



Orchard Hills Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

Fourth Quarter 2019 | Fall is officially here! The cooler temperatures made for a brisk and memorable Halloween. In addition to the changes in weather, we also see the changing colors of the foliage in our beautiful trees of our neighborhood. Enjoy the next couple of weeks before winter approaches and the holiday season!

Upcoming Events

November

11/11 Board Meeting
11/14 Recycling Day
11/30 Recycling Day*
*Holiday Schedule

December

12/7 Christmas Party
12/9 Board Meeting
12/12 Recycling Day
12/26 Recycling Day

January

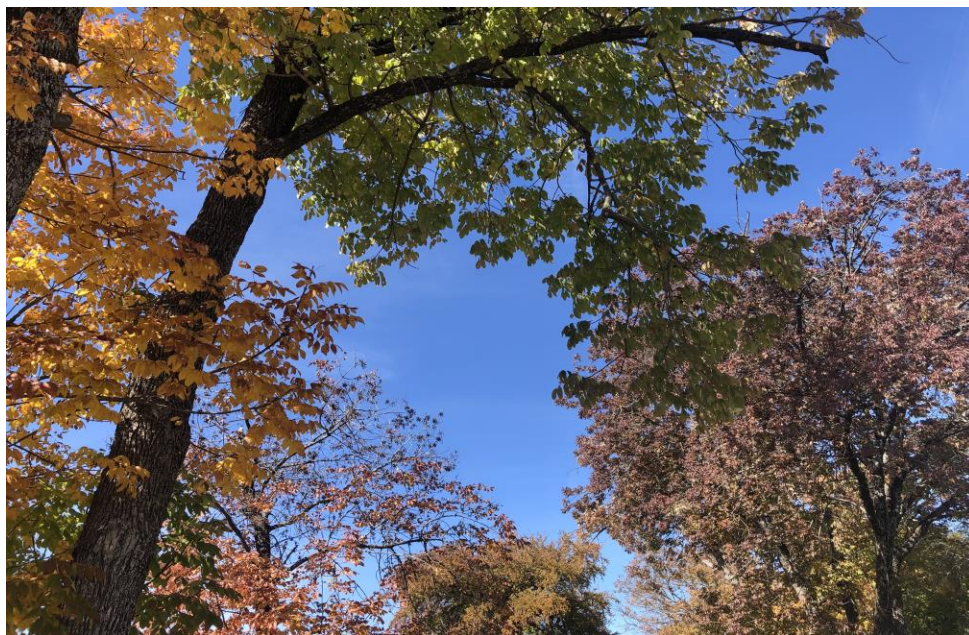
1/09 Recycling Day
1/13 Board Meeting
1/16 Crime Watch
1/23 Recycling Day

February

2/06 Recycling Day
2/10 Board Meeting
2/20 Recycling Day
2/29 Garden Work Day

March

3/5 Recycling Day
3/9 Board Meeting
3/19 Recycling Day
3/21 Garden Work Day



Fall colors in Rick Oden Park

The Future of Rick Oden Park

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association is very pleased that our community park is getting a long overdue makeover! Approval of the project was announced at our annual picnic. Updated information was presented at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting in October and was most helpful in understanding the scope, importance and impact of the Rick Oden Park Renovation Project. More information will be shared as the project develops.

We would like to thank the Saturn Church of Christ for providing a convenient location for our monthly board meetings. All OHNA members are invited to our gatherings.



Celebrating Veterans Day

Look at those American flags throughout the neighborhood. Isn't that an awesome sight? But why are they there?

November 11th was Veterans Day. It is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. We have several veterans in Orchard Hills and this is our way of recognizing their service and the service of all others when we line the streets of the neighborhood with flags.



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Veterans Day annually falls on November 11th and recognizes the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. This was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. It was commemorated for the first time on November 11, 1919---exactly one hundred years ago.

