



# OAKRIDGE NEWS

www.oakridgena.org

November 2024, Vol. 32, No. 11

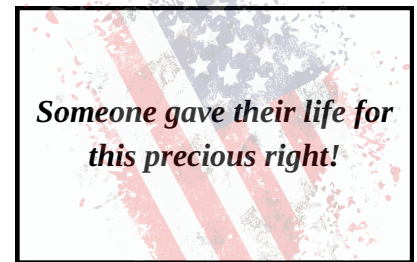


## Board of Directors Update

Vickie Litton, President

Hello Oakridge, The year is flying by. It does not seem that November is here already. The weather finally feels like fall. I hope that everyone enjoyed National Night Out, the State Fair, our sweet trick or treaters and the Texas /OU football game. This month is extra special as it is an election month. Remember to VOTE. It is so important that your voice is heard at every level of government – local, county, state and federal.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Oakridge! Remember, the key word in our name Oakridge Neighborhood Association is “neighbor.” Membership in the ONA is not Required, it is Desired. Till Next Time.



# If you are new to the Neighborhood...

Join the ONA and help us maintain and beautify Oakridge entrances!

Welcome



## Membership Update

Cecile LaBossiere, Membership Director

A special thanks to everyone that has participated in our Annual Membership Campaign. We have 1166 homes in Oakridge and we currently have 249 residents that have contributed to the ONA! If you have questions about the Neighborhood Association, please reach out so we can answer your questions, concerns, etc.... via email at oakridgemembership@gmail.com.

## Membership Summary YTD

District #	SUM of Current Year Supporter (2024-2025)	SUM of Not yet renewed	SUM of Not yet supporting	SUM of # Households	% Supporting
1	48	12	125	185	26%
2	57	7	90	154	37%
3	9	6	126	141	6%
4	50	8	93	151	33%
5	25	10	155	190	13%
6	25	8	148	181	14%
7	35	9	120	164	21%
Total	249	60	857	1166	21%

## Membership Flags

To show our appreciation, your ONA Membership Flag will be delivered by your District Director or Membership volunteer.



Find your District Director at <https://oakridgena.org/seven-districts-of-oakridge/>.

If you have not received your 2024-2025 Flag, email Membership at oakridgemembership@gmail.com.

Membership is still open. Join ONA Here!!!



Join Today!

Click this link or scan QR Code

Pay using PayPal (fee) or Credit Card  
Most Major Cards Accepted.

Pay by Mail:

Print Invoice enclosed and Mail check/money order payable to ONA: PO Box 450145 Garland, TX 75045

District Directors are more than happy to pick up your payment. Just let them know.

## We still have Open Positions:

- **Secretary**
  - Document minutes for Board/General Membership Meetings.
- **District 1, 2, 3 and 6 Directors**
  - Represents district, delivers member flags and welcome bags.
- **Communications Director**
  - Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board.

The ONA is continually looking for ways to streamline our processes and improve efficiency.

For more information and ways you can help, email us at [communications@oakridgena.org](mailto:communications@oakridgena.org).

## Oakridge Neighborhood wide Garage Sales



Contact Jackie Reynolds  
ONA Events Coordinator  
[events@oakridgena.org](mailto:events@oakridgena.org)

# Financial Report

Sarah Freeman, Treasurer



The ONA Board is committed to be fiscally responsible for your membership and beautification dollars. The 2024-2025 Budget is available now online at [www.oakridgena.org/financials-main](http://www.oakridgena.org/financials-main). Click the above link or find it on the "Resident Resources" page under "Financials". If you have any questions, contact us at [treasury@oakridgena.org](mailto:treasury@oakridgena.org).

## Oakridge Safety

Lee Litton, Crime & Safety



The Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) initiative with GPD plays a vital part of keeping Oakridge safe. We are especially grateful for our NPO, Officer Jordan Murphy who continues to serve the Oakridge residents.

