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~ Looking back on 2010 in Highlands North ~



2010



"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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Highlands North Homeowners Association Membership Directory

The new 2010-2011 Highlands North Membership Directories are here! A special thank you to Carol Ann Miller, VP of Membership and to Liz Wood, Directory for the many hours they have spent on the homeowner's membership drive and for all their hard work in creating our new Directory!

Thank you Carol Ann and Liz!!

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Around the Neighborhood



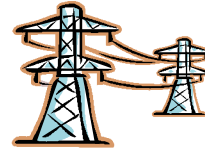
What's Going on Here!

Now is a perfect time to prune live & red oak trees which is before the oak wilt beetle is active. The oak wilt beetle is active in the spring and will enter the trees at newly cut branches or bark injuries. The oak wilt disease will pass from one oak tree through the roots as well. Since the trees in our neighborhood are now large it would be common for the roots of trees to touch underground. Oak wilt has been verified in our area and it would be best for our neighborhood if we are all aware of the disease and prevention.

As a reminder the City of Dallas code requirements are to cut the branches over a street or alley to 15 feet from the ground grade. And if you have branches over a sidewalk they need to be 8 feet above the sidewalk for pedestrian walking on sidewalk. If you receive a warning from Code Enforcement, you will have an opportunity to lift the branches up before they issue a fine.

Remember to hire a tree trimmer who will either grind up the branches or take them. Or if you can trim just before our pick-up week, you can set out the branches on December 30 or February 3, which is 4 days prior to our pick-up week. For our neighborhood our pick-up date for brush and bulky trash is the first Monday of each month. To assure pick-up you are to have the items placed out by 7:00 am on that Monday even though they will pick-up later in the week. Once they have removed the trash from your street, they normally will not return on that street. The sanitation department recently put a notice in your water bill. It is easy to read and understand the "rules" of brush and bulky trash service.

Susan Carrington
Liaison for Parks/Easement



Are You Having Power Outages??

Some in the neighborhood seem to be experiencing these frequently and we'd like to know whether this is a problem for you. Some on the north side are having very short outages as often as every week or two. Are you one of these?

No matter who your electric company is (TXU, Reliant, etc) Oncor owns the cables and delivers your electricity. Oncor did some repair work in late November at Hillcrest and Prestoncrest that they hope will improve the reliability of our service, but some of us have already had outages since then. If you are having problems, make sure they are noted – Call Oncor at 214-486-6860 every time you have a flicker and have to reset your clocks. Remember the squeaky wheel gets oiled.

If you are having more than 3-4 outages a year please email Michael Kleiman at MK7709@yahoo.com and make sure to tell him your address and frequency of outages (once a week, every 2 weeks, once a month or once every few months?). Michael is going to be staying on top of Oncor as well as working with the PUC and others if the problems continue and are as widespread as we believe.

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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. If Sunshine and Shadows news is submitted by the 14th of the month, it will be included in the next month's newsletter!

In this month's news:

Shadows: Our condolences to **Susan and Rich Warren** of Mullrany Drive, and their daughter, **Rachael**. Susan's father, Norman Marcus, age 80, passed away on November 14 in Jerusalem, Israel, where he had been living most recently, with family. Prior to moving to Jerusalem, Mr. Marcus lived in Teaneck, New Jersey for 34 years, with his dear wife, Roslyn, who passed away in 2009. Mr. Marcus had Susan and two other children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Sunshine: Congratulations to Pearce senior volleyball players **Stephanie Holland** and **Katie O'Brien**, who recently signed letters of intent to play collegiate volleyball! Stephanie, the daughter of **Steve and Sarah Holland** of Dornoch Lane, will play at TCU, and Katie, the daughter of **Steve and Shannon O'Brien** of Carta Valley Drive, will play at Missouri.

Sunshine: Congratulations to **Erin Clohessy**, a 4th grader at Bowie Elementary, who was recently named a third place winner in the 3rd/4th grade division of the 13th annual Cotton Bowl Art Contest out of 4,000 total entries throughout the DFW area! Erin, the daughter of **Maria Clohessy** of Fallkirk Drive and **Steve Clohessy**, won tickets to the Cotton Bowl game, a Cotton Bowl gift package, and \$150 awarded to the Bowie art department. In addition, Erin's work is on display at Bowie, and at Cowboys Stadium in the AT&T Cotton Bowl offices.

