



Upcoming Events

October

- 01 Garden Work Day
- 07-08 OHNA Garage Sale**
- 11 Board Meeting
- 14 Recycling Day
- 22 Crime Watch Meeting
- 22 OHNA Block Party**
- 28 Recycling Day

November

- 05 Garden Work Day
- 06 Daylight Savings Time
- 08 Board Meeting
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- 25 Recycling Day

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- 03 Food Drive
- 09 Recycling Day
- 13 Board Meeting
- 23 Recycling Day

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

Third Quarter 2022 | The last few weeks of beautiful sunny days has brought so many neighbors out doing yardwork, walking and riding bikes. Some of you may have recently participated in the garden workdays or the 16th annual OHNA neighborhood garage sale. It's great to see everyone in person again and we hope to see you all again soon at this month's block party. Did you know that the Boneyard Skate Park has its ribbon cutting the same day? Read more about this upcoming event 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 2nd FALL BLOCK **OCTOBER 22** PARTY

Our first block party was such a success last year that we couldn't wait to do it again!

In just a few weeks, join us for our second annual block party. We will be blocking off Fairfax Drive between Old Orchard and Treasure for an afternoon of pumpkin decorating, food, games, and giveaways.

Saturday October 22nd 3 - 6pm

Bring a lawn chair, ride your bikes over, bring the kids, wear a Halloween costume (child appropriate please) and we will see you there!

Interested in volunteering your time or donating food or giveaways? Contact Angela Crum, [214.213.9611](tel:214.213.9611).

Neighborhood Police Update

At the July 21st Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting, Officer Sherry shared that there have been a few concerns in some of the areas surrounding our neighborhood. Locally, the concerns have been theft of packages, catalytic converters, and theft motor vehicles. He reminded those in attendance to be aware, to be vigilant, and to be a good neighbor to help eliminate these crimes.



The FLOCK camera system (<https://flocksafety.com>) can be accessed online for license plate scanning monitoring 24/7. To be able to help with crimes, first it must be reported ASAP to GPD creating a case number which then allows the access to camera footage. The most activity in our area is reported to be at First and Miller (usually juveniles stealing from other juveniles – skateboards, cell phones, etc.). In total Garland has 48 FLOCK cameras, two cameras which are located in our area. An HOA near Bass Pro has purchased six cameras for their neighborhood.

Contact Information: Officer Nick Sherry: [\(972\) 205-4024](tel:9722054024), SherryN@garlandtx.gov; police@ohna.us

To contact anonymously – <https://www.ohna.us> then select “Contacts”, “Contact Neighborhood Police Officer”, even though “Your Name” is a required field, you can fill in any other information instead.

CrimeStoppers Tips [\(713\)222-TIPS](tel:713222TIPS), <https://crime-stoppers.org>

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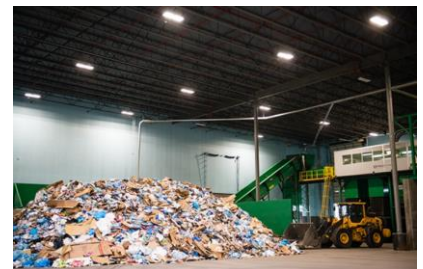
City Sanitation Update

How to Keep Garland Beautiful by Recycling Properly

At the July 18th OHNA Board meeting Michelle Stuyvesant, the Environmental & Community Outreach coordinator, shared these insights for all to consider.

Here are some of those questions:

- Did you know there is a camera in the trash truck to see what you are dumping in your green trash container?
- Did you know that they can locate items thrown in the trash, they know where the trash from the neighborhood is located at the landfill?
- Did you know that you can recycle up to four tires per year at the Transfer Station?
- Did you know that you can drop off clothing items at the Transfer Center?
- Did you know to keep lids on your bottles when recycling?
- Did you know to put the lids inside of cans when recycling?
- Did you know that the FCC Environmental Services is contracted to take our recycled materials (<https://fccenvironmental.com/recycling/>)?



Thank you, Michelle, for giving everyone valuable reminders to help keep Garland beautiful by recycling properly. The Transfer Station is located at 1426 Commerce Street

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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.

