



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 Recycle
- 14 Garden Work Day
- 26 Recycle
- 27 Garage Sale
- 28 Garage Sale

October

- 05 Garden Work Day
- 08 Board Meeting
- 10 Recycle
- 17 Crime Watch Meeting
- 24 Recycle

November

- 02 End of Daylight Savings
- 07 Recycle
- 12 Board Meeting
- 16 Garden Work Day
- 21 Recycle

Recycle Calendar:

https://www.garlandtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16285/2024-BYCalendar_ENG-v4

ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

Third Quarter 2024

Hopefully everyone is making their way back to normal after the May 28, 2024 storm that hit our neighborhood. Even though many properties in our neighborhood sustained damage, we are forever grateful that there was no loss of life. If you still need help with storm recovery, reach out to OHNA, and we will help connect you with a resource for assistance.

Summertime is winding down, and fall activities are filling up the calendar. Be watchful of children going to and coming home from school. Make note of all the events coming up in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood:

- Garden Workdays on Sept 14, Oct 5, and Nov 16
- Garage Sale on Sept 27 & 28
- City Clean Up Day on Oct 5
- Crime Watch Meeting on Oct 17
- Tea in the Garden in Memory of Betty Roberts on Oct 27
- Block Party on Dec 7

There is plenty of opportunity to serve your community or just stop and enjoy time with a neighbor. We aim to have something for everyone. New ideas are always welcome!

Sincere thanks to all the dedicated members of the OHNA Board who serve this neighborhood throughout the year. The gift of your time and talents is much appreciated. Our monthly board meetings are open to all Orchard Hills residents. We welcome you to come to the next meeting and share your ideas!

Margi Bice
OHNA Co-Chair



Tea in the Garden
in memory of Betty Roberts

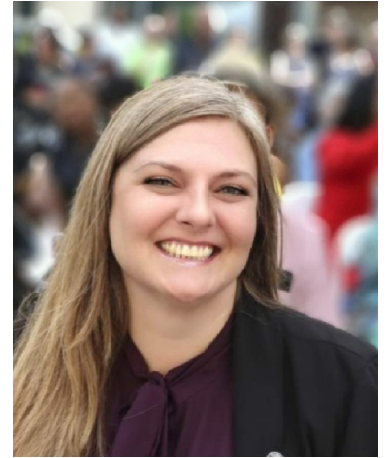
October 27th

at Robert's Rest Stop from 2 pm to 4 pm

District 5 Update

Greetings, Orchard Hills Neighbors!

In the wake of the May 28 storm, we have come together as a family, stronger and more united than ever. Though these times have been challenging, it is heartwarming to witness the resilience and spirit that define our city. Seeing neighbors come together to help each other clear debris and fallen trees, share homes and generators with those who had no power, and donate food and water has been truly inspiring. Your acts of kindness and cooperation demonstrate the strength and unity of our community. Together, we have overcome hardships and emerged even more resilient. Let us continue to support each other and extend a helping hand wherever needed. This is our city, our Garland, and I am so proud to be part of it.



District 5 Town Hall

Our next District 5 Town Hall meeting will be August 29, 2024, at 6:00pm at the South Garland Branch Library. There will be presentations from the Sanitation Department and GP&L. I will also provide a District 5 update and instructions for residents affected by the Montclair Drainage Project. Regarding the Saturn Springs Drainage Project, residents will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with staff once the plans are at 60%.

2024 Garland Community Survey

The results are in! We had 7% participation rate from randomly selected households and 1,193 responses from open participation. Here are the priorities set by survey participants:

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|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Utilities | 4) Mobility | 7) Community Design | 10) Inclusivity and Engagement |
| 2) Safety | 5) Education, Arts, and Culture | 8) Parks and Recreation | |
| 3) Economy | 6) Health and Wellness | 9) Natural Environment | |

FY 2024-25 Budget

Council members attended a pre-budget workshop on July 27. The discussion focused on major cost drivers for personnel, operational costs, and long-term funding initiatives for retiree COLA. Economic development, a future bond program, streets, drainage, and facilities improvements were also discussed. There is no proposed tax rate increase; however, there are proposed utility rate adjustments (based on a typical residential user):

- **Electric Utility Rates:** No increase
- **Water Utility Rates:** Expected 2.6% increase (\$1.66)
- **Wastewater Utility Rates:** Expected 3.5% increase (\$1.16)
- **Sanitation Residential Rates:** To be determined
- **Stormwater Residential Rates:** Expected 12.8% increase (\$0.65)

I encourage you to participate in the upcoming public hearings to provide input on the proposed budget:

- **August 5:** Presentation of the proposed budget.
- **August 17:** Special session for departmental presentations and discussions.
- **August 19:** Regular session for council discussion.
- **August 20 & 27:** Public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate.
- **September 3:** Final overview, public hearing, and scheduled adoption of the budget and tax rate.



