



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

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

October

- 04 Garden Work Day
- 09 Recycle
- 14 Board Meeting
- 16 Crime Watch Meeting
- 18 Block Party
- 23 Recycle

November

- 02 Daylight Savings Ends
- 06 Recycle
- 11 Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Garden Work Day
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 20 Recycle

Recycle Calendar (2025):
https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?d=2025_sanitation_calenda&r=u=garlandtx

Events on Website:
<https://www.ohna.us/wordpress/events/>

ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

Third Quarter 2025

Summer is winding down, school has started, and everyone is back into a routine. As part of your autumnal routine, make your plans now to attend the fall events in Orchard Hills.

The garage sale is on September 26 & 27. OHNA is having a block party and food drive on October 18. On November 11, you can volunteer to put flags out in honor of Veteran's Day. Additionally, help is needed at our monthly garden workdays on September 20, October 4, and November 15.

Want more information about what is going on in our neighborhood and city? Get the scoop at [OHNA.us](https://www.ohna.us), Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association's [Facebook](#), and [VisitGarlandTX.com](https://www.visitgarlandtx.com) for a list of community and citywide events. City Council meetings are televised and available at [GarlandTX.gov/videos](https://www.garlandtx.gov/videos). Our Councilwoman, Margaret Lucht, hosts very informative Town Hall meetings at least three times a year. Orchard Hills Crime Watch and our Neighborhood Police Officer invite you to their quarterly meetings. The OHNA board has open monthly meetings to plan events and address concerns for our neighborhood. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute ideas at any of these meetings.

Together we all make Orchard Hills a friendly, safe and beautiful place to live.

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

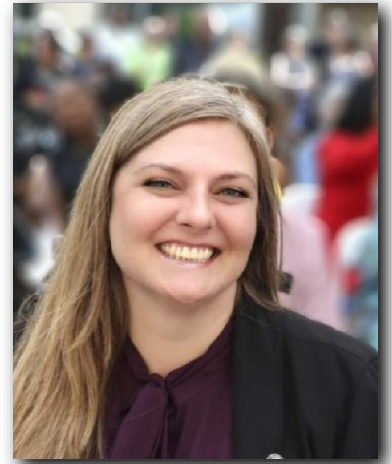


District 5 Update

In Case You Missed It: July 31 District 5 Town Hall Highlights

Gateways and Corridors

More art, please! Garland is reimagining its gateways with colorful, creative signage and public art that reflect the city's personality and history. District 5 corridors will be improved with new landscaping, pedestrian-friendly crosswalks, and planned gateway signage. Traffic boxes will be transformed with unique wraps. Implementation will unfold over several years, guided by the Garland Forward Plan.



Development Updates

505 W Centerville: A long-blighted site, demolition began but has stopped due to asbestos abatement issues. Demo will resume after clearance from the EPA.

3034 S First St: Renovations are underway to convert the former CVS into a non-ambulatory medical clinic.



District 5 Update (continued)

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 840 passed during the 89th Texas Legislature and takes effect on September 1, 2025. It amends the Texas Local Government Code to require cities to allow mixed-use and multifamily housing on commercial properties without holding public hearings or going through a zoning change process.

Key points:

- Cities must approve qualifying developments administratively if they meet local regulations consistent with the new law.
- Discretionary approvals like rezoning, variances, or special use permits are prohibited for these projects.
- Conversions of commercial buildings to residential use cannot be subject to additional traffic studies, impact fees, or infrastructure upgrades beyond minimum requirements.
- Districts with heavy industrial uses are exempt.

Concerns for Garland:

- Increased strain on aging infrastructure.
- Reduced control over land use and neighborhood character.
- Risk of losing key commercial properties that provide jobs, services, and tax revenue.

In short, SB 840 limits a city's authority to regulate where and how multifamily housing can be built, especially when it replaces existing commercial spaces.

