



ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

Second Quarter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 07 Recycle
- 12 Board Meeting
- 21 Recycle
- 23 Garden Work Day
- 25 Memorial Day

June

- 04 Recycle
- 09 Board Meeting
- 18 Recycle
- 20 Garden Work Day

July

- 02 Recycle
- 04 Independence Day
- 14 Board Meeting
- 16 Recycle
- 16 Crime Watch Meeting
- 25 Garden Work Day
- 30 Recycle

August

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Recycle
- 27 Recycle

Events on Website:

<https://www.ohna.us/word-press/events/>

In April 2026, the OHNA celebrated 25 years of service to our neighborhood. Over those years, we have accomplished projects, hosted fun events, and helped one another through life's storms. The action of our founders continues to have a positive impact in our community today. As each of the original board members moved or went on to their great reward in heaven, someone new has stepped up. Could you be the next someone to join our neighborhood board? I invite you to come with me to see what that may look like by attending a gathering of community-conscious people from around the city at the **Neighborhood Leaders Meet & Greet** hosted by ONV on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, at Central Library, 625 Austin St., Garland. Dinner is provided, so please **RSVP to GarlandNeighborhoods.org**. It is inspiring to learn what others are doing to make their neighborhoods safe, friendly, and beautiful places to live.

Margi Bice, OHNA Co-Chair
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Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to these volunteers who delivered the 1st Quarter OHNA newsletter to every home in our neighborhood!

Todd Alexander, Greg Alford, Hillary Arrieta, Vickie Askew, Margi Bice, Ray Bond, Leslie Cooper, Jessica Dollar, Donna Fielding, Cle Kimble, Maria King, Nancy Mendoza, John & Clarice Segala, Rhonda Spence, Cathy Stark, and Susan Thompson.

We will need help again in a few months to get flyers out for the garage sale and block party. Let me know if you want to join this team!

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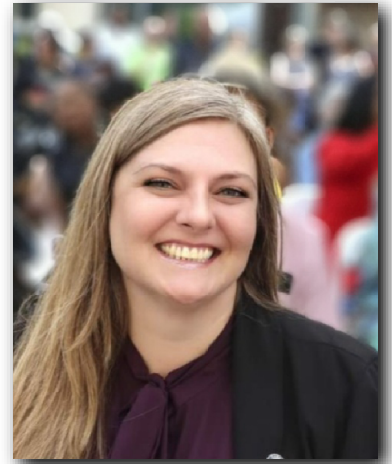
District 5 Update

Dear Orchard Hills Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who voted and engaged in this last election. I am honored to continue serving District 5, and I am ready to get to work. Here is what you can expect to see in and around the neighborhood in the months ahead.

Rick Oden Park

Rick Oden Park has received significant upgrades through Garland's Bond Program, and more are on the way. Completed projects include a new playground, comprehensive park improvements and grounds upgrades, and the Jon Comer Skate Park.



Coming soon to Rick Oden Park

Splash Pad

A 6,700 sq ft regional splash pad is in design, which will include a 5 ft wide perimeter sidewalk, landscaping, rock features, and shade structures. Some of these elements may change during the design process.

Fencing

The city council approved fencing at the Miller and Briarwood entrances, which will close daily at 10pm. There have been many reports of late-night loud music and burnouts. The fences should curb much of that activity.

Pickleball

All but four of the tennis courts at the Jack Coleman Tennis Center will be transformed into pickleball courts. More tennis courts are available at the newly opened Bob Day Tennis Center. Central Park tennis court renovations are expected this year.

Saturn Springs Drainage Project

The project is in the late stages of design and is expected to begin in March 2027. Drainage improvements will include repaving asphalt roadway sections and adding some sidewalks. Some residences will receive letters of permission to grant temporary easements. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Engineering Project Manager George Marshall at 214-740-6277 or gmarshall@garlandtx.gov

Starting September 1, Garland is switching from a criminal citation system to a new Civil Enforcement Program. Violations will be handled administratively rather than through municipal court, with the focus on education and getting issues resolved, not on penalties.

