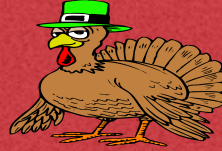


## HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

*The Highlander*[WWW.HOPPR.ORG](http://WWW.HOPPR.ORG)

## BOARD MEMBERS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming 2016 HOPPR Annual Meeting being held at Christ United Methodist Church on the corner of Parker and Coit on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please also be on the lookout for the proxies in your mail and remember to please send those back.

I would like to thank Beth and her social committee for organizing a wonderful National Night Out (NNO) and chili cook-off. For those of you that made it out, I hope you had as good a time as I did, sampling the fine chili from our neighbors, and congrats to all the winners.

First, if you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the many upcoming functions. One of our wonderful Welcome Committee members should have dropped by to give you some information on the neighborhood that should be helpful. If you have not already done so, there is a community website called "Nextdoor" that is easy to set up for our neighborhood at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Through this site, neighbors can post bulletins with information and questions and the City of Plano communicates crime watch information. The site also serves as a search tool with recommendations for service providers within the community.

Secondly, please remember that you must have ACC approval prior to beginning any work on the exterior of your house. This includes roofs, siding and fencing. John Thune (ACC Chairman) sent out an email that went over the guidelines to replace your

roof. Many homeowners have completed their work on the exterior of the houses, but if you have not, please remember to email the ACC with your requests and complete an ACC form as outlined in the HOPPR guidelines. The form can be found on the redesigned neighborhood website, [www.hoppr.org](http://www.hoppr.org) or at [www.cmamanagement.com](http://www.cmamanagement.com).

Furthermore, there are several organized groups within the neighborhood, including a bridge club and book club that meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join one of these committees or groups or would like to start a new group, please feel free to do so and we would be glad to publish it in the newsletter.

Finally, there are still several ways 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. Many of the committee chairs and board members attend the social functions, so it would be a good time to chat about joining and becoming part of the HOPPR community.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out at [president@hoppr.org](mailto:president@hoppr.org) and I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming community events.

Warmest regards,

Matt Frishman  
[President@hoppr.org](mailto:President@hoppr.org)



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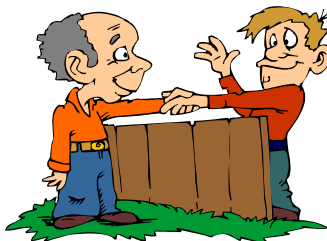
### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

If you are new to our neighborhood, please call Dale McGilvray at [972-867-2824](tel:972-867-2824) or email her at [welcome@hoppr.org](mailto:welcome@hoppr.org). She will be happy to 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.



Dale McGilvray  
Welcome Committee  
Chair

[welcome@hoppr.org](mailto:welcome@hoppr.org)



### A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names  
to the directory

Trond Soerensen & Nicola Trumble  
3005 Copper Ridge

Please delete the following  
names from the directory:

Gil & Zivit Reiter  
3005 Copper Ridge



ANNUAL  
MEETING!!

## Annual Meeting

Monday,  
November 14  
7:00 P.M.

CHRIST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

CORNER OF PARKER  
AND COIT

CONTACT MATT FRISHMAN

[PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG)

## WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

We need your feedback concerning the neighborhood directory. Even though it will be over a year before it is time to print new directories, we would like to begin gathering the feedback now. Please email Dale McGilvray at [welcome@hoppr.org](mailto:welcome@hoppr.org) 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!

Newsletter Contribution?

Submit articles,  
letters and  
suggestions to the  
editors at  
[newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)  
by December 20 for  
publication in the  
January/February  
issue.

# LANDSCAPE

The weather has just been wonderful for the last few weeks. Hopefully you have had time to enjoy it. Now is the time to do a little sprucing up on your lawn and garden and also some preventive care. Some of you may have notice that the trees on Sun Valley had some major trimming. That greenbelt is shared by our neighbors to the West. There were five trees that had to be removed. They had severe rot and were a threat of falling. I know many of you think we trimmed the tree too much, but many of the branches has cracks and damage from the drought. With this work completed, we should be good for several years. Below are some things that you could do to make your yard sparkle. Even if you have a yard service, it would be worth the money to have them do some of these preventive measures.