Code Enforcement

The City of Garland's new Code Compliance Director, Brian Morris, has introduced several new initiatives to improve residential and commercial property conditions. His leadership includes innovative programs and pilot efforts aimed at increasing compliance and responsiveness across the city.

Code enforces a wide range of issues, including overgrown grass, junk vehicles, trash and debris, substandard structures, illegal dumping, and violations at rental properties. In the first half of 2025, the department processed over 2,900 complaints, removed more than 5,000 illegal signs, and cleared 66,000 pounds of urban blight.

In District 5, several properties have undergone significant cleanups. Properties on Ridgedale Drive and Sussex Drive were abated to remove hazardous debris and unpermitted structures. The Code Cares initiative continues to support neighbors in need through community cleanups and volunteer-led beautification projects.

A new weekend pilot program targets illegal street vending. Every Saturday, inspectors patrol known hotspots and issue immediate citations to unpermitted vendors. The effort emphasizes safety, consistency, and neighborhood integrity. Officers are trained in de-escalation and are supported by the Garland Police Department and Health Department when needed.

Several residents had the opportunity to speak directly with Mr. Morris at the town hall and share concerns or ask questions about ongoing code efforts in the neighborhood.

District 5 Update (continued)

Police

Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO) continue their focus on community outreach and neighborhood-specific concerns. District 5 has two new NPOs: Officer Kelly and Officer Davis. Officer Sherry continues as the NPO for Orchard Hills. Residents are encouraged to reach out via email for non-emergency neighborhood concerns.

Officer Sherry

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SherryN@garlandtx.gov

Officer Kelly

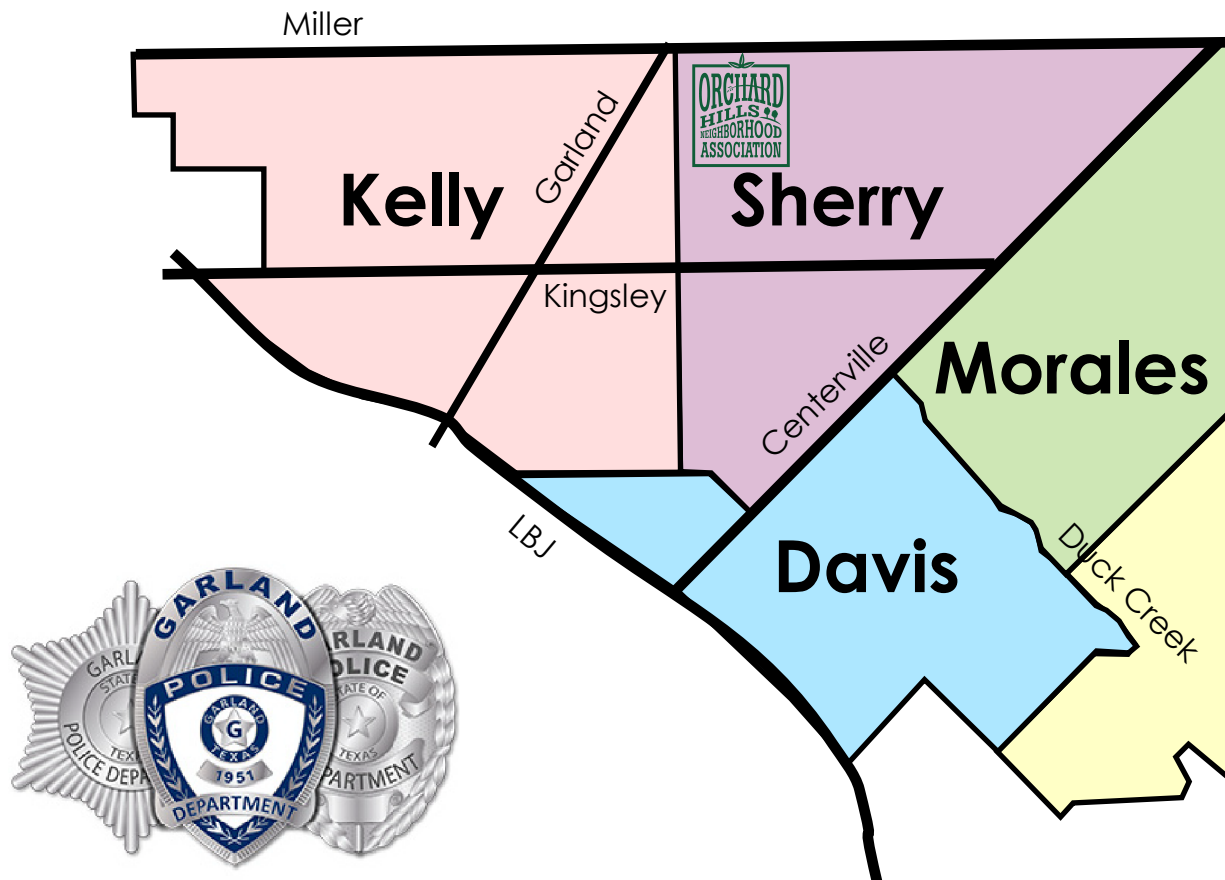
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Libraries