District 5 Update (continued)

Best of Big D

The latest edition of D Magazine highlights our new Downtown Square as the "Best Suburban Project." Dana Lodge, CVB, Special Events and Downtown Development Director, recently released the news and included, "The editors of D Magazine, known for their commitment to uncovering the best North Texas has to offer, traveled throughout the region. In their search for standout locations, they found our Downtown Square to perfectly embody our initial vision: a vibrant, community-focused destination. Their recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication that has made Downtown Garland a vibrant gathering place for visitors and residents alike. This accolade reinforces Downtown Garland as an ideal location for small businesses to flourish."

Sanitation Update

Residential curbside trash and recycling services are operating on schedule and without interruption. However, following the increased workload from the May storm, the City's Sanitation team is currently behind on large brush and bulky item pickups. Despite this, they remain dedicated to residential curbside debris collection and have identified additional utility easements in need of debris removal. The Sanitation team is working extended hours and will continue until all routes are up to date. So far, over 24,398 tons (48,796,000 pounds) of storm debris have been collected. If you have debris issues, please report them on eAssist or call 972-205-3500.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Yours in humble service,
Margaret Lucht
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
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Yard of the Season goes to...1309 Dale Drive

Giovanni Oviedo decided to purchase in this neighborhood in 2018 for the size of the lot. He is a small business owner and needed space to accommodate equipment. In the past few years, the Oviedo family has worked tirelessly to transform what was once a small wood frame house into this brick beauty accented with white stone. This hidden gem, located at 1309 Dale Drive in the heart of the Orchard Hills Neighborhood, is Yard of the Season.

One could easily spend quite a bit of time sitting on the Oviedo front porch in one of their comfy rockers enjoying the calming display of colors from the petunias with the occasional bursts of yellow, red, and orange from the Pampas Plumes Cockscomb that fill each of the three flower beds extending from porch to sidewalk. Rose bushes grace the front of the home along with a couple of big rocks he brought home from Wisconsin. Whimsical characters of frogs and turtles dot the lawn. In a place of honor by the entrance, a plaque declares the family name and date established.

Proudly demonstrating his new irrigation system—controllable from his smartphone—Giovanni has installed a lawn sprinkler and an individual drip at each tree and planter to ensure proper watering.

There is fencing around the back of the property to provide privacy and security and act as a buffer for the occasional family celebration. This magnificent display is a delight to any neighborhood walker such as me. Giovanni's daughter shared that delivery men regularly comment how they slow down when approaching their home to take in the beauty on display and check to see what has been added.

Giovanni faithfully continues his part to Keep Garland Beautiful having recently added a few peach trees along the parkway. As of this writing, an Ash tree, a Fig, and some Begonias stand ready for the planting.

The Giovanni family is an inspiration to their neighbors and neighborhood.



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



Yard of the Season (continued)



Article contributed by
[Donna Fielding](#)

In a garden where blossoms repose,
Grow petunias, cockscomb, and rose.
With colors so bright,
They bloom day and night,
In a scene where pure beauty bestows.



Crime Watch



Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting
 Thursday, October 17th, 6:30 PM
 Saturn Road Church of Christ
 3030 Saturn Rd. (NE Corner of Kingsley and Saturn)
 Teen Center off of the south parking lot.



Hello, Orchard Hills neighbors and friends!

Hope everyone is doing well and surviving the heat. The cool spell in July was a welcome relief. Criminals don't care what the temperature is—if there is stuff for the taking, they will get it any way they can. It's up to us to make it more difficult for them by making sure our car doors are locked and nothing is in plain sight for them to see.

According to Officer Sherry, our NPO, all has been fairly quiet in the neighborhood except for some petty things going on. There have been some small crimes committed at the skate park, and they were putting extra patrols in the area. It's good to see people out walking around the neighborhood; that helps to deter some thieves from looking around. Remember, if you see something suspicious, call and report it to the police.

We are having a Crime Watch meeting on October 17 at 6:30 pm at the Saturn Road Church of Christ at 3030 Saturn Rd. It will be in the teen center off the south parking lot. Hope to see everyone there!

[Jimmy Hooten](#)
 Crime Watch Coordinator

In our neighborhood, stay aware,
 Lock your car doors with great care.
 Report sights suspicious,
 Your call's expeditious,
 Together, we'll keep trouble rare!



Garden Workday



Don't get lost in the weeds

Garden Workdays

September 14th

October 5th

November 16th

8 am to 12 pm

meet at Robert's Rest Stop
Briarwood and Glenbrook



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Old Newspaper ad of person who lived in the neighborhood

J. D. Carney - 1235 Carney Drive
Garland Daily News
March 31, 1957 Page 9

ATTENTION-TAXPAYERS



I have accepted to become a candidate for the office of councilman for the City of Garland at the insistence of numerous of my friends who had a petition out for me before I was aware of it. Their faith in my qualifications to serve them I consider an honor. I have lived in this community all of my life. My experience has been in the government field most of my life. If I am elected to the City Council, I believe the first thing I would do would be to look at the salaries of the bosses, sub-bosses, assistant bosses and the assistant-assistant bosses, then I would see if each had a secretary and had a car or pick-up furnished and the necessity. I know who is producing, if the majority of the Council would vote with me, we would inform the City Manager that he would have to get along without the others. We do not believe the people who are actually doing the work are being paid enough. I also know that some of the highly paid employees are not worth what they are getting. I also advocate hiring local labor.

