

# HNHA Connection

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*November*

*"The last seed falls from the sunflower-empty pond.*

*The long awaited rattle of rain on rooftops- Thanksgiving Day."*

~ Michael P. Garofalo



## Highlands North Family BBQ and Fall Meeting



The 2011-2012 Highlands North Fall Social and Meeting was held Sunday, October 23rd at the North Pond and was a great success! We had a big turn out and residents enjoyed watching a performance by JJ Pearce's Stampede after a short meeting presented by our homeowner's President Jeremy Rosenthal. The country music duo Ellis Island performed (our very own Highlands North residents Ted and Karen Ellis) while our members enjoyed eating Dickey's Barbeque. Our Highlands North kids had lots of fun getting tattoos and decorating pumpkins!

Many thanks to Marcia Weiss, Jamie Harrison, Dee Smith for organizing this event. Thank you also to Jace and Susan Carrington and to all the other volunteers who helped!



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## Around the Neighborhood

### The City of Dallas Sanitation Services will NOT be picking up BULK/BRUSH GARBAGE

**SERVICE ALERT!** The City of Dallas Sanitation Services department will NOT be picking up BULK/BRUSH GARBAGE the week of **October 31 thru November 4** because it is a 5th Monday week.

#### WHY?

The City doesn't collect bulk/brush garbage during 5th Monday weeks. Collections are made during the weeks of the first, second, third, and fourth Mondays of each month. During 5th Monday weeks, our crews receive training and equipment is serviced to keep it in good working order.

#### SO WHEN WILL MY ITEMS BE COLLECTED?

Residents with 4th week bulk/brush garbage collection for October will have their items picked up between October 24 and 28. Those with 1st week bulk/brush garbage collection for November will have their items picked up between November 7 and 11.

#### WHAT ABOUT GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS?

**THIS NOTICE ONLY APPLIES TO BULK/BRUSH GARBAGE COLLECTIONS.** The City will be collecting regular garbage and recycling during this collecting regular garbage and recycling during this time.

### 2011 Dallas Parks Summit – “Moving the System Forward”

**Presenting Sponsor - Dallas Parks Foundation and Host Sponsor - Dallas Park and Recreation Department**

Invite you to attend the 2011 Dallas Parks Summit, "Moving the System Forward" on **Saturday, November 5, 2011**. The 2nd annual citizens summit is an interactive morning featuring educational sessions, informative speakers and networking opportunities addressing the importance of parks and recreation programs and services in Dallas.

Topics include the 2012 Capital Bond Program, Aquatics Master Plan, Dallas Park Trail System, the Dallas Bicycle Plan and more! Summit participants may choose one educational session per 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. time slots. Dallas author and historian Willis Winters will conduct a tram tour of historic Fair Park following the Summit.

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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:*

**Shadows:** Our condolences to the family of **Ron Dillinger** of Dunleer Way, who unexpectedly passed away on June 5 at the age of 67. Ron formerly served on the board of directors of Highlands North, and he lived in Highlands North for 33 years, together with his wife, **Charlene Dillinger**. Ron is survived by Charlene, four children, Tom, Cheryl, Ronna, and Nathan, and four grandchildren.

**Sunshine:** J.J. Pearce High School recently celebrated homecoming week, and several Highlands North students were among those nominated by their peers as members of the 2011 Homecoming Court! At half-time of the homecoming game against Highland Park on October 14, the following girls were presented as candidates for Junior Princess: **Audrey Gililland**, daughter of **Jud and Michelle Gililland** of Lone Moor Circle, and **Sarah Thomas**, daughter of **Todd and Ruth Ann Thomas** of Applecross Lane. The following Highlands North boys were also on the 2011 Homecoming Court: **Luke Buckner**, son of **Paul and Beth Buckner** of Glenneagle Drive, and **Jay Snyder**, son of **John and Jodie Snyder** of Kilbride Lane, were candidates for Junior Prince. **Bryce Ericksen**, son of **Robert and Jill Ericksen** of Dalmalley Lane, was a candidate for Sophomore Duke. At the homecoming dance on October 15, Jay Snyder was crowned the Junior Prince!

