



2016 Second Quarter Newsletter

April, May, June

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"SATURDAY, in the PARK..."

It's time for OHNA's annual picnic! Saturday, **June 11th**, from 10:30 to 1:30, OHNA will host a picnic in Rick Oden Park. To celebrate the beginning of summer, your association will be grilling up hot dogs, stirring up lemonade and inviting all of our neighbors to come out and get acquainted with one another. So, Save the Date, and plan to spend some time relaxing in the shade of those beautiful pecan trees. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, frisbees, footballs, and a dozen or so of your favorite cookies to share. Invite a friend or neighbor and share the fun.



Plant Sale Thank Yous

Thanks to Whitetail Nursery, Gecko Hardware
and Naaman Forest for their donations



THE MOST IMPORTANT LOCAL MEETING THIS SPRING! (REVISITED)

OHNA's annual meeting was held this April 14th at First Lutheran Church. Why was it so important?

We had a great turnout of long-time and brand new members

We met our new neighborhood patrol officer Brandy Dial

We met our new City Councilman-elect, Rich Aubin.

City of Garland Engineering Department gave an update on the Parkmont drainage project

We had most of the GISD Trustee Candidates

After dining on Intrinsic Brewery's Root Beer and other "root" snacks like ginger snaps, sweet potato chips et. cetera,

Boy Scouts of Troop 1020, and neighbors, Bailey and Seth Gonzalez presented our colors and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Betty Roberts led us in a theme oriented ice breaker.

Mayor Athas gave us an update on new and ongoing development projects, both in South Garland and around the city. He also highlighted new businesses and progress on the 635 expansion. *Continued on page 3.*



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Calendar

June

9, 23 *Recycle*
 11 Picnic
 13 Board Meeting

July

7, 21 *Recycle*
 11 Board Meeting
 16 Work Day

August

4, 18 *Recycle*
 8 Board Meeting

September

1, 15, 29 *Recycle*
 12 Board Meeting

OHNA Garden Work Days

8 am – 12 noon

Saturday May 21

Saturday July 16

Bring your gloves, pruners, shovels and rakes and join the gardening party! Also, we need someone with experience to help us diagnose and correct sprinkler issues at two of our beds. Meet at the south entrance to Rick Oden Park on Briarwood. We really do have fun working together in our neighborhood gardens. The OHNA sign is back at Treasure Island so we will be sprucing up that bed too!

Contact Margi Bice: 214-587-5206 or margi@ohna.us

Thanks to **Saturn Road Church of Christ** for hosting our monthly meetings!

3030 Saturn Road
 Garland, Texas 75041

Services:

Sunday Morning	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening	6:00 PM
Hispanic Assembly	10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

<http://www.saturnroad.org>

Thanks to **First Lutheran Church** for hosting our annual meeting!

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The Plant Sale

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Plant Sale was held April 30 at the circle on Old Orchard Road.. I'm sorry if you missed it. You missed visiting with neighbors, finding good plants, enjoying a lovely day.

On Friday Christi spent the day picking up plants from White Tail Nursery and Naaman Forest Horticulture Department, delivering those and some from her yard to the Neargarder's house which is near (very near) to sale location. Saturday morning several people moved the plants by carrying them on pushing a wheelbarrow. Then some like the Hulls brought theirs in the back of the SUV. Then they BOUGHT different plants. Such neighborhood spirit.

While some people ate and visited, others were answering questions. What is that? Will it grow in the shade? Is it invasive? Is it an annual? What is the difference in an annual and a perennial? Which one is best? Is it poison?

And some people were taking money. Our junior gardeners bought 3 plants for 75 cents each, paid for in mostly pennies with a few nickels. Then the big spenders bought whole flats. Many of these live in the neighborhood so we should see many new blooms. I hope other people are faster at that than I am; my plants are still in the pots. That will be remedied Saturday, 14. The money raised is used for landscaping in the neighborhood flower beds: Carney and Saturn, Glenbrook and Kingsley, Briarwood, Treasure Island and Rick Oden Park.

Margi and her crews work very hard to keep these well maintained.

