



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Recycle
- 13 District 5 Town Hall Meeting
- 15 Garden Work Day
- 27 Recycle

April

- 08 Board Meeting
- 10 Recycle
- 12 Garden Work Day
- 17 Annual Meeting and Crime Watch Meeting
- 24 Recycle

May

- 03 Garden Work Day
- 08 Recycle
- 14 Board Meeting
- 22 Recycle
- 24 Garden Work Day
- 26 Memorial Day Flags

Recycle Calendar
(2025):

https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?d=2025_sanitation_calendar&u=garlandtx

ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

First Quarter 2025

Last year we welcomed 20 new families to the neighborhood, said goodbye to a few longtime residents, and weathered the big storm together on May 28, 2024. Our neighborhood is ready for a fresh new year of productive gatherings, new connections, and growth in membership. Your OHNA board works year-round to plan events that bring us together as a vibrant, caring community. We welcome your ideas and participation for improving our neighborhood. Connect today at OHNA.us!

[Margi Bice](#), Co-Chair of OHNA

Annual Meeting, Thursday April 17th

Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to the OHNA Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025. This will be a fun and information-filled meeting. Meet & Greet starts at 6:00 p.m. Mayoral and school board candidates on the May 3, 2025 ballot will be there. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes Garland's Mayor, District 5 Councilwoman, our Neighborhood Police Officer, Animal Control, and our Youth Council Representative discussing issues of importance to our neighborhood. At the business meeting, per the by-laws of our association, we will elect OHNA officers for the 2025-2027 term. If you are interested in serving, we welcome self-nomination. This is an opportunity for you to take an active part in forming the future of Orchard Hills. The meeting is at Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Rd. Please use the parking lot off Kingsley. I look forward to seeing you there!

[Margi Bice](#), Co-Chair of OHNA

Code Cares

Code Cares is a program that matches volunteers with residents who might need assistance getting their property up to code. To find out more, call [972-485-6400](tel:972-485-6400) or visit <https://www.garlandtx.gov/276/Code-Compliance>



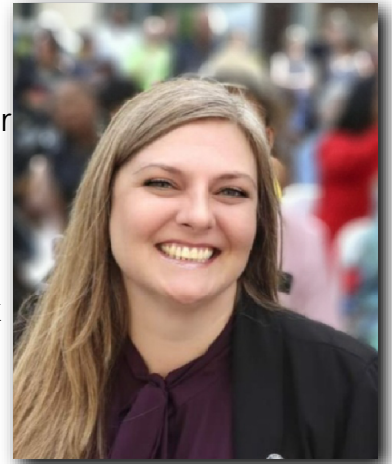
District 5 Update

Hello, Orchard Hills Neighbors!

I hope you're all doing well and having a great start to 2025! I'm excited for the year ahead and wanted to share a few updates for your neighborhood:

District 5 Town Hall

March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Garland Branch Library
Join me for a District 5 update and a presentation by the Homeless Task Force. I'll also be sharing information about the upcoming 2025 Bond and the City of Garland Comprehensive Plan.



City of Garland eNewsletters and Alerts

<https://www.garlandtx.gov/3545/City-Enewsletters>

Stay informed with a variety of updates, including General City News, which covers Garland City Press Briefs, neighborhood news, police announcements, and updates on street and infrastructure projects. For those interested in local activities, Recreation and Arts News offers updates on the Parks and Recreation Department, the Aquatics Division, the Granville Arts Center, and more. Additionally, the "Notify Me!" feature allows customized email or text notifications on a range of topics, helping residents stay up-to-date with what's happening in Garland. The timing for alerts can be customized to be automatic or specific to preferences.

Saturn Springs Drainage Project

<https://www.buildgarland.com>

Once the design reaches 60%, residents will have the opportunity to meet with the Engineering and Project Management Office to discuss concerns and review the plans. I'm closely monitoring this project and will ensure the community is informed once we hit that 60% milestone. The estimated date for project completion is the first quarter of 2029.

2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

<https://www.garlandtx.gov/3528/Annual-Budget-Documents>

The City Council will adopt the 2025 CIP Budget at the regular session meeting on February 4. This budget outlines large-scale projects and expenditures planned over the next five years. Visit the link to learn more about CIP projects in District 5 and across the city. Projects specific to Orchard Hills include:

- Saturn Springs Drainage Project (completion Q1 2029)
- Jack Coleman Tennis Courts conversion to pickleball courts (completion Q4 2026)
- Rick Oden Splash Pad (completion Q2 2026)
- Jon Comer Skatepark fencing (completion Q2 2025)

It's an honor to serve as your representative on the City Council. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns-I'm always here to help!

