



ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter • Spring 2023

Second Quarter 2023 | Sweet, sweet summertime! It's so fun to drive through the neighborhood and see all of the red, white, and blue between Memorial Day and 4th of July. Our family has been busy visiting nearby splash pads and playing pickleball at Holford Park. We're so eager for Rick Oden park to reopen! Wishing your families a summer of fun and good memories!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

06 Recycle
11 Board Meeting
15 Garden Work Day
20 Recycle

AUGUST

03 Recycle
08 Board Meeting
17 Recycle
31 Recycle

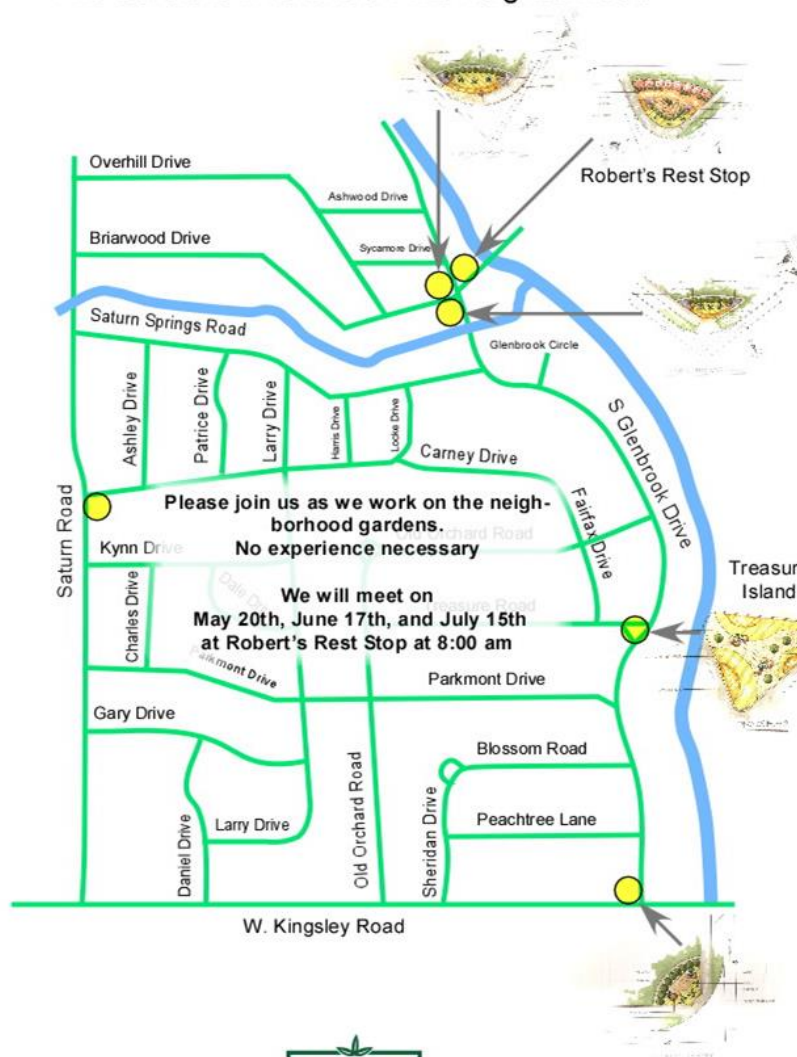
SEPTEMBER

14 Recycle
12 Board Meeting
16 Garden Work Day
28 Recycle

Neighborhood Work Days

May 20th, June 17th, July 15th

The Gardens in Orchard Hills Neighborhood



Article contributed by: [Jim Neargarder](#)

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO BOB KING

Bob King was a founder of the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association and represented OHNA as our first president. Bob manned the grill at every picnic and served this neighborhood with love and dedication for more than twenty-two years.



