



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Recycle
- 15 Garden Work Day
- 27 Recycle

July

- 09 Board Meeting
- 11 Recycle
- 25 Recycle
- 27 Garden Work Day

August

- 06 Recycle
- 13 Board Meeting
- 22 Recycle

September

- 05 Recycle
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Garden Work Day
- 19 Recycle
- 27 Garage Sale
- 28 Garage Sale

ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

Second Quarter 2024

Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association Newsletter publication was voted 1st Place at Neighborhood USA.



CONGRATULATIONS

1st place in the Newsletter
Competition



ORCHARD HILLS NA



District 5 Update

District 5 Project Updates:

Miller Rd - Glenbrook to Ridgecrest

- Project length 15 months (June 2025)
- Temporary speed limit 25 mph

Interstate 635

- Expected completion December 2025
- \$2.6 Billion budget not increased

Saturn Springs Estates Drainage Improvements

- In 60% design phase
- Estimated completion late 2026
- Individual meetings can be scheduled once design is complete

Rick Oden Splash Pad

- In design phase
- Estimated completion early 2026

Shiloh Road Expansion - Kingsley to Miller

- In 60% design phase
- Right of Way acquisition initiated

City of Garland Comprehensive Plan

- Verdunity hired as consultant
- Economic-based approach with guidance for redevelopment
- Align existing master plans
- Community engagement: surveys, open houses, neighborhood meetings
- Project timeline 20 months

StarChase

- Police shoot a GPS "tag" onto suspects vehicles engaged in pursuits
- Reduces risk to life and property
- Unknown implementation date (estimated late 2024)

Community Update:

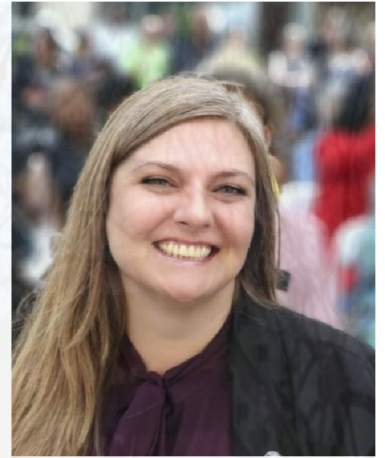
Please celebrate Betty Robert's wonderful life by having tea with a neighbor, tending the gardens, and giving time to make an impact in the community. Betty left a positive fingerprint on everyone she encountered, and she will be dearly missed.

Margaret Lucht

District 5 City Councilwoman

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He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,
it shall be counted a curse to him.
Proverbs 27:14 KJV

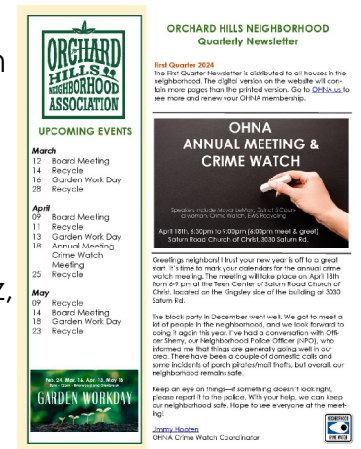


Newsletter Distribution

Kudos to these folks for getting the first newsletter of the year out to each and every house in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood. This team wrote, designed, edited, printed and delivered the OHNA newsletter just for you!

Todd Alexander, Greg Alford, Hillary Arrieta, Vickie Askew, Margi Bice, Deborah & Ray Bond, Leslie Cooper, Donna Fielding, Theresa Hernandez, Jimmy & Nancy Hooten, Margaret Lucht, Maria King, Nancy Mendoza, Jim Neargarder, Phillip & Rebecca Paris, Betty Roberts, Jon & Clarice Segala, Rhonda Spence, Cathy Stark, Susan Thompson, and Mollie Wright.

Working together we stay connected.



Larry Drive and Patrice Drive were named after Larry and Patrice (Pat) Poore.
the children of Lawrence F. (Buddy) and Dorothy Carney Poore,
Dorothy is the daughter of J.D. Elizabeth Axe Carney.