Thank you to all that attended National Night Out. We had a great turn out and the Garland Police Department congratulated us on the neighborhood response. We were honored to have Chief Bryan as one of our guests. 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](mailto:safety@oakridgena.org). Visit <https://www.oakridgena.org/crime-prevention-safety/> for all Crime Prevention and Safety Information and Tips.



The ONA proudly supports the Garland Police Department Foundation's support for "First Responders" dealing with Cancer. Click link below for more information or for donations. <https://garlandpolicefoundation.org>



Dear Friends,

2024 makes 20 years and over \$60,000 raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. These funds provide support to families, like ours, and research to find cures and treatments. The job is not done, and we are asking you to dig deep and give, today.

<https://mda.donordrive.com/participant/75249>

If you wish, simply mail your check made payable to the Muscular Dystrophy Association to:

David Parrish, 2526 Pepperidge Dr., Garland, TX 75044. # Make a Muscle. Make a Difference.

## Environmental

Joshua Lamb, Director

We have submitted the Neighborhood Vitality Grant to change entrance lights to color changing lights to reflect seasonal holidays and other improvement. Specifics and status information can be found on the website.

We solicit neighbor volunteers to help make our entrances and perimeter stellar. Contact me [environment@oakridgena.org](mailto:environment@oakridgena.org)

Thanks again for your donations to the Beautification Fund!

## Commercial Solicitation

§ 26.51 Permit required for commercial home solicitations.

The city of Garland requires a Permit for Commercial solicitations of homes. For more information contact Code Compliance at 972-485-6400.

Solicitation permits may be obtained at the Garland Police Department's Records Unit, located at: 1891 Forest Lane, Garland, TX 75042. Download the application here: [Solicitation Permit Application \(PDF\)](#)

**BIRTHDAY**



Thanksgiving

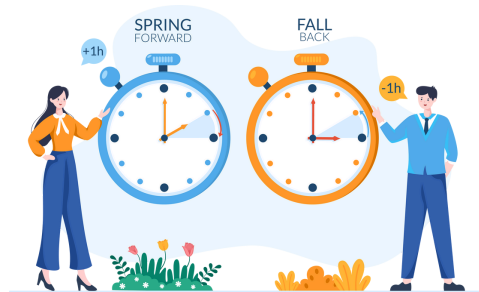


## Daytimers Coffee

Oakridge Resident

If you're new to the neighborhood or recently retired or you've just been debating coming to one of our coffees, I encourage you to check us out. You'll meet a friendly group of women who will be happy to help you feel a key part of this great neighborhood! We look forward to meeting you!

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.



**Don't forget to reset your clocks !**

### OAKRIDGE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



Each year, following the Thanksgiving holiday, the ONA District Directors and other board members take time to put up holiday decorations around the neighborhood. These decorations add a touch of holiday cheer to the Oakridge entryways and the bridge over the golf course. If you see these little holiday elves putting up decorations, be sure to give them a friendly wave and say thank you.

**City of  
Garland**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Click the link or scan QR Code  
[www.visitgarlandtx.org/p/events](http://www.visitgarlandtx.org/p/events)



## Pickleball Anyone?

Scott Youzva, Resident



If you're interested in Pickleball, you can catch a game at Duck Creek Golf Club. For more information, contact the golf club or give me a call. If interested, you can search for the "Pickleball at Duck Creek" Facebook Group for additional information. All levels of players are participating and we can get everyone on a court with players of equal experience.

I look forward to meeting anyone that wants to play or learn to play. I hope to "See you at the courts!"

