

ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter • Winter 2023

Fourth Quarter 2023 | Fall sure is special in our neighborhood! I love to see the seasoned trees change colors and yards sprinkled with leaves. Halloween in Orchard Hills was a blast - we had a first time Trick or Treater and it made for such a special day with neighbors and family. Our family has been visiting the new Rick Oden park weekly and we are so grateful for the walking trail, fun new play structures, and plenty of shade. Alas, the holiday season is here! I can hardly wait to see all the beautiful lights and holiday decorations throughout the neighborhood. Wishing your families a warm, safe, and cheery holiday season!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 09 Recycle
- 14 Board Meeting
- 24 Recycle
- 28 Saturn Springs Project Meeting
- 30 Town Hall Meeting

DECEMBER

- 02 Block Party
Canned Goods Drive
- 07 Recycle
- 12 Board Meeting
- 21 Recycle

JANUARY

- 04 Recycle
- 09 Board Meeting
- 18 Crime Watch Meeting
Recycle

FEBRUARY

- 01 Recycle
- 13 Board Meeting
- 15 Recycle
- 24 Garden Work Day
- 29 Recycle

Mark Your Calendars!

OHNA FOOD DRIVE & BLOCK PARTY

DECEMBER 2

Join us for our 3rd neighborhood block party!

Saturday, December 2nd
12pm - 3pm

Old Orchard Circle will be blocked for our party and filled with festive activities.



Find more information about the 3rd annual block party & food drive on the next page!

OHNA Block Party & Food Drive Benefiting Good Samaritans of Garland

Saturday, December 2, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Old Orchard Circle near 945 Old Orchard Dr.

Join your neighbors for games, prizes, music, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and more! While we gather in community, we are also going to give back to those who need a helping hand. Help build our donation tree benefiting Good Samaritans of Garland. Our goal is to beat last year's donation total of 283 pounds of food. Curbside drop off is available for donations.

Needed items: creamy peanut butter, dry pasta, tomato sauce, canned carrots, sweet peas, or corn, canned beans (garbanzo, black, pinto, white northern, red kidney), pop-top canned soups and pastas, tuna in water, and 4 oz. fruit bowls. In addition to food, diapers & wipes are also appreciated.

To see Good Sam's complete Amazon wish list or to make a cash donation go to:

goodsamofgarland.org.

Bring the kids, a neighbor, a friend, out-of-town relatives – everyone is welcome!

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you.

If you would like to help with the block party, call or text Margi Bice at (214) 587-5206.



In 2022 we collected 242 pounds of food and 41 pounds of liquid hand soap for our Good Samaritans Food Drive.

Article contributed by: [Jim Nearingder](#)

Garage Sale 2023 Review

Well, another great event has come and gone. Maybe it doesn't compare to the eclipse, but some people wore special glasses to watch it. And maybe the attendance wasn't as high as the State Fair Opening Day, but lots of people stopped to browse, buy treasures, and talk.

Like many other great events, The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Garage Sale will not be seen for another year. We are already planning for record attendance in 2024; save the date—September 27 and 28, 2024.

The 2023 sale was year 17. We have had as many as 24 sign up one year and as few as 14 another year. If we try to find an average of 17 per year (17 is a good number for this year...see 17 average for 17th sale), that is 289 garage sales under the OHNA umbrella. (Yes, we know garage sales go on all year without us. How is that possible?)

Each year OHNA gets the permits from code compliance, provides a yard sign, puts signs outside the neighborhood, and advertises through social media. Sometimes the procedure runs very smoothly; sometimes we have a few glitches. (People have been very forgiving and still talk to me.) People have garage sales for two reasons: to clean out the house and to make a little money.

Actually, there is a third important reason: to meet people. This year I met neighbors, people from other parts of Garland, folks from Royce City and Forney, people on their way to and from work or to and from school, and those visiting family.

I did okay meeting people and cleaning some things out of the house. Did I make a fortune? Well, no. I might have if I had sold tools, jewelry, records, vintage clothing, collectors' items, or military memorabilia. As you can tell, my stock was ordinary, some might say uninspiring, insipid, or dull.

But, other people have better stories. Some met people, cleaned out the house, AND made money. Maybe they had interesting, inspiring, and collectible items. In other words, something people really wanted.

Our garage sales also helped other people. Eleven households donated to Arms of Hope, a group that supports three children's homes, provides counseling for families and offers other services in Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, and Medina Counties. Thank you to those generous people.

Thanks to all the people who set up shop, greeted and entertained people. Thanks to the people in the neighborhood who went shopping. Special thanks to Jim Neargarder who made the maps, got the word out, and left town. Special thanks to Margi Bice and her crew who put out and picked up signs.

As you can see, the OHNA garage sale is more than just a sale. It is an event. A neighborhood event. With our own photographer. Thank you, Jan Alexander.



