

# The Highlands lowdown

November 2010

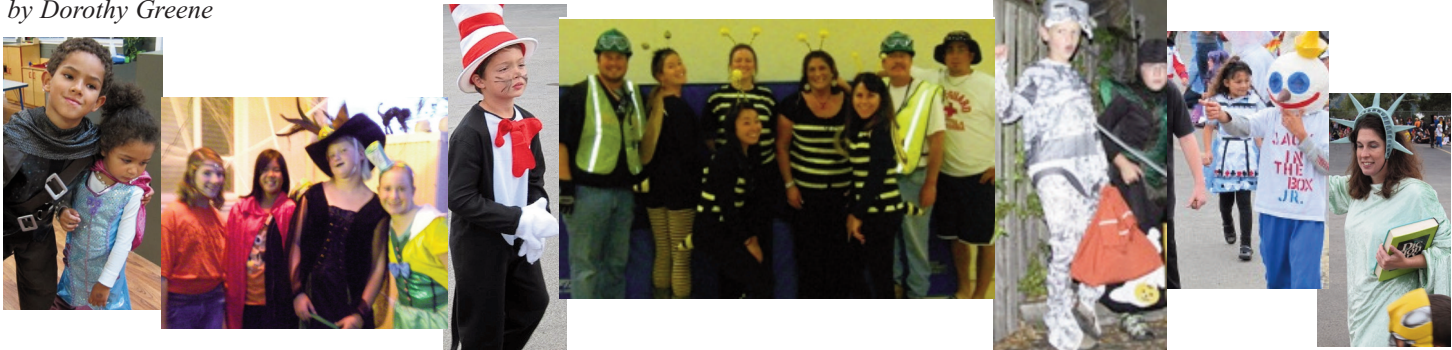
The Highlands Community Association Newsletter

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## Some Views of Halloween in the Highlands

by Dorothy Greene



Halloween seemed a little tamer than usual this year, overshadowed by the excitement over the Giants' World Series accomplishments. Many Highlanders reported fewer trick-or-treaters than usual, and especially fewer teenagers with pillowcases to fill. But there were still many creative and clever costumes--including one youngster who dressed and made up as Benjamin Franklin!

That the Highlands is a very literary community was proven by the many doorbell-ringers who came as Harry Potter or characters from Dr. Seuss. That it is a warm-hearted one as well is shown by the brother, whose gentleness helping his disabled sister trick or treat touched several neighbors. Altogether it was a lovely holiday.

## Election for the 2011 HCA Board of Directors

The HCA Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for the 2011 HCA Board at the October 26 HCA meeting: **President, Rick Priola; 1st Vice President, J.P. Bernard; 2nd Vice President, Gene McKenna; Treasurer, David Krakower; Secretary, Denise Haas; lowdown Editor, Dorothy Greene; Co-lowdown Editor and Technology, Beverley Madden;**

**Membership, Liesje Nicolas; Emergency Services, Pam Merkadeau; Land Committee, Sam Naifeh; and Public Utilities, Wil Pinney.** No other names were submitted when the floor was opened for nominations. If you're interested in co-chairing a committee, get in touch with J.P. Bernard or Rick Priola. The election will take place at the November 23 meeting.

## Join the Holiday Music Gang

by Mark Finnern

Let's enhance our Rec Center Holiday Party on the morning of December 4 with some self-played holiday music. Join us for rehearsals every Sunday evening in November from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rec Center Social Room. We have easy sheet music arrangements for holiday favorites like "Jingle



Bells" and "Silent Night." Every instrument you can bring is welcome. (Don't forget a music stand.)