Whenever Bob's garage door was open, you knew you could stop by for a visit and worldly wisdom. If you needed help figuring out a mechanical problem, Bob most likely had the answer. He kept cold water in the fridge that he routinely handed out to the mail carrier and the City of Garland garbage collectors. And, if you labored at the garden workday, there might be a cold beer or a pop in the fridge for you.

Orchard Hills is home to so many caring families, like the Kings, who continue to make this neighborhood a special place to live. Bob King set the bar high when he stepped up 22 years ago to lead our newly organized neighborhood association, and he nurtured us all as we grew. Throughout these many years he showed that he loved his fellow man, and he loved our neighborhood. We are going to miss you, dear friend and faithful servant.

Article contributed by: [Margi Bice](#)



2023 Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association's Picnic at Rick Oden Park is cancelled due to park improvements.

Annual Meeting and Crime Watch Review

Annual Meeting April 20, 2023

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting on April 20, 2023, at Saturn Road Church of Christ. Before the meeting, people had the opportunity to meet with School Board Candidates. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. To open the meeting, Shelby Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Sherry, our NPO (Neighborhood Patrol Officer) gave a report of crimes in Orchard Hills. Fortunately, we are law-abiding citizens, so he had very little to report. He did caution us about the nationwide problems of thefts of Kias and Hyundais, as well as those of catalytic converters. Of the latter, he commented, "You won't have to wonder if yours has been stolen. Your car will make lots of noise." Finally, he left us with an easy assignment: he reminded us NOT to touch or collect any evidence that we may find. We should wait for the police to process evidence in the proper manner.

Candidates for Garland ISD School Board of Trustees Place 4 (Jed Reed and Daphne Stanley) and Place 5 (Jamie Miller and Kristina Sterling) introduced themselves and gave a short overview of their roles in education. Mayor LeMay gave a city report. Things are going well with the 635 project. The Downtown Square will be finished in time for the return of Christmas on the Square.

The newest resident to Orchard Hills, Jare Jones, received two pie slices from Piefalootin. Margaret Lucht presented news from District 5. Most of the audience was interested in the Saturn Springs Project. It is in the planning stage with 30% of the design complete. Another topic of interest was the Flood-Prone Property Buyout Program. A short video was shown to explain the program and address the most-asked questions. Margaret said she will answer more questions at the May 11 District 5 meeting at South Garland Library.

Jerry Glick from Garland Fire Department cautioned (insisted) that we all have smoke detectors that work. He spoke from experience. His garage burned Saturday night. That got our attention. He said everyone with gas outlets needs a carbon monoxide detector. We all need fire extinguishers. He demonstrated how to put out a small fire with a simulated fire. Residents should call 911 for any fire.

Five people won a coneflower (echinacea) seedling in the raffle.

The proposed slate of officers was voted in. They are:

Co-chairs: Margi Bice & Betty Roberts

Secretary: Cathy Stark

Treasurer: Rhonda Spence

Members at Large: Shelby Jones, Cle Kimble, and Leslie Cooper

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Submitted by: [Betty Roberts](#)

Thank You Volunteers!

Many hands make light work. With the help of these neighbors, the First Quarterly Newsletter was delivered to all 603 homes in Orchard Hills. A big thank you to Todd Alexander, Greg Alford, Hillary Arrieta, Margi Bice, Deborah Bond, Leslie Cooper, Ginger Edwards, Tina Guinn, Leah Holderbaum, Nancy Mendoza, Philip and Rebecca Paris, John and Clarice Segala, Kate Schatz, Rhonda Spence, Cathy Stark, and Susan Thompson. Many have been on this team for years. Two newbies jumped in and helped us for the first time. If you are interested in delivering flyers or flags on your street, contact Margi@ohna.us. We would be happy for you to join us!

Submitted by: [Margi Bice](#)

District 5 Update • Margaret Lucht

2019 Bond Projects

Saturn Springs Drainage Improvement Project

30% of the design is complete. According to staff, in the coming months, they will reach out to individuals to talk about the project impacts in more detail. Their next step is to take a deep dive into the plans to understand the impacts to each property. Construction will begin mid- to late-2024. I will provide updates to the OHNA board at the regular monthly meetings.

