DALLAS HIGHLANDS NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# HNHA CONNECTION

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## Highlands North Homeowners Association Requests the Honor of Your Presence at Our Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet at Maggianno's Restaurant in the North Ballroom 6001 West Park Boulevard at the Tollway Sunday, September 17th, 2006 Appetizers and Cash Bar 6:30 p.m. Seated Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

### Wendy S. Harpham, M.D.—Speaker

Physician, Cancer Survivor, Award Winning Author, Wife and Mother of Three will be our Featured Speaker. She has been interviewed on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, and the Oprah Show. Her Honors include: The 2000 Governor's Award for Health for which she was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Her Topic, Life Choices, Big and Small is certain to inspire you..

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Send to: Marcia Weiss at 7618 Dunoon Avenue, Dallas, TX 75248
Questions? Call Marcia at 972-387-2991

# What's Going on Here!

The heat is "hanging in" and even the trees are suffering. Our Dallas Parks sends out the water truck to tend the newly planted trees as they can keep up with it. A neighbor, James Crowley, pulls his hose across the street to water the nearby tree in stress on Spring Creek Island. If you live by a tree in stress and wish to help keep it alive, and you can spare some water, it would be greatly appreciated. The Preston Ridge Bike Trail volunteers are also working hard to water the newly planted trees. Thanks to all who are trying to keep the trees alive during this extremely dry period.

The azalea bed on the south Twin Lake is being watered by the sprinkler system supplied by the park department. Even at that, this type of shrub is not able to handle the direct sun and high heat all day into the evening, so they may not make it. If not, the bed will receive a planting of a shrub more acclimated to the conditions. Good examples are the shrubs planted along George Bush Tollway. We are manually watering the four islands in our area according to the Dallas regulations.

If you have visited the new **Sprayground** at Campbell Green with your children, you know it has been very popular. It is suggested by the park department that the children wear water shoes. Adult supervision is requested, as park personnel will not be near by. The **Sprayground** is open from 10:00 a.m. until dusk until the weather cools off. We have been told that the Campbell Green **Sprayground** will have an added rubber cover on the concrete next year, such as the one at Lake Highlands.

Dallas City Parks is working with the authorities about the loss of water on the south Twin Lake. Unlike the north lake, the south has gone down to a much lower level. If there is a leak or a fixable solution they will consider it.

There are several curb repairs in the neighborhood, such as 7701 Kilbride and 7702 Turnberry. If you have a curb that is damaged or broken on the cross walk, or in front of your front door, call 311 to see if it qualifies for the Street Department to repair it.

If you have a street light that is out in your area, call 888-313-4747 or go on line at http://streetlights.oncorgroup.com/Main/main.aspx Thanks to John Trizila for reporting the light across the street from south Twin Lakes and being persistent in getting it repaired. Streetlights add to the safety of our neighborhood.

The Parks Department posted signs at Twin Lakes for *Swimming Prohibited*. The sign at the north lake has already been taken. The signs state the Dallas City Ordinance concerning swimming in public water. There were some students who used the south lake a few weeks ago to ride in their rubber raft, which is also prohibited.

Susan Carrington, Parks Liaison

## Welcome to DallasCityHall.com!

Enter the City of Dallas 311 System:

You can access most City of Dallas non-emergency services from this web site. Critical problems and emergencies that may cause injury to life or damage to property should be communicated directly by telephone to the 9-1-1/3-1-1 Communications Center.

Using your telephone, dial 9-1-1 to make emergency requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services.

Dial 3-1-1 to make non-emergency requests for service, such as hazardous potholes, stray animals, or traffic signal malfunctions.

The city services accessible from this Web site are some of the most common requests, from removing an abandoned vehicle, to reporting non-hazardous potholes. If you do not find an appropriate service request category on our Web site, or are uncertain whether the problem may be hazardous, please call 3-1-1. If you have any difficulty entering a service request, please contact us by dialing 3-1-1, and a 311 Service Agent will be glad to assist you. If you live outside the city of Dallas or if you are calling from a wireless telephone, please call 214-670-5111.

If you need Sanitation Schedules, Council District information or Police and Fire districts use our Interactive Map. You can also click the 2001 aerial map for a look at your property.

# Around the Neighborhood

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2006-2007

Don't forget to turn in your Annual HNHA Membership and Application & Dues by September 15th!

For more info call Cori Pratt at 972-407-0119

## Neighborhood Men's Bible Study

**When**: Bible Study meets every Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. - 7:15 am. starting September 8th.

**Location**: Fellowship House of FBCA, 15816 Spring Creek Road

Please join us for a time of fellowship, prayer and bible study. Questions? Contact Greg Freeman at 972-701-8773

*"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going. "* ~Jim Ryun

## LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND**: Set of Keys
**WHERE**: On Spring Creek near Scotia.
Please contact sszwast@sbcglobal.net to identify and claim.

