

# HNHA Connection

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## *Volunteer of the Year –* HNHA's Rod Scales

Have you walked along Meandering Way in the past few years and marveled at the transformation of the once-barren utility easement into a park-like setting complete with a variety of trees, benches, trash cans and circular resting “nodes?” This pathway, now known as the Preston Ridge Trail, owes its beauty largely to one of our own resident members, Rod Scales.

Rod and his wife, Penny, have lived in Highlands North for many years. Their home, on the corner of Carta Valley and Spring Creek, has long been admired for its lush landscape and seasonal decorations. A few years ago, when the committee for the Preston Ridge Trail was formed, Rod accepted a position on its board and has almost singlehandedly kept the trail on its beautification course. He not only organizes all the plantings, which take a HUGE amount of coordination and preparation of volunteers and city workers, he is also the chief communicator with the City of Dallas in every decision that is made along the trail. From the selection of plants to the watering afterwards, Rod is the head man. The watering of the new plantings is a two-year commitment for each group that plants, and Rod trains them in the use of the water-trailer for this purpose. He also makes sure the equipment is kept in good working order.

It would be important to Rod that other HNHA members be mentioned here, as several have gone above and beyond to assist him with the beautification of our trail. Mike Sweeney, Stan Altschuler and Gene Morrison are folks who have given much time to this effort, and have helped Rod immensely. Rod, we want to thank you for your incredible service to the Far North Dallas community in your quest to make and *keep* the Preston Ridge Trail an asset to all of us.

Gratefully,  
Highlands North Board



*Rod Scales on left shown here working with a City of Dallas staff member.*

*~Don't Miss~*

***Membership  
and ENP  
Information***

***See Page 3!***

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## Around the Neighborhood

### Let's mark your calendars and Schedule September 26th for the Fall Social!

That night you'll get the children ready to go to Adventure Kids where they will enjoy pizza, drinks and an ice cream sundae bar plus 3 hrs. of games and fun....

You'll go to the Fall Social and have a great dinner at Maggiano's (without the kids), socialize with neighbors and meet the new Board members

You'll enjoy dinner ...15 minutes of business .... back to socializing ...and musical entertainment

Get ready to pick up kids ...Ahhhh! The evening was just too short!

Look for the details in our Next newsletter and don't forget to save the date!

Questions? Please contact Marcia Weiss at 972-387-2991.



### *SUMMER JOBS WANTED!*

The following is a list of neighborhood teens who are looking for summer time employment:

- **Sarah Edwards**, 20 years old is a certified lifeguard and is giving private swim lessons this summer. **972-951-4388**. Please see her ad in this issue for more information.
- **Brent Goodwin**, 19 years old—dog sitting, housework, swim lessons, experience raising 3 guide dog puppies, 10 years USAA swimming, lifeguard certified. **972-713-7422**
- **Sam Harrison**, 11 years old—retrieve mail, newspapers, pet sit, or be a mother's party helper. **972-788-8076**.
- **Ben Harrison**, 14 years old—retrieve mail, newspapers, pet sit, or be a mother's party helper, or tutor elementary students. Ben has passed the Safe Sitter® certification course and is also interested in babysitting. **972-788-8076**.
- **Melissa McAfee**, 14 1/2 years old—pet sitting and walking, babysitting, and house sitting. **972-386-4237**
- **Ryan McAfee**, 10 1/2 years old—for pet sitting and walking, mail pick up, and plant watering. **972-386-4237**
- **Jonathan Myers**, 16 years old—pet sitting, house sitting, yard work. **972-490-5305**
- **Laura Myers**, 14 years old—baby sitting, and miscellaneous help. **972-490-5305**
- **Matthew Myers**, will be 12 in June—yard work and pet sitting. **972-490-5305**.
- **Jordan Owens**, 16 years old and is Red Cross Babysitting trained and experienced. She is available for babysitting, house and dog sitting. **972-788-4738**.

## Around the Neighborhood

### ***SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!***

All residents should have received a brown envelope with membership materials inside for both the HOA and Police Patrol (ENP). **Please read the packet carefully and join by the September 15th deadline** (there is a \$20 discount on ENP if you join both by that date).

#### Questions?

HOA -Carol Ann Miller 972-991-7917

ENP - Cori Pratt 972-407-0119



### **Consumer Report**

I am still new at this job. We need names for driveway repair. If you know of anyone, please send them to me at: [cliff.ann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cliff.ann@sbcglobal.net). Thanks to all who have called for their patience; and also to those who have shared a referral with me.

*Ann Brandt*

### **HIGHLANDS NORTH EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL invites you to...**

Meet and greet our patrol officers,  
Sergeants Mike Gurley & Steve Toth  
Thursday Evening, August 26th  
North Central Police Station  
Community Room, Hillcrest & McCallum  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Snacks will be provided.

This is your chance to ask questions about  
our ENP program!

Cori Pratt  
972-407-0119

### **JOIN A REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

**Bentwood Republican Women** meets at the Bent Tree Swim and Tennis Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 10 a.m. For further information, call Judy Greenwood at 972-387-9975. Informative programs, an insight into the workings of our government and the election of Republican candidates are Bentwood's goals.

**Northwood Republican Women** meets at the Dallas Police Station on McCallum on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call Mary McElvany at 972-380-6269. Northwood's main focus and goal remains the support and election of Republican candidates and the promotion of Republican Party philosophy.

*Stay tuned next month for information about the Democratic Women's Clubs that are available in the neighborhood....*



## Sunshine and Shadows By Jamie Harrison

Don't forget to share your news with your neighbors! Submit your items for publication to Jamie Harrison at 972-788-8076, or by e-mail to: [jamie.harrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamie.harrison@sbcglobal.net). If Sunshine and Shadows news is submitted by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, it will be included in the next month's newsletter!

### *In this month's news:*

**Shadows:** Our condolences to **David and Kim Miller** and family of Carta Valley Drive. David's mother, Mary Lou Miller of Natchez, Mississippi, passed away on July 2.

**Shadows:** Our condolences to **John and Lisa Coyle** and family of Carta Valley Court, and **Tony and Tricia Liscio** and family of Glenneagle Drive. Lisa and Tricia's father, Richard Loughridge of Fort Worth, passed away on July 11. In addition to Lisa and Tricia and their families, Mr. Loughridge is survived by Norma, his wife of 50 years, and a son, Lee, who lives with his wife and family in Singapore.

**Sunshine:** **Lisa Greenwood**, daughter of **Bobby and Judy Greenwood** of Dundrennan Lane, recently moved from Commerce, Texas, to Cleary Circle, along with her daughters, **Elizabeth (11) and Caroline (8) Wolcott**. Bobby and Judy have lived in Highlands North for 33 years. Lisa grew up here and is happy to return to the neighborhood. She is a Methodist minister and will be coordinating the Sunday evening service at First United Methodist - Richardson.

**Sunshine:** **Lauren Miller**, daughter of **David and Kim Miller** of Carta Valley Drive, plays on the "Lady Jets" basketball team, which took second place in the 11U (6<sup>th</sup> grade) division of the AAU (American Athletic Union) Girls Basketball National Championships, recently held in Nashville, Tennessee. The Lady Jets were undefeated going into the championship game, but lost by 2 points with 2 seconds left on the clock, when the other team scored two free throws. Jason Terry of the Dallas Mavericks is the head coach of the Lady Jets, along with Sherry Washington, Coach Lonnie and Coach Brian. Way to go, Lauren!



**Lady Jets Basketball Team**

1st Row on Left—Lauren Miller

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# Sunshine and Shadows By Jamie Harrison



## *Congratulations to Our Highlands North Graduating Seniors 2010!*

### *J.J. Pearce High School:*



**Megan Schlossstein**, daughter of **Wade and Tracy Schlossstein** of Fallkirk Drive In the fall, Megan will attend Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, where she plans to major in elementary education with an emphasis on early childhood. Megan graduated from Pearce as an honor student, was in the National Honor Society, and received the Service Learning Award. She was president of the

Texas Association of Future Educators, and did her teaching internship at Bowie Elementary for two years. She also earned her Girl Scout Gold Award.

### *Texas A&M University:*



**Nicholas Burton**, son of **Russell and Donna Burton** of Turnberry Lane. Nicholas graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a minor in business. While at A&M, he interned for two semesters at Toyota North America and served as president of the Delta Chi Fraternity. He is employed by Coca-Cola in Ft. Worth.



## *Highlands North Celebrates The 4th of July!*





## CRIME CORNER BY JEREMY ROSENTHAL

### HNHA Crime Watch Stats— July 2010



Remember to be alert and report any crimes to the police first, then to the hotline 214-967-5120.

#### Recent Crimes in Highlands North

Recently reported crimes in and around Highlands North include:

- On June 22, a burglary was reported in the **7600 block of Bantry Lane**.
- On July 8, a teenage female resident of Highland's North was approached while walking during the daytime **at the corner of Arapaho and Coit** by a suspicious individual in an older model navy SUV. The individual engaged the teenager in an inappropriate conversation and ultimately attempted to take her wrist under the guise of shaking her hand. The teenager was able to end the conversation and the Dallas Police were contacted. Dallas police are concerned this is not an isolated incident. The suspect in question is a 5'8" African American Man in his 30-40's. He was light skinned with dark freckles with a shaved head and a scar on the right side of his head. (Details were previously emailed to ENP members).
- On July 9, an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the **7700 block of Lone Moore Circle**.

Jeremy Rosenthal  
Highlands North Crime Watch Coordinator  
HOTLINE - 214-967-512

#### TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR TEENAGER SAFE FROM STRANGERS

Although the incident above from July 8 did not actually occur in Highland's North, it is important to remember that during the summer, adolescents and teenagers will no doubt be going to different retail and residential neighborhoods in the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, this incident reminds us we have to still be safe. The following tips can help:

- Your adolescent should always be with a friend when traveling away from home and should always tell an adult where they will be. Predators search for isolated targets.
- If your teen feels threatened or uncomfortable in any situation, they should scream or shout "NO" and get away from the person. Practice screaming with your child so that in an emergency situation they know what to do.
- Practice "what if" situations and ask kids how they would respond.
- If anyone touches or grabs your child, they should make a scene and run away.
- If the child does not know the driver of a car that slows down or stops near them, they should run home or to a public place.
- Teach your child that appropriate strangers—for instance store clerks, police officers, school administrators—can offer assistance if they need help. Some experts say to teach your kids to look for a mother with children when they need to ask for help.
- Listen to and react if your child says they feel uncomfortable in a particular situation around adults they already know. Often times, abusive and exploitive situations occur with people that the child already knows.

Visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at [www.take25.org](http://www.take25.org) for other great tips and information.

# REAL ESTATE TIPS BY JO PRESSLY



## HOW TO SAVE WATER (AND MONEY) AT HOME

In 1990, 30 states in the United States reported 'water-stress' conditions. By 2000, the number of states reporting water-stress rose to 40. In 2009, the number rose to 45 including Texas. More than ever before, it is critical that we take measures at home to conserve water. Not only will you save money by doing so, but you will benefit the greater North Texas community.

### Here are 25 Easy Ways to Save at Home:

- 1. Check for hidden water leaks.** Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- 2. Check your toilets for leaks.** Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- 3. Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.** Every time you flush, five to seven gallons of water are wasted.
- 4. Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank.** To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. This may save 10 or more gallons of water per day. Be sure at least 3 gallons of water remain in the tank so it will flush properly.
- 5. Insulate your water pipes.** It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation.
- 6. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.** Also, all household faucets should be fit with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest.
- 7. Take shorter showers.** A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.
- 8. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.** Just wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing.
- 9. Rinse your razor in the sink.** Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water.
- 10. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.** A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- 11. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.**
- 12. Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units.** Start a compost pile or use an indoor kitchen composter as alternate methods of disposing food waste.
- 13. When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing.** If you have a double-basin, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have a single-basin sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a pan full of hot water.
- 14. Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables.** Rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water.
- 15. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.** Running tap water to cool it off is wasteful.

**16. Water your lawn only when it needs it.** Step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering.

**17. Deep-soak your lawn.** When watering the lawn, do so long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots. Put an empty tuna can on your lawn - when it's full, you've watered about the right amount.

**18. Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy.**

**19. Water shrubs, flower beds and lawns efficiently with a strategic placement of soaker hoses, rain barrel catchment systems or simple drip-irrigation systems.**

**20. Plant drought-resistant shrubs and plants.** Many beautiful shrubs and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.

**21. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth.**

**22. Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not paved areas.**

**23. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use the hose only for rinsing.**

**24. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.**

**25. Check for leaks in exterior pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.**

Source: Virginia Cook Real Estate



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## Gardening Tips

### Callie's Garden Notes

News and notes for Calloway's & Cornelius Garden Club Members

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**Introduction Note:** We have kicked off the Summer with our "Cool Summer Gardens" promotion. Our stores have created beautiful and unique displays using plants that thrive in our Texas Summers. Visit all nineteen stores and become inspired with their creativeness.

## Fresh from the Garden...

**1. 'Graffiti' Pentas** love our long, hot Summers! This new compact series only grows to a foot tall and produces large, three-inch clusters of star shaped flowers. At home in full sun or shade, this Pentas is perfect for containers or flower bed borders. Butterflies and Hummingbirds are attracted to the colorful blooms which perform like a champ throughout the Summer!



**2. Our FlameProof Plants** Collection likes it hot! Each week we will be introducing a new annual that has been tested in trial gardens during the heat of Summer. This award is reserved for only those plants that can take the typical Texas Summer weather and thrive!

Our collection includes everything from colorful blooms to vibrant foliage. Click [here](#) for a peek at some of our recent selections.

**3. Ornamental Grasses** definitely provide a garden in motion! From the graceful movements of the foliage to the billowy textures of the blooms, grasses add year-round interest and versatility. These low-maintenance plants are pest and disease free and are tolerant to many soil types. Choices run from the reliable Purple Fountain Grass to the newly introduced 'Fireworks' Fountain Grass with variegated foliage—something for every need. Check out what The [PlantMaster](#) has to say about Ornamental Grasses.



#### 4. Mulching in Summer is essential.

Mulching is one of the keys to success that many homeowners use in their gardening and landscaping efforts. Adding a three inch layer of mulch to your plantings will reduce evaporation of soil moisture and help insulate the soil from the drying wind and hot sun. Mulching also prevents weeds from sprouting and reduces the spread of soil born diseases. Our selection of

mulches includes Pine Bark, Shredded Hardwood and Aromatic Cedar Mulch. Whatever your choice of mulch, the final result gives a nice finished look to your flower or shrub beds! Shop today for all your gardening needs because...life should be beautiful.

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## Timely Tip for August Gardeners From Calloway's Nursery

Color for the heat of Summer! How many of you scoff at the idea and mumble under your breath that it's impossible? Well, we have a Summer color program called "FlameProof for Texas" which will make a believer out of you!

Every year over 3,000 plants are tested at the Dallas Arboretum Trial Gardens. The very best of those are awarded the "FlameProof™" Plant award. This award is reserved for those plants that can take the Texas heat and thrive in our hot Summers. If you're looking for plants that will flourish in our hot tropical summers, then look no farther. These winners will look great in your garden from May right up until first frost.

Our "FlameProof" Plants program started in June but the selection will continue through the end of August. Each week a new variety is featured and for this month we will be receiving the following plants:

- **Lobularia 'Snow Princess'**-Blooms fragrant white flowers and grows only 4 to 6 inches tall.
- **Torenia 'Catalina Midnight Blue'**-Dark blue Snapdragon-like blooms on plants 8 to 16 inches tall.
- **Coleus 'Kingswood Torch'**-Vivid dark foliage thrives in full to part sun.
- **Coleus 'Royal Glissade'**-Light moss-green leaves with raspberry touches will tolerate full sun or part shade.
- **Salvia 'Mystic Spires'**-True blue flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Don't let the heat of the Summer keep you from enjoying your gardens. Check out our collection of "FlameProof" plants and enjoy garden color through Fall!

Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! And, enjoy our "Cool Summer Gardens" at Calloway's Nursery!

# Yards of the Month

The following Homeowner's yards have qualified for the Calloway's Nursery "Good Neighbor" Program. Calloway's will provide them with a \$25 gift certificate to Calloway's.

*Congratulations Homeowners!*

North Side

South Side



Lisa & Dan Kessler—7605 Kevin Dr.



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### Upcoming Events at Calloways

**August 4, 2010:**

- Callie's Kids Summer Series (9:30 am)

**August 18, 2010:**

- Callie's Kids Summer Series (9:30 am)



## Pet Corner by Zoe Meyer



### Summer Pet Care

Summertime is fun time, but hot weather makes for some unique pet care challenges. Both dogs and cats are at risk to heat and sun exposure, and need a little extra TLC to keep their coats

primed and protected. But other dangers, like bugs and lawn fertilizers, pose additional risks for pets. So throughout the season, adapt your pet care routine to protect your pet from summer's safety threats.

Humans aren't the only animals that can find a hot summer day overwhelming. Unlike you, however, your pet has a limited ability to deal with the heat. Dogs and cats release heat through their paw pads and by panting—yes, cats pant, just more subtly. Dogs tend to drool as they keep cool, and cats lick themselves to lower body temperature. Dehydration can be a big problem. Make certain that pets always have access to plenty of cool water, and avoid letting them outside during the hottest parts of the day.

Providing your animals with a cool, shady place to rest is essential to summer pet care. Dogs and cats, particularly those with short, fine hair and pink skin, are susceptible to sunburn. Prolonged sun exposure for any pet can result in skin cancer, so it's important to manage their time in the sun. Dogs and cats are most susceptible to sun damage at their ears, nose, and lips, where less fur protects the skin. Short summer haircuts are essential to keeping your pet comfortable, but they increase sun exposure. Talk to your veterinarian before applying any type of sunscreen—some are not safe for pets! When you find the right one, apply before exposure, and reapply often.

Another summer pet safety issue is the presence of ticks and other insects. Not only can bugs carry disease, but the ways people ward them off can cause problems for your indoor-outdoor pet's health. Fertilizers and pesticides may help keep a lawn looking great, but they can be very dangerous for your pet. In areas where your pets play, it's better to keep the grass cut short to reduce ticks and other insects. Talk to your vet about how to protect your pet from fleas, ticks, and other insects more prevalent during summer months.

Keep an eye out for toxic hazards when you're outside with your pets. Fertilizer warnings on the edge of a lawn are a good signal to stay away, and you should also keep an eye out under cars. Anti-freeze can leak when cars overheat, leaving puddles that your dog or cat can easily lap up. The sweet taste of anti-freeze is tempting to pets but this toxic substance is potentially lethal.

Finally, although it can be an enormous amount of fun to bring your dog to the beach or pool, always keep a close eye when he's in or near the water. Even a strong swimmer could have trouble getting out of a pool or get trapped in ropes and other obstacles.

Enjoying a safe summer with your pets is all about thinking ahead. Watch over them the way you would a small child—protect them from too much heat, sun, and other summer dangers—and everything should be just fine. Summer pet safety isn't hard. It just requires some thought and attention.

**Quick Tip for Dogs:** Buy a doggie life preserver! If you are going to take your dog boating or swimming, a dog life preserver is an excellent investment for his safety.

**Quick Tip for Cats:** Break out the kitty brush and get busy! Cats shed more in hot weather. Regular brushing gets rid of loose hair and helps control hairballs.

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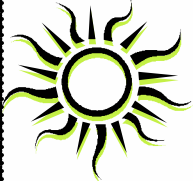
*Once-Weekly Collection Service for Garbage and Recycling:*

*North Side—Tuesdays*

*South Side—Mondays*

*Bulky Trash Pick-up the Week of:*

*August 2nd*



# HNHA Calendar



## August 2010

- August 2nd    Bulk Trash Pick-Up*
- August 9th    HNHA Board Meeting*  
*(Earliest set out date Thursday, July 29th)*
- August 24th    RISD School Year Starts*

