

Board of Directors Update Continued

Other important positions to be filled are President, Secretary, and Events Director. Again, if you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know (info@oakridgena.org), and we will have someone from the Nominating Committee contact you.

We are stronger together than separate. We are by Oakridge and for Oakridge, and we need folks to volunteer to lead this neighborhood association forward. We look forward to hearing from you and having you join us as we work to keep Oakridge connected, beautiful, and crime-free.

Thank you so much for considering a volunteer position!

Vickie

Welcome Joan Nichols

Our Newest Nominating Committee Member



Joan Nichols has lived in Oakridge since 1990. She served on the ONA Board for 5 years supporting the Crime and Safety Committee with Dan, her husband and high school sweetheart from Columbia, MO and retired RISD teacher/coach. Oakridge has been a great neighborhood to raise their two grown children – both University of Texas graduates; Lindsey (PhD at University of OR) and Trent (Civil Engineer at Half Associates in Richardson). Joan began her career as an Industrial Engineer at Texas Instrument before going on her own as an Organization Change Management consultant for 30 years. Contact at j.nichols4@gmail.com or 214-543-2546.

**Membership is still open.
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[Click this link or scan
QR Code](#)



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

OAKRIDGE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Oakridge General Membership Meeting

This meeting is open to all residents of the Oakridge Subdivision. We hope to have a wonderful turnout to share ideas for revitalization, offer support, and provide updates for our charming Oakridge Neighborhood. We also have some positions that we would love to see filled.

**February 27, 2025, at the North Garland Library
meeting room, located at 3845 N Garland Avenue,
Garland, TX, from 6:00- 8:00 PM.**

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 2024-2025 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!**



FEBRUARY IS



HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements and a time for recognizing the central role and contributions of black people in U.S. and world history.

GROUNDHOG DAY

FEB 2

According to legend, if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be six more weeks of wintry weather; if it doesn't, then spring is right around the corner!



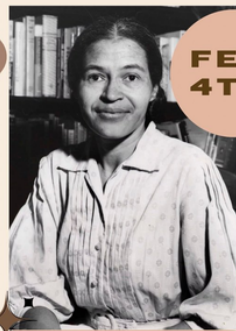
THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

ROSA PARKS DAY

"YOU MUST NEVER BE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING WHEN IT IS RIGHT"

FEB. 4TH

- civil rights activist
- refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger in Alabama in 1955 and arrested
- led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- eventually ending racial segregation on public facilities



★ 1913 - 2005



Valentine's Day 2025

Friday, February 14



February 17, 2025
[Oakridge Neighborhood Association](#)

Daytimers Group Coffee Oakridge Resident



Everyone gathered at Cecile's home for a Happy New Year Celebration. We were amazed at how many of us reminisced about the year 2000 and the unbelievable 25 years that had flown by since then! Our food hostesses, Emma, Chris, and Susie, did an outstanding job with egg casseroles, a delicious fresh fruit assortment, festive lettuce wraps, warm coffee cake, and assorted cookies and candy! We are so lucky to have such creative and talented cooks in our group. Chris also shared that her egg casserole recipe was provided by one of our departed daytimers, Becky Parks. Many of us had fond memories of Becky and several of her art pieces in our homes.

Our guest, Jackie from BeeOrganized, really set the tone for the New Year with a fantastic presentation and discussion on getting organized in 2025. She described the seven different personality types associated with collecting, storing, and saving stuff, and we had some good laughs as some of us shared a quick story or two about their personal behavior when it came to STUFF! Many of us recognized that our children, grandchildren, and family won't cherish the items we love and hold dear to our hearts, but letting go is difficult.

Jackie talked us through the burden that can be placed on others as they attempt to deal with these things, usually during a highly emotional time in their lives that doesn't always lend itself to good decision-making. We all chuckled when she described the clothing items in our closets, ranging in size from 2 to 16! A good tip she provided was to keep one size bigger and one size smaller and let the rest go to charity where someone in desperate need can make good use of it. One of our daytimers, Dianne, chimed in on how uplifting it has been to downsize some of her cherished items.

Daytimers Group Coffee Continued

After the presentation, most of us mingled and finished our coffee, and Margaret provided an update on Dottie. She is at home with assisted home care and recovering, but could use some cheering up with short visits to break up the day. She also isn't cooking right now and could use a home-cooked meal. Margaret asked that we bring a small portion so she doesn't have to deal with storage, leftovers, etc. We also had Susie join us after being absent due to piano lessons. Welcome back, Susie!

