



# Oakridge News

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## Board of Directors Update

Yvette Bonavita, President



Dear Neighbors,

October has arrived, bringing in the crisp fall weather and many exciting changes in our neighborhood. This month we're exceptionally proud to highlight the new and updated entrances that continue to beautify our community. These improvements would not be possible without the leadership and dedication of **Cecile Labossiere** and **Josh Lamb**, along with the incredible contributions of our neighbors. And big thank you to **Bruce Hard** and **Hardwire Electric** for helping make Oakridge shine!

We're also looking forward to **National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, October 7th, from 5-7 PM at the Golden Oaks cul-de-sac**. NNO is a wonderful event designed to strengthen community bonds by bringing neighbors and law enforcement together.

The goal is to build stronger connections, increase police visibility, and enhance resident awareness for crime prevention. Most importantly, it's a free event that creates a fun, positive atmosphere for all.

Please bring your favorite dish, side, or dessert to share! You'll be receiving an email with a SignUpGenius link soon to let us know what you plan to bring.

Finally, as we close out the month with **Halloween**, let's be mindful of children— young and old—who will be dressed in costumes and moving through the neighborhood. Please use extra caution when driving to help keep everyone safe while they enjoy the evening.

Thank you all for your continued support, energy, and care for our neighborhood. I'm proud to serve alongside such dedicated neighbors.

Warmly,

**Yvette Bonavita**

President, Oakridge Neighborhood Association

# Featured Articles

## Garland City Councilmember District 7

Joe Thomas



The City has asked me for input on where the Year 1 money for our Prop A Streets funds should go. I am asking you for help in where to spend those millions of dollars. Sound like fun? Let's go!

Here is a link to the Garland Overall Condition Index for Streets. On this index, a score of 100 is a brand-new concrete road. A score of 0 is a dirt road. I encourage you to go find your own street to give you a baseline of what this looks like.

[Garland Street OCI Scores](#)

The City has published a draft of which streets/alleys need complete reconstruction.

There are 3 in District 7 including 2 alleys in Camelot and one street near the Cali Saigon Mall.

1. Alley serving Big Springs Road (OCI score of 7.3)
2. Alley between Castle Rock Ln and Ivanhoe Ln (between Jester Dr and Gallahad Dr (OCI score of 22.9)
3. Pamela Place between Embercrest Ln and Ridgemoor Dr (OCI score of 39.4)

There will be further discussion, but these are likely to also have issues underground that will be addressed at the same time. Those 3 projects alone will cost just over \$1 million. Other council districts are getting similar funding in Year 1.

The next list that comes out will be what streets or alleys need to have smaller areas addressed short of full reconstruction.

If you have suggestions, I would definitely like to hear from you. [Council7@garlandtx.gov](mailto:Council7@garlandtx.gov).

I am sure you are aware that most of our streets were built before the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (commonly referred to as ADA) was signed into law. I have confirmed that the bond does cover converting the corners of intersections to bring them into ADA compliance.

If you have a disability or know of a neighbor that has one, that makes it hard or even impossible to cross the street because the corner curb has no ramp, please reach out to me. I don't want to just "do them all" but rather choose the ones that would really make a difference in someone's life.

Sidewalks – I get asked about this so as a reminder, the homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk in front of their home. However, there is a matching grant program. The details are at this link.

[Sidewalk Participation Program | Garland, TX](#)

Please contact me if you have questions. Joe Thomas, [Council7@garlandtx.gov](mailto:Council7@garlandtx.gov), 972-439-6637

## Daytimer's Group Cecile LaBossiere



### Welcome Back!

The Daytimers Group gathered at Gloria Turner's home after summer break. It was nice to see each other again and talk about all the wonderful trips, activities, and family updates. We had quite a buzz going since most of us were vacationing,, visiting family and just relaxing over the summer. This gave us all a chance to catch up and share some wonderful stories.

# Featured Articles

## Daytimer's Group CONT. Cecile LaBossiere

For those that might be new to Oakridge – Our Daytimers Group is open to all female residents of Oakridge and **meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.** The Daytimers Group also has several ad hoc groups that meet throughout the month for **book club, mahjong, canasta, etc.** It's a great way to meet other women that have common interests and develop some neighborhood friendships.

Please join us at one of our Tuesday monthly coffees to learn about our group and your neighbors. After visiting, we welcome you to join us. **Annual membership cost is \$20.00.** Those funds are used towards 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.**



Living room of Gloria Turner's home. Daytimer's Group, September 2025



# Membership

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Cecile LaBossiere



### Thanks So Much for Supporting Your ONA

We are so thankful for our 276 Oakridge residents that have supported us this fiscal year. Currently, we have raised \$26,837 and our financial goal to meet our budget is \$30,000 - so we still need help!

The \$30,000 goal is needed to fund our expenses for irrigation, landscaping and maintenance, social events like our Ice Cream Event, National Night Out, etc. Oakridge has 1166 homes, so quite a few residents have not yet joined this year!

