of Police in a form provided by the Chief of Police, for a permit. The application shall include the following information:

Pickell Ball in Oakridge at Duck Creek Golf Club



For more information contact:

Scott Youzva
s.youzva@gmail.com
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Oakridge Residents 411s:

New Residents:

If you are new to Oakridge, 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 ONA Membership. Join anytime via the website or scan the "Join QR Code".



Join Today!

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 on the web site <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>.

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/384/Sidewalk-Participation-Program>.

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Invoice

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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 for comments or to volunteer.

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Payment Method:

Check/Money Order enclosed

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

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