Sunshine: Many Highlands North students are playing basketball at Parkhill Junior High this year! The 7th grade girls team includes **Emma Althaus** (**Jeff and Lisa Althaus** of Applecross Lane), **Emily Clohessy** (**Maria Clohessy** of Fallkirk Drive and **Steve Clohessy**), **Ally Coleman** (**Allen and Susan Coleman** of Queensferry Lane), **Gaby Hundza** (**Rob and Gina Hundza** of Alto Caro Drive, and grandparents **Luigi and Rae Gene Munglioli** of Pencross Lane), and **Lauren Miller** (**David and Kim Miller** of Carta Valley Drive). The 8th grade girls team includes **Casey Carrillo** (**Deanna Carrillo** and **Kent Strenger**, and grandparents **Billy and Allyne Harris**, all of Spring Creek Road), **Madelyn Katz** (**Don and Katie Katz** of Glenneagle Drive), **Owen Lee** (**John and Danielle Lee** of Kilbride Lane), **Amy Llewellyn** (**Robert and Shirley Llewellyn** of Lairds

Lane), and **Julia Minigutti** (**Andrew and Sondra Minigutti** of Turnberry Lane). The 7th grade boys team includes **Asa Copeland** (**Burt and Lola Copeland** of Queens Garden Drive), **Byron Coyle** (**John and Lisa Coyle** of Carta Valley Drive), **Graham Hefner** (**Jay and Paige Hefner** of Pennyburn Drive), **Dex Leibow** (**Randy and Donna Leibow** of Carta Valley Drive and grandparents **Joel and Barbara Leibow** of Scotia Drive), **Brady Pemble** (**Larry and Denise Pemble** of Turnberry Lane), **Dylan Sommerfelt** (**Rob and Suzie Sommerfelt** of Carta Valley Drive), and **Pearce Tungcimitrong** (**Taweesak and Vasana Tungcimitrong** of Dunoon Avenue). The 8th grade boys team includes **Jackson Evans** (**Mike and Wendy Evans** of Queens Garden Drive), **Ben Harrison** (**Scott and Jamie Harrison** of Kilmichael Lane), and **Chandler Notley** (**Stacy and Sandi Notley** of Campbell Road). The girls play their next home games on January 6 against Long Middle School, and the boys' next home games are on January 13 against Apollo Junior High.

Sunshine: Each year, the Bowie Elementary PTA participates in the National PTA's Reflections program, which allows students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. At the awards presentation held recently at Bowie, ten Highlands North students were among those whose work received the highest award presented at the local PTA judging level, the "Award of Excellence." Those students are **Aasha Ardila** and **Landon Ardila**, children of **Luis and Vanitha Ardila** of Queensferry Lane, **Brian Kaner**, son of **Joey and Marni Kaner** of Chadwick Court, **Harris Lee**, son **John and Danielle Lee** of Kilbride Lane, **Lauren Leveno**, daughter of **Joe and Debbie Leveno** of Kilmichael Lane, **Grace McMaster**, daughter of **Darrell, Jr. and Amanda McMaster** of Scotia Drive, and granddaughter of **Darrell and Mary Jo McMaster** of Loch Maree Lane, **Rachel Porter**, daughter of **Larry and Deborah Porter** of Lairds Lane, **Jack Shelton**, son of **Matt and Jeanne Shelton** of Turnberry Lane, **Jacob Sullivan**, son of **Steve and Jennifer Sullivan** of Pencross Lane, and **Jonah Torres**, son of **Jessica Torres** of Dornoch Lane and **Paul Saulfen**, and grandson of **Mark and Lyn Torres** of Dornoch Lane. The work of these students went on for judging at the RISD Council of PTA's judging level. Congratulations to all of these students!

Sunshine: Congratulations to all the Highlands North third and fourth graders who are members of the K-Kids Club at Bowie Elementary! Their float in the Richardson Holiday Parade earned third place and also received a trophy for best float in the "Civic Organization" category. The theme for the float was "Thanks to our Soldiers." K-Kids is a service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club for students in third and fourth grades.

City of Dallas Info



Christmas Tree Recycling

December 27, 2010– January 14, 2011
(Mondays—Saturdays)

After the holidays, don't trash your natural tree! Instead:

- Place the Christmas tree in your garden or backyard. Fresh orange slices or strung popcorn will attract birds and they can sit in the branches for shelter. Within a year, the branches will become brittle and you can break the tree down for backyard composting.
- Place your tree on the curb for monthly bulk trash collection (Don't put it out too early).
- Drop your tree off at one of the tree recycling sites listed below. We will reward you with some free mulch. (Bring your own container to the Buckman Transfer Station site).