The party will take place on December 4, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. For more details on the music, email Mark Finnern at [mark@finnern.com](mailto:mark@finnern.com)

### HRD Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m.  
Rec Center Social Room

### lowdown Deadline

Friday, January 7, 2011  
(There is no *lowdown* in December)

### HCA Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Rec Center Social Room

## FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Rick Priola  
HCA President

November certainly arrived with a loud bang when the Giants won the World Series on the first, followed by the election on the next day. Both results gave us lots to think about for a long time. We were pleased that Don Horsley was elected to fill Mark Church's seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, representing District 3 (our district). Don was very helpful to the Highlands when he was County Sheriff, and we expect our good relationship with him to continue. Although San Mateo County Supervisors must live in the districts they represent, they are elected county-wide, and the winner has to receive a majority of the votes to avoid a runoff. Don's election proved that he had countywide support, and we congratulate him.

**HCA Election:** We've got another election coming up in November. It's for the 2011 HCA officers and board at the HCA meeting on November 23. See page 1 for the slate presented by the Nominating Committee at the October meeting. No other nominations were made at the meeting, but we are looking for committee co-chairs and other volunteers to participate in the HCA activities.

**PayPal on the Website:** The HCA website is up and running, and you can now pay your annual dues and make donations to the 4th of July celebration online if you have a PayPal account. If you're new to the Highlands, you can find information about the HCA and the Highlands on the site. We'll be posting information about important meetings and other activities on the site as they come up. Many thanks go to Beverley Madden and Uy Ut for their work in getting the website updated and operating.

**Garbage and Recyclable Services:** We all received notice in the mail from the County in October about the proposed rates for the collection of our garbage and recyclables starting Jan. 1. A public hearing on the rates

is scheduled for 9 a.m. on December 7, at the Board of Supervisors chambers in Redwood City. The new rates appear to be an increase of about \$2 a month above our current rates, but there will also be increased service, with recyclables as well as garbage collected weekly. You can find information about the rates online at either [www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org) or <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/publicworks>. The new weekly service begins the first week in January. If you have any questions about using the three carts, call (650) 595-3900.

**Happy Holidays:** This is the last *lowdown* of 2010. Before we know it will be Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's. I wish everyone the best of holidays: good food, good company, and a happy and peaceful new year. As always, I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the HCA meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [hcapres@gmail.com](mailto:hcapres@gmail.com).

**HCA Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Sheriff's Dept/CHP/CDR Cal Fire
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Reports
  - A. First Vice President
  - B. Second Vice President
  - C. Treasurer
  - D. Membership
  - E. *lowdown*
  - F. Public Utilities Committee
  - G. Emergency Services Committee
  - H. Land Committee
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business/Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

**HCA Board Officers for 2010**

<b>President:</b>	Rick Priola	574-8313
<b>First VP:</b>	Jean-Pierre Bernard	357-7644
<b>Second VP:</b>	Gene McKenna	346-7348
<b>Treasurer:</b>	David Krakower	(415) 398-1100
<b>Secretary:</b>	Denise Haas	372-0373
<b>lowdown Editor:</b>	Dorothy Greene	341-1752
<b>lowdown Co-Editor:</b>	James Nemschoff	570-5023

**HCA Committee Chairs for 2010**

<b>Land:</b>	Sam Naifeh	572-8787
<b>Public Utilities:</b>	Wil Pinney	345-2546
<b>Emergency Services:</b>	Pam Merkadeau	280-9046
<b>Membership:</b>	Liesje Nicolas	773-7805
<b>Technology:</b>	Beverley Madden	574-1593

## HCA MINUTES

**HCA Meeting****Tuesday October, 26, 2010**

**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Rick Priola.

**II. Review & Approval of the Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2010, was moved by James Goodman, seconded by J.P. Bernard, and carried unanimously.

**III. Sheriff's Department/California Highway Patrol/CDF** CHP Lieutenant Loftus would be happy to hear from residents with concerns, suggestions, and offers to volunteer for crosswalk duty. The CHP is pleased to serve our community.

**IV. Reports**

**A. 1st Vice President** – J.P. Bernard announced that the Nominating Committee met and submitted the following slate for candidates for the 2011 HCA Board of Directors:

President: Rick Priola

1st Vice President: J.P. Bernard

2nd Vice President: Gene McKenna

Treasurer: David Krakower

Secretary: Denise Haas

*lowdown* Editor: Dorothy Greene

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Co-chair suggestions are welcome, and community members are encouraged to participate on the Board.

