



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Recycle
- 27 Recycle

September

- 08 Board Meeting
- 10 Recycle
- 12 Garden Work Day
- 24 Recycle
- 25/26 **Garage Sale**

October

- 03 Garden Work Day
- 08 Recycle
- 13 Board Meeting
- 22 Recycle
- 24 **Block Party**

November

- 01 Daylight Saving Time Ends?
- 05 Recycle
- 10 Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Garden Work Day
- 19 Recycle

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ORCHARD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Quarterly Newsletter

Third Quarter 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association Newsletter! We're excited to share updates, upcoming events, community highlights, and opportunities to get involved.

Our neighborhood continues to thrive because of the dedication, kindness, and participation of residents like you. Inside, you'll find important association news, safety reminders, volunteer opportunities, and stories celebrating our neighbors and local accomplishments. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Orchard Hills, we hope this newsletter keeps you informed and connected.

Thank you for helping make Orchard Hills a welcoming, vibrant, and supportive place to live. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming neighborhood events!

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District 5 Update

Hello, Orchard Hills Neighbors!

Thank you for everything you do for this neighborhood. Whether it's showing up to block parties, participating in the annual yard sale, pulling weeds on Garden Workdays, keeping an eye out for a neighbor, or just taking pride in your yard and your street, OHNA's dedication is a big part of why the neighborhood keeps getting better. I'm grateful to represent you, and I wanted to use this issue to walk through what's coming this fall. There is a lot happening that affects Orchard Hills directly.

Tax Rate Election

If you read the Q1 newsletter, you'll remember I mentioned a "Tax Rate Swap and Drop" on the horizon. That's no longer a preview: City Council is expected to call the tax rate election at a public hearing on August 17. Once that happens, the measure heads to voters on the November 3 ballot.



What This Vote Is Actually About

Every year, it costs the city more to do the same job. Salaries, fuel, equipment, insurance, facility maintenance, and all other costs are getting more expensive by about 7% a year. Texas law, SB2, caps how much more property tax revenue the city is allowed to collect each year for day-to-day operations at 3.5%. Costs are rising twice as fast as the City of Garland is allowed to collect to cover them. We are asking to swap funds from one portion of the tax rate to the other and drop the overall tax rate.

A lower tax rate. The services you count on.

This November, Garland voters will decide on a plan to rebalance the City's tax rate, protecting everyday services while slightly lowering the rate you pay.

How did we get here?

We listened. We planned. We delivered.

For years, Garland residents dreamed big and voted for it. Through voter-approved bond programs, the City has delivered real improvements in every neighborhood:



Parks & trails



Police & fire



A revitalized downtown



Expanded libraries



Repaired streets

So why is funding tight now?

~7%

Costs rise about this much a year

The cost of providing public safety and other essential City services has continued to outpace consumer inflation, driven by rising equipment, construction, technology and insurance costs, as well as the need to attract and retain a skilled workforce.

3.5%

But state law caps revenue growth here

New state laws limit how much property tax revenue Garland can collect each year, even as needs for police, fire, parks and streets keep growing. Each year, the city loses purchasing power.

Local needs haven't slowed down. Local flexibility has.

The challenge isn't past decisions. It's keeping pace with the cost of the services you expect.

THE PROPOSED FIX, AT A GLANCE

\$0.6799

overall tax rate
for 2026-27

~1¢

lower than the
2025-26 rate

~9¢

lower than the
2019-20 rate



District 5 Update (continued)

Two Portions of the Tax Rate

Our City of Garland tax bill is made up of two separate pieces: Debt and Operations. The Debt portion of the tax rate, called I&S (Interest and Sinking), pays for building and renovating facilities and parks, like the voter-approved 2019 Bond Projects including Central and West Libraries, the Senior Center, Rick Oden Park, Lon Wynne Park, Surf & Swim, and the Animal Shelter. Garland borrowed money to build them the way you'd take out a loan to buy a car. This part of our tax bill is paying that loan down.

The Operations portion of the tax rate, called M&O (Maintenance and Operations), pays for the city's ongoing costs for daily operations once a facility opens. This pays for City of Garland employee salaries, insurance, facility maintenance, and equipment. For facilities like Surf & Swim, operation costs include lifeguard pay, pool chemicals, food and beverages for the snack bar, landscaping, and pool equipment maintenance. In the car comparison, this would be your gas, insurance, and maintenance costs, like oil changes.

The Swap and Drop

As debt is paid, the city doesn't need to collect as much for the debt portion of the tax rate. The plan is to take that freed-up room and shift it over to the operations side, the side that's been squeezed by the 3.5% cap.

In dollar terms: the debt portion is decreased by 4 cents, and 3 cents is transferred to the operations portion. This leaves 1 cent which decreases the overall tax rate.

The proposed tax rate maintains service levels, adds 9 firefighters, 10 police officers, 8 emergency call center dispatchers, 3 animal care technicians, and enhanced parks security, all while lowering the overall rate to \$0.6799 per \$100 of value, about 9 cents below the 2019-20 rate and the city's lowest overall rate in nearly 20 years.

