



Orchard Hills Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

Fourth Quarter 2020 | And just like that, 2020 is almost over! Although most are ready for the year to be over, let's be grateful for this beautiful fall weather and enjoy the remaining weeks until the new year. We hope you all enjoy the holiday season and please be safe alongside your family and friends. Cheers!

Upcoming Events

November

- 11/07 Garden Work Day
- 11/09 Board Meeting
- 11/12 Recycling Day
- 11/26 Recycling Day

December

- 12/05 Canned Goods Drive
- 12/10 Recycling Day
- 12/14 Board Meeting
- 12/24 Recycling Day

January

- 1/07 Recycling Day
- 1/11 Board Meeting
- 1/14 Crime Watch Meeting
- 1/21 Recycling Day

February

- 2/04 Recycling Day
- 2/08 Board Meeting
- 2/18 Recycle
- 2/27 Garden Work Day



Celebrating America in Our Neighborhood!

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.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped distribute and pick up the flags! It's an amazing sight to drive down our streets and see the flags all in a line.

If you are interested in volunteering on the flag committee, please reach out to flags@ohna.us.



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





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**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

Upcoming Events

August
- 6, 20 Recycle
- 10 Board Meeting

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

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Third Quarter 2020 | Although most of us didn't have a typical summer filled with family gatherings, BBQs with friends or anything close to a vacation, let's be thankful for all that we did do! We saw so many enjoying the mild summer by walking the neighborhood and beautifying their yards and homes. We saw so many children playing outdoors and sidewalk art on every street. As the weather cools down, let's all take a deep breath and keep looking forward. We are all in this together!

Calling all Artists...

Upcoming Events

October

- 10/02 Recycling Day
- 10/03 Garden Work Day
- 10/09 OHNA Garage Sale
- 10/10 OHNA Garage Sale
- 10/12 Board Meeting
- 10/15 Crime Watch Meeting
- 10/16 Recycling Day
- 10/30 Recycling Day



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Installment IV

A human interest piece by Gary Turnipseed

A sincere thank you to the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association for allowing me to share my memories of growing up with baseball in the Orchard Hills of my youth. My previous three installments followed a timeline from 1960 to 1963 and this installment begins in late 1963 through 1964 to add context to the period. For those of you who read the previous installments you already know how much I loved growing up in Orchard Hills.



Warren Third Grade Mrs. Douglas

In the spring after my 10th birthday, something happened that changed my life forever. Of course, I didn't know the significance at the time. I was busy with a wonderful third grade reading program, proctored by Mrs. Douglas. Some genius had color-coded stories such that the basic ones were in passé colors but as you progressed, and the stories became more complex the colors became more brilliant. Try as I may, I could never keep up with Johnny, which didn't keep me from striving to. Looking back on it, that was just competitive baseball instinct kicking in. Or so it seems to me as I write this. A few years ago, over whiskey, Johnny told me a third-grade story and I believe it's true. Always a bit of a rebel, he secretly tossed a bottle of Elmer's glue on top of the heater suspended from the ceiling of our third-grade classroom. When winter came and the heater was turned on, Johnny's secret stash melted. Nobody could figure out the horrific smell but Johnny! He had the first, and last, laugh!

Fast-forward to spring and the date was set for Little League tryouts. This was big league and I suspect I fell further behind Johnny in the reading program, thinking about baseball.



Gary Turnipseed Continued...

The big day finally came.

All I remember is being on hallowed ground, the infield of the fenced South Garland Little League diamond on Glenbrook! The same place we'd ride our bikes to in summer when there were no games being played, with a bag of golf balls and a bat. We'd stand at home plate, toss a golf ball in the air, schwack it and watch it fly far over the outfield fence and pretend we were Mickey Mantle for a little while. I'm daydreaming as I write, so powerful are those memories. Back to the big day and the infield, a beautiful Texas spring evening whose only fault was that it was a school night. A bunch of kids waiting to demonstrate some baseball skills to the watchful coaches who'd be making decisions on which 10 year old's would be drafted. I don't remember if I was nervous or not, but you can't imagine my excitement when I found out I'd made a Major League Little League team!



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Gary Turnipseed Continued...

This was the pivotal "something" event I mentioned earlier that, looking back, did change the trajectory of my life. At that time Little League was structured in Major and Minor Leagues. Being drafted to Mr. Bobby Shipley's Jackson Chevrolet Major League team was all I could think about for the rest of the school year!

