



Upcoming Events

August

- 6, 20 Recycle
- 10 Board Meeting

September

- 3, 17 Recycle
- 12 Work Day
- 14 Board Meeting

Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association meetings will be virtual.

Orchard Hills Neighborhood 2nd Quarter Newsletter



Hang on folks, 2020 looks like it is going to be a bumpy ride! Even though COVID-19 has turned the world upside down, we are doing our best to stay connected in Orchard Hills.

To help protect everyone from exposure to illness, the OHNA board decided to reschedule the OHNA Annual Meeting to Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Plan "A" was to meet in person at the Saturn Road Church of Christ, if possible. Plan "B" was to meet via Zoom. Plan "B" was invoked due to COVID-19. The meeting agenda included our mayor, our city councilman, our new neighborhood police officer and volunteer recognition. Next quarter's newsletter will contain details on the meeting. At the annual meeting everyone was reminded to renew your OHNA membership at ohna.us and click "JOIN".

Unfortunately, the Annual picnic is cancelled this year. However, our Memorial Day and July 4th flag displays still happened! If you are craving conversation with a neighbor, come to a garden workday. For the latest neighborhood information go to OHNA.us

During these coming months, please remember to be kind. Take care of your health. Take care of your neighbor. I pray everyone in Orchard Hills continues to stay healthy and safe.

Margi Bice, Co-Chair

Pamela Payne

Pamela Payne “Popped Up” in Orchard Hills just over three years ago and made a lasting place in our hearts because of her passion and pizzazz that she brought to everything she did.

Once Pam and her family settled in and found out what the neighborhood was like, they felt at home right away. Her immediate yearning to be a part of her new neighborhood was inspirational. Wise and confident, she spoke her mind and walked the walk to get things done. She was willing to do anything that was needed and that meant her trusty sidekick, Kelly, would be along helping, as well - the best 2fer ever. Her children and grandchildren were also right there to support and accomplish whatever was needed. Pam brought a legacy of neighborly love that will continue with each coming generation.

Though Pam coped with health challenges shortly after moving here, she was a fighter and nothing would stop her enthusiasm. Her creative mind could make a big cardboard box a place where children’s imaginations knew no boundaries. She could provide activities for all ages and she always made it personal in her interacting with others. She saw a need and addressed it with tenacity.

Pamela displayed genuine interest and concern for our neighborhood. The list of her service is impressive. She brought people together with an impromptu 4th of July parade in the park, twice hosted the neighborhood Christmas party, revived our Crime Watch group, provided door prizes for the picnic, organized a treat map for the kids at Halloween, delivered meals to families in mourning, and convinced DART to install a bench at the bus stop. Pam had a way of bringing attention to the needs of others, never once realizing that she was the shining light. Even as she struggled with illness, she rallied others to help Garland residents affected by the October 2019 tornadoes. She was always an angel among us. Her sweet, kind, generous soul embraced the whole community.

There is a sign in the OHNA Message Board that says simply, “Love Thy Neighbors”. That is what Pam did and we were truly blessed by her love. Heaven has got to be popping with its newest “Where the Heart Is” neighborhood organizer.

Rest easy, precious friend.



From Officer Pesta

This is a very bitter sweet notification to you all, but I have been blessed with a very unique opportunity to serve the residents of Garland as the new Community Relations Officer / Public Information Officer. I joke to people that I must have done such a good job that they wanted me to become the NPO for the entire city! I wanted to let you know that I have had so much fun and truly love the residents of your neighborhood. The amount of care and support all of you gave to me was felt and very much appreciated. Your neighborhood is such a great and close group of people and I am so fortunate to have been able to be a part of your lives for the past few years. I want to stay involved in the community events that you all hold and will continue to get you any help or support that you need.

