

# Oakridge Neighborhood Newsletter

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## A Message from our ONA President Yvette Bonavita

As we welcome the arrival of spring, our neighborhood begins to come alive once again—flowers blooming, trees filling with color, and neighbors stepping outside to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. It’s a season of renewal and change, and a wonderful time to reflect on the future of our Oakridge community.

Recently, a survey was shared by *Save Oakridge Green* to gather input from residents about the future of our neighborhood and the green spaces we value so deeply.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey and make your voice heard. Feel free to click the link here: **Take Survey** to participate.

Additionally, the PowerPoint slides from our February General Meeting will be available on our website. For those who were unable to attend, I strongly encourage you to review this information prior to completing the survey so you can make the most informed decision possible.

We are at a pivotal moment. As a community, we have clearly expressed how much we value preserving our green spaces and maintaining the open, welcoming environment that makes Oakridge so special. Coming together during this time is essential as we work to protect what we cherish and ensure that future generations can enjoy the same beauty and sense of community.

Looking ahead, our next steps require continued awareness and involvement. Please remain vigilant regarding upcoming City Council meetings, where our presence will be vital. By showing up and standing together, we continue to demonstrate our commitment and unity in protecting our neighborhood.

Let your voice be heard. Your input matters, and together, we can shape the future of Oakridge.

Thank you,



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## Featured Article: ONA News

Cecile LaBossiere

### **Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) Funding Drive Starts Now!**

#### **Please Support Your Neighborhood**

The Oakridge neighborhood has a voluntary ONA association that depends on you. Your donations help to pay for the services needed to mow the grass, landscaping cleanup/maintenance for nine entries, irrigation, lighting and the utility bills (electric and water).

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



If you like the new landscaped entries – Please thank us by contributing!

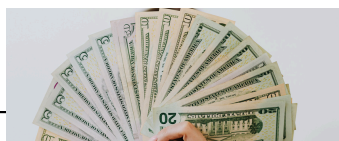
#### **Click on the link:**

<https://www.oakridgena.org/membership-form/> to donate!

You can donate anonymously – skip the membership form and just click the donate button at the top or bottom of the page

If you have questions about the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, please reach out so we can answer your questions, etc.  
[oakridgemembership@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgemembership@gmail.com)

**April 2026**



### **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)

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Environmental  
Cecile LaBossiere

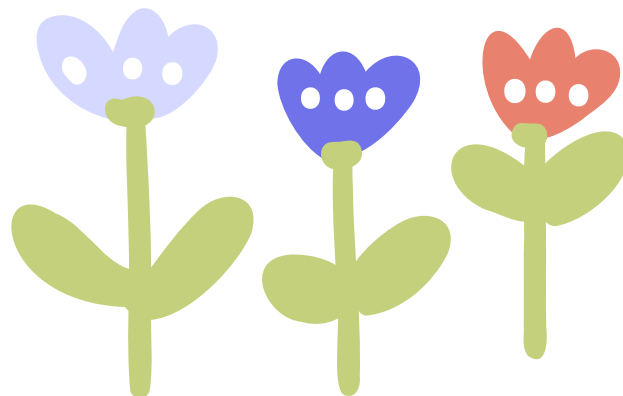


Spring has arrived and your ONA is busy looking at the entries and making sure we are ready for the hot summer months to come. I hope you've noticed that our new plants are starting to show signs of life as the sunshine is in abundance and certainly the rain has gotten things started. We will be following up with Covington's Nursery and doing a drive around to look for any plants that may be in distress and ask for guidance in getting those some help.

We will also be testing and setting the irrigation systems for the upcoming watering season. We anticipate turning those on the first of April and we can always use your help if you see a broken sprinkler head or water flowing down the street let us know. Broken irrigation pipes and sprinklers can really increase our water bill so please help us out if you see something by contacting us – our contact information is in the newsletter.

Also, as a reminder, don't forget to look at your landscaping and yards as everyone needs to do their part to keep Oakridge Beautiful. Residents being thoughtful about the care and maintenance around their home and everyone working together to keep up the quality of the neighborhood is always appreciated.

Hope everyone has a great Spring Season!