In the car comparison, this would be like paying off your loan, allocating part of your regular auto loan payment to other expenses, and putting the remainder in your pocket.

The simple idea: rebalancing

Think of your City taxes as two buckets.

One part of your tax rate covers everyday operations like police, fire, libraries, parks and animal services (M&O). The other pays down debt for big projects already built, like Surf & Swim and the Animal Shelter & Adoption Center (I&S).

M&O = like groceries, gas & everyday spending
Day-to-day services you use all the time

I&S = like a car or house payment
Paying off debt for projects already built

As Garland pays down its project debt, it can move part of the I&S bucket to the M&O bucket and trim the total:



The result: services stay funded, and your overall rate ticks down about a penny.

The proposed 2026-27 tax rate is the City's lowest overall rate in nearly 20 years.

What a YES vote delivers

Keeps today's services funded and adds front-line staff.

- 9 more firefighters
- 10 more police officers
- 8 more 911 dispatchers
- 3 more animal care techs
- + enhanced parks security

PLUS keeps funded:

- ✓ Neighborhood revitalization
- ✓ Parks & landscaping
- ✓ Library resources
- ✓ Annual special events
- ✓ Road maintenance



District 5 Update (continued)

A heads-up on the ballot language: state law requires the ballot to say “tax increase.” That wording legally refers only to the Operating portion of the tax rate; it does not reflect the overall rate, which would go down under this plan. I wanted you to see that coming rather than be caught off guard in the voting booth.

What You’ll See on the Ballot

We want you ready. The wording is controlled by state law.

OFFICIAL BALLOT · CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS	
PROPOSITION A <i>To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.</i> THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.679900 per \$100 valuation in the City of Garland, Texas for the current year, a rate that is \$0.036646 higher per \$100 of valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Garland, Texas, for the purpose of increasing staff for the police department, fire department, 9-1-1 dispatch department and parks department, increasing funding for roadway construction and maintenance, maintaining and enhancing levels of city-wide services and competitive pay for public safety and city personnel. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Garland, Texas was \$0.689746 per \$100 valuation. ☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST	\$0.679900 The lower rate that would result from a yes vote \$0.689746 The rate you pay this year

Why it says “increase”

State law requires this wording. It only refers to the M&O portion. It does not account for the overall rate going DOWN.

Your total rate would drop about 1¢ from \$0.6897 to \$0.6799.

Garland on the Rise

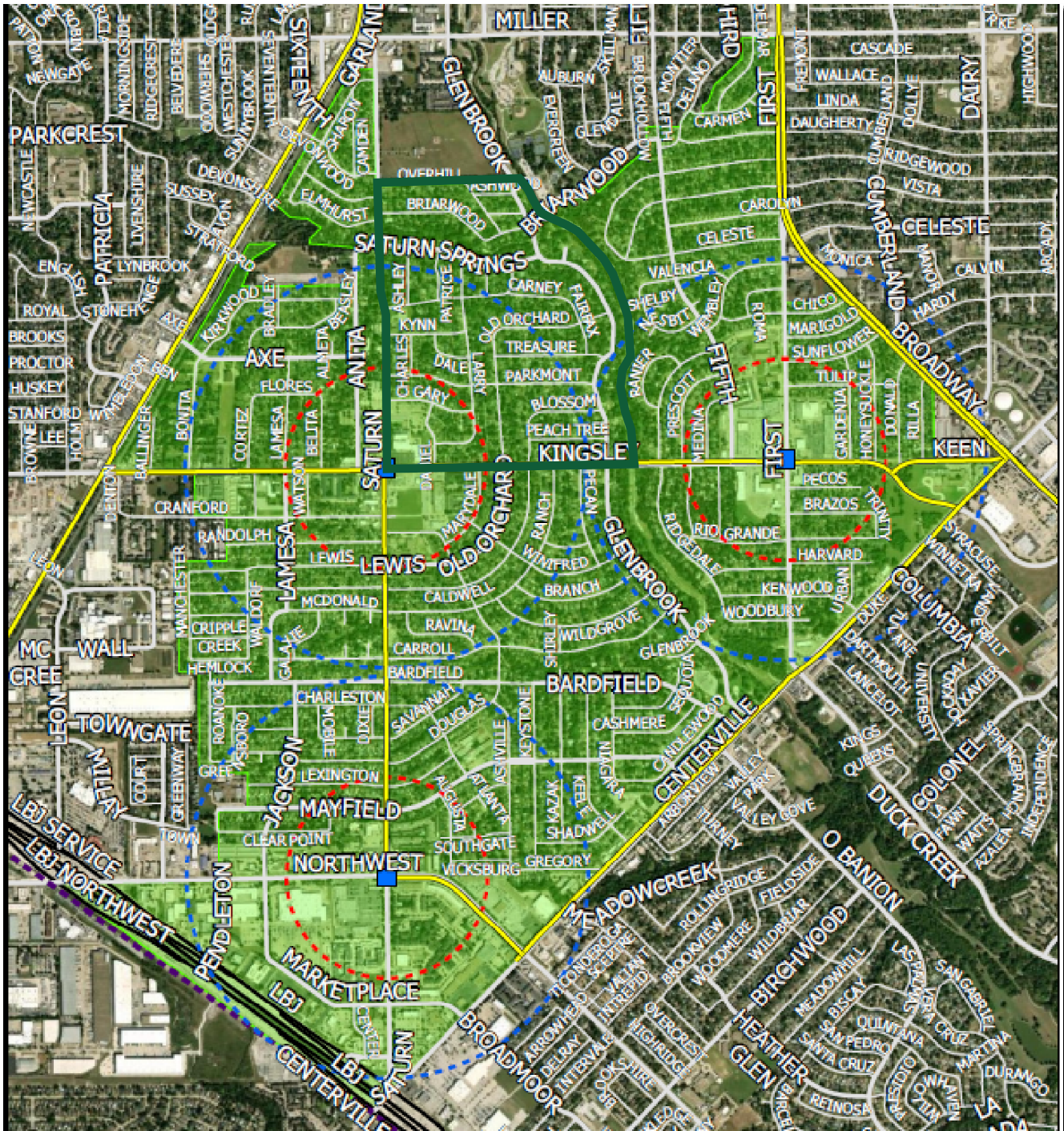
In June, City Council adopted Garland's new 10-year strategic plan, Garland on the Rise. The short version: Garland is built out, we have a low sales tax base, and we want higher quality retail, restaurants, and destinations. The plan is about growing the value of what we already have, generating more sales tax, and lessening the property tax burden on homeowners. Starting with a handful of Economic Focus Areas rather than spreading investment thin across the whole city, this strategic plan will increase quality offerings and value for Garland residents. Downtown was the proof of concept. One of the very first places the neighborhood model lands is right here in District 5.