In 1938, the day was officially declared Armistice Day. It was to recognize all who had served in the Great War, the War to end all wars. Unfortunately, all wars were not ended. There were more veterans in WWII and in Korea to be recognized so the name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. And now we have more veterans of wars: Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq. We have peace time veterans also who served many years in many ways. ***The flags are for you.***

Article contributed by Betty Roberts

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for someone to coordinate the distribution and pickup of the American Flags in the neighborhood during the following holidays:

- Memorial Day (May 25th)
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- Veterans Day (November 11th)

No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. This is a voluntary position.

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OHNA Annual Garage Sale

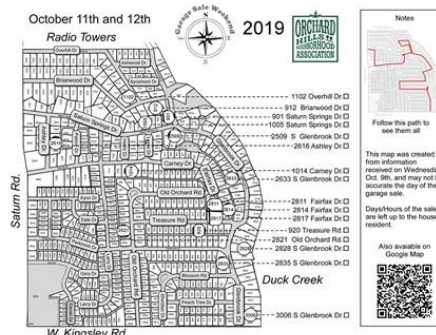
What can we say about the garage sale? Some say it was a rip-roaring success where they cleaned out their garages, sold lots of items, made lots of money and donated the remaining items to charity. Others, maybe not so much. As for myself, I spent several days organizing for the two-day sale, sold a little which cleared out some space and made a little money. Friday started out with rain and I ended my sale on Saturday around 2pm. This may not sound like much return for the effort, but it was.



OHNA Annual Garage Sale Continued...

Over the weekend, I met many of my neighbors and had to interrupt our visiting so I could sell a plate. Other neighbors just stopped to talk because they saw people visiting. We had to interrupt that so I could tell someone, "No, I'm sorry, I don't have old records, or old tools, or baby clothes, or jewelry... and the pickup is not for sale." I guess I would have hit the jackpot if I had all these items people were consistently looking to buy.

But I did have maps to hand out to locate all the other garage sales and had lots of information about the neighborhood. I talked about how things have changed in the past few years and how this is such a great place we live in. I told them about the wonderful people in our neighborhood and about the community garden. I invited them to the annual picnic, to our regular meetings and to join the neighborhood association. I can put a small dollar value on what I sold but the experience I had was priceless.



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The 1st quarter is printed and delivered to 605 houses in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) boundary. It is also featured on the OHNA website, emailed to subscribers, posted on Next Door, Facebook, and Twitter.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter newsletters are **distributed digitally** through email as well as posted on platforms publicly accessible such as the website, Next Door and social media. (Email distribution is sent to all subscribers they do not have to be members of OHNA).



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Save the Date to Celebrate at the OHNA Christmas Party

This holiday season, let us give thanks for all our neighbors who make Orchard Hills a wonderful place to live.

**OHNA Holiday Party
Saturday, December 7**

7 pm – 9 pm

Join the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association is committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood.

2018 | Neighborhood of the Year by the City of Garland

2019 | NUSA First Place Neighborhood of the Year, Physical Revitalization Beautification

It is a voluntary membership organization, founded in 2001, which exists to make this neighborhood a safer and better place to live. This is accomplished through the work of an elected board of directors, made up of voluntary positions that are renewed every two years at our annual meeting. Residents are encouraged to participate in monthly planning meetings.



The Orchard Hills neighborhood contains 605 homes within the boundaries of Overhill Dr. and Ashwood Dr. on the north to Kingsley on the south and between S. Glenbrook and Saturn Rd.

The association is the “face of the neighborhood” to the city. City officials sometimes respond more quickly to an association (representing a number of people) than they do to a single resident. This volunteer group and its supporting membership are trying to maintain a neighborhood that we can all be proud to call home.