I'm thankful for the camaraderie and support of this group and look forward to seeing everyone in February! 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 214-690-3440.



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 \(PDF\)](#)



Pickle Ball at Duck Creek Scott Youzva Resident



Winter Pickle Ball Update: As winter settles in, I want to take this opportunity to update everyone on the Pickleball courts at Duck Creek. We've enjoyed numerous fun-filled sessions throughout the spring, summer, and fall. However, the colder and wetter weather will understandably limit our time on the outdoor courts. Nonetheless, there will still be occasional pleasant days during winter that will allow us to play a few games outside.

I'll try to announce any organized events or sessions through the **Playtime Scheduler app**, which can be downloaded for free. This app will keep you informed about scheduled sessions or allow you to arrange a time for yourself.

Just two weeks ago, we successfully filled all four courts and had a fantastic time. For those who prefer to stay indoors during the colder winter months or the sweltering summer heat, I want to inform you about a few indoor facilities. The following are the regular hours adopted:

- First United Methodist Church of Richardson: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
- Heights Recreation Center (Richardson): Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Huffines Recreation Center (Richardson): Friday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Hollabaugh Recreation Center (Garland): Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (with a potential addition of Friday soon)

For those eagerly awaiting the opening of the Holford Recreation Center, the anticipated date is sometime in March, with Pickleball being offered upon their opening.

Lessons for beginners and intermediate players are available. If you're interested, please contact me at 972-816-5116 (text preferred), and I will add you to the list when sessions are scheduled. The cost is \$10.00 per lesson.

Stay warm and stay active!



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.

Oakridge Garage Sale

Save the date! Our delightful neighborhood wide garage sale is happening

Saturday, April 26, from 9 AM to 4 PM

If you'd love to join in, please get in touch with Jackie Reynolds at 469-649-5799 or events@oakridgena.org. We'll be providing handy maps to guide you to all participating homes, both for distribution and online access. Just a little reminder, you'll need to secure a permit from the city of Garland if you're planning to sell.

December 2024 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, report any concerns you think the neighborhood should be aware of to: safety@oakridgena.org .
- 9-1-1 should be dialed for Police, Ambulance or Fire unit. A Police emergency is any situation involving a
- crime in progress, or an imminent threat to life, bodily injury, or major property damage or loss (e.g.
- fight or assault in progress, or a home or business burglary in progress).

Oakridge Select Incident Report (Source:

<http://www.garlandpolice.com/396/Crime-Statistics-Maps>)

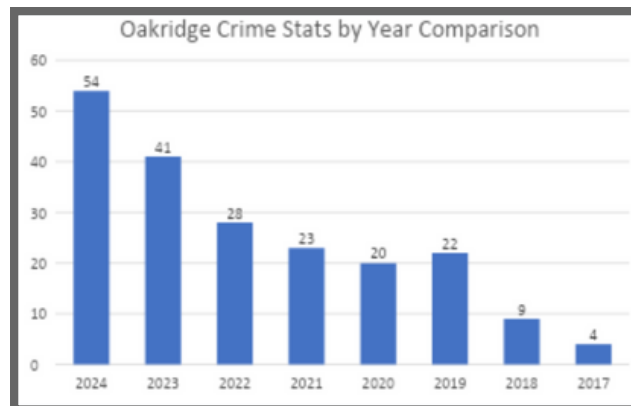
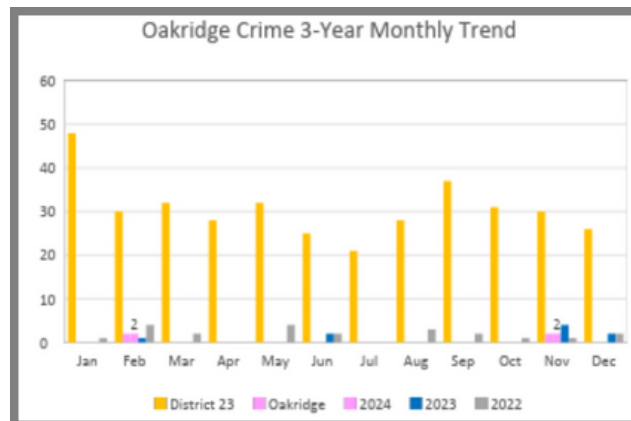
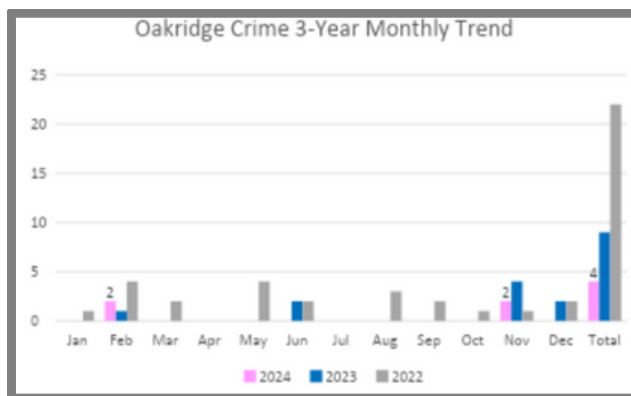
Incident	Date Reported-Incident Timing	Address
None		