Practices started while school was still in session, so I slipped further behind in the reading program, but I had a higher purpose. Being around my new teammates in practice, 11- and 12-year old's who were a little bigger and stronger, just made me try harder. Finally, school was over and I found myself as the starting shortstop as a rookie 10 year old. I might as well have been Tony Kubek of the New York Yankees! Knowing how I am, even though I don't remember exactly what I was feeling, I can say with a high degree of certainty I was focused intensely, sponge-like, listening to everything Coach Shipley said, watching how my elder teammates like Robert, Ricky and Clint did it, and not wanting to let anyone down - my teammates, Coach Shipley, Mom and Dad.

In the backdrop of President Kennedy's assassination 5 miles from where I grew up, and the Beatlemania that swept America and helped wipe away some of the grief over our lost President, I played shortstop every game that season as a 10-year-old. With one most notable exception!



New Sting Rays

I had been bugging Coach Shipley to pitch. The narrative probably went something like this:

"Coach, I really want to pitch!" "Coach, let me show you my fastball." "Coach, I really want to pitch!!!"

To Coach Shipley's great credit, on July 15, 1964, a night we played an unprecedented double-header against S & M Auto, he put me on the mound as starting pitcher on the next-to-last game of the season. For any young kids who might be reading this, there are some important life lessons here! Two years into the future from this fateful night in 1964, on June 10, 1966, the Garland Daily News recorded I pitched a no-hit shut-out as a 12-year-old on Jackson Chevrolet. On July 15, 1964, however, S & M Auto had a field day against me as a 10-year-old. I pitched

my heart out AND never gave up. Coach kept letting me go out to get beat up and to face the music. We got beat 10-2 and, mercifully, Coach sent 11-year-old Ricky to the mound the last inning to spare me further pain. Do I remember my no-hitter in 1966? No. Do I remember the day in 1964 when Coach allowed me to learn some invaluable life lessons - keep trying, never give up, and some of Ernie Banks' wisdom: you don't know you're a good sport until you lose by getting clubbed? Yes, I remember! I will never forget. Thank you Coach Shipley. R.I.P.

Gary Turnipseed Continued...

A small footnote. When I was growing up Garland was "Carland". There used to be commercials on Dallas TV advertising that. We had a lot of car dealerships on Garland Road near where I grew up in South Garland. That explains why a lot of Little League teams had car names.

8 years after this fateful freshman season my teammate Clint's Dad Ralph, a long time Orchard Hills resident, wrote me a Letter of Reference as I was seeking an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. I have no way of knowing for sure but I think Ralph's letter could have been an immense tie-breaker for me because I did get that appointment. If you're under the age of about 18 and reading this – really, for all ages - NEVER forget that people are watching and noticing when you never give up and show that quintessential quality called tenacity. Ralph wrote that I competed two years above my age as he watched my journey through baseball. Somehow my parents eventually got a copy of that letter. I was going through some archives a few years ago and found it. I asked Mom if I could have it. Of course she said "yes". Without knowing it at the time, my teammates and I were being forged in a competitive furnace as a 10-year-old and each subsequent year I played baseball. What a gift! What a blessing! Just like growing up in the Orchard Hills area where we knew all our neighbors and did things together!

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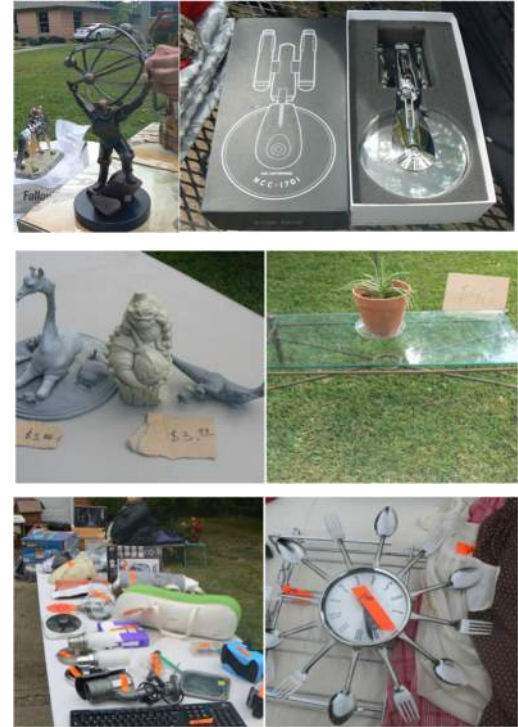
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Garage Sale in Retrospect...

Lovely fall weather set the stage for 18 garage sales in Orchard Hills on October 9 & 10, 2020. In preparation for the event, 16 people, in addition to those having sales, played a part in handling the logistics. That is 34 neighbors involved in putting on this event! And then, add neighbors who shopped and found a deal or met someone new. This was our 14th year, that's about 240 sales sites, maybe \$200 per sale, which gives a little boost to the local economy.