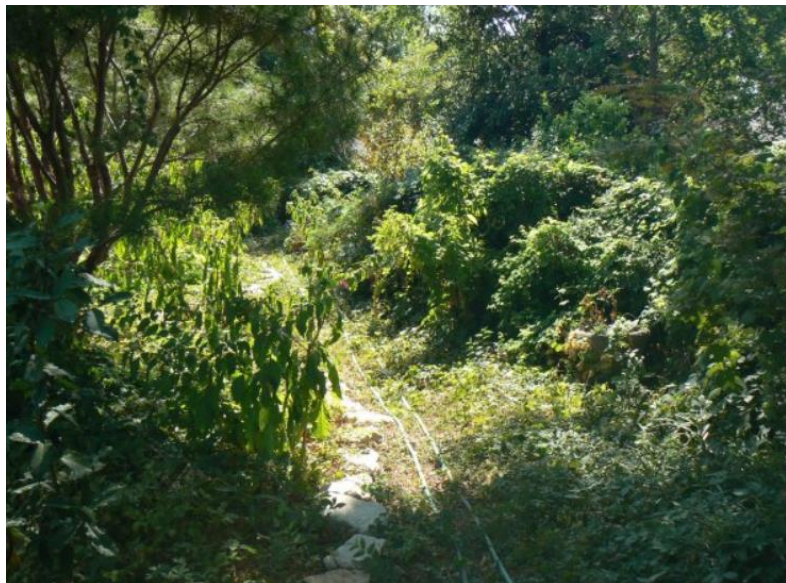
To nominate a neighbor, reach out to any board member or email yard-of-the-season@ohna.us with information.



Yard of the Season – Fall 2022

The front yard at 1208 looks different from other yards on Briarwood, or on most streets. It's filled with lots of plants and no grass. For almost 30 years, Samantha Jackson has been establishing native plants, moving shrubs, removing grass, putting in walkways, creating eating areas and places for respite.

Samantha has an Associate Degree in Horticulture from Richland, an AA from El Centro in interior design, worked at Rohde's for year and has her own consulting landscape business. The plants in the yard are mostly native plants. I call it a survival yard. That is what all of us needed this summer. Her dog Piper insisted on joining us during our conversation and then she kept an eye on me like she suspected I was going to filch part of the landscape. That would have been extremely difficult. The trees are too big, the pots too heavy, and most of the time, I had no idea what I was looking at.



Yard of the Season Continued...



Samantha is a hoarder, a plant hoarder, once a plant enters her yard, it is usually there to stay. She gets them from many sources: birds and squirrels helped, seeds drifted in, friends shared, some dug up from Richland, and she has bought more than a few...

She has some rudbeckia and cone flowers not yet set out from North Haven Gardens and Rooster Hardware. Some of the trees in the front yard include: 8 pine trees, one of which is a Pinion and an Italian Stone pine. She like pines having come here from Michigan. Her other trees are Red Maple, Cherry Laurel, Youpon Holly and Mexican Plum. Shrubs include Nelly R Stevens Holly, Red Tip Photinia and Nandina. Ground cover includes many vines, prostrate Juniper, Mondo Grass in different sizes and colors. Most of the flowering plants serve as hosts to bees and butterflies: Milkweed, Poke Weed, False Indigo, Rue and Snake Herb. Many plants are in pots including Coleus, Sansevieria (aka snake plant and mother-in-law's tongue). There are plants I haven't named and plants that come in multiples, so the front yard is packed.



Decomposed granite paths wind through the yard. Most plants are native and can survive on their own. A Sunflower hedge between her driveway and neighbor shines brightly. A drip irrigation system a few feet from the house and a water hose are the only concessions to watering needs. A very interesting sight is the four Canadian geese. They look so real animal control sat and watched them. Apparently, someone reported fowl running loose.

Trees, trees and more trees: 3 Olive Trees, 2 Lemon Trees, 2 Key Lime Trees in pots, Desert Willow, Plum Yew, American Snowball, Hop Ash, Red Buckeye, White Buckeye, Pecan, 2 Burr Oak, 2 Peach Trees and others. Almost the entire ground surface is either ground cover (lots of Virginia Creeper), stones, or decomposed granite walkways from Triple AAA Sand and Gravel. There are a few planted areas with Turks' Cap, Salvia, Elderberry, Peonies, Dahlias. A few plants have succumbed to the excessive heat, mostly vines along the street.

Yard of the Season Continued...

The freeze took out her Pittosporum and some of the Nandinas. The Golden Rain Tree that drifted in will have to go. It is not native, and the seeds which are raining down will make more trees. And the house plants are summering outside. Two tables are loaded; huge Schefflera and Rubber Plants are in pots. One whole tiered table holds succulents. Two very special plants are the Hindu Rope Hoyas she found at a Kroger store. The lot is ½ acre. The back yard includes all the plants, a seating area, a shed, a potting area, and storage.



Touring the yard is an adventure. There are hundreds of plants. It is awe inspiring! This is not an instant effort. It is the results of many years of work. Samantha tends the plants, waters the plants and probably talks to them. She will show you her plants, tell you the Latin names, where and how she got them, answer your questions about plant care, propagation, and best choices, of course, native plants. And she knows what she is talking about. Depending on one's view about gardening.

The yard at 1208 Briarwood is a jungle, a total chaos, a garden gone amok, or an arboretum in our own neighborhood. Actually, it is all of those. I had such an education, so much entertainment and jaw dropping amazement, she should have charged an entrance fee.



