

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Be on the lookout for landscaping improvements at the pool in the next two weeks!
- Thanks to Colleen DeGarmo, our president, for beautifying our neighborhood with the holiday decorations!
- Thank you to all residents attending our community events in 2009! Let's make 2010 even more successful!

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*Please watch for signs at our entryways for new updates and newsletters online!*



## *Hickory Ridge is Going Green!*

Beginning with this edition, our newsletter is now being posted online. Please bookmark our website and visit frequently for updates on community news, events, photos and more. Notification signs will be posted near our entryways when new information is added.

Is your email address listed in the directory? If not, you might be missing out! Please notify your block captain if you would like to receive email alerts. Block captain information is listed on pages 2 and 3 of the 2010 directory, or email [meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org](mailto:meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org).

### Social Events Committee

We need volunteers! Please consider assisting in the planning of fun events for all family members of our community. It's not only fun, but we need your ideas., National Night Out and OktoberFest will be back this year. However, we would love to have some new ideas for these events and start some new ones as well.

Poker nights continue as does the bible study and book club. If you would like to be a part of the committee and share your ideas, while having fun contact Colleen at [colleen@hickoryridgehoa.org](mailto:colleen@hickoryridgehoa.org)

## Spring Fling - Saturday, March 27

Community Pool Area  
3pm-5pm

Join the fun and bring your baskets for an egg hunt, face painting, bounce house, DJ, music, dancing, games and prizes!



**\*\*Please note that the pool restrooms and water fountain are winterized and will not be in service during our event.\*\***

*Going out of town for several days? Have a neighbor collect your mail and newspapers!*

*Leave lights on in alley ways in the evenings and through the night!*

*Say Hello! Knock on a door! Get to know the people around you!*

## Neighborhood Crime Watch

Summer is getting closer, and with it warmer weather and longer days. This will increase foot traffic on the walking paths, our pool area and inside our neighborhood.

Please be aware of your neighbors, and others that visit our community to be sure you can tell who belongs and who does not. Please call "911" when you feel something illegal is occurring or feel something or someone is suspicious. Call immediately when it is happening and remember to always request to speak with an officer as that will ensure they check out the problem (when an officer has to speak with the person who called, they make sure they have checked the area fully so as to answer any of your follow up questions).

Parents, remember to know where your kids are and where they like to hang out. It is likely that most juvenile mischief that occurs on our property is the result of our own residents, or their friends.

If you observe any crime or are the victim of crime, please notify your block captain, after you report it to the police, so we can distribute the information to the other residents.

It is a good idea for every household to check your alarm system. Every system has a self-check procedure that has to be initiated by the owner. If you need assistance, contact your alarm company or reference your alarm system manual. Also, be sure to have your alarm permit renewed by the Plano Police Department every year.

Stay safe!

# Spotlight: HR Kids--Best of the Bunch

Name: Allie

School: St. Mark Catholic School

Grade: 6th Age: 11

Favorite Subject: Science

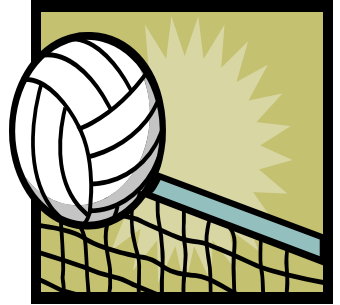
Family: Dad-Chris, Mom-Susan,

Brother-Carston, Sister-Paige

School Activities: Volleyball and Cheerleading

Other Activities: Tumbling, hanging out with friends and shopping at the mall!

Pets: Golden Retriever named Major and Black Bunny named Dark Chocolate M & M Mr. Fuzzy Winkle Jr. Blue!



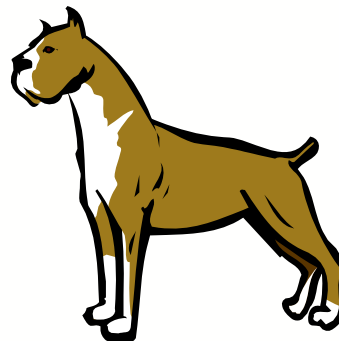
## HR Pets-Pick of the Litter

Barclay, age 8 and Major, age 6

Breed: the ever-hyper and playful Boxer

Favorite hobbies: walking the neighborhood looking for squirrels and rabbits, playing with Hickory Ridge kids and other dogs

They especially love to greeting all the kids walking to school each morning!



*If you would like to see your child of any age, or pet of any type featured please contact [meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org](mailto:meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org) to set up a brief interview.*

## Any Future Journalists Out There?



We are looking for a few students to serve as guest columnists for our future editions. Attending the Spring Fling and have photos and stories to share? Want to update us on community and school events?

Send your ideas and information to [meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org](mailto:meredith@hickoryridgehoa.org) by April 15. We look forward to hearing from you and are open to any and all ideas!

# Friendly Reminders from the HR HOA Board

**The primary purpose of a Homeowners' Association is to ensure that all properties within the community are maintained in such a way that property values continue to increase.** Many homes in our Hickory Ridge neighborhood are in need of some maintenance and repair. As you know, proper maintenance of each residence is crucial to the overall appearance of any community.

The Hickory Ridge governing documents Article VII Section 7.1 State, "*All owner & occupants of any lot shall have the responsibility, at their sole cost & expense, to keep their lot in a well maintained & attractive condition at all times.*" Some of the items that fall within these guidelines are: fences, front doors, yard and landscape beds, any woodwork on your home, arbors, etc.

Please take the time to assess the current state of the following items at your home:

**Fence:** If you stained your fence upon moving into your home, you have the responsibility to continue to stain it to keep it up to property standards. Many homeowners restain their fence yearly, and it shows. Also, if your fence is in disrepair, it is also your responsibility to repair it to good condition.

**Front Door:** Many front doors are showing the effects of the harsh Texas sun. Most doors in our neighborhood are in need of restaining if they have the original stain job. A few hours (or a good painter) are all it takes to restore your front door to its proper condition. Color and stain should be in accordance with the neighborhood. If you are unsure of the color or stain, please check with the ARC before updating.

**Address Plaques:** Are your house numbers aged and fading? A magic marker or a little black paint is all it takes to make sure your house numbers are visible from the street to emergency vehicles. Are there shrubs growing out of control and your house numbers can't be seen anymore? Please tame those shrubs!

**Wooden Shutters/Beams/Arbors:** Many homes in our community have wooden shutters or posts that require restaining to maintain them properly.

**Landscape Beds:** Owners have the responsibility to remove weeds and grass from landscape beds as well as any dead shrubbery. Shrubs should also be trimmed and kept from being overgrown.

*Please take the time to properly maintain your home.  
It benefits you as well as our entire community.*

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