



ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter • Winter 22

Fourth Quarter 2022 | Winter time is here! I think we have each raked at least 100 bags worth of leaves to start the season. It's been so fun to see all of the holiday decorations and Christmas lights adorning the neighborhood! The last few months were busy with the Block Party, Boneyard Skatepark ribbon cutting, garage sale, and food drive. I hope everybody has a restful holiday season and starts the New Year with a full heart!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Article Contributed by: [Alexa Shapiro](#), Managing Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

20 Board Meeting
22 Recycle

JANUARY

05 Recycle
10 Board Meeting
19 Crime Watch Meeting
19 Recycle
26 Town Hall Meeting

FEBRUARY

02 Recycle
14 Board Meeting
16 Recycle
25 Garden Work Day

MARCH

02 Recycle
14 Board Meeting
16 Recycle
18 Garden Work Day

2022 Food Drive for Good Samaritan

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, the good people of Orchard Hills donated 242 lbs. Of food and 41 lbs. of non-food (hand soap) for a total of 283 lbs. total. We almost made that 300 mark!

If any neighbors forgot to come to the food drive on December 3rd and would like to drop off a donation of food or cash to Good Samaritans of Garland, they are open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 214 North 12th Street, Garland, TX 75040

Happy Holidays, everyone!



Article contributed by: [Margi Bice](#)

The Boneyard in Garland is Open!

The skatepark at Rick Oden Park is the second largest in Texas, boasting 46,000 square feet of skating area. Designed to provide fun, excitement and challenge, The Boneyard welcomes beginner and experienced skaters alike.



The skatepark is divided into three main sections: Street/Plaza, Bowl/Transition and Beginners. Designers made sure to include areas that allow beginners to learn new skills confidently, along with areas for advanced skaters to challenge themselves. The park is equipped with a wide variety of curbs, rails, hips, volcanoes, bumps, drop-ins, bowls and banks to give skaters of all skill levels many options to navigate.

The Oct. 22 ribbon-cutting celebration featured local food trucks and vendors and the sounds of local band The Broke\$.

Rick Oden Park is also undergoing renovations and features many amenities made for families to enjoy together. Once fully completed, guests can enjoy walking trails, a food truck park, a permanent restroom and shade pavilions. Construction is nearly complete on the new baseball field, tournament-sized and complete with a bullpen area.

Source: [Garland City News](#)



Second Annual OHNA Block Party was a Big Hit!

On Saturday October 22nd, we enjoyed a repeat of our block party thanks to the neighbors on Fairfax between Treasure and Old Orchard who thankfully didn't mind having their block filled with pumpkin decorating, food, games, giveaways, and just the opportunity to get to know each other better. The weather that afternoon was a bit breezy making it feel like autumn was definitely in the air. Much thanks to Rickey and Angela Crum who along with their daughters made this a fun event again this year. The party trailer furnished by The City of Garland provided much to make it all possible. There were so many volunteers to name, but each one contributed so much to the party's success.

Mayor Scott LeMay, current District 5 Councilwoman Margaret Lucht as well as former District 5 Councilman and neighbor Rich Aubin were in attendance. Our current NPO Officer Nicholas Sherry and our former NPO Matt Pesta also attended. The firefighters and EMTs from Fire Station #2 were also in attendance to answer questions and get to know picnic attendees. Neighbor and Intrinsic Brewery owner, Cary Hodson, furnished the yummy pulled pork for all to enjoy.

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Pictures from the Second Annual OHNA Block Party



If you missed
this year's
event, don't
miss out on all
the fun next
year.

Article
Contributed
by: [Jan](#)
[Alexander](#)



2022 Garage Sale Review

The 16th Annual OHNA Garage Sale is in the books. We were blessed with beautiful weather and plenty of shoppers. I look forward to this event each year for the deals that abound and the new people that I meet. Happy memories are the life treasures that I collect and the garage sale is definitely a source for those.

