



Upcoming Events

September

- 09/02 Recycling Day
- 09/11 Garden Work Day
- 09/16 Recycling Day
- 09/20 Board Meeting
- 09/30 Recycling Day

October

- 10/02 Garden Work Day
- 10/08-9 Garage Sale
- 10/14 Recycling Day
- 10/18 Board Meeting
- 10/20 Recycling Day
- 10/23 OHNA Block Party

November

- 11/06 Garden Work Day
- 11/11 Recycling Day
- 11/15 Board Meeting
- 11/26 Recycling Day

December

- 12/09 Recycling Day
- 12/20 Board Meeting
- 12/23 Recycling Day

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

Third Quarter 2021 | Happy Fall Y'all (well, almost). It's time for pumpkins, harvest decorations and a lot of raking as our beautiful trees drop their leaves. Even with more yard work, we are excited for the fall because...OHNA will have their annual garage sale and we are also having our first block party! After our successful picnic this summer at Rick Oden, we are hoping to get the neighborhood together again for another social. Read more about these upcoming events and more in this quarter's newsletter.



*Article Contributed By:
Angela Crum, Member
At Large*

Make sure to follow us on social media for more updates on events and neighborhood happenings. Be well!

OHNA Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale October 8th-9th

The annual Orchard Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale is only 5 weeks away! Don't forget, if you want to participate, make sure you have renewed your membership dues. This is an opportunity to spotlight and sell your treasures while we do all the promotion and marketing for you to ensure the event is a big success for all. This is not a trash to treasure event. This is treasure to treasure! We are surprised every year by the variety and uniqueness of the goods that are for sale.

Sometimes they are fine items, rare finds, family heirlooms, golden discoveries and even entries for Antique Roadshow. Other times, you might find a little more practical but still wonderful items that you can wear, cook in, eat on, play with, sit on, decorate with, give away, upscale, downscale, paint, repurpose, or put in your next garage sale.

All of you who live on Treasure, this is an event especially for you, treasure to treasure on Treasure. It is also the event for the rest of us who live in Orchard Hills. It is a treasure in many ways: things to sell, things to buy, friends to greet, neighbors to meet. It is a fun two-day event – so please save the date!

Flyers will be delivered around the neighborhood soon and posted on social media with more information.

Interested in helping to coordinate? Email: garagesale@ohna.us

**Volunteer(s)
Needed**

OHNA Announced their first block party!

We are still in the planning stages (thank you to every one who volunteered to help on social media!) but would love your input to guarantee our first block party is super fun.

We will be blocking off Fairfax Drive between Old Orchard and Treasure for an afternoon of games, snacks and activities. Bring a lawn chair, ride your bikes over, bring the kids, wear a Halloween costume (child appropriate please) and we will see you there!

OHNA FALL BLOCK **OCTOBER 23** PARTY

Join us for our first neighborhood block party!

Saturday, October 23rd
3pm - 6pm

Fairfax Dr. will be blocked off between
Treasure and Old Orchard for our
party and filled with festive activities.



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.



Yard of the Season – Summer 2021

What can you do with a small front yard? You can go by 2816 Old Orchard Road and be inspired. This is the home of Stephen, Nina and Stevie Hogue. They bought the 1955 house 20 years ago as a first home, but it is a well-loved, well-tended forever home. It is an oasis on a summer day. Everything about it is simple and beautiful. The Saint Augustine lawn is green. The periwinkles across the front of the house are blooming profusely. The crape myrtle at the corner of the house is an outstanding crimson. The whole effect is neat and tidy and lovely. And effortless? Well, not exactly.



Yard of the Season Continued...



The new live oak in the middle of the yard replaces a tree that died in the February freeze. The periwinkles --all 13 ½ flats-- were put out this spring. Some oxalis that came back, a tiny columbine that survived the winter, a small burford holly and a Texas lilac are also in the flower bed. The rock flower bed around the front came with the house. And the green grass that grows all around? It is mowed every two days. It looks like a luxurious carpet. No, it looks like a football field or baseball field. And for good reason. Steve knows what he is doing. He is in charge of maintaining all the playing fields for Garland ISD, working there 20 plus years. He has experience. He also installed the irrigation system. And he does woodworking. He made all the wood decorative objects on the front porch.