Our Accomplishments Include:

- Hosting annual community events
- Providing outreach and volunteer opportunities
- Promoting initiatives to support street repairs and improvements, sidewalk repairs, alley improvements, and drainage system improvements
- Promoting crime watch programs and developing relationships with local officers to lower crime rates
- Providing assistance to neighbors
- Maintaining seven beautiful neighborhood gardens located at the neighborhood entrances on South Glenbrook Dr. and West Kingsley Rd., Carney Dr. and Saturn Rd., Briarwood Dr. and South Glenbrook Dr. as well as Treasure Island at Treasure Rd. and South Glenbrook Dr. We are also involved in the upkeep of the garden in Rick Oden Park.

Did You Know? We designed the Orchard Hills signs at the entrances to our neighborhood and on Treasure Island. We believe that our entrances give others a first impression just like our front doors do.



Join OHNA Continued...

Our Outreach:

- Neighborhood Safety through crime watch and prevention. We work with the Garland Police Department's neighborhood patrols in reporting and preventing crimes or suspicious behavior.
- Neighborhood Representation to the city government and to our District 5 City Councilman. OHNA has civic interest in what the city is doing that might affect our neighborhood and determines if we need to respond to a proposal by the city (e.g., fight a proposed apartment complex or shopping center development that would negatively affect us).
- Community Activities and work with the city to accomplish larger projects.
- Neighborhood Communication through our website (ohna.us), social media on Facebook, Twitter and Next Door, quarterly newsletters, email and event flyers. Our quarterly newsletter distributed to the entire neighborhood the first quarter and emailed to members and other interested parties every quarter. Articles cover what is going on in the neighborhood that might influence your life.
- Neighborhood Education through the city of Garland's wealth of information on: code enforcement, severe weather response, fire prevention, crime prevention, landscaping ideas and neighborhood management classes.



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Annual Programs & Fundraising:

- April, Annual Neighborhood Meeting
 - April, Earth Day Plant Sale April to raise funds to maintain our neighborhood gardens.
 - May, Memorial Day Flag Display
 - June, Neighborhood Picnic that is open to all Orchard Hills residents. It is a great way to meet your neighbors. It is a completely family-oriented setting with games for the kids, music, prizes and food.
 - July, Independence Day Flag Display
 - October, Neighborhood Garage Sale that is open to all members of OHNA. It is a great way to meet your neighbors.
 - November, Veteran's Day Flag Display
 - December, Holiday Party
 - Monthly Board Meetings: 7pm every 2nd Monday of the month
 - Community Care landscape
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OHNA meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month at Saturn Rd. Church of Christ at 3030 Saturn Rd. These meetings are open to all Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association members.

We would love to have you join us and share your input and voice any concerns you see around our city or our neighborhood.

Do you want to join the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association? OHNA now accepts credit card payments online. Membership fees are \$20 a year per household and is open to anyone.



Option 1: Go to ohna.us and click "JOIN"

Option 2: Go to the direct site, join.ohna.us

Option 3: Send a check to OHNA, P.O. Box 472685, Garland, Texas, 75047, or pay at one of the OHNA events.



OHNA Board

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OHNA Website: ohna.us

OHNA Facebook Page
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OHNA Garage Sale
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OHNA Flag Committee
flags@ohna.us

Holiday Safety Reminder

Although the Orchard Hills neighborhood is quiet in terms of crime, historically we start to see a rise in car burglaries during the holiday season. Neighbors should be diligent about locking your car doors and removing anything of value out of your vehicles. Let's get ahead of it this year! Please report any suspicious people or vehicles to the **non-emergency number 972-485-4840**. Note that most of the burglaries occur during late night hours so if you happen to wake up in the middle of the night, take a look outside for anything suspicious.

Article Contributed by our Neighborhood Police Officer: Matt Pesta



Free Little Libraries

Have you noticed the new additions to the neighborhood? We have two 'free little libraries' located on Briarwood and Patrice which provide access to free books. Come and take one or leave one for your friends and family!

Important Contacts

Garland Non-Emergency:
(972) 485-4840

Neighborhood Patrol:
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