OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCTATION
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6:00 – 7:45 PM
In-Person Meeting at 3845 N Garland Ave, Garland, TX
(No Zoom Meeting)
Meeting Agenda

Call to Order Vickie Litton, President

. **Guests**

- Officer Jordan Murphy Garland Police Department, Oakridge NPO and Traffic Control Unit

I. **Approval of Minutes** February 24, 2025 Minutes

I. **Nominating Committee** Presentation of 2025-2026 ONA Candidates for vote

I. **ONA Updates**

Yvette Bonavita Vice President

Treasurer Sarah Freeman – 2024-2025 Actual Budget as of 4/30/25
ONA Annual Budget for 2025-2026 for approval

Membership Cecile LaBossiere

Communications Star Toups (travelling) (Katie Fleming – Facebook)

Environmental Joshua Lamb – if time permits

Crime & Safety (not in attendance) Lee Litton – April Crime Report posted on ONA Website

Events Jackie Reynolds – Spring Fling attendance and comments if time permits

District Directors If time permits.
District 2 Director – Charles Leonard
District 4 Director - Oliver Harter
District 7 Director - Joetta Harris

VI. Next meeting Thursday, September 25, 2025

VII. Adjourn

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OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCTATION
GENERAL MEETING AT NORTH GARLAND LIBRARY, 6:00 PM
May 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Vickie Litton opened the General meeting at 6:00 pm. There were thirty-one (31) people (see attached roster) in attendance at the North Garland Library and a quorum was met. (see attached Meeting Slide Deck).

Officer Jordan Murphy, Garland Police Department and Oakridge NPO and the Traffic Control Unit

Lieutenant Bennett gave a presentation regarding the traffic unit that deals with everything related to vehicles. The main purpose of tonight's presentation was to present the "click it or ticket it" program. The program that is being sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT is broadcasting the program on local media. The DOT gives local authorities funding to target seat belt enforcement. Last year statistics revealed that in 2023 56% of people who died in car crashes in nighttime hours were killed. Some fatality crashes are "nasty" and so preventable. Everyone in the vehicle has to be buckled in. Children 8 years of age or older must be in a regular seat belt. Any child under the age of eight has to be in a regulation car seat. Officers are out in full force during the campaign. In Garland, about three (3) month ago an eighteen-year-old old man was killed in car crash. He was a passenger in the car and the car that struck his vehicle caused the vehicle to spin around in circles. The passenger did not have a seat belt on and was ejected out back window of vehicle and died at the scene.

Officer Murphy told a story about his experience with an accident where the victim was not wearing a seatbelt and was killed at the scene. A flyer was passed out for Senior Citizen Safety Tips that included Stay Aware of Scams (see attached). Officer Murphy discussed some of the current scams: Scam 1: The caller acts as if they are a police officer with the Garland Police Department and wants the person called to give money (gift cards, etc.). This is a scam. The police department will not contact you via telephone. Scam 2: A utility scam where an individual comes to your house. If a solicitor says that they are from a utility company, you can call the company to confirm if the solicitor is valid or not. In the summertime property crimes increase. Officer Murphy reminded everyone to lock their home doors, automobile doors leaving no valuables in the vehicle. Keep lights on at night. If you see something, say something. Be vigilant in watching your neighborhood.

Vickie Litton displayed the General Meeting February 24, 2025 minutes asking for member review and approval. Vickie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Davis Dwight motioned to accept the minutes and Lee Litton seconded. The motion carried and the minutes will be duly recorded.

2025-2026 ONA Candidate Presentation

Candidates and their biographies were displayed (see attached) for member review and approval.

Yvette Bonavita, President
Meghan Vernon, Vice President
Vickie Litton, Secretary – stepping down as President to file the secretary position.
Sarah Freeman, Treasurer -- incumbent who has held the office for four years.

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2025-2026 ONA Candidate Presentation (continued)

Emma Stephens, District 1 Director
Jackie Reynolds, former Events Director, is now running for District 3 Director
Kendra Herod, District 5 Director
Mike Devanney, District 6 director
Joetta Harris, District 7 Director
Jillian Henderson, Events Director
Social Media Director, Katie Fleming (sub-committee to Communications Director)

Vickie asked for a motion to approve the candidates. Candidates were unanimously approved and will take office June 1 2025. Vickie noted that we need all District Directors to work tirelessly to increase the ONA Membership. This is the first time in several years that we have had a full slate of officers and directors.

This is your 2025-2026 Board of Directors. The individuals are also noted in the ONA Newsletter as well as on the ONA website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of Board members.

ONA Board Updates

Communications – Star Toups (not in attendance) Vickie presented for Star as she is traveling.

