



SUMMER 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

4th ANNUAL BUTTERFLY DAY

Saturday, May 31st

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

11007 Cactus @ Rolling Rock

Brought to You by Our
Highland Meadows
Neighborhood Association!

Highland Meadows Gardeners Invite You to Come See the Butterflies! —An All-Neighborhood Family Event— Join your neighbors of all ages for lots of fun!

Join Us For This Fun, Unique “Neighborly” Experience — It’s a Family Affair!

Tony Delia, our very own “Butterfly Guy,” will be sharing his backyard filled with an array of host and nectar plants. Enter the butterfly house and see winged beauties up close and personal!

- **Tony will share lots of information about butterflies at noon!**
- **Eat with your neighbors!** Gardeners President, Brett Chumbley, and neighborhood horticulturist, Steve Wilson, will be grillin’ again! Hamburgers and hotdogs are free and furnished by our Association. *(There will be a donation jar if you’d like to share the costs with us.)*
- **Kid Activities!** Plans are underway for fun things for kids. We’ll have real bunnies, sno cones, and balloons again, along with other activities they will enjoy.
- **Neighborhood Crafters and Businesses!** If you do crafts or artwork, sign up to sell your wares. Publicize your business also by having a table. Respond immediately by going to our website home page and click on “Contact Us” (left-hand column). On the drop-down list, choose “Butterfly Day” to let us know you plan to participate. Bring your table, chair, and sun covering!
- **Purchase milkweed for your garden!** Tony will have 2” milkweed plants for sale at \$2 each. Monarch butterflies are fast disappearing! Plant some milkweed, the host plant for the Monarchs. This is a special price offered by Tony to our attendees.
- **Membership Table** — Pay your HMNA dues and take home a free HMNA Member sign. If you are a veteran and have not received a free Veteran sign for your yard, please give us your information and take one home.
- **Petwatch Table** — **NEW!** A package of two Alert Window Stickers will be available for a donation of \$5 to Petwatch. Place these on your windows to alert the fire department that you have animals in the house in the event of a fire or weather event. Donations help needy pets!
- **Come meet your neighbors!** Butterfly Day is a great time to meet and interact with other neighbors! Come along and share some food and fun with other Highland Meadows folks!



Engine 48 Joins Us for B Day!

Alternate Weather Date: If weather becomes a problem with the implementation of this event, a sign will be placed in Tony’s yard and an email bulletin will be sent to those who are registered on our website regarding an alternate date. If you do not receive our neighborhood emails, please register on our site to begin receiving them.

Join Us!

Acting in Your Behalf Since 2005



The more members we have, the stronger and more effective we can be in protecting and maintaining Highland Meadows and the surrounding community. We have 1390 homes. Our goal is to get 100% participation and to sustain a positive, active association. Please help support the viability of your neighborhood!

Why should I contribute to the Highland Meadows Neighborhood Association by joining and paying my dues?

- Our Crime Watch is an award-winning program! Long before we became an 'association,' this neighborhood was organized as 'Crime Watch 1078' and through the years has maintained an active Volunteers in Patrol (VIP); monitored crime trends here and in surrounding areas; maintained a close working relationship with our Northeast Division and Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs), and kept neighbors informed.
- Our Petwatch, organized fifteen years ago and also award-winning, helps neighbors reunite with their lost pets and educates our residents concerning pet safety and care, as well as wildlife in our area. A city-wide project to place two sets of pet oxygen masks in all 57 Dallas fire stations was initiated by our Petwatch this year and is well on its way to fulfilling its goal!
- Our Beautification project, partly funded by your donations of aluminum cans, helps maintain 8 blocks of green space along Northwest Highway and consists of an ongoing tree planting program that has planted and maintained trees in the medians along Plano Road and the highway.
- Our HMNA website (www.highlandmeadowsna.org) is a helpful resource to our neighbors and provides information about all of our vital programs and initiatives. Through the website, we communicate with our residents via regular email bulletins: Crime Watch, Petwatch, and News.
- Events such as our annual Butterfly Day and Lights of Rose Creek Court are unique and one-of-a-kind. A highly successful yard tour last year brought dozens of residents out to see unusual and beautiful yards. This event will not occur this year but will be held again next year.
- Our HMNA Gardeners group brings neighbors together, educates about horticulture and gardening, and beautifies our neighborhood.
- Programs such as Yard of the Month, Pet of the Month, Veteran Recognition, and Annual Volunteer Awards serve to honor and recognize the best among us. These are all honored with signage to signify recognition. We place flags along the highway on patriotic holidays.
- Print communications in the form of newsletters and flyers serve to keep neighbors informed, as many of you have not yet 'registered' on our website to receive up-to-date information online.
- Our HMNA Board, elected annually, consists of fourteen dedicated volunteers who take care of the day-to-day business of our neighborhood. These volunteers make important decisions throughout the year concerning various aspects of our neighborhood. Our Code Compliance Representative, for instance, assists neighbors with code issues, educates our residents concerning the city code, and serves as a liaison with the city Code Compliance Department.

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Join Us! *(Continued from prior page)*

These are only some of the reasons our neighborhood needs your financial support! Whether you have lived here for many years and have never joined our Association or you are a new homeowner, we need your support! Our homes are a most important investment—and our neighborhood must be maintained in many ways. Volunteerism is one way to keep our neighborhood viable in the coming years; contributing membership dues is another essential component as we move into the future!

