

# HNHA Connection

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~ Looking back on 2011 in Highlands North ~



2011



*"Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."*

~ Anonymous

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# Around the Neighborhood



## Preston Ridge Trail

### Planting

Nothing to report on planting at this time. The City has submitted a scaled down plan to try and get ONCOR to better describe what they will approve, since ONCOR was unable to honor their own rules that took 2 yrs to develop. ONCOR informally rejected the plan and the City is trying to get a meeting with them to revisit the concepts that were previously approved that now appear to be not suitable. Frustrating.

### Engraved Brick pavers

If you are puzzled about the white haze on some bricks which you can see at each node, it is efflorescence. Salts in the bricks are leaching out. It will age out with more rain in Winter, but if not sufficient then we will continue to brush away the salts that come to surface and wash the bricks until we reach a clean stable condition.

I have about 10 requests in suspense while we continue to assemble requests for another order for Springtime. Need minimum 20 to have the City install them. Cost is \$50 for 4x8, \$75 for 8x8. See more details about the bricks on [www.fprrt.org](http://www.fprrt.org).

Rod Scales  
972-679-8359



## Correction to the 2011-2012 HNHA Directory

Please make the following correction in your new HNHA Directory:

- Peter & Terry Kopel:

Correct Email Address - [PeterKopel@srcp.com](mailto:PeterKopel@srcp.com)

Please send any corrections to Liz Wood at: [bettyj826@aol.com](mailto:bettyj826@aol.com).

Thank you!

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# Sunshine and Shadows by Jamie Harrison

We need your news! 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:*

**Sunshine:** Highlands North boys playing basketball at J.J. Pearce High School this season include junior **Luke Buckner** (Varsity), son of **Paul and Beth Buckner** of Glenneagle Drive, sophomore **Campbell Morriss** (Junior Varsity), son of **Byron and Tomi Morriss** of Mullrany Drive, freshman **Jackson Evans** (Freshman Red), son of **Mike and Wendy Evans** of Queens Garden Drive, and freshman **Ben Harrison** (Freshman Red), son of **Scott and Jamie Harrison** of Kilmichael Lane. Freshman **Madalyn Katz**, daughter of **Don and Katie Katz** of Glenneagle Drive, is on the girls Junior Varsity team.

**Sunshine:** Highlands North girls are among the cheerleaders who are cheering on the Pearce basketball teams this season. Pearce freshmen cheerleading squad members from Highlands North are **Shelby Armbrister** (**Justin and Wendi Armbrister** of Mullrany Drive ) and **Lindsey Ricci** (**Ed and Robin Ricci** of Scotia Drive ). Highlands North girls on the junior varsity cheer squad are **Dorian Garcia** ( **Bernie Garcia** of Queens Garden Drive ), **Conor Golden** (parents are **Gary and Carissa Golden** of Kilmichael Lane , and grandparents are **James and Carol Crowley** of Spring Creek Road ) and **Meryl Thompson** (**Lisa Thompson** of Queensferry Lane and Jay Thompson). The varsity cheer squad at Pearce includes **Haley Coleman** (**Allen and Susan Coleman** of Queensferry Lane), **Audrey Gililand** (**Jud and Michelle Gililand** of Lone Moore Circle), **Kate Hardin** (**William Hardin** of Fallkirk Drive), **Avery Thomas** (**Steve and Joan Thomas** of Lone Moor Circle), and **Sarah Thomas** (**Todd and Ruth Ann Thomas** of Applecross Lane).



