



Highlands North Plano

Highlands North
Plano Home
Owners Association
Happy Labor Day

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ANNUAL HOA MEETING

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The next annual HOA meeting is Thursday, September 22nd at 7PM in Wheelus Hall at Grace Presbyterian Church located at 4300 W. Park Blvd. Get to meet your neighbors and enjoy light refreshments. This is a very important meeting you need to attend. Some items on the agenda include:

- Election of officers
- Committee reports
- Report of expenses
- Collection of dues
- Guest realtor Judy Parsons from Indigo Skye Group will present Trends in Realestate Market
- Drawings for prizes
- Volunteer sign-ups
- Opportunity to learn about and join social groups within our neighborhood.

Events Around Plano

- Sep 15-18 Addison October Fest
- Sep 15-18 Grape Fest Grapevine
- Sep 22 Annual HOA Meeting
- Sep 23-25 Plano Balloon Fest
- Set 30 to Oct 23 Texas State Fair
- Oct 4 National Night Out
- Oct 9 Arts & Crafts Expo at Carpenter Rec Center
- Oct 13 Plano Downtown Art & Wine Walk
- Oct 22-23 Huffhines Art Trail Richardson
- Oct 24 to Nov 4 Early Voting
- Oct 27 Boo Bash at Tom Muehlenbeck Rec Center
- Nov 8 General Election

SAVE THE DATE

National Night Out is a campaign which promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a better place to live. Join us on Tuesday, October 4th on Cassandra Lane for an evening of food, fun, and plenty of activities for the children. Get to meet your neighbors. The police and fire departments will make a special appearance. Food will be provided but be sure to bring a dish to share and something to drink as well as your lawn chairs. Check out the flyer on the HOA website for more details www.highlandsnorth.org

National
Night Out

The governing board leaders for 2015-2016 are listed on our [Contact](#) page. Feel free to contact any of them with questions or comments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BLOCK CAPTAINS

Want to be more involved in your neighborhood? Highlands North needs you as a Block Captain.

A Block Captain promotes communication with neighbors which helps to make our community stronger. This role only requires a minimal amount of your time each year.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Shirley Adams, Block Captain Coordinator, at shirleybbadams@gmail.com or you may go to the HOA website for the volunteer link:

<http://highlandsnorth.org/volunteer>



REAL ESTATE STATISTICS



Here are few points that were in the recent Community Impact Newsletter:

- The average days on the market for a house was 24 days in June.
- Housing values in our zip code increased 6.6% since June of 2015.
- The median price of a home sold in our zip code in June 2016 has increased to more than \$450K.
- In Plano there were 556 new house listings in June as opposed to 517 new listings in June 2015.
- Sellers are getting 99.5% of their asking price.

Links of Interest

Plano is offering road construction alerts. To sign up for these alerts via email and text, visit

www.plano.gov/477/road-constuction

Sign up for customized weekly watering alerts at water-myyard.org

Get updates of what is going on in the neighborhood by signing up to Next Door at nextdoor.com

The local Plano hospitals offer free educational events often with free health screenings and food. Check out their websites for more information:

- [The Medical Center of Plano](#)
- [Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Plano](#)
- [Baylor Heart](#)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Hi Neighbor, As treasurer of Highlands North HOA I wanted to bring to your attention that September starts the new dues collection for the 2016-2017 year. Our dues remains at \$50 per home which I believe you will find extremely reasonable. There are several ways that you can pay this year, visit our website at highlandsnorth.org for more information. We are now offering payment of dues using PayPal on our website. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you at our annual meeting on September 22nd. Mary Selan

Make your check payable to Highlands North Homeowners Association. Please fill out and detach the form and mail it along with your check for \$50 to:

HNHA Treasurer
2701 W. 15th St. Box #302
Plano, TX 75075
treasurer@HighlandsNorth.org

Name: _____ Email address _____

Address: _____ I/we are interested in volunteering _____

Home: _____ Owner Cell Phone #1 _____ Owner Cell Phone #2 _____

Home Security Assessments

The City of Plano Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit offers a free home security assessment focusing on ways to decrease unlawful entry into your home. Although there is no magic potion which can guarantee your home will never be broken into, this assessment is intended to make it more difficult, noisier, or more time consuming for burglars or prowlers to gain entry. This assessment usually takes one hour to complete and focuses on interior/exterior lighting, landscaping, fencing, doors, windows, alarm systems, as well as your garage. You may call Mark Dawson of the Crime Prevention Unit Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm at 972-208-8045 to arrange your assessment.



Yard of the Month

Each month from spring through fall, Highlands North Homeowners Association recognizes two outstanding landscapes in our neighborhood, one north of Eldorado and one south of Eldorado, which makes our neighborhood more beautiful. Congratulations to the Highlands North Yard of the Month winners, and thanks to Callaway's Nursery for rewarding each winner with a \$25 gift certificate. The current winners for August are posted here, but you may view all the winners on the HOA website. Winners display the Yard of the Month sign in their front yard for a month.

It's not too early to be thinking about your holiday decorations . In mid-December, Highlands North will recognize three homes in our neighborhood that bring joy to all and celebrate the season: Most Whimsical, Most Religious, and Best Overall.

June Yard of the Month Winners



1913 Eden Valley - North

July Yard of the Month Winners



4112 Prospect - North

August Yard of the Month Winners



1705 Eden Valley - North



4121 Kirkwell - South



4109 Ambrosia - South



4101 Ambrosia - South

Spring Fling Update

On April 23rd, the HOA hosted the Annual Spring Fling Social in the cul-de-sac on Desert Garden. There were plenty of activities for the children including balloons, face painting, crafts and there was even a soccer game for the older children. Food, drinks and fun were also served and some of our vendors had tables to promote their businesses. Adults enjoyed visiting and meeting their neighbors. Attendance was great even though the weather was a little cool with some drizzle. To view the all the pictures, follow the link to Spring Fling on the HOA website.



Tips from the Cart

The following tips were posted in the "Live Green in Plano News" magazine.

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for 3 hours.
- It takes as much energy to make just one can from virgin ore as it does to make 20 cans from recycled aluminum.
- Purchase beverages in cans because they have a higher value than glass or plastic.
- Reduce drink containers when possible by serving water from a pitcher instead of bottled water.
- Recycling one plastic bottle saves enough energy to run a laptop for 2.5 hours.

