



2016 Third Quarter Newsletter

July, August, September

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OHNA GARAGE SALE 2016

FRIDAY, OCT. 7 and SATURDAY, OCT. 8

Attention all OHNA members! The Annual Garage Sale is back again this year and now is the time to start getting ready. During these hot summer days, clean out that closet you've been meaning to get to. Gather up the kid's toys and clothes they have out grown. Collect holiday decorations that you no longer use that others may enjoy. Someone will be happy to buy your treasures and trinkets at the garage sale!

You must be a current member of OHNA. See the membership form in this newsletter or go to our website www.OHNA.US to join for just \$20 a year. Sign up by Monday, September 26th to participate in the garage sale.

OHNA will take care of: garage sale permits, provide a yard sign to you, and advertising. 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.

For details, please contact: Betty 972-278-3096

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Save the Date

December 2nd, is the date for OHNA's holiday gathering! We always have a great time visiting with old friends and new! If you would be willing to host this year's event, let us hear from you. Please, contact Eula @ 214-226-0486. Many thanks to the Penfolds, who have welcomed us into their home the last two years.

4th of July Picnic and Parade

Orchard Hill's showed all out patriotism on July 4th, during an Old Fashion 4th Kid's Parade at Rick Oden Park. Fifty neighbors and a few four legged friends proudly marched to patriotic music supplied by Sparkles the Clown. Afterwards, snacks were supplied by Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association and a fun morning was had by all.

Work Day

Many THANKS to Margi, Ava, and Angela, who braved the heat, and OHNA'S flowerbeds on Saturday, July 16th. In spite of the heat, our beds have flourished, and not all of this attractive. There were weeds to pull, and plants that required trimming. As this article is being written, several groups have been contacted to help us maintain our beds. Scout Troops, School Service groups, Horticultural groups, and requests via Social Media have gone out to ask for help with this Neighborhood project. Four Workdays are scheduled each year to work on the flowerbeds. The beds have needed more work than a small group has been able to keep up with. Please consider helping maintain the flowerbeds that provide a source of beauty to OHNA.

*As an aside, these beds were established via a Neighborhood Vitality Grant. The Board is currently considering another grant to put sign topers in our neighborhood.

Neighborhood Notes

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Date to be announced soon. Watch Nextdoor.com or OHNA Facebook page for additional information.

Halloween

Treat Destinations wanted for our neighborhood kids on Monday, Oct.31 from 6-8pm.

Please look for more information on the events page-Nextdoor.com



<http://www.nextdoor.com>



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Calendar

September

1, 15, 29 *Recycle*
12 Board Meeting

October

13, 27 *Recycle*
7, 8 Garage Sale
10 Board Meeting

November

10, 25 *Recycle*
14 Board Meeting

December

1, 5, 29 *Recycle*
12 Board Meeting



Home

I often say that I was born in Garland before we even had a hospital, which is true. My birthplace was Spiegel's Clinic near the Resistol Hat Factory. A memorable feature at the clinic was a stuffed polar bear, not that I remember from being born there but later as a child assigned to wait in the lobby when visiting sick relatives.

My father worked in the meat department at the Kroger-Wyatt's at Garland Shopping Center at Miller and Garland Road. This was a busy shopping center with a JC Penney's store with 2 floors, Skillern's Drug Store, a locksmith, Olgeby's Jewelry Store, a furniture store, and a 5 and dime I believe. There was also a diner/coffee shop across the parking lot where you could find employees from the shops such as my father enjoying a coffee break and sometimes the railroad crew would stop the freight train and walk

over for their breakfast.

In 1966, when I was five, my dad suffered a heart attack while at work. They say that he survived because he went into the meat cooler and reclined which simulated a treatment currently used to treat cardiac arrest. He was taken to Garland Memorial Hospital at the current Baylor Garland location. I became very familiar with this hospital lobby as children were not allowed to visit in patient rooms.

The recuperative time in those days was several weeks. He was put on a restrictive diet and exercise regimen. He and I would walk from our home to Pecan Grove Park (now Lon L. Wynne) and pick up pecans under the many huge trees in the park. When he was better, he returned to work and I started to school at Caldwell Elementary.

At Caldwell, I never met a teacher I didn't like. My second grade teacher introduced me to art, both the kind you make with colored macaroni and prints of famous paintings. She also played the oboe in the Dallas Symphony and was a sharp dresser. She was still playing the oboe and dressing sharp the last time she accompanied our church choir after she had retired. For third and sixth grade, I had the same teacher who I remember very fondly. She read to us after lunch each day. I owe my fine cursive handwriting and ability to do long division to these educators.

Somewhere in between having a garden that provided our family with vegetables and fruits, creating one-of-a-kind clothing for my sister and I, keeping an immaculate house, waxing hardwood floors, and fashioning new draperies, my mom began to work in school cafeterias as a substitute. Sometimes she would be at my school handing out the ice cream or washing the dishes. She continued this job long after I left Caldwell, but quit shortly after my father passed away in the 80's. Children such as the Neargarders who walked past our house on their way home from school often stopped to ring the doorbell and say "hi" which was a boost to her spirits. She also liked to visit with neighbors passing her garden from the post office.