## Ladies 2nd Thursday Night Bunco Group

The 2nd Thursday Night Ladies Bunco Group met at the home of Marianna Lynch on August 10th. The following are the winners of the Bunco competition:

**Most Buncos**—ChaCha McGrael
**1st Place with Most Wins**—Mischeal Leavelle
**2nd Place**—Nicky Wilson
**Most Losses**—Linda Mitchell

# Around the Neighborhood

**Mark your Calendars!**
**James Bowie Elementary's Annual**
**Fall Festival is coming soon.**

*"Camp Bowie"*
*Saturday, October 21*
*4:00 - 7:00 pm*

*Look for more details in the next newsletter!*

## "LEAD THE STAMPEDE!"

J. J. Pearce Athletics has established a membership campaign to increase community support of our neighborhood school. This campaign is similar to Highland Park's "Mad For Plaid" where certain membership levels receive a yard sign. To show your support of the Mighty Mustangs please join the Pearce Athletic Booster Club at the $125 level to receive your **"Lead The Stampede"** yard sign as well as 8 admissions to 2006 -07 Pearce home athletic events ($113 tax deduction.) For more information please contact Marty Colley at MARTYUSIP@@aol.com.

Thank you for supporting your neighborhood's high school that has excellence in both athletics and academics!

## Mighty Mustang Band March-a-Thon
## Saturday, September 16
## Mini-Concert at Twin Lakes Park
## At 1:30 p.m.

The morning of Saturday, September 16, the Mighty Mustang Band is conducting its annual **March-a-Thon,** playing and marching for ten miles up and down streets of the JJ Pearce neighborhoods on the West side of Coit and South of Campbell. According to organizer Tammy Hollowell, this annual event is a fundraiser that will help underwrite band expenses during this upcoming school year and help with trip expenses. "Last year, the money raised helped the Band travel to New York to play at Carnegie Hall, and we were able to buy a new tuba, which is close to $10,000," she explains. "This year, money raised will help the band travel to Corpus Christi to play in the South Coast Music Festival, and will be used to purchase additional percussion instruments, that are no longer covered by the district budget."

Signs will be displayed on streets where the band will be playing, with the approximate time they will arrive. The Band asks that neighbors refrain from parking on the street where signs are displayed on the morning of September 16 so the members can pass through. Neighborhoods where the band will be marching include Prestonwood, Prestonwood East, Estates West, Bowie, and Highlands North to Twin Lakes Park, where they will form a circle around the south pond and have a **short concert at approximately 1:30 p.m.**. Everyone is invited to come out to the pond to enjoy the music.

Neighbors are also encouraged to come out and show support by cheering on the Band as they march down our streets. Parents carrying Band hats will be accompanying the Band in case you'd like to make a donation, or you may send a donation to:

**Pearce Area Band Club**
**1600 Coit Road, Richardson, TX 75080**
**Attention: Greg Hames, Director of Bands**

If you have any questions , please contact the March-a-Thon Coordinator, Tammy Hollowell at 972-776-0008, or Tammy.Hollowell@sbcglobal.net.

# Did You Know?

## SEPTEMBER

- September begins on the same day of the week as December every year.
- September's flower is the aster or morning glory.
- September's birthstone is the sapphire.
- September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to March in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- World War II began on September 1, 1939 following Hitler's invasion of Poland and ended on the same month, September 2, 1945 with the Japanese surrender.

## SENIOR CITIZEN CARDS

In an effort to say thank you to senior community members, RISD School District is once again offering special discounts through a Senior Citizen Card for those 55 and older. Cardholders will have access to free admission to any school activity except varsity football (UIL rules). The card may be used for admission to all RISD home activities and many RISD athletic competitions in neighboring cities. Register for the card at the Athletic Department, Administration Annex, 400 S. Greenville Ave. or call 469-593-0124. You must be 55 or older, a resident of RISD and be able to produce a valid driver's license. Cards do not expire.

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# CRIME AND SAFETY CORNER

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

There was an attempted child abduction on Thursday, August 3rd around 7:30 pm reported in Northwood Hills. .Suspect: 40 year old male Hispanic driving a red & white "beat up" pickup. He was clean shaven and had a "heavy face", wearing a solid color T-shirt.

A 13 year old girl was walking south on Hillcrest near Mossvine (just south of Beltline) when the suspect pulled alongside and asked if she wanted to go for a ride. She ignored him, kept walking. He drove south on Hillcrest and encountered her again at Hillcrest/Gateridge where he tried to force her into his truck. She escaped and he drove away, last seen southbound on Hillcrest. If you've seen a red/white pickup in the neighborhood, do **NOT** approach it— please contact the police with your suspicions.

### CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION

In light of the high profile abductions of several children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) encourages families not to panic. Instead, parents need to empower themselves with information that can help protect their children.

