



The Oak Leaflet

The Newsletter of the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association

Oakhurst Established in **1924**. National Register of Historic Places, **2010**.
Voted Neighborhood of the Year three times: **2006, 2010** and **2022!**
Named Best Neighborhood Association, **2024** by Fort Worth Magazine.



Volunteer Efforts Result in a Cleaner Oakhurst



Those driving around the Oakhurst on a recent March Saturday, may have seen groups of folks with large black bags circulating along Oakhurst Scenic Drive, picking up litter. Or they may have observed others sprucing up the Daisy Lane Median as well as Oakhurst Park.

The activities were part of the annual Great American Cowtown Cleanup led by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful. It brought hundreds of volunteers together proving how much they love this town.

The cleanup of Oakhurst Scenic resulted in 25 bags of debris cleaned and piles of assorted tires and other illegally disposed items

The FOOP crew raked leaves and planted flowers, while on Daisy Lane, volunteers cleared leaves from the gutters and added color to the landscape. *~By Fran Burns*

ONA Social Mixer + Garage Sale Preview

We're bringing neighbors together for a relaxed evening of connection, conversation, and a preview of one of our favorite community traditions.

Social Mixer – Potluck Style

Join us on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Bauer's house for a casual, come-and-go neighborhood mixer. Bring your favorite snack or dish to share—potluck style—and enjoy time with neighbors. Adult beverages will be served.

Garage Sale Preview & Donations & First Dibs

This gathering will also serve as an early preview of our upcoming ONA-hosted garage sale. If you have items to donate, feel free to bring them (marked with prices). Katie Bauer will be collecting donations at the mixer. We'll also have items available to browse and purchase that evening, so neighbors attending get a first look—and first dibs—before the official sale.

It's an easy way to connect, contribute and get a head start on the garage sale while enjoying a laid-back evening together. We hope to see you there!

Sign Up for the Community Garage Sale

It's fun, it's a way to meet neighbors and to clear out the garage while raising some money. It's the Oakhurst Garage Sale set, once again, for Memorial Day Weekend; May 22, 23 and 24.

It costs nothing to sign up and for those who do, ONA will help spread the word and set out signs a few days before. Text 817-715-7066 to be included.

For those not interested in hosting their own sale, the Bauers have volunteered to host a fundraiser for ONA. For information on how to donate your reusable items, email keowens13@gmail.com

Save the Date

May 2.....City Bond & Charter Election
May 21..... 6 p.m., ONA Social
May 22-24.....Neighborhood Garage Sale

Oakhurst Street Makes the List

Learn more at:

fortworthtexas.gov/2026bond
fortworthtexas.gov/2026charter

ONA SOCIAL + GARAGE SALE PREVIEW

Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 5:30 PM | 2128 Morning Glory Avenue

Oakhurst Neighborhood Association meets monthly on the third Thursday.



May YOM is a Creative Use of Various Elevations

By Fran Burns



The Yard of the Month for May belongs to Evelyne and John Miller at 1944 Bluebird Ave. It's unusual in that it is on a sloped lot with very little level area. Here is how Evelyne describes her yard and neighborhood.

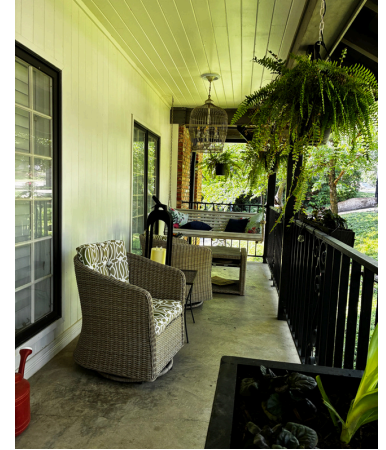
"We moved to Oakhurst in 2024. We have always loved this neighborhood with its beautiful trees and quaint houses with beautiful front porches. The neighborhood has a great sense of community and is very unique. I can't tell you the number of people that say, "Oakhurst is the best kept secret in Fort Worth", when I tell them where I live.