Between now and September 1, officers are visiting neighborhoods and leaving door hangers if they observe potential issues. No fines, no citations, just a heads-up and time to address issues. Common items include high grass or weeds (over 12 inches), inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage, fence maintenance, and address number visibility.



District 5 Update (continued)

The Garland Cares Compliance Assistance Program is available for residents facing financial hardship, senior citizens, and those with physical disabilities. The city can connect qualifying residents with resources, nonprofit partners, and volunteer labor at little or no cost. There are no penalties for asking for help.

Development & Housing

Garland completed a housing study earlier this year examining what is shaping the housing market and where targeted investment can make the most difference. A housing strategy identifying specific neighborhoods and corridors for focused investment is expected to be presented in June. Garland Forward, a comprehensive update to the City's development code, is also underway and will help guide what gets built, where, and how. This project affects zoning and land use decisions that touch every neighborhood in Garland for the next 20 years.

Staff News

Four veteran City of Garland employees have recently moved into expanded leadership roles. Chris Hoofnagle was promoted to Managing Director of Sanitation and Landfill. Uriel Villalpando was promoted to Managing Director of Fleet, Facilities, Environmental Health and Environmental Compliance. Mandy Harrell was promoted to Director of Customer Service. Oswaldo Rodriguez was promoted to Sanitation Director.

Upcoming Events:

Surf & Swim

Garland's newest aquatic facility is opening on Memorial Day Weekend. The Garland Parks Foundation is hosting a sneak peek of the facility on May 16 from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit scholarships for the Garland S.T.A.R.S. Camp program.

Asian American Heritage Festival

Saturday, May 16, 5-10 p.m.

Downtown Garland Square

Cultural dances, live music, an artisan market, a parade, and diverse Asian and Pacific cuisines.

Welcome to Garland Class

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

City Hall

Learn about City services, how tax dollars are used, and how to get involved. Starts with coffee with Mayor Dylan Hedrick and ends with a Downtown walking tour.

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 20, 5-9 p.m.

Downtown Garland Square

Live entertainment, local vendors, food, family-friendly activities, and an exhibition spotlighting visual artists inspired by Juneteenth.



District 5 Update (continued)

Red, White & You

Thursday, July 3, 5-11 p.m.

Downtown Garland Square

Garland's annual Independence Day celebration with live music, food, family activities, and fireworks.

Garland Youth Council

Applications accepted through Sunday, May 31 at 11:59 p.m. Open to students in grades 9-12 who live in Garland or attend a Garland ISD school. Members will be appointed by the City Council in July.

As always, please reach out with questions, concerns, or just to chat. Serving Orchard Hills is a privilege, and I am so grateful for this opportunity.

Yours in cheerful service,

Margaret Lucht

Mayor Pro Tem, Garland City Council District 5

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Crime Watch

Hello, Orchard Hills neighbors and friends!

We hope everyone is having a good year so far. We had a nice turnout at our last quarterly meeting in April. It was great to see everyone, familiar friends and some new faces, as well. Officer Sherry was there and said things looked good, for the most part. The police busted a car theft ring as well as several drug busts last month. He reminded us that school will be out soon, and theft crimes will tick upward, so keep your cars locked and do not leave anything of value inside them, especially guns. He also emphasized keeping your homes locked when you are gone. We also had Jennifer Duman back again speaking to us about cyber security and personal ID theft. I believe she is scheduled to be back at our next meeting, too. That's all I have for now, but stay alert about your surroundings; if you see something that doesn't look right, call the police and report what is happening. Until next time, have a great summer, and hope to see you at the next meeting!