They invited me to the back yard. I didn't have to tiptoe through the tulips, but I did walk carefully around the watermelon vines. Two black diamonds were almost ready to pick. In the small garden area were also cantaloupe, tomatoes and romaine lettuce. Around the edge were marigolds and a purple verbena. At the back of the yard in a larger garden, there were more varieties of vegetables: collard greens, okra, corn, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes. The backyard lawn is also a beautiful green. Along the fence are trees, lots of trees: Japanese maple, crape myrtle, nectarine, plum, peach, laurel and a huge one in the corner that no one can identify. There are shrubs: yaupon holly, aralia, Texas hibiscus, and the Rose of Sharon which is a hummingbird attraction. The once large loquat



tree also suffered the winter freeze, but it is battling its way back. The backyard is not all work and no play. There is an above ground pool, a basketball goal, a small grill, a large smoker/grill, a large patio with tables and chairs. Nina said the garden is not so much work but therapy. It is also an outdoor room with iron decorations on the fence. They pick these up at thrift stores and flea markets. They especially like the McKinney Trades Day on the third weekend.



They bought the periwinkles at Christina's nursery in Plano. They recommend buying trees from Lowe's on clearance. They have plants and flowers from Home Depot and Walmart. When they travel, they scope out landscape companies and plant dealers. The yard is a family affair. Everyone digs, plants, prunes, picks and mows. There are stories about the plants and tables and chairs; some were given to them, some they made. There are treasures all over the yard. I even took some treasures home with me, a pocketful of cherry tomatoes.



Article Contributed By:
Betty Roberts, CoChair





Safety First – Can they find you?

Over the summer, we have been actively reaching out to people who just moved in as part of our “improved” welcoming committee. As I walk the neighborhood, I find it difficult to read some of the address numbers or on some houses, even find the numbers. In case of an emergency (God forbid), will emergency services be able to find you? Section 505.1 of the city code states:

“The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 6 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch. Where required by the Fire Code Official, address numbers shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response.”

You are also supposed to have your address visible from the alley. Many are not huge fans of code inspectors or some city codes. Reading some of these codes makes my head hurt. But in this instance, I truly hope that if you need help, those that can assist will be able to find you.



Article Contributed By: Rhonda Spence, Treasurer

OHNA History

As a child, my neighborhood friends and I would spend all day at Duck Creek. We also had a swing attached from a tall pecan tree limb that swung across the creek. This was behind the 2-story house on Glenbrook at the stop sign at Saturn Springs.

I remember two different times Duck Creek flooded and we had to evacuate our home on Glenbrook. Both times we walked up our alley and through the graveyard to reach our friend's house at the corner of Saturn Springs and Glenbrook to seek higher ground. During the second flood, motor boats were moving down Glenbrook to help people out of rising waters. (The COE has since improved our creek to prevent flooding.)

I grew up on Glenbrook where I lived at 2609 S. Glenbrook from 1960 to 1977. I have remained in Orchard Hills for the last 30 years on Carney.



Article Contributed By:
Cathy Stark, Secretary





OHNA Annual Summer Picnic Recap

This year's annual picnic at Rick Oden was one of our most successful yet!

We lucked out again with fantastic weather, great BBQ smoked by Intrinsic (thank you!), an abundance of kids with energy for days, good conversation with neighbors we had not seen in a while, door prizes, face painting, appearances from the Garland Police and Fire and so much more! Every year, this event gets more fun and we can't wait for the next one.



15TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE



**Get ready! The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale is coming
October 8th & 9th.**

2021 is the 15th year for OHNA to host this popular event. Historically we have had as few as 12 and as many as 25 sales that weekend. The greater the number, the bigger the draw for customers. Each participating family holds a sale at their house.