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.

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.



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>

Membership Update

Cecile LaBossier, Membership Coordinator

As we begin the New Year, I just wanted to remind our Oakridge residents to let us know if you have a new neighbor! The Oakridge Neighborhood Association will deliver a Welcome Bag and provide information regarding the City of Garland, including contacts and numbers that may be important as they become familiar with the neighborhood and the city. We want all our residents to feel welcomed, and you can help us achieve that goal by sending us an email at oakridgemembership@gmail.com.

Also, a reminder that I am a frequent walker, so do not hesitate to share a friendly wave or say a quick good morning as we start our day. I hope the New Year brings joy to you and your families!

Our Oakridge Neighborhood Association fiscal year is June 1st to May 31st, and we have 251 ONA supporters who have contributed!

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	58	7	89	154	38%
3	9	6	126	141	6%
4	50	8	93	151	33%
5	26	10	154	190	14%
6	25	8	148	181	14%
7	35	9	120	164	21%
Total	251	60	855	1166	22%

We will be sponsoring some events over the next few months to provide residents of Oakridge with opportunities to meet their neighbors and receive updates on neighborhood happenings. If you have any questions about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, please reach out to us at oakridgemembership@gmail.com.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

oakridge SPRING FLING

Join us for our Annual Spring Fling Picnic, graciously sponsored and paid for by the Oakridge Neighborhood Association May 4th from 3-5 PM. We'll be location to be determined This event is FREE for everyone, whether you're an ONA member or not. Enjoy delicious food and refreshing drinks on us! We'll also have special visits from the Garland Police, Garland Fire Department, and the Garland Animal Shelter (complete with adorable dogs).

Environmental

Joshua Lamb, Director



Great news! It looks like we have received approval from the Community Services Committee to go forward with our grant for revitalizing and modernizing our main entrances. The next step will be to present the application to the full City Council. Please note that this will be considered first at the Work Session on February 3, and if all goes well, it will be considered for final approval at the City Council Regular Session on February 17.

Thanks to Cecile LaBossier, who was instrumental in spearheading this effort. We couldn't have done this without her effort, initiative, and hard work. This will be a monumental undertaking for our neighborhood. We will need several things, most importantly, you and your time and effort to chip in and volunteer some labor and "sweat equity" into our entrances. The other will be patience as the work is done around our lovely neighborhood.

We are excited to share with you the plans that were approved to renovate our neighborhood in the coming weeks. Things will be hardscaped, modernized, updated with new lighting, and a slew of other different upgrades. I believe that as these projects take form and neighbors come together to help, this community and the pride we have in it will truly be revitalized!

We will have more specifics that we will be able to talk through at our General Membership Meeting on February 27, 2025. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or even recommendations!

We appreciate all your input!

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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):

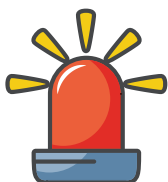
The ONA is a 501(C)(4) Non-Profit chartered in 1992. Its powers and authority is limited to the maintenance of 9 Entries and subdivision perimeter landscaping. The ONA has no authority over and takes no position over private property matters. The Fiscal Year begins June 1 and ends May 31st of the following 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>.



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

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>

2025-2026 Board of Directors

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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!

- \$60 Good Neighbor Level
- \$100 Crepe Myrtle Level
- \$250 Maple Level
- \$500+ Oak Level

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

Oakridge News

Oakridge Neighborhood Association
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Invoice

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What the ONA does

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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