Jimmy

OHNA 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>



A bit of history - Aerial Map from 1937



Keen Abstract 734, Year 1937
Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association Streets overlaid

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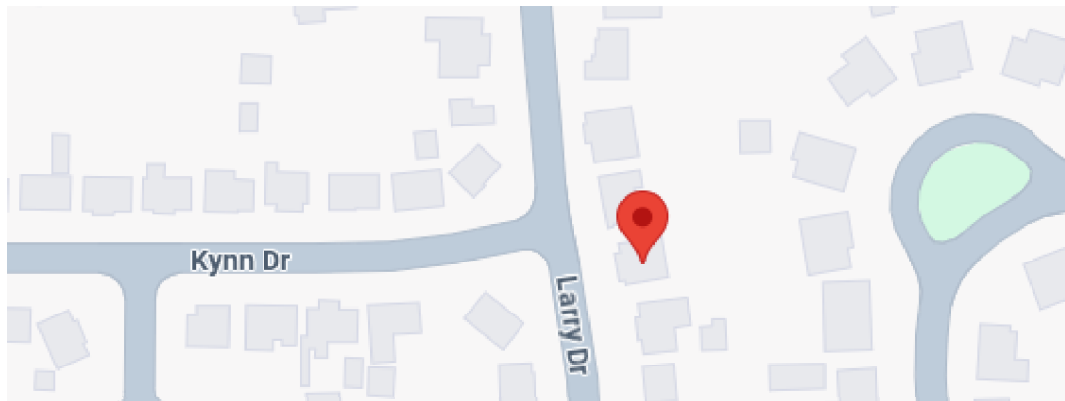
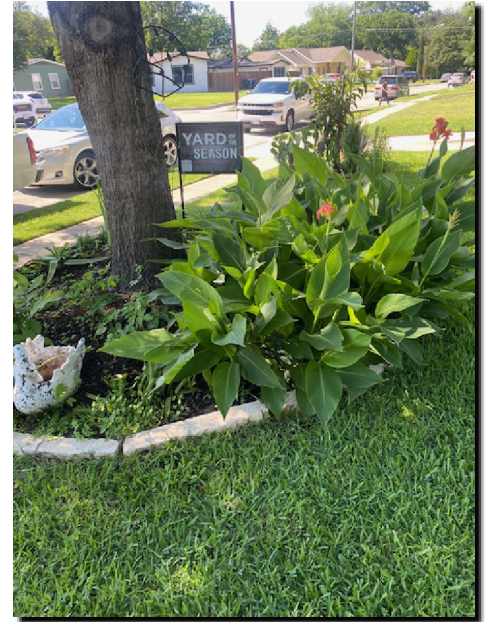
Yard of the Season - 2808 Larry Drive

For spring, our Yard of the Season recognition goes to the home of Francisco Ramos. He and his wife have lived at 2808 Larry Dr. for forty years. They have one child living at home and six other grown children living on their own.

The first thought that came to mind when I saw this property was peacefulness. Francisco did all the planting and landscaping himself. When they purchased their house, the family planted an oak tree in the front yard, which is still big and beautiful. Under the oak tree are salmon-colored cannas, gladiolas, orange lilies, and aloe vera. In another section of the yard are cacti, an oak leaf hydrangea, several crown of thorns, and peppers. In larger pots lined along the front of the house are various size cacti, petunias, and calibrachoas. Squash, peppers, cilantro, arugula, basil, cilantro and sage are growing in pots and in beds. The lawn is lush, green, and beautifully manicured. It is obvious that their home has been loved and well cared for. Don't miss it.

Submitted by Cathy

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



Garden Workday - Summer 2026

Calling All Garden Lovers and Community Helpers!

Neighborhood residents are invited to come together this season for a series of community flower garden work days, offering a great opportunity to beautify shared spaces while connecting with neighbors. These work days are scheduled for Saturdays May 23rd, June 20th, July 25th, and September 12th, with each session running from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

