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WELCOME COUNCIL MEMBER DUFFORD!



**Council Member
 Scott Dufford**

Hi there! I'm the newest council member, although I've been involved in city government in one way or another since my wife Ann and I stumbled onto Oak Point in 1996 and immediately bought our property after a long search. I have been the Eagles Landing HOA president since 2002, and my goal has always been one of cooperation between property owners and the HOA. I have also served on Planning & Zoning, PARC and a variety of other committees and sub-committees.

The changes since 1996 have been unsettling and overwhelming! Still, our little town has maintained a little town atmosphere. Our geographic location, on a lake peninsula, gives us a big advantage in trying to control development. Can't build on the water! Roads dead-ending all over is a plus! In the past, I feel developers have taken advantage of our city, goal #1 is to work with them more closely to make sure considerations are made for the city and their plans reflect citizen desires as much as possible.

Public debt such as PIDs and MUDDs are something to be avoided. They typically are a big advantage for developers, and a hardship for home owners, requiring a lot of work for city staff and council above and beyond what the city's PID administrator does (whose fees are paid for by homeowners). Rolling infrastructure costs into lot and home prices is the way it's been done for ages and works fine.

Oak Point is good with transparency, but there can always be some improvement. For instance, we have been conducting meetings on Zoom recently, and sometimes we have random residents tuning in, but mostly it's just the involved participants. I would be interested in hearing from residents if there is any interest in the city streaming meetings after we get through this COVID mess. Not a huge cost, but are citizens interested?

The city website is pretty good after a recent upgrade, but I think it needs constant analyzing for improvements. Perhaps a single council member should be appointed "web czar" to monitor it and guide fixes.

I'm focused on getting trails built to connect neighborhoods. This was the top amenity citizens requested in the recent Comprehensive Plan update. With the park trails now completed, Phase One is between the middle school and Emerald Sound's main entrance. This is important because the DISD halted bus service in Emerald Sound so students have to ride bikes or walk to school. Phase Two is from Emerald Sound south to Yacht Club Estates, and Phase Three is along McCormick to 720. Like the park improvements, the trails will be funded by fees builders and businesses pay.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DUFFORD — CONTINUED

One of the most important city issues is just on the horizon. That is whether or not to become a Home Rule city, available to us when we hit 5000 population. Some counts have us already at 4600, so not far off.

Some 95% of eligible cities apply for this classification, obviously there are advantages. Chief among them is to reorganize city government: mayor-council with strong mayor or weak mayor, council-manager, or commission. Precincts or at-large, or a mix, term limits or not, term lengths, number of seats, etc. Lots to consider! Council has approved appointing a sub-committee to study this—think about volunteering!

Trash service has improved recently, but bulk pick up is still an issue. Utilizing corps property for parks/trails where logical should be looked into. A strong DPS is critical, and we seem in pretty good shape there. Should we be looking into our own ambulance service? Medical assistance called far more often than fire, but obviously expensive. I've only had to call an ambulance one time in OP, and it took 20-25 minutes to arrive.

So I've got a lot of goals. I love this little town as it is, and fret over new development that is unavoidable. I will continue to publish the Keep Oak Point Country Committee eLetter about city business in an effort to keep citizens informed and involved. I want to hear from you at sdufford@oakpointtexas.com. I'll always respond. Thanks for listening!

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City of Oak Point is working hard to develop its Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 annual budget. The City Council held a budget retreat in June where the City Council identified priorities for Fiscal Year 2021. Some of the top priorities included lowering the tax rate, continuing to increase funding for capital improvement projects, evaluate roadway impact fees and upgrade existing technology.

For Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 the City Council has proposed a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 value. Between Fiscal Year 2016 and the current proposed rate for Fiscal Year 2021, the City Council has reduced the rate by \$0.063 per \$100 value. Of the proposed \$0.50 rate, \$0.475287 pays for Maintenance & Operations Fund (M&O) and \$0.024713 is contributed to the Interest and Sinking Fund (I&S), also referred to as the Debt Service Fund.

For FY 2020-2021, the City is proposing a \$5,464,735 General Fund Budget. Of the general fund budget, 48% of the revenue comes from property tax, 25% comes from permits, 13% comes from contracts for Public Safety and 6% is generated from sales tax. The remaining 8% of revenues are generated from franchise fees, fines, and investment income.