Margaret Glomstad reported that the deck replacement is almost complete and pool closure for resurfacing will be from November 1 through December- 17. The bidding process for constructing the childcare project

should begin mid-November.

**B. 2nd Vice-President-** no Report

**C. Treasurer** - David Krakower reported on a stable budget.

**D. Membership-** Liesje Nicolas thanks our HCA neighborhood representatives for their membership drive efforts.

**E. *lowdown*** - Dorothy Greene announced the deadline for the next *lowdown* submission as November 5.

**F. Public Utilities Committee** – Discussion of sewer rates.

**G. Emergency Services Committee** – no report

**V. Old Business** – The floor was opened for nominations for the HCA Officers and Board of Directors. No nominations were offered.

**VI. New Business/Announcements** – none.

**VII. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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**Winter Camp 2010**
**12/20-12/24 and 12/27-12/31**
**7:30 a.m.- 6p.m.**
**Daily Fee \$60/65**
**Field Trip Day Rate \$70/75**
**Weekly Rate \$250/255**

Field Trip: San Mateo Movie Theatre (12/23)

Field Trip: Pump it Up in Belmont (12/30)

Our two-week Winter Camp is filled with exciting themes and fun outings to keep your child entertained all day long. Stop by the office or give us a call at (650) 341-4251 to sign up today. Space is limited!

**Highlands Hoopsters 2011**

Highlands Hoopsters is right around the corner. This co-ed instructional basketball league is scheduled to run seven weeks from January 22–March 12. Three divisions include: K–1st Grades, 2nd–3rd Grades, and 4th –5th Grades. Signups have started, so call us today!

**Holiday Event 2010**

The Highlands Recreation Center invites everyone to the Holiday Event 2010, on Saturday December 4, starting at 10 a.m.! Santa and Elf will arrive on a fire truck at 10 a.m. and then will be available for photos in the decorated Rec. Center Gym until 11:15 a.m. Bring the children and enjoy other activities such as: Holiday Arts and Crafts, Cookie Decorating, Karaoke, and many snacks and

refreshments!

**Halloween Event Sponsors**

The Highlands Recreation Center would like to thank our 2010 Halloween Event Donors. With their generous support, we were able to have many very successful bingo games throughout the event. We want to recognize our two Event Sponsors: **Dr. Tony Vertongen** and **Pierce & Shearer L.L.P.** We also want to recognize the following businesses that helped support our event: **Amici's East Coast Pizzeria, Bow Thai Café, Pasta Primavera, El Super Burrito, SF MOMA, Starbucks, Rainbow Pizza, Bella Nails, Sanrio, Winchester Mystery House, Serramonte Ford, See's Candy, Coyote Point Museum, Taqueria La Cumbre, Soccer and Smiles, Boreal Ski Resort, Peninsula Ballet Theater, Pier 39, Bohannon Foundation/ Hillsdale Mall, Bay Watch Restaurant, and the San Francisco Giants.**

We also want to recognize our Event Volunteers: **Paula Sciallo, Deb Cogswell. Pete Shearer,**

**Brendan Stanton, Jordan Brugioni, Cal Fire and their Explorers program, Michaela Johnson-Carroll, Leanne, Jessica Sushansky,** and all other volunteers who helped make the event happen.

**Sushi Time**

Do you, your family, or friends like to eat California roll sushi? Come for a fun evening and learn how to roll your own. Sharon Sakai will show you techniques her mother-in-law taught her years ago. Bring your appetite and a container to take samples home. Please call Jeff at the Highlands office, (650) 341-4251 to set up a time to hold a private-style sushi-making class.

**Winter Registration Begins**

The Winter Activity Guide will be arriving in the mail starting December 3. We will also post the Activity Guide on the website ([www.highlandsrec.ca.gov](http://www.highlandsrec.ca.gov)) on December 1. The first day to register for new classes will be December 6 at 9 a.m. Please call the office at (650) 341-4251 with any questions you may have

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Message from Michael Claire, President, College of San Mateo

Greetings from College of San Mateo. Although it is only November, we are gearing up for Spring 2011, which begins on January 18. The spring semester is shaping up to be an exciting time at CSM as we look forward to the opening of the new College Center located in the heart of our campus.

