



HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Winter is finally upon us and the cooler weather is here to stay. The leaves have given us some brilliant colors to enjoy and have fallen or will do so soon, so let the leaf wrangling begin.

As noted in the last newsletter, we held our annual meeting and voted in two new board members. I would like to welcome Joel DeLage and Marcus Ku to the HOPPR Board.

I would also like to recognize the past efforts of our outgoing board members, Paul Ehnis and Barbara Rice. While we won't get to see you at future meetings, we look forward to seeing you both at social events and around the neighborhood.

Remember, as the temperatures continue to go down remove your hoses and cover your pipes outside, check your roof for

loose or damaged shingles, and let the water drip from the faucets inside.

Also, if you are planning any exterior work to be done during the winter, please fill out an ACC request form that can be found on the neighborhood Website, www.hoppr.org, prior to beginning any exterior work. Thank you!

There are still several openings available for you to become involved in the HOA. We are always on the lookout for community members looking to give back and help out with the different committees.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out at President@hoppr.org

Warmest regards,

Matt Frishman
President@hoppr.org



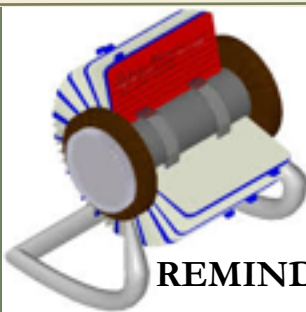
WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!



Dale McGilvray
Welcome
Committee Chair

Janet McCrum

If you are new to our neighborhood, please call either **Dale McGilvray** at 972-867-2824 or **Janet McCrum** at 972-612-3458 or you may email Janet at TMNGJanet@aol.com. One of these two neighbors will supply you with information about Plano, as well as a directory for the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge neighborhood along with the latest Highlander newsletter.



REMINDER

We need your feedback concerning the neighborhood directory. Even though it will be two years before it is time to print new directories, we would like to begin gathering the feedback now. Please email Janet McCrum at TMNGJanet@aol.com to register your preference for either a hard copy or a soft copy of the directory. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much to those of you who have already emailed your preference!

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

When submitting an ACC request for staining a fence, painting your home exterior, or any other project with a color change, please provide a color sample with your request or the website where the color can be viewed. This will help expedite approval of your project.

Also, although the ACC normally responds in less than 10 days, you should, for planning purposes, allow a minimum of 10 days from the time you submit a completed ACC request form before commencing work.

A complete set of the neighborhood's Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions as well as the required ACC Application Form are available on our website at <http://hoppr.org/FormsDocs.php>, or you can contact our CMA Property Manager, Dan Estep, at 972-943-2856. If you have any questions regarding the Deeds and Restrictions, or questions about your planned improvements, you can contact John Thune, Architectural Control Committee Chairman, at 214-437-9753 or john.thune@verizon.net.



Board Meetings

Please contact Matt Frishman at president@hoppr.org for the upcoming schedule.



Newsletter Contribution?

Submit articles, letters, and suggestions to Kirsten and Connie at newsletter@hoppr.org.

March/April - February 21

May/June - April 21

July/August - June 21



John Thune

ACC Chairperson

john.thune@verizon.net

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LANDSCAPE

Winter has arrived, but you would never know it by the temperature. I'm sure that we will long for these warm days once the cold weather arrives. A few things to remember when we have our first freeze. Hydrated plants survive better and don't burn like plants that are dry or dehydrated. If you need to cover or wrap you tender plants in freezing weather, make sure you use frost blankets. These blankets breathe better than sheets and help keep the moisture off the plant, which causes them to burn.

Don't forget to pretreat your lawns for weeds and insects. This will make your lawn look wonderful, and simplify your maintenance next summer.

Turn Off Your Sprinklers! Shift to Winter Watering Schedule

Most landscaping goes dormant in the fall, so turn off the automatic sprinkler system and only water as needed. We are transitioning to the Winter Watering Schedule which began November 1. Plano residents and businesses should return to once-a-week sprinkler use, with watering allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Daytime sprinkler use improves everyone's safety by reducing the risk of nighttime freezing to avoid preventable icy sidewalks and roadways. Just because it is your day to water doesn't mean you need to water. The Winter Watering Schedule will be in effect until March 31, 2016.

Odd Addresses: Tuesdays
Even Addresses: Thursdays

Holiday* *Decorations

Several board members have gotten phone calls and emails about the absence of decorations...

Last year the holiday decorations weren't there and this year they were absent again. Just to give you the history of the Elves that make this happen, years ago The Welcome Committee made sure the decorations were in place. Then, for four years, my children and I put up the decorations. Last year we didn't get them out as my dear father became ill just before Thanksgiving and passed away on December 22. This year a lighting company was hired to install the lights. I put the wreath, garland, and lights on my porch, and they picked everything up. Then with all the rain, our installation date was continuously moved further out. Eventually our decorations just fell off the radar. After multiple calls and texts, I finally got the wreaths, garland, and lights returned. I tried calling some other lighting companies, but my phone calls weren't returned.