Pearce Basketball JV Team with Campbell Morriss



Left—Lindsey Ricci



L—R Ben Harrison and Jackson Evans



Front—Conor Golden, directly behind her—Meryl Thompson and on the right side—Dorian Garcia



## Sunshine and Shadows by Jamie Harrison

**Sunshine:** Several Highlands North boys and girls are playing basketball at Parkhill Junior High this winter. **Caroline Hall**, daughter of **Robert and Marilyn Hall** of Mullrany Drive, is on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team. **Lauren Miller**, daughter of **David and Kim Miller** of Carta Valley Drive, and **Madylan Edge**, daughter of **Justin and Chelsea Edge** of Lairds Lane, are on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team. **Jake Rosenfield**, son of **Jeff and Marti Rosenfield** of Glenneagle Drive, is on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys team. **Asa Copeland**, son of **Burt and Lola Copeland** of Queens Garden Drive, **Byron Coyle**, son of **John and Lisa Coyle** of Carta Valley Court, **Jack Ferris**, son of **Jay and Jackie Ferris** of Dalmalley Lane, **Brady Pemble**, son of **Larry and Denise Pemble** of Turnberry Lane, and **Dylan Sommerfelt**, son of **Rob and Suzie Sommerfelt** of Carta Valley Drive, are on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team.



8th Grade Parkhill Basketball Game

**Sunshine:** Highlands North girls on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheer squad who are on the sidelines cheering on the Parkhill basketball teams this season are **Ally Coleman** (**Allen and Susan Coleman** of Queensferry Lane), **Caroline Embry** (**Lawrence and Shelley Embry** of Applecross Lane), **Laura Felix** (**Rossi and Kristen Felix** of Glenneagle Drive), and **Gaby Hundza** (daughter of **Rob and Gina Hundza** of Alto Caro Drive and granddaughter of **Luigi and Rae Gene Munglioli** of Pencross Lane).

**Sunshine:** Congratulations to the Bills, who won the 5th Grade Superbowl game in the Spring Valley Athletic Association league with a score of 26-0 on November 19! **Aden Althaus**, son of **Duff and Lisa Althaus** of Applecross Lane, played on the Bills, along with Bowie Elementary teammates Wyatt Erickson, Noah Fulk, Alexander LaFamme, and J.D. Lee. The Bills coaches included Duff Althaus.



Aden Althaus

**Sunshine:** Cub Scout **Joshua Grossman**, a third grader at Bowie Elementary, recently won first place in the annual Pack 895 popcorn sales contest! Joshua was recognized at a Pack meeting for this accomplishment, and also won some nice prizes, including one year of Scouting dues and some gift cards. Joshua thanks all of his neighbors in Highlands North who helped him in this endeavor! Joshua is the son of **David and Kimberly Grossman** of Loch Maree Lane, and the grandson of **Alan and Marcia Weiss** of Dunoon Avenue.



### Highlands North Pre-School Play Group

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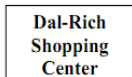
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If you wish to make a donation or have questions, please contact:

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972-672-9178 or [bettyj826@aol.com](mailto:bettyj826@aol.com)
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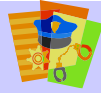
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## CRIME CORNER BY TODD CUBBAGE

### HNHA CRIME WATCH STATS – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

Remember to be alert and report any crimes to the police first, then to the **hotline 214.967.5120**. Please be sure to leave a name, address and phone number!

#### Recently reported crimes in and around Highlands North include:

- Nothing to report



Based on a couple emails circulated from local schools, thought this article from the National Crime Prevention Counsel was topical.

Kids see strangers every day in stores, in the park, and in their neighborhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from dangerous strangers by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behavior, and by taking a few precautions of their own.

**Who is a stranger?** A stranger is anyone that your family doesn't know well. It's common for children to think that "bad strangers" look scary, like the villains in cartoons. This is not only not true, but it's dangerous for children to think this way. Pretty strangers can be just as dangerous as the not-so-pretty ones. When you talk to your children about strangers, explain that no one can tell if strangers are nice or not nice just by looking at them and that they should be careful around all strangers. But don't make it seem like all strangers are bad. If children need help--whether they're lost, being threatened by a bully, or being followed by a stranger--the safest thing for them to do in many cases is to ask a stranger for help. You can make this easier for them by showing them which strangers are okay to trust.

**Who are safe strangers?** Safe strangers are people children can ask for help when they need it. Police officers and firefighters are two examples of very recognizable safe strangers. Teachers, principals, and librarians are adults children can trust too, and they are easy to recognize when they're at work. But make sure that you emphasize that whenever possible, children should go to a public place to ask for help. You can help your children recognize safe strangers by pointing them out when you're out in your town. Also show your children places they can go if they need help, such as local stores and restaurants and the homes of family friends in your neighborhood.