This signature building will be a hub of college life and serve as a one-stop center housing most of our student services and instructional support programs, including our new integrated learning center. It will also be the new home of our bookstore and student dining areas.

The College Center is one of several capital improvement projects that are transforming CSM. We are extremely grateful to the voters of San Mateo County for passing the Bond Measures A in 2005, and C in 2001, which have made these improvements possible. I would also like to acknowledge that earlier this year, the voters of the County passed Measure G, a parcel tax to provide funding that goes directly into the classroom. Measure G funds are helping to ease the burden for students to get access to high-demand classes.

I invite you to visit the campus and see for yourself the vibrant col



*artist's rendering of the new College Center*

lege environment that is in “in your backyard.” Additionally, I hope that you will take some time to look through the Spring 2011 Schedule of

Classes to see the extensive array of courses that we are offering.

To accommodate busy schedules, you will find that in addition to semester-length courses, we also offer late-start, short courses, and online courses.

To view the spring schedule, see [www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule/](http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule/)  
I hope to see you on campus!



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## How to Outsmart the Raccoons

by Jorg Aadahl



The new garbage cans have gained instant popularity among our friendly neighborhood raccoons: they are easy to turn over and open for a night snack. As Forest Gump said about a box of chocolate, "You never know what you're gonna' get." Nor do the raccoons, but they keep checking! They have also decided that the Aadahls have the best garbage in the immediate neighborhood, judging from the

frequency of their visits

However, if feeding raccoons is not your thing, there is an easy solution to avoid having to sweep up the remnants after a nightly feast. Just drill a hole in the front lip of the lid and tie a strong rubber band, like a bungee rope, to it. Then hook the other end to the pipe that is attached to the front wall of the can. Select a length that makes for a tight hold when stretched and hooked over the pipe. An additional benefit is that you don't need to touch the lid if

you dump something into the container. Just grab the rope, disengage the hook, and lift the lid by the rope with one hand, while dumping your stuff with the other, before rehooking the elastic rope. I'm sure the garbage collectors will appreciate the rope being disengaged before pickup. Sorry, raccoons! You are cute - but you have to learn to clean up after yourselves before we can leave the lid unlocked for you!



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Highlands Book Group

by Jo Nassutti



The Book Club usually meets at 10:15 a.m., on the first Tuesday of the month, in the Exercise Room at the Rec Center.

### We will not meet in January, 2011.

Our book for **December 7** is ***Shanghai Girls*** by **Lisa See**. This is a vivid portrait of life in pre-war Shanghai and takes the reader through the Japanese invasion of China. The novel follows two sisters through the difficult war years and then to their immigration to the United States, where they face new problems.

For **February 1** we will read ***Cutting for Stone***, by **Abraham Verghese**, an unforgettable story of two orphaned brothers who come of age as Ethiopia moves toward revolution. Adopted by the two prime doctors at a poor mission hospital, they grow into outstanding doctors themselves, but pursue completely different goals.

**Questions?** call Jo Nassutti at 650-345-8915.

**Curious?** come by and observe.

## Got Recycle?

by Monika Peschke

Help your community's Highlands Elementary School make some easy free money while loosening up your home's recycle pile. Look for drop-off bins for **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CANS ONLY** on Thursday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. at the corners of Bunker Hill and Lexington, Ticonderoga and Lexington, Allegheny and White Plains, and New Brunswick and Cobblehill. You may also bring direct donations of recyclable cans and bottles to the school office any time. Thank you for helping our school. Contact Linda Siguenza at 571-9252 for more information (lin3@comcast.net)

## Senior Network News

by Cliff Donley



Have you ever noticed that the older we get the faster the time goes by? How can it be that we are now down to the last HSN event of 2010, which will be a holiday potluck at 12 noon on December 16, at the Donley home, 30 Shelburne Place. It helps to have an idea of how many will attend and what food they might bring, so please phone Pat or Cliff at 349 5290 with that information.