### CHILD ABDUCTION STATISTICS

Parental abductions and runaway cases make up the majority of missing children in the United States. In 2001 there were about 725,000 children reported missing, or nearly 2,000 per day. The vast majority of these cases were recovered quickly; however, the parent or guardian was concerned enough to contact law enforcement and they placed the child into the FBI's National Crime Information Center – a computerized national database of criminal justice information. It is available to Federal, state and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies. Each year there are about 3,000 to 5,000 non-family abductions reported to police, most of which are short term sexually-motivated cases. **About 200 to 300 of these cases, or 6 percent, make up the most serious cases where the child was murdered, ransomed or taken with the intent to keep.**

### SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Be sure to go over the **rules** with your children about whose homes they can visit when you're not there and discuss the boundaries of where they can and can't go in the neighborhood.
- **Always** listen to your children and keep the lines of communication open. Teach your children to get of out of dangerous or uncomfortable situations right away, and practice role-playing and basic safety skills with them.
- Teach your children in whose car they may ride. Children should be cautioned **never to approach any vehicle**, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or trusted adult.
- **Make sure children know their names, address, telephone numbers and how to use the telephone.**
- Choose **babysitters** with care. Obtain references from family, friends and neighbors.

### SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

- **Always** check first with your parents or the person in charge before you go anywhere or do anything.
- **Always** take a friend when you play or go somewhere.
- Don't be afraid to say **no** and get away from any situation that makes you feel uncomfortable or confused. Trust your feelings.
- **Don't** get into a car or go near a car with someone in it unless you are with your parents or a trusted adult.
- **Never** take a ride from someone without checking first with your parents.
- Never go into a **public restroom** by yourself.
- Never go **alone** to the mall, movies, video arcades or parks.
- Stay safe when you're home alone by keeping the door locked. **Do not open the door** for or talk to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative.

**For more information please visit www.missingkids.com or call NCMEC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-843-5678.**

### FINGERPRINTING YOUR CHILD

To have your child's fingerprints taken, contact your local or state police departments to find out if they offer a child safety program which includes fingerprinting.

## WANTED

The Highlands North Homeowners Association needs a volunteer for our HNHA Crimewatch Board Position. If you are a concerned citizen and would like to make a difference in our neighborhood please contact a Board Member for more information.

# NEIGHBORS

## (RE)TIRED OF GOLF????
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## National Good Neighbor Day is September 25th!

- Neighbors are simply good side-by-side friends.
- Chance made us neighbors. Hearts made us friends.
- An open door,
  a kindly heart,
  a ready hand to lend.
  You're more than special neighbors,
  You're also special friends.
- A good neighbor is a found treasure!
- A good neighbor is a welcome blessing!
- To have a good neighbor is to find something precious. --Chinese proverb

## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Jamie Harrison
Sunshine/Shadows Chair

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

***Shadows***: Our condolences to **John and Lisa Coyle** and family, 7622 Carta Valley Court. John's father, James Coyle, passed away on August 10 at his home in Manasquan, New Jersey, after a courageous struggle with cancer. Mr. Coyle was 66 years old.

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


## HIGHLAND SPRINGS

Highland Springs, Erickson's newest community located on the corner of Coit and Frankford Roads in Dallas, Texas is opening in September 2006. We are currently looking for high school students to work in our restaurants serving meals to our residents.

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## HNNA YARDS OF THE

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### South Side

Dan and Beverly Smith at 16116 Fallkirk

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# Fall Gardening

Yes, it still feels like summer but it will soon be Fall (and hopefully a little cooler). The following article will help you get started on Fall plantings!

## FALL IS FOR HERBS

Herbs are plants that are used as flavoring agents. The common herbs used in cooking are referred to as culinary herbs. Mild or savory herbs impart a delicate flavor to food while the stronger or pungent herbs add zest to foods. These herbs are attractive and varied so their ornamental value is also important.

The ornamental value of herbs enables them to be used in flower beds, borders, rock gardens, or corner plantings. Some herbs are annuals while others are perennial or come up year after year. You can locate annual herbs in your annual flower garden or vegetable garden. The perennial herbs should be located at the side of the garden where they won't interfere with next year's soil preparation.

Care for the herb garden will be similar to your vegetable or flower garden. Select a sunny, well-drained location. Apply a slow-release fertilizer at the rate of 2 pounds per 100 square feet.

Water as necessary during dry periods. Generally, you need about one inch of water per week, if not supplied by natural rainfall. A mulch will help conserve soil moisture and reduce weed growth as well. The mints prefer moist soil so they will require more frequent watering.

Annual and biennial herbs can be established by planting the seed directly in the garden or starting seeds indoors for later transplanting to the garden. You can save seed produced by the herb plants for next year's crop or obtain seed from your local garden center or seed catalog.