#### Recognizing and handling dangerous situations

Perhaps the most important way parents can protect their children is to teach them to be wary of potentially dangerous situations – this will help them when dealing with strangers as well as with known adults who may not have good intentions. Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behavior, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way. Also tell your children that an adult should never ask a child for help, and if one does ask for their help, teach them to find a trusted adult right away to tell what happened.

You should also talk to your children about how they should handle dangerous situations. One way is to teach them "No, Go, Yell, Tell." If in a dangerous situations, kids should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep themselves safe, even if they are indoors. It's good to practice this in different situations so that your children will feel confident in knowing know what to do.

**What Else Parents Can Do** In addition to teaching children how to recognize and handle dangerous situations and strangers, there are a few more things parents can do to help their children stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

- **Know where your children are at all times.** Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check-in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and cell phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.
- **Point out safe places.** Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there's trouble.
- **Teach children to trust their instincts.** Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult. Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened. Reassure children that you will help them when they need it.
- **Teach your children to be assertive.** Make sure they know that it's okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.

**Encourage your children to play with others.** There's safety in numbers!



#### RANDOM, NON-CRIME RELATED TRIVIA

Dee Smith is on a roll. Dee correctly answered the last two monthly trivia questions. We need some competition so type these questions into Google as quick as you can.. Thanks to Dee, we have to make these question tougher (at least to me). This month's question(s): Put these four people in order from first to last born? Bono (U2), Madonna, Heather Graham and Michael J. Fox. Bonus Question: How many US State Capitals begin with a vowel? Can you name them? Good luck!

Thanks and stay safe,  
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HOTLINE: 214.967.5120

# FYI

## Drought Contingency Plan

### STAGE 1 WATERING SCHEDULE - Dallas Drought Contingency Plan

Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays and Thursdays

### All Water Customers

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days during Stage 1.

## High Utility Bills?

### Find Out What You Really Need



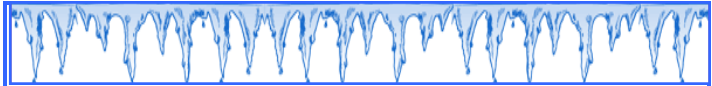
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## Cold Weather Alert!

Prepare for upcoming cold weather with these suggestions:

### PIPES

- Disconnect all outside hoses and drain them.
- Shut off the lines to all outside faucets inside the house, if possible. Wrap the faucets in old towels, then plastic.
- Close crawl space vents that let cold air under the house. Most vents are made with easily operated flaps.
- Wrap pipes in unheated crawl spaces, attics and garages with foam insulators. Thermostatically controlled electric "heat tapes" can be used in some cases but require extra care.
- If you have a basement, keep it heated during the cold snap.
- Open cupboard door if you have kitchen pipes along an exterior wall.
- If your pipes freeze, don't use anything with an open flame to thaw them. Use a hair dryer.

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## Gardening Tips

### Callie's Garden Notes

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### Timely Tip for January Gardeners from Calloway's Nursery

The Christmas tree is down and all the holiday decorations are put away. Fill that empty space with something else green and alive! The overall quality of indoor air in our homes and offices has been steadily declining during the past years. The typical indoor living and workplace environment contains low levels of contaminants and chemicals produced by standard latex paints, carpeting, foam insulation, varnishes, adhesives and pressed wood.

Many of our interior houseplants are proving to be valuable in the fight against cleaning our inside air. Their leaves act as a filtration process to remove many of these toxic

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A Year of FREE Clinics!

### Free Weekly Garden Information Clinics

We offer a variety of clinics to cover several paths of interest including Basic, Design or Sustainability gardening interests. Upcoming garden information clinics are highlighted below.

- **Dressing Your Indoors**

January 14, 2012 - 10:15 a.m.



Indoor Gardening with Houseplants - Accent your Texas home and freshen the 'green' way...with plants! Interior plants can dress up a room quite simply, but did you also know that plants can...