Thank you for all of your support!
Officer Matt Pesta

- Officer Pesta will be missed, but sharing him with the city is like a blessing that we enjoyed must now be shared. Thank you, Officer Pesta, for your public service, kindness, and dedication to our neighborhood and all of our other nearby neighborhoods. You will always be our Orchard Hills neighbor, Matt. -JA

- Pesta you're the best my friend. I look forward to watching you grow in your new endeavors. It has been a great pleasure for everyone I talk with having you as our NPO. Good luck. -KP



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Neighbors Sheltering in Place & NextDoor messages

Hey neighbors!

As a healthcare professional, I understand this is a scary and confusing time! I'm happy to run errands for anyone who is unable to go to the store, etc. Please message me if I can help in any way!?? LH



There are about 5 chickens at S Glenbrook and Briarwood and they aren't following the 6 foot rule! They look like the usual culprits that get out and end up there... Not sure who's they are. JL
- Chickens don't have to abide by the 6 foot rule since they are working girls. They are an exempt business! AR

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I am a senior...that means old, Yesterday I heard a noise, Looked out, and saw a pair of cute legs outside. It was a very thoughtful lady mowing my front yard! As I was not dressed properly, I could not go out to see her, so I want to thank the lovely person for doing that!!!! I live on Old Orchard, and I hope she belongs to Nextdoor! RM



- Thank you for sharing this uplifting story. I do not know who your good samaritan is but there are so many kind and generous people in Orchard Hills. We are lucky to live in this wonderful neighborhood.



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Neighborhood Gardens

These are the gardens that volunteers in the neighborhood help to maintain.

Join us for our upcoming Garden Work Days where we do some weeding and adding mulch to the gardens around our neighborhood.

We will be gathering on September 12th at the south entrance to Rick Oden Park at 8 am.

Bring your gloves and water but most importantly, just bring yourself

Flag Distribution

Thank You to the volunteers that helped with flags in the neighborhood.



Neighborhood

We hope you are enjoying the beauty of our neighborhood. If you are walking with your dog, please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets.



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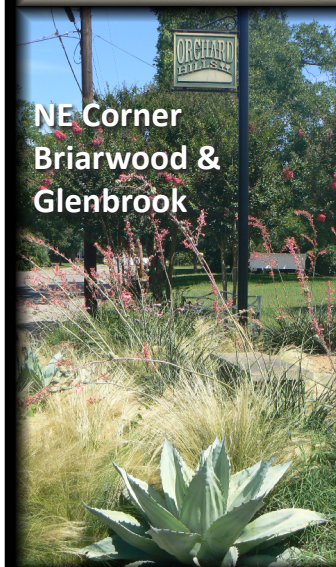
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Looking Back

A human interest piece by Gary Turnipseed - Part 2



First Day of School, Photo Courtesy of Gary T.

Mrs. Cotton scared me to death and taught us all to respect authority. Mark Miller got hauled off by her to the boy's room with alarming regularity. I can tell you getting your mouth washed out with soap was not a fate anyone of us relished. In my first grade picture she towers over us like the Colossus of Rhodes and was even more imposing. That scene where the Colossus of Rhodes comes to life in Jason and the Argonauts and chases Hercules and his buddies scared me less than Mrs. Cotton, and that was a pretty scary scene for a soon to be 7 year old. Recess was a great relief. Me, Dennis, Miller, Russell, Johnny and Danny figured out a way to play baseball with a kickball. That was the closest we could come to baseball in the winter of our discontent. Fortunately, Donna helped me through all the cut-and-paste exercises the first grade was famous for back then, and we all survived Mrs. Cotton's tutelage and ultimately loved her for it. Before first grade was over, my first coach Mr. Buchanan drafted me to his team and my thoughts turned to my first season of organized ball even before the last cut was pasted.

