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Apr / May / Jun 2014

Annual Picnic June 14th

We're Having a Fiesta! Ole!

One of OHNA's best kept secrets is our annual summer picnic! Save the date for Saturday, June 14th, from 9:00-2:00. This year were spicing things up! We will have a taco bar, Mariachi music, and piñatas!

The Balloon Lady will once again delight young and old with her unique creations. We're raffling off TWO handcrafted birdhouses. Plan now to spend some quality time with your neighbors as we start the summer season.



Eula

Annual Meeting Review

OHNA's Annual Meeting offered a wealth of information and opportunities for its members. A meet and greet provided time to visit with our mayor, state representative, five school board candidates, and two city council candidates. We also had a representative from the City of Garland Planning Department, an arborist, our neighborhood police officer, John Willis our outgoing City Councilman, and lots of neighbors!

We enjoyed pizza, pimento cheese sandwiches, pop, and plenty of "bird nests", and strawberry cake! We also gave away wonderful door prizes!

The program for the evening focused on how to care for our neighborhood and landscaping. Our own Betty Roberts led table groups in a renovation planning activity. The table decorations were birdhouses that helped us think about how to "feather our nests"! Angela Calvin from the City Planning Department presented information from the Garland Residential Idea Book. It presents ideas on how to improve your home that fits every pocketbook. Bill Seaman from Arborilogical Services gave us ideas for the care and maintenance of the greenery in our neighborhood. A slide presentation ran continuously showing home improvements in our neighborhood.

We are fortunate to have an active board whose members share their time and talents to make OHNA a model for the city!

Plant Sale Review

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped out and shopped at our Plant Sale on April 26. It was a great event; we raised \$576 to help maintain the neighborhood landscaping. A special thanks to the following individuals and businesses who donated: Whitetail Nursery, Gecko Hardware, Karen Forbes at Naaman Forest High School, the City of Garland Parks Dept. and Phil McEwan's Birdhouses.



Christi

Neighborhood Work Day

8 am - 12 noon Saturday May 24

We need your manpower! Come out and help beautify our landscape beds, the weeds have been getting away from us. Bring your gloves, forks, pruners, shovels and rakes. We will be planting new plants and digging out weeds and grass. If you can't make a Work Day but would like to help feel free to pull or dig out weeds in our landscape beds whenever you have time.

Meet at the south entrance to Rick Oden Park on Briarwood.
Contact Christi Baughman: 972-822-4262 or Christi@ohna.us

Tuesday

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Calendar

2014

May

8,22 Recycle
24 Work Day

Jun

5,19 Recycle
9 Board Meeting
14 Picnic

Jul

3,17,31 Recycle
14 Board Meeting

Aug

14,28 Recycle
11 Board Meeting

Sept

11,25 Recycle
08 Board Meeting

Oct

9,23 Recycle
3,4 Garage Sale
13 Board Meeting



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Neighborhood Patrol Officer
Jeff Summers
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District 5 Update

This is my last OHNA update as the District 5 Councilman. Thank you for allowing me to represent and serve you for the past six years. Garland's term limits means now we will have a new council representative. I hope the Orchard Hills neighborhood will stay in close communication with the new council member as you have with me.

This update will be brief, but there are important things going on in District 5. The US Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, recently came to Garland to hold a press conference about an important project I've been working on now for years - the LBJ East highway project between US75 and I30. You have an opportunity to contribute to the process of making sure this regionally important project gets done by participating in the transportation advocacy group now being formed. If you are interested in participating in this group, please send me an email to the address below.

Progress continues on finishing up the 635 service road project. TxDOT is providing weekly updates on their progress and it should be substantially complete (meaning all lanes are open) in late July.

Winco Foods will soon begin the demolition of the old Target building in Centerville Marketplace. They are constructing a new 85,000 square foot grocery store. This will be a great addition to Centerville Marketplace, and I look forward to shopping there!

The council recently had an update about the ice storm clean up. In two months time the Environmental Waste Service department picked up almost as much brush as they do in a year. Crews worked six and seven days a week to clear all that debris. Doing so meant spending a lot more than was budgeted for the department for those months, and that means we may see a slight increase on our utility bills to pay for those unexpected, but necessary expenditures. I know city staff will do everything they can to minimize any needed increases.

The City of Garland has a long-standing program that pays half the cost when residents want to replace damaged sections of sidewalk adjacent to their properties. Even with the program many residents cannot afford to pay half of that expense. With this in mind the council recently modified the sidewalk replacement program to include a variable payment plan based on resident's share of the costs. Below is a brief breakdown of this payment plan:

Property owner's share	Monthly payment
\$250 - \$499	36 equal monthly payments
\$500 - \$999	48 equal monthly payments
\$1000 and more	60 equal monthly payments

Finally, come November we all have an opportunity to vote on a proposed Texas Constitutional Amendment that would provide the Texas Department of Transportation some much needed additional resources with which to improve our highway system across the state. HB1 from the third special legislative session in 2013 would allocate significant new resources to TxDOT for projects across the state, and it would help us right here in Garland's Council District 5 by freeing up other funding for the LBJ East project. I hope you will join me in supporting this constitutional amendment - it will help all of Texas.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving you over the past six years. I take seriously the trust that you have given and look forward to the new opportunities and ideas our next representative might have. I hope you join me in welcoming the winner to the office.

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Thank You to those who supported our plant sale

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every 2nd
Monday
of the Month

Anyone
is welcome to
attend.

OHNA Picnic - Rick Oden Park
Saturday, June 14th, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thanks to these businesses who provide food for the Annual Meeting



Jackie's
Cakes and Pastries

Tips from Bill the Tree Guy:

- Water trees 2-3 inches per month
- Do not apply Weed and Feed to your lawn
- Do not top your Crepe Myrtles

Bill Seaman is a ISA Certified Arborist
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Birdhouses by Phil McEwan

Phil and his wife Fran are long-time residents of Garland.

Life started for him in Columbus, Ohio but he grew up in Scotland until his family returned to the US when he was 17. During their time in Scotland he excelled in soccer and gained the title of Champion player for the city of Glasgow.

He joined the US Navy at 18 and served with CAPS for Submarine Rescue and Minesweepers. During the Korean War he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

He met his wife, Fran, in Ohio, together they had five children. He worked as an Engineer for 50 years. In 1970 they moved to Texas.

Phil, Fran and their daughter, Andrea owned and managed Hardware Plus which used to be at the intersection of Kingsley, Centerville and Broadway. Andrea now owns and operates Gecko Hardware 10233 E NW Hwy #409, Dallas, TX 75238 (214) 343-1971.

Phil retired in 1995; he and Fran used his extra time to do more traveling.

After suffering an aortic aneurysm Phil started making birdhouses. His mission is to donate them to non-profit groups for the purpose of raising money to help make his community a better place.

Terry Shupp, the CEO of Sunnyvale Fence & Ironworks has been a huge help to him by providing used fence wood for the birdhouses. 972-226-1981 214 E. Highway 80 Forney, TX 75126

A raffle of two of Phil's birdhouses will take place at the **OHNA Neighborhood picnic on June 14th**, you do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are: \$1 each



or 6 for \$5



Welcome Rocio Bernal who volunteered for the open "Board Member at Large" position.

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