## Top 10 things to do in November

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year.
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
5. Plant out winter bedding.
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem.
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well.
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks.
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden.
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting.

## Lawns

Rake fallen leaves off lawns before they block out light and moisture from the grass.

Grass will continue to grow in temperatures above 5°C (41°F), so if the weather remains mild it may be necessary to trim the lawn with a mower. Ensure the cut is 3-5mm higher than in summer to prevent turf stress. On average, this means a cutting height of around 4cm (1.5in).

Mowing will help to deal with any annual weeds that have sprung up in new lawns sown earlier in the autumn.

If putting lawnmowers away for the winter, ensure they are clean and dry before storing. Also remember to drain fuel as unleaded gasoline doesn't keep, and may cause problems next year when trying to start up the machines. It's a perfect time to sharpen you blade or get a new one.

Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings. It can damage the grass and often leads to brown footprint-shaped marks.

It is now too late to sow grass seed, but new lawns can still be laid from turf if the weather is not too cold.

Don't feed the lawn with left-over summer feeds. These contain too much nitrogen, which stimulates lush growth; at this time of year, lush growth will be vulnerable to diseases. Use an autumn lawn feed, which contains more potassium and phosphorous, to encourage hardiness and root growth instead.

It is too late to apply lawn weed killers now - effectiveness will be much reduced.

## Feed Birds

Bird feeders are a great way to encourage these wonders to visit your yard. Place them where you can enjoy the show from a window or from your porch or deck. Visit your local garden center, a Wild Birds Unlimited store, or [birdquest.com](http://birdquest.com) for a great selection of bird feeders. Deter squirrels by using a spicy birdseed such as Cole's Blazing Hot Blend Bird Seed or treating the seeds with Cole's Flaming Squirrel Seed Sauce. Birdbaths and birdhouses will also lure feathered friends to your yard.

## Add Mulch

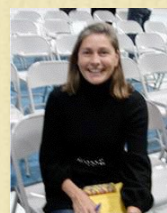
After the first frost, add a 2-inch layer of finely shredded pine bark mulch around the bases of your trees and shrubs. You can also use fallen leaves: Rake them into a pile, and chop them up with a lawn mower; then gather them, and spread them around your plants. They'll appreciate the extra protection during winter months.

Thank you for all your hard work making our neighborhood shine. With the neighborhood being 20+ years, it's important to update our lawns and flower beds. It will payoff when you are trying to sell your home or help your neighbor if their house is on the market. Curb appeal just adds dollars.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*Debbie Price*

Landscape Chairperson



**Debbie Price**  
Landscape Committee  
Chairperson  
[landscape@hoppr.org](mailto:landscape@hoppr.org)

## Winter Watering Guidelines!!!!

**Nov. 1 - March 31**

**Once per week**

**Odd number addresses:  
Tuesday only**

**Even number addresses:  
Thursday only**



## Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club met at the home of Janet McCrum to discuss our selection "The Last Painting of Sara DeVoss" by Dominic Smith. Janet led us in a wonderful discussion of this book encouraging all to discover the world of art restorers, art historians and art forgery. It is always an opportunity to learn while having the fun of socializing.

Our next book is "Redemption Road" by John Hart. Below is a synopsis of this book. The meeting will be held in the home of Marcia Hansen at 4540 Vista Knoll Dr on Tuesday November 8 from 1-3.

Over 2 million copies of his books in print. The first and only author to win back-to-back Edgars for Best Novel. Every book a *New York Times* bestseller. After five years, John Hart is back.

Since his debut bestseller, *The King of Lies*, reviewers across the country have heaped praise on John Hart, comparing his writing to that of Pat Conroy, Cormac McCarthy and Scott Turow. Each novel has taken Hart higher on the *New York Times* Bestseller list as his masterful

writing and assured evocation of place have won readers around the world and earned history's only consecutive Edgar Awards for Best Novel with *Down River* and *The Last Child*. Now, Hart delivers his most powerful story yet.

Imagine:

A boy with a gun waits for the man who killed his mother.

A troubled detective confronts her past in the aftermath of a brutal shooting.

After thirteen years in prison, a good cop walks free as deep in the forest, on the altar of an abandoned church, a body cools in pale linen...