**Sunshine:** The following Highlands North students are playing in the J.J. Pearce High School "Mighty Mustang Band" this year. **Grey** (trumpet) and **Luke** (mellophone) **Escude**, daughter and son of **Jay Escude** of Fallkirk Drive and Pam Smith, **Dorian Garcia** (clarinet), daughter of **Bernie Garcia** of Queens Garden Drive, **Forrest Goings** (trumpet), son of **Dawn Goings** of Lauder Lane, **Aurora Havens** (flute), daughter of **Paul and Cindy Havens** of Dundrennan Lane, **Madalyn Katz** (alto saxophone), daughter of **Don and Katie Katz** of Glenneagle Drive, **Samantha Kleiman** (clarinet), daughter of **Michael and Denise Kleiman** of Pennyburn Drive, **Owen Lee** (clarinet), daughter of **John and Danielle Lee** of Kilbride Lane, **Diane** (drumline) and **Jenna** (clarinet) **Lusk**, daughters of **Tom and Janet Lusk** of Kilbride Lane, **Elan** (trumpet) and **Oren** (trumpet) **Mandelbaum**, sons of **Ulli and Gilit Mandelbaum** of Dunoon Avenue, **Julia Minigutti** (flute), daughter of **Andrew and Sondra Minigutti** of Turnberry Lane, **Grant Owens** (drumline), son of **Tracy**

**Owens** of Kilmichael Lane, **Alyson Sommerfelt** (trumpet), daughter of **Rob and Suzie Sommerfelt** of Carta Valley Drive, **Patrick Tungmitrong** (trumpet), son of **Taweesak and Vasana Tungmitrong** of Dunoon Avenue, and **Allison Wood** (color guard and trumpet), daughter of **Adam and Liz Wood** of Dalmalley Lane. The Mighty Mustang Band recently achieved all "1" ratings at the UIL 4A Marching Contest in Mesquite on October 19, qualifying them for the Area UIL 4A Marching Contest in Mesquite on October 29.



Back Row: Alyson Sommerfelt, Grant Owens, Meagan Kelly, Owen Lee, Grey Escude, & Madalyn Katz. Front Row: Diane and Jenna Lusk, Allison Wood, Luke Escude.

**Sunshine:** Several Highlands North girls are wrapping up their volleyball seasons at Parkhill Junior High this year. The following girls played on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade "A" team, which went undefeated this season: **Emily Clohessy**, daughter of **Maria Clohessy** of Fallkirk Drive and Steve Clohessy, **Madylan Edge**, daughter of **Justin and Chelsea Edge** of Lairds Lane, **Laura Felix**, daughter of **Rossi and Kristen Felix** of Glenneagle Drive, Gaby Hundza, granddaughter of **Luigi and Rae Gene Munglioli** of Pencross Lane and daughter of Rob and Gina Hundza of Alto Caro Drive, and **Lauren Miller**, daughter of **David and Kim Miller** of Carta Valley Drive. **Emma Althaus**, daughter of **Duff and Lisa Althaus** of Applecross Lane, played on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade "B" team. Girls on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade "A" team included **Katie Hamilton**, daughter of **Dave and Lori Hamilton** of Kilbride Lane, **Lauren Leveno**, daughter of **Joe and Debbie Leveno** of Kilmichael Lane, and **Courtney Notley**, daughter of **Stacy and Sandi Notley** of Campbell Road. Highlands North girls on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade "B" team were **Stephanie Bullard**, daughter of **Randy and Angie Bullard** of Pencross Lane, McKenzie Jones, granddaughter of **Frank and Beverly Shukis** of Dunoon Avenue and daughter of Debbie Jones of Carta Valley Drive, **Alex Pasley**, daughter of **Brent and Tiffany Pasley** of Mullrany Drive, and **Blaine Leggett**, daughter of **Todd and Valerie Cabbage** of Kilmichael Lane, and **Caroline Hall**, daughter of **Robert and Marilyn Hall** of Mullrany Drive played on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade "C" team.