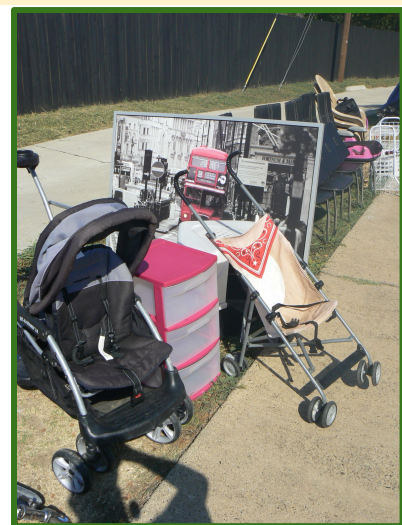
Were you one of the 21 houses that held a sale or one of the many shoppers? What bargain did you find? What was the most unusual item you saw for sale? Who did you meet? What fascinating story did you hear or share? How much clutter did you clear from your house? Did you make a little spending money? These are all good reasons to participate and come to the garage sale.

Some of the more intriguing items found this year were: a Darth Vader Helmet & Mask, Beatles White Album poster from 1968 accompanied by a firsthand account from a 1966 Beatles concert attendee (yes, she was one of those screaming girls!); Swingline Model 66 Electric Magazine Stapling Machine (1959-61, 1974); 33 RPM Record Albums; Uline Industrial Platform Scale with 330 lb. capacity; Scarecrow motion activated sprinkler; 40 Qt. Marlboro Coleman Thermoelectric Car Plug in Cooler/Heater and Spiral Apple Peeler, Corer. Just think how your life could be enhanced by any one of these rare finds!

Thank you, Clarice & John, Leslie, Leah, Susan, Nancy, Teresa, Cathy, Vickie, Rhonda, John, Tracy, Deborah, and Margi for delivering flyers to every house in Orchard Hills! Thank you, Rhonda Spence for handling the record keeping. Thank you, Jan Alexander for creating a beautiful sign for our message board at the corner of Glenbrook and Briarwood. Thank you, Jim Nearing for designing and printing the map that showed us the way and posting our ad on social media. Thank you, Betty Roberts for getting the city permits, calling the charity truck and handing out the signs on your front porch on Thursday evening. Thank you, Todd Alexander for collecting all the signs after the sale was over. And thank you to the 11 people who donated their left over items to Arms of Hope charity.

As you can see, many people pitched in to make this year's garage sale a success. We look forward to your participation and enjoyment of this event next year!

Submitted by: [Margi Blce](#)



Tri-City Clean Up

This hardworking crew worked in our gardens October 1. Not only did they do work for Orchard Hills, they were also part of the Tri-City Cleanup. The 7th annual Tri -City cleanup. This is a cooperative effort of the cities of Garland, Rowlett, and Dallas. The focus of the cleanup is keeping trash out of our water supply.