This is a town on the brink.

This is Redemption Road.

Brimming with tension, secrets, and betrayal, *Redemption Road* proves again that John Hart is a master of the literary thriller.

See you on the 8th....Don't forget to vote.

*Barbara*



### Next Meeting

November 8

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Marcia Hansen

4540 Vista Knoll Dr.

Redemption Road



Barbara Rice  
Book Club  
Coordinator

### Can you help?

Looking for someone willing to send out HOPPR email blasts and co-edit the newsletter. For more information, contact

Connie Parker at  
newsletter@hoppr.org.



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Hello Neighbors,

I would once again remind you that Roof replacements, house modifications and fencing repairs will require approval of the HOA. We have received over 140 requests for roof replacements and other storm damage repairs.

You may go to the CMA website and complete the application online for approval through the Architectural Committee using the PDF form. Be sure to include:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Contact phone and email
4. Complete description of the work
5. Shingle Color and Manufacturer
6. Paint Color and Manufacturer
7. Stain Color and Samples
8. Estimated Start Date
9. Estimated Completion Date

The link is provided below.

<https://www.cmamanagement.com/webdocs/GenericACCFormFinal.pdf>

**If you require faster approval, and** you are using a Variegated Weathered Wood style shingle for your replacement, you may email me directly at [john.p.thune@gmail.com](mailto:john.p.thune@gmail.com).

Again, be sure to include:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Contact phone and email
4. Complete description of the work
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**John Thune**  
ACC Chairperson  
214-437-9753

The shingle that is referenced in the bylaws (240 lb Prestique II, Variegated, "Weathered Wood"), is no longer manufactured. There are, however, many other similar shingle types and colors that are called Weathered Wood.

Ask your contractor to use this color when providing you with a quote.

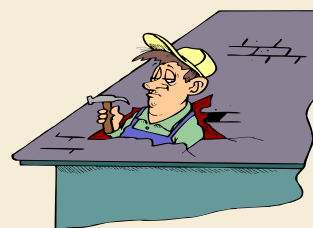
**As a suggestion**, take these simple precautions to protect yourself before hiring a contractor.

I am happy and available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

*John Thune*

[john.thune@verizon.net](mailto:john.thune@verizon.net)





## SOCIAL NEWS



*We continue to provide these gatherings with the help of our neighbors! We are looking for volunteers to coordinate or assist with events!!! We need organizers for the spring (March) and fall (September) adult socials next year plus help with behind the scenes tasks like taking photos, soliciting donations from local vendors to use as raffle prizes, and to write notes after parties. Email me or speak to me at our upcoming annual meeting on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> if you can help in any way.*



Beth Kassul  
Social Chair  
[social@hoppr.org](mailto:social@hoppr.org)

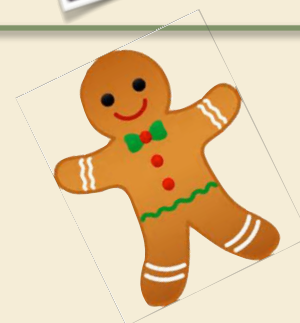


### Upcoming Event ...



### HOPPR Holiday luncheon

Organizer: Sue Bucher  
Tentative date: Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 to 1:00pm  
Details to come!



If you missed it...

Our National Night Out and Chili Cook Off block party was a success!  
A big thank you to our sponsor,



817-676-7375

who provided us with three \$100 Visa cards for our raffle!!! Those three lucky winners coupled with the 3 gift baskets for our three chili cook off winners made for a rewarding night for 6 lucky neighbors!!!!



## CRIME WATCH

### Neighborhood Watch Works!

Recently there has been a Go-Cart driving around the streets and alleys, and onto the Preston Ridge Trail, near Tulane Dr. It came cruising past me without warning, going very fast on the Trail. This is very dangerous. Attached is a copy of the rules for the walking trails in Plano. I hope it will be a reminder of how to safely share the trails. Motorized vehicles are not allowed.

