



## City of Orchard Grass Hills

Summer Newsletter

June 2014

### Home Sweet Home

A few years ago, we had some neighbors move to a new neighborhood nearby. Several months later, we ran into them and they lamented the fact that where they lived now just wasn't the same. Their neighbors didn't talk to them much, if at all, and they missed the warmth of Orchard Grass Hills. I could've told them that before they moved! (In fact, I did!)

If I stand on my sidewalk, I can look at houses up and down my street and know I have friends in a ton of those houses. I hope that's everyone's experience in Orchard Grass! It's why I live here still. Like a lot of you, I'm raising my family in our little city. There are cheaper places to live and there are certainly fancier places to live, but none of those places are home.

I like that our little city is full of hard working people. We're not too full of ourselves and we are trying our best to live our own American Dream right here with each other. I love that I see people, young and old walking our streets and sidewalks, with strollers, little bicycles, children in tow, dogs, PIGS (yes, you saw right), and friendly smiles.

Sure, we've got our challenges. I'd like to see people slow down in their cars and realize there are children and pets around at all times. No need to be in a hurry in our city when the speed limit is 25mph. So, slow down and enjoy the warmth of Orchard Grass Hills!

I know the kids in the neighborhood get into an ornery mood once in a while. (Like none of us grownups ever did?!?) I wish they'd be more respectful of noise and the late hours that I've seen some of them keep. I'd also like to hear a little more polite language from some of them too. But maybe they'll grow up and live in a place like this and see why that's important someday.

In the coming months, we'll BBQ in the back yard, watch our kids run to the ice cream truck, rake our leaves and clean the gutters, hand out candy to our neighborhood's kiddos (and the dozens of kids that show up from other places!), shovel snow and decorate our yards and houses with Christmas trees, lights, nativity scenes, inflatable Scooby Doos and the like, and all the while enjoy conversations across the backyard with our neighbors.

Yes, I could live somewhere else I suppose. But you know what? I like it here. I hope you do too and I hope we will all do our part to keep Orchard Grass Hills home sweet home.

*Doug Lalli*

Resident and Interim Mayor of OGH



**Our next City Wide Yard Sale is on August 2nd with a rain date of August 3rd. Junk pick up is on Thursday August 7th.**

**Be sure to go online and check out our city website [www.cityoforchardgrass.com](http://www.cityoforchardgrass.com) each month for the official word on events, meeting minutes, and all city ordinances.**

**Have problems with sewer plant smells or leaks?**

**Call Oldham County Environmental Authority at**

**(502) 225-9477**

# The Mayor's F.A.Q. Page

There are several ordinances that are questioned frequently in our city. Here are some brief answers to some of those so you'll know. (You can find detailed ordinances for these and other topics on our city's web page at [www.cityoforchardgrass.com](http://www.cityoforchardgrass.com))

## What is the soliciting policy?

Soliciting is not allowed in OGH. No permits are accepted. There seems to be loads of loopholes, but the simple fact is that you can't sell things door to door as a business. OGH is happy to support our own kiddos who need to go door to door but no businesses.

## Can we keep boats/trailers/RV's on our property?

The short answer is no. Those are things that need to be stored in an appropriate facility. Short term parking for trip prep, cleaning, etc. is OK but long term or permanent is not.

## Can ever we park on city streets?

The no parking signs around our city are reminders that the street is not for permanent parking. This means no overnight or long term parking. If you have guests over, be sure to have them park so as not to block traffic flow. The streets need to be kept open for traffic and emergency vehicles when needed.

## Can I have a basketball goal at my house?

Sure, as long as it is not in the street or setup so that you'll have to play in the street to use it. Cul de sacs are included in this. Driveways are the best place for them.

## Are fireworks legal in OGH?

Most are, but there are regulations with them that make some of them inappropriate to use in OGH. Anything that goes up in the air must be 200' away from structures, cars and people. Also, the acceptable time frame for fireworks is June 15th to July 8th. And remember the 11PM noise curfew as well.

## I've seen an Orchard Grass Facebook page. What is the purpose of it?

First, the page can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/orchardgrasshills/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/orchardgrasshills/) and is maintained in an unofficial capacity. It is not run by the city but has excellent information and communication on it regularly. That is its purpose and it has come in quite handy in getting news out quickly and other time sensitive things. If you'd like to be part of it, visit the page and ask to join.