*Article Contributed By:
Betty Roberts, CoChair*



**OHNA thanks all our neighbors or their loved ones who
have served our country. Our streets were lined with
American Flags for the 4th of July!**



District 5 Update | Margaret Lucht



Hello Orchard Hills!

As the new City Council representative for District 5, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Margaret Lucht (pronounced like, I “lucked” out). I grew up in Garland, in fact, my family lived on Patrice Drive in the Orchard Hills neighborhood when I was young. I currently live on Saturn Road, just across the street. I am married with two dogs and a cat. I have a full-time job in District 5 as an HR administrator. I served on the Parks Board and the Plan Commission, and look forward to serving all of you on Council. One of my initiatives is beautification, and I have always been so impressed by OHNA’s dedication to community aesthetics.

The completion of bond program projects is at the top of my priority list, and I will keep a close eye on the Saturn Springs Drainage Improvements. Phase One of Rick Oden Park is in the final stages, and The Boneyard, our new skatepark is slated to open in October 2022. It will be the second largest skatepark in Texas at 46,000 square feet. Phase Two of the Rick Oden Park Project will begin late August/early September. Get ready for an amazing park! Among other amenities, it will have two permanent restrooms, a large pavilion, a food truck park, a tournament baseball field, and a shaded playground. New connectivity via trail and bridge will provide safer access between Glenbrook Drive and Miller Road.

I look forward to working with your neighborhood. If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Boneyard is scheduled for October 22, 2022!

Margaret Lucht
District 5 Garland City Councilwoman
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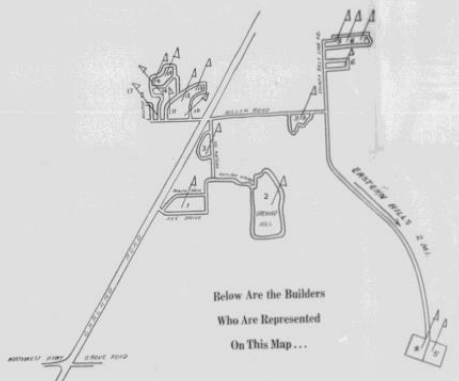
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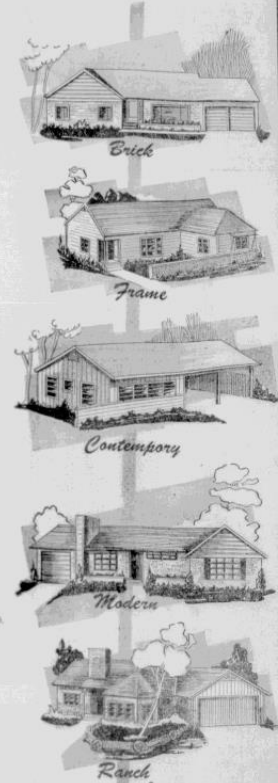
WE HAVE MAPPED A TOUR THROUGH SEVERAL HOUSING PROJECTS THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE THE BEST WE HAVE TO OFFER IN THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME. JUST FOLLOW THE MAP BELOW AND SEE SOME OF THE FINEST HOMES AVAILABLE ANYWHERE, PRICED TO SATISFY EVERY FAMILY.

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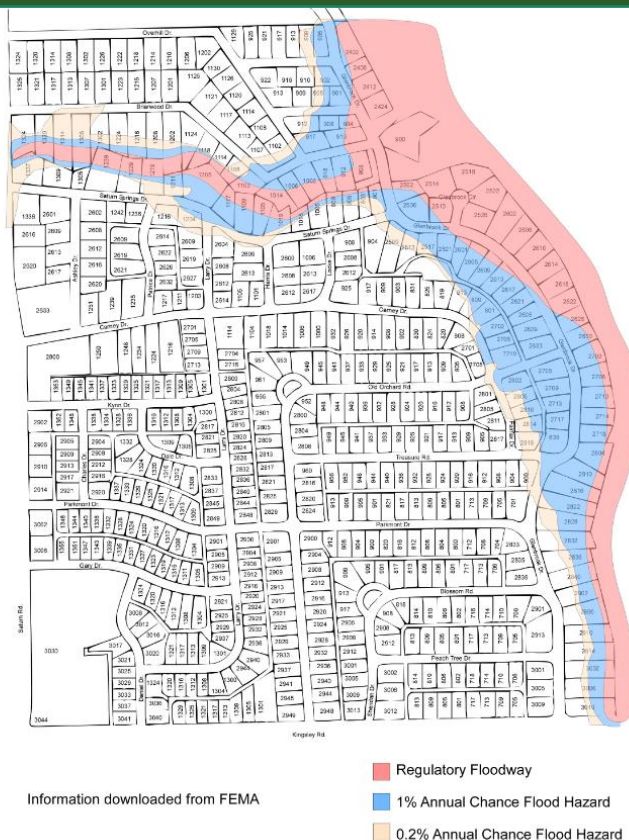


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Neighborhood Flooding Hazards

With the unprecedented flooding over the last couple of years, our neighborhood has been fortunate! Even during the recent heavy rainfalls, water levels in Duck Creek we manageable.