Rick Oden Park Phase Two

Expected completion is late this summer! There will be a new playground, a second restroom facility, a mile and half of walking trails, and a renovated basketball court. Funding for the splash pad is approved and in design.

Eleven Months on Council

My first year as a Garland City Council Member has been quite the learning experience. I have toured almost every department and met countless staff members. Garland employs over 2,300 people who are extremely dedicated and proud to serve our community. I continue to support unique and innovative development and redevelopment throughout District Five, as well as the completion of the 2019 Bond Projects. I am currently attending the Garland Citizens Police Academy and hope to use what I learn to improve public safety policy.

Communication is at the top of my priority list. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please reach out. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Margaret Lucht
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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.

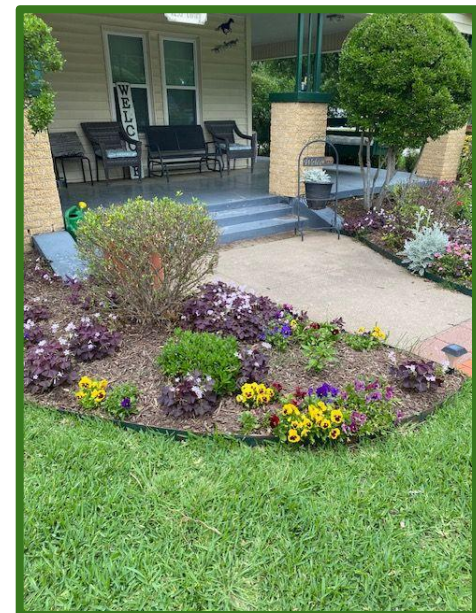
Yard of the Season

The Yard of the Season for Spring is the home of Pamela and Duane Hogan at 1235 Carney Dr. Before the Hogans moved in over 20 years ago, the house was the homestead of Dorothy Carney Poore, who grew up there. Her father developed the lot, and Larry and Patrice streets are named after two of Dorothy's children. Dorothy said they never locked the doors while she was growing up.

Previously, Pamela and Duane lived off Jupiter and Summit in a house that Duane had built on a lot that his father had purchased. They moved to the home on Carney because they were enchanted by the drive up to the house along with the wrap-around porch, the porch swing, and the overall feel of the place. They have added all new windows, a new driveway, and landscaping. In the flower beds are a variety of flowers including dianthus, pansies, oxalis, dusty miller, and zinnias. Various bushes wrap around the house including boxwoods and nandinas. There are also wedding spirea, a kaleidoscope abelia, crate myrtles, yaupon holly, and various trees.

Congratulations to the Hogans!

Submitted by: [Cathy Stark](#)



HISTORY PHOTO

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Directions
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Ad is from the Garland Daily News, November 15th, 1953

Submitted by: [Jim Neargarder](#)

Fact or Fiction?

Fact: Several needed street name changes will again be considered by the City Council at their regular meeting. Change Road between Treasure Road and NE corner Lot 11, Block 2 and NW Corner Lot 14, Block 1 of Orchard Hills No 1 to Fairfax.

(March 04, 1956, Garland Daily News, Page 9; the City Council meeting was on March 6.)

Fact or Fiction? The house at 2806 Fairfax Drive, constructed for Dr. Charles Leonard Smith and his wife, was based on a Cape Cod cottage floor plan from a magazine. The street of this residence was originally named Carney. However, Mrs. Smith, a socialite on the school board in Garland, had it changed to Fairfax to fit the style of the home. The street changes back to Carney about a block North of the house.



If you have any interesting information related to the neighborhood, please email history@ohna.us.

Submitted by: [Jim Neargarder](#)

2023 Board Member Photo



Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association 2023 Board Members

Missing in Photo: Shelby



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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!

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