I had no idea who or what Superior Printing was but I knew it was the sponsor of my first T-Shirt team. I had no idea who Mr. Buchanan was but I figured he was probably the Mrs. Cotton of baseball so I had no plans to ever be late for practice or throw rocks at my teammates during the lulls that constantly punctuate baseball. It turned out that Mr. Buchanan was

actually a nice guy who tolerated some rock throwing and made that first season fun. We didn't win the league championship but we did win our fair share of games and came away with a sense that we'd rather keep playing baseball for Mr. Buchanan than go back to school. If any of my teammates would have admitted they would rather be in school than on the field we would have pulled a Joe McCarthy on them, branded them communists and sent them to Siberia.

Mr. Buchanan let me pitch that first year. I was pretty wild but I tried to pretend I was aiming at the backyard steps and got some strikeouts out of it. According to the scrapbook my Mom diligently kept, I struckout 7 and walked 7 in my three documented starts. Pretty inauspicious but I remember how satisfying it was to strikeout somebody you didn't like and how mad I felt for anyone to get a hit off me. But the fact that the ump gave you a new ball to start the game, combined with the feel of your grip across the seems of that horsehide, made the trials and tribulations associated with taking the hill bearable. The strikeouts outweighed the knocks. You knew the team's destiny was largely in your hands even back then.

At some point during that thrilling first season of organized baseball I broke my thumb. I'd like to say I broke it catching a ball barehanded to save the game like Ray Milland's character did in *It Happens Every Spring* but the truth is I really don't remember. My



*Superior Printing Baseball Team,
Photo Courtesy of Gary T.*

Looking Back Continued...

Mom documented that it was during a practice so there goes the heroics angle and she also wrote that I only missed one game on the disabled list. I coached first base during that game. Back then we didn't think of coaching first base as a no-brainer position designed to get you off the bench and into the game. But it didn't take us very long to figure out that if you were coaching first base you really weren't doing it and that was just slightly better than riding the pine on the bench. I was really glad my time on the disabled list was short. Being a gimp is no good for you or the team.

The thrilling part came on the last day of the season when I hit my first dinger in organized ball. For pre-Little League T-Shirt baseball purposes I'll define a dinger as any hit pitch that allows the hitter to touch 'em all without being thrown out. My dinger was a ground ball up the middle, a legitimate base hit but in retrospect probably not deserving of a home run except by T-Shirt standards. So it went in the record books of the Garland Daily News (and Mom's scrapbook) that way, thanks to the great sports writers in my hometown who covered all the games, regardless of their relative significance. They were all significant to us.

That same day we all closed out that wonderful chapter in our lives with a team picnic in Garland Park, under the shade of those magnificent oak trees we never fully appreciated as kids. Coach Buchanan got a well-deserved award from the parents and my Mom got a well-deserved award from him for being Team Mom. We all got trophies and the four of us who hit dingers that year got new baseballs! That trophy and that baseball didn't survive my childhood but what did is the indelible memory that day of the Mother-Son baseball game that followed. Although us boys defended our honor and won, my Mom hit a home run off me. This was politely annotated in my scrapbook by a footnote. To this day I remember seeing where it sailed into left field and seeing my Mom run the bases and learning a valuable lesson in humility. This is such a memory that it deserves additional amplification below :

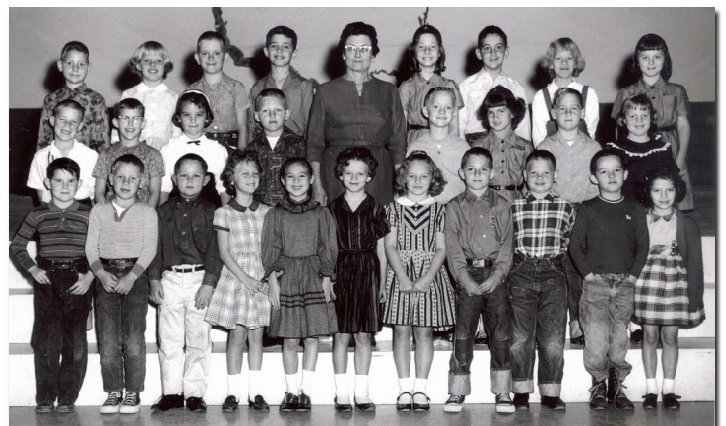
July 14, 1961. My first lesson in humility. Taught by

my scrapbook Mom on her birthday. That's how I remember the date, a short footnote in the baseball scrapbook she kept for me. I still remember how the sun shone in left field, where she parked one of my fastballs during the mother-son game to commemorate the end of the season. I stood, motionless and mortified on the pitcher's mound as I watched it sail away. Maybe not quite motionless as I'm sure my jaw dropped to my knees. A homerun. A birthday present.