SIGN UP

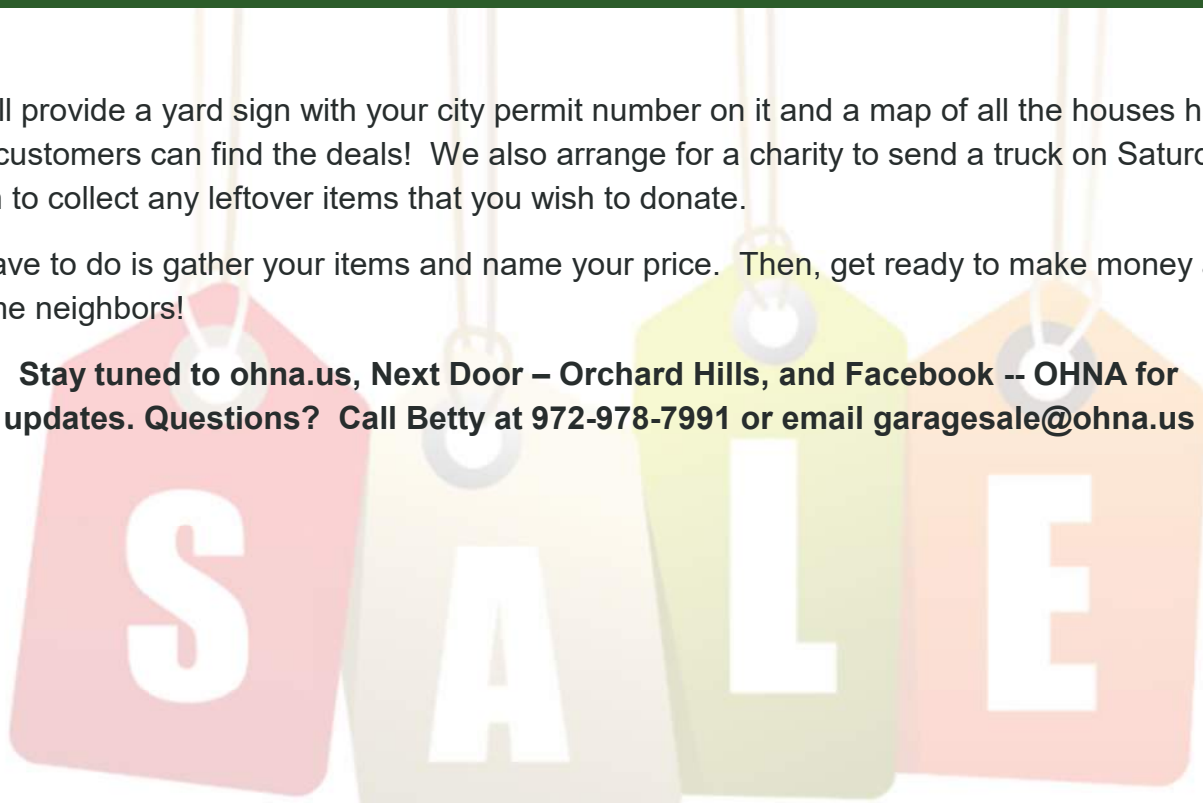
Send your name, address and phone number to garagesale@ohna.us by October 6th, 2021.

Be sure your OHNA membership is current so you can take part.

OHNA will provide a yard sign with your city permit number on it and a map of all the houses having sales so customers can find the deals! We also arrange for a charity to send a truck on Saturday afternoon to collect any leftover items that you wish to donate.

All you have to do is gather your items and name your price. Then, get ready to make money and meet some neighbors!

Stay tuned to ohna.us, Next Door – Orchard Hills, and Facebook -- OHNA for updates. Questions? Call Betty at 972-978-7991 or email garagesale@ohna.us



Have You Renewed Your Membership?

If you can't remember when you last renewed, it's probably time to renew. If you can't find your records, shoot me an email at rhonda@ohna.us and I will be glad to check for you.

Your \$20 per year contribution goes towards the newsletters and flyers distributed to your doorstep as well as events such as the annual meeting, plant sale, annual picnic, neighborhood garage sale and Christmas party. They also cover admin. costs and landscaping. Our biggest expense right now is mulch for the neighborhood gardens. We are trying to keep them mulched so they don't fry with the heat and mulch makes it easier to pull weeds. Your support helps the OHNA board to develop new initiatives to make Orchard Hills welcoming and safer including communication through newsletters, monthly meetings, an active website and up to date social media. Your contributions are valuable and necessary to the continual development of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your support and please renew or sign up today!



3 Ways to Renew!

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.

WWW.OHNA.US MEMBERSHIP FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

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 year for 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.
or join/renew at join.ohna.us with credit card



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yard-of-the-season@ohna.us

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newsletter@ohna.us

Subscribe to the newsletter
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Garden Work Days

Join us for our upcoming Garden Work Days where we will do some Spring cleaning in the 7 gardens around our neighborhood.

**We will gather 8am to 12pm on
 September 11th, October 2nd & November 6th**

Bring gloves and water but most importantly, just bring yourself. We will meet at the south Rick Oden Park entry garden at 8 am.

***There are opportunities big and small
 to get engaged in the neighborhood.
 Please consider serving at any
 capacity on the OHNA board or on a
 committee.***

Important Contacts

Garland Non-Emergency:

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