## Upcoming Events in Our Area

June 21—Lion's Club is sponsoring the Crestwood Festival at South Oldham Middle School from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. <http://southoldhamlions.org/FestivalInfo.html>

July 19—The Project Guild of LaGrange will present the 44th annual Oldham County Day celebration in historic downtown LaGrange.

October 11 and 12—Railroad and Bluegrass Festival—Location TBA

October 24-26—Oldham Arts on Quality Place—a juried art show to help fund the YMCA's efforts to provide free programs to less privileged children and to help the Arts Association of Oldham county promote the arts in our community.

Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21—Yew Dell Gardens Castle Train Exhibit with Santa with snow village and model train display.

Dec. 5—Light Up LaGrange—6 p.m.— a tradition for La Grange residents as Santa and the mayor light the town.

Dec. 6—12 to 3 p.m.—12th Annual Nature of Christmas in Goshen—free food, artisans, gift booths, crafts, hayrides, music, Santa & Mrs. Claus with gift bags and treats.



## Also check out...

Oldham County Library Events Calendar—<http://www.oldhampl.org/calendar.html>

Oldham County Arts Center Events and Summer Camps—<http://www.ocsartscenter.org/>

Oldham County Parks & Recreation Activities—<http://www.oldhamcounty.net/P&R/P&R.htm>

# Welcome to the Neighborhood!



If you just moved into the Orchard Grass Hills or Poplar Hill in 2014, or if you know of a new neighbor, please email us at [1cityogh@bellsouth.net](mailto:1cityogh@bellsouth.net) so we can give you a proper welcome! City resident Jackie Francis has generously volunteered her time to put together fantastic welcome baskets. If you want to bake home made cookies and breads to contribute that homey touch to the baskets, please email us!

## Your City Council

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## Transitions

Mayor Darlene Yarberry moved out of state in October 2013 and stepped down from her role as the Mayor of the City of Orchard Grass Hills. Doug Lalli, a city council member and resident for many years, stepped in as Interim Mayor until the next election in November, 2014.

Susan Marcum, Bob McCue, and Daniel Lira are our newest city council members, replacing Jim White, Jami Springer and Dan Davila who ended their service to the City this past year. We are so thankful for their commitment to the city and its direction.

City council meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pewee Valley Firehouse on Foley Ave.

We welcome all residents to come share concerns and volunteer their time and ideas to improve our neighborhood.





City Streets  
are used for  
kids playing,  
students  
coming home  
from school,  
joggers,  
dog walkers,  
motorcycle &  
bike riders,  
skateboarders,  
repair trucks,  
lawn services,  
and oh yeah,  
CARS... so  
please...

Share the Road  
AND

**GO THE  
SPEED LIMIT  
OR BELOW!**



Please do not allow your pets (dogs, pot bellied pigs etc...) off your property without a leash. We have had numerous complaints about neighborhood dogs leaving deposits on lawns. We have also seen many dogs running around with collars, but no owners. This is dangerous to drivers, to pedestrians, and a nuisance to those who have to clean up the mess left behind. Please be courteous and do not allow your pet to do their business without you to clean up what is left behind.

### •WAYS DRIVERS CAN MAKE ROADS SAFER •FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

- DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE—we all want to get home to our families each day. Express this to your teen drivers.
- ALWAYS LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLES—they are hard to spot and intersections are the most dangerous place for a motorcyclist. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. Predict that a motorcycle is closer than it looks. I spent 10 years in the motorcycle business. It's not fun as a car driver to have a rider crash through your side window because you were distracted. I've responded to many accidents like this and most were avoidable. Also, motorcycles often look like they are moving faster than they really are.
- ALLOW 3 TO 4 SECONDS OF FOLLOWING DISTANCE. Motorcyclists often slow down by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, therefore not activating a brake light. Predict a motorcyclist may slow down at intersections without visual warning.
- TURN SIGNALS ARE NOT SELF CANCELLING on motorcycles, so be aware that some bikers may forget to turn them off.
- WE ARE NOT STRAYING—Riders often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to steer clear of road debris, passing cars, and wind. Understand that these position shifts aren't to be reckless, show off, or allow you to share a lane with them.
- RIDERS MAY PASS IN FRONT of you usually for safety as a rider cannot see that muffler or 2x4 in the center of the lane (where he is usually riding to have safe distance from the lane next to him) when he is behind you. An encounter with those items on the gene Snyder will make for a bad day for a lot of folks.
- MOTORCYCLES CAN STOP FASTER than your car so please give ample room between you and the bike in front of you.