The newly renovated Central Library is now open and offers a wide variety of resources, services, and technology for residents of all ages. This \$18 million project included a complete overhaul of the 50-year-old facility, with major infrastructure upgrades like energy-efficient lighting, new fire suppression systems, security cameras, and updated wiring to support expanded digital services. Inside, visitors will find:

- A small business incubator with resources and partnerships to support local entrepreneurs
- A makerspace with 3D printers, crafting equipment, and other tools available to library cardholders
- A recording studio with professional audio and video equipment for public use
- Study pods, conference rooms, and flexible meeting areas with modern technology
- A teen area designed with modular furniture, audiovisual tools, and a dedicated study room
- A full children's floor with hands-on learning materials, child-friendly shelving, and a dedicated activity room for programming



Small Business Incubator



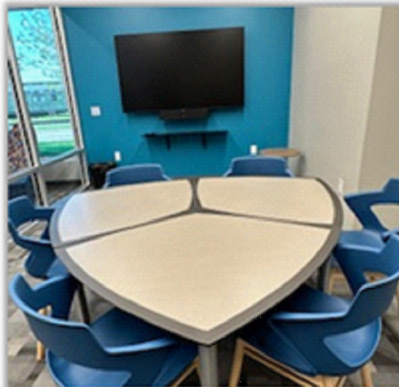
Makerspace



Recording Studio



Modular Furniture



Designated Study Room



Public Art



Children's Activity



Hands-on Play



Child-Friendly Shelving Bins

District 5 Update (continued)

Outdoor improvements include a new tree grove with bistro seating and a small stage, enhancing the library's ability to host events and programs outside.



Tree Grove

Bistro tables and stage for programming.



Signage

Clear, inviting signage welcomes library visitors.



Façade Improvement

Aligns with Downtown aesthetic and supports Garland Arts District goals.

The West Garland Library is being renovated and relocated as part of the 2019 Bond Program. When it opens in late summer or early fall of 2025, it will feature a creative lab, community room, study areas, and dedicated spaces for children and teens. If you have not been to the library in a while, take some time to visit. There is something for everyone!

My council committee assignments have recently changed. I am now serving as Chair of the Development Services Committee and as a member of both the Administrative Services and Public Safety Committees. These groups meet monthly to review important topics and recommend policies to the full City Council.

The next District 5 Town Hall is scheduled for November 6. If there is a city department you would like to hear from, a project you are curious about, or an issue you want to bring to the table, I would love to hear from you. Whether it is a question, a concern, or just a conversation about what's happening in our city, please don't hesitate to reach out. Give me a call, send an email, or stop by an event. I'm always happy to connect.

Yours in cheerful service,
Margaret Lucht
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Yard of the Season - 2808 Old Orchard Rd.