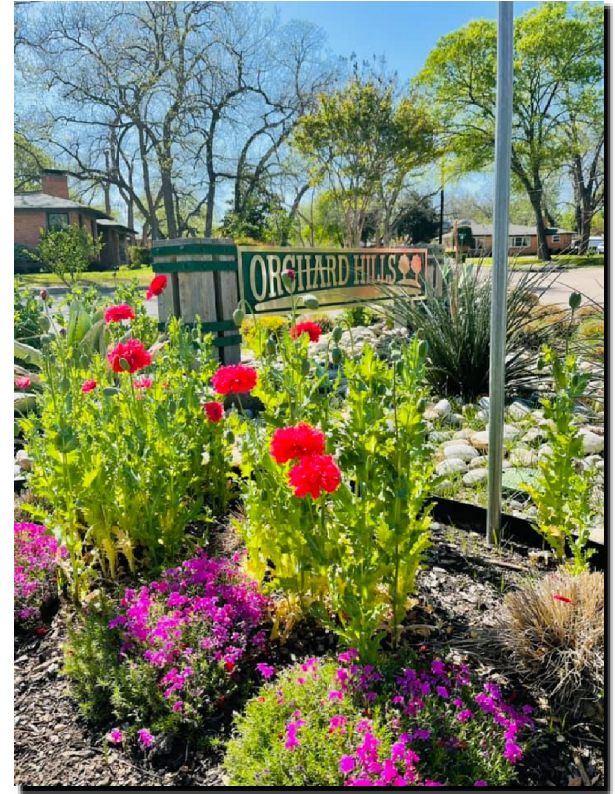
The neighborhood flower garden has become a point of pride, providing a welcoming splash of color and a peaceful place for residents to enjoy. Maintaining it, however, takes a collective effort. These scheduled work days are designed to make that effort manageable and even enjoyable, as volunteers gather to plant, weed, prune, and prepare the garden for each stage of the growing season.

Spring date in May will focus on planting new flowers, refreshing beds, and setting the foundation for a vibrant summer display. By June and July, attention will shift toward upkeep-watering, weeding, and ensuring the garden thrives during the hotter months. The September date will help transition the garden into fall, with seasonal plantings and general cleanup to keep the space looking its best.

No prior gardening experience is necessary to participate. Whether someone is an experienced gardener or just looking to lend a hand, there are tasks suited for all skill levels. Volunteers are encouraged to bring basic gardening tools if they have them, along with water, sunscreen, and a willingness to get a little dirty.

Beyond the physical improvements to the garden, these work days serve as a chance to strengthen community ties. Working side by side fosters conversation, collaboration, and a shared sense of accomplishment. It's not just about flowers-it's about cultivating a stronger, more connected neighborhood.

Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars and join in whenever they can. Even a couple of hours can make a noticeable difference, and every helping hand contributes to keeping the neighborhood garden a place everyone can enjoy.



Spring: when weeds grow faster than motivation



Annual Meeting Review

OHNA's 25th Annual Meeting and Crime Watch Review

The 25th annual meeting of the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association was held on the evening of April 16, 2026 at the Saturn Road Church of Christ. Thirty-one residents and guests mingled before the meeting. Jimmy Hooten, leader of our Crime Watch, opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer and Secretary reports were posted.

Our Mayor Dylan Hedrick provided an update on the new Garland Senior Activity Center scheduled to open in December. The new Surf & Swim opens this swim season and is taking applications for lifeguards. The mayor also briefed us on the city's new civil citation code compliance program geared toward making Garland more beautiful.

Margaret Lucht, Paul Dollar, and Forest Bryant, candidates for City Council District 5, along with Daphne Stanley, GISD's incumbent on the Board of Trustees, introduced themselves and encouraged everyone to vote.

Michael Polocek, City of Garland Engineering, reported 32 individual property owners participated in the in-person meetings and provided an update on the Saturn Springs Project. Thirty-seven properties will have their wastewater lines relocated to the front of the property. Mr. Polocek introduced Neils Brown, Director of the Real Estate Management Office for the City of Garland, who prepared a letter to the 37 property owners impacted by the wastewater relocation. The 16 easements/rights of way impacted for additional room to put pipe will also be included in this letter. Bids for the project will begin the 4th quarter of 2026, with an expected start date in the 1st quarter of 2027. Questions were answered about the bid process, vetting contractors, erosion control, and the estimated completion date. Everyone was encouraged to contact Mr. Polocek or Mr. Brown with questions and concerns and to visit the City of Garland website for detailed information of this project and others throughout the city.