I need someone to take over this responsibility. A reliable holiday light company needs to be hired and the decorations need to be put up by Thanksgiving. You also need

to be available to meet with the company and give them the wreaths, lights, and garland.

Please let me know if you are interested in handling this task. **There are 292 homeowners in our HOA. We need a few more people to step up and take part in some of the activities that make our neighborhood great.**

Please let me know if you can make this happen!

Happy New Year!



Debbie Price

**Vice President &
Landscape Committee
Chairperson**

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Calloway's Nursery
supports the HOA "Yard of the Month" award



Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club met on November 10, 2015 at the home of Susan Carson. The book selected for review was *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain. Susan did an excellent job of facilitating our discussion which provided an interesting education about Beryl Markum and Africa at this time in history.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Othella Gumm, 4548 Crosstimber Dr. on January 12, 2016 from 1-3. Our book for this meeting is *Jade Dragon Mountain*, by Elsa Hart.

A reminder will be sent closer to the meeting date.

Below is a synopsis of the book:

On the mountainous border of China and Tibet in 1708, a detective must learn what a killer already knows: that empires rise and fall on the strength of the stories they tell.

Li Du was an imperial librarian. Now he is an exile. Arriving in Dayan, the last Chinese town before the Tibetan border, he is surprised to find it teeming with travelers, soldiers, and

merchants. All have come for a spectacle unprecedented in this remote province: an eclipse of the sun commanded by the Emperor himself.

When a Jesuit astronomer is found murdered in the home of the local magistrate, blame is hastily placed on Tibetan bandits. But Li Du suspects this was no random killing. Everyone has secrets: the ambitious magistrate, the powerful consort, the bitter servant, the irreproachable secretary, the East India Company merchant, the nervous missionary, and the traveling storyteller who can't keep his own story straight.

Beyond the sloping roofs and festival banners, Li Du can see the mountain pass that will take him out of China forever. He must choose whether to leave, and embrace his exile, or to stay, and investigate a murder that the town of Dayan seems all too willing to forget.



Next Meeting

January 12

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

4548 Crosstimber Dr.

Jade Dragon Mountain



Barbara Rice
Book Club

2016

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Happy New Year! Our social participation has been on the rise and now we have new organizers helping out with our 2016 events! We would like to have a different organizer for each event, so that the burden doesn't fall upon one person. We have five functions planned for 2016; however, we are still looking for an organizer for the fall adult social.

If you are interested in organizing the fall social, please contact Beth Kassul at social@hoppr.org and she will let you know what it entails. It is the easiest of events to coordinate. If you would like to see an event added and are willing to spearhead it, let us know! Your participation is welcome! Your help, big or small, is needed. Any questions regarding events, please email social@hoppr.org.

Spring Adult Social

Organizer: John Terry
Date: TBD in March

Spring Family Block Party

Organizer: Lynda Gates
Date: TBD in May

Fall Adult Social

Organizer: OPEN
Date: TBD in September

National Night Out & Chili Cook Off

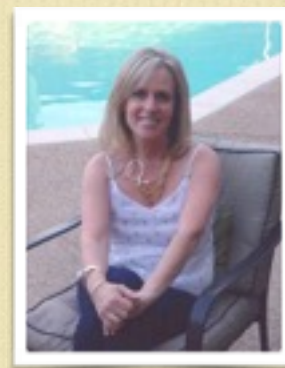
Organizers: Crime Watch Team & Beth Kassul
Date: Tuesday, October 4 is Texas National Night Out

Holiday luncheon

Organizer: Sue Bucher
Date: TBD in December

Social Central

Meet Beth Kassul



Interim Social Committee
Chairperson social@hoppr.org



Meet Your New Board Members!

MATTHEW FRISHMAN

Mr. Frishman is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has lived in Texas his entire life. He is married to Jessie Frishman and has 2 young children (Joshua, age 6 and Emily, age 2). He enjoys traveling, reading, and playing with his children.

Matt currently serves as Vice President of Operations for World Bottling Cap, where he provides marketing and sales expertise for their patented products sold throughout the world.

He serves on the board of a youth baseball umpiring association (www.u4k.org) and basketball association, and also calls high school basketball and baseball throughout Dallas / Ft. Worth, so if you see him on the court or on the field, don't be surprised.

He previously held the position of Vice President the past two years and is excited to continue to serve the neighborhood, as well as maintain and grow the foundation that has been established by the wonderful homeowners of Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge.



