



High Point Ranch News

News from your Board of Directors

Many thanks to all who contributed to this, our inaugural reincarnation of the High Point Ranch newsletter, and to all who volunteer to make our neighborhood a great place to live. We are still seeking volunteers to serve the unexpired Board term (and beyond) of Roman Buckner, who has sold his home in High Point Ranch and moved out of the neighborhood. His service for almost three years is greatly appreciated.

There has much discussion regarding our community park area and its proper use. The official and simple position of your HOA Board is that most legal uses are permitted, but don't tear it up. Anyone who causes damage will be held responsible. If you see behavior that causes danger to others or damage to the grounds or improvements, call the sheriff or contact a Board member at board@myhighpointranch.org.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on November 21 at the McClendon Chisholm Baptist Church. This will be an open meeting and residents are always welcome to attend and discuss whatever is on your mind.

High Point Ranch Newsletter Launches

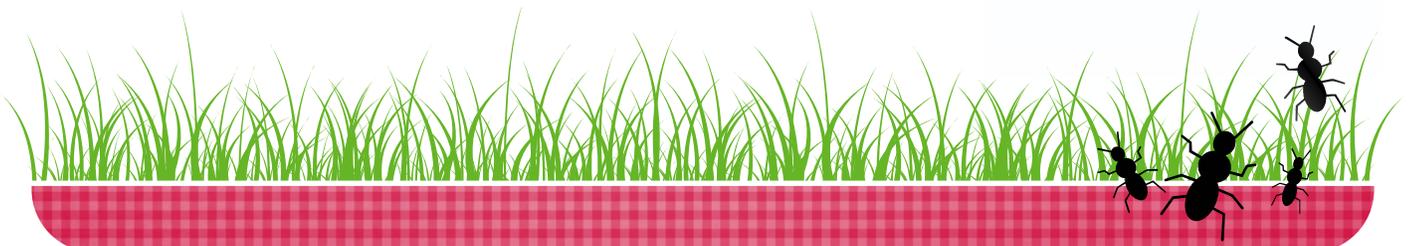
This is the first edition of the High Point Ranch News. The newsletter is intended to inform High Point Ranch homeowners of community activities, local news and points of interest. Our newsletter will be published quarterly. The content will evolve and mature with each edition. If you have a story or information your neighbors will find interesting, pass it on to one of the newsletter volunteers. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it informative.

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Board of Directors

- Gary Cole
- Don Folds
- Open Position*



Important Dates

Trick or Treat

31 October—6:00 p.m. meet at the park for the neighborhood hayride and trick or treating.

Time Change

November 6, 2:00 a.m.
Fall 1 hour backward

Election Day

November 8th

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24th

Pearl Harbor Day

December 7th

Hanukah

December 24th—1 January

Christmas Day

December 25th

New Year's Eve

December 31st

Annual HOA Meeting

January 28th

History of Thanksgiving

United States Tradition

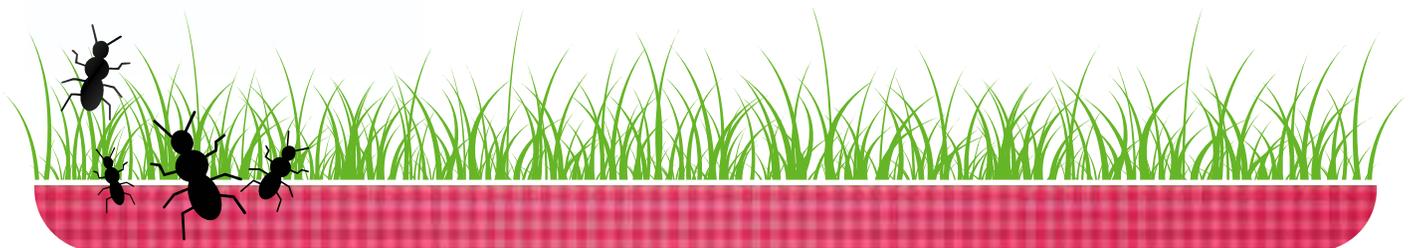
On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday. Two years earlier, Roosevelt had used a president proclamation to try to achieve this change, reasoning that earlier celebration of the holiday would give the country an economic boost.

The Pilgrim Harvest Festival

Americans commonly trace the Thanksgiving holiday to a 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Plantation, where the settlers held a harvest feast after a successful growing season. Autumn or early winter feasts continued sporadically in later years, first as an impromptu religious observance, and later as a civil tradition.

The Pilgrims celebrated at Plymouth for three days after their first harvest in 1621. It included 50 persons who were on the Mayflower (all who remained of the 100 who had landed) and 90 Native Americans. The feast was cooked by the four adult Pilgrim women who survived their first winter in the New World (Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Hopkins, Mary Brewster, and Susanna White, along with young daughters and male and female servants).

{Wikipedia}



High Point Ranch Volunteers

The High Point Ranch volunteers make our neighborhood....a neighborhood. So many of our neighbors selflessly volunteer to join us all into a vibrant community. Our Welcome & Social Committee work to greet each new neighbor with a welcome package. And they decorate our entrances with flags on July 4th or with fall leaves as it is today. They also plan and sponsor special events in the park. Perhaps our busiest neighbors serve on the Architectural Control Committee. The growth

of new home starts and improvement projects keeps this team fully engaged. We appreciate you keeping the building standards to ensure High Point Ranch remains aesthetically desirable. Our Yard of the Month Committee survey our lawn and gardening efforts by selecting an outstanding landscape each month. Last but not least are our Board of Directors. And High Point Ranch's most recent volunteers have launched the High Point Ranch News.