The Highlands Senior Network will begin the new year with lunch on

January 11, at 12:30 p.m., at the **Our Place Restaurant**, located between the gas stations on Polhemus Road. Mark your 2011 calendar if you have one. Since there is no *lowdown* in December, this will be my last chance to wish happy holidays to all of you.

## Highlands Art Group

by Nancee McDonell

The Highlands Art Group's next meeting will be on Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the home of Yvonne Newhouse. RSVP the beginning of December to 341-1998 or yvonne@sbcglobal.net Bring some work to share. Visitors are welcome!

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## HIGHLANDS SCHOOL NEWS

## Highlands School PTA News

by Mary Tsao



The Highlands PTA Executive Board meets every month to discuss ways the parents of

Highlands can best support the teachers, principal, and school. Those new to Highlands may be surprised at how much parents do. They volunteer at school, chair committees, help out in classrooms, organize parties, drive on field trips, work in the school garden, and support the teachers and staff in ways both large and small. We are grateful for all they do.

The PTA would like to thank the following parents for their outstanding work so far this year: **Colleen Sullivan**, for coordinating the Art in Action program for the entire school; **Kaaren Sipes**, for coordinating the Garden volunteers and overseeing the status of the plots; **Linda Siguenza**, for coordinating and launching the new Lunchtime Enrichment program; **Jay Beard**, for accepting the position of Recycling Coordinator; **Deb Yong**, for coordinating the room parents; **Monika Peschke**, for compiling and editing the Bear Facts

newsletter; **Kim Crellin**, for being the Thursday Envelope Coordinator and helping sort through data from the emergency contact cards; **Pinkee Gupta** and **Terry Hunt**, for coordinating our Gift Wrap fundraiser; **Zoltan Biacs** and **Alex Seibulescu**, for their work as Technology Committee Leads; **Dana Gross** and **Audrey Bruckner**, for coordinating the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education drives; **Chris Im**, whose technical support and online expertise has been key to streamlining online procedures and communication; **Krista Schweinberg**, for coordinating the Wee Care donation drives; **Debbie Tobin** and **Kim Crellin** for their work on the 2010-11 school directory; and **Chendo Chavarria** for being the site representative on DELAC (District English Learner Advisory Council) and the ELAC (English Learner Advisory Council) chairperson.

**November 25-26**

**Thanksgiving break**

**December 20-January 3**

**Winter Break**



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## COMMUNITY AND UMC NEWS

## Highlands Student In Theater Cast

by Tricia Schroeter

Naomi Schroeter, a budding Highlands 4th grade thespian, has a few roles in the Pied Piper Players production of *My Son Pinocchio*. This is a fun musical appropriate for all ages.

*My Son Pinocchio* is a captivating look at Pinocchio's journey. It features "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings" from the Walt Disney motion picture, *Pinocchio*, with music by Leigh Harline and lyrics by Ned Washington. But this retelling of a beloved heartfelt fairytale doesn't only rely on the classics. An original score with lyrics and music by Grammy award-winner Stephen Schwartz is sure to entertain and delight audiences of all ages. The entertainment lasts approximately two hours, including intermission.

Disney's *My Son Pinocchio* plays Fridays through Sundays at the Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Avenue, San Mateo, from December 3-12. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Join us for a special Talkback and Backstage Tour session after the show on Sunday, December 5, where audience members can meet the cast and crew, tour backstage, and discover how theater magic is created.

The Pied Piper Players is a local nonprofit that seeks to strengthen self-esteem and community through participation in theater arts programs. Tickets: all seats reserved \$16 Adult, \$12 Seniors/Children under 17. For ticket information, please call (650) 992-PIED (7433) or visit [www.PiedPiperPlayers.org](http://www.PiedPiperPlayers.org).