The 2025 Summer Yard of the Season recipient is 2808 Old Orchard, the home of Baltazar and Maria Torres. Baltazar and Maria moved their four small children to Orchard Hills 22 years ago. They chose this home because they liked the neighborhood and thought it would be a good place to raise their children. Mr. Torres adds that they are one of the first Spanish-speaking families to move into Orchard Hills.

Baltazar is Chef at the Fairmont Hotel, where he has enjoyed expressing his culinary creations for 33 years. He proudly notes that he has served as many as 1,400 meals in a single event. While cooking is his vocation, his hobby is his yard.

One of his first plantings was the oak now fully grown and accented with a bed of colorful impatiens. Yellow cannas line the walkway to the front door, where a wreath graciously welcomes visitors to the home of the Family T. Pots filled with hydrangeas, daisies, dahlias, boxwood roses, sweet pea vines, pink roses, yellow and white daylilies, Justicia Pilossella (known as false honeysuckle), white geraniums, and elephant ears line the walkway across the full length of the front of the home. As a border plant, Baltazar chose the Lemon Lily Gardenia, a trumpet-shaped flower that lasts only one day.

The nostalgic touch of a wheelbarrow holds a fresh herb garden. And, since a chef can never have enough herbs, more pots filled with mint, rosemary, thyme, and parsley are placed throughout the yard.

The family discovered a conch shell when they first moved into their new home and decided it would be a fun addition to their lawn décor. Now the shell is prominently displayed for all to enjoy. Their daughter, Melissa, still puts the shell to her ear to hear the sea. The teal bench is a recent addition that adds a splash of color and provides an inviting seat to simply sit and watch passersby.

As you walk past the front of the home, you can glimpse the backyard, where the family planted avocado and fig trees. If you look closely, you will see a quaint cactus garden.

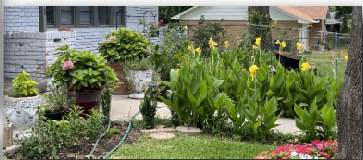
Whether passing by along Old Orchard or heading up or down Treasure, this little gem of a lawn is a treasure in its own right, providing a lovely display of plants and trees no matter the direction of view.

Submitted by [Donna](#)



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





Garage Sale 2025

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

It is time to start getting ready for the Annual Garage Sale! Gather up the kids' toys and clothes they have outgrown. Clean out that closet and area of the garage you've been meaning to organize. Holiday decorations, tools, tech gear, jewelry, records, coins and vintage high school garb also sell well. Someone will be happy to buy your treasures and trinkets at the garage sale!

OHNA will take care of garage sale permits, provide a yard sign to you, and advertise. We will also make arrangements with a local charity to send a truck on Saturday afternoon to pick up any unsold items that you would like to donate. Just let us know if you want to be on the list.

You must be a current member of OHNA. If you have not paid dues in 2025 yet, go to our website www.OHNA.US and join for just \$20 a year. Sign up by Monday, September 22 to participate in the garage sale. To sign up, send an email to garagesale@ohna.us with your name, address and phone number. Contact Rhonda [\(214\) 850-5155](tel:2148505155) or garagesale@ohna.us if you have questions.

Make a little money, meet some nice neighbors, and add to the charm of our neighborhood!

Submitted by [Margi](#)

Feline Parvovirus

Feline Parvovirus has been reported in Orchard Hills. This virus is passed in feces, urine, and nasal secretions by cats who have the disease. The virus can contaminate cages, bedding, dishes, and the hands and clothes of handlers. Fleas from other infected cats can also infect a healthy cat. The virus can survive in the environment for months, so a cat can become infected without any direct contact with a diseased cat. No medicines can kill this virus. Kittens have high mortality rates with this virus. Older cats have a better chance of surviving. Good supportive care with intravenous fluids, nutrients, and antibiotics to prevent secondary bacterial infection may help an infected cat survive.

