

Oakridge News

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Board of Directors Update Yvette Bonavita, President



Dear ONA Members,

The holiday season is upon us, and our neighborhood is getting ready to celebrate—whether we're treated to a hopeful winter wonderland or simply enjoy the crisp, refreshing weather that invites us to bundle up and breathe in the cool air. It's a time for gathering with friends and family, sharing a cozy cup of eggnog or a warm drink sprinkled with nutmeg, and embracing the spirit of giving that makes this season so meaningful.

December also invites us to reflect on generosity—both within our neighborhood and beyond. If you're considering end-of-year giving, this is a wonderful time to support the ONA or any of the many nonprofit organizations that make a difference in the lives of others. Even small contributions help strengthen our community and extend kindness far beyond our own homes.

As winter approaches, a few friendly reminders: take time to winterize outdoor faucets and pipes, check smoke alarms, and replace filters as we prepare to turn on our heaters. These simple steps help keep our homes safe, warm, and ready for the season ahead.

Wishing each of you a joyful, peaceful, and memorable holiday season.

Warmly,

Yvette Bonavita

President, Oakridge Neighborhood Association

New Year, New Goals

Start the year by getting plugged in! The ONA has several committees looking for fresh ideas and friendly faces. If community involvement is on your 2026 goal list, we'd love to have you.

Interested or have questions?
Contact info@oakridgena.org.



Featured Articles

Daytimer's Group Cecile LaBossiere

Our November Coffee took us out of the neighborhood for a Veteran's Day Trip to the George W. Bush Presidential Library. We were fortunate to find out that the library had free admission and parking on Veteran's Day, so we took advantage of the opportunity to visit!

Thanks to Sharon, who thought of the idea, and Chris who coordinated the travel plans and orchestrated the rideshare arrangements to be sure everyone that wanted to go had a ride and a driver. We are so fortunate that our group is committed to taking care of each other and are organized to be sure everyone that wanted to make the trip was able to attend. All the preplanning certainly paid off as we met at the library, and had reservations for our entry time and our luncheon after the tour!

If you haven't had a chance to visit the library, I would highly recommend it. This was my first trip, and it had many highlights of the president's stay in office as well as some background on his early years in Midland. Of course, for me it was a little bit of an emotional ride as I went through the 2001 Trade Center Remembrance. Being from New England originally and having been in Boston when that tragedy occurred is etched in my memory and going through the library display brought back some tears for those that lost loved ones. The entire group really enjoyed the visit, and we were amazed as we went through the displays and the rooms that were exact replicas of the Oval Office and the Situation Room. Sharon, our daytimer president sat of the Oval Office Desk and we were able to take advantage of the photo opportunity.

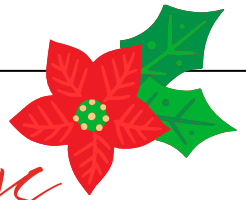
We completed our day with a delicious luncheon at Café 43 that is attached to the library. The dining area is beautiful with floor to ceiling windows and such an open and inviting atmosphere. The service was fantastic, and the menu had choices that were favorites of George and Laura Bush. At the conclusion of lunch, the Café surprised Suzanne with a birthday cupcake (candle included) – and we sang a boisterous rendition of Happy Birthday. The day was wonderful; the camaraderie amazing and Texas blessed us with beautiful weather!

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

Happy Holidays



Membership
Cecile LaBossiere

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!



We want to hear from you! Please remember you can reach out via email oakridgemembership@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Our organization is dedicated to improving the Oakridge Neighborhood and we cannot make those improvements without your valued and constructive input!

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!



| 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

Winterizing Your Home: Simple Steps for a Cozy, Efficient Season

As temperatures drop, a little preparation can go a long way in keeping your home comfortable and energy-efficient all winter long. Start by checking windows and doors for drafts —adding weatherstripping or caulking can make a big difference. Inspect your HVAC system and replace filters to ensure it runs smoothly during the coldest months. Don't forget your outdoor areas: disconnect hoses, protect exposed pipes, and clear gutters to prevent ice dams. A quick tune-up now helps avoid costly repairs later and keeps your home safe, warm, and ready for the season ahead.

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!

Email your special announcements to...



communications@oakridgena.org

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

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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

October 2025 Crime Report

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).*



GPD Non-Emergency
972-485-4840

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.

Oakridge Select Incident Report Source: <http://www.garlandpolice.com/396/Crime-Statistics-Maps>

| Incident | Date Reported- Incident Timing | Address |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT-ALL OTHER-\$750 L/T \$2,500 INFO-IDENTITY THEFT BURGLARY-BLDG BURGLARY-HAB | 10/06/2025 10:30 pm | 22XX Overview LN |
| | 10/08/25 5:30 pm | 22XX Diamond Oaks DR |
| | 10/23/25 12 Midnight | 27XX Big Oaks DR |
| | 10/26/25 12 pm | 32XX Bending Oaks Trail |
| | 10/29/25 6 pm | 21XX Rolling Oak LN |

Community Events & Announcements



Oakridge Holiday Decorating Contest!

The ONA is hosting a Holiday Decorating Contest, and we can't wait to see the neighborhood sparkle. (Not that you have to have 100+ Santas in your yard display... but hey, we certainly won't complain if you do! 🤪👴)

Judging Date: December 10

Winners Announced: December 11

Winners will earn bragging rights and get a special winner's yard sign delivered straight to your lawn!

Let's light up the neighborhood together – and best of luck, neighbors!

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
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Garland, TX"**



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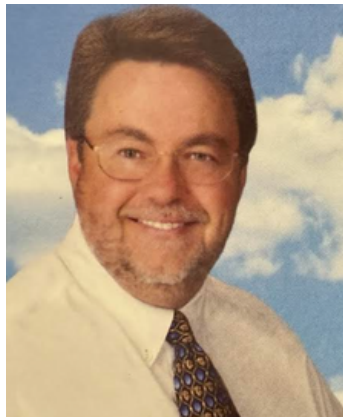
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What You Get:

- 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

December 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...

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Oakridge Neighborhood Association
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Garland, TX 75045-0145



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Street Address _____

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

Thank you for supporting your neighborhood!