**Scott Youzva**  
[s.youzva@gmail.com](mailto:s.youzva@gmail.com)  
972-816-5116



HELPING EACH OTHER!  
OAKRIDGE FOOD DRIVE



Sunday, Nov 10, 2-4pm

**Good Sam truck will be at Holford  
Park parking lot—across Shiloh Rd,  
between Rich Oak and Big Oaks!**



### Food & Warm clothes Drive

#### Food Items

- Beef stew/Chili
- Ravioli/Spaghettios
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, salmon)
- Peanut butter (plastic jars are preferred)
- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Brown rice
- Whole grain pastas
- Canned tomato sauces
- Vienna Sausage
- Hearty Soups (with meat, preferably)
- Fruit Cups
- Applesauce Cups
- Mac n Cheese Cups
- Fruit/Energy/Breakfast Bars
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers



#### Cold Weather Clothing

- Socks
- Warm jackets
- Gloves, hats, scarves



## Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

Libby Morse, Oakridge Resident

OWC is open to all women Oakridge. If you need a break once a month to relax, come and unwind with the Women of Oakridge. Contact Libby at [tomlib@tx.rr.com](mailto:tomlib@tx.rr.com). OWC has a private Facebook Group Page. Find us and join.

# Garland City Council, District 7

## Councilman Dylan Hedrick

At our Work Session October 21, the City Council received an update on the recently completed pavement condition study. The study, which began in March 2024, utilized LiDAR technology to scan and assess every street and alley in the city, assigning each segment an Overall Condition Index (OCI) score. Scores range from 0, which is a completely failed street, to 100, which is a newly built street. Scores 90 to 100 are excellent, 70-89 are good, 50-69 are fair, 25-49 are poor and 0-24 are considered failed.

The results of the study revealed that the citywide composite OCI is 70, which is on the line between good and fair. Arterial roads scored the highest with an OCI of 79. Arterial roads are main thoroughfares such as Belt Line Road or Shiloh Road. Collector streets, typically larger streets in residential neighborhoods such as Diamond Oaks Drive or Ridge Oak Drive, scored a 72 and residential streets scored a 69. Industrial streets scored a 74 and alleys received the lowest score, with an OCI of 51.

Asset Type	Centerline Miles	Lane Miles	% of Network	OCI
Arterials	130	619	23%	79
Collectors	98	330	12%	72
Residential	450	1308	49%	69
Industrial	27	100	4%	74
Alleys	320	320	12%	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>2677</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>70</b>

The goal of the City Council is to improve the OCI score of all streets to the highest rating possible given the available funding. Given that mandate, city staff constructed a model which takes into account factors such as the pavement type, the functional classification, deferred maintenance costs and inflation among other variables. Several modeling scenarios were then presented to the Council for consideration.

The first option was a comprehensive "Fix All" scenario, estimated to cost \$327 million over five years, which would raise the citywide OCI to 90.

Other options focused on maintaining current funding levels, roughly \$40M currently, which would cause the citywide OCI to slip by one point a year and increase our annual maintenance backlog; prioritizing alley reconstruction at a cost of \$57 million over five years; and improving residential stress Staff's recommendation is to aim to raise the citywide OCI to 77 over five years by spreading investment across the five functional categories. Residential streets will receive over half of available funding with alleys receiving roughly a quarter of funding.

Asset Type	5-Year Budget	OCI Score		
		Current	Year 5	Net
Arterials	\$21.0 M	79	79	0
Collectors	\$18.4 M	72	79	+7
Residential	\$122.3 M	69	75	+6
Industrial	\$4.1 M	74	79	+5
Alleys	\$56.8 M	51	60	+9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222.6 M</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	

As a civil engineer, I am passionate about fixing our city infrastructure. I would like to see the street repairs happen even faster as deferred maintenance only makes the problem worse and more expensive to fix in the long run. I know Oakridge residents have seen some smaller street reconstruction projects over the past few years but be prepared to see even more street construction in Garland's future as we work to rebuild and improve our city. Please give me your input as to whether you agree with the proposed pavement improvement plan and what streets you would like to see reconstructed. Finally, I was happy to participate in Camelot's Annual Camelot Chili Cookoff taking home the award for Best All Around Chili.

