



Upcoming Events

June

- 06/09 Recycling Day
- 06/18 Garden Work Day
- 06/20 Board Meeting
- 06/23 Recycling Day

July

- 07/07 Recycling Day
- 07/09 Garden Work Day
- 07/18 Board Meeting
- 07/21 Recycling Day
- 07/21 Crime Watch Meeting

August

- 08/04 Recycling Day
- 08/15 Board Meeting
- 08/18 Recycling Day

September

- 09/01 Recycling Day
- 09/10 Garden Work Day
- 09/16 Recycling Day
- 09/19 Board Meeting
- 09/30 Recycling Day

October

- 10/01 Garden Word Day
- 10/07-08 OHNA Garage Sale**
- 10/13 Recycling Day
- 10/17 Board Meeting
- 10/20 Crime Watch Meeting
- 10/27 Recycling Day
- 10/29 OHNA Block Party**

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

Second Quarter 2022 | As of last week, it's officially summer but with this heat, it's been feeling that way for a while! While you enjoy the indoors, shade and maybe a pool or two – take some time to read all about the recent events like the annual meeting and upcoming ones as well. Take Care and stay cool – literally.

Article Contributed By: Angela Crum, Member At Large



2022 Neighborhood Association Awards

Congratulations to Angela Crum and Jim Nearing who design, compile and edit our OHNA quarterly neighborhood newsletter which was a national finalist in the 2022 *Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Neighborhood Newsletter Competition – Electronic Format*.

Margi Bice, Garland's 2021 Who's Who in Garland Neighborhoods winner, was present at the NUSA conference to receive the award on their behalf.

OHNA also sends congratulations for NUSA recognition to The City of Garland's Emergency Management Coordinator, Mistie Gardner, who received first place in the Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods Governmental Category.

We also want to recognize the Travis College Hill Neighbors who were a finalist for the Neighborhood of the Year.

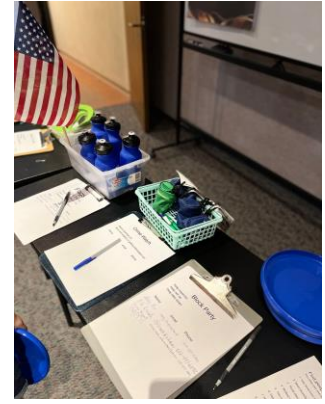
Garland was well represented this year at NUSA!

OHNA 2022 Annual Meeting

Good news: We had the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association meeting on April 21st.

Better News: We had a great turnout with almost 40 people attend.

Best News: It was a real, in person meeting at Nicholson Library but we also had a virtual platform available too. It was wonderful to be together and talk to real people. A big thank you to everyone who attended.



Before the meeting started, there were casual conversations, discussions with city council candidates, tables with ways to get involved and giveaways.

Beginning at 5:30 we had meet and greet. The three candidates for District 5 talked to as many people as they could. We thank Jon Dehn, Margaret Lucht, Cle Kimble for their interest in our neighborhood and the city. Congratulations to Margaret who is our new District 5 representative. We also thank Larry Glick and Bob Duckworth who were in the school board election for joining us.



The library had a great meeting room for our group with fantastic sound and tech. integration by Jim.

The meeting started at 6:00pm. Shelby Jones led the pledge to the flag. The minutes from last year's meeting prepared by Cathy Stark were posted within the room.



OHNA Annual Meeting Continued...

Rhonda Spence gave the treasurer's report of \$4480.43 in our account. We are very proud of our neighborhood winners: Angela Crum and Jim Nearing for outstanding newsletter in the NUSA finals and Margi Bice for Who's Who in Garland.

Prizes were given to the person who had lived in the neighborhood the longest, Jimmy Hooten with 59 years and the newest, Leslie Cooper with 6 months!



Mayor Scott LeMay gave a state of Garland report including news about the new animal shelter, work on 635, and future plans. Rich Aubin, in his last official presentation to us (for now), told us we are a great group, bike trails are under construction, and the skateboard part of Rick Oden Park will have an opening soon.

