



2017 First Quarter Newsletter

January, February, March

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THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN ORCHARD HILLS

OHNA's annual meeting will be held this April 6th at First Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church. Your neighborhood association and the City of Garland Office of Neighborhood Vitality are working together to make changes in our neighborhood. Members of the City Staff will be in attendance to present major changes and improvements in the infrastructure and services provided to our neighborhood by the city. We will also receive information on ways we can assist in making Orchard Hills a better place to live.

Elections will be held for the officers and board members for OHNA. If you wish to run for office or have a candidate to support, all positions will have open nominations from the floor of the meeting. The neighborhood association and its leaders are important factors in the quality of life in your neighborhood. This not only affects your quality of life, but also affects the value of your property.

Although our City Councilman, Rich Aubin, is not up for re-election, there will be an election for Mayor. Candidate(s) for Mayor will be invited to attend, as will all candidates for GISD Board of Trustees. In cases of unopposed positions, the officials {elect} will be invited.

Local government has the most direct impact on you of any level of government and you can influence it more than any other level of government. You say "I don't have kids in the schools. How can they affect me?" The quality of your local schools is one of the greatest factors in the value of your home or business. Good schools produce a quality workforce for business. Effective schools reduce crime. (It costs 3 times as much to send someone to prison for four years than it does to send them to college.) Your city council decides the funding for roads (potholes), police and fire protection, water and sewer service, garbage collection, and, for many of us, electric service.

All of these folks are elected in a non-partisan election held in May. There are no long lines and no party lines. These folks will (usually) actually listen to you and vote accordingly. You can drop them an email, corner them in the grocery store, or even attend their meetings.

The City of Garland's plan for Orchard Hills is called "Home Is Where The Heart Is!". At our Annual Meeting, you can learn the components of this plan, and meet with long-time residents, leaders of the Association, and local candidates and office holders. For all these reasons and more....come on out on April 6th at 6:30 pm for our Annual Meeting!

OHNA Annual Meeting
April 6, 2016 6:30 pm.
First Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church
2800 Saturn Road



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Calendar

February

25 Garden Workday

March

2, 16, 30 Recycle

13 Board Meeting

April

13, 27 Recycle

01 Old Orchard Pop
Up Event

06 Annual Meeting

10 Board Meeting

17 Crime Watch

22 Garden Workday

29 OHNA Plant Sale

29 City of Garland
Employee Service Day

Set the Scene: Dec. 2, 2016 Orchard Hills Annual Holiday Party

New to the neighborhood...Oh what did we do! Offer to host a party for 50 and invite someone new. Are we ready? Is remodeling all through? Is it festive enough for a holiday crew? We are new here, they don't know us, and will anyone show?

A vision of party regret comes out of our brain and then right before the party, here comes a cold rain. No folks will be gathered round the fire pit for warmth, but the board members promised, with spouses in tow, the party will happen and they will all show.

Then what to our wondering eyes did appear, look dear, our neighbors showing up at the door and bringing with them some Orchard Hills cheer.

The annual holiday party is always a great gathering, filled with our neighbors, both young, old, and new. And regardless of the weather, our neighborhood did gather, as we enjoyed food, fire, and friendship making a great celebration.

We thank you all for coming, enjoyed meeting one and all and to all that came, we will see you, same place and same time, next year.

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Yes we did!!

Mark your calendars. Dec 2, 2017.



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PLANT SALE 2017*

Saturday, April 29

9am – 2pm

First Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church Parking Lot
2800 Saturn Road

Ready, set, PLANT!

Now is the time to plant seeds, divide plants that need to be divided, take cuttings from plants that need to be trimmed and dig up

volunteer plants that have volunteered in the wrong place in your yard. Get them ready to be sold in pots (no bare roots please) and look their best for our annual plant sale. Please make sure to label them! Plastic knives, forks and spoons work well when marked with a Sharpie. White china markers work well on dark pots. Funds from this sale help OHNA with landscape maintenance.

Contact Christi Baughman, Christi@ohna.us, (972) 822- 4262 or Rhonda Spence, (972) 864- 0718 (leave a message) if you are interested in donating plants or helping out. Any assistance will be appreciated!

OHNA Garden Work Days

February 25, April 22 Earth Day, and May 20.

We meet Saturday 8 am – 12 pm at the Briarwood entrance of Rick Oden Park. Bring gloves and garden tools. We can use all levels of help from age 5-85.

Come join the fun at the gardens! If you have ideas or resources to share call Margi Bice (214) 587- 5206 margi@ohna.us If you cannot make it to the scheduled workdays but would like to help on your own e-mail adopt-a-garden@ohna.us for further instruction.



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Thanks to **Saturn Road Church of Christ** for hosting our monthly meeting.

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>

Parkmont Project:

If you attended the informational meeting January 31, you saw and heard an enthusiastic group. If you were not there you missed seeing and hearing people hard at work defining our neighborhood, pointing out the good and the bad. Lots of interaction. There were a few disgruntled folks, but most were pleased with the opportunity to be heard.

Donna had a big map of the project showing the streets that will be impacted. That's an understatement for the people involved. Actually we are all involved since this is our neighborhood. This is a major project that involves streets, water, sewage, and drainage. All the improvements were approved in the 2004 bond election. Yes, we realize this is 2017. The bids go out the end of March; construction will start sometime this year.

In the meantime, we have many ways to entertain ourselves and others. The first is February 11, a brainstorming session at Old Orchard Circle. Nichole Foster invites us to join her from 10 am to 12 noon. It is a BYOC event (Bring your own chair) and a BSI event (Bring some ideas). Maybe we could call it a BAOM event (Bring an open mind) and plan to have fun. April 1 is Pop Up Project Day. Some of the ideas from February 11 will be tried. So maybe you will see your idea in action.

Then a really big day is April 29. The Office of Neighborhood Vitality has many activities planned. If like Scott Bollinger you can't handle a hammer (he told us that), you might handle a hoe, or a paint brush or you can stand around and act like you're looking for something to do. Or maybe your talent is going around telling other people what a good job they are doing. We need that too.

We hope to see you somewhere. Join the excitement.



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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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