J. D. CARNEY
1235 Carney Dr.

Published Ad. Paid By Friends of J. D. Carney

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We've got thousands of dollars worth of machinery sitting idle and rusting out that we could be using to fix our streets and install our water and sewer mains cheaper than they are doing it now, and we could keep a labor force that would be experienced as we grow. If we are not going to use that equipment, let's sell it and widen some bridges we need, buy future park sites, and put some sidewalks where our school children have to travel.

We are never going to lower city taxes (and they cost everybody extra dollars every month) unless we cut some overhead. We are a city of 28,000 people set up on a basis of a city of 125,000 people. We can't afford that.

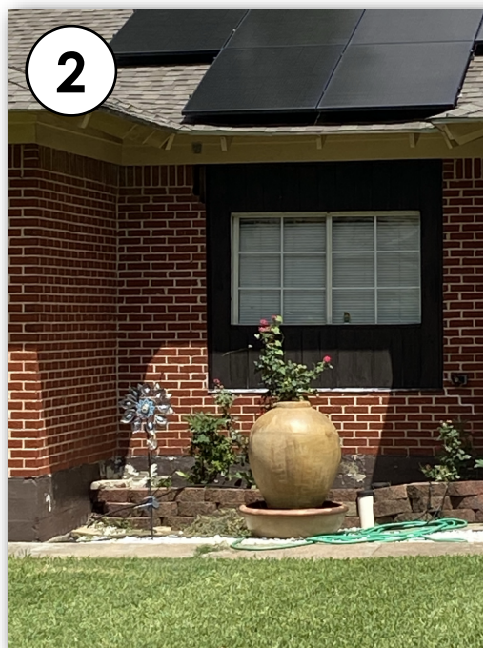
We need more co-operation with out State Highway Department and our County Road system. Our County Commissioner of a court order passed whereby he would help us take care of 10 of our major streets. With a little more co-operation. part of our county tax dollars would be coming back to us instead of going somewhere else, and our city tax dollars correspondingly less.

We need adequate personnel to run the new light plant if it is to be operated profitably. That plant should enable Garland to have things that other cities don't have without having to use tax money for them.

If it is the wishes of the majority of the taxpayers of Garland that the City Council, Plan Commission, or zoning board be expanded, I am for it.

If elected my policy would be for the City Manager to run the city, but the City Council wouldn't be looked upon as a board of directors with the City Manager making most of the decisions as has been the case in the past. I can assure you that all problems concerning the City will get my careful consideration and I will not go along just to get along if it looks like a bad decision for the city

J. D. Carney
1235 Carney Dr.



Get out and explore our neighborhood!

Please Note:
All items are visible from the sidewalk/street.
There will be no need to go on any property.



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Where is Leo* today?

*Leo is not his real name,
it is "AJ" and comes from
a generation of lions at
this location.

LION

- Leo
- In
- Orchard Hills
- Neighborhood

Need a hint?:

[https://www.ohna.us/wordpr
ess/scavenger-hunt/](https://www.ohna.us/wordpress/scavenger-hunt/)

notes:

Mark their locations on this map



Kingsley Rd.

Submitted by [Rhonda](#) and Samantha

Garage Sale



18TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA) invites you to participate in the neighborhood-wide garage sale. OHNA will provide FREE permits, yard sale signs, and maps of participating homes. We will also advertise AND arrange with a local charity for a truck to come on Saturday afternoon to collect any unsold items you wish to donate.

Friday & Saturday September 27th - 28th



WHAT TO DO

- Make sure you are a current member of OHNA (\$20 per year). Renew online at join.ohna.us.
- Sign up to participate. Send an email with your name, address and phone number to garagesale@ohna.us by September 23rd.
- Pick up your signs, permits and maps on Thursday, September 26th from Rhonda at 916 Old Orchard between 5:00-7:00pm.

Upcoming Events:



October 17th - Crime Watch Meeting

December 7th - Neighborhood Block Party and Food Drive at Old Orchard Circle

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Past Garage Sale Items



2024 Block Party

SAVE the DATE! Saturday, December 7, 2024

OHNA Block Party & Food Drive

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

945 Old Orchard Dr. in the circle

The festive holiday block party and food drive benefiting Good Samaritans of Garland is coming back this year! We have our work cut out for us to beat last year's donation total of 401 pounds. Everyone is welcome for games, prizes, music, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and more!

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

Sign up now to help with the block party. Call or text [Margi Bice](tel:214-587-5206) at [214-587-5206](tel:214-587-5206).



Article contributed by
[Margi Bice](#)



Some Neighborhood Damage from May storm



Article contributed by
[Leslie Cooper](#)



Membership



Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

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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.





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Get Involved!

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