If you are new to Oakridge or are wondering what the ONA does with your financial donations, we would love to answer any questions. You can contact us via the website [www.oakridgena.org](http://www.oakridgena.org). The website has our mission and financial statements as well as other information about the ONA.

Our organization is a 100% voluntary non-profit neighborhood association. Our sole purpose is to maintain the neighborhood entries and common areas and to provide social gatherings that can bring us together as neighbors. We are very careful in making sure your dollars are spent wisely.

Please consider supporting us today! Click on the link to <https://www.oakridgena.org/membership-form/> to donate!

Don't want to be a member – that's ok – you can donate anonymously – skip the membership form and just click the donate button!



District #	Supporters	Not Renewed	Not Supporting	Total Houses in Oakridge	% Supporting
1	64	1	120	185	35%
2	59	10	85	154	38%
3	15	2	124	141	11%
4	58	4	89	151	38%
5	24	4	162	190	13%
6	23	4	154	181	13%
7	33	8	123	164	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>24%</b>

# Environmental

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Joshua Lamb

### Oakridge Vitality Grant Project

The beautiful fall weather has started to arrive and with it marks the end of the improvements to our four main entrances. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who came out and gave of their time and effort to make this transformation possible. We have some really dedicated and motivated neighbors that showed up every weekend in all weather to lend their support. It took all of us to make this happen. I would like to give **special recognition to Cecile LaBossiere** who has been instrumental in getting this project completed. We could not have finished this project without her!



### THANK YOU, OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORS

We have new landscaping, mason work for the planters and wall, new irrigation and new seasonal lighting at our four main entrances - Ridge Oak, Laurel Oaks, Big Oaks and Diamond Oaks. We will be doing the final inspections and wrapping up the required documentation for the vendors and the city in the coming days. Please consider giving to our neighborhood beautification fund in order to support upgrades to our smaller entrances, as well!



SCAN TO DONATE

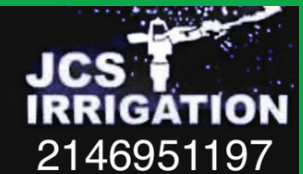
Goodbee continues to keep our common areas looking clean and well managed. Thank you to all our neighbors out walking our streets who help pick up litter and debris along the way. In addition, I would like to give a big shout out to all those neighbors who put effort into their yards – you help keep our neighborhood welcoming and attractive. There are some stunning lawns and flower beds out there! Have a great fall season!

### Joshua Lamb

Environmental Director, Oakridge



### THANKS TO OUR PROJECT SPONSORS



# Crime & Safety

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Lee Litton

**Emergency: 911**

**Non-Emergencies: 972-485-4840**

**Graffiti Removal = City of Garland**

**Code Enforcement: 972-485-6400**

## August 2025 Crime Report

### No incidents reported for August 2025!

To help keep the neighborhood safe, report any concerns you think the neighborhood should be aware of to: [safety@oakridgena.org](mailto: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).*

**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 of a 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](mailto:MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov).



JOIN US FOR

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.  
Golden Oaks Drive Cul-de-Sac  
FREE and open to all neighbors!

Garland Police and Fire, Garland Animal Shelter and ONA Board & Committee Members will be present.

[CLICK HERE TO BRING A DISH, SIDE OR DESSERT](#)

# Community Reports & News

## 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).

## 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)

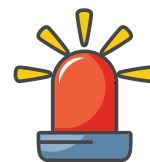
## Sidewalk Repairs-City Cost Share Program



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 [HERE](#).

## Emergency

The ONA Proudly supports the Garland Police Department Foundation's Support for "First Responders" dealing with Cancer. Click [HERE](#) to donate.



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

## Membership Flags

To show our appreciation, your ONA Membership Flag will be delivered by your district director or a volunteer.

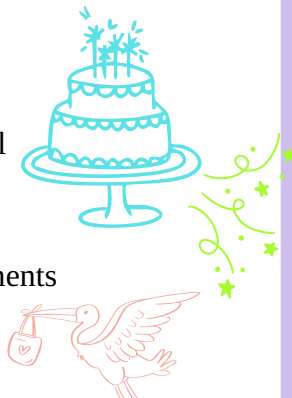


Find your District Director at [HERE](#)

If you have not received your 2025-2026 flag, email Membership at [oakridgemembership@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgemembership@gmail.com)

## Let's Celebrate!

ONA members are warmly invited to share their special announcements including celebrations, anniversaries, birthdays, and accomplishments by emailing them to...



[communications@oakridgena.org](mailto:communications@oakridgena.org)



# Community Events & Announcements



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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We're Going

## DIGITAL



We're excited to announce that our monthly newsletters will now be delivered straight to your inbox.

### What does this mean?

No more printed newsletters. Instead, you'll enjoy a digital version -- making it easier to reach more of our neighbors and stay connected!

