

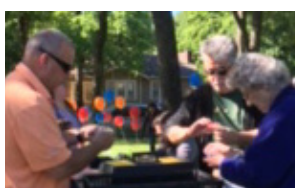
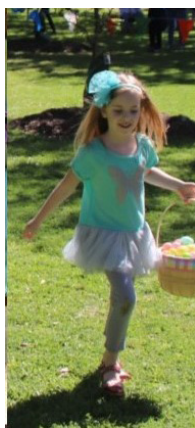
# The Oak Leaflet

The Newsletter of the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association

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## ONA's Easter Egg Hunt

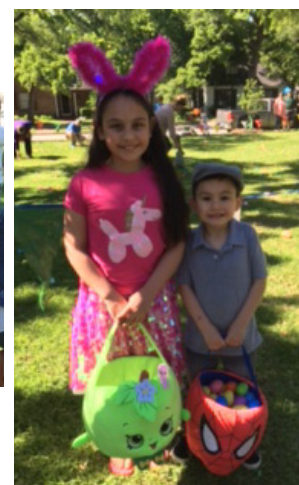
By Glenda Hartsell



**Fun Fact.**  
ONA members donated  
around **2000**  
candy-filled eggs!

ONA's Easter Egg Hunt was a fun event for all ages. The Easter Bunny was on hand for pictures and to help with the egg hunts. Refreshments, egg and spoon races and crafts were available as well for all children.

The success of this event was due to the many generous Oakhurst neighbors who donated items for the event and the many special folks who volunteered their time on a beautiful Saturday morning.



## President's Message

By Chanin Scanlon



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing executive board members

for their time and service to the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association Jan Buck, Freda Calabrese and Burney Dickinson! Your time spent volunteering for the greater good of our neighborhood is not lost on us and we are all truly grateful. I would also like to thank all the past and present street representatives. Your work to communicate community affairs and deliver our Oak Leaflet newsletter is very much appreciated and I look forward to working with you throughout this year.

I would like to mention that I plan to continue some of the good work that Jan Buck had initiated throughout her term which includes fiscal responsibility, identifying needed changes, and collaborating with outside parties and organizations that keep us informed as a community.

There have also been some changes in the way we communicate on Nextdoor app that I would like to mention. ONA, FOOP and other organizations have now been assigned group designations. What does that mean? It means that you will no longer see their posts in your general feed unless you join their respective groups. If you want to

find out what activities are going on in the park such as Fourth of July events, tree plantings, or want to know when ONA meetings are being held, you will need to join those groups.

To join, find the "Groups" section on the left-hand side of the Nextdoor home page; browse the groups until you find a group you are interested in joining; open the group, and click "Join Group". Once you do that, the information in those groups will continue to show up in your general feed and you will be back in the know.

Please do not forget that we also have our ONA website as an additional level of communication that is graciously hosted by Aaron Vorwerk and can be found at [http:// www.oakhurstfw.org/](http://www.oakhurstfw.org/).

Last, please consider getting involved in your neighborhood association in one capacity or another. We have a great Beautification Committee and a very active Events

Committee that could always use your time, donations or both.



**Find out what activities are going on in the park by joining Nextdoor app groups.**

## Coming Events

**May 9 9:30 a.m.**

Mother Daughter Tea  
Riverside Community Center  
3700 E. Belknap

**May 9 6 p.m.**

Foodscaping  
Botanical Research Inst of Texas  
1700 University Drive

**May 9 -12 6:-10:00 p.m.**

Lanterns in the Garden  
Forth Worth Botanic Garden  
3220 Botanic Garden

**May 11 11:- 5:00 p.m.**

Race Street Rollick  
Race Street

**May 17-18 Weekend**

ONA Garage Sale  
Contact Fran Burns for info at  
817-715-7066

**May 23 4.m.**

Memorial Day Cookout  
Riverside Community Center  
3700 E. Belknap

**May 27 6:30 p.m.**

90th Annual Mount Olivet  
Memorial Day Service  
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## Fifteenth Annual ONA Garage Sale

Deadline to have your name on the Garage Sale list is Monday, May 13  
email info to: [beautification@oakhurstfw.org](mailto:beautification@oakhurstfw.org)