Always be aware of the current regulatory floodways and have a plan in case flooding occurs.



Be in the Know: Orangeburg Pipe

A new homeowner in our neighborhood was experiencing a slow draining issue while using any water appliance in the house. A call to the plumber discovered a collapsed sewer line. During the process of digging up the line, it was determined that the collapsed line was Orangeburg pipe.

What is Orangeburg pipe? With a little research on the internet, I came across this article:

The Orangeburg pipe situation has been a financial boon for plumbers and a financial burden for homeowners. Named after the town of Orangeburg, New York, where it was first produced, the pipe has about a fifty-year life span. Since the last of the Orangeburg piping was put down in the 1970s, the most recent installations are going to be facing their expiration soon. If ignored, they could result in an extremely messy and extremely expensive sewer line collapse.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

A Quick Recap on the Orangeburg Pipe Problem: Made of wood pulp that has been sealed with coal tar, Orangeburg has been described by some plumbing professionals as nothing more than a “coal tar-impregnated toilet paper tube.” That it has lasted as long as it has is some sort of miracle, many say.

While a form of Orangeburg (otherwise known as bituminous fiber pipe) has been around since the late 1800s, widespread usage of Orangeburg began during World War II due to a shortage of more cast iron materials, which were needed for the war effort. Following the war, Orangeburg continued to proliferate because it was cheap.

An Orangeburg Disaster

Sewer piping tends to be “out of sight, out of mind” until there’s, at a minimum, some sort of water backup. That’s just what happened to homeowner Erika Dronen.

“We started having problems with our sewer line about a week after purchasing our home,” Dronen told ‘The Patch’. “Black water started coming up from the drain in our basement floor. We were told we had Orangeburg piping and the tree roots in our yard were crushing it. At this point, we have spent over \$20,000 in sewer line repairs and the replacement of carpet and furniture.” So what can you do to avoid facing a problem like Erika?

Orangeburg Pipe Continued...

Know the Orangeburg Warning Signs

First and foremost, if you're buying a home that was built before 1980, have a professional plumber do an inspection to ensure there's not Orangeburg piping (if there is, you can subtract the replacement estimate from your offer). If you're already settled and are unsure whether you have Orangeburg piping, the previous homeowner or city documents may have the answer; if not, it's again best to bring in a professional plumber who can do an inspection for you.

However, there are a few warning signs to watch out for:

- Slow draining
- Frequent toilet back-ups
- Foul sewer odors inside the home
- Mold issues
- Lawn patches that appear greener than others
- Dips or indentations in the lawn
- Sinkholes in the foundation

Trenchless Technologies versus Orangeburg Replacement

If it's determined that your Orangeburg piping is in decent shape or at least salvageable, a professional plumber can use trenchless technologies to avoid digging up your yard. Basically, trenchless technology involves inserting a new pipe inside the old pipe; it's done by feeding a liner inside the pipe, inflating it, and curing it to seal it in place. If your Orangeburg piping is beyond repair, however, full replacement with PVC piping will need to be initiated to avoid complete collapse.

If You Can't Afford Orangeburg Piping Replacement

While replacing Orangeburg piping should be a priority (remember, replacement is going to ultimately be a lot less expensive than cleaning up after a collapse), we understand that immediate replacement is not a financial option for many. Unfortunately, it's also not often covered by insurance; if your policy does include sewer lines, chances are there is a "cap" on pay outs and you'll still be on the hook for some of the expense. You should check in with them as soon as possible.

In the meantime, have your plumber send a camera down into the sewer every six months to keep tabs on the situation. This costs money too, of course, but perhaps you can share the cost by taking turns with a neighbor or two; it's likely they have Orangeburg piping that was installed at the same time, meaning it's probably in similar condition. If their pipes seem to be holding up, then it's a safe bet that yours are too, and vice versa.

If the inspection reveals damage but not imminent danger, your plumber may be able to extend the life of the pipes a bit longer by snaking them while you look into a loan or other means of affording the replacement.

Posted by William Heinselman on Mar 12 2018

<https://www.expresssewer.com/blog/bid/311087/risks-and-problems-orangeburg-pipe>



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 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



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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, or our social media accounts on Facebook, Nextdoor, Website or Twitter. The fee is \$20 per year per household, renewed at the annual meeting each April.

Send completed form along with a check made payable to
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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
November 5th**

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.***

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