Subscribe to the ONA Monthly newsletter at [Communications@oakridgena.org](mailto:Communications@oakridgena.org)

## PICKLEBALL FUN AT DUCK CREEK!



**Need tips?** Text 972-816-5116 for quick advice.

**Join the Rally** – We'll connect you with Oakridge neighbors forming friendly play groups.

**Court Info** – Open daily, sunrise–sunset, just **\$3/person**.

**Questions?** Contact, Scott Youzva, Oakridge Resident at **972-816-5116** for any and all pickleball questions.

Come out, get active, and meet your neighbors on the courts. If you haven't already, please fill out an activity waiver and drop it in the courtside box. See you there!

Mark Your Calendars: Don't miss the Project Lorenzo Pickleball for a Purpose Tournament on **Sunday, October 12th** at the Michael J. Felix Community Center in Sachse. Details are on the flyer.

**PROJECT LORENZO'S 1ST ANNUAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Join Us For Project Lorenzo's First **Pickleball for a Purpose** Fundraiser!  
Play, compete, and make a real difference in the fight against homelessness!

Women's, Men's and Mixed Fun and Competitive Divisions

**Sunday OCTOBER 12th**  
12 PM to 7:30 PM

Michael J. Felix Community Center  
3815 Sachse Rd, Sachse

Registration: \$50  
All proceeds benefit Project Lorenzo's programs to end homelessness one person at a time.

Space is Limited REGISTER TODAY!  
[www.projectlorenzo.org](http://www.projectlorenzo.org)

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## OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE GARAGE SALE



**October 24-26, 2025**



**All weekend long**

**Sellers determine own start/end times**

**Must obtain your Sellers Permit to participate**  
**[Click here to retrieve permit at no fee!](#)**

Visit  
**GARLAND**

Click or Scan to see what events are  
coming up in the City of Garland!

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[Garland](#)  
[Events](#)



**Join the ONA  
Facebook Group**

Stay connected with your neighbors!  
Join the Oakridge Neighborhood  
Association Facebook group for updates,  
events, safety alerts, and community  
conversations—all in one place.

Facebook Search  
**"Oakridge  
Neighborhood -  
Garland, TX"**



# Oakridge Advertisers



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 1401 N. Central Expressway, Suite 100  
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Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

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



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 Overnight Stays in Your Home or Mine



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# *Boost Your Business with Oakridge!*

## **Advertise with Oakridge!**

Get affordable, high-impact exposure through the Oakridge Neighborhood Association's newsletter, website, events, and Facebook page—all for just **\$300/year** (prorated, June-May). Secure your spot today!

### **What You Get:**

- Newsletter & website ads
- Event visibility
- Facebook promotion  
(for ONA advertisers)

### **Cost & Payment Options:**

- \$300/year
- 2 payments of \$150
- 4 payments of \$75



### **Contact:**

[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!*

# Welcome New Residents! We're Glad You're Here

## Welcome to Oakridge!

Cecile LaBossiere

### October 2025 Edition – Where Community Begins

Whether you've just unpacked your boxes or are settling into a rental, we're thrilled to have you in Oakridge—a neighborhood known for its friendly faces, beautiful spaces, and strong sense of connection.

**New to Oakridge?** We've Got You Covered  
Every new resident receives a **Welcome Bag** filled with seasonal goodies from the **City of Garland**, helpful tips for getting started, and key info about the **Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA)**.

Got questions or just want to say hi? Reach out anytime at [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org)—we'd love to hear from you!

### Join the ONA & Stay Connected

Becoming a member is simple at [www.oakridgena.org/join](http://www.oakridgena.org/join). Your support helps fund neighborhood events, landscaping, and community improvements that benefit us all.

### What Is the ONA?

Founded in **1992**, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association is a **501(c)(4) nonprofit** committed to maintaining the beauty and vitality of our shared spaces—including **nine landscaped entryways** and green areas.

While we don't handle private property issues, our voluntary membership is essential to keeping Oakridge safe, clean, and welcoming.

**Annual dues start at \$60 per household.**

**Fiscal year: June 1 – May 31**

Explore more under "Resident Resources" on our website.

### Find Your District

Oakridge includes **1,166 homes**, organized into Districts based on street location. Each District has a dedicated **ONA Director** who helps coordinate local efforts and answer questions. Visit the "Find Your District" section online to locate yours.

### Perimeter Wall Care

ONA dues help maintain landscaping along the perimeter walls. If your home backs up to one of these walls, please note: **repairs and replacements are the homeowner's responsibility**. Details are available under the "Perimeter Brick Wall" section on our site.

### Need to Report a Non-Emergency?

#### Try eAssist Garland

The eAssist Garland app makes it easy to report non-emergency issues like streetlight outages or code concerns. Download it free from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or visit [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov) to access it online. Note:

**For emergencies, always call 911.**

### We're So Glad You're Here

October is a wonderful time to explore Oakridge—take a walk, wave to a neighbor, or join us at an upcoming event. Your presence makes our community stronger.

### Welcome home!



**Questions? Contact an ONA Board Member [HERE](#)**

*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 and much more...

# Oakridge News

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



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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!