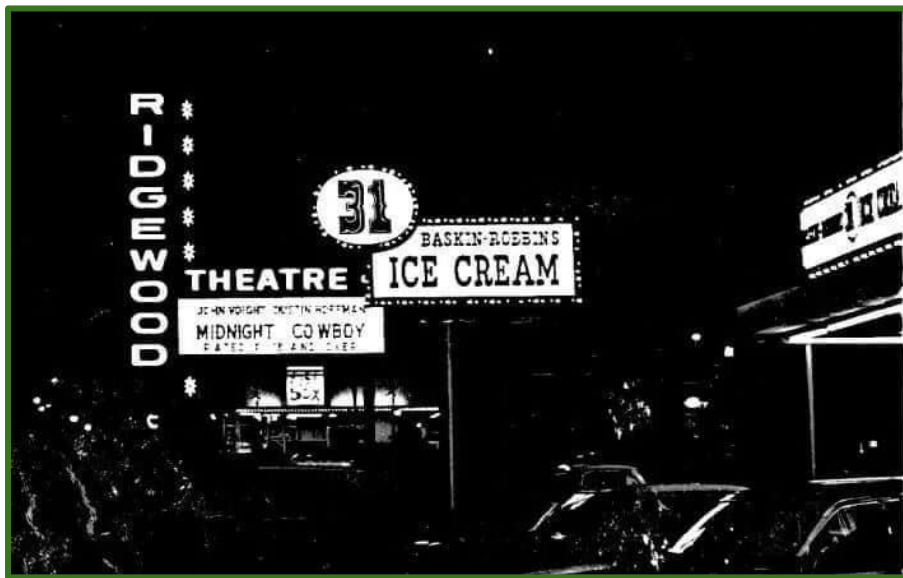
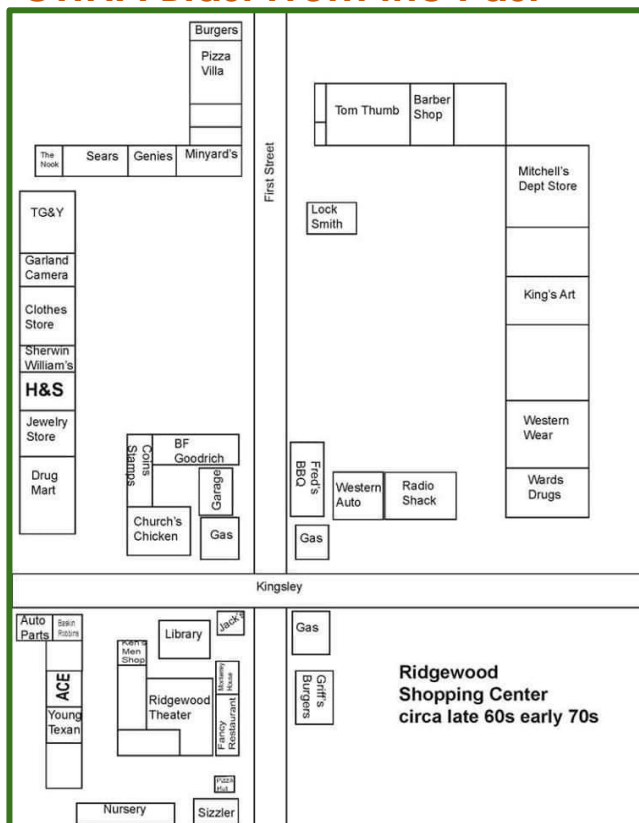
Except for a very small area near Jupiter and Kingsley, all of Garland is a watershed. Water on the north side of Garland flows into Rowlett Creek which flows into Lake Ray Hubbard, a large part of the Dallas Water Supply. Water on the south side of Garland goes to Duck Creek which flows into the Trinity River, through various water treatment stages and back to Lake Lavon, Garland's water source.

Debris on the streets is washed into the stormwater drains. Tons of trash are found along Duck Creek. All of us in Orchard Hills can do our part to keep the streets, our yards, and public places clean all year, not just the one day of Tri-City cleanup.

Everyone in our neighborhood benefits from the work done in our six gardens. There are 11 opportunities a year to work to keep our gardens growing, clean, and welcoming. That's part of being good neighbors.

Submitted by: [Betty Roberts](#)

OHNA Blast From the Past



Submitted by: [Jim Nearingder](#)

District 5 Update • Margaret Lucht

It's that time of year again! Don't miss "A Garland Christmas at Firewheel" on December 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be a live reindeer, snowhill, and the tree lighting is at 6:30pm. As construction continues, we expect to celebrate holiday events on the square again in 2024. Visit GarlandTX.gov/DowntownConstruction for the latest updates.

The Garland Public Library System now offers free access to Consumer Reports. Use it to look up that gift you're contemplating and check out the other free apps they have. All you need is a library card.