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Yard of the Season goes to...2602 South Glenbrook

The recognition for the Spring 2024 Yard of the Season goes to 2602 South Glenbrook.

Homeowners Dorrance and Teresa Patterson have lived there for 36 1/2 years. They have done several renovations to the inside of the house. Dorrance grew up just a few houses down in the two story house at Glenbrook and Saturn Springs.

This year Dorrance and Teresa are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They have three children and nine grandchildren. One of the main reasons they bought their home was that it backs up to Duck Creek. Dorrance wanted his children and grandchildren to be able to experience the creek like he did growing up.

In the front yard is a beautiful 100-year-old oak tree. Holly bushes and dogwood shrubs frame the front and side of the house. A maple tree stands at the corner of the house. There is a beautiful African iris growing in the front flowerbed with Texas sage, Diamond Spire gardenia, and Waxleaf Ligustrums. Hot pink dianthus and hostas as well as Nandinas are also in the flowerbed. Finally, if you peek into the backyard you can see two large pecan trees thriving by the creek.

Article contributed by
[Cathy Stark](#)



To nominate a Yard of the Season, send the physical address
to: yard-of-the-season@ohna.us



Annual Meeting and Crime Watch Review

The annual meeting of the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association was held on the evening of April 18, 2024 at the Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Road, Garland, TX. Twenty-four residents and guests enjoyed homemade cookies as they mingled before the meeting. Margi Bice, Co-Chair, began the meeting with a prayer. Secretary Cathy Stark led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rhonda Spence, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$4,614.35. Many members took the opportunity to renew their OHNA membership at the meeting. Cathy Stark presented the minutes from last year's annual meeting, which were approved. Donna Fielding, Board Member at Large, led a mixer activity in which participants shared favorite cleaning tips. Magic Eraser, white vinegar, and baking soda were all staples in many homes, but I bet most people don't know that Coke does an excellent job cleaning grimy outside windows! Just be sure to rinse well. Jim Neargarder produced a wonderful slide show of OHNA through the years. You may view the photos at ohna.us. It was fun going down memory lane yet sobering to see how many active association members are no longer with us.

Mayor Scott LeMay kicked off the program with a review of what was accomplished in Garland this past year and what exciting things are upcoming. The 2019 bond package has financed many projects throughout Garland, including renovated parks and Fire Station No. 6. The Holford Park renovation is expected to be finished by early 2026. It will include a lazy river. The Central Library has been completely gutted and will open mid-2026. Downtown Garland Square is now complete from its renovation project. The Bob Day Tennis Complex at Tuckerville Park will open in 2026. Mayor LeMay encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day, May 4th. Surprisingly only 3-4% of Garland citizens vote. He also told us he is starting his last year as Mayor of Garland, as his term will max out in May 2025.

Michelle Stuyvesant, from the sanitation department, gave a presentation on where all our trash goes, how it is processed, what items can and cannot be recycled, and how we can reduce the amount of trash that goes into Garland's landfill. Many of the answers to our questions could be found in the Waste Wizard link at the City of Garland's Sanitation web page. You can type in any item, and it will tell you how to properly dispose of it. Not sure what you can put in the blue recycle bin? Ask the Waste Wizard! For example, here's how to dispose of an old smoke detector: "Remove batteries before placing smoke detector in the trash. Batteries may be taken to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center." Also, mark your calendar for the next free shredding event, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. - noon at 1426 Commerce Street.

Garland Police Officer Nicholas Sherry, who is assigned to our neighborhood, was introduced by Jimmy Hooten, the leader of our neighborhood crime watch. Officer Sherry reported that our neighborhood has one of the lowest incidents of crime in the city. However we should still lock our car doors, keep our garage doors closed, and call 911 if you see anything that looks out of place (ex. person or vehicle). Officer Sherry reminded us that we are the eyes and ears of our neighborhood. Watch for Amazon packages left on your porch; they are being stolen. If you hear gunshots, call the police. There is more police presence at the skatepark on the weekends. Also, call the police if you see large gatherings of cars, as they could be assembling for street races. The Garland Police Department offers courses for residents. The Citizens' Police Academy, a 13-week class, is offered each spring. The Citizens' Fire Academy is offered in the fall. Also, the one-day, 4-hour Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) class is currently accepting enrollment. Jimmy Hooten highly recommends taking any and all of the classes. <https://www.garlandtx.gov/461/Citizens-on-Patrol-COP>