# Sunshine and Shadows by Jamie Harrison

**Sunshine:** Parkhill Junior High boys are also wrapping up their football seasons. Highlands North Boys playing on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team were **Asa Copeland**, son of **Burt and Lola Copeland** of Queens Garden Drive, **Byron Coyle**, son of **John and Lisa Coyle** of Carta ValleyCourt, **Jack Ferris**, son of **Jay and Jackie Ferris** of Dalmalley Lane, **Trevor Freeman**, son of **Greg and Tricia Freeman** of Scotia Drive, **Graham Hefner**, son of **Jay and Paige Hefner** of Pennyburn Drive, Dex Leibow, grandson of **Joel and Barbara Leibow** of Scotia Drive and son of Randy and Donna Leibow of Carta Valley Drive, **Brady Pemble**, son of **Larry and Denise Pemble** of Turnberry Lane, **Sam Snyder**, son of **John and Jodie Snyder** of Kilbride Lane, **Dylan Sommerfelt**, son of **Rob and Suzie Sommerfelt** of Carta Valley Drive, and **Pearce Tungcmittong**, son of **Taweesak and Vasana Tungcmittong** of Dunoon Avenue. **Sterling Havens**, son of **Paul and Cindy Havens** of Dundrennan Lane, **Joshua Kiesling**, son of **Drew and Lisa Kiesling** of Kilbride Lane, and **Jake Rosenfield**, son of **Jeff and Marti Rosenfield** of Glenneagle Drive, played on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade “B” team.



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The University of Texas at Dallas is a young, dynamic research institution on the cutting edge of science, technology, medicine, business and the arts. UT Dallas has helped pioneer new fields in science and technology and created sought-after degree programs that did not exist a generation ago. These include geospatial information science, cognitive sciences, emerging media and communications, nanotechnology and materials science, among others. It is host to [seven schools](#), offers an array of interdisciplinary degree programs and features a student population as diverse as its areas of study.

More than 100 full-time faculty members, many of whom are internationally recognized scholars and performers, provide quality instruction on topics ranging from the history of the Middle East to emerging media. Twenty-two faculty of the School of Arts and Humanities have been awarded prestigious fellowships, including those from the Guggenheim, Fulbright, Alexander S. Onassis and Woodrow Wilson Foundations. Others are recipients of the Fust Endowments for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities awards. Backed by a staff committed to success, UT Dallas students are given the start they need for promising careers.

**UTD also offers a wide array of art, music, theatre, dance, film, and lecture events each month. To find out what's happening at UTD this 2011-12 Season visit their website at: <http://www.utdallas.edu/ah/events> You can also sign up on-line to be put on their mailing list.**



### Families for Parkhill

Parkhill's Biggest and Best Fundraiser of the Year!  
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**November 3, 2011**

**6:30-8:30 at Parkhill**

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Contact Nancy Luttinger – [luttingers@aol.com](mailto:luttingers@aol.com)



**Support your neighborhood golfers Cade Storey, Grant Owens and Jackson Evans and rest of the JJ Pearce Boys Golf Team in the 2011 Mustang Golf Championship** benefitting the golf team. With the recent school district budget cuts, the Pearce golf team needs to raise money to fund the spring semester for the boys golf team. This tournament will accomplish that goal and will be a lot of fun too!

#### **2011 Mustang Golf Championship**

4 player, 18 hole scramble format

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 12pm shotgun start

Sherrill Park Golf Course

\$80 per player, \$300 per foursome

Price includes golf, cart range balls, tee gifts, contests, prizes and dinner!