To save your own seed, harvest the entire seed head after it has dried on the plant. The seeds should then be allowed to dry in a protected location that is cool and dry. After the seeds are thoroughly dry, thresh the seed from the seed heads and discard the trash. Store in labeled jars in a dark, cool, dry location.

Some herb seeds such as dill, anise, caraway, or coriander can be used for flavorings Perennial herbs can be propagated by cuttings or by division. Divide plants every 3 to 4 years in the early spring. The plants should be dug up and cut into several sections. You can also cut 4 to 6 inch sections of the stem and root these by placing the cuttings in moist sand in a shady area. In 4 to 8 weeks, roots should form on these cuttings. Herbs such as sage, winter savory, and thyme can be propagated by cuttings. Chives, lovage, and tarragon can be propagated by division of the roots or crowns.

Leaves of many herbs such as parsley and chives can be harvested for fresh seasonings. On these plants you can gradually remove some of the leaves as you need them. Don't remove all the foliage at one time. These plants will produce over a long period of time if they are cared for well.

On rosemary and thyme, clip the tops when the plants are in full bloom. Usually, leaves and flowers are harvested together. Basil, fennel, mint, sage, summer savory, sweet marjoram, tarragon, and winter savory are harvested just before the plant starts to bloom.

Chervil and parsley leaves can be cut and dried anytime. Lovage leaves should be harvested early during the first flush of growth. After harvesting, hang the herbs in loosely tied bundles in a well-ventilated room. You can also spread the branches on a screen, cheesecloth, or hardware cloth. For herbs where leaves only are needed, the leaves can be spread on flat trays. Keep dust off the herbs by a cloth or similar protective cover that will allow moisture to pass through.

Many of the herbs we grow today are from the Mediterranean region of the world and thus hot, dry summer weather suits them perfectly. All too often gardeners lose herbs because they don't have good enough drainage (they really do best in a raised bed) or because they don't have them in the right exposure. Most require sun. The mints and a few other herbs will grow well in shade or partial shade.

Source: aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers

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# Pet News

Happy Tails! Huggable Hank, the last of the Katrina kitties at the Richardson Animal Medical Clinic was adopted! Hank says, "Thanks!"

**Heatstroke in Pets**

With the onset of warmer weather, extra care must be taken to prevent heatstroke in your pet.

- Do not leave pets in the car! Even with the windows down, the temperature of a car may reach 120 degrees in 10 minutes on an 85 degree day.
- Make sure to provide adequate shade and water for outside pets.
- Filling a kids' swimming pool for your pet to cool off in.
- Tie a tarp between trees or of the back porch to provide extra shade.
- Keep your pet in good physical condition and avoid heavy exercise in the hot weather.
- Walk your pet early in the morning or late in the evening.
- Play games indoors with your pet.

**Is your pet suffering from heatstroke?**

If your pet seems listless, is panting or his breathing is labored, collapses, has glazed eyes, he/she may be suffering from heatstroke.

**How can heatstroke be treated?**

Immerse the pet in cold water if possible, or wrap the pet in wet towels. Apply ice packs to the head and neck. Make every effort to cool the pet down quickly. Your pet may also be dehydrated. If you suspect your pet has heatstroke, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Zoe Meyer

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## MEMBERSHIP

Are you new to the neighborhood and haven't joined HNHA?
**Contact Cori Pratt** at (972) 407-0119

## FINANCIALS

Financial Reports are available upon request from the Treasurer, Eugene Morrison. Please contact him at:

**Dallas Highlands North Homeowners Association**
**P. O. Box 837143**
**Richardson, TX. 75083-7143**

## HNHA HOTLINES

**Consumer File**—(972) 661-2396
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**Pet Hotline**—(972) 967-PETS (7387)
hnhapets@hotmail.net

## CONSUMER FILE

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

Call our HNHA Consumer File Representative - Stephanie Adams - at 972-661-2396. Stephanie has a file of folks recommended by your neighbors for all types of home repairs and improvements. (The file also includes "contractors" who have received negative comments in the past).

Know a good plumber, handyman, electrician, landscaper, tile layer, window replacement company, etc? Please call or e-mail Stephanie with your recommendations at stephpadams@yahoo.com. Our consumer file needs your input!

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**Bulky Trash Pickup Dates for 2006**

Sept. 4
Oct. 2 Nov. 6 Dec. 4

# HNHA CALENDAR
## September 2006

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|---|---|
| **September 4th** | **Bulky Trash Pick-up** |
| **September 4th** | **Labor Day Holiday** |
| **September 11th** | **HNHA Board Meeting** |
| **September 15th** | **Annual HNHA Membership Due** |
| **September 16th** | **Mighty Mustang Band Neighborhood March-a-Thon** |
| **September 17th** | **HNHA Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet** |