



# Oakridge News

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## Board of Directors Update

Yvette Bonavita, President

Dear Oakridge Neighbors,

As the Dallas summer truly settles in—bringing with it glorious sunshine and that familiar warmth—we hope you're all enjoying the season! July is a fantastic time to slow down, create cherished memories with loved ones, and embrace the joy of outdoor living. Whether you're splashing in pools, firing up the grill for a backyard barbecue, or simply enjoying the long, bright evenings, we encourage everyone to connect with friends and neighbors. Summer is all about fun, relaxation, and building the community bonds that make Oakridge such a special place to call home.

This month, our thoughts naturally turn to the Fourth of July, a cornerstone of American summer celebrations. Beyond the picnics and fireworks, Independence Day holds deep meaning. It's a day to reflect on the ideals of liberty, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness that our nation was founded upon—and to appreciate the sacrifices made to secure those rights.

## Board of Directors Update Continued

If you're looking for festive ways to celebrate our nation's independence right here in our community, look no further than Garland! The City of Garland is hosting its **"Red, White & You!"** Independence Day celebration on **Wednesday, July 3rd, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at the Downtown Garland Square. This free event promises a vibrant atmosphere with live music, delicious food vendors, engaging games for all ages, and a spectacular drone show. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow Garland residents and enjoy a festive evening close to home. More details are available at **[VisitGarlandTX.com](https://www.visitgarlandtx.com)**.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, let's also remember to be good neighbors and help ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone. Please be mindful of fireworks regulations and consider the impact of noise on pets and those sensitive to loud sounds. We wish each and every one of you a joyful, safe, and memorable Independence Day—filled with patriotic spirit and the warmth of community. Here's to a fantastic July in Oakridge!

# Featured Articles

## Membership

Cecile LaBossiere



### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING YOUR ONA!

We are so grateful to the Oakridge residents who have contributed to our funding drive this year. So far, we've raised \$19,000, and while our budget goal is \$25,000, we still need your help!

Our ultimate goal of \$25,000 covers expenses for irrigation, landscaping, maintenance, and a few social events we host throughout the year. We currently have over 900 residents who haven't contributed—if you've been waiting, we'd love your support now!

If you're new to Oakridge or wondering how ONA puts your donations to work, we're happy to answer any questions. You can learn more by visiting our website: [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org). There you'll find our mission, financial statements, and more.

Oakridge ONA is a 100% volunteer, non-profit neighborhood association dedicated to maintaining our entries, enhancing our common areas, and creating opportunities to bring our neighbors together. We're committed to using every dollar wisely.

Please consider supporting us today!

Click here to join: [oakridgena.org/membership-form](http://oakridgena.org/membership-form)

Not interested in membership? No problem! You can donate anonymously—just skip the membership form and click the "[Donate](#)" button.

#### 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).



## Think Before You Click The ONA Board



We want to bring a crucial safety concern to your attention. Recently, we've seen a rise in scam emails targeting community members, often requesting money or personal information.

What makes these scams especially tricky is that they sometimes appear to come from familiar names or trusted sources.

We urge all Oakridge residents to exercise extra caution when checking their inboxes.

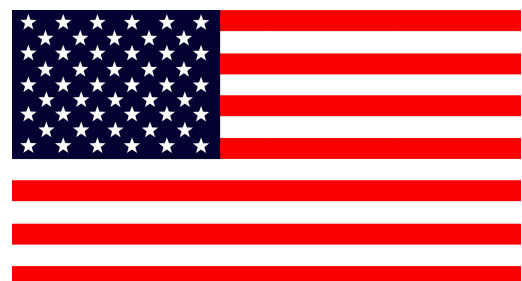
### If you receive an email asking for financial contributions or sensitive information, please take a moment to verify:

- Does the sender's email address exactly match our official ONA communications?
- Does the sender's name look right?
- Is the message written with unusual urgency or awkward phrasing?

These are red flags that the message may not be legitimate.

If you ever receive a suspicious email claiming to be from the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, do not click on any links or respond to the message. Instead, contact us directly using the information listed on our official website or Facebook page.

Your safety and security are our top priorities. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood informed, alert, and protected.



# Featured Articles

## Pickle Ball at Duck Creek Scott Youzva, Resident

### Swing into Summer with Pickleball Fun!



Summer has arrived, bringing sunshine, fresh energy, and the perfect opportunity to step into the "kitchen" (pickleball speak for the no-volley zone) and enjoy the game! We're thrilled to share that Pickleball is now in full swing at Duck Creek.