Matt Grubisich from Parks Department gave more details about the skate park. There will be a grand opening with the official name: Boneyard.

Apparently, some people think it is open even if it has a closed sign. Business is already good. The second phase of the reconstruction will begin in June. The tennis center will be moved to Tuckerville on Highway 66.



Birds Eye View of the New Skateboard Park, Photo contributed by Robert Kensley

OHNA Annual Meeting Continued...

Below are some of the District 5 Updates talked about with additional detail.

Parks Update:

- Rick Oden: (<http://www.buildgarland.com/project/18358>)
 - Phase I includes the Skate Park (aka. "The Boneyard") which should be completed by this summer. It will be the 2nd largest in Texas, and 6th largest in the United States. They are also currently working on the baseball field.
 - Phase II will include a splash pad, restroom, 10,000 sq ft. playground (about half the size of Kids Kingdom in Rowlett), walking trail, basketball court and irrigation. The old bridge will be replaced and new drainage added containing rocks and boulders along the creek. There will no longer be a drive through from Miller Rd. to Briarwood through the park.
- Tinsley Park: new playground equipment.
- Lon Wynn Park: Splash Pad, Library Kiosk, new playground equipment.
- Kingsley Park: Futsal court.

Neighborhood Improvement:

- Home Improvement Incentive Program, District 5 has taken more money out of this fund than any other neighborhood in the city. (<https://www.garlandtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6459/Homeowner-Improvement-Incentive-Program-Policy>)
- Sidewalk program, you can have the city pay between 50% to 90% of replacement cost. (<https://www.garlandtx.gov/384/Sidewalk-Participation-Program>)

Flooding/Erosion Control:

- The city approved 5 million dollars in flood buyouts along with monies from FEMA, for homes that consistently flood. Currently there are about 85 houses in the city that are considered in the hazardous flood zone.
 - If you pay flood insurance, the city is working on a discount on insurance.
 - The city has an erosion control program, currently you pay 50% and city pays 50% but the city is working on ways to improve the program.
 - EPA has been working on testing the creek and levels have come back with good results.
- Saturn Springs Drainage Project:
 - Saturn Springs Drainage project, from Overhill to Carney, is about a 14 million dollar program. The design contract has been awarded and should have 30% of the design completed this summer.
 - All the streets in Saturn Springs Area will be replaced.



OHNA Annual Meeting Continued, District 5 Update...

Crime:

- City Council approved the purchase of LPR (License Plate Readers) that will help identify theft of catalytic converters and solving crimes in the aftermath.
- Coming with that is a gunshot detection system which can cover 3 square miles and also detect racing cars and breaking windows.
- The city has expanded the gang units. There has been some issues reported in Armstrong Park.
- Crime is already very low in Orchard Hills Neighborhood, one of the safest neighborhoods in the city.
- Crimes most committed in Orchard Hills Neighborhood are mail theft and burglary of motor vehicle. (firearms and jewelry)

Homeless:

- The city has added 2 social workers to work with the homeless population.

Other:

- Rich Aubin our current District 5 councilman's term is up, he has served as District 5 councilman for 6 years.
- New apartments will be built in the Market Place area. This will be the first apartment build since the 1980's in District 5.
- Once the 635 corridor is completed, there is talk about what will be developed at the old Hypermart site.
- There is a study on putting a library and recreation center in District 5 which may appear in the next bond program.



New Walking Paths and Field

*Photo contributed
by Robert Kensley*

OHNA Annual Meeting Continued...

We will not have a picnic at Rick Oden this year, since there will be no park so we are planning a block party on October 22nd. It will be like last year with Fairfax closed off.

The last part of the meeting was about Crime Watch. Jimmy and Nancy Hooten arrange meetings and topics. Officer Sherry, our new NPO, spoke briefly. It's great to report that our crime rate is low in our neighborhood. He thinks living in Texas is several steps up from California. Here, people are friendly, talk to him like he is a real person, and he believes his family is safer.