**Not a golfer...**help contribute to a Sponsor sign posted on the golf course that reads..."Highlands North supports Pearce Golf!" Signs are \$100 and any donation amount accepted (so 10 neighbors donating \$10 will buy one sign!) Also, be a Sponsor and purchase a sign to advertise your business!

For questions, entry and sponsor forms email Robin Owens at [rowens924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rowens924@sbcglobal.net)



## CRIME CORNER BY TODD CUBBAGE

### HNHA CRIME WATCH STATS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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. Either I am searching incorrectly or the articles in this section are becoming more and more intimidating/helpful.



#### Winter Holiday Safety Tips

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, especially because it's an opportune time for crime. Here are some safety tips for the upcoming holiday season:

#### If You Are Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Let ENP know you'll be traveling.

Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside. Don't forget to have mail delivery stopped – it's easy to do at <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/>. Also, if you get a newspaper, stop it, too. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

#### If You Are Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

#### Protect Your Vehicle

Loading up on all those gifts is a sign of progress in the holiday shopping. But if those packages are left out in the open after they're in the car, your car has become a likely target for thieves. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?" The same idea applies to items in your car. Always lock your vehicle and store all items out of sight. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view – from

your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones or briefcases – may tempt a thief.

#### After You've Opened the Gifts

Burglars know that many households have new, and oftentimes expensive, items in their homes following the December holidays – especially items such as new computers and peripherals, stereo components, televisions, cameras and other electronic equipment. In too many cases, residents make it easy for burglars to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other garbage. Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items in the alley or other garbage pick-up locations for several days at a time. Instead, break down any boxes you are throwing out, put them in garbage bags and place them inside a trash can. Think about keeping broken-down boxes inside – in a garage, for example – until the evening before your regular garbage pick-up. And, of course, if you see someone suspicious casing your alley, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, [3-1-1](tel:3-1-1). If you see a burglary in progress, call [9-1-1](tel:9-1-1).

#### Take a Holiday Inventory

The holidays are a good time to update—or create—your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

#### Holiday Fire Tips

With fire-wise common sense, you can make sure tragedy does not come between you and the festive holiday you have planned. Follow these fire prevention tips to help you and your family enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving:

- Keep smoke detectors on every level of the house, in every bedroom and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms. Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries at least twice a year.
  - Have a fire extinguisher available not more than 10 feet from the stove, on the exit side of the room. Make sure that you know how to use your fire extinguisher.
  - Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven.
  - When cooking, do not wear dangling jewelry or clothing with loose sleeves.
  - Cook on the back burners when possible and turn pot handles in.
  - Keep Thanksgiving decorations and kitchen clutter away from sources of direct heat.
- Make sure all candles are out before going to bed or leaving the house.



## CRIME CORNER

BY TODD CUBBAGE



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

We have recently had a number of inquiries regarding public information. If you are interested in reviewing public information, a simple Google search is a pretty easy and convenient tool. However, if you'd like less subtle direction, the Texas sex offender registry can be found at [https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS\\_WEB/SorNew/PublicSite/index.aspx](https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/SorNew/PublicSite/index.aspx) and reported criminal activity can be found at <http://policeports.dallaspolice.net/Default.aspx> (note, we are in "Beat 624"). If you are aware of other helpful sources, please let us know.

## RANDOM, NON-CRIME RELATED TRIVIA

Unlike my investment portfolio, the trivia question response rate increased by 100% from the prior month. Both Scott Harrison and Shirley Smith provided the correct answer (Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum) to last month's trivia question. Since Scott provided the first correct answer, I'd like to give him special credit (1) because he's my neighbor and (2) because I'm pretty confident he will not get properly recognized for his efforts in Sunshine & Shadows for his trivia acumen. Thanks, Scott and Shirley for your responses!

This month's question: What ingredient found in a Twinkie was used in grenades during the Vietnam War? Good luck!