"My favorite thing about my yard is my front porch. We love to swing on the porch swing, and my kids gave me flower boxes and hanging baskets that make my porch feel like you're sitting in a garden. I do have to give my husband a lot of credit for setting up a system that automatically waters everything on the porch. I also love the brick path that we installed and additional hidden flower bed. I found the bricks in the planter in our backyard buried under dirt and a tarp. They are old bricks and I wanted to do something special with them. My husband calls the brick path "perfectly imperfect".

"I mostly plant perennials, but I always buy a twisted trunk hibiscus bush. It is showy, and I love them. My mother loved roses, so I planted 3 rose bushes in her honor. My mother-in-law always had a beautiful yard, so she was my inspiration. Last year was an experimental year since we have so many trees, more than we have ever had. I have learned that what starts out as a sunny or shaded part of my year does not necessarily stay that way as summer goes along. I knew this yard could be really beautiful when we bought the house...with a lot of manicuring and a little loving care.

"If you haven't come by, please do and if we are sitting on the porch, please stop. We would love to meet more of our neighbors.

"I grew up in Breckenridge, Texas and moved to Fort Worth after I graduated from high school. My husband grew up in Arlington. When we got married, we moved to North Richland Hills where we raised our family and then moved to Oakhurst."



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PHANTOM FOODIE

OCHA is an Authentic Thai Place

We had just left the Presbyterian Night Shelter where we assisted staff in serving food to residents and were trying to decide where to have dinner, as is our habit on shelter nights. One of our co-volunteers suggested a Thai place not too far from Oakhurst. It's one of her favorite places, she told us.

From the neighborhood, Ocha is just six miles away in North Richland Hills at 4100 Ruff Snow Dr. Although the place doesn't boast much atmosphere, the restaurant is family friendly. The drinks are non-alcoholic. They serve what we've come to expect at a good Thai restaurant, rice, crisp veggies, lovely sauces, spring rolls and a wide assortment of appetizers.

The special dishes include Panang and Garlic Salmon, Spicy Basil Tilapia and Pepper Steak. They offer an assortment of curries, stir-fried options and noodle dishes. And their dinners include ginger, orange, sweet and sour, peanut and mixed veggies based.

Our friend recommended her favorite soup... Tom Kha Goong, a chicken soup made with coconut milk and lemon grass along with onion, mushrooms and cilantro. It looked yummy.

Prices are very reasonable, and the service was good. We didn't have to fight a crowd. My plate was full when it arrived, and I told myself to stop eating halfway so I could take some home. If it means anything, I cleaned my plate and plan on going back soon.

They are open for lunch and dinner every day except Wednesday. Take out is available by calling 817-849-9111.

Join the Beautification Team

Your help is needed! Please join your neighbors in sprucing up the circle at West Lotus Avenue.

(It's the location of the annual ONA Oaktoberfest)

Fun starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 16.

Needed - weeders, rakers, trimmers; anyone interested in keeping Oakhurst looking beautiful.

There will be snacks and beverages for all volunteers.



RECIPE CORNER

Lemon-Blueberry Breakfast Cake

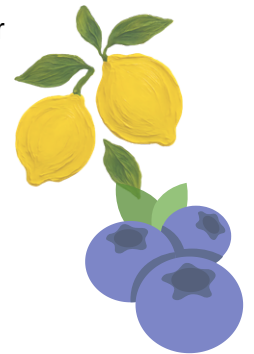
By Kathryn Omarkhail

A bright, lightly sweet cake perfect for brunch, coffee, or a weekend treat.

Spring is starting to show up in small ways around the neighborhood—longer evenings, brighter mornings, and that first hint of fresh fruit at the market. This Lemon-Blueberry Breakfast Cake is one of those simple recipes that feels special without being complicated. It's bright, lightly sweet, and perfect with a cup of coffee on the porch or shared with neighbors on a slow weekend morning.