All attendees were reminded that our monthly board meetings are open to everyone. The information for these meetings are shared on social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Some people went to Intrinsic to keep conversation going. Many, many thanks to the people who helped plan the meeting, set up and take down tables and chairs: Margi Bice, Jim and Sylvia Nearing, Cathy Stark, Rhonda Spence and Jan Alexander.

Article Contributed By:
Betty Roberts



Home Improvement Incentive Rebate for 2022

There are 480 properties in Orchard Hills Neighborhood that meet the qualification of being over 30 years old and valued below \$200,000. Are you one of them?

The city is offering a 50% cash rebate (up to \$10,000) on approved exterior remodeling. All applications must be approved prior to any work starting. Minimum investment for this program is \$1,000.

Items covered:

- Re-shingle roof with 30-year shingles
- Replace windows with energy efficient windows
- Replace exterior doors, including garage door
- Replacement of soffit and fascia
- Replace entire driveway with concrete
- Replace or repair fence
- Replace siding
- Add or repair garage
- Install or replace gutters
- Add or repair front porch
- Foundation repair
- Removal of accessory buildings

For more details, download pdf at the link below

<http://www.garlandtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6459/Homeowner-Improvement-Incentive-Program-Policy-PDF>



It looks like Old Orchard Rd may get a paved alley!

In a recent publication, there is an anticipated start date of Fall 2022 for project scope that will encompass East Larry Drive, Carney/Old Orchard Alley to Parkmont.

Lam Consulting & BW2 Engineering – Engineering Firms		
Project, Limits	Anticipated Start	Comments
Celeste Drive/Vista Drive (Dairy Road to Cumberland Drive)	May 2022	Bidding
Cliff Drive/Rita Drive (Frances Drive to W. Walnut Street)	February 2022	Excel Mulching-Contractor
Lewis Drive/Randolph Drive (Lamesa Drive to Saturn Road)	Spring 2023	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Calvin Drive/Hardy Drive (Calvin Drive to Dairy Road)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Hardy Drive/Donald Drive (Broadway Boulevard to Dairy Road)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Donald Drive/Rilla Drive (Keen Drive to Broadway Boulevard)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Donald Drive/Rilla Drive (Broadway Boulevard to Dairy Road)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Rilla Drive (S) (Keene Drive to Broadway Boulevard)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Rilla Drive (S) (Broadway Boulevard to Dairy Road)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022
Larry Drive (E) (Carney Drive/Old Orchard Road Alley to Parkmont Drive)	Fall 2022	Design 30% complete / Bidding 3 rd Quarter 2022

Plant Sale 2022



After a two-year hiatus, we were able to have our annual OHNA plant sale! On Saturday, April 16, we had a great time visiting with neighbors and talking plants.

Plants were picked up from Naaman Forest High School. Karen Forbes' program there is AMAZING! Thank you, Karen for your generosity! We also had plants donated from neighbor's yards.

The proceeds go towards the neighborhood gardens... mulch, plant replacement, professional help, etc.

This year, the plant sale was held in front of the Saturn Hills Community Garden and the weather was perfect! Thanks to all who donated, bought or just visited.

Look around your yard - it's never too late to start thinking about next year.



Article Contributed By:
Rhonda Spence



Yard of the Season – 2521 S. Glenbrook



The spring OHNA Yard of the Season recognizes Kathy and Guy Hull's home at 2521 S. Glenbrook.

In the front, they have large cypress trees that Guy grew from seed started in about 1980. The shrubs include azaleas, camellias, boxwood topiaries, hollies, beautyberry, and roses. The plants and flowers are primarily perennials including columbines, phlox, obedient plant, black eyed susan, lamb's ears, sedum, oxalis, asters, hostas, helebore and spring bulbs.

In the back garden, they have many native wildflowers and perennials that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. They search out native plant nurseries in their travels, especially in the Texas Hill Country, for perennials to plant in their garden. They have several varieties of Sage, Guara, Black Eyed Susan, Phlox and Clematis, as well as Penstemon, Tropical Milkweed, Engelmann's Daisy, Giant Coneflower, Columbines, Passion Vine, Turk's Cap, Beautyberry, Possumhaw, and Texas Mountain Laurel.