The Fiscal Year 2020 -2021 expenditures are separated as follows: 60% of the budget funds the Department of Public Safety, which includes the Police Department and the Fire Department. 21% of the general fund budget pays for the Administration Department and 8% funds the Public Works Department. The remaining 11% funds non-departmental items like the annual audit, electric bills and many other items that are not directly related to any single department.

In the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 budget, the City increased its contribution to the Capital Improvement Fund to \$1,200,000. Our goal is to grow this contribution in future budgets as the City plans additional CIP Projects. Further, this budget adds \$200,000 to the vehicle reserve fund and created a new reserve fund for building expansion.

The City Council meets the third Monday of each month, I hope to see you in attendance, or if necessary, logged on to a Zoom meeting.



Stephen Ashley
City Manager

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The City of Oak Point recently appointed new members to the Boards and Commissions at the July 2020 City Council Meeting. Thank you to all the outgoing members for their service to the community!

The following is a list of members and when the current terms expire:

Board of Adjustment

Neil Collins	Term Expires July 2022	Alternate: Jeanine Hall	Term Expires July 2022
James Hankins	Term Expires July 2022		
Candace Williams	Term Expires July 2022		
Mike Jerden	Term Expires July 2021		
Leslie Maynard	Term Expires July 2021		

Economic Development Corporation/Municipal Development District (EDC/MDD)

Deborah Armstrong	Term Expires July 2021		
James Hankins	Term Expires July 2021		
Olumayowa Labinjo	Term Expires July 2021		
Louis Americo	Term Expires July 2022		
Jacob Paredes	Term Expires July 2022		
Don Lindemann	Term Expires July 2022 Council Liaison		
Keith Palmer	Term Expires July 2021 Council Liaison		

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Glen "Skip" Cox	Term Expires July 2022	Alternate: Susan Dorsey	Term Expires July 2021
Manny Bazan	Term Expires July 2022	Alternate: Candace Williams	Term Expires July 2022
Ryan McDow	Term Expires July 2022	Alternate: Jerry Raye	Term Expires July 2022
Leslie Maynard	Term Expires July 2021		
Dawn Hicks	Term Expires July 2022		

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Barney Carrington	Term Expires July 2021	Jeff Stafford	Term Expires July 2022
Brent Coleman	Term Expires July 2021	David Garb	Term Expires July 2022
Neil Collins	Term Expires July 2021	Alternate: Debbie Peterman	Term Expires July 2022
David McBeth	Term Expires July 2022	Alternate: Richard Shine	Term Expires July 2022
William Gusick	Term Expires July 2022		

MEET CALEB PRICE

Caleb came to the City of Oak Point in July as a Police Officer. He has previous experience with both Sachse and Farmers Branch Police Departments. Caleb's favorite thing about his job is interacting with the community. Caleb grew up in Carrollton, Texas. Caleb and his wife have a 2 year old daughter. In his spare time, Caleb enjoys hunting and fishing.

Welcome Caleb!



MEET MATTHEW WAKHU

Matthew came to the City of Oak Point in June as a Police Officer. He has previous experience with both Corinth and Flower Mound Police Departments. Matthew's favorite thing about his job is helping people and interacting with the community. Matthew grew up in Houston, Texas. He comes from a family of people with careers in helping others. Some of the things Matthew enjoys in his spare time are sports, music, cooking, watching movies, comics, and cars.

Welcome Matthew!



*Ladies of Oak Point Tea Party on October 24th.
Contact Dena Meek at meek.dena@yahoo.com
for more info.*

<https://my2020census.gov/>
I'm challenging you to
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2020 Census
today.

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PERMIT UPDATES

PET REGISTRATION

Annual pet registrations are due in January 2021. Registration fee is for a calendar year and is \$5.00 per pet, unless pet is 4 months or older and has not been spayed or neutered, then the fee is \$15 per pet. Shot records must be provided and must include the following:

1. Pets name, age, gender, breed
2. Rabies tag #
3. If pet has been spayed or neutered

AEROBIC SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Citizens who have aerobic septic systems are required to have an annual maintenance agreement and 3 inspections per year by their maintenance company.

Up-to-date maintenance contracts, along with each inspection record, are to be provided to the City. Failure to comply will result in citations.

For information, please contact Vicki Russell at 972-294-2312 ext 101 or vrussell@oakpointtexas.com.