Important: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic decorative materials including tree stands.

Flag Pole Hill Park—8100 Doran Circle

Fair Oaks Transfer Station—7677 Fair Oaks Avenue

Bachman Transfer Station—9500 Harry Hines Blvd.

Southwest Transfer Station—4610 S. Westmoreland

New this year: On January 8, bring your Christmas tree to Central Market located at 5750 E. Lovers Lane from 9 am—2 pm and attend a free composting class. Class times are 10 am or 2 pm. Attendees will receive a free C.E. Shepherd composting bin while supplies last.

For more information (214) 670-4475.



Coming in 2011: U-Verse Customers can Dial 311 Directly

Starting in early 2011, AT&T U-Verse customers need only dial 311 to reach a customer service agent 24 hours a day for urgent calls and 6 am to 8 pm Monday-Friday for routine service requests. Until then, U-verse customers, please call 214-670-5111 to reach a 311 customer service agent.



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29th Annual RISD Council of PTAs

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Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.



CRIME CORNER BY JEREMY ROSENTHAL

HNHA Crime Watch Stats—

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!

Recent Crimes in Highlands North

Recently reported crimes in and around Highlands North include:

- On November 23, a Burglary was reported in the **7800 block of Kilbride Lane**
- On November 29, Vandalism was reported in the **16500 block of Dundrennan Lane**
- On December 1, an Assault was reported in the **7600 block of Lairds Lane**

Preventing Vandalism

Taking a few security measures can greatly reduce the likelihood of vandalism occurring. Vandalism is best prevented through increased security, public awareness and police involvement. The following steps explain how to prevent vandalism:

1. **Install motion sensor flood lights.** Creating a well-lit area will deter vandals from trespassing on the property. Running flood lights on a motion sensor will conserve energy and will automatically illuminate areas vandals try to approach. Vandals are less likely to commit crimes against properties that are highly visible.
2. **Notify your neighbors.** Whether the vandalism is being committed against a home or businesses surrounding neighbors should be made aware of any vandalism when it occurs. Creating awareness will keep the community alert for suspicious persons and activities. Exchange contact information with neighbors so you can be notified in the event any vandalism is witnessed.
3. **Notify your local police department, and file a police report for any vandalism that occurs.** Filing a police report will help document each vandalism incident and the damage that was caused. Request that the police increase its patrols in your area if repeated vandalism occurs. Increasing police presence will deter vandals.

4. **Limit access to the property.** Keep all doors, windows and gates locked to prevent vandals from entering the property. Install unbreakable glass in windows to avoid damage from thrown objects. Park all vehicles in a secure garage when they are not in use.



Jeremy Rosenthal
Highlands North Crime Watch Coordinator
HOTLINE 214-967-5120



The Dallas Police Department currently has 3 unique volunteer programs. All volunteers must attend a one-hour training course for the desired program. Training classes are offered at the seven substations and range between 2 to 12 hours, depending on the program requirements. Our current programs are:

VIP—Volunteers in Patrol- This program is designed to reduce crime by having citizens patrol their own neighborhoods and reporting any suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

CHIPS—Citizens Helping in Parking Solutions - Citizens are trained to write parking citations for handicapped parking violations in areas such as local malls or shopping centers.

COPS—Citizens Offering Police Support - This program provides an opportunity for citizens to work hand-in-hand with officers at the substation conducting various office and clerical related tasks. To view volunteer opportunities log onto www.volunteermatch.org

For Information on Volunteer Programs call (214) 671-3015

REAL ESTATE TIPS BY JO PRESSLY



WINTERIZE TO SAVE \$\$\$

Go on a walking tour of your home, and pretend you're a cowboy with a caulking gun in your hand!

Plug the Gaps Outside: Keep the cold air OUT. **Programmable Thermostats:** These adjust the times and temperature according to a pre-set schedule.

Ducts: Hidden, either over your head or beneath your feet may be leaking air and wasting a lot of your energy dollars.

Fireplace: Be sure that the flue is closed when you aren't using your fireplace.

Water Heaters: Wrap with a [water heater](#) blanket and insulate your water pipes to keep the water hot and save money.

Insulation: The fastest and most cost preventative way to reduce energy waste and maximize energy dollars. The greatest loss of heat in a home is through the attic.

Weather-Strip Exterior Doors: If you can see light underneath a door, you're losing warm air! Don't forget about your garage door because most garages are not insulated.