The swimming pool at Pecan Grove was where to be in the summer for swim lessons. Mother would take me there each year to earn a patch and certificate as my skills advanced. Eventually, I got old enough to ride my bike to the pool by myself and became a teen volunteer helping the little ones to bubble and bob. This is how a teaching career can get started. There was a cadre of youth helpers which made it a bit social as well. At the end of the summer, there was a big program where the kids showed off their skills to their families.

With so many fond memories of the neighborhood, it is no wonder that I brought my family back home.

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Thanks to **Saturn Road Church of Christ** for hosting our monthly meetings!

3030 Saturn Road
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Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
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<http://www.saturnroad.org>

SATURDAY IN THE PARK

OHNA's annual picnic took place in Rick Oden Park on Saturday, June 11th. Ronnie and Bob were there early to stake out our spot! They cleaned the tables, sprayed for insects, and set up for grilling lots of hot dogs! They also drank coffee and brought breakfast treats.

Rick Oden provided a perfect setting, nestled under beautiful pecan trees. The weather couldn't have been better. There was just enough cloud cover to keep temps mild, with a refreshing breeze. In addition to hot dogs, with all the toppings, a crowd of 40+ people enjoyed chips, cookies, popsicles, and lemonade. It was a relaxing time for sitting in lawn chairs and talking while children of all ages played an assortment of games. 300 water balloons provided "weapons" for a massive balloon war. Everyone was happy to see firefighters from the GFD who showed off a brand new pumper truck and stayed to visit.

Many thanks to the OHNA Board and all the folks who helped with food prep, serving, and providing all the goodies. It was great to see so many familiar and new faces, and to meet families of all kinds. We hope you enjoyed your "Saturday in the Park" and will watch for news on OHNA events coming in October and December.

District 5 Updates

Construction

The Parkmont Drainage Project has been delayed by the failure of a number of property owners to respond to letters from the City about obtaining Right of Way to move utility lines and make ADA-required corner clips for accessible sidewalks. The City is attempting other means of contact to reach these owners. The delay time is now estimated to be several months, pushing the start of construction back to March of 2017.

Development

Discussions regarding the redevelopment of the old Hypermart site on Garland Avenue continue, but there is nothing to announce or discuss at this time. I'll keep folks posted here and on Nextdoor of any news. The Texas Can Academy application to start a charter school at the Indy RC World (old bowling alley) on Saturn Road was denied by the Plan Commission. The application was withdrawn before it went to City Council. I hope to have something to announce regarding the future of that property very soon. The application of OM Housing to build an apartment complex on the site of the old Eastgate Apartments was denied (and then denied again on a request for reconsideration). OM Housing or the property owner is anticipated to come back with a revised plan that more closely aligns with what was presented to City Council back in 2012.

Budget and Streets

The proposed budget for 2016-17 was delivered to the City Council on August 2, 2016. There will be a number of opportunities for public input and I hope that many of you will come down and talk to the City Council about your impressions and priorities. Due to the increase in the City's tax base valuations, there is greater revenue expected this year which is proposed to mostly go to getting our employee compensation back to competitive levels and dealing with increased healthcare costs. The proposed budget also calls for increased funding for street improvements through the use of some CIP funds and one-time availability funds. I have some concerns that the amount proposed and the lack of a plan/regular funding source will fail to fully address our serious problems with street infrastructure and will further delay our completion of the 2004 Bond Program. I will be exploring these concerns during the budget work sessions and meetings; I encourage you to express your concerns to City Council or directly to me.

As always, please contact me with any issues, ideas or concerns at council5@garlandtx.gov or 972-325-2529.

Thank you and stay cool!
Rich



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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, otherwise we will deliver newsletters and notices to your door.

The annual fee is \$20 per 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

P.O. Box 472685 Garland, TX 75047-2685

Membership in the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association is an unbelievable \$20 a year. With this fee you contribute towards making this neighborhood a better place to live. Elected representatives work on ideas and agendas that will make Orchard Hills safer and prettier. Neighborhood associations are a strong voice that gets heard by city government. We communicate through newsletters, monthly meetings and an active website. One of the most attractive things about a good neighborhood is getting to know each other. OHNA stimulates "knowing your neighbor" through a variety of social events during the year.

These are only a few of the benefits to a neighborhood association. Even though the fee is minimal, it can be mountainous as we put the funds to work. The majority of funds pay for the newsletters and flyers that are distributed to your doorstep throughout the year; funds are spent to put on events like the Annual Meeting, Plant Sale, Annual Picnic, Neighborhood Garage Sale, and Christmas Party. Additional money is spent for administrative costs and matching funds for grant funded improvements on such as sidewalks and landscaping.

The list can go on and on, but as you read, your dues are very important, valuable and necessary...so keep them coming...and Thank You for your support. We would not have an Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association without YOU!! If you are not a member sign up today! There is no better way to spend \$20



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