*Membership Drive is underway for Dues  
for the upcoming year April 2019-2020*

### ONA Treasurer Report

Jan Bass, Treasurer

April 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019

	Opening Bal. March 31, 2019	Dues Allocation	Income Donations	Expense	Balance
General Fund	\$ 850.36	\$630.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 458.48	\$1,101.88
Beautification Fund	837.67	378.00	170.00	44.20	1,341.47
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Dinner Fund	645.00	252.00	165.00		1,062.00
Preservation Fund	100.00				100.00
Events Fund		320.58	630.00	175.00	1,125.58
Walk of Honor Lotus	-60.41			78.00	17.59
	\$3,798.09	\$2,520.00	\$1,133.00	\$ 949.11	\$6,501.98
Prepaid Dues					60.00
					\$6,561.98
Dale Resource Funds					6,786.33
Total ONA Funds					\$13,348.31

Finance Committee members are Jan Bass, Randy Linville and Ann Kothmann.  
Membership Drive is underway for April 2019/2020

On behalf of the Finance Committee I would like to thank each of you  
for joining ONA this year.  
As our membership grows we can make a difference!

**We have 725 homes in Oakhurst and we have 126 members.  
Please join us!**



**Who doesn't love  
a great brunch!**

Lynn Sonsel of West Lotus shared this delicious overnight brunch casserole. Lynn has been very involved in our neighborhood and we are so sad to see her house on the market to move closer to her grandchildren. Thanks Lynn for all you've done over the years.

### Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

2 pounds Jimmy Dean Sausage (one hot and one regular)  
1 box seasoned croutons  
4 cups cheddar and/or cheddar/  
Colby cheese  
6 eggs  
2-1/4 cups milk  
3/4 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup milk

Directions:

Fry the sausage, blot out the grease with paper towels and set aside.

Spray a 9x13 glass pan with Pam. Pour the seasoned croutons in the bottom and add the sausage on top.

Cover this layer with the cheese(s). Beat the eggs, 2-1/4 cups milk and the dry mustard together. Pour over casserole and refrigerate overnight.

Next morning: mix together the can of mushroom soup and the 1/2 cup milk and spread over casserole.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Top should be bubbling, and center should be hot to the touch.

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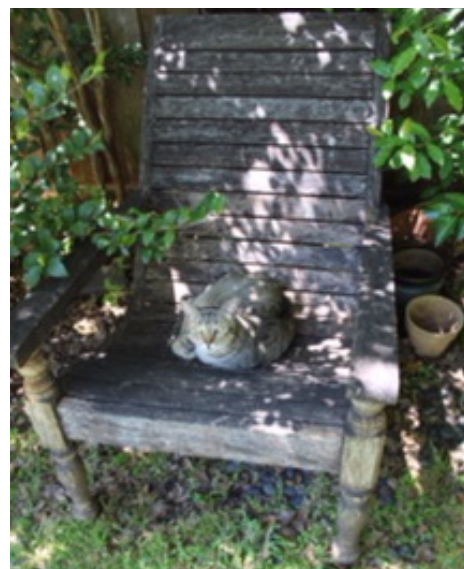
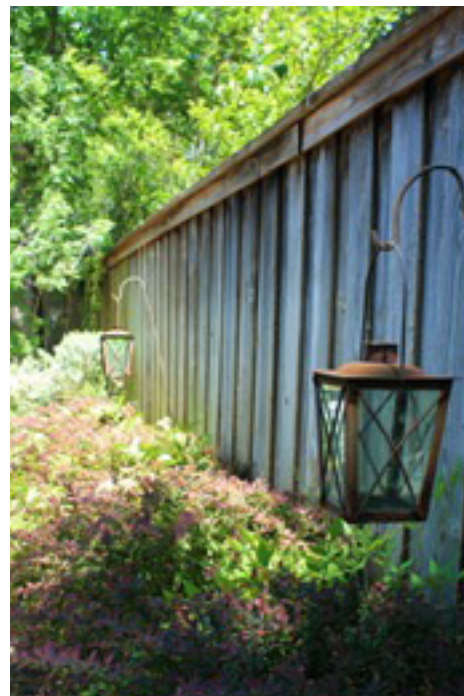
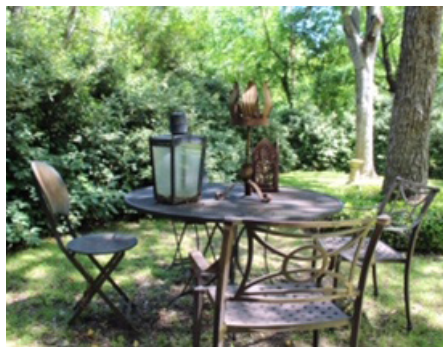
By Fran Burns,

*Beautification Committee Chairman*

Les has lived in Oakhurst for exactly 20 years this May! He was asked to give some insight into his yard of the month! Back in the spring of '99, he moved to the neighborhood from the TCU area, to be closer to his job at American Airlines but no matter how far he traveled, he always looked forward to returning home to Oakhurst and the serenity of his backyard. Below are Les' comments.