District 5 Update (continued)

The Wedge

Garland's first strategic focus area is the Wedge, and it's built around three key intersections in District 5: Saturn Road & Northwest Highway, Saturn Road & Kingsley Road, and Kingsley Road & South First Street. Orchard Hills sits right along Kingsley and Saturn, on the northern edge of this focus area, so the corridor work, façade grants, and stepped-up code enforcement planned for the Wedge will be visible all around us.



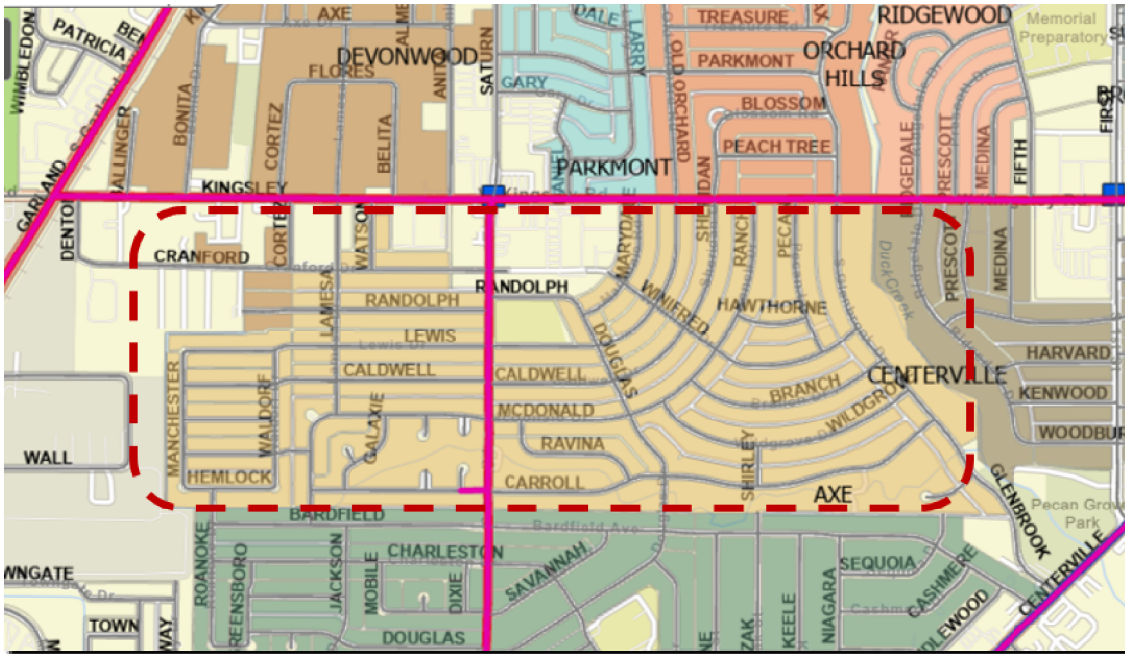
District 5 Update (continued)