Margaret Lucht
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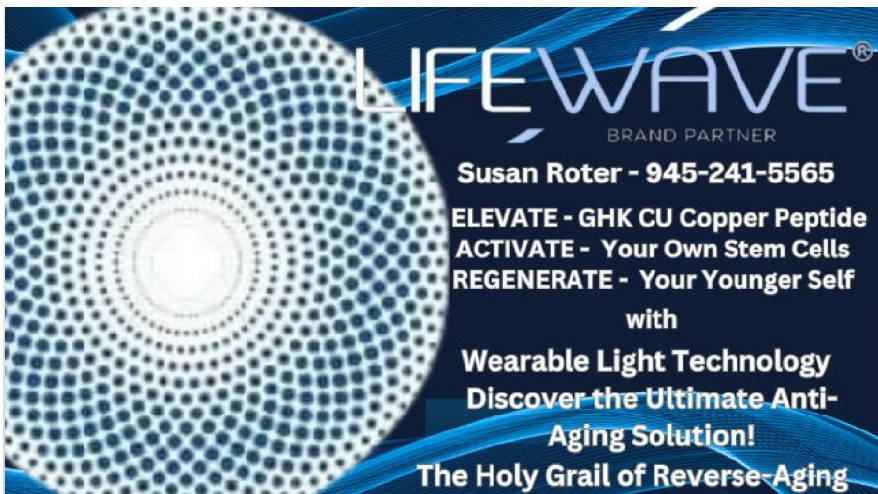
Food Drive & Block Party

Our Annual Block Party and Food Drive for Good Samaritans was a success despite the cold and drizzly weather. It was on December 7, 2024 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Orchard Circle. We collected 347 pounds of canned and boxed food as well as other dry goods and cleaning supplies. All donations went to Good Samaritans of Garland. Wendy Hardeman of Good Samaritans came to pick up the donations and talked to us about their services and volunteer program. OHNA would like to thank her and all of our neighbors who donated. We hope to see donations grow in 2025.

We had 47 neighbors in attendance. The Garland Fire Department came and gave a tour of their fire truck. Children and adults had fun climbing around inside. Our NPO Sherry stopped by for a visit, as did representatives from Animal Services. DJ Toney Smith played holiday classics. Hot dogs were grilled on site, and cookies and homemade hot chocolate were served. The Neighborhood Party Truck provided games.

A big thanks to all who came and made it a fun event. We look forward to the next Block Party in 2025!

Cathy Stark



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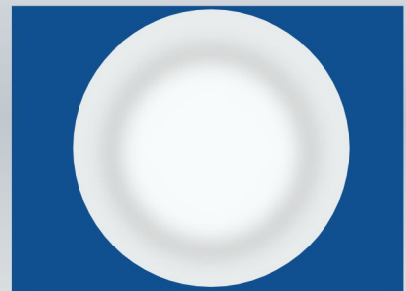
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This little patch could change your life!

*In a neighborhood lush and so green, Where gardens and tall trees are seen,
With neighbors so kind, A true peace of mind, A haven both bright and serene!*



Yard of the Season goes to... 2517 Glenbrook

The OHNA Yard of the Season award goes to the beautiful family of Tomas and Veronica Lopez. The Lopez family moved into our beloved Orchard Hills neighborhood two years ago. They selected this neighborhood and their specific property for its landscape: the coveted tall trees and large lots. Like many of us, during Hurricane Garland in 2024, Tomas lost some cherished trees and a few of his taller treetops.

Nevertheless, this home has nice curb appeal. One will appreciate the simple charm and clean design of this lawn. Walkers enjoy spotting each little eye-catching detail, from the adorable shoe planter sporting purple Kale to a bright spark 'n dazzle from a potted white Kale. Many passersby of this home will notice the heart-shaped flower bed enveloping a beautiful Magnolia tree in the front yard. The heart design for this lovely garden was a vision of Veronica's; Tomas and the entire family worked together to make this dream come true for her. Pansies fill the heart-shaped garden nested beneath the Magnolia. Tucked along the driveway is a delicate Blue Cypress. Visitors are welcomed from curb to door by white and purple Pansies spotted with two refreshingly green potted Pines. For a limited time, one may catch sight of Christmas lights that still sparkle in the trees.

While it is true that Tomas is a small business owner whose company provides a wide range of professional services for residential and commercial landscape and lawn maintenance, it is the love of his home and family that brought this particular lawn design together. It is an honor to award the Lopez family this year's Winter Yard of the Season. Welcome to the neighborhood!

[Donna L. Fielding](#)
Member at Large
OHNA



Crime Watch

Hello to all my OHNA neighbors and friends!

Hope everyone's new year has started off well. We have been blessed to live in a very quiet and safe part of Garland. That being said, we still need to be vigilant about what is happening around us. One of our dear neighbors was attacked out of the blue on a Sunday morning in a nearby store full of customers. You never know when danger may occur, so be very careful.

Residents are encouraged to be careful leaving their purses in the top of shopping carts exposed or unzipped. If someone approaches you and starts talking to you, it is best to place your hand on your purse or turn towards the basket so you can keep an eye on it. If you have a garage door, keep it closed when not in use, and always lock the doors going into your home. Garage doors are not very secure and are very easy to open even if you have an automatic opener installed. Remember, do not leave valuables in your cars and always lock them!

Stay safe and alert, and we hope to see everyone at our next Crime Watch Meeting! It will be at the Annual OHNA Meeting on Thursday, April 17, at Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Rd., N.E. corner of Saturn and Kingsley.

[Jimmy Hooten](#)

OHNA Crime Watch Coordinator



OHNA Annual Meeting and Crime Watch
Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (6:00 meet & greet)
Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Rd.
(Use parking lot off Kingsley)

MOBILE NOTARY **Freelance Specialists, Inc.**

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Saturday Feb 22, Mar 15, Apr 12, May 3, May 24

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Robert's Rest Stop (Glenbrook and Briarwood)

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN WORK DAY



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.

There are 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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