Jennifer Duman presented part two of a series on Staying Secure in a Digital World: When the Voice on the Phone is Not Who You Think It Is. She introduced the new attack factor of AI voice cloning and deep fake imposter scams. She described the characteristics of this scam, including how fast a voice can be cloned, and she emphasized adopting a zero-trust policy. Never trust. Always verify. Set up passcodes or questions with family members. Limit voice recordings on social media. Software apps to voice clone are free. Cost to victims last reported was \$200 million, but most likely \$10 billion since many attacks remain unreported. If you become a victim, report. This series will continue with part three, Romance Scams, at our next Crime Watch Meeting on July 16.

Our award-winning NPO, Officer Nicholas Sherry, reported the arrest of the group responsible for stealing vehicles. He discussed the recent high-speed car chase through our neighborhood and explained loud music and noise laws. He encouraged us to invest in outdoor cameras that record, lock car doors, keep garage doors closed, and call 911 if you see anything that looks out of place (person or vehicle). If you hear gunshots or see suspicious behavior, call the police. He provided business cards to all new attendees. He welcomes emails with any issue.



Annual Meeting Review (continued)

Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilwoman, Margaret Lucht, reported on a number of issues impacting the neighborhood. She shared that Joe V's is coming to District 5. She shared that May 16th is the Asian American Heritage Festival and sneak peek opening of Surf & Swim. She explained the "Rebalancing the Tax Rate" issue on the upcoming ballot and reminded everyone that early voting begins April 20th. She requested additional flock cameras on Miller between First Street and Garland Avenue. Fences will be added at Rick Oden Park at Miller and at Briarwood. The new splash pad is coming to Rick Oden Park. Pickleball courts are replacing many courts at the Jack Coleman Center. Four full tennis courts will remain. Large outdoor parties with amplified sound must have a special event permit. An agenda item put forth by city council members is looking to hold property owners responsible for gunshots and fireworks. Shiloh Road construction continues to make Shiloh four-lane to George Bush Turnpike. Estimated completion is 2032. Gateway and corridor improvements continue. The 24/72 shift change for fire personnel will require \$17 million and the hiring of an entire shift. A home revitalization program is being considered to improve the values of homes and economic development. Review the OHNA newsletter for additional information.

Two new residents became members of OHNA, and everyone enjoyed a slice of cake to celebrate OHNA's 25th year.

Co-chair Donna Fielding reviewed OHNA's year ahead and urged members to sign up to help with flag displays, neighborhood garden work days, the annual garage sale in September, and the annual block party and food drive in October.

Join OHNA. Volunteer. Get involved. You can do this, too.

Thank You to these organizations for your contributions to our Annual Meeting

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


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Outage Map: <https://oncorstreetlight.com/>

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eMail: contactcenter@oncor.com (include contact info and location of streetlight—street address or nearest cross streets)

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Outage Map: <https://stormcenter.oncor.com/>

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eMail: contactcenter@oncor.com

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Phone: [972-205-3483](tel:972-205-3483) (include exact location or pole number)

Service Request: <https://www.gpltexas.org/customer-service/online-service-request>

Home Power Outage:

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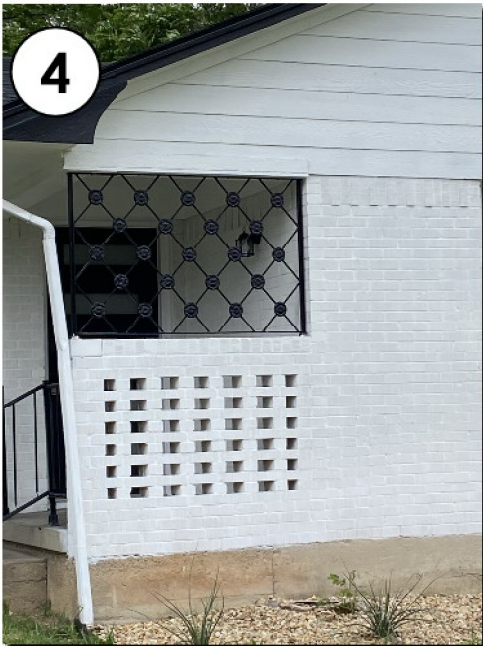
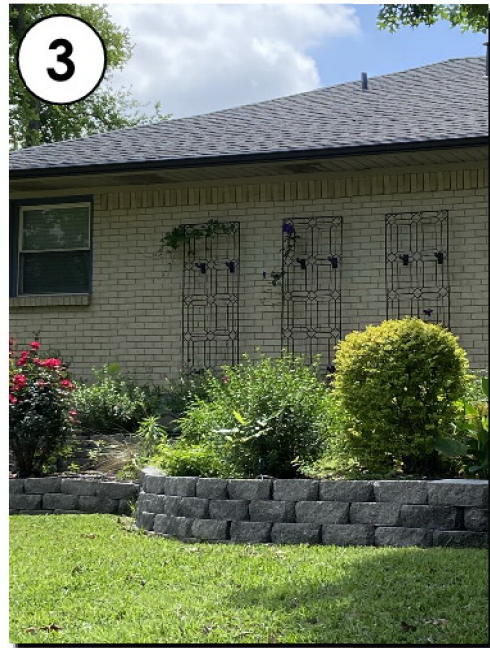
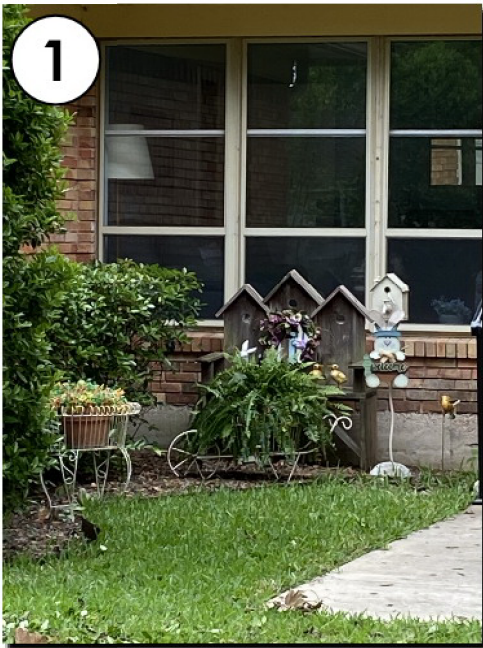
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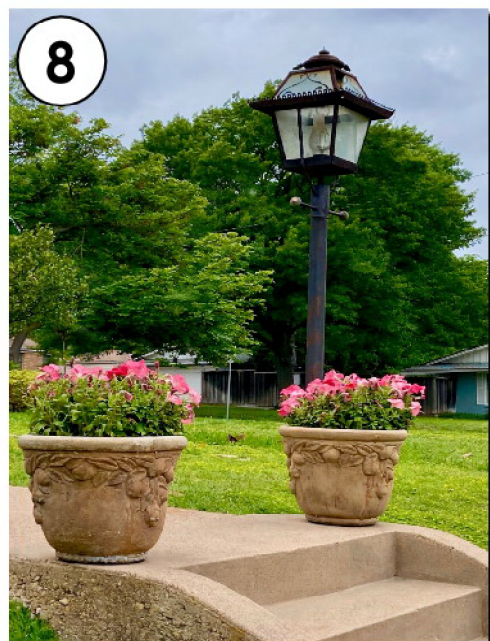
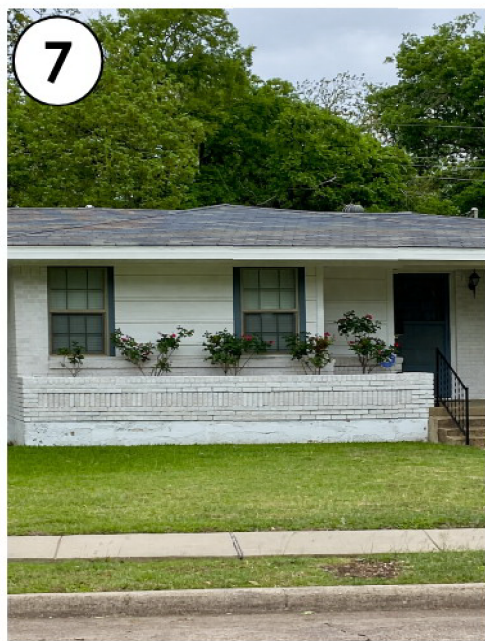
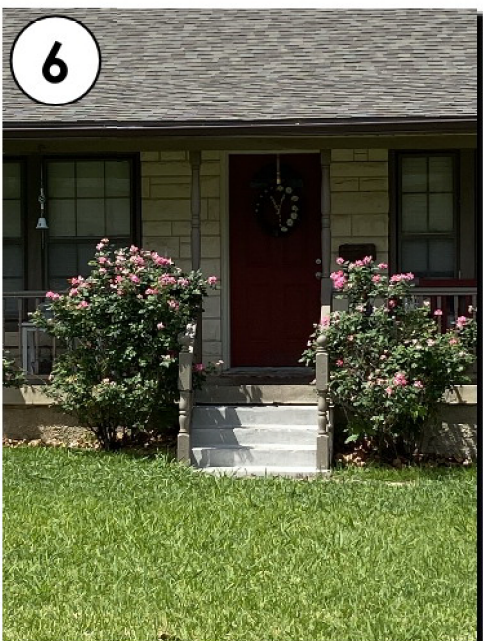
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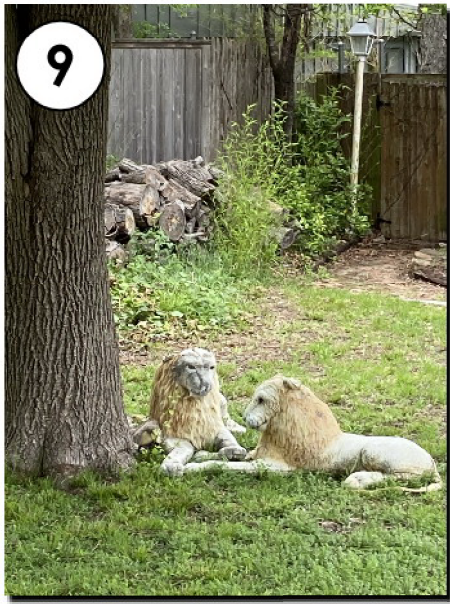
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Get out and explore our neighborhood!