You may have discovered something you never knew you needed, such as...a flying monkey costume, a box full of pulleys, or a vintage Atari game system. Or you cleared out some closets and your garage and made a little money.

In the end, the most valuable currency generated during the garage sale weekend was friendship among neighbors. Thank you to all who participated and added to the vibrant life in the Orchard Hills neighborhood.



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Covid-19 vs. Christmas 2020

Because of COVID-19, we are cancelling this year's OHNA Christmas party but would still like you all to help us share holiday cheer!



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We wish everyone a safe holiday with your families. In the spirit of the giving season, OHNA will continue our tradition of the past two years of a food drive to benefit the Good Samaritans food pantry in Garland. Please drop off donations of non-perishable food items on Saturday, December 5th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the front porch of 2701 Fairfax Drive. Be blessed by blessing someone else!

3RD ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

WHEN: Saturday, December 5th

TIME: 8am to 4pm

WHERE: Drop off at 2701 Fairfax Dr

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- PEANUT BUTTER
- PASTA SAUCE
- POP-TOP CANNED PASTAS
- CANNED MEAT
- POUCHES OF TUNA
- CANNED FRUIT

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Rich Aubin District 5 Update



Rick Oden Park is in the detailed design phase that will allow it to proceed to construction phase one (of three). The detailed design phase requires a lot of terrain and drainage design and includes the area of the skate park (which is part of the phase one construction) – the design is expected to be complete by the end of December. At that point, construction of phase one and the Skate Park is expected to begin in February.

The Aquatics Master Plan has been adopted and calls for a regional size splash pad in Rick Oden Park (no specific timeline for that to be added).

The Saturn Springs Drainage Project is in the earliest phase of design and will not be complete for some time. The project itself is probably five years away – towards the back end of the bond program.

Rick Oden Park is the site of the future Garland Skatepark



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And the Yard of the Season Goes to...



Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce its second yard of the season for Fall 2020!

The Yard of the Season goes to, Angie Bisanz, at 949 Old Orchard. Angie and her three daughters moved here in July of 2019 from Iowa. Her oldest daughter, Brooke, is in the Army and is based in Honolulu. Her other two daughters are, Bailey, 15 and, Braelyn, 12. They both attend Harmony Academy in Garland. Angie said she moved to the neighborhood because she loved the house, which was move-in ready, but it was the yard and trees that sold her! Her two dogs, Stella and Oakley think she made a great choice!

She has done quite a lot to the landscape. Her beds are full of fall asters, mums, cannas, black and blue sage, elephant ears, pin cushions, coral bells, creeping flox, and zinnias among others. Her Scarecrows and pumpkins add to the inviting landscape!



It's your turn to nominate a neighbor. Each season we will recognize a yard that represents that season. Everyone is invited to participate and nominate a yard. The yards do not need to be elaborately landscaped --- just inviting. A sign will be in the yard for the whole season. To nominate a neighbor, reach out to any board member or email yard-of-the-season@ohna.us with information.

Neighborhood Police Update



The Garland Police have implemented two programs including the video crime watch program and the update to the Garland alert system. Take a moment to read the following page with information about the new programs as well as the steps to take action if you are interested.

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VIDEO CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

What is the Video Crime Watch Program?

An extension of our existing **Neighborhood Crime Watch initiatives**, the program allows residents to voluntarily add their video systems to a secure, interactive map that can be used by officers and investigators to quickly canvas an area for possible video evidence. By bridging technology and our community, this initiative will help the Garland Police Department and our community to quickly identify and recover critical video footage related to criminal investigations.

How does it work?

Residents and businesses can register at tinyurl.com/Garland-VCW and at GarlandPolice.com.

Once completed, double-check the pin map to ensure an accurate location and hit "submit." To update information or to be removed from the program, contact the Program Administrator at the number or email below.

If a crime occurs, a police officer or detective can review the interactive map to identify locations that may have footage to assist in an investigation. This can include footage of an offense or any aspect of a case. The map will provide contact information for who can access the stored footage and how to contact them. That person can then review their system to identify any footage that might be useful to an investigation and contact the officer or investigator to provide additional information or access to the footage.

The goal is to provide a simple process for investigators and officers to identify residents and businesses that have systems and are willing to assist in criminal investigations.

NOTE: The system is strictly voluntary and cannot provide direct access to any surveillance system.

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972-485-4881

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Garden Work Days

Although we just had our November workday, the garden beds could still use some fall clean up. We appreciate everyone who helps when they can – it does not go unnoticed. It's amazing what can be accomplished in 10 minutes like raking a bag of leaves or picking up trash.

If you are interested in helping, reach out to us and we can join you!

For improved safety and to recognize our committed volunteers, we have signs coming in 2021 to put out on our workdays!



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