Thanks and stay safe,

Todd Cubbage

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## REAL ESTATE TIPS

BY JO PRESSLY ♥



## TROUBLE-PROOF YOUR ROOF

You can prolong your roof's functional life by spotting potential problems before they become costly catastrophes. Check out our tips that will help you keep your roof in tip-top condition.

### Vent it out

**What to notice:** Over time, exposure to moisture in the attic space may cause the roof structure to rot. Moisture buildup can also speed mold growth, reduce the efficacy of insulation and cause structural deterioration.

**What to do:** Proper roof ventilation may help extend the life of the roof covering and help prevent ice dams from forming in the winter. The ventilation system should include both intake and exhaust vents that allow fresh air to flow through the attic space. Also, make sure your bathroom ventilation is not directed into your attic space. Use ductwork to push problem-causing moisture to the exterior of your attic.

### Be an eagle eye

**What to notice:** Check the rubber flashings around roof penetrations like fans or plumbing vents for splits or cracks, which can lead to leaks. Inspect metal flashing areas, such as those found around chimneys, to see if they're present and in good condition. Also look for raised shingles: They're a sign your roof isn't properly venting hot temperatures. Never inspect your roof alone, when you're tired or when you're in a rush. If you don't feel comfortable walking on the roof, hire a qualified professional to do regular inspections.

**What to do:** Little problems don't fix themselves, and they have a way of causing bigger troubles. If you're seeing one or more of these problems, call a roof specialist. Have the professional inspect your roof thoroughly and make necessary repairs.

### Call for help

The solution to roofing problems isn't to just slap more roofing tar on the area. Tar doesn't expand and contract with temperature changes the way a roof is supposed to, so it can actually make the problem worse—and harder to properly correct later on. For most roof repairs, calling a professional is your best bet.

To find a roofing contractor or get answers to your roofing questions, contact the [National Roofing Contractors Association](http://NationalRoofingContractorsAssociation.com). For more [home maintenance tips](#), go to [statefarm.com](http://statefarm.com).



## Gardening Tips



### *Timely Tip for November Gardeners from Calloway's Nursery*

Transform your landscape with the addition of fresh, colorful blooms. Pansies are by far the most popular Winter color. The 'Matrix' Pansy has been outstanding for our Texas weather. It will not "stretch" during bouts of warm temperatures and is bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter, sturdier stems to support large, colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide interesting texture in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Select a well drained flower bed and add plenty of organic matter. **Calloway's Flower Bed Mix** contains compost plus a boost of fertilizer, water-management crystals and a wetting agent. Adding **Calloway's Flower Food** to the soil at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of **mulch** to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating and to insulate the soil from the cold.

These same annuals can be used in patio containers. Fill your containers with fresh potting soil and plant food. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming.

Drop by any of our garden centers and visit with a Texas Certified Nursery Professional. These individuals are experts in their field and continuously receive training to keep their certification current. Or, email The PlantMaster with questions at [www.calloways.com/plantmaster](http://www.calloways.com/plantmaster).

[www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com)

### *Upcoming Clinics at Calloway's*

- **November 19, 2011—10:15 a.m.**  
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Founded in 1930 in Fort Worth, the Lena Pope Home has provided a wide selection of services over the years. Today, their main focus is on empowering families to stay together. This is achieved through counseling and education. Hope, Happiness and Success - that's what the Lena Pope Home is all about.

Thanks to your previous year's purchases of Cyclamen, Calloway's has been able to donate over \$65,000 to support the services provided by the Lena Pope Home. So, join us again this year, and together, we can share in their mission to help create hope, happiness and success for children and their families.

See our [weekly specials](#) online for featured Cyclamen specials.

# 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

South Side



Sarah & John Myers—7615 Queens Garden



Saul and Laura Meisel—7808 Pencross

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## Pet Corner by Zoe Meyer

### Cats and House Soiling



House soiling is one of the most common reasons that cats end up in shelters. What causes inappropriate elimination outside the litter box, and what can be done to fix it?