I was a pretty decent pitcher. One of my errant fastballs the next season had hit an umpire in the chest protector and knocked his wind out. I guess I was holding back for my Mom so I wouldn't hurt her. Maybe that's how I rationalized it back then. My Mom hitting a homerun off me in front of my friends and teammates. In front of God and everybody.

My Mom never bragged about that home run. She never bragged about being the Team Mom or how great it was that she preserved a lifetime of baseball memories, which are now family memories, in that scrapbook she quietly kept for me.

She stood up for me that hot day in July. She could have bragged about that outrageous moment to the other Moms and kids in attendance but instead she focused on me and the award I got later that day. She made it all a win-win. The round tripper at my expense was only a footnote to the post-season activities that July day. She has always put others first, just as she did when she battled breast cancer and survived. She's made both homeruns enduring positive bonds in our lives.



Warren Second Grade, Photo Courtesy of Gary T.

District 5 - 635 / Hypermart

On April 27th Permanent closure of the I-635 HOV/Express Lanes are closed as I-635 construction begins. In District 5 Pegasus Link Constructors will be leasing the old Hypermart location to construct a concrete batch plant to speed up the construction. This is a 5 year lease.

Agenda Item 11.a.

Meeting Date: 04/07/2020

Item Title: Z 20-05 Pegasus Link Constructors - Zoning (District 5)

Submitted By: Kira Wauwie

REQUEST

Approval of an amendment to Planned Development (PD) District 08-52 for Shopping Center Uses, adding Temporary Off-Site Construction Campus Use.

LOCATION

3159 South Garland Avenue

OWNER

The Garland Foundation for Development Inc.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

On March 9, 2020 the Plan Commission, by a vote of seven (7) to one (1), recommended approval of an amendment to Planned Development (PD) District 08-52 for Shopping Center Uses, adding Temporary Off-Site Construction Campus Use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an amendment to Planned Development (PD) District 08-52 for Shopping Center Uses to add Temporary Off-Site Construction Campus Use.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is currently undeveloped. In 2008, the City Council approved Planned Development (PD) District 08-52 for Shopping Center Uses with the purpose of future development of compatible retail, personal service, and entertainment uses subject to an overall development plan to be approved through a public hearing process. In 2018, the former "Hypermart" building located on the subject property was demolished.

The applicant requests to use the property for a Temporary Off-Site Construction Campus Use and has included a Detail Plan with their application. The proposed use would support the reconstruction of IH 635 (Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway) from Greenville Avenue to the IH-30 Interchange (LBJ-East) for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The intent is to use the site for a temporary period of five (5) years.



District 5 - 635 / Hypermart Continued...

SITE DATA

The site contains approximately 24.34 acres with 456 lineal feet of frontage along South Shiloh Road; 932 feet along the frontage of West Kingsley Road; and 624 feet of frontage along South Garland Avenue. Along South Shiloh Road the site has one access point. There are two access points along West Kingsley Road and along South Garland Avenue.

USE OF PROPERTY UNDER CURRENT ZONING

The subject property is zoned Planned Development (PD) District 08-52 for Shopping Center Uses. In 2015, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance was amended with the adoption of the Garland Development Code and the Shopping Center (SC) District was converted to the Community Retail (CR) District. Further, the PD 08-52 District limitations on certain uses remains as adopted in PD 08-52 with the following uses not permitted: Minor Automobile Repair, Indoor Equipment Leasing, Sales/Repair/Maintenance of Office Equipment, Tire Dealer (no outside storage), Temporary Used Goods or Products Collection Point, and Wrecker Service. Additionally, the following uses were included in PD 08-52 as permitted uses: Indoor Commercial Amusement, Full Service Hotel; and the following uses are permitted subject to the approval of a Specific Use Provision: Outdoor Commercial Amusement, and Limited Service Hotel.