Whether you're a seasoned "dink" expert or just starting to "rally," beginner and intermediate lessons will be available at the Hollabaugh Recreation Center in Garland in August.

### Here's the Scoop:

Have questions about improving your "third shot drop" or planning your next "smash"? Feel free to text us at 972-816-5116—we're happy to help.

### Stay in the Loop:

Don't "lob" this opportunity! There are groups that play from our neighborhood, so let me know if you would like to join in the fun.

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

**Courts are available from sun-up to sunset, 7 days a week for \$3/person.**

## 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. Find out program details at:

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

## Welcome New Residents



### Welcome to Oakridge—Where Summer Hospitality Shines Bright!

As a new resident, you'll be greeted with a cheerful Welcome Bag packed with summertime goodies from the City of Garland, handy neighborhood tips, and key information about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA). Feel free to say hello or ask questions anytime at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org)—we'd love to hear from you!

**Supporting our community is simple:** you can join the ONA anytime at [www.oakridgena.org/join](http://www.oakridgena.org/join). It's a great way to stay connected and contribute to the warmth and charm that makes Oakridge special year-round.

### A Bit About the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA)

Founded in 1992, ONA is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit committed to keeping Oakridge beautiful—from our nine entryways to the lush landscaping that surrounds our neighborhood. While we don't govern private property matters, voluntary membership is essential to helping us fulfill our mission. Our fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31, and annual household dues are just \$60. Find more under **"Resident Resources"** on our website.

### Finding Your District

Oakridge includes 1,166 residences, organized into Districts based on street location—each one led by a dedicated ONA District Director. To discover your District, check out **"Find Your District"** on our website.

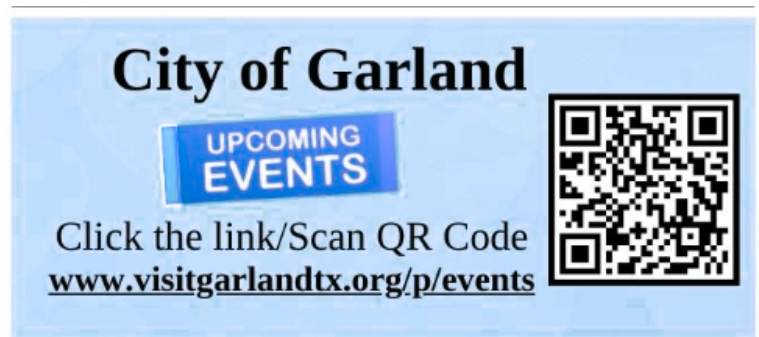
### Perimeter Wall Care

ONA membership dues help maintain landscaping and mowing along the perimeter walls. However, homeowners whose properties back up to these walls are responsible for repairs or replacements if needed. For more details, visit the **"Perimeter Brick Wall"** section online.

Welcome again—and enjoy everything that makes July in Oakridge sunny, neighborly, and full of community spirit!



# Announcements and Events





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

**communications@oakridgena.org**

## FREE MICROCHIP & VACCINES

**\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

In collaboration with Friends of Rescue Animals, Garland Animal Services will be providing free microchips and vaccines every Wednesday in July in honor of Lost Pet Prevention Month. Microchips are also offered for \$25.00 every day we are open.

### WHY MICROCHIP?

Registered microchips are small electronic chips inserted under your pet's skin that contains your contact information and an identification number. If your pet ends up at the shelter, we can scan them and are more likely to reunite you with your furry friend!

### WHY VACCINATE?

The DHPP and FVRCP vaccines are core vaccines that protect dogs and cats against dangerous and potentially lethal diseases. Both vaccines must be administered once a year to ensure your furry friend is healthy! Rabies vaccines will also be available for just \$20!

## FREE MICROCHIP & VACCINE SCHEDULE

**\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**Wednesday July 2nd**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**WHEN**

**1902 State Highway 66**  
**Garland, TX. 75040**

**WHERE**

Questions:  
AnimalServices@garlandtx.gov  
972-205-3570 - Option 2



## 2025-2026 Board of Directors

### Officers

President, Yvette Bonavita ..... 214-734-2186  
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District 5, Kendra Herod ..... 469-652-2383  
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Communications, Star Toups ..... 469-371-3222  
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Events, Jillian Henderson ..... 903-312-2125  
Membership, Cecile LaBossiere ..... 972-896-9413

# Community Reports & News

## May 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](http://www.garlandpolice.com/396/Crime-Statistics-Maps)).

Incident	Date Reported- Incident Timing	Address
THEFT-ALL OTHER-\$100 L/T \$7500	05/13/2025 12:00 AM	27XX Winding Oak TR
UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEHICLE	05/26/2025 1:00 am	33XX Bending Oaks TR

**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.

## May 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).



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



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>

## Commercial Solicitation § 26.51

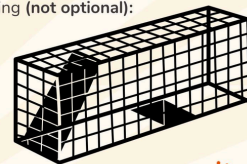
The city of Garland requires a Permit for *Commercial Solicitations of Homes*.