# Crime & Safety

Lee Litton

## February 2026 Crime Report



- 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).
- Non-emergencies 972-485-4840
- Graffiti Removal = City of Garland Code Enforcement 972-485-6400

**NO Incidents Reported this Month**

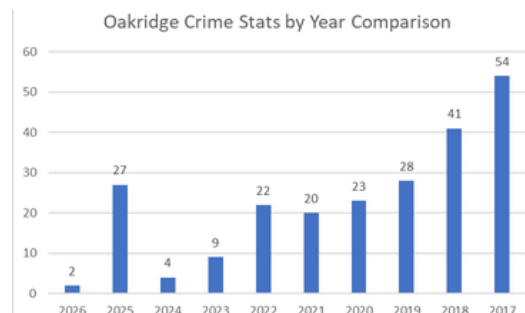
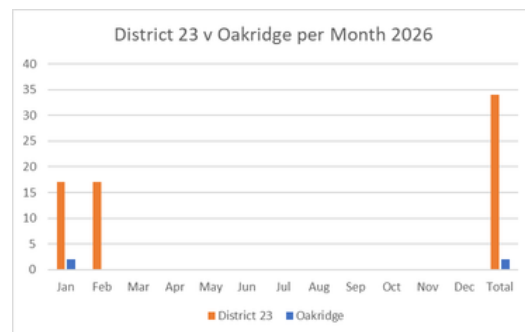
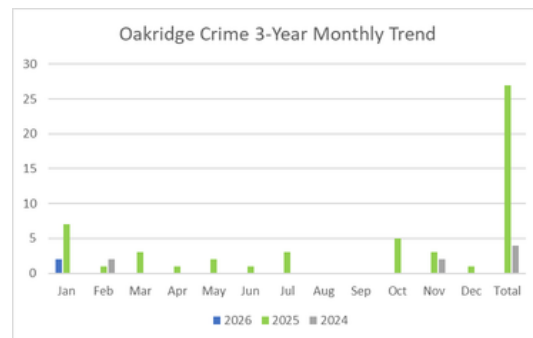
A constant reminder... Please lock your car and remove valuables – especially your guns and keys. If you can, put your car in the garage. Almost all unauthorized use motor vehicle and theft from vehicles were unlocked with keys inside – don't make us an easy target!

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 the Garland Video Crime Watch Survey or email Officer Murphy at [MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov](mailto:MurphyJ@garlandtx.gov).



**EMERGENCY 911**

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

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## District 7 News & Notes

### Garland City Councilmember, District 7, Joe Thomas

You may have noticed a new business in the district on the corner of Arapaho and Holford. The Swig Soda Shop (home of the original dirty soda) has opened their first location in Garland. A "dirty" soda is one that has had flavor or fruit juice or flavored cream added to it. (I'm old enough to remember going to the self service soda fountain and getting one splash of everything they offered. We called it a suicide soda. Any one else remember that?) See their menu at – Swig.com. Swing by swig and give them a try sometime.

Another new business going up across from the ILT high school is going to be Chipotle. They have finished the underground work and the slab is poured and walls are going up. It should be open in another month or two.

There was a community meeting held by the DART board at city hall in March. In short, because of recent negotiations by Plano and Irvine, who chose to cancel their ballot measure to pull out of DART, there will not only be no change to service in Garland but we will also recoup some of the tax money we pay them. That will amount to about \$20M over the next 5 years. The cities that still have this on the ballot would have service stopped the day after the ballots are counted and you would no longer be able to travel to or from those cities on DART. If a bus or rail line passes through one of those cities, it just would skip any stops in that city. Those cities are University Park, Highland Park and Addison.

You may have heard that we removed the interim tag from the title for City Manager, Mike Betz. The more we work with Mike; the more we realize we have made the right decision. His new contract runs through the end of 2029. He and his wife Lisa are looking for a home in Garland and are strongly considering neighborhoods in District 7. I think it would be great to have the City Manager, the Mayor and yours truly all in D7.

The competition for the traffic box art closed on March 22. The winners will have 3 of their designs turned into a vinyl wrap for one of the silver boxes at major intersections that control the traffic lights. The winners will receive \$1500 for their efforts. These go a long way to not only beautify something that was ugly but prevent graffiti. It seems that even graffiti artists respect other artists work and tend not to paint over it. I am excited to see what designs District 7 will get! Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will see a map and a list of streets/alleys that are going to be fixed as part of the Year 1 plan for the bond money that the voters approved last May. I am happy to report that the terrible stretch of Shiloh Road between Big Oaks and Buckingham is on the list and also set to be one of the first projects that they will start.