Annual Meeting and Crime Watch Review- continued

Our City Councilwoman, Margaret Lucht, gave a report on District 5. The road construction at Glenbrook and Miller is scheduled for completion by June 2025. We will have left turn lanes to alleviate the traffic at that busy intersection. The LBJ highway expansion is still on schedule and set to be done December 2025. Another major project coming to Orchard Hills is the Saturn Springs Drainage Project. This will impact the streets within Overhill to Glenbrook to Briarwood to Saturn as well as Saturn Springs to Glenbrook, Locke to Carney to Saturn and possibly Kynn, Dale and Charles. The design phase is 60% complete now. After bids are received, the anticipated start time is fall of 2025. The multi-million dollar street project will replace our outdated sewer lines, improve the underground drainage system to alleviate flooding in our streets and yards, and replace asphalt surfaces with paved streets. Sidewalks will also be renewed or added where there are none. A special meeting was held on April 30, 2024 to cover this drainage project in depth.

Prizes were awarded to the newest Orchard Hills resident, Jaric Jones, and the longest-term resident, Jimmy Hooten. Everyone in attendance won a door prize. Our generous prize donors were: the new Olive Garden at 13771 LBJ Frwy; Piefalootin' at 2441 Goldfinch, Garland; Honey from BeeGirl.Biz; and City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality.

OHNA has plans for a full year ahead with flags displayed three times a year, neighborhood garden work days each month, a garage sale in September, and a block party & food drive in December. And if all this isn't enough, we have a new walking group that formed at the annual meeting. People making connections and sharing interests! If you are interested in joining the walking group, call 214-587-5206.

Article contributed by
[Margi Bice](#)



Thank you to those who contributed to making our meeting a success.



Christi Boughman
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We Mucked the Duck!

On Saturday, May the FOURTH, the FORCE was definitely with us! Leslie Cooper, Samantha Youngblood, and I joined the Duck Creek Cleanup. We removed comforters, blankets, shoes, tents, plastic bags, plastic bottles, beer cans, some things we didn't recognize, and some things we can't mention! The strangest things we found were half of a grocery cart, a complete grocery cart, and a crutch for a really tall person.

We saw turtles, minnows, and a baby copperhead! No one got hurt except for a skinned knee.

I've lived in this neighborhood since 1986. This was my first time in the creek. It's beautiful!

We cleaned out a lot, but there is so much more that needs to be done. Some of the stuff was just way too heavy for us to even move.

Please help keep this lovely treasure in our neighborhood clear of the garbage that makes its way there.

Article contributed by
[Rhonda Spence](#)



Neighborhood Flags

From "The Flag Speaks" (The United States Flag Association, Unknown Author)

Stirring are the stories of my stars and stripes.
I represent the Declaration of Independence.
I stand for the Constitution of the United States.
I reflect the wealth and grandeur of the great Land of Opportunity.
I signify the Law of the Land.
I tell the achievements and progress of the American people in art and science, culture and literature, invention and commerce, trade and industry.
I stand for peace and goodwill among the nations of the world.
I believe in tolerance.
I am the badge of the nation's Greatness, and the emblem of its Destiny.
Threaten Me and Millions Will Spring to My Defense.
I AM THE AMERICAN FLAG.

In Orchard Hills, one of our cherished traditions is adorning our streets with American flags three times each year in honor of Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. These flags, proudly displayed in the front yards of 578 homes, are meticulously placed by dedicated neighborhood volunteers. However, we warmly welcome additional assistance. Engaging in this endeavor serves as a meaningful community service opportunity for your children, a bonding experience for families, or simply a chance for some outdoor activity and the possibility of forging new connections with neighbors. Witnessing the streets lined with these flags is truly a sight to behold. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contribute to making this initiative possible. If you're interested in joining us in distributing flags or coordinating this initiative, please reach out to Cathy at cathy@ohna.us.