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CONSIDERATIONS

Use: The proposed use is for Temporary Off-Site Construction Campus Use. The following are the specific activities of the proposed use:

Field offices (construction offices) consisting of several multi-trailer office complexes and parking for the offices. Field offices provide office space for the supervisory and construction staff. Each office complex is proposed to be less than 5,000 square feet of building area.

Outdoor storage of materials and supplies. This includes parking of tool trailers, concrete mixer trucks, water trucks, and other types of wheeled vehicles, and material handling equipment to support the operations.

A batch plant. The proposal would place the batch plant on the southern portion of the site.

Bulk fuel storage (fuel farm).

A wash down facility for trucks.

Shipping storage containers for storage of tools and material.



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Detail Plan: The proposed Detail Plan (Exhibit C in the Detail Plan agenda item) shows the site layout and various activity areas for the above listed uses.

Site Access and Circulation: The site would be accessed from the adjacent streets. Primary truck access would be from two existing driveways onto South Garland Avenue. The access at West Kingsley Road is proposed for light vehicle/pickup truck access to the site. Fire lanes will be marked with Garland Fire Department and Garland Environmental Waste Services recommendations.

Perimeter Fencing: The applicant proposes to install an eight (8) foot high chain link perimeter fence with screening fabric and access gates around the property in use. Gates would be set back to allow adequate spacing for vehicles so as not to obstruct public rights-of-way. The gates would be located at the driveways along South Garland Avenue and West Kingsley Road, and adjacent to the Leon Road bypass. Common easements shared with adjacent properties would remain open to traffic, including the Leon Road bypass.

Proposed Heights: This proposal includes:

Twenty-five (25) foot high stockpiles,

Sixteen (16) foot high shipping containers (these are proposed to be stacked two on top of one another, each individual shipping container is eight (8) feet high), and

A sixty (60) foot high batch plant silo.

Building Setbacks: The temporary buildings are shown on the proposed Detail Plan along South Garland Avenue at the Leon Road bypass. Other temporary improvements on the site are shown on the plan either adjacent to the property lines or set back away from the property line.

Screening and Landscaping: The Detail Plan shows trees along the perimeter of the site activity areas that will remain; other trees would need to be removed to accommodate the proposed use.

Hours of Operation: The proposed use would operate six (6) days a week, with day and night operations, and occasional Sunday work.

Lighting: The application indicates that temporary lighting will be used for the property, including the batch plant during nighttime operations. The lighting would be oriented away from residential neighborhoods.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Future Land Use Map of the Envision Garland 2030 Comprehensive Plan designates this site as Business Center. Additionally, the site is located within the South Garland Avenue Catalyst Area and is identified as a Targeted Investment Area. The site is located in a key commercial corridor and gateway to the community.

COMPATIBILITY OF REQUEST WITH SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES

The land use pattern within the area surrounding the subject property a mixture of employment, support services, and residential development. The proposed use will be temporary and will support needed public infrastructure improvements which benefit the citizens and businesses of Garland. Additionally, the applicant has provided a design that is contextually sensitive to the site and general area.