*As for what I'm most proud of in my yard,* I would have to say it's the rows of silverberry hedges I planted at the back of the property. They have grown to 8 feet or more in height and have created a dense privacy hedge around the perimeter of the yard, which still allows me to talk with my neighbors without feeling as if I'm in a walled-in compound. When I first bought my home, everything was original and had been restored, as if it had been transported through time from 1928 when first built. Yet, ironically, while the house may have traveled thorough time, its landscaping did not. I had to start from scratch. So, I went to the Fort Worth library and searched through magazines and books from the late 1920's through early 30's to find examples of what would have been popular for a home of that period. Years of trial and error planting eventually yielded a group of Texas native shrubs and perennials that also weren't too delicate to survive our temperature extremes.

For the front yard, I chose a mix of silverberry, white spirea, firethorn pyracantha, variegated privet and pittosporum, photinia, lady ferns, and English Ivy. Because of the canopy of heavy shade from the oak trees in the front yard, I have limited opportunity for blooming varieties. So, for color, I typically add some annuals in pots, such as pansies or impatiens on the steps. Beyond the gate and towards the garage are ornamental grass, holly berry and coral bells. Barberry and nandina shrubs line the driveway at the fence line for alternating pops of red and green color. And to the right of the driveway are rosemary, sage, variegated ivy and privet, and finally Turks Cap and a Vitex Chaste tree, which yields deep purple blooms in summer. For ground cover, my favorite is Asian jasmine. I planted this at the front sidewalk and along the back driveway, as it's extremely heat tolerant, much more so than grass.







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## Oakhurst Walk of Honor Dedication April 28, 2019

By Fran Burns

A dedication ceremony was held on April 28 at the Walk of Honor. The Walk of Honor recognizes neighbors and their contributions to Oakhurst.

The stones dedicated at this event were Phyllis and Fred Anglin, Queen Rita Wilson, Ray Jefferson, Beverly and Dwight Mason, Margaret Bruce, Johnny Freeman and Jean and Terry Smith.\*



The Oakhurst Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee invites neighbors to recognize those who have made significant contributions to or have historic significance in Oakhurst. The stones are \$50 and will be placed on the West Lotus cul de sac in the "Walk of Honor."

For additional information or to purchase a stone, email [beautification@oakhurstfw.org](mailto:beautification@oakhurstfw.org).

\* due to press time for this newsletter, photos of the ceremony will appear in the June newsletter.

## David's Law

Prepared by Denise Bennett

On June 9, 2016, the Texas Governor signed SB 179, a new law that requires schools to prevent and intervene with bullying, including cyberbullying both on and off campuses. This law, David's Law, protects those involved in education. What about outside of the walls of the educational institution?

Bullying can be physical strength and/or using embarrassing information to overpower someone. This type of harm could be one time or on multiple occurrences. Now, take a look at the definition of cyberbullying: using electronic means via computers and mobile phones (email, social media sites, IM and texting) to torment, threaten, harass, humiliate, embarrass or target another person. Students, faculty and staff are protected via David's Law to help stop the senseless act of pushing others around. What about adults? Nearly 40% of adults are cyberbullied. How do we protect ourselves from those who hide behind their electronic device to torment others yet publicly hide their views?

Who is the adult bully? It can be your boss or colleague, romantic partner, unruly neighbor, sales person, family member, social acquaintance, etc. According to Psychology Today, a common characteristic is someone who projects their aggression to push your buttons and to keep you off balance. What is the root cause for this adult bully to push themselves in such a manner that is harmful to others? Could it be that they are trying to expose your weaknesses for their own sense of dominance to deal with their own low self-esteem? Maybe they are jealous, feel threatened by you, are self-centered and has no empathy for others? Maybe they use sarcastic and demeaning language to dominate and humiliate you to make them feel good? The bully wants to deprive you from your fundamental human rights. According to the United Nations Universal Declaration, these rights include: being treated with respect, express your feelings, having your own opinions and wants, setting your own priorities, having the right to say "no" and not feel guilty, having your own different opinion, taking care of and protecting yourself from being threatened physically, mentally and emotionally, and finally the right to create your own happy and healthy life. Maybe the adult bully was bullied during their childhood or were the bully themselves. When does the cycle end?