Article contributed by
[Cathy Stark](#)



Betty Roberts

Betty Lou Templer Roberts

Betty Lou Templer Roberts passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the age of 86. Betty was born to Cloma and N.I. Templer on May 27, 1937, in Merkel, Texas. She grew up on a farm in Rotan, Texas and graduated from Abilene Christian College (ACC) in 1959. Betty met her future husband Gerow Roberts while in the band at ACC. They married on January 23, 1959.



Betty moved to Garland in 1966 with her husband, Gerow and their four children. She taught English at South Garland High School for about 20 years and was the head of the English department. After she retired from public school teaching, she taught in the Dallas County Community College District for another 20 years.

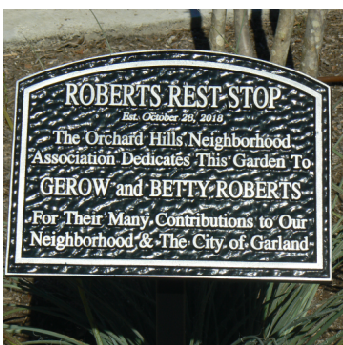
She was a faithful, active member of Austin Street Church of Christ from 1966 until it closed its doors in 2004. She is founding member of North Pointe Church of Christ in Sachse where she served as a ladies Bible class teacher and anywhere she was needed. The ladies class formed a quilting group and have made 100s of quilts to donate to children's homes and the Navajo Indian Reservation for the last 20 years. Betty had a quilt project going at all times.

Betty did not let retirement slow her down. In addition to church, she actively volunteered for Keep Garland Beautiful and helped organize and run the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association. She was always volunteering in a various activity.

Betty and Gerow own a 160 acre farm in Bowie, Texas where they loved to spend their free time. Since the passing of her husband, Betty continued to go there and feel closer to him and enjoy the outdoors.

Betty Roberts was predeceased in death by her husband of 59 years, Gerow Roberts and her grandson, Zachary Roberts.

She is survived by her four children Geri R. Wyatt, Gary Roberts, Bryan Roberts, and Brenna Berry; her son-in-law Keith Wyatt, grandchildren, Jamison Wyatt, Sheridan Wyatt, Mackenzie Wyatt, Kaelyn Wyatt and Cameron Wyatt, and great grandson, Cayden Gerow Wyatt; her son-in-law Michael Berry, grandchildren Kristan Neeb, Jonathan Berry and Alison Berry, and great granddaughter Eleanor Ruth Berry; and her brother Jerry Templer, sister-in-law Claudia Templer, nephew, James Templer and niece, Laura Cossey. She leaves behind countless friends from the church and the community.



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(Not just tornadoes)



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I have been told the location had the following businesses there over the years:

- Koffee Cup
- Clay's Restaurant
- Blackhawk Restaurant
- Beef House

If you have any further information on this please email me at history@ohna.us



Membership



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, or our social media groups on Facebook, Nextdoor, Website or X. The annual fee is \$20 per year for household, renewed annually at the annual meeting in April.

Send completed form along with a check made payable to
Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) to
P.O. Box 472685 Garland, TX 75047-2685.
or join/renew at join.ohna.us with credit card

Neighborhood Opportunities



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

Please consider serving at any capacity on the OHNA board or on an event committee.

- **Publication Distribution** (help deliver newsletters and flyers to homes in the neighborhood)
- **USA Flag Display** (help put out flags 3x a year)
- **Annual Block Party**
- **Annual Fall Garage Sale**
- **Garden Work Days**
- **Newsletter Articles**
- **Social Media Postings**



There are so many places where you can join in, meet some neighbors and bring about the change you want to see in your neighborhood! We promise you will have fun! Contact us at Volunteer@OHNA.us for more information.





OHNA Board

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flags@ohna.us

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

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newsletter@ohna.us

Subscribe to the newsletter
subscribe.ohna.us

Social Media

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Get Involved!

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Important Contacts

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