In other construction news, you may have noticed dirt moving on the SW corner of Campbell and Shiloh. This corner is going to have 60 townhomes built there on the 8 acres that are out of the flood plain. (Continued)

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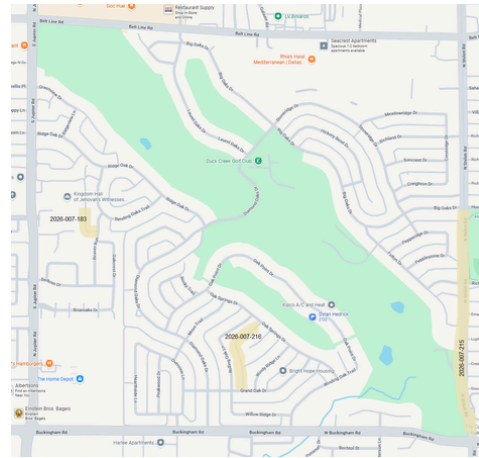
The retention pond and sidewalk around it and other amenities are part of the park and will remain as they are today. You can see the details of this project along with the plan for extra turn lanes off of Campbell going both north and south at this link. See the Leon Capital project pdf.

[Camelotna.com/pages](http://Camelotna.com/pages)

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can assist with any city issue.

[Council7@garlandtx.gov](mailto:Council7@garlandtx.gov). Or call 972-439-6637.

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### STREET DEPARTMENT - YEAR 1 BOND PROGRAM MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, DISTRICT 7

Project Number	Project Name	Limits (Begin to End)	Length (Feet)	Estimated Cost	Function Classification	Rehabilitation Type
2026-007-215	SHILOH ROAD	HOMESTEAD PLACE to	2,265	\$660,000	Arterial	Concrete pavement
2026-007-216	ALLEY - ROLLING	OAK SPRINGS to	303	\$19,000	Alley	Concrete pavement
2026-007-183	ALLEY - BEAVER	BEAVER RUN to	350	\$100,000	Alley	Partial Reconstr
		TOTALS	2,918	\$779,000		

# 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

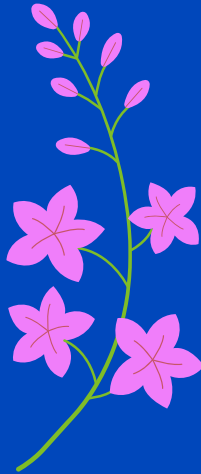
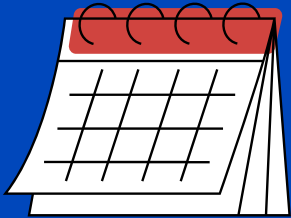
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JOIN BY MAIL	<a href="#">Fillable PDF</a>
	Or Scan the ONA Membership Form

*Become a member today!*

## Community Events

ONA Spring Picnic  
Sunday, May 3rd,  
2026 | 3:00 -5:00  
p.m. | 2025 Golden  
Oaks Drive Culdesac.  
MARK YOUR  
Calendar!



### UPCOMING: Oakridge General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 28th, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | North  
Garland Library 3845 N Garland Ave.

The Oakridge general membership business 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.

Please make sure to attend to hear updates and ways to be involved in our neighborhood.

Your paragraph text



### 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.

# ONA OAKRIDGE

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### Who's Who?

Need to contact your district officer or a committee chair? View our website to contact an ONA leader.

[Click here](#)

Note: many board members need to resign sooner than anticipated for various reasons. If communication is stagnant try [info@oakridgena.org](mailto:info@oakridgena.org).

## 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

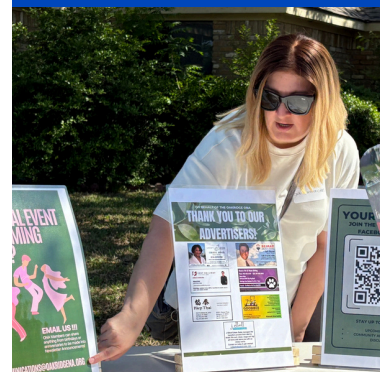
Join the Oakridge Neighborhood Association Facebook group for updates, events, safety alerts, and community conversations—all in one place.

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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