What can you do to protect yourself from the cyberbully attack (s)? It is suggested that we can ignore, log-off, block, document and report them. Determining who to report to can be difficult, especially if using neighborhood apps, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Several social media outlets have proper areas to complain and get results. Take a look at how the NextDoor app has really generated discourse and division in many neighborhoods across the nation. The policies and membership agreements from NextDoor are not always followed. NextDoor recommends that there be at least two Leads from different households. Then it goes on to say "a good rule of thumb is to add a new Lead for every 50 to 100 members".

If the Lead number is increased, maybe the provocative and judgmental language, misleading information and

cyberbullying may decrease. What about when the public and private messages turn into threats, use profanity and make claims such as: "you don't know what you're talking about!" or "you haven't lived here long enough to know!" Doesn't this mean that folks are straying away from the diplomatic, informative and neighborly discussions that they agreed upon when signing up for this neighborly app? Isn't it ok to disagree and still be neighborly? What ever happened to being civil? What has happened to talking to your neighbors face to face to understand the emotion and the real concern they have? Working things out is better than a rally cry to pick and gang up on someone. When does the cycle end?

Bullying can really effect the one being harassed. It is documented that depression, suicide and low self-esteem results from bullying. David's Law in Texas is the result of a young man taking his own life because of this very issue. So many other lives are taken away due to being bullied. As a professional educator, I have had students who have taken their own lives because of bullying and/or rumors. The burden is great and unthinkable when it happens. What about the protection in adulthood? Where are those laws?

Experts suggested that we no longer be cyber-bully silent. Stand up and call them out. Don't give them power over you. They are the ones with the emotional and the low self-esteem issues. Remember that they are trying to be powerful over you through their lack of emotional control by provoking and antagonizing others. Tell them to stop and that you are going to report them to the authorities and then do it. Report them. Reporting with documentation is vital, esp. when the messages are on social media. It is easy to report what they have sent to you because it is there already in print for all to see. Alert the proper local authorities with the recorded documentation for future legal action. Make them see that you will not tolerate their unwelcomed and unethical actions towards you. No more silence. Stand up and call them out.

According to Collins English Dictionary, the noun neighborly is defined as: being friendly and helpful. Social media is taking away the real conversations of "face to face" meaningful discussions. Technology does not have feelings like humans do. It is easy to hide behind the personal device and pick on others. Stop the harmful attacks and abusive behavior and be the adult. We must begin to converse with one another and build relationships with those around us. Stop using technology to argue and to shame others. Use it to praise and uplift; and to bring more in depth knowledge on factual issues and true research. Stick to the honest and open-minded truth and have a diplomatic discussion. Be neighborly.

Educational institutes have David's Law for protection against the bully and the cyberbullying. What about us adults within the social media world we live in? Where is our law of protection? When will the cycle end?

*"Some people try to be tall by cutting of the heads of others."*  
Paramahansa Yogananda

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## Hardwood Flooring

by: Stanton McKibbin Heartwood Flooring

Wood floors are a beautiful, natural product set apart from other floor coverings. The ultimate appearance however, is dependent upon the finishing process.

### *When is refinishing necessary?*

There are several situations when a floor typically needs to be refinished. If you are removing carpet, most times the floor will need to be refinished because of the carpet pad wears on the floor and sometimes, unfortunately, the wood floors have been used as a "drop cloth" during prior makeovers. If you want a different color on the floor and/or you have excessive traffic wear patterns the floors will need to be refinished. If adding new floors to your home, they will need to be refinished

### *Choosing a stain color.*

Take a look around your room and note the different types and color of furniture, fabric, and paint in the room. The majority of stain colors available (shades of brown) will go with most any décor. Some colors can be very "owner specific" (shades of whites, greys, and reds – and might make a sale of a home more challenging). Dark stains will visually enlarge a room, and will show more dust on the floor.

### *Coating/Finishes*

This is a personal choice. Polyurethanes are the most common finish and are considered to be the most durable. A waxed floor will give the floor a richer look, but will need to be maintained- the traffic areas will need to be re-waxed once or twice a year.

### *Cleaning hardwood floors*

Standard vacuuming is the best way to remove surface dust and dirt. Wipe up any liquid spills immediately – liquids and wood do not mix! If your floor has a polyurethane finish, I recommend using a mixture of water and vinegar. The ratio is a cup of vinegar to a gallon of water. The solution can be put in a spray bottle. After vacuuming, spray the solution on the floor then wipe up with a clean towel.

### *Specialty wood finishes*

Hand scraped floors are becoming more and more popular. In this process the floors are scraped by hand to achieve a worn and or distressed appearance. They tend to show less wear and tear on the floor. If your goal is to have a more formal look, borders, inlays, medallions, and/or patterns can be added. The floors can have almost any design. Your floors are the second largest area of in your home, and their appearance is only limited to your imagination.



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