BOAT RAMP AND GOLF CART RENEWALS

Annual boat ramp passes can be purchased at City Hall. The price for residents, within the Oak Point city limits, is \$25. Discounts are offered for senior citizens and for veterans. If you reside outside the city limits, the price is \$75. You will need the license plate of the vehicle you will be driving in to the gated area.

Daily passes will be available in the kiosk at the boat ramp for \$5. Please fill out the front of the envelope and seal the \$5 in the envelope. There is a receipt to place on your dashboard so an officer can see it when patrolling the area. These can be matched up to the envelopes in case there is ever a need for proof, so please be sure to complete the information.

Golf cart passes are available at City Hall. The initial fee is \$20 but will be \$5 each year thereafter. Please bring proof of insurance for the golf cart.

Beginning in January 2021, there will be passes specific to either boats or golf carts.

Thank You! You Are Appreciated!

Dave Rush, Oak Point resident, spent countless hours planning and orchestrating the replacement of the Courtesy Boat Dock at the lake. The City of Oak Point appreciates all your hard work, Dave!

Aris Tsamis, owner of Mariner Sails and DCYC member, has donated about \$600 worth of equipment to the Crescent Oaks boat ramp park under the name of the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club. Included are two "No Wake Zone" buoys and a life saving ring attached to the end of the boat dock available for emergency use. Thanks Aris!

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YOU SEE THE WORLD

ENROLL IN THE CITY'S MASS COMMUNICATION AND EMERGENCY WEATHER



Oak Point United Against Suicide

HOPE IS COMING...

I am so pleased to be able to say that the “Hope Squad” will be in place in Little Elm High School when classes resume! The Provo, Utah Hope Squad has been introduced and the training curriculum has already started at the school.

The Hope Squad suicide prevention mission statement is: “you are the eyes and ears of the school”. This is a school based “Peer to Peer” suicide prevention program, involving students to identify and counsel at-risk students. This program has already been put in place at many school districts in Texas, including Prosper, Plano, and Highland Park. Highland Park Middle School Principal, Jeremy Gilber, has said, “We must equip the students because they are the ones that really know what’s going on with other students. Your job is to link these kids to the adults that can help them.”

The Hope Squad also draws experts from local districts to address mental health challenges that are hitting school children of all ages. It has been terrifically effective with suicide prevention. As this program progresses, we will have educational talks, lectures, and programs at our Oak Point Community Room. Counselors at LEHS, the school principal and teachers are involved, and training for squad members will be on-going throughout the school year. Further information will be available through Little Elm High School for anyone who would like to know more.

Mark Speed, father of Brandon Speed, of Prosper, said. “Our kids have got to start helping other kids.”

Joel Olson

Resources for Help

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255 * Confidential Online Chat: suicidepreventionlifeline.org * The Suicide & Crisis Center of North Texas: 214-828-1000 * Dallas Metrocare Services: 866-260-8000 (Includes Ellis, Hunt, Kaufmann, & Rockwall counties) * NorthStar/North Texas Behavioral Health Authority: 24 hour crisis hotline 866-260-8000 or ntbha.org * Grace and Brian Loncar Foundation: graceloncarfoundation.org

WARNING SYSTEM AT WWW.OAKPOINTTEXAS.COM/STAYUPDATED

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE OCTOBER 3, 2020

The City of Oak Point will be sponsoring a **Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Rain or Shine. Residents are encouraged to participate by having a garage sale at their home.

The City will advertise the Community Garage Sale in the area newspaper and on the City's website. On the morning of the garage sale, a map with a list of registered garage sale sites will be available at each subdivision entrance. To register for the garage sale, please **fill out the registration form (pg. 9) and return it to City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020.**

Questions regarding the Community Garage Sale may be directed to City Hall at (972) 294-2312.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP OCTOBER 10, 2020

The City of Oak Point will hold its **2020 Clean Up on Saturday, October 10, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**, or until dumpsters are full. The drop off site will be at the City Hall parking lot (next to Jake's Place Park), located at 100 Naylor Road. All residents will be required to show proof of residency by presenting a photo ID or a utility bill in their name.

The City will provide dumpsters at City Hall for Oak Point residents to bring trash and refuse, such as old furniture, appliances, lumber, building materials, and other household debris. **Any appliances must be drained of all fluids prior to delivering them to the drop off site. Refrigerators must have a certificate stating the freon has been removed.** There is no cost for use of the dumpsters. Once dumpsters are full, no additional dumping will be allowed.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with drop off across the street from City Hall at the Iglesia de Dios Eben-Ezer, 101 Naylor Road. **You MUST pick up a voucher for this event** at the Mary & Jim Horn Government Center, 1505 E. McKinney, Suite 175, Denton, 76209 as the County funds this event.