A medical condition might be causing or contributing to the problem, so make an appointment for your cat to see your vet. Your vet can also help differentiate between inappropriate elimination and marking, which is usually done on vertical surfaces. Signs of a medical issue include increased urgency to urinate, bad odor, blood in the urine, and painful urination. These might be symptoms of diabetes, urinary tract infection or inflammation, or arthritis.

If you've ruled out medical causes, the problem may be behavioral in origin, so take a look at the cat's litter box and its environment.

**The box itself:** The litter box should be large enough to accommodate the cat; many litter boxes sold in stores are too small. You only fill them a third of the way so you don't use any more litter than you would in a normal pan. Because the bins are deep, it cuts down on litter tracking and messes outside of the box. Also, the box should not be covered. Some cats feel trapped in covered boxes or can be cornered by antagonistic housemates. Avoid the use of liners which can bunch up or tear.

**Number of boxes:** the rule of thumb is one box per cat.

**Location:** Litter boxes should be placed in quiet, low-traffic areas around the house and away from the spot where cats eat or drink.

**Litter:** Cats generally prefer fine, unscented clumping litter. If you have recently changed type or brand, your cat may

rebel. To determine the type of litter your cat prefers, try a few different types of litter at the same time in different boxes and see which one she chooses.

**Cleanliness:** Litter boxes should be scooped at least once daily, and cleaned with mild soap and water and rinsed thoroughly every week or two.

**The environment:** Inappropriate elimination may mean your cat is reacting to a change in the environment, such as a visitor, a new addition to the household, a new neighbor dog or cat, new food or foreign smells, sights or sounds (such as loud music or tv noise). Be sure your cat gets plenty of attention and mental stimulation, and try to keep her stress level low.

**Cleaning:** Don't forget to clean the soiled area as soon as possible, because any lingering odor will draw the cat back to the same spot. Enzyme-based cleaners are the most effective at removing odors; don't use cleaners containing ammonia. To make the area aversive to the cat, cover it with plastic carpet runners placed upside down, tinfoil or heavy plastic.

*In my own personal experience*, one of my two cats soiled outside the litter box while I was away on a weekend trip. The pet sitter cleaned up her mess each day while I was gone. After ruling out a medical condition, I realized that she was used to 2 litter boxes while I was gone and for some reason I failed to put out a second litter box for that trip. Why 2 litter boxes? My pet sitter would visit once/day and scoop. I normally scooped twice/day when home and she preferred the more frequent cleaning.

For the last 5 years, I now use 2 litter boxes and still scoop twice/daily. My cat has not since eliminated outside the litter box. For cleaning the soiled area, I used soap/water and lemon juice. Cats dislike citrus.



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#### Social:

**Fall Meeting/Social**—Marcia Weiss  
**Easter Egg Hunt**—Tina Cox (972) 934-4925  
 Valerie Cabbage (972) 272-8499  
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**Luncheon & Fashion Show**—Lisa Althaus (972) 934-0128  
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 (highlandsnorth@hotmail.com)

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*Information Only—Please do not leave a message.*

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Looking for a plumber? A handyman?  
 An electrician? How about a landscaper?  
 A tile layer? A window replacement  
 company?

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 recommended by your neighbors for all  
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*North Side—Tuesdays*

*South Side—Mondays*

*Bulky Trash Pick-up the Week of:*

***November 7th***

**HNHA CALENDAR**  
**November 2011**

*November 3rd*

*Families for Parkhill—Parkhill Junior High  
Auction Fundraiser 6:30—8:30 p.m.*

*November 7th*

*Bulky Trash Pick-Up  
Earliest set out date is Thursday, November 3rd*

*November 14th*

*HNHA Board Meeting*

*November 24th*

*Thanksgiving Holiday*

