

# Oakridge Neighborhood Newsletter

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## A Message from our ONA President Yvette Bonavita

Hello Neighbors,

The start of a new year invites fresh beginnings—new goals, renewed intentions, and the opportunity to reflect on what we'd like to carry forward or leave behind. As we say goodbye to 2025 and welcome 2026, many of us are thinking about plans for the year ahead and the kind of community we want to continue building together.

If you have ideas, visions, or goals for the Oakridge Neighborhood Association or our Oakridge community, I warmly invite you to share them. Your voice matters. One of my hopes for the coming year is increased member participation, especially within our ONA Board. Have you ever considered serving on the board or helping bring positive changes to our neighborhood? This year, several board positions will be opening,

and it's a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make a meaningful impact.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) is a voluntary group of homeowners and tenants dedicated to preserving the beauty, safety, and stability of our neighborhood while fostering a strong sense of community and pride among residents. If you—or someone you know—may be a good fit, please consider reaching out and volunteering. Here's to a fabulous New Year filled with connection, collaboration, and community spirit!

Warm regards,



*Yvette Bonavita*

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## Featured Article: Daytimer's Group Coffee Cecile LaBossiere

Our December Coffee was such a blast!!! Lila hosted us and everyone was in the Holiday Spirit! Lila went all out on the Holiday Decorations, and they were setup beautifully and certainly brought a smile! Our food hostesses did not disappoint as we had a full table of delectable food items and sweet treats! Quiche, deviled eggs, finger sandwiches, fruit, cheese dip/crackers and plenty of sweets to go around!! And of course, Lila's famous rum cake and let me tell you the cake was delicious and there was no skimping on the rum! Thanks so much to the food hostesses; Cecile, Jessica and June for making sure everyone had an assortment to choose from.

We had a good crowd with over 24 in attendance, always nice to see everyone during the Holiday Season! We celebrated 3 December birthdays Sue, Pam and Susan and many of us enjoy singing so we managed to give them a genuine rendition of "Happy Birthday to You."

For entertainment, Jessica and Sharon set us up with a Christmas Bingo Game using Christmas Songs as a bingo card and Hershey Chocolate Kisses as bingo markers. So creative as we used Spotify to play a snippet of the song and then identified that song on our bingo cards. We had three bingo winners Margaret, Mary and Suzanne and gift cards were awarded as prizes. I can tell this group really likes to sing as the Spotify song snippets turned into our group singing Christmas Carols!

Ann Williams reminded us of her church's Sights and Sounds of Christmas – A moving tribute to the true meaning of Christmas. Many of us have attended in the past and said it was amazing and brought back the true meaning of the Christmas Season. We also had a quiet moment for Diane who lost her husband this past week. Please keep Diane in your thoughts and prayers.

As we wrap up another year, I want to extend a sincere and grateful thank you to all our residents and especially our Daytimers Group who have given us an opportunity to become closer as neighbors and friends throughout the years.

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

## 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](http://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.


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](mailto: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!



# OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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	Or Scan the ONA Membership Form

*Become a member today!*



## Environmental Joshua Lamb

Winterizing Your Home: Quick & Easy Tips

Seal drafts, replace HVAC filters, and prep outdoor areas by disconnecting hoses, protecting pipes, and clearing gutters. These simple steps help keep your home warm, efficient, and worry-free all season long.



**November 2025**

## Financial Report Sarah Freeman, Treasurer

All 2025-2026 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).



## Crime & Safety, Lee Litton

## November 2025 Crime Report

INCIDENT	DATE REPORTED- INCIDENT TIMING	ADDRESS
BURGLARY-HAB	11/08/2025	21XX Rolling Oaks LN
INFO-VEH THEFT	11/12/2025	28XX Winding Oaks TRL
BURGLARY-BLDG	11/30/2025	28XX Diamond Oaks DR

**EMERGENCY 911**

**GPD NON-EMERGENCY 972-485-4840**

## Community Events



### Congratulations to our Oakridge Holiday Decorating Contest winners!

- 1st Place: 2417  
Diamond Oaks
- 2nd Place: 2212 Fulton  
Drive
- Honorable Mention:  
2016 Overview Lane

Thank you to everyone  
who spread holiday  
cheer throughout the  
neighborhood!



### 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.



### UPCOMING: Oakridge General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

North Garland Branch Library  
3845 N Garland Ave, Garland, TX 75040

The Oakridge general membership meeting is a  
gathering open to all Oakridge residents, ONA members  
or not. The ONA board will share updates, conduct  
required business, and give members a voice in decisions.

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## Community Events

### Community Communications

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is committed to transparency and open communication as discussions continue around the proposed LandVest development. Our goal is to keep residents informed and engaged as updates become available.

To stay up to date, residents are encouraged to subscribe to the Oakridge newsletter and email updates, where official information, meeting recaps, and next steps will be shared. Additional updates and community discussion are available through our website and Oakridge Facebook group.

[ONA Website & Upcoming Events](#)

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[Oakridge Facebook Group](#)

Thank you for staying informed and involved as we navigate these important discussions together.



### Save the Date! Community Meeting

Due to recent developments, we would like to inform you that Charles Covey of LandVest has expressed intent to purchase the Duck Creek Golf Course.

Mr. Covey plans to share details about a proposed Build-to-Rent (BTR) development model he is considering for our neighborhood with the Oakridge Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Please save the date for a community-wide meeting where Mr. Covey will be present in person to speak directly with the entire neighborhood:

**Community Meeting**  
Thursday, January 22nd  
6:30 PM

North Garland Library - 3845 N. Garland Ave

The ONA Board of Directors will meet with Mr. Covey in advance of the community meeting. Following that discussion, additional communication will be shared with the neighborhood, including questions and answers from the board meeting.

We encourage all members to review this information and come prepared with questions regarding the potential development and its impact on Oakridge. Thank you for staying informed and engaged as we navigate these important discussions together.

## Announcements



### Boost your Business

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! View more details [HERE](#).



### Commercial Solicitation

The City of Garland requires a permit for commercial home solicitations. Permits are issued by the Garland Police Department Records Unit (1891 Forest Lane). For details, contact Code Compliance at 972-485-6400 or download the [Solicitation Permit Application \(PDF\)](#).

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### Join Oakridge Facebook Group

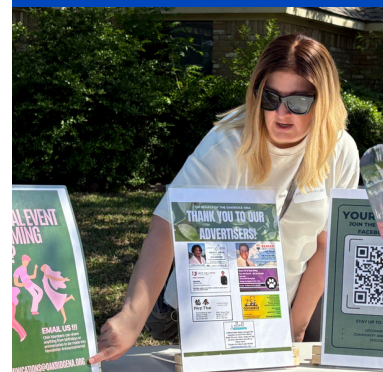
Join the Oakridge Neighborhood Association Facebook group for updates, events, safety alerts, and community conversations—all in one place.

Facebook Search "[Oakridge Neighborhood - Garland, TX](#)"



### Sidewalk Repairs—City Cost Share Program

Per Garland City Ordinance, property owners must maintain adjacent sidewalks, parkways, curbs, and driveways in safe, hazard-free condition. Eligible owners may pay as little as 10% of sidewalk repair costs. Learn more [HERE](#).



### New Year, New Way to Get Involved!

Make volunteering part of your New Year's resolution! This spring, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association will have openings for board officers, directors, and district officers. It's a great opportunity to serve your neighborhood, meet neighbors, and make a positive impact. Consider stepping up and getting involved!

Interested or have questions? Contact [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org).



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