What to Expect

- o City-supported volunteer, grant, and incentive programs to help current residents stay in their homes while standards rise around them
- o Corridor beautification, commercial façade revitalization, and redevelopment of aging commercial centers along Saturn, Kingsley, and South First
- o Efforts to attract shops, restaurants, and services that strengthen Garland's sales tax base

Where The Heart Is

The first neighborhood-level program under this plan launches in Fall 2026 in the Axe neighborhood, just south of Orchard Hills across Kingsley. It includes facilitated meetings and block parties where residents, not City Hall, identify priority needs; home improvement programs and incentives; coordination across multiple City departments; and resident e-newsletters to keep everyone informed. Garland is tentatively planning to launch two additional Where The Heart Is neighborhoods within the Wedge in 2027, rotating through the area over the next four years. I'll let OHNA know as soon as future neighborhood selections are announced.



Axe neighborhood focus area.

New Code Enforcement Program

Starting September 1, Garland launches a new, more proactive code enforcement program. This ties directly into our strategic plan by raising the standard of care in our neighborhoods, along our corridors, and in our commercial shopping centers. The goal is to lift residents up, not punish those who need help. If a code violation is observed, a homeowner will now receive a \$25 civil citation, down from the previous \$250 criminal citation, and the fine is waived entirely if the violation is fixed within the allotted time. The new system is meant to give residents room to fix the problem instead of piling debt on top of it. This is where Garland Cares and Neighborhood Stewardship come in.



District 5 Update (continued)

Garland Cares

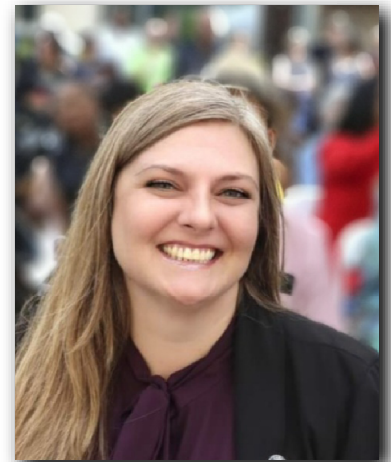
We cannot fine our way into higher quality neighborhoods. Code enforcement is often how we learn a neighbor needs help in the first place—a citation surfaces a problem someone can't fix on their own. Garland Cares is where that help comes from. It does no good to fine someone who can't afford to fix a \$2,500 problem: their problem just becomes \$2,500 plus the cost of a fine. If you or a neighbor can lend a hand, I encourage you to sign up as a Garland Cares volunteer at VolunteerGarland.org. It's one of the most direct ways residents can help make sure the new enforcement standards feel like support, not punishment, for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Neighborhood Stewardship

The Stewardship program brings together neighbors on a few streets at a time. We bring the volunteers, through Volunteer Garland, and connect partner organizations to materials donors, so a steward organization (a civic group, congregation, professional association, or neighborhood association) can focus on what the city can't provide at scale: a familiar face who knows the block, keeps track of what needs attention, and shows up consistently, month after month, instead of just once. Each partner takes on a small zone, typically just three to six contiguous blocks, small enough that residents get to know their steward team by name.

None of this works without neighbors looking out for each other, and that's what OHNA has always done best. As we move through the tax rate election, the strategic plan, and the new code enforcement program, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Yours in cheerful service,
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A bit of history - Orchard Hills

A Brief History of Orchard Hills

One of Garland's Classic Mid-Century Neighborhoods

The Orchard Hills neighborhood occupies a special place in Garland's history. Bounded by **Overhill Drive** to the north, **Saturn Road** to the west, **West Kingsley Road** to the south, and **South Glenbrook Drive** to the east, Orchard Hills reflects the tremendous growth Garland experienced during the years following World War II.

Long before streets and homes filled the area, this land was part of the rolling countryside south of old Garland. Much of it belonged to farming families, including the **Axe family**, whose property stretched across land drained by Duck Creek and Axe Branch Creek. The family was among Garland's early settlers and played an important role in developing the community.

From Cotton Fields to Suburbia

Garland itself was founded in 1887 as a compromise between the rival communities of Duck Creek and Embree. For decades it remained a small agricultural town centered on cotton farming, railroads, and local commerce. Everything changed after World War II.

The post-war housing boom transformed Garland into one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas. Returning veterans, expanding industries, and new highways created a demand for affordable family homes. During the late 1950s and early 1960s, Orchard Hills was developed as one of Garland's premier suburban neighborhoods, with its winding streets, generous lots, and distinctive brick ranch-style homes that remain its hallmark today.

Growing Along Kingsley and Saturn

As families moved into Orchard Hills, the surrounding area quickly developed to serve them. Schools, churches, and neighborhood shopping centers and grocery stores appeared along Kingsley Road and Saturn Road.