Ingredients

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries



Optional glaze

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1–2 tsp lemon juice



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease an 8- or 9-inch baking dish.
2. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt.
3. In another bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well.
5. Stir in milk, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla.
6. Gradually mix in the dry ingredients until just combined.
7. Fold in the blueberries gently.
8. Pour batter into pan and bake 35–40 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean.
9. Cool slightly, drizzle with optional lemon glaze, and serve.

Tip:

This cake is wonderful slightly warm with coffee and keeps well for a couple of days.

Never Just One Tree

By Kathryn Omarkhail

You don't notice it at first. Then one day, the shade is thinner, the air feels different, and something about the street has shifted. More often, it's one tree—then another. Each one feels small on its own. Over time, the effect isn't small at all. It shows up in the canopy, in the shade we feel and in the character of the street.

Our heritage trees aren't just landscaping. Even a small six-inch post oak can cast a surprisingly wide canopy—cooling the ground, softening the light, slowing water, and creating a layer of insulation for everything around it: homes, soil, sound and people.

Whether we realize it or not, we experience Oakhurst through its trees—something that was in place long before any of us arrived.

You can plant a new tree—and that matters—but it won't recreate what was there. Not in five years; not in ten. Often, not within the time most of us will live in our homes. A tree with a trunk just 6–10 inches in diameter has usually been growing for decades.

What that “one tree” provides:

- Canopy – A wide, living shade structure that can cover hundreds of square feet
- Temperature regulation – Shaded ground can be 10–25°F cooler than exposed surfaces during peak heat
- Stormwater control – Roots and soil absorption reduce runoff and erosion
- Habitat – Birds, pollinators, and insects rely on even a single mature tree

I've been paying closer attention to the red oaks coming up naturally in my yard—the volunteers that appear where conditions are right. Even a small one—around a three inch trunk—already starts to define space. You can see where it's going. You can imagine the shade it will give, the way it will soften the light, the role it will play over time.

That perspective shifts things. You start to see trees less as individual objects and more as part of a living system—one that builds slowly and disappears quickly.

That's why Urban Forestry ordinances don't just consider why a tree is removed—they account for what's being lost.

What You Need to Know

Tree Removal Permits:

- A Tree Removal Permit is **not required** for the removal of a **single dead, dying, diseased or hazardous tree** from properties under one acre.
- An **Urban Forestry Permit is required** for
 - the removal of **significant trees (6 inches DBH – trunk diameter)**
 - the removal of trees affected by **development or construction activities.**

Why it matters

Some trees aren't just landscaping—they're part of the long-term canopy that shapes shade, temperature, and neighborhood character. Even a single mature tree can take decades to replace.

If you're unsure whether a permit is needed, it's worth checking before making changes – because it's rarely just one tree.



Daniel Shank, Treasurer					
April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026					
Fund Type	Opening Balance 4/1/2025	Dues Allocation	Accumulated Income/ Donations	Accumulated Expenses	Ending Balance 3/31/2026
General Fund	\$ 7,038.48	\$ 770.00	\$ 6,423.76	\$ 9,589.54	\$ 4,642.70
Beautification Fund	\$ 676.96	\$ 462.00	\$ 553.35	\$ 1,228.09	\$ 464.22
Newsletter Fund	\$ 1,725.67	\$ 770.00	\$ 2,147.25	\$ 3,935.72	\$ 707.20
First Responders Dinner Fund	\$ 2,559.99	\$ 308.00	\$ 938.90	\$ 1,400.02	\$ 2,406.87
Events Fund	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 2,256.25	\$ 2,068.66	\$ 3,059.59
Walk of Honor Lotus	\$ 275.68	-	\$ 10.00	-	\$ 285.68
Total	\$ 14,378.78	\$ 3,080.00	\$ 12,329.51	\$ 18,222.03	\$ 11,566.26
Prepaid Dues					\$ 1,320.00
Total ONA Funds					\$ 12,886.26
Dale Resource Funds	\$ 4,840.41	-	-	-	\$ 4,840.41

We have 173 ONA members as of March 31, 2026. ONA's membership year runs April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Join fellow ONA supporters by becoming a member of Fort Worth's 2022 Neighborhood of the Year. Membership dues are \$20.00 per person and can be paid online via oakhurstfw.org, or by mailing your payment to ONA, P.O. Box 7430, Fort Worth, TX 76111.