You can get the winning recipe on my Substack at [dylanhedrick.substack.com](http://dylanhedrick.substack.com) as well as my commentary on Garland city government. Please reach out to me at 469-560-6099 or [council7@garlandtx.gov](mailto:council7@garlandtx.gov) if there is anything I can do for you.

---

## Oakridge Gentlemen

### Mark Edwards, Oakridge Resident

The Oakridge Gentlemen meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am. All Oakridge Men are welcomed. Last Wednesday we met at Garland Cafe. Email Mark at [medwards@gmail.com](mailto:medwards@gmail.com) for the next meeting time and location.

# OAKRIDGE ADVERTISERS

Business Owners and Service Providers, your business card here and our web site could reach over 1,100 households each month for just \$300 per year!

**Easy Payments Terms for every budget:**

Prorated per fiscal year  
1-2-4 Payment Options.

Email [communications@oakridgena.org](mailto:communications@oakridgena.org) to place your ad today!



RE/MAX Associates of Dallas



**Jeff Stone**  
Managing Broker  
214-957-4386

*Oakridge resident over 30 years  
offering special commission rate for my neighbors!*

## 協泰 Hiep Thai

*Local Asian Marketplace!  
Fresh Meat & Seafood!*

3347 W. Walnut St., #101  
Garland, TX 75042  
Tel: 972-272-1993  
Fax: 972-487-9092

2430 E. Pioneer Pkwy.  
Arlington, TX 76010  
Tel: 817-459-1311  
Fax: 817-459-1317



**EBBY HALLIDAY**  
*A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate*

**Juliard Ishizuka**



**REALTOR®**  
(817)739-1139  
juliardishizuka@ebby.com

**Oakridge resident since 2013. I am here to assist you in your real estate needs!**

**Donna's Pet & House Sitting**  
Home: 972-495-8599 Cell: 214-395-5403  
Donna Feher  
Partnered With Sue Hageland  
Oakridge Area Resident for 30+ Years

**Insured - Certified in Pet First Aid/CPR**



**Overnight Stays in Your Home or Mine**



**CHERYL JONES**  
REALTY

**CHERYL JONES**  
Real Estate Broker & Owner  
**214-437-9132**  
[www.cheryljones.realestate](http://www.cheryljones.realestate)

*Negotiable Rates and Neighbor Rebates*  
Call or go to the website to schedule an appointment.

Oakridge resident since 1996.  
34+ years Real Estate experience.

MLS Independently owned and operated. NOTARY

**j elliott**  
ESTATE SALES

J Elliott Estate Sales manages the transition process from start to finish! We sort, clean, stage and tag all items and leave you with an empty home.

Contact us today to get started!  
[jc@jelliottestatesales.com](mailto:jc@jelliottestatesales.com)  
+1 469 774 7114




**DUCKCREEK**  
GOLF CLUB

214-440-2229 | [www.duckcreekgc.com](http://www.duckcreekgc.com)



## 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](mailto: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](http://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>.

## 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>

### 2024-2025 Board of Directors

#### Officers

President, Vickie Litton ..... 972-762-2805  
Vice President, Yvette Bonavita ..... 214-734-2186  
Secretary, OPEN  
Treasurer, Sarah Freeman ..... 214-927-1148

#### District Directors

District 1, OPEN  
District 2, Charles Leonard ..... 972-619-9310  
District 3, OPEN  
District 4, Oliver Harter ..... 214-663-8862  
District 5, OPEN  
District 6, OPEN  
District 7, Joetta Harris ..... 469-955-1513

#### Committees

Communications, OPEN  
Crime & Safety, Lee Litton ..... 972-762-0938  
Environmental, Joshua Lamb..... 682-558-5528  
Events, Jackie Reynolds ..... 469-649-5799  
Membership, Cecile LaBossiere ..... 972-896-9413



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



# Oakridge News

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



PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S.POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
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

# \_\_\_\_\_

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!