Longtime residents remember when a Safeway grocery store stood where the Saturn Road Church of Christ is today. Kingsley Road itself evolved from a narrow roadway into a major east-west thoroughfare as Garland continued to expand.

The neighborhood became home to teachers, engineers, small business owners, city employees, and young families attracted by quality construction, large shade trees, and a convenient location between downtown Garland and Dallas.

A Neighborhood That Endures

Today, Orchard Hills contains approximately **600+ homes**, many of which have remained in the same families for decades. The mature pecan, oak, and elm trees planted by the neighborhood's first residents now form the leafy canopy that gives Orchard Hills much of its character. The curved streets, spacious yards, and well-built mid-century homes continue to make it one of Garland's most recognizable neighborhoods.



A bit of history - Orchard Hills(continued)

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association was established in **2001** to preserve that character and strengthen the community. Through beautification projects, neighborhood events, crime prevention efforts, and volunteer-maintained gardens, residents continue the tradition of neighbors working together. The association's efforts earned **Neighborhood of the Year** honors from the City of Garland in 2018 and national recognition for neighborhood beautification in 2019.

Looking Ahead

While Garland has grown into one of Texas' largest cities, Orchard Hills has retained the qualities that made it attractive more than sixty years ago: friendly neighbors, established trees, walkable streets, and residents who care about where they live.

Every flower bed maintained by volunteers, every neighborhood cleanup, and every conversation across a front fence continues a story that began when these streets were first laid out in the early years of Garland's post-war expansion.

Orchard Hills isn't just one of Garland's older neighborhoods-it's one of the communities that helped build modern Garland itself.

Crime Watch

Hello, neighbors!

While I myself enjoy the heat, I hope everyone is staying cool this summer. At our last quarterly meeting, Officer Sherry was not present. He was on a well-deserved vacation with his family. Prior to the meeting, he did tell us that everything was going well in the neighborhood, with only a few package thefts and some items stolen out of cars. Make sure not to leave anything of value inside your vehicle, especially guns, and put everything else in the trunk.

Our speaker at the meeting was a cyber theft expert. She said not to give our information to anyone unless we are sure who we are talking to. Do not fall for the scam calls from people saying they work for your bank, claiming your loved ones are in jail, or things like that. Also, be careful who you open your doors for.

As always, if you see something, say something. The police are here to help! Stay safe and well hydrated!

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>



Remembering Our Neighbor, Mike Hayslip

Orchard Hills recently lost one of its most remarkable neighbors with the passing of **Michael Ray Hayslip** on June 19, 2026, at the age of 82.

Many Garland residents knew Mike as the city's unofficial historian. To those who had the pleasure of knowing him personally, he was much more than that. He was a storyteller, researcher, author, preservationist, and a passionate advocate for the community he loved.

A sixth-generation Garland family member, Mike devoted more than fifty years to preserving the history of our city. As a founding member of the Garland Landmark Society, he helped save and share Garland's heritage for future generations. He also served on the Dallas County Historical Commission, was a life member of the Dallas County Pioneers Association, and authored *Garland: Its Premier Century*, a book that has become an indispensable resource for anyone interested in Garland's past. Throughout the years, his historical articles and photographs appeared in *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Garland News*, bringing local history to life for countless readers.



Those who met Mike quickly learned that history, for him, was never just about dates and buildings. It was about people—their stories, their accomplishments, and the events that shaped the community. His curiosity was legendary, and conversations with him often turned into fascinating journeys through Garland's past. Whether discussing pioneer families, forgotten landmarks, or neighborhood memories, Mike had an uncanny ability to connect the past with the present.

As neighbors, we were fortunate to have someone whose appreciation for history reminded us that our own neighborhood is part of a much larger story. Every mature tree, every mid-century home, and every long time resident contributes another chapter to the history Mike spent his life preserving.

His legacy will endure not only in the books he wrote and the organizations he helped build, but also in the countless people he inspired to appreciate Garland's rich heritage.

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association extends its deepest sympathy to Mike's family and friends. We are grateful that we had the privilege of calling him our neighbor.

Thank you, Mike, for preserving Garland's past so that future generations can better understand and appreciate the place we all call home. You will be greatly missed, but your stories—and your love for this city—will continue to inspire us for years to come.

-Historian's don't die they just get sucked into the very subject they spent a lifetime studying-



Yard of the Season - 929 Old Orchard Road

OHNA is pleased to recognize the **Tovar family** as the **Summer 2026 Yard of the Season** recipients.

Dani and Uvaldo Tovar chose Orchard Hills as their home nine years ago, before the birth of their son, Josue. They were drawn to the neighborhood's quiet, family-friendly atmosphere, light traffic, and strong sense of community. It didn't take long for the neighbors—who naturally look out for one another—to become close friends.

The Tovar family's landscape is filled with beautiful plants, but what makes it truly special is the meaning behind many of them. Several of the flowers and garden features honor Uvaldo's mother, Leanore, who loved colorful blooms, and whose memory continues to inspire the family's yard. A circular garden featuring a palm tree, white decorative rocks, and a cross marks a special place of remembrance. It replaced the bench where Leanore would often pause to rest on her walk from the car to the porch. Today, the memorial serves as a lasting tribute to her life and the love she shared with her family.