"Not everything that counts can be counted. And not everything that can be counted, counts." - Albert Einstein

Neighborhood Volunteers— *Connecting our Neighborhood*

Welcome Committee: Leann Eisenbise,
Heather Meister

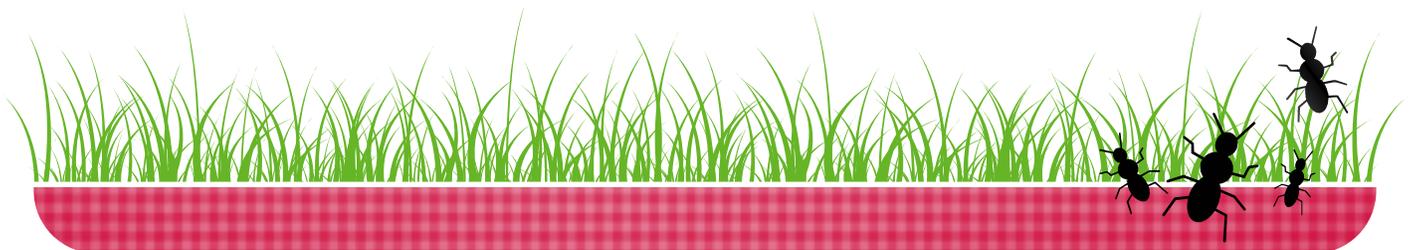
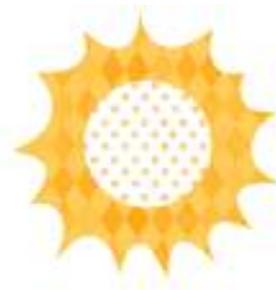
Yard of the Month Chair: Joyce Shields

ACC Chair: Linda Schnyder

Newsletter: Dana Bonds, Misti Nicholson,
Evelyn Cole

MyHighPointRanch Web Master: Al Peterson

Board of Directors: Gary Cole, Don Folds



Gardner's Corner (USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map—Zone 7)

Fall is the Best Time to Plant!

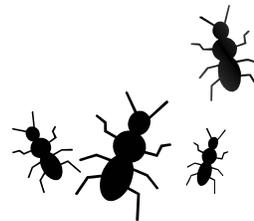
PLANT:

- ◆ Trees, Shrubs, ornamental grasses, etc. now so they can get well established by next summer's heat.
- ◆ Annuals & Perennials—Pansies, violas, ornamental, cabbage/kale, snapdragons, dianthus & more. Dig, divide and replant spring blooming perennials.

PRUNE:

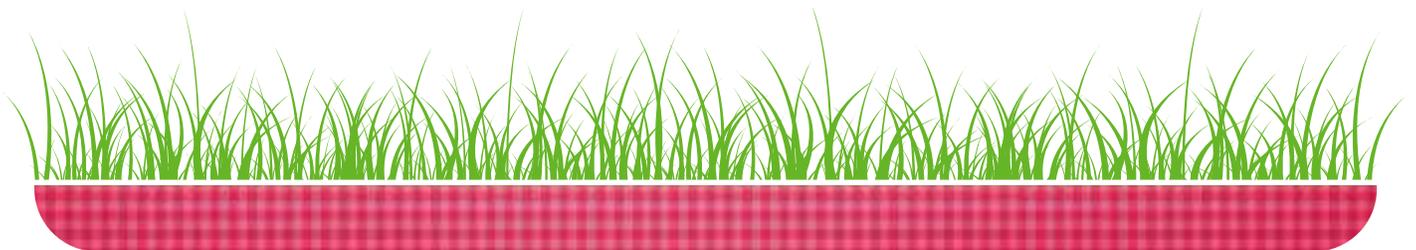
- ◆ Perennials by removing dead foliage.
- ◆ Shrubs as needed to reshape and remove dead branches—save major pruning for late winter.
- ◆ Trees as needed to remove dead or damaged limbs—prune major limbs in late fall/early winter.

November: From the Latin word for "ninth" since it was the ninth month of the Roman year.



I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.

— David Hobson





Yard of the Month

October Yard of the Month was awarded to Linda and Debbie at 267 Horseshoe Bend.

September Yard of the Month was awarded to Herb and Linda Schnyder at 200 Homestead Court.

The Yard of the Month Committee will be actively searching the neighborhood for the November and December winners.

Thank you Yard of the Month Committee!

Handy Links:

WWW.MYHIGHPOINTRANCH.ORG

This website hosts detailed information for our neighborhood. All the HOA documents, points of contact and more can be found here.

WWW.NEXTDOOR.COM

Nextdoor High Point Mclen-Chisholm is a terrific App to keep up with what's happening in the neighborhood near real-time.

Food Delivery

Pizza

Mona Lisa—Fate
972-722-5567

Pizza Hut—Royse
City
972-635-7570

Milano's—Royse
City
972-635-9727

Chinese

Rice Express—
Royse City
972-635-7874

Remember drivers are coming some distance to deliver in our neighborhood. Consider their time and gas prices when tipping.

