



Oakridge News

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Board of Directors Update Yvette Bonavita, President



Dear ONA Members,

As the holiday season quickly approaches—it always seems to come a little sooner each year—I find myself reflecting on what makes this time of year so special. November is a season of gratitude, family, and community. It's a time when we come together to celebrate the many blessings in our lives and to give thanks for those who make our days brighter.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our ONA members who generously volunteer their time and energy to keep our neighborhood beautiful, welcoming, and connected. Your dedication—whether through serving on the board, participating in projects, or lending a helping hand to a neighbor—makes Oakridge not just a neighborhood, but a true community.

Each of us plays a part in helping our neighborhood grow and flourish. It's through our shared efforts and care for one another that Oakridge continues to be a place we're all proud to call home.

I'm deeply grateful to be part of this wonderful community and to have the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.
Warm regards,

Warmly,
Yvette Bonavita
President, Oakridge Neighborhood Association



**Good Samaritans
of Garland**

Oakridge Food and Clothing Drop Off

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, any time
2823 Big Oaks Dr.

If you have questions, please reach out
to Larry Reese at 214-734-9218

Featured Articles

Garland City Councilmember District 7

Joe Thomas



We Want to Hear from YOU!

The City is deciding where to invest Year 1 funds, and your feedback matters!

You can check your street's condition using the [Garland Overall Condition Index for Streets](#) (100 = brand new, 0 = dirt road).

Planned Year 1 Projects in District 7

- Alley off Big Springs Rd (OCI 7.3)
- Alley between Castle Rock Ln & Ivanhoe Ln (OCI 22.9)
- Pamela Pl between Embercrest Ln & Ridgemoor Dr (OCI 39.4)
- These projects total just over \$1 million and include needed underground repairs.

Next up: smaller repair projects — and we want your input!

ADA Improvements

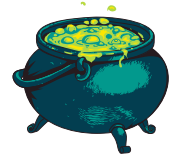
The bond also funds curb ramp updates to meet ADA standards. If you or a neighbor have difficulty crossing at a corner without a ramp, please let Joe know so we can prioritize those areas.

Sidewalk Reminder

Homeowners are responsible for their sidewalks, but there's a matching grant program to help cover costs.

Questions or feedback? Contact Joe Thomas
Council7@garlandtx.gov | 972-439-6637

Daytimer's Group Cecile LaBossiere



Halloween was on full display at Sharon Eppler's house for our October Daytimer's Coffee. Sharon and Jessica went over the top with the Halloween Theme and set up two fun games for us to play! Our 1st game was Friendly Feud, an ode to the family feud game. We were split up into teams and had quite a few laughs at the questions all of which were focused on Halloween!

Our beautiful brunch was provided by our food hostesses Sue Ratcliff, Chris Byers, Ann Williams and our house hostesses Jessica and Sharon Eppler. Chris mentioned that the muffins she made were from a recipe that Peggy Crenshaw had provided. Chris also shared that she sent a note to Peggy's daughter to let her know that her mom was being honored through her shared recipes.

Suzanne let us know that she has relocated and that she will be having an estate sale and listing the house for sale. I know that for all of us it is always sad when friends leave the neighborhood, but Suzanne reminded us she is close by and looks forward to letting go of the home ownership responsibilities.

Sharon chimed in that she had quite the summer with pipe issues and lots of digging and inspections and we could all relate to the trials and tribulations of those kinds of adventures!

We also had Ann Williams speak up on a program her church is sponsoring to provide Christmas gifts to those in long term care that do not receive a lot of visitors.

Featured Articles

Daytimer's Group CONT.

Cecile LaBossiere

She needs 1-pint jars (does not have to have a lid) so if any of us have 1-pint jars that we would like to repurpose she would be happy to pick those up.

Our 2nd game gave us an opportunity to get our steps and exercise in as we made our way to an open room setup for a Halloween Musical numbers game – a rendition of musical chairs with numbers on the floor instead of the chairs! We had a great selection of music all Halloween themed, of course with Michael Jackson's Thriller that really got us moving. Prizes were awarded and Liem (who never wins anything) was our last prize winner – **Congratulations Liem** – she was so thrilled to win!! A big shot out to Jessica and Sharon Eppler for their creativity and effort in making this Daytimer's Coffee fun! So happy to see everyone and let's keep the camaraderie going – love this group!