One of the yard's most remarkable features is the magnolia tree. Uvaldo rescued it from a nursery where it had been left unwanted. He purchased the struggling tree for just \$10, and, with patience and care, nurtured it into the healthy, thriving centerpiece it is today.

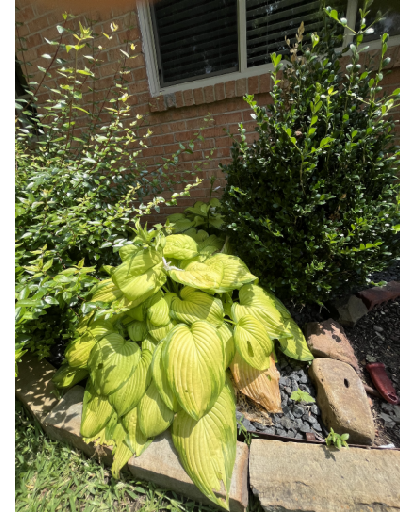
Another meaningful plant is a Cuban, grown from a small cutting the family received after Leanore's passing. What began as a tiny plant has flourished into a vibrant reminder of her legacy.

With the help of young Josue, the landscape now showcases an impressive variety of plants, including kale, agave, palms, vinca in shades of red, pink, and white, Japanese Wandering Jew, aucuba, daylilies, begonias, cactus, premium pink flowering annuals, crape myrtle, and camellias, whose pink blooms brighten the yard each January.

The family's rock garden provides year-round beauty and becomes especially festive each fall as they decorate it for the season. Be sure to watch for its seasonal transformations.

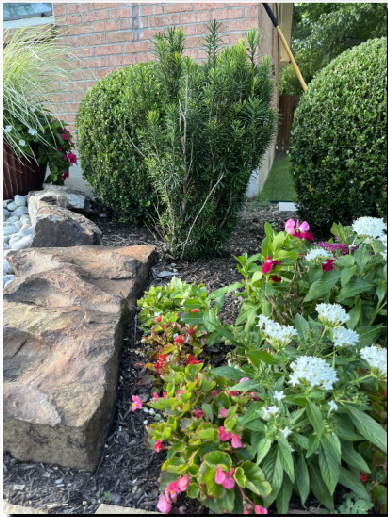
Large fir trees in decorative planters frame the home, while landscape lighting highlights the gardens after dark. If you're taking an evening stroll through the neighborhood, make a point to pass by 929 Old Orchard Road to enjoy this beautifully maintained yard, which is just as stunning at night as it is during the day.

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



Submitted by [Donna](#)





Yard of the Season - 929 Old Orchard Road

Garden Workday - Summer 2026

The Weeds Won't Pull Themselves!

Have you ever driven past one of the beautiful flower gardens in Orchard Hills and thought, "Wow, those flowers look great!" Well...they're hoping you'll stop admiring them and come help keep them that way!

The **Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association** is looking for a few good neighbors (and maybe a few slightly reluctant ones) to help maintain our six neighborhood flower gardens during our upcoming **Community Garden Work Days**:

- Saturday, September 12
- Saturday, October 3
- Saturday, November 14

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Robert's Rest Stop, located at the corner of **Glenbrook Rd. and Briarwood Rd.**

Don't worry—you don't need to be a master gardener. If you can pull a weed, carry a bucket, spread mulch, or tell the difference between a flower and a dandelion, you're already qualified. And if you can't, we'll happily point out which ones not to pull!

The work is easier (and a lot more fun) when more neighbors pitch in. Besides, gardening is cheaper than a gym membership, more enjoyable than cleaning out the garage, and you'll leave with a sense of accomplishment—and maybe a little dirt on your shoes.

Bring gardening gloves and hand tools if you have them. If not, just bring yourself, comfortable clothes, and a willingness to laugh, chat, and help out. Even an hour of your time makes a big difference.

Our flower gardens are one of the things that make **Orchard Hills** such a welcoming neighborhood. They don't maintain themselves...although we've been asking them to for years. So set your alarm, grab your coffee, and join us. Together, we'll keep Orchard Hills looking its best, one weed at a time.

We'll see you at 8:00 a.m. on September 12, October 3, and November 14 at Robert's Rest Stop!

Because the weeds have been recruiting...and it's time we recruited, too!



OHNA Garage Sale 2026

Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26

It is time to start getting ready for the Annual OHNA Garage Sale! Gather up the kids' old 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 all sell well. Someone will be happy to buy your treasures and trinkets at the garage sale!

OHNA will take care of the 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 that list.

You must be a current member of OHNA. If you have not yet paid dues in 2026, go to our website <https://join.OHNA.US>, and join for just \$20 a year. Sign up by Monday, September 21 to participate in the garage sale. Then send an email to garagesale@ohna.us with your name, address and phone number.