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





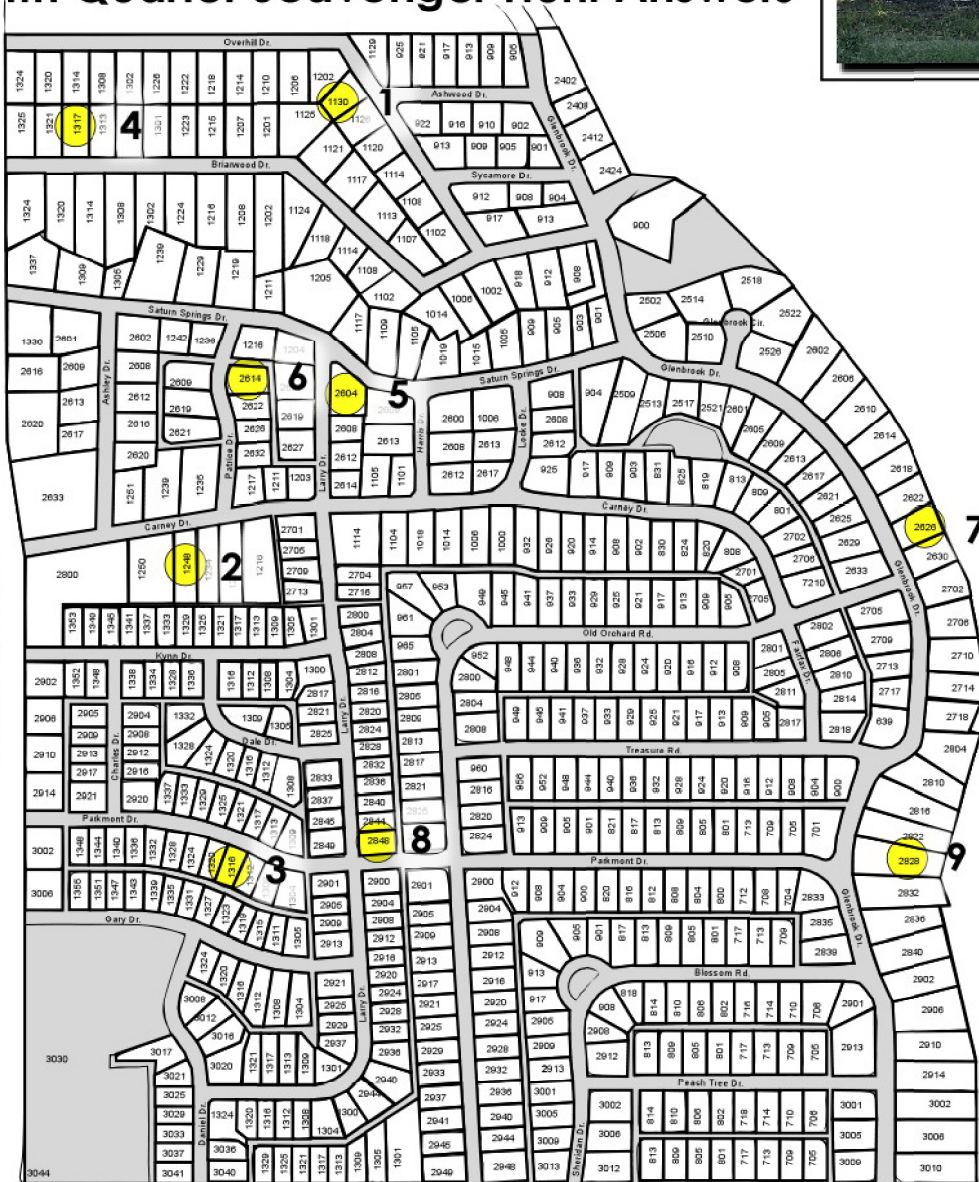
Where is Leo and Lady Friend today?