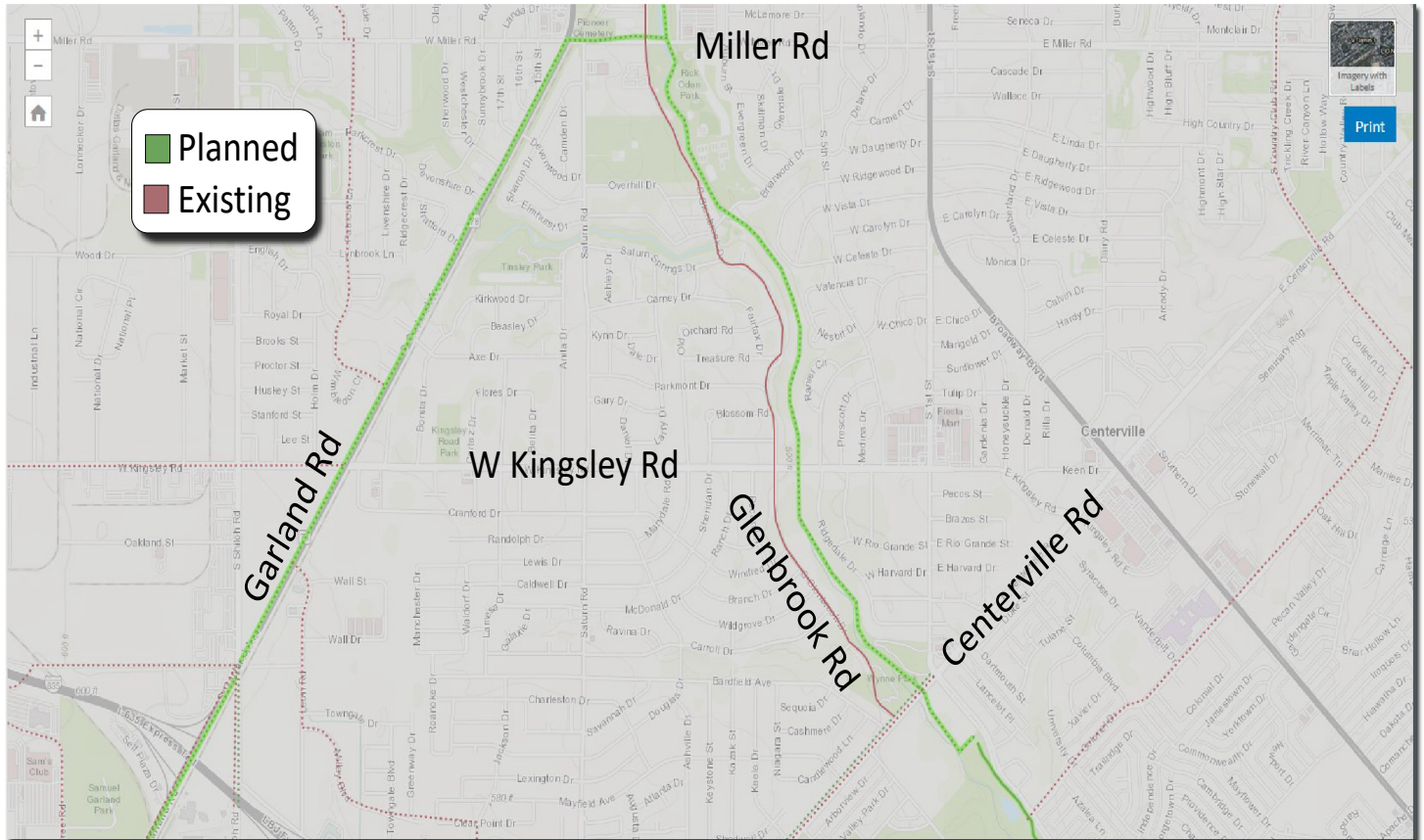
District 5 - Bike Trail

Monday, April 6, 2020, City Council Meeting, Item 3b

Advance Funding Agreement for MGR Bikeway (Duck Creek Trail Connections)

Council is requested to consider entering into an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the construction of the MGR Bikeway (Duck Creek Trail Connections Segments I and II) at Centerville Road/Glenbrook Drive and IH-30/Greenbelt Parkway. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting.

This map show what the current plan is for north of Centerville Road into the Orchard Hills Neighborhood



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Map of the Veloweb

The map shows the Veloweb network across North Texas, with major highways and urban centers highlighted.