Contact Rhonda [214-850-5155](tel:214-850-5155) or garagesale@ohna.us if you have questions.

Make a little money and meet some nice neighbors!



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20th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

20ª Venta Anual de Garaje del Vecindario

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
Viernes y Sábado

September 25th - 26th
25 y 26 de Septiembre



What to do / qué hacer

- Make sure you are a current member of OHNA (\$20 per year). Renew online at join.ohna.us by September 21st
- Sign up to participate. Send an email with your name, address and phone number to garagesale@ohna.us by September 21st.
- Pick up your signs, permits and maps on Thursday, September 24th from Rhonda at 916 Old Orchard between 5:00-7:00pm.
- Asegúrese de estar al vigente con su membresía en OHNA (\$20 por año).
- Renueve en línea en join.ohna.us antes del 21 de Septiembre. Inscribáse para participar. Envíe un correo electrónico con su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono a garagesale@ohna.us antes del 21 de Septiembre.
- Recoja sus letreros, permisos y mapas el jueves 24 de Septiembre con Rhonda en 916 Old Orchard entre las 5:00 y 7:00 p.m



Block Party and Food Drive

OHNA 6th Annual Block Party and Food Drive
Saturday, October 24, 2026
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
945 Old Orchard Rd., in the circle

The Orchard Hills annual block party and food drive is back again this year. Our primary mission is to connect neighbors with one another and give back to our community. Last year, we donated 513 pounds of non-perishable items to The Good Samaritan Food Pantry, and this year you can help us top that amount!

The most-needed items include

- peanut butter
- dry pasta
- canned vegetables
- dry beans
- rice
- water



**Good Samaritans
of Garland**

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. And Animal Control will be back, by popular demand. We'll have fun activities, games, music, and prizes! And, of course, there will be plenty of delicious food. Get ready for hot dogs fresh off the grill, chips, drinks, and home-made cookies! So 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, contact [Margi Bice](#). Can't wait to see you there!



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
Cualquier alimento donado
será entregado a los Buenos
Samaritanos de Garland.

Join us for our 6th annual block party!
“ ¡Acompáñenos a nuestra quinta fiesta anual!

Saturday, October 24th, 12pm - 3 pm
Sábado, 24 de Octubre, de 12 p.m. a 3 p.m.



Make a Difference in Orchard Hills!

A great neighborhood doesn't just happen—it grows because neighbors like you pitch in. Whether you have an hour to spare a few times a year or you're looking for a bigger role, there's a place for you in Orchard Hills.

We're always looking for volunteers to serve on the OHNA Board or join one of our committees. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and help shape the future of our community.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

- **Newsletter Delivery** – Help distribute newsletters and flyers throughout the neighborhood.
- **Patriotic Flag Display** – Assist with placing and collecting American flags for three holidays each year.
- **Annual Block Party & Fall Garage Sale** – Help plan and organize two of our favorite community events.
- **Garden Work Days** – Keep our neighborhood flower gardens looking beautiful.
- **Newsletter Contributors** – Write articles, share neighborhood stories, gardening tips, or community news.
- **Social Media** – Help keep everyone informed by creating posts and sharing updates online.



No matter your interests or schedule, there's a volunteer opportunity that's right for you. Every helping hand makes Orchard Hills an even better place to live.

The best part? You'll meet wonderful neighbors, have a few laughs, and see the difference your efforts make firsthand.

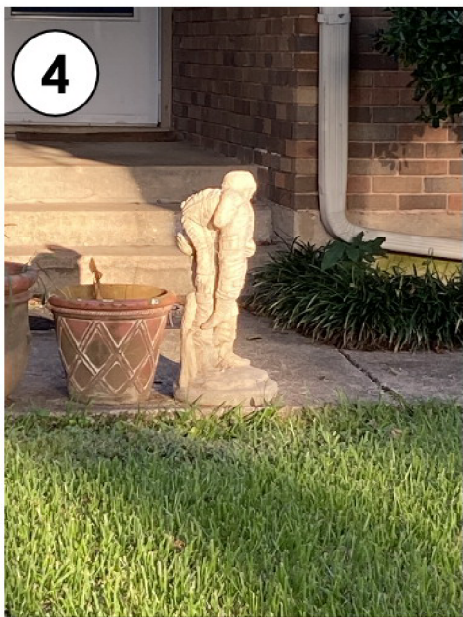
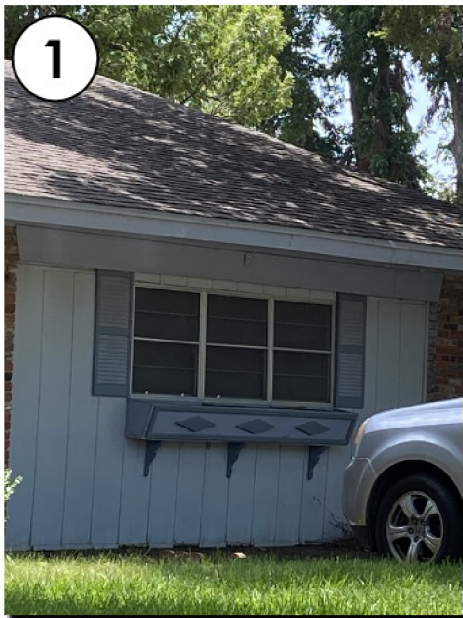
Interested? We'd love to hear from you! Contact us at Volunteer@OHNA.us to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

A Texas summer is nature's way of reminding us why shade trees are priceless.