Need a hint?:



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

4th Quarter Scavenger Hunt Answers



- 1 1130 Overhill Dr.
- 2 1248 Carney Dr.
- 3 1316 Parkmont Dr.
- 4 1317 Briarwood Dr.
- 5 2604 Larry Dr.
- 6 2614 Patrice Dr.
- 7 2626 S Glenbrook Dr.
- 8 2848 Larry Dr.
- 9 2828 S. Glenbrook Dr.

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Saturn Rd.

Duck Creek

Kingsley Rd.

Get involved in Your Neighborhood

There are many ways - big and small - to make a difference in Orchard Hills. We encourage you to serve on the OHNA board or join an event committee and help shape our community.

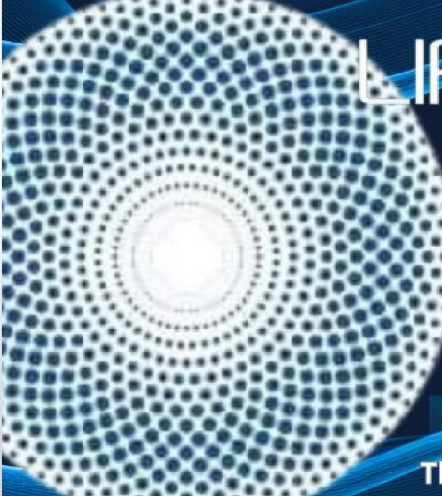
Opportunities include:

Publication Distribution: Help deliver newsletters and flyers to homes.

- USA Flag Display: Assist with placing flags three times a year.
- Annual Block Party & Fall Garage Sale: Lend a hand in planning and execution.
- Garden Work Days: Beautify our community spaces.
- Newsletter Articles: Share stories, tips, and updates.
- Social Media Postings: Help keep neighbors informed online.



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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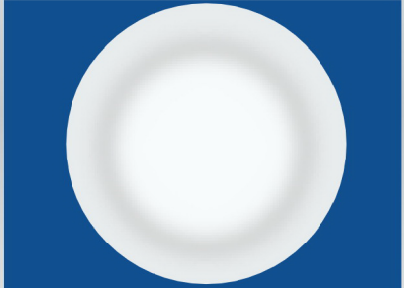
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