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**, and those funds 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**



Membership

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Cecile LaBossiere



IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING – THE ONA APPRECIATES OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS!

We are so thankful for our 280 Oakridge residents that have supported us this fiscal year. Currently, we have raised \$27,150 and our financial goal to meet our budget is \$30,000 so we still need help!

If you are new to Oakridge or are wondering what YOUR VOLUNTARY Neighborhood Association (ONA) does with your financial donations, we would love to answer any questions, and you can contact us via the website www.oakridgena.org. The website has our mission and financial statements as well as other information about ONA. 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 the 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	65	1	119	185	35%
2	61	9	84	154	40%
3	16	2	123	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%
Total	280	32	854	1166	24%

Environmental

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Joshua Lamb

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 make this happen and lend their support. Thank you so much for making this happen. I would also like to give special recognition to Cecile who has been instrumental and vital in getting this project going and complete. We could not have got this project done without her!

We have new landscaping, mason work for the planters and wall, new irrigation and new seasonal lighting at our four main entrances at 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. I ask that in the coming months to help give to neighborhood beautification fund in order to continue and improve along our smaller entrances.

Goodbye 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 loose trash and such along the way. In addition, I would like to give a big shout out to all those neighbors who put the effort into their yards and keeping our neighborhood welcoming and attractive. There are some stunning yards out there! Have a great fall season!



SCAN TO DONATE

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

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](#).

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 \(PDF\)](#)

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

September 2025 Crime Report

Wonderful September report with no incidents in Oakridge.

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).*

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

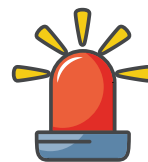
If you have security camera video, please sign up at [Garland Video Crime Watch Survey](#) or email Officer Murphy at MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov.

We want to thank everyone who attended the ONA National Night Out. Your participation was appreciated and our first responders enjoyed meeting everyone and showing off the best and latest in fire and police equipment. Please set your calendars for the event next year on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

National Night Out \$25 gift card winner – Coral Catalano

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**

Community Reports & News

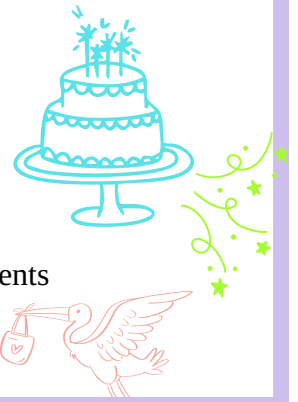
Financial Report Sarah Freeman, Treasurer



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.

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

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

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

[Visit
Garland
Events](#)



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Community Events & Announcements

Oh, Texas weather — you got us again!

Many Oakridge neighbors were ready for a perfect fall weekend of treasure hunting during our neighborhood-wide garage sale, but Mother Nature had other plans for Oct. 24–26. While the storms did roll through, they didn't stick around all weekend.

Because of the unpredictable weather, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association has **rescheduled the neighborhood-wide garage sale to Nov. 7–9!**

All the same rules apply: you'll still need a seller's permit, but you can choose your own start and end times. Main signs will be placed at neighborhood entrances to draw in shoppers, and you're welcome to add your own signs around the neighborhood — just remember to pick them up afterward! We've heard great feedback from those who braved the weather in October, and we wish everyone the best of luck for the November sale. Stay tuned — an Oakridge spring garage sale is already in the works (date TBD)!



OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE GARAGE SALE



Nov. 7–9, 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!](#)**

PICKLEBALL 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.



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 -
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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

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—we'd love to hear from you!

Join the ONA & Stay Connected

Becoming a member is simple at 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 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.

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| <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
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Garland, TX 75045-0145



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Your information will be used for ONA communication purposes ONLY and will NEVER be given to anyone.

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Home Phone _____

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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 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)

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!