Insulate Electrical Outlets: Hold your hand in front of an outlet on an outside wall and you'll be amazed at the cold air that comes through.



PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE

Severe weather can strike at any time of year, possibly leaving your home without electricity for an extended time. By preparing for outages smartly, you can help minimize the disruption to your life and keep your home and family safe.

Generators

You probably know that gasoline-powered portable generators can be real lifesavers during prolonged power outages, allowing you to run a few essential appliances. But generators can do more harm than good if used improperly. The [carbon monoxide](#) fumes they give off can sicken or kill in minutes. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, deaths related to use of portable generators have risen more than 400 percent in recent years. Never use generators indoors or in an attached garage. If your home frequently falls victim to power outages, it may be worth investing in a generator that can be hardwired to your home's electrical system.

Candles and Flashlights

Candles are a reliable low-tech light source, but they can be a fire hazard if not used carefully. A recent study by the National Fire Protection Association found that candles used for light in homes experiencing a power outage caused one in every five fatal candle-related fires. Never leave lit candles near children, pets, curtains or bedding. Always place lit candles on secure surfaces and never leave them unattended. For more information on [candle safety](#), visit State Farm's Learning Center.

Flashlights are a safer bet, but they tend to disappear about the time you really need them. Keep a few dedicated emergency flashlights in a designated spot, along with a supply of fresh batteries.

Battery Backups

Going without appliances and electronics during a power outage is usually just an inconvenience. In some cases, though, losing the use of medical devices, landline phones, home office computers or refrigeration could create a health risk or financial hardship. Consider purchasing battery backup units for critical devices, especially your sump pump, which you may need to protect your home from flooding during a storm.

Surge Protectors

Even if you don't lose power during a storm, lightning strikes, voltage spikes and power surges can damage home appliances and electronics. Consider equipping them with surge protectors, which regulate the voltage going to devices and keep it at a safe level. Surge protectors are very affordable these days and many power strips come with built-in surge protectors.

For more [electrical safety tips](#), visit [statefarm.com](#).

*"Be at war with your vices; at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."
-- Benjamin Franklin*



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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 pollutants. Add a touch of green inside today and enjoy a cleaner, greener environment!

For more information, please join us for **FREE** in-store clinics regarding gardening topics. Clinics are held in every store.

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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.



A Year of **FREE** Clinics!

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Saturday, January 15th at 10:15 am- Dressing Your Indoors

Interior plants can dress up a room quite simply but did you also know that plants can help clean your indoor air? Find out which houseplants do the best job while looking so good.

Saturday, January 22nd at 10:15 am- Preparing a Garden

Keep your soil healthy and alive! Prepare for Spring planting now with a soil maintenance and fertilization program to insure long term success above and below the ground.

Saturday, January 29th at 10:15 am- The ABC's of Pruning

When, what and where to prune! Learn the proper procedure before you make your first cut.

Success in the garden begins with a good foundation! Become a member of our Garden Club and learn how to develop a beautiful landscape! Visit www.mytexasgarden.com to join today!

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.

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North Side

South Side



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Pet Corner by Zoe Meyer

If you have chosen to adopt or have given/received a pet during the holiday season, consider the responsibility of pet ownership...

Responsible Pet Ownership Benefits People & Pets



Our animal companions should be treated as much more than scenery or watchdogs. They are members of the family, constant companions, teachers, **gentle leaders** and special friends. They deserve our **utmost respect** because that is what they offer us with no strings attached. **Dogs and cats** teach adults and children alike about the meanings of empathy, compassion, responsibility, **unconditional love** and self-worth.

Even though they are a big investment of time and money, the benefits to bringing a companion animal into your family far outweigh the costs. The fact is that animals keep people healthy both physically and emotionally.

Pet owners often have **lower blood pressure** and less anxiety than those without companion animals. Recent studies have found that babies who live with at least one pet are significantly less likely to develop **allergies to dogs and cats, dust mites**, grasses and pollens.

On the emotional side, pets offer social support that can help people through difficult situations such as the stresses of growing up, divorce, losing a job and the death of a family member or friend. Dogs and cats also improve people's self-esteem by offering unconditional love. They also teach people how to care.

Source: **SPCA of North Texas**

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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:

January 3rd



HNHA CALENDAR

January 2011



January 1st New Year's Day

January 3rd Brushy Trash Pick-Up

(Earliest set out date is Thursday, December 30th)

January 10th HNHA Board Meeting

January 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