The most effective way of protecting your cat is by vaccination. Your veterinarian will usually advise you to start vaccination at the age of 8 or 9 weeks. Veterinarians recommend two or three doses three to four weeks apart. The last dose should not be before the age of 16 weeks. A follow-up dose at 26 to 52 weeks is also recommended. Since adult cats can also get the feline parvovirus, you must remember to give the booster doses of the vaccine regularly.

While the virus does not always cause symptoms, usual symptoms include:

- Lethargy and depression
- Frothing at the mouth or vomiting
- Watery discharge from the nose
- Fever in the early stages, followed by a low body temperature
- Diarrhea, which may be watery or bloody
- Decreased appetite

If one of your cats has a feline parvovirus infection, they must be isolated from other cats. Their litter box must be cleaned and disinfected regularly. The feline parvovirus can survive in the environment for many months, so you must disinfect your entire home to keep your other pets safe. If your other cats are not vaccinated, they are at a high risk.

(Source: WebMD)

Submitted by [Donna](#)

Garden Workday - Summer and Fall 2025

Attention all green thumbs and community enthusiasts! We are excited to announce a series of Neighborhood Garden Workdays this summer and fall. Mark your calendars and join us for some rewarding mornings of gardening, community building, and fresh air!

Dates:

- Saturday, September 20th
- Saturday, October 4th
- Saturday, November 15th

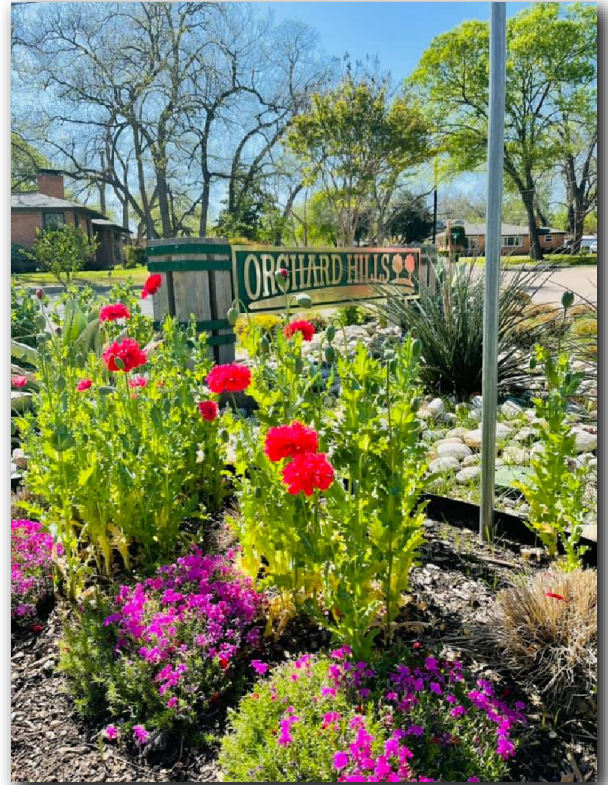
Start Time: 8:00 AM

Meeting Location: Robert's Rest Stop, located at the northeast corner of Glenbrook and Briarwood.

These workdays are a fantastic opportunity to help beautify our neighborhood, meet neighbors, and make a positive impact. Whether you have a passion for planting, mulching, weeding, or just lending a helping hand, there's a spot for everyone.

Please bring gloves, gardening tools if you have them, and plenty of water. We recommend wearing sun protection and clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty!

Let's come together and make our community spaces shine. See you there!



Crime Watch

Hello, neighbors and friends! Hope everyone is doing well and having a great summer! During those 100-degree days this summer, I hope you've stayed hydrated and in the shade as much as possible. We had our quarterly crime watch meeting last month, and it was good to see everyone there. Officer Sherry, our NPO, said things were going well. No serious issues, but there was an uptick in petty stuff. Cars being left unlocked present an easy target for people walking the streets at night pulling on door handles, so make sure to lock your doors! Additionally, don't leave your valuables in your cars. Keep an eye on your neighbors to make sure everything is okay; if you see something that doesn't look right, report it to the police. Have a great rest of the summer!