SHARE THE ROAD, SHARE THE RESPECT.

City Council Member  
*Bob Dalton*

## THINKING ABOUT RUNNING?

If you've even remotely thought about taking up this sport, I promise it will change your life in ways you never imagined – all for the better. Here are just a few tips to get you started:

- See your doc – Running is a high-impact sport, so you want to make sure you don't have any physical issues that may prevent you from safely doing it.
- FIND THE RIGHT SHOES!!! – This is one of the most simplest things you can do to prevent injuries. Go to a sports store that can help fit you for the proper shoe. Locally, Blue Mile, Fleet Feet, and Dick's Sporting Goods are some good options.
- Get some moisture-wicking running gear. It will be a little pricey to get what you need starting out, but they last forever and you will get your money's worth. Get something that makes you feel and look good!
- Stretch, stretch, stretch! – Another extremely important thing to do to prevent injuries. You definitely want to stretch after your runs. There is some controversy with stretching before as well, but I always do.
- Start slow and gradually build up. – I would recommend going to a site such as Runner's World to build a training plan. It will ensure that you don't do too much too soon. Many people are so enthusiastic when first starting out, that they try to do too much way too soon and either get injured or 'burn out.' A great first goal would be to run in a 5K, or about 3.1 miles.

Of course there are always treadmills for you to do your runs on, but if you would like a more scenic option, below are some great local, safe places to run:

- E.P. Tom Sawyer Park has a gravel loop that is just under 1 mile. This is a very safe, flat way to get started and there are usually lots of people around, which makes your runs even more interesting.
- My new favorite place to run is The Parklands Of Floyds Fork. There is a long stretch (about 10 miles) of the Louisville Loop that is part of this park and is a breathtaking place to run. It has some hills, but also has plenty of flat areas to run. There is also a great playground here. This is where my daughter plays under my husband's supervision during my longer runs, so you can make it a fun family day event.
- Cherokee and Seneca Parks. This course is about 8 miles from one park to the next and is fairly hilly, so I wouldn't recommend starting here. Once you work your way up and need to do some 'hill work' to strengthen yourself, this is a really great option, as it is a very pedestrian-friendly area.

I sincerely hope that those who are able to seriously consider taking up this incredible sport. It will do wonders not only for your body, but your mind as well. Good luck and happy running!!!

## Helpful Phone Numbers

Animal Control – 222-7387  
Board of Education 222-7387  
Bell South – 557-6111  
County Attorney - 222-7342  
County Clerk – Main Office 222-9311  
Drivers License – 222-1979  
Humane Society Oldham County – 222-7537  
Health Department – 222-3516  
Industrial Disposal – 638-9000  
John W. Black Aquatic Center – 225-0656  
Judge-Executive's Office – 222-9357  
Kentucky State Police – 782-1800  
Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
LG & E – 589-3500  
Louisville Water Company – 583-6610  
Motor Vehicles – Main Office – 222-7645  
Natural Gas Service – 627-3772  
OC Magistrate 7th District Bob Dye 423-7371  
Oldham County Events – 817-6043  
Oldham County Sewer District – 225-9477  
Oldham County Schools Arts Center  
Parks & Recreation – 225-0655  
Police – 222-1300  
Red Cross – 222-0308  
Sheriff's Office – 222-9501  
Tourism – 817-6043  
Voter Registration – 222-0047

*Susan Marcum*—Resident and City Council Member



June 6, 2014

Residents,

Recent events in cities throughout the country have left law enforcement and local officials scrutinizing their emergency response plans. Part of any response includes communicating critical information to the residents of Orchard Grass Hills. The city council also recognizes the need to share time sensitive information about many non-emergency situations. Road closures due to construction, downed trees, broken water lines, power outages, festival reminders, suspicious activities are just a few of the situations of which you will want to be informed.

To improve our ability to communicate with you, we have made a special arrangement with Reach Alert to provide a city-wide notification service. We encourage every family to register for this service. Registration is simple and takes about one minute to complete. You decide how you want to receive our alerts: text message, voice advisories, and/or e-mail. All you need to do is:

Go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) to register for the service.