Kathy and Guy have lived here on Glenbrook since 1976, but Kathy has lived on this block for 62 years. In 1960, her parents bought a house on Carney Drive and moved her family here from Dallas. In 1964, Guy's parents moved their family to a house across the street from Kathy on Carney, and that is when they met. Aside from the time she spent living on campus while attending SMU and the time Guy spent living in Waco while attending Baylor Law School, they have enjoyed living in the Orchard Hills neighborhood for most of their lives.



*Article contributed by
Cathy Stark*

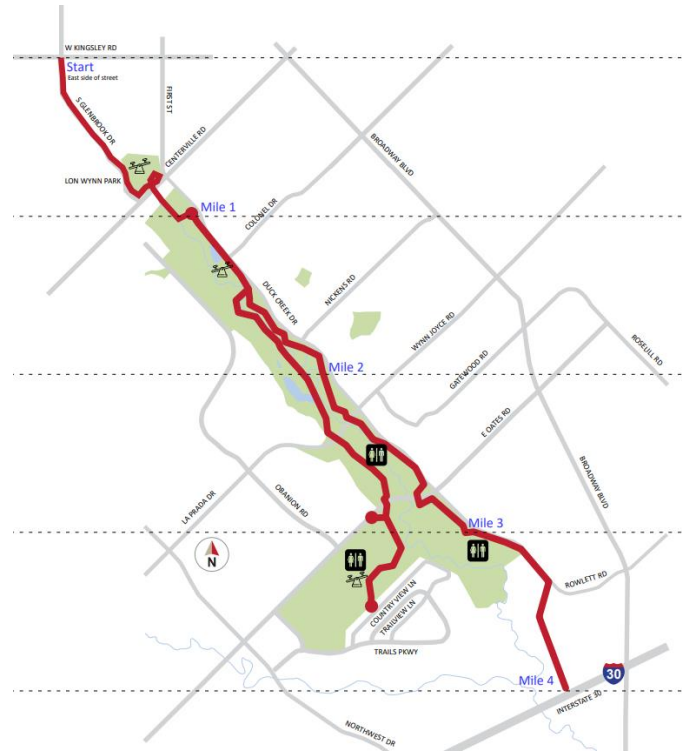


Neighborhood Walking Path

If you are looking for a nice walk or bike ride outside of the neighborhood, take South Glenbrook Drive towards Centerville Rd. If you stay on the east side of the road, you will not cross any intersections once you are past Kingsley.

At Lon Wynn Park, you can cross over Duck Creek using the steel truss pedestrian bridge. Once over the creek you can follow the trail and go under the bridge and under Centerville Rd.

Continue following the trail and it will connect with Duck Creek Trail, where you will be able to enjoy the new playground equipment at Duck Creek Park or continue to explore the rest of the trail.