Submitted by: [Betty Roberts](#)

Crime Watch

Hello, Orchard Hills neighbors!

Our neighborhood is still one of the safest in the city according to our NPO, Officer Sherry. The biggest issue is cars being broken into. Be sure to lock your car doors and do not leave valuables inside. With the holidays coming up, be more watchful about your surroundings, especially if you have packages scheduled for delivery, and keep an eye on your mail.

When returning from the bank or check-cashing business, be on the lookout for someone following you. There is a scheme called Jugging that is happening to people returning to their next stop and being robbed. If you notice this happening, call the police and go to the police station. Get a description of the car and license plate if possible.

At our last quarterly Crime Watch meeting with the NPOs, the lady from the City of Emergency Preparedness for Garland spoke with us about being ready for any bad weather, extreme hot or cold conditions, flooding, and—God forbid—terrorist attacks. Have an emergency bag with a device able to pick up emergency broadcasts, water, food, a whistle, a flashlight, a charging station for your phone, and a NOAA weather radio. For a complete list, visit the City of Garland website.

That's all we have for now. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Crime Watch Coordinators
Jimmy and Nancy Hooten



Garden Workday/Tri-City Cleanup Review

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made the October OHNA Garden Workday & Tri-City Cleanup a success - Betty Roberts (lead coordinator), Leslie Cooper, Steve Hogue, Nina Hogue, Stevie Hogue, Maria King, Rhonda Spence (coordinator), and Margi Bice. New connections were made. Gardening wisdom was shared. And stories were told all while cleaning up 13 large bags of trash and weeds in our neighborhood. Then a festive lunch was held at the Shriner's Park on Lake Ray Hubbard. Prizes, music, food, and fellowship were enjoyed by all the volunteers from the cities of Garland, Dallas, and Rowlett. It was a fun and gratifying day. OHNA looks forward to participating again next year!

The tri-city had a total of 341 volunteers (118 were under 18) + support staff that collected 8,980 lbs. of litter and 7,975 lbs. of tires to be recycled.

Submitted by: [Margi Brice](#)

Yard of the Season

Our OHNA Yard of the Season for fall is the lovely home at 825 Carney Drive. Aurelia and William Drake previously lived on Medina in Garland and wanted a yard with a little more sun.

In the side yard they have vitex, irises, lantana, oak leaf hydrangea, yuccas, color guard yucca, cholla cactus, prickly pear, salvia, sedum, petunias, diamond frost euphoria, moss rose, angelonia, nandina, blue daze, sweet potato vine, and gaura.

In the front yard they have ming fern, Thai basil, holly bushes, Japanese holly ferns, ajuga, coleus, celosia, autumn joy sedum, pepper plants, forsythia, pomegranate bush, cannas, yaupon hollies, and lots of pretty pumpkins.

The backyard is so beautiful and interesting. It's a shame it can't all be in the front, too. There is variegated ginger, horsetail reed, rose bush, cosmos, moonflower, milkweed, catmint, assorted cacti, African irises, lamb's ear, indigo bush, begonias, Malabar spinach, spider web aurelia, holly bushes, coral bells, passion flower, pentas, Thai basil, parsley, oregano, various succulents, Mexican petunias, various ferns, thyme, rosemary, chocolate mint, and a pomegranate tree.

The Drakes said they absolutely love this neighborhood, and we're so glad to have them.



OHNA Wins Newsletter of the Year!

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association gets the 2023 Neighborhood Newsletter of the Year award from the City of Garland.

Thank you to all who contribute articles to make this happen.

Special thanks to Mollie Wright who proof reads the articles and Alexa Shapiro, our Managing Editor, who creates the newsletter.

Submitted by: [Jim Nearing](#)



Help with Social Media and the Newsletter

There are opportunities big and small to get engaged in the neighborhood and make a difference.

Please consider serving in any capacity on our social media platform.

- Newsletter Publications
 - write articles
 - get interviewed about your experiences in Orchard Hills Neighborhood
 - coordinate printing of 1st quarter newsletter
- Events
 - create flyers
 - coordinate printing of flyers
- Website (WordPress)
 - add content
 - help administer the site
 - administrate newsletter distribution list
- Facebook
 - monitor posts
 - publish events and newsletter
 - review requests for joining the group
- Nextdoor
 - publish events and newsletters to the neighborhood
- X (Formerly Twitter)
 - publish events and newsletter

Contact us at Volunteer@ohna.us and let us know how you'd like to help!

Submitted by: [Jim Nearing](#)

A Travel Through Time

Radio Towers



Images from Dallas County Records

Save the Date

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2019 Bond Drainage Projects Open House
 November 28th - 5:00pm to 6:30pm
 The Atrium
 300 N 5th St

For further details see District 5 update article.

District 5 Town Hall
 November 30th - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 South Garland Branch Library,
 4845 Broadway Blvd

For further details see District 5 update article.