Click on CREATE ACCOUNT (about halfway down the page in the block on the right).

Follow the prompts and enter your contact information so that you will receive alerts via your preferred method (text message, voice call, or email).

Enter Orchard Grass Hills when asked which network you want to join. Just click on our name when it appears in the drop-down list.

**Note for text messaging:** If you request text messages, within seconds, Reach Alert will send your phone a text message with a four digit validation code. When you receive the four digit number, simply enter this number on the registration screen and then click on the word VALIDATE. The process is very simple.

If you do not have a computer and wish to register, simply call the toll free number for Reach Alert. We will register you in seconds. If you do not use text messages, no problem, we will make sure you receive a voice call.

**Please register today. This will be our primary means of sharing emergency and time sensitive information. If you don't register, you may miss critical announcements!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the customer service people at Reach Alert. Their contact information is listed below:

Ken Weber, COO – Reach Alert; (877) 307-9313; (502) 235-9697 (cell)



## Oldham County E-SCRAP RECYCLING

E-Scrap Recycling is Oldham County's year-round electronic recycling program and the message is "RECYCLE WHAT YOU REPLACE." The program is available to all Oldham County residents and businesses and is both convenient and environmentally friendly. Since it began in 2008, over 300 tons of electronic items have been shipped for recycling.

Electronics contain a variety of hazardous metals, such as cadmium and lead that require special handling. Computer monitors can contain as much as 27% lead by weight. Components on circuit boards can contain acids and PCBs which must be processed and kept out of the environment. Electronics also contain plastic, steel and valuable metals such as gold and copper that can easily be recovered and reused.

Acceptable items for the E-Scrap Recycling program include televisions, computers, scanners, printers, monitors, tape and disk drives, electronic game systems, VCRs, CD players, digital cameras, copiers, cell phones, microwaves, CD's and floppy disks. Residents may drop off their electronic items at any time at the Oldham County Recycling Center located at 3943 Jones Drive.

There is a special container marked "Electronic Recycling." Items may be placed in the bin, however, if they are too heavy, residents can set them against the overhead door and staff will take them inside for processing when they are working at the Center. If residents are not able to unload heavy items, an appointment can be made for bringing the items by phoning the Solid Waste & Recycling Director at 502-379-1416.



## Industrial Disposal's Restrictions on August 7th city wide JUNK PICKUP SERVICE

Normal junk pickup consists of hot water heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, couches, chairs, coffee/end tables, misc. boxed toys, garage items, tools, grilles, bicycles, lawn mowers, refrigerators\* etc. PLEASE CALL ID CUSTOMER SERVICE @ 638.9000 WITH QUESTIONS

The following is a general guideline of what is NOT ACCEPTABLE for junk pickup of "normal" household solid waste.

- Demolition /construction material ..studs, drywall, sinks, tubs, toilets . A dumpster is required for construction, renovation , redecorating. Cabinets must be broken down to small pieces no longer than 4-5'. If items can fit into a 90 gal ID cart they are acceptable.
- Carpet must be cut into 4' rolls and tied for handling.
- Large amounts of fencing ...a few planks may be ok if no longer than 4-5ft. in length...must be tied and bundled for pickup
- No concrete....blocks, bricks etc.
- No liquids of any kind...paint, thinners, pesticides household cleaners, motor oils, fuels.
- Wet paint can be "solidified" with kitty litter or granular absorbent material from automotive supply stores
- No medical bio-hazards...sharps, chemo diapers, oxygen tanks
- Lawn mowers must have gas tanks removed and broken down as much as possible
- Gas grilles are acceptable...with no propane tanks of any kind, Grills must have tank removed and broken down as much as possible
- Swing sets and basket ball goals must be broken down as much as possible, no pieces more than 4-5ft long...no concrete on legs or base
- Mailboxes cannot be more than 4-5' long and no concrete on base
- No large car parts, fenders, hoods, trunk lids etc...
- No tires of any kind
- \* Freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners – must have Freon/refrigerant captured and removed by certified HVAC technician and unit tagged for acceptable pickup. Freon is considered hazardous waste.
- No landscaping material such as...logs, railroad ties, landscape timbers or concrete blocks. No dirt, sod.
- No yard waste material (in Jefferson County this must be collected separately with yard service) ...no fire logs, stumps , shrubs etc.