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HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I looked back at my 2016 May newsletter article and I think I could just cut and paste it as our spring weather has again been crazy! From the recent hail storm that damaged many homes and vehicles in our neighborhood, to the ever changing temperatures, March & April have been chaotic to say the least. I hope everyone has had a change to get out and enjoy the wonderful weather with your friends and neighbors. If your house did suffer damage, please remember to fill out an ACC request prior to starting any exterior work.

I would also like to thank Gary Snyder for spearheading the numbering on the curbs throughout the neighborhood. I know that he spent many weeks working on the project and I think the outcome is wonderful as the neighborhood again sets itself apart from the others.

I would also like to remind you of the upcoming Spring Social, organized by, Lynda Gates and Beth Kassul. I look forward to seeing everyone out there on May 7th from 2 – 4:00. You can refer to Beth's social section for additional details about the event. I know that Lynda is looking for volunteers to help with setup, so if you are available, please let me know via email at president@hoppr.org and I will get your info to Lynda and Beth.

Now, 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 you should find 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. 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.

As a reminder, 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 groups or would like to start a group, please feel free to do so and we would be glad to publish it in the newsletter.

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

Warmest regards,

Matt Frishman
President@hoppr.org



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WELCOME COMMITTEE



BOARD MEETINGS

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

If you are new to our neighborhood, please call Dale McGilvray at 972-867-2824 or email her at 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



A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names
to the directory

Gary & Carrie Goldberg
4417 Briar Hollow

Nathan & Lindsay Goldman
4560 Meadow Ridge

James & Rosario Nielsen
3117 Preston Meadow

Please delete the following
names from the directory:

Roger & Judy Mezick
4417 Briar Hollow

Chuck & Susan Carson
4560 Meadow Ridge

Wayne & Lorraine Croswhite
3117 Preston Meadow

2017 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

WED., AUGUST 16

WED., SEPTEMBER 20

WED., OCTOBER 18

ANNUAL MTG.
TUESDAY, NOV. 7

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT
7:00 PM

FOR LOCATION

CONTACT MATT FRISHMAN
PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG

HOPPR DIRECTORY!

The 2017 HOPPR Directory will be mailed out the first week of May. Mailing won the distribution vote. If you would like an electronic pdf copy or have any corrections, please email Jim Rice at jrtx99@yahoo.com.



LANDSCAPE



How fun it has been to experience spring weather. The lawns are lush and green with all the early spring showers. But with the mild winter, many of you may be experiencing some early weeds. Don't panic! There are some simple solutions. A simple weed spray applied through a hose application will normally do the trick. Below are a few more tips that will make your summer maintenance easier.

May

Lawns—Once your brown turf has turned green, it is time to fertilize on a regular basis. Some warm-season grasses, such as hybrid Bermuda and Zoysia types, like high-nitrogen-based lawn fertilizers. Some turf, such as centipede, needs little or no fertilizer and minimal amounts of nitrogen. Remember high-nitrogen fertilizers always have a large first number in the ratio listed on the bag. Be sure to apply according to label directions to prevent burning your lawn.

Pruning—Once plants have leafed out, it is time to make a final pruning to remove winter damage. Always cut the limb or shoot back to live wood. If the damage to the plant is severe, you might consider replacