

How to Get Started!

- Begin by obtaining an application from the Town Hall or at www.oakridgenc.com
- Return your completed application to the Town Clerk for consideration for nomination by the board(s) of your choice.
- If nominated, your application will then go before the Town Council for appointment.

Interested?

Need More Information?

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Your Guide to Volunteering in Oak Ridge



Become Involved in Your Own Town

Finance Committee

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during budget planning
(Extra budget workshops in the Spring)
The committee is charged with creating the Town's yearly Budget and recommending it to the Town Council.

Water Committee

Meets irregularly
(Check with the Town Clerk for meeting dates)
Charged with investigating the most cost effective means of obtaining a municipal water system.

Beautification Committee

Meets irregularly
(Check with the Town Clerk for meeting dates)
Originally charged with creation and placement of "Welcome to Oak Ridge" signs but has since taken on decorating those signs for holidays and currently serves as the Town's "Tree Board."

Walkability Sub-Committee

Meets with the Park & Recreation Committee 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm
Focuses on walking trails in the park and sidewalk creation throughout the Town of Oak Ridge.

Historic Preservation Commission

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm
Recommends historic "landmarks;"
Reviews Certificate of Appropriateness for changes made to properties in the historic district.; Conducts educational programs with respect to the historic district

Board of Adjustment

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm
Hears and decides appeals from Historic Preservation Commission determinations, any decisions made by an administrative official charged with ordinance enforcement, zoning variance rulings and other similar matters.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm
Makes recommendations to the Town Council on all matters concerning Parks & Recreation.

Planning & Zoning Board

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm
(Only meets if there is a case to be heard)
Hears and recommends, to the Town Council, matters of zoning map amendments, special use permits, site plans, subdivisions, easements etc.

Why Are Volunteer Boards Important?

- Volunteer Boards are an integral part of American Local Government.
- They bring together a variety of views that might not have otherwise been heard.
- They provide for a wide-ranging palate of interests and expertise.
- They Allow for a more thorough review of complex and significant matters than a Part-Time Council alone could provide.

Why Volunteer?

- Opportunity to help shape policy
- Way to give back to your community
- Donate your professional skills
- Meet new people
- Understand where your tax money is going
- Fulfill a civic duty