[Jimmy](#)

Crime Watch Coordinator

For information on how to become more active in crime prevention in your neighborhood, go to <https://garlandtx.gov/461/Citizens-on-Patrol-COP>



Block Party and Food Drive

OHNA 5th Annual Block Party and Food Drive

Saturday, October 18, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

945 Old Orchard Rd, in the circle

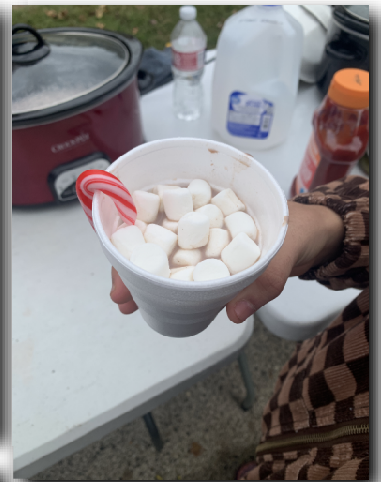
It's time once more for the Orchard Hills annual block party and food drive. This year, we're celebrating Halloween. Costumes are welcome (but not mandatory) for this fun event.

As always, our primary mission is to support those less fortunate. Last year, we donated 347 pounds of non-perishable items to The Good Samaritan, and this year we hope to exceed that amount. The most needed items include peanut butter, dry pasta, canned vegetables, dry beans, rice, and water. We want to ensure our neighbors are fed with quality food. In addition to food, diapers and wipes are also helpful.

We're excited to share that the Garland Firefighters and the Garland Police Officers will be stopping by to hang out with the kids and answer any questions you might have. We'll have a ton of fun activities, games, and awesome prizes! And, of course, there will be plenty of delicious food—get ready for hot dogs, chips, drinks, and so much more!

So grab your favorite costume, come join the fun, and let's celebrate our wonderful community together. After all, community is what makes our neighborhood special, and the OHNA can't wait to connect and serve you all.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Margi Bice](#) via text or call: [\(214\) 587-5206](tel:2145875206). Can't wait to see you there!



Neighborhood Garage Sale

19th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale 19ª Venta Anual de Garaje del Vecindario