The City will be offering on-site **Document Shredding from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** for residents that have confidential documents that need to be destroyed.

Elderly or disabled residents may call City Hall at 972-294-2312 ext 112 in advance of the event to request assistance with any items they wish to deliver to the disposal site.



2020 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ~ OCTOBER 3RD

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Community Garage Sale
Saturday, October 3, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The City will advertise the Garage Sale in the area newspaper and will distribute maps with a list of all registered Garage Sales the morning of the event. All residents are encouraged to participate by having a garage sale at their own home. Residents that are interested in holding a garage sale and being included on the map will need to complete and return this form with a \$3.00 registration fee to City Hall by Friday, September 18, 2020.

Registration Form

Please complete and return to City Hall no later than Friday, September 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address of Garage Sale: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Subdivision

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Crescent Oaks</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Emerald Sound</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Fox Hollow Estates</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Eagles Landing</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Hunter's Ridge</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Gates of Waters Edge</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Woodridge Estates</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Yacht Club Estates</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other Subdivision</u> |

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The City of Oak Point is currently accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year. Nominees must reside within the City of Oak Point and meet specific criteria, as outlined below.

Please type or print:

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Submitted by:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Please attach a narrative that addresses how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:

- Significant accomplishments within the community, whether past or present
- Amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond the scope of normal citizen responsibilities
- Quality, scale, and duration of the benefit to the community
- Nature of the challenges faced and overcome by this individual
- Nomination should relate mainly to outstanding service undertaken by the individual for the benefit of the community, normally on a voluntary basis, especially selfless service to a voluntary body or the community or service which brings distinction and quality to everyday life in Oak Point

Nomination materials should address these specific areas. Supporting information is encouraged. Anyone may nominate an individual, and more than one nomination for an individual is welcome.

All nominations must be received by the City no later than October 23, 2020. The Selection Committee will review all nominations and select a winner. The winner will be recognized and receive their award at the regular City Council meeting to be held in November.

Please Mail Completed Application to:

City of Oak Point
Attn: Citizen of the Year Selection Committee
100 Naylor Road
Oak Point, TX 75068

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HALLOWEEN

Put on your costume Decorate your vehicle Bring some treats

Trunk or Treat

Oak Point City Hall Parking Lot **October 31, 2020** 6:00—8:00 PM



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

WINTERFEST December 4, 2020

City staff is looking forward to Winterfest!

Winterfest will be held on Friday, December 4th from 6 - 8pm. We will have a bounce house and the Bubble Bus, crafts for the kids, hot cocoa and cookies, and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. Its sure to be a great time!



In recognition of the following holidays, City offices will be closed on:

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 - Christmas

January 1 - New Year's

100 Naylor Road
Oak Point, TX 75068

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Monday, September 21 at 6:00 pm City Council
Monday, October 19 at 6:00 pm City Council
Monday, November 16 at 6:00 pm City Council
Monday, December 21 at 6:00 pm City Council

Tentative Meetings for Other Boards and Commissions

Tuesday, September 1	at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Monday, September 7	at 6:00 pm	PARCS
Tuesday, September 8	at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp
Tuesday, October 6	at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Monday, October 12	at 6:00 pm	PARCS
Tuesday, October 13	at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp
Tuesday, November 3	at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Monday, November 9	at 6:00 pm	PARCS
Tuesday, November 10	at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp
Tuesday, December 1	at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Monday, December 7	at 6:00 pm	PARCS
Tuesday, December 8	at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp

Upcoming City Events

Saturday, October 3	from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm	City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, October 10	from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm	City-Wide Clean-Up
Saturday, October 10	from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Document Shredding
Saturday, October 10	from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, October 31	from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
Friday, December 4	from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Winterfest

All dates are subject to change. Please check the City's website at www.oakpointtexas.com or contact the City Secretary at (972) 294-2312 to verify meeting dates and times.

CITY OF OAK POINT CONTACT NUMBERS

City Hall (972)294-2312 Fax: (972)294-1619
Police/Fire (972)294-0000 Fax: (972)294-3333
Non-Emergency Dispatch (940)349-1600 Option 9

Emergency 911 Website: www.oakpointtexas.com