Rick Oden Park Playground is OPEN!



District 5 Update • Margaret Lucht



The Holidays are right around the corner. I have a Town Hall this month, and there is also a very important open house for the Saturn Springs Drainage Project.

District 5 Town Hall

November 30th – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd

GPD will address the skatepark and share information about reporting loud music and gunshots.

Animal Services will tackle loose dog issues and the state of the shelter. Parking Marshals will talk about parking violations and how to address them. Code Compliance topics will address the STR (Short-Term Rental) ordinance, overcrowded residences, and businesses operating out of homes. I will also give a district update and give an eAssist demonstration.

2019 BOND DRAINAGE PROJECTS OPEN HOUSE

November 28th – 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

The Atrium, 300 N 5th St

Learn about the three drainage improvement projects in the 2019 Bond Program: Country Club Park Estates, Montclair No.2 and No.3, and Saturn Springs Estates. Share thoughts and ask questions during this come-and-go event. The Saturn Springs Drainage Project is especially important for OHNA residents as it will directly affect the entire neighborhood. I will keep the OHNA board updated as the project progresses.

RICK ODEN PARK PHASE TWO COMPLETE

The whole park is open and ready for the Garland community to enjoy. There are a handful of upgraded and new amenities at the park, including a new playground, shade structure, and a pedestrian bridge. There are benches and water fountains throughout. The park also features new restrooms and walking trails, paving improvements, and a baseball field.

GARLAND'S DOWNTOWN SQUARE GRAND OPENING

The crowd showed up on October 14th as Garland celebrated the long-awaited grand opening of the Downtown Square and the State's dedication of Garland's Bankhead Cultural Arts District. An estimated 10,000+ people attended the Downtown Garland Square Grand Opening! Additional data showed that approximately 45% of Saturday's attendees live outside of Garland and spent an average of 140 minutes on the Square. Seven Garland Mayors and many former Council Members were also there for the festivities. Since the opening, the square has seen many visitors, and downtown businesses have reported increased sales and patrons.

2023 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

November 11th – 8:00 am to Noon

Garland Fire Administration, 1500 State Highway 66

The Neighborhood Summit includes speakers, workshops, and takeaways for residents to use in their neighborhood. This year's theme is The Heart of a Neighborhood. Discover how creating enduring relationships through the arts is the foundation for vibrant communities. Neighbors from Garland, Plano, Rowlett, and surrounding communities will gather to learn about making connections by harnessing neighborhood creativity for unique neighborhoods. Discover a network of community talent that can energize your block and strengthen your neighborhood.

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CHRISTMAS RETURNS TO THE SQUARE

December 7th - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Downtown Garland

Don't miss the Return of Christmas on the Square. A performance by Q the Band, live reindeer, carolers, a snow hill, photos with Santa Claus, food vendors, restaurants, and, of course, the tree lighting. While you're downtown, hop over to Magic 11th Street for their Christmas-Town event. Seven dwellings will be open for tours. Costumed interpreters will be stationed on 11th Street to talk about the history of the neighborhood, founded in 1913. 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Tickets are required for the 11th Street event. Christmas on the Square is a free event.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

December 14th – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street

For those who enjoy a calmer Christmas celebration, City Hall will host a sensory-friendly event with Santa and fun activities. The event is small and quiet, perfect for those who want to avoid a big crowd. The event is geared toward children, but all ages are welcome to participate.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As always, I'm here if you need me. Please feel free to call, text, or email.

Yours in cheerful service,

Margaret Lucht, District 5 Councilwoman

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The 1st quarter is printed and delivered to around 600 houses in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) boundary.

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

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

Price of Newsletter Ads:

- \$25 Business Card Size
- \$45 Quarter Page
- \$60 Half Page

See details at: ads.ohna.us

Proposed OHNA Event Calendar for 2024

January

09 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
18 Crime Watch meeting

February

13 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
24 Garden Work Day

March

12 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
16 Garden Work Day

April

09 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
13 Garden Work Day
18 Annual Meeting & Crime Watch meeting
20 OHNA Plant Sale

May

14 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
18 Garden Work Day

June

01 Picnic
11 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
15 Garden Work Day

July

09 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
18 Crime Watch Meeting
27 Garden Work Day

August

13 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting

September

10 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
21 Garden Work Day
27,28 Garage Sale

October

05 Garden Work Day
08 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
17 Crime Watch Meeting

November

12 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting
16 Garden Work Day

December

07 Food Drive
10 OHNA Monthly Board Meeting



 Board Meetings
 Events
 Garden Work Day
 Holiday/Misc.

April
 18 Annual Meeting
 20 Plant Sale
 June
 1 Picnic
 September
 27 Garage Sale
 28 Garage Sale
 December
 7 Food Drive

2024

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OHNA Calendar

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