*Please pass this along to your families and neighbors (and tell them to join [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com)) so they don't become victims. To those of you who call Plano Police and verify, keep up the good work! To those who don't, please start.*

### Share the Trail

#### User Guidelines for Multi-Use Trails

Trails for non-motorized use have become very popular. A consequence of their success is congestion. With this, a major issue has become safety. Whether you cycle, walk, jog, skate, push a stroller or walk a dog, if you follow the same set of rules as everyone else, your experience will be safer and more enjoyable. Please follow these guidelines when using Plano's multi-use trails.

#### Be Courteous

All users, including bicyclists, joggers, walkers, wheelchairs, skateboarders and skaters should be respectful of other users, regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill.

*"Share the Trail" rules are continued on page 8*

### Crime Watch Block Captains

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
Crosstimmer	Rhonda Armour: 596-3410
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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

*Numbers are 972 area code unless otherwise specified.*

### Crime reports for the past 2 months

There were (0) Crime Reports for the months of September and October to date in our HOPPR neighborhood. Check out all reports at:

<https://www.plano.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=65>

I encourage each of you to check out these sites to stay informed.

There was (1) Crime report in the area for the months of September and October, a theft on Barnsley Dr. about 4 pm on Sept. 21.

To see all crime reports, check out <https://www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=Plano TX>

## CRIMEWATCH



**Ted Hajec**

**Crime Watch Committee Chair**

[crimewatch@hoppr.org](mailto:crimewatch@hoppr.org)

Check out [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) to communicate with your HOPPR neighbors.

Is the [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) site private?

Yes. HOPPR has its own group. When you post there, only members in our group, or in some cases our neighboring groups can see it. Please join to stay more in touch with latest crime news.

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

## SHARE THE TRAIL

### **BE PREDICTABLE**

Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.

### **KEEP RIGHT**

Stay to the RIGHT side of the trail as is safe except when passing another user.

### **PASS ON THE LEFT**

Pass others going in your direction on their LEFT. Look ahead and back to make sure the lane is clear before pulling out. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. Faster traffic in any mode of travel is always responsible for yielding to slower and on-coming traffic.

### **GIVE AUDIBLE SIGNAL BEFORE PASSING**

Give a clear warning signal before passing. A frequently used warning announced loudly is “PASSING ON YOUR LEFT”. A clear warning signal may also be produced by bell or horn.

### **DON'T BLOCK THE TRAIL**

When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail. Keep pets on a short leash and to the right of the trail. When stopping, move off the trail.

### **WEAR A HELMET**

All bicyclists should wear a properly fitting helmet while riding on trails and public streets.

### **YIELD WHEN ENTERING & CROSSING TRAILS**

When entering or crossing a trail, yield to traffic on the trail.

### **STOP AT STOP SIGNS**

Bicyclists are required to observe all posted signs and follow all traffic laws.

### **REMOVE LITTER**

Please do not leave glass, paper, cans or any other debris on or near a trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.

### **NIGHT USE**

From dusk until dawn, bicycles should be equipped with lights. Bicycles should have a white light visible from 500 feet to the front and a red or amber light or reflector visible from five- hundred feet to the rear. Reflective clothing is recommended for all trail users at night.

### **HAVE YOU OUTGROWN TRAILS?**

If your speed or style endangers others users, seek alternative routes better suited to you needs. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

### **CITY ORDINANCES**

Bicyclists are required to follow traffic laws—City Code, Ch. 12.

Dogs must be a leash no longer than 6 feet and within control of the owner at all times—City Code, Ch. 4.

Dog owners must pick up after their pets—City Code, Ch. 4.

No alcohol or open containers are allowed on park property. Permits are available for special events—City Code, Ch. 15.

City park hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.—City Code, Ch. 15.

Thanks for making Plano's trails fun, safe and enjoyable for all users!

This information is adapted from the model Path Users Ordinance developed by the International Bicycle Fund, [www.ibike.org](http://www.ibike.org).



## NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?



### Need a babysitter?

Contact:

[newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)

*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](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)

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

## 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.

**Chuck Carson** was first and **Todd Marsh** was second in September.

In October, **Bruce Barlow** was first and **Bob Woodchuck** was second.

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

## Bridge Clubs

### Ladies' Bridge

The **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.

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



### Couples' Bridge

The **Couples' Bridge Club** meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*For more information contact Dale McGilvray at 972-867-2824.*