**Friday & Saturday
Viernes y Sábado**

**September 26th - 27th
26 y 27 de Septiembre**



Block Party and Food Drive

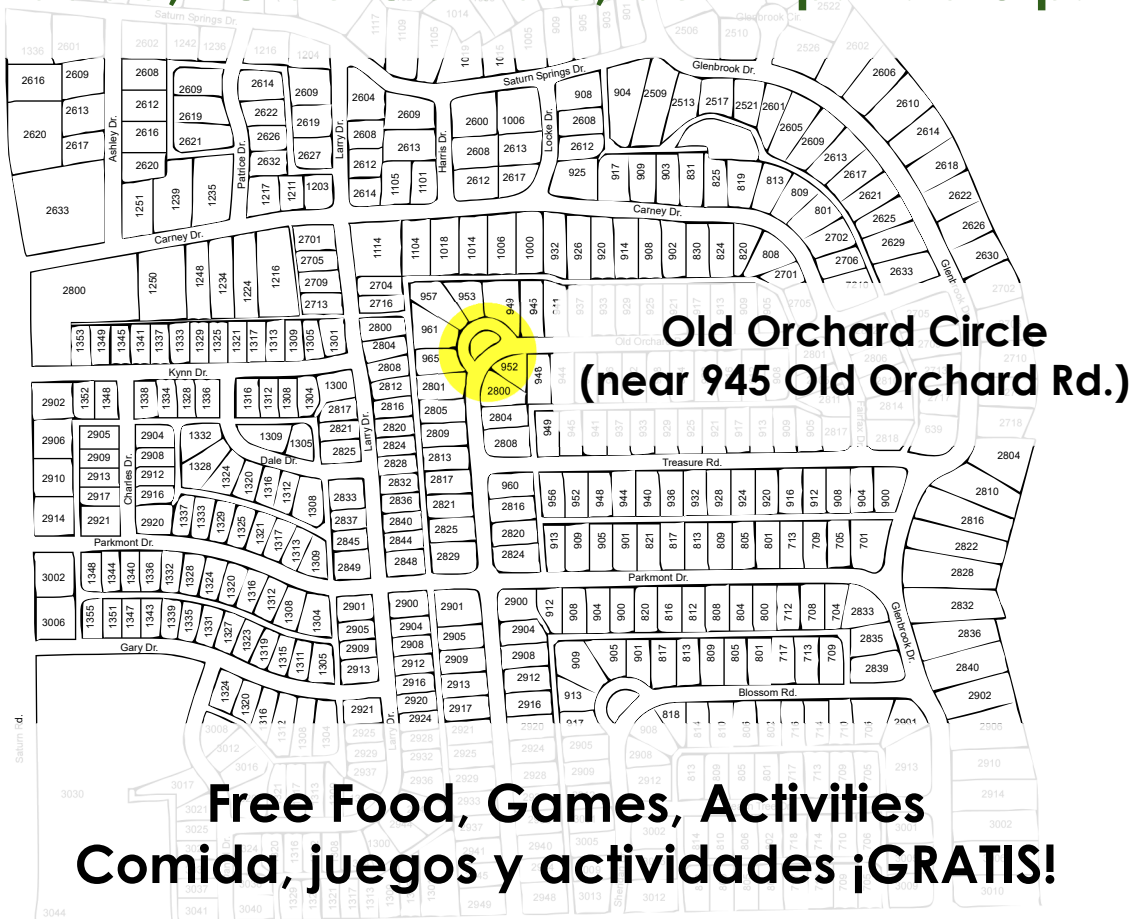
Orchard Hills Neighborhood Block Party & Food Drive Fiesta Vecinal y Colecta de Alimentos de Orchard Hills



Any food donated will be given to
Good Samaritans of Garland
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Join us for our 5th neighborhood block party!
¡Acompáñenos a nuestra quinta fiesta vecinal!

Saturday, October 18th, 12pm - 3 pm
Sábado, 18 de Octubre, de 12 p.m. a 3 p.m.



**Old Orchard Circle
(near 945 Old Orchard Rd.)**

Free Food, Games, Activities
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A bit of history - May 24th, 1953

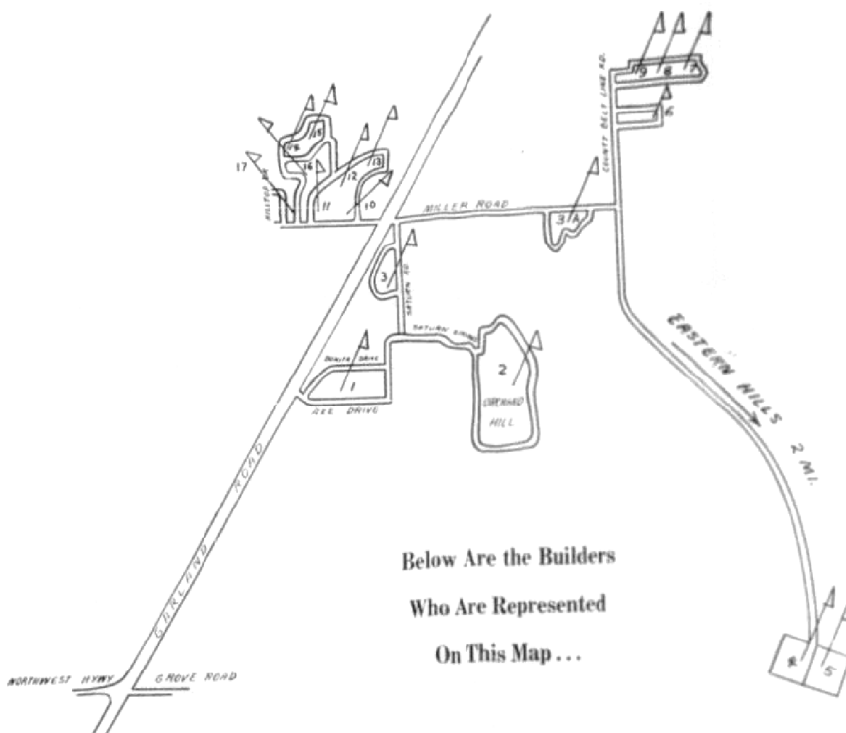
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It entitles you to register for the valuable prizes to be given away on May 31st. Any of the builders you talk to can give you instructions on how to register.