President's Message

-Blaine Brewer



Blaine and Angela playing dress up

Dear Neighbors,

It is truly an honor to serve as the next President of Oakhurst Neighborhood Association. My family and I have called this neighborhood home since 2017, and over the past nine years, it has become so much more than just a place to live—it's where we've built our life together, raising our two kids alongside so many wonderful neighbors.

When my wife, Angela, and I first moved here, we were looking for a place to call home after a brief (and admittedly misguided) stop in Dallas following college. Fort Worth quickly filled that void, and this neighborhood has been a big part of what makes it so special for our family. There's a strong sense of pride, connection, and community here that's just so hard to find, and it truly is something worth protecting.

I work in IT and cybersecurity management for Kimbell Royalty Partners in downtown Fort Worth. Being a problem solver and developer professionally, I hope to be well equipped for the challenges that lay ahead. Most importantly though, my goal in this role is to help maintain what already works so well. This neighborhood is already recognized as one of the best in Fort Worth, and my goal is to help preserve that reputation by supporting a safe, welcoming and engaged community.

I want to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank Katie Bauer for her exceptional leadership. She has done a tremendous job guiding our neighborhood through challenging times and setting a high standard for what this association can be. She leaves behind a strong and engaged community, and I am grateful for the example she has set.

I believe the strength of our neighborhood comes from the people in it—neighbors who care, who stay involved and who look out for one another. I'm looking forward to working together, hearing your ideas and continuing to build on what makes this place so special.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Sincerely, Blaine Brewer, President, Oakhurst Neighborhood Association

April Showers Couldn't Keep the Easter Bunny Away

By Glenda Shelton



Despite a rainy start to the day, our delayed Easter Egg Hunt at the park was a wonderful success. While we had to move the hunt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., we were thrilled to still see such a great turnout. We do apologize to those who were unable to join us due to the time change and hope to see you next time.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated candy, eggs, and their time to make this event so special. It truly takes a village to make good things happen, and our neighborhood showed up in the best way for this event.

Special thanks to Katie Bauer, Ted Bauer, Georgia Knabe, Michelle Gutt, David Sims and Nancy Fuller, along with the many others who jumped in to help hide eggs and keep things running smoothly.

What a lovely event hosted by the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association, and a great show of support from so many neighbors.



Wyatt C. Hedrick: Architect of Amon Carter-Riverside High School

By Libby Willis



Wyatt Cephas Hedrick was not born or reared in Texas, but he led a professional life in architecture that was as big as the state. Hedrick was born in 1888 in Chatham, Virginia to a large family of tobacco farmers. Wyatt helped his father in the fields as well as on crews repairing roads to make extra money, but he earned an engineering degree from Washington and Lee in 1910.

Hedrick came west in 1913 and ran his own construction company in Fort Worth from 1914 to 1921, then became a partner in the celebrated Fort Worth architectural firm Sanguinet and Staats. He bought the remaining interest in the Sanguinet and Staats firm when they retired in 1922.

In 1928 Hedrick designed a house in Jackson, Mississippi for well-known American author Eudora Welty's family. It is now a National Historic Landmark. The same year he was responsible for the new Lodge 134 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in downtown. That building later became the home of the Young Women's Christian Association and will soon reopen as the downtown Fort Worth Central Library.

In the 1930s Hedrick began to make a name for himself with many major Art Moderne structures in Fort Worth.-- the Aviation Building (1930), the Texas and Pacific Terminal and Warehouse (1931), the Will Rogers Coliseum and Auditorium (1936), the Lone Star Gas Building (1929), old Fort Worth City Hall (1938) and the Central Fire Station (1930). On many of these projects Hedrick associate Herman Paul Koeppel was the Chief Designer.