A flyer was displayed "Connect *with* us!" with verbiage for the ONA contribution and the ONA Facebook Group. We need to push to get new advertisers in the ONA newsletter. If any prospective advertisers are interested and have questions, they can contact Star, Yvette, or Katie. We currently have five or six advertisers as well as advertisers who trade their services for advertising in the newsletter. Oakridge now has a new Facebook account. Everyone in the neighborhood can join the Facebook page by giving their name and phone number. Katie Fleming is heading up the Facebook project. She set up the new Facebook account, rolled it out to the Board to evaluate and now have rolled out to the Oakridge community. Also, she would like everyone to send her special occasions or event dates that she will post in the newsletter Individual residents will also be highlighted with regard to their talents, service, etc.

Sarah Freeman, Treasurer

Presented budget as of April 30, 2025 (see attached). Also, presented the fiscal budget June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026 (see attached). The completion of the vitality grant project will change this budget as water usage and entrance maintenance should be lower once the project is completed. Sarah covered each line item on the budget. The current budget will be posted to the ONA website. Vickie asked all members to review the budget as we will need approval of the budget. Sarah stated that we need every resident of Oakridge to support the ONA for us to be able to continue to keep Oakridge beautiful.

Verbal vote: Budget unanimously approved.

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Lee Litton, Crime and Safey Prevention Director (not in attendance)

Lee is not present as he had a commitment with the Garland Police Department to participate in the scenario night at the Garland Police Citizens' Academy training. His apologies for not being at the meeting. The Crime Report for April 2025 reported one (1) incident (see attached). Statistics are posted on the Garland Police Department. These statistics are used to prepare the monthly Crime and Safety Report. The Crime and Safety Report can be found in the ONA Newsletter and on the ONA website.

Environmental, Josh Lamb

The Grant has been filed with the City. Beginning the End of September 2025, we will begin the project. Our first concern was how do we do the rotation of entrances – labor, contributions, etc.? We decided to begin with the smallest entrance (Shiloh and Big Oaks) and work up to the largest entrance (Buckingham and Diamond Oaks). Signs will be displayed with a QR code on the signs stating "presented by the ONA" where residents can contribute to the beautification fund. Josh had visual props at the Spring Fling Event for everyone to see the before and after for the four entrances. We will recycle some of the current plants. Covington's is responsible for ALL planting. All of the vegetation in the front of the beds will be recycled or removed. The front of the beds will have hard scaping. Our water usage should decrease, and the vegetation will be on the top shelf with a new drip system instead of a sprinkler system. Lights will be redone. Bruce will be the lead on the lighting We will be preparing the schedule for the project noting dates for each location along with labor logs, equipment usage log, etc.

Membership, Cecile LaBossiere

We ended the fiscal year with 253 members. This year's membership is 124. We are working to increase this number of members. Cecile gets concerned asking for membership dues as residents feel like membership means that they have to do something. Cecile is transitioning to "donations" verbiage. We will keep membership signs posted until the end oof June 2025. The best method to increase support of the ONA is for everyone to talk to their neighbors/friends about supporting ONA with donations. The Vitality Grant will be funded 75% by the city and 25% by ONA. We do have $19,000 in a fund earmarked for this project. Everyone who has paid the annual fee to date has a blue flag that reflects their support of the ONA.

Events, Jillian Henderson/Jackie Reynolds

Jackie will be responsible for the neighborhood garage sale (maps, permit information, etc.) Jillian will participate with her personal garage sale and assist Jackie as needed.

District Director Updates

Charles Leonard, District 2 Director – Reminded everyone of the upcoming mayoral run-off election date and polling locations (i.e., at the North Garland Library).
Oliver Harter, District 4 Director– no update
Joetta Harris, District 7 Director – no update

Dylan Hedrick gave a brief statement about the mayoral run-off election as well as the question-and-answer meeting at 1 pm on Saturday, June 10, 2025. Dylan also has signs with him. Anyone who wants a sign can see

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him. Dylan also introduced our new District 7 Representative, Joe Thomas, who was not present due to a prior city commitment. The Board will invite Joe Thomas to each Board meeting.

Questions:

Duck Creek Golf Course – question about status of rebuilding the club house. Vickie responded that the golf course is private property, and the owners are following the City's codes. CNA has no authority to force the owners to rebuild the club house or anything else. There are rumors that the owners are going to erect a metal building on the place where the club house was located before it blew up. However, since the owners now live out of state, the rebuild may not be a possibility.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Vickie Litton called for motion to adjourn. Bruce Hurd motioned to adjournment and Nels Fohr seconded. Motion carried.

The next General Meeting will be September 25, 2025.

These minutes to be approved at the General Membership Meeting on September 25, 2025