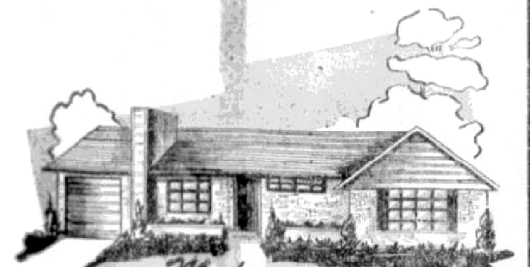
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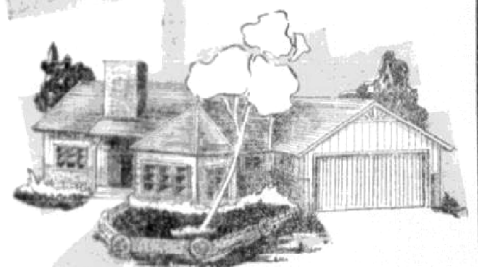
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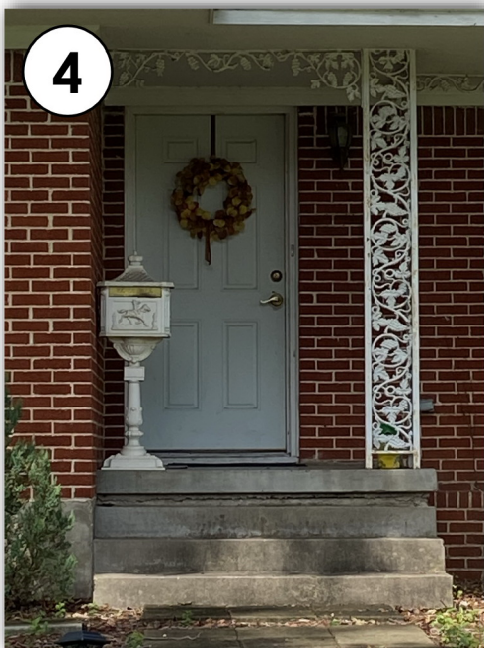
Contemporary



Modern



Ranch



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.





Where is Leo
the lion
today?

Need a hint?:



Need a hint?:

<https://www.ohna.us/wordpress/scavenger-hunt/>

2nd Quarter Scavenger Hunt Answers



Saturn Rd.



Kingsley Rd.

Duck Creek

- 1 1114 Briarwood Dr.
- 2 710 Peach Tree Ln.
- 3 2626 S. Glenbrook Dr.
- 4 1317 Kynn Dr.
- 5 2619 Larry Dr.
- 6 1005 Saturn Springs Dr.
- 7 906 Saturn Springs Dr.
- 8 2802 Fairfax Dr.
- 9 2828 S. Glenbrook Dr.

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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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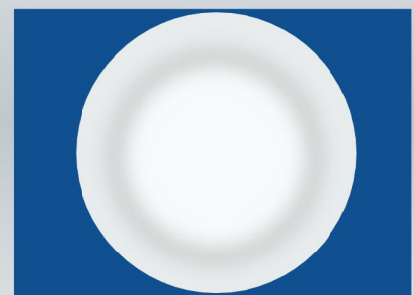
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Name: _____

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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
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