Statistics

- 51% of the traveling public uses walking as the primary form of transportation at least 3 days per week.
- 47% of the traveling public uses biking as the primary form of transportation at least 3 days per week.

District 5 - Rick Oden Park

At the February 8, 2020 CIP Budget meeting, Council asked staff to reconfigure the first phase of Rick Oden Park. Rather than building only the skate park, driveway and minimal parking in phase one, staff was asked to evaluate moving the phase line to include the restroom, full parking lot on the north side as well as the food truck area. Parks and Recreation staff worked with the Budget, Finance, AECOM and the Project Management Office, as well as the consulting engineers on the project to evaluate this reconfiguration. There is no financial impact to the 2020 CIP. Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff will move forward with the reconfiguration as requested.



District 5 - Day Labor Center

On September 3, 2019, the City Council approved the 2019-20 budget, which allocated funds for the operation of the City of Garland Day Labor Center only through March of 2020. The Day Labor Center is now closed.



A bit of history

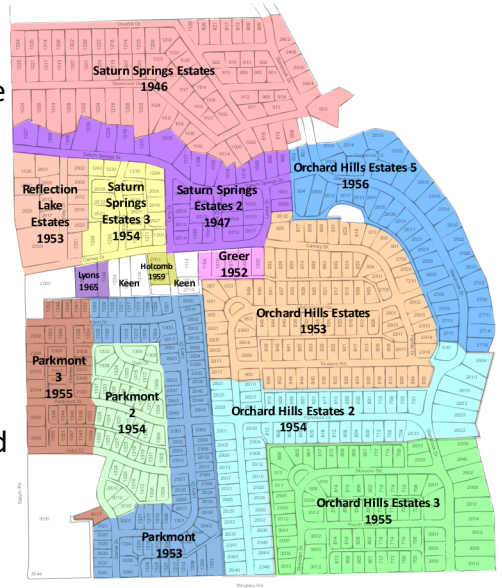
William Keen and his family were the original Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association. They probably didn't call it that, maybe "The End of the Trail" or "We Drove a Thousand Miles for This!" William was 27 and his wife Susannah 24 when they arrived with two small children. One son was apparently born on the way. In the 1850 census they now had three sons, one a month old. They built a log cabin shortly after arriving. Later he began building "one of finest looking houses in the country." He took sick before the house was finished and died in the log cabin.

William had come with his brother John, his father Abner and an uncle William. Abner and his brother William were born in Virginia. Abner's sons were from Georgia. It appears the Keens had enlisted with the Peter's Colony in Indiana to move to the new territory. As married men, each was granted 640 acres (1 section) with the Peter's Colony. They had a total of 4 sections or 2560 acres.

William's section (using today's streets) went from Miller Road on the north to Kingsley on the south, first Street on the east and Saturn on the west. In 1873 much of the land was sold to the Axe family.

- see the full article in our 2013 2nd Quarter Newsletter at

<https://www.ohna.us/newsletters/2013/2013%20Apr-Jun%20Newsletter.pdf>



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Newsletter Distribution

Thank You to those who volunteer to help deliver our 1st quarter newsletter to the neighbors.

Thank You Cole for helping out!



Open Letter to the Ice Cream Truck Driver
Dude, (this is a general term)

You are going to have to drive S-L-O-W-E-R. A lot of us are working from home. It takes time to tell your client that they have to wait just one moment on your Zoom meeting because "OH MY GOD THE ICE CREAM TRUCK IS IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE!" Then you have to find your purse because it's been days since you left the house and God only knows what you did with it three days ago. Has it only been three days?...Feels so much longer... Then you have to find your mask and fight with the dog to get out the front door to get your kiester out to the street and wave your dollar bills to show you mean business about that lemon shark pop. All the while with giggling coming from your speakers on your desk. Pump the brakes. Literally. At least make another pass...just saying.

Sincerely,

Quarantine Accountant (CT)



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