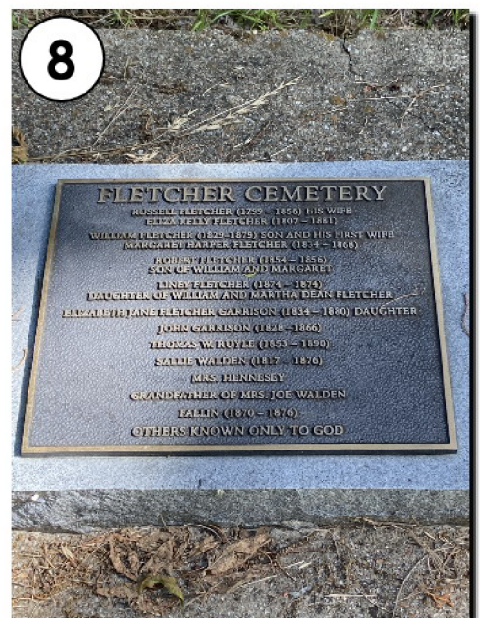
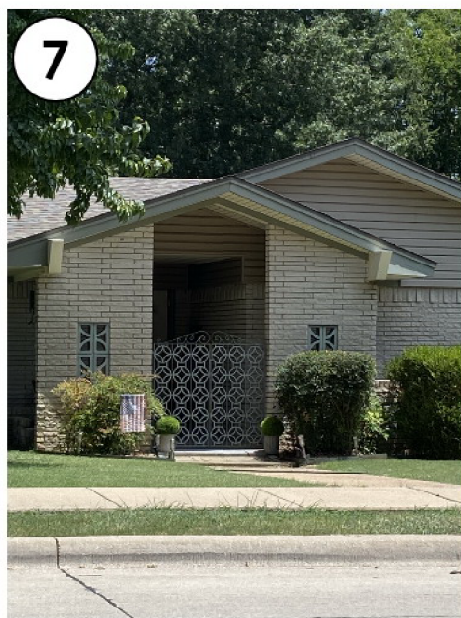
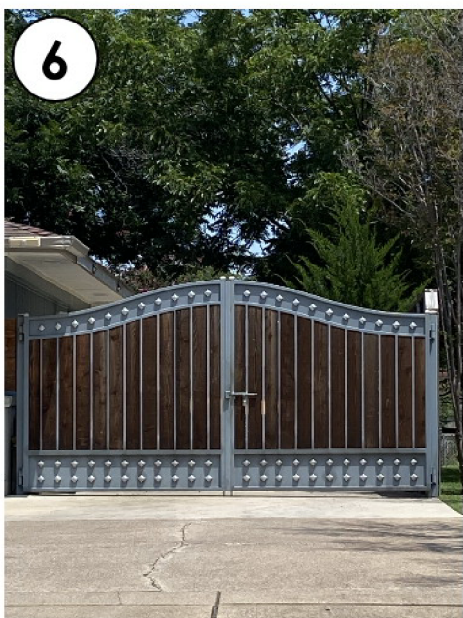
Thank You Mollie Wright for volunteering your time proof-reading the newsletters





Get out and explore our neighborhood!

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



2nd Quarter Scavenger Hunt Answers

- 1 814 Blossom Rd.
- 2 908 Carney Dr.
- 3 908 Saturn Springs Dr.
- 4 933 Treasure Rd.
- 5 2510 S. Glenbrook Dr.
- 6 2613 Harris Dr.
- 7 2905 Sheridan Dr.
- 8 3001 S. Glenbrook Dr.
- 9 2828 S. Glenbrook Dr.



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Kingsley Rd.

Need a hint on the 3rd Quarter Scavenger Hunt?:
<https://www.ohna.us/wordpress/scavenger-hunt/>

Submitted by Rhonda and Samantha



Spanish Conversation

South Garland Library • Adults 18+

SPANISH Conversation CIRCLE



6:30 P.M. TUESDAYS
SEP. 8TH & 22ND OCT. 13TH
& 27TH NOV. 3RD & 17TH

Our Spanish Conversation Circle
 is the perfect way to boost
 your fluency, meet new people
 and gain confidence
 speaking Spanish.

All skill levels welcome.



*Scan for dates
and times



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- October 13th
- October 27th
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- November 17th

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