Many thanks to Margi and her crews. Many thanks to the people who donated plants and who bought plants. Many more thanks for those who worked: Christi, Rhonda, Jan, Sylvia, Roger, Ronnie, Betty. And to the Near-garders for sharing their yard with us.

We had good visits, good weather, good sales. Who could ask for anything more?

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Lindy M. Higginbotham, an engineer with the City of Garland Capital Improvements Department presented an overview of the plans for the Parkmont Project. She was joined by Michael Poloczek, Director of Engineering and Donna Manhart, Director of Engineering Services assisted with the presentation. This project was the catalyst for the formation of the OHNA in 2001. Drainage problems on Parkmont, Larry, Gary, and Daniel streets led a group of citizens to to organize and persuade the city to include this project on the bond election of 2004. Now, 12 years later, the construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall. This project calls for new storm drains, upgraded sewer and water lines, new street surfaces graded for drainage, sidewalks, and alley work. Watch your newsletter and communications from the City for more information.

Our roots go deep. At our Annual Meeting, we met with long-time residents, leaders of the Association, and local candidates and office holders. We heard about exciting changes in store for our neighborhood and our community. For all these reasons and more....Don't miss next year!



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District 5 Update

Hello, the first update I have for you is that I am the new Councilman for District Five. I live in Orchard Hills on Saturn Springs with my wife, Kara, and our four daughters. I am an attorney by trade, with an active legal practice representing mostly small businesses and individuals in civil disputes.

For the past few months, I have been hard at work getting up to speed on the City's operations and needs. Among other things, I have requested updates from City Staff on the conditions of our streets, parks and facilities. As that information comes in, I hope to share it with you along with a plan for improvement of our infrastructure. Meanwhile, there is a lot going on (or about to) in our neighborhoods!

* By the end of the year, the Parkmont Drainage Project will be starting construction; there are more details on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

* The City is building a new water tower at McCree and Leon Roads, when finished it will be 200 feet tall (one of the tallest in the state) and should improve water pressures in the District.

* Work continues on getting the I-635 reconstruction underway; the 2017 legislative session will be critical to getting the funding needed to make this \$1.3 billion project happen. In the near future, I'll be asking you to reach out to your elected representatives to remind them of how important this project is to the future of Garland.

My goal is to provide responsive, engaged leadership. To do that, I need to hear from you. Please reach out to me with your issues and ideas. My mobile phone number is 972-325-2529<tel:972-325-2529>. You can also contact me online on Nextdoor, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aubinfor Garland or by email to coun- cil5@garlandtx.gov.

Thank you and I look forward to serving you.
Rich Aubin



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The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association newsletter and reminders of our meetings and events will be sent to you by email if you have a current e-mail address, otherwise we will deliver newsletters and notices to your door.

The annual fee is \$20 per household, renewed annually at the annual meeting in April.

Send completed form along with a check made payable to:

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) to

P.O. Box 472685 Garland, TX 75047-2685

Membership in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association is an unbelievable \$20 a year. With this fee you contribute towards making this neighborhood a better place to live. Elected representatives work on ideas and agendas that will make Orchard Hills safer and prettier. Neighborhood associations are a strong voice that gets heard by city government. We communicate through newsletters, monthly meetings and an active website. One of the most attractive things about a good neighborhood is getting to know each other. OHNA stimulates "knowing your neighbor" through a variety of social events during the year.

These are only a few of the benefits to a neighborhood association. Even though the fee is minimal, it can be mountainous as we put the funds to work. The majority of funds pay for the newsletters and flyers that are distributed to your doorstep throughout the year; funds are spent to put on events like the Annual Meeting, Plant Sale, Annual Picnic, Neighborhood Garage Sale, and Christmas Party. Additional money is spent for administrative costs and matching funds for grant funded improvements on such as sidewalks and landscaping.

The list can go on and on, but as you read, your dues are very important, valuable and necessary...so keep them coming...and Thank You for your support. We would not have an Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association without YOU!! If you are not a member sign up today! There is no better way to spend \$20



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