The opening of The Boneyard at Rick Oden Park was a huge success, and it is heavily used by people of all ages. Phase 2 of the Rick Oden project will come to a close the first half of 2023. There will be a new playground, pavillion, benches, basketball courts, and a walking trail which will connect to Central Park. Rick Oden will be the crown jewel of the Garland parks system, and I am so excited to see it finished!

I will have a **town hall January 26th at 6:30 PM at the South Garland Branch Library**. Staff from Transportation, Streets, Police, and Neighborhood Vitality will give presentations. If you have questions for staff, please email them to me.

I know you all work very hard to decorate for the holidays, and I look forward to seeing your neighborhood this year! Have a safe and wonderful time as we turn the page to 2023!

Please reach out if I may be of service!

Margaret Lucht, Council5@garlandtx.gov, [\(469\) 264-3556](tel:(469)264-3556)



Nominate Your 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

Our Yard of the Season for Fall goes to 908 Saturn Springs. The owners are Fran and Scott Olsen. They have lived in their home for 28 years. Fran has lived on Saturn Springs all but six years of her life in other houses on the street. They have two grown daughters. They love the neighborhood and don't plan on leaving any time soon.

A list of their plants and trees are as follows:

- sunshine ligustrum
- red salvias
- japanese maples
- elephant ears
- mojo pittosporum
- hostas
- spreading japanese plum yew
- encore azaleas
- umbrella plants
- dwarf mexican petunias
- cast iron plant
- hydrangeas
- dwarf nandinas
- drift roses
- blue salvia
- white and pink pentas
- yellow and orange dwarf cannas
- dusty miller
- yellow lantana
- muhly grass
- knockout rose bush
- mexican butterfly tree
- desperado sage
- needle point holly trees
- watermelon crape myrtle
- climbing roses
- texas ash tree
- burr oak trees
- althea tree

Submitted by: [Cathy Stark](#)



2023 - Proposed OHNA Calendar

 Board Meetings
 Events
 Garden Work Day
 Holiday/Misc.

2023

April	
20	Annual Meeting
22	Plant Sale
June	
3	Picnic
October	
6	Garage Sale
7	Garage Sale
December	
2	Food Drive



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OHNA Calendar

2023 - Proposed Dates

January

10 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
19 Crime Watch meeting

February

14 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
25 Garden Work Day

March

14 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
18 Garden Work Day

April

11 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
15 Garden Work Day
20 Annual Meeting & Crime Watch meeting
22 OHNA Plant Sale

May

09 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
20 Garden Work Day

June

13 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
17 Garden Work Day

Advertise With Us!

Are you a business or individual who would like to advertise in our 2023 newsletters?
Our newsletter distribution is as follows:

The 1st quarter is printed and delivered to 605 houses in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) boundary.

It is also featured on the OHNA website, emailed to subscribers, posted on Next Door, Facebook, and Twitter.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter newsletters are distributed digitally through email as well as posted on platforms publicly accessible such as the website, Next Door and social media. (Email distribution is sent to all subscribers they do not have to be members of OHNA)

See details at: ads.ohna.us

July

11 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
15 Garden Work Day
20 Crime Watch Meeting

August

08 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting

September

12 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
16 Garden Work Day

October

06,07 Garage Sale
10 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
19 Crime Watch Meeting
21 Block Party
28 Garden Work Day

November

11 Garden Work Day
14 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting

December

12 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting



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Member at Large - OPEN

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Send a historical article
history@ohna.us

Volunteer to distribute flags
flags@ohna.us

Nominate yard of the season
yard-of-the-season@ohna.us

Submit a newsletter article
newsletter@ohna.us

Subscribe to the newsletter
subscribe.ohna.us

Social Media

Website
ohna.us

Facebook Page
facebook.com/groups/ohna

Twitter
[@OrchardHillsNe1](https://twitter.com/OrchardHillsNe1)

Get Involved!

There are opportunities big and small to get engaged in the neighborhood. Consider serving in any capacity on the OHNA board or on a committee. Meet your neighbors!

Important Contacts

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