JOEL DELAGE



Joel DeLage and his wife, Ina, moved to Plano nearly 25 years ago from the Chicago area. They have lived in the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge since 1997. Since moving to Texas, he has been a consultant specializing in a large international enterprise software package (SAP), including working for a Big 6 consulting firm, as well as an independent contractor. His clients have included a top-tier global petroleum company, as well as a couple of years with the Department of Defense. They have 3 grown children and 8 wonderful grandkids. He retired recently and looks forward to serving on the HOPPR Board of Trustees.

MARCUS KU

Marcus lives on High Mesa Drive and he is married to his wonderful wife, Florence. They have two beautiful girls, Alatheia-Joy who is four years old and Sophie-Grace who just turned five-months-old. Marcus graduated from SMU in 2004 with an MBA in finance and strategy and he started his real estate business in 2005. In his spare time, Marcus enjoys spending quality time with his family and serving at his church in Richardson.



HOA DUES – BY JANUARY 1ST

I know that the majority of all homeowners have already paid their Homeowners Association dues for 2016. However, for those who have not, please keep in mind that the statements were mailed out in November and payments are due by January 1st. All payments are considered past due after January 15th and subject to an added late fee plus accrued interest charges. If for some reason you did not receive a statement for your \$225.00 assessment, you should contact one of the board members or the management company. Thank you, in advance, for your promptness in submitting your payment. Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of my neighbors!

Gary Snyder

Crime Watch



Ted Hajec

Crime Watch
Committee Chair

crimewatch@hoppr.org

Check out
NextDoor.com to
communicate with
your HOPPR
neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS!

Crime Watch Block Captains

On December 23, 2015 at about 2:56 A.M., a witness called and reported two suspects who were going from vehicle to vehicle and pulling door handles and entering the vehicles they found unlocked in the 4700 block of 14th Street.

Police arrived at the location and located a subject matching the description of one of the suspects hiding behind a vehicle.

The investigation resulted in the suspect being arrest for burglary of motor vehicle.

This is an excellent example of the important partnership the citizens and police share in keeping Plano SAFE.

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| Barnsley | Jean Sutton: 202-0105 |
| Briar Hollow | Dan Buckman: 398-2211 |
| Browning | Susan Bushey: 985-0213 |
| Castleglen | Marsha Hammock: 398-0201 |
| Copper Ridge | Patti Goodwin: 596-3435 |
| Crosstimber | Rhonda Armour: 596-3410 |
| Elmhurst | Rob/Cheryl Swihart: 596-4440 |
| High Mesa (4300-4416) | Susan Bushey: 985-0213 |
| High Mesa (4417-4440) | Jim Gauthier 214-564-7523 |
| Kingsbury | Sunil Patell 214-293-4740 |
| Meadow Ridge | Norma Hemphill: 214-440-2993 |
| Oak Knoll E/Browning | Laura Kirk: 596-5838 |
| Oak Knoll W/Browning: | D. Ross 903-824-1768 |
| Oates | Vicky Grover: 867-4941 |
| Preston Meadow | Joyce Gant: 964-9681 |
| St. Regas | Jean Sutton 202-0105 |
| Vista Knoll | Jody Goldblatt: 867-2290 |
| Wingren | Brandon Furman: 515-7957 |
| Woodmoor | Beth Kassul 867-3244 |

All numbers above are 972 area code unless otherwise specified.

Sign up for emailed Crime Alerts by calling 972-814-6117 or emailing: crimewatch@hoppr.org

Bridge Clubs

Men's Bridge

The **Men's Bridge Club** plays social bridge on the third Tuesday of every month. They begin at 7:00 p.m. and play until about 10:00.

Karl Brewster took first place in December, and **Bob Woodchek** was second.

January bridge will be hosted by **Bruce Barlow** on January 19th.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Keith Hansen at 972-596-7429 for more information.

Ladies' Bridge

Ladies' Bridge Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Again this is a purely social club -- not cut throat, just fun party bridge.

In December **Barbara Rice** won high, and **Jean Williams** won second high.

January bridge will be hosted by **Othella Marsh** on January 19th.

For more information regarding ladies' bridge, contact Marcia Hansen at 972-596-7429.

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?



Need a babysitter?

Contact:

newsletter@hoppr.org

for more information

Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA adds names to this list on request and the list is only available to residents. Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA reserves the right to modify or refuse listings for any reason. (Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement).



Need a petsitter?

Contact:

newsletter@hoppr.org

for more information

(Information is supplied at request of resident and is not an endorsement by the HOA or Board of Directors)

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS BUREAU

If you have a merchant or service to recommend, let us know, we will also note it here. The board does not take a stand on any issues in this column. It is provided as a forum for residents to publicize issues of concern as well as good experiences with contractors or service companies. Information supplied is at the request of resident and is not an endorsement by the HOA or Board of Directors.