Neighborhood Watch

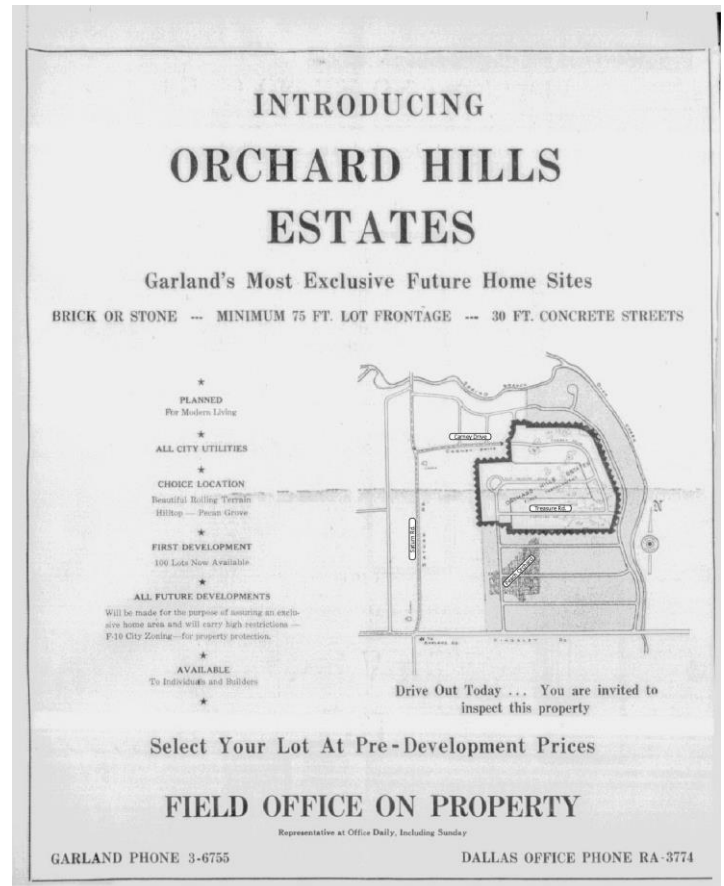
Hello Orchard Hills neighbors!!! My name is Jimmy Hooten. I am your new Neighborhood Watch coordinator for our area. I have lived in the same house since 1963. I have seen a lot of changes over the years, some good and some not so good but overall it has been a quiet place to live.

To keep it safe, it takes us all looking out for each other and getting to know our neighbors. I hope if you see something that doesn't look right – please contact the police to have them check things out.

If you would be interested in taking part in the Citizens on Patrol team, please reach out using my email address or phone number posted below. Classes are hosted on specific dates and they request that we have at least 15 people attend.

Contact: Jimmy Hooten

jimnanchooten@yahoo.com, 214-663-9954.



A blast from the past - This ad appeared in the Garland Daily News on Feb. 1st, 1953



OHNA FALL BLOCK **OCTOBER 22** PARTY

Join us for our 2nd Neighborhood Block Party

Saturday, October 22nd
3pm - 6pm

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



Don't miss the OHNA Second Annual BLOCK PARTY!

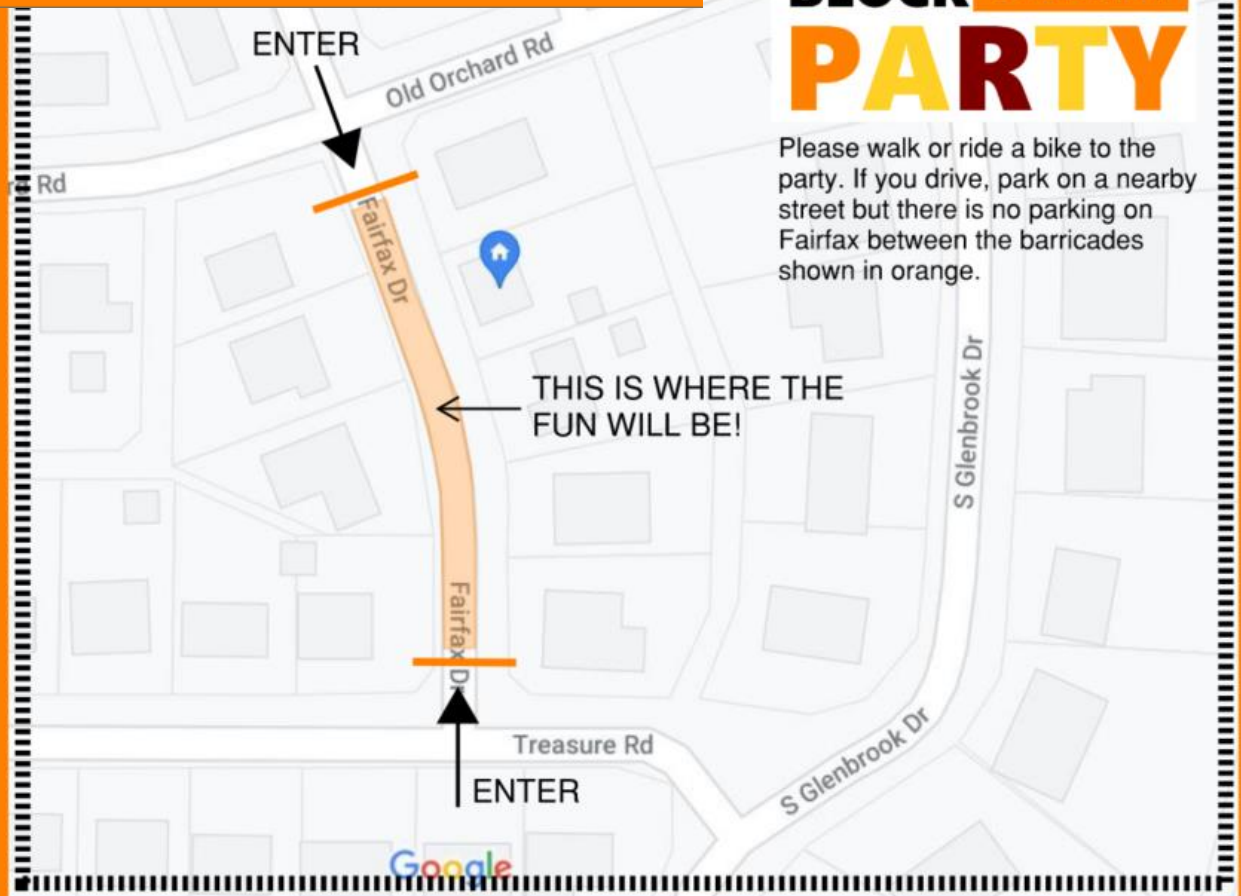
Interested in volunteering or
donating something for the event?