## Membership Update

by Liesje Nicolas, HCA  
Membership Chair

Thanks to all of you who have supported the HCA 2010 Membership Drive. Also a great big thank you to all the Area Reps! Your efforts make our membership drive a success.

The HCA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that publishes the *lowdown* monthly, sponsors the annual 4th of July festivities, and promotes the general welfare of the entire Highlands community. We also welcome new residents to this wonderful neighborhood! If you have questions about membership or want to help our committee, please email me at [LiesjeNicolas@gmail.com](mailto:LiesjeNicolas@gmail.com).

The HCA membership drive is still on. We have only reached 80% of our goal for 2010, so those who have not mailed in your dues, please do. Annual dues are \$30 and are a small price to pay for all that the HCA does for our community.

With a PayPal account, you can pay your dues on our website, [www.highlandscommunity.org](http://www.highlandscommunity.org), or you can mail them to HCA, 215 De Anza Blvd., #49, San Mateo CA 94402.

## Crystal Springs UMC News

by Steve Schlichter

**Kids Christmas Play**  
**Sunday, December 12, 7 p.m.,**  
**at the church.** Come join in the festivities as the kids perform.

**Crystal Springs Players**  
The Crystal Springs Players will not be producing a play as usual this fall. We normally produce a show in November, but serious illness, economic problems, and maternity have decimated our group, leaving us without the necessary people to do the show. We hate not doing a show after 16 years, but we must deal with reality. However, we are attempting to put on a show this coming spring. The play is *Memory of Water*. We will keep you informed of our progress.

**Children's Sunday School**  
Children's Sunday School takes place every Sunday at 10 a.m., except for the first Sunday of the month when children join regular worship. All are welcome. Call (650) 345-2381 for more information.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

► **Rec Programs:** from page 4 regarding the upcoming schedule.

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**Lifeguard Training**

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**Early Education Program**

**M-F 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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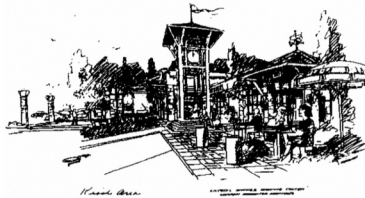
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## A VIEW FROM THE HIGHLANDS

### Looking Back from November to Remember

by Florence Beier

Four overwhelming weeks just passed for my personal history book, as well as for my neighborhood, state, and country! I guess I'll start big: The election resulted in some joy and sorrow, but at least I won't have to listen to any more of the incessant campaign junk. Also in the "I'm glad it's over" department is the Giants in the World Series, exciting and hugely time-consuming.

To the personal, only because we might be rather typical of Highlanders. In the last four weeks we flew to Indianapolis, then Denver, to see grandchildren. After ten days at home, we took off for the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society conference in Las Vegas, New Mexico (the first Las Vegas). Of the hundred or so people there, almost a third of us were descendants of the same interrelated pioneers! Back here we fit in eye appointments plus our commit-

ments to Highlands Senior Network and Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

In the neighborhood we are learning to maneuver new garbage, recycling, and yard waste bins. A few questions are still unclear: when and what do we do with "compost"? I still have my black compost-maker in the back yard. Shall I give up on that? Also a mystery – how will they separate the paper from the plastic in the blue bin? Oh well, at least our prices won't go up as much as Hillsborough's!

Highlands is enjoying the new families moving in, as homes here are sold or rented relatively quickly. Even though we swimmers are sorely missing the pool as it is resurfaced, we're looking forward to its sparkling reincarnation in December. The new childcare center will be an enhancement to the already huge HRD contributions to

the community. Sadly, we lost some dear neighbors in the last month.

Highlands Community Association is still the glue that keeps us involved and informed right here. Think of July 4th and the incredible marching band – now look forward to more home-grown music at the Rec Center Holiday Party on December 4th (rehearsal every November Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. at the Rec Center Social Room). More election info: We vote for HRD board members, only if there are contested seats, at regular government elections. HCA officers will be elected at the general meeting at 7:30 p.m. November 23, so be sure to attend and bring your ideas.