In the mid-1930s Hedrick was one of the important architects commissioned to build 4 new high schools in Fort Worth – these new schools were Arlington Heights, Polytechnic, North Side and Riverside High School whose name became Amon Carter-Riverside High School in 1941.

The 1936 Spanish Baroque style high school on Yucca Avenue has been the most important landmark in Riverside for 90 years. It is a City of Fort Worth historic landmark and was built by the New Deal Public Works Administration. The handsome yellow

brick structure at the top of the Hare & Hare-designed esplanade makes it the destination of learning. In 2017, a \$54 million bond project created a new quad to link the original administration/classroom building to a new academic structure. The front façade windows renovation restored the high school's original beauty.

Hedrick designed other schools for the FWISD including North Hi Mount Elementary, Meadowbrook Elementary - Junior High School and Central High School (1917).

Hedrick designed many significant buildings beyond Fort Worth. These included at least seven Texas county courthouses (including Coleman, Comanche, Motley and Yoakum Counties) as well as the exterior of Baylor University's 1951 Armstrong-Browning Library. His firm designed 4 hotels across the state for T.B. Baker including the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth and the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells. The latter is tied to Oakhurst through its master plasterer Carl Warner who built a house on Goldenrod which incorporates elements of the Baker Hotel lobby design in the house's living room.

Hedrick designed the \$20 million Shamrock Hotel in Houston for oilman Glenn McCarthy. The 1,100-room hotel was the biggest in the nation when it opened in 1949. James Dean portrayed a McCarthy-like character ("Jett Rink") in the 1955 George Stevens film "Giant." A 1950 Lord Calvert whiskey ad featuring Hedrick as a "Man of Distinction" was enough to get the alcohol spurning Baylor Baptists to drop him from consideration for future campus projects. In Riverside, Hedrick had already drawn the plans for a new Riverside Baptist Church building, but they declined his proposal after the ad appeared. However, the liquor ad didn't seem to bother the congregation at Broadway Baptist Church because they used Hedrick's design for their 1952 sanctuary on the near South Side.

Hedrick was married first to Texas amateur golf champion Pauline Stripling of the Stripling Department Store family and then to Mildred Sterling, daughter of Ross Sterling, a founder of the Humble Oil Company and the 31st governor of Texas. Wyatt's grandson, Ames Fender, also an architect, is a past chairman of the City's Historic and Cultural Landmark Commission.

Wyatt Hedrick died in 1964. By then, his firm was the third largest architectural company in the country with Fort Worth, Dallas, and Houston offices. He lived a large life leaving Riverside, Fort Worth and many other cities some of the most important buildings they still have.

THE GREEN SPOT

By Fran Burns

City Helps Residents Monitor Water Usage

Fort Worth has year-round watering restrictions that allow residents to water their landscapes twice a week and set their usage thresholds. Usage guidelines are intended to promote water conservation. Those who run irrigation systems or sprinklers on the wrong days and/or hours may receive a warning that explains the correct guidelines.

Here is the watering schedule:

- No watering is allowed on Mondays.
- Only public areas (such as the medians in Oakhurst) and commercial properties may water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

For residential addresses:

- Even-numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Odd-numbered addresses; on Thursdays and Sundays.

Prohibited Times:

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to minimize evaporation losses during the hottest times of the day. *Sprinklers are considered the same as irrigation systems.*

Allowed Methods:

It's okay to use hand-held hoses, drip irrigation and soaker hoses at any time. It is prohibited to water hard surfaces or allow water to run onto sidewalks or into the street.

Enforcement and Penalties:

Violations of these restrictions can result in fines up to \$2,000 for each offense, with each day of violation considered a separate offense.

Residents are encouraged to report water waste through the MyFW app.

Additional Guidelines:

- New irrigation systems must include rain and freeze sensors.
- Regular inspections are required.

These restrictions are part of Fort Worth's efforts to conserve water and ensure sustainable use of water resources, especially during peak demand periods.

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