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 \(PDF\)](#)

## COMMUNITY CAT FREE SPAY/NEUTER DAY DETAILS:

- This event is for "Free Roaming Community Cats" NOT personally owned cats.
- Event for City of Garland and Rowlett residents
- Humane Traps are Required
- 50 cats accepted, limited 5 per person
- Proof of Residency is Required
- Services will include the following (not optional):
  - Spay/Neuter
  - Ear-Tipping
  - 24-Hour Pain Injection
  - Rabies/FVRCP Vaccine
  - Advantage Flea/Tick Spray



- Thursday, July 10
  - Drop off begins at 7:00am, ends at 9:00 am
  - Pick up begins at 3:00pm, ends at 6:00pm

For More Information:

☎ 972-205-3570 option 2

✉ [AnimalServices@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:AnimalServices@GarlandTX.gov)



# Community Reports & News

## Environmental Joshua Lamb

### What beautiful days we've been enjoying!

Goodbye has refreshed the flowers and colors, and it's clear that summer is in full swing. Please be on the lookout for any broken irrigation spots where you notice water running. Notify me right away so we can conserve water and keep our costs down.

**Just a quick FYI:** Below are the sprinkler run times for each of the neighborhood entrances:

### Diamond Oaks

Timers set for Tuesday & Saturday – start time: 5:30 AM

- Zone 1: 20 minutes
- All other zones: 0 minutes

### Ridge Oak

Timers set for Tuesday & Saturday – start time: 5:30 AM

- Zone 1 (north bed): 20 minutes
- Zone 2 (south bed): 20 minutes
- Zone 3 (medians): 15 minutes

### Laurel Oaks

Timers set for Tuesday & Saturday – start time: 4:30 AM

- Zone 1 (east bed): 10 minutes
- Zone 2 (middle bed): 15 minutes
- Zone 3 (west bed): 10 minutes

Spray heads on Laurel Oaks have been adjusted to avoid spraying cars—unless, of course, we get a strong gust of wind!

### Big Oaks

Timers set for Tuesday & Saturday – start time: 5:30 AM

- Zone 1 (Big Oaks bed): 15 minutes
- Zone 3 (Richland south bed): 15 minutes
- Zone 6 (Richland north bed): 15 minutes

If you notice any other issues, please don't hesitate to let me know. We'll work with Goodbye to get them addressed promptly.

## Environmental continued



Our Neighborhood Vitality Grant has officially been signed and submitted to the City Attorney's Office for final administrative steps. I'll be sure to keep you updated as we hear more.

And most importantly—thank you to all our amazing neighbors who pick up trash and help keep Oakridge looking clean during their daily walks. Your efforts truly make a difference, and we appreciate you!

Thanks again for your continued support!

## Keeping Garland Streets Safe: Targeted Parking Enforcement Underway

The Garland Marshal's Office has launched a Neighborhood Parking Directed Enforcement Program to boost safety and ensure compliance with City parking rules. Deputies now routinely patrol selected neighborhoods as chosen by Council members.

Learn more and view the enforcement schedule at [garlandtx.gov](http://garlandtx.gov).



## 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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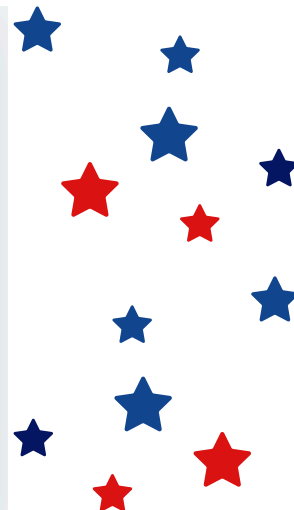
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# Connect *with* us!



## **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!*

**SCAN ME**



## **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.

*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)

✓ *Newsletter & Website Placement*

✓ *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!**



Click this link or scan  
QR Code to Join

*Check, Money Order, 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.**

<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
- Welcomes 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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## 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)  
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**Garland, TX 75045-0145**

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

# Thank you for supporting your neighborhood!