Membership dues are \$25 for each household, for each calendar year (January 1, 2014—December 31, 2014); \$20 for seniors age 65 and older. Your dues support the efforts of our Association for a full year and allows each household one vote should a matter arise which calls for a vote.

2 Ways to Join!

A) Join online by going to our website and using PayPal (www.highlandmeadowsna.org).

B) Complete the enclosed Membership Form and mail your check in the addressed envelope.
Don't forget the stamp!

Thank you for your support of our neighborhood! I look forward to seeing all of you at our Butterfly Day event on May 31st!

Michael Thomas, HMNA President

We Love Our Pets in Highland Meadows! Oh Yes We Do!

Have you seen our latest two Pets of the Month? Go to our website and read about our May award winner, Tanner. Tanner is a beautiful Husky-Collie mix who belongs to Carolyn Lawrence. April's award went to Shira, Clarice Jackson's beloved Dachshund (or one of her many Dachshunds, as she breeds them). Carolyn and Clarice first posted these dogs on our website's Petwatch Directory, where each pet has its own page and up to 5 photos. From these postings, and subsequent nominations from pet owners, our Petwatch Team chooses monthly winners. Our POM sign is placed in the yard and each pet owner receives a write-up about their dog, cat, or other pet. Submit your pet for the award by sending Petwatch a few sentences or a lengthy piece if you prefer: "Why my pet should be pet of the month." Submit only one time to: pewatch@highlandmeadowsna.org. Awards are decided by the 15th of each month.

Petwatch-Sponsored City-Wide Pet Oxygen Mask Project — Well on its way to a completion, our worthy project has been a successful one! Thanks to all of you who donated! You will be hearing more about this in the coming days from Dallas Fire-Rescue!

Thanks to each of you who have sent donations!

Although our association budgets some funds, your contributions enable us to help furry friends. Your donations are spent wisely in all situations.

PETWATCH HOTLINE: 972-305-5210

PETWATCH NEED: Foster Homes! If you have a secure backyard and a willingness to help out for a few days at a time, please contact us! Short-term foster families are needed while we seek a found animal's family. When we help an animal get back home or place it in a new home if its family cannot be located, we do our small part to ease the crowding in shelters.

KEEP YOUR SMALL PETS SAFE! Please be aware that we share our neighborhood with coyotes, bobcats, hawks, and other predators that prey on small animals. These get their food any place they can find it. The latest report of a bobcat sighting, Thursday, May 8th, from a neighbor on North Mediterranean Circle: "I saw a bobcat yesterday morning with a limp domestic cat in its mouth. It was light yellow or orange in color." Go to our website Home Page and see "Environmental Items" where updates are posted regularly. Above all, keep your small animals safe. They are no match for coyotes and bobcats!

Crime Watch — Coming Soon!

A Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) training class is being planned for mid-July. When the actual date is established, it will be published in the weekly online crime watch bulletins and on the HMNA website.

National Night Out will be in early October, and a subsequent newsletter with details will be delivered to neighbors closer to that date.

Code Compliance — Tips for You!

Remember, bulk trash week is the third FULL week of each month. If the 1st of the month falls on any day other than Sunday, it is not considered a full week. There has been some confusion concerning the third week rule, and we all want to avoid being fined by the city.

Please try and keep our alleyways clean and free from clutter. Remember to trim back any trees or shrubs you may have planted behind your fences. If they grow and extend out into the alley, Dallas Code officials will write you a ticket.

Dallas Code Compliance is placing a special emphasis on these two items. They will issue a 10-day warning for alley debris and other residential code violations. However, for bulk trash placed out on the curb on a non-bulk trash week, they will issue a fine rather than a warning—and it is a heavy fine.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to use the contact link for Code issues on the HMNA website. This goes directly to my email. If you include your name, address and phone number, I will contact you as soon as possible. Let's keep our neighborhood clean and safe for everyone!

David Shannon, HMNA Code Compliance Representative

Neighborhood Animals in Need!

“Three Little Kittens?” No—Five Little Kittens Need a Home!

“One of the stray cats in the neighborhood who has ‘adopted’ us, gave birth to 5 kittens in our garage about 7 weeks ago. Two are long hair gray kittens with white and orange markings; one is solid black; and two are tortoise, tri-colored. They are all very cute and playful! They have been weaned and are eating kitten kibble and moist cat food. They are habituated to humans and are litter box trained. And they are getting older! They will be leaving the safety of the garage soon and will face many perils out in the open. If you are looking to add a sweet kitten to your family, please contact us for information: nance@sbcglobal.net or call our Petwatch Hotline number.”

972-305-5210 - Nancy Nance, Petwatch



2 kitten photos not Available!

GET CONNECTED! REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!

www.highlandmeadowsna.org

Home Page, top left-hand side, Click on “Register.”

Provide mandatory information: Name, Phone, Street Address, Email Address.

The rest is optional.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter the Verification Code. Click Submit.

You will receive a temporary password in your inbox.

Click on “Update Your Info” to change your password to something you prefer. (Home Page)

You'll start receiving Bulletins!

2014 HMNA Board Members

Michael Thomas.....	President
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