Donations include giveaways,
food, carving pumpkins, ect.

Text or call Angela Crum.
214.213.9611

OHNA FALL BLOCK **OCTOBER 22** PARTY

Please walk or ride a bike to the
party. If you drive, park on a nearby
street but there is no parking on
Fairfax between the barricades
shown in orange.



It's time to renew your OHNA Membership!

Your \$20 per year contribution goes towards the newsletters and flyers Distributed to your doorstep as well as events such as the annual meeting, annual picnic, neighborhood garage sale and Christmas party. They also cover admin. costs and matching funds for grant funded improvements such as landscaping. 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.



3 Ways to Renew!

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

Option 2: Go to the direct website page, 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 of \$20 per year for household, renewed annually at the annual meeting in April.

Send completed form along with a check mad payable to
Orchard Hill 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

Submit a Newsletter Article
newsletter@ohna.us

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Garden Work Days

Join us for our upcoming Garden Work Days!

We will work in the 7 gardens around our neighborhood and share valuable gardening tips.

July 9th and September 10th

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bring gloves and water, and garden tools if you have them! We meet at Roberts Rest Stop at the northeast corner of Glenbrook and Briarwood at 8:00 a.m.

Thank You Volunteers!

How does the Orchard Hills neighborhood accomplish all the things that it does? We have neighbors who care about one another and volunteers!

Fifteen families hand delivered the first OHNA newsletter of 2022 to the 603 houses in Orchard Hills. These dedicated folks are key to the success of our neighborhood communication system. Thanks to Todd Alexander, Greg Alford, Margi Bice, Deborah & Ray Bond, Angela Crum, Rick & Stephanie Davis, Teresa & Jake Hernandez, Leah Holderbaum, Nancy Mendoza, Phillip and Rebecca Paris, Kelly Payne, Rhonda Spence, Cathy Stark, Susan Thompson and Tracy Wager. And we also want to thank Angela Crum and Jim Nearing for compiling and designing our award winning newsletter!

Many hands make light work. Please let us know if you would like to help on the delivery team, put flags on your street for July 4th, or want to volunteer for this year's October block party. We have a fun year ahead in Orchard Hills and our volunteers make it all happen!

Important Contacts

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