- **Texas Plants for Transplants!**

January 21, 2012—10:15 a.m.



Landscaping Tips for Beginners - Trees, bushes and flowering shrubs made easy for your home and garden. Are you new to Texas and have no idea what to plant in your garden landscape? Or...

- **The ABC's of Pruning**

January 28, 2012—10:15 AM



When, What and Where to Prune—Create perfectly manicured shrubs before the first cut. Shears, check. Gloves, check. Overgrown bush, check. Stop before you chop! Learn when to prune at the right...



### More January Tips...

- Place Poinsettias in a sunny window in a cooler area of the house now. Reduce watering and begin feeding it again in spring.
- Plant your garlic now! Poke 4 inch deep holes in the ground with the end of a rake and drop the Garlic clove into the hole.
- Send your Christmas tree to the local recycle center so the tree can be shredded into mulch for use in the garden.

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## HNHA 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



Sandi & Stacy Notley—7309 Campbell

South Side



Craig and LeAnn Weigel—7801 Kilbride Lane

### *Special Garden Events at Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery*

Research has shown that one medium-sized houseplant per 100 square feet of living area can improve indoor air quality. The more vigorous the plant, the more air it can filter. Keeping your houseplants happy by giving them plenty of room to grow will benefit the health of both you and your family!

This year, rejuvenate your interior plants by giving them room to spread their roots during the perfect time of year: Spring! Bring your own plants and pots to our protected nurseries for the Repotting Festival and skip the mess and guess work of doing it yourself. We will provide all the complimentary potting soil, fertilizers and top dressing need to complete your project. This Spring let our experts show you how to repot all of your indoor plants.



Join us **Saturday, January 14, 2012 between 10AM and 2PM** to repot your houseplants!



## Pet Corner by Zoe Meyer

### New Year's Resolutions

- Be sure your pet is current on [vaccinations](#). This will prevent illness and the spread of illness and keep your pet healthy. It's also required by law.
- Be sure your pet has proper identification should he get lost. A collar with a tag including your name, address and phone number, as well as an alternate phone number. You should also have current rabies tags on your animals.
- Consider having your pet [microchipped](#). This is a simple, non-surgical procedure that will ensure your pet's return if it winds up in an animal shelter.
- If you haven't already, get your pet [spayed or neutered](#). This will prevent pet overpopulation and reduce the chances for cancer in both males and females, as well as eliminate your pet's urge to roam and mark.
- If your dog has behavioral problems, now is the time to sign up for Pet University.
- If your dog is not on [heartworm](#) preventive, make sure to have him tested for heartworms and begin the monthly preventive.



### Protecting Pets from Fire

Just like humans, your pet needs a fire protection plan. Although animals are more likely to get out of a burning house before people, if all things are equal, it is a wise idea to fireproof your home in order to protect your pets and other animals from injury.

- Make sure appliances are unplugged if not being used. Some animals like to chew on electric cords and this can cause a short out that starts a fire or injure the animals. If you have a pet that likes to chew, it is a good idea to store appliances in a safe place when not in use.
- Make sure your pet cannot reach appliances, such as irons or hair dryers when not in use.

Remember that cats like to jump and can get on top of an ironing board and if the iron is on, can start a fire.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended in a house with a pet.
- Watch barbeque grill, especially when the grilling is done. Romping dogs can knock over the grill and hot coals are capable of starting a fire quickly.
- It is a myth that animals do not like fire...the warmth appeals to animals.
- Keep updated stickers on your doors that let police and the fire department know that there are animals in the house in case you are out of the house when a fire starts, especially if your pets are confined to a crate during the day.

With a bit of forethought, you can ensure that your pets will not cause a fire nor will get trapped in a burning house.

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*Bulky Trash Pick-up the Week of:*

*January 2nd*



# HNHA CALENDAR

## January 2012



*January 1st*

*New Year's Day*

*January 2nd*

*Bulky Trash Pick-Up*

*Earliest set out date is Thursday, December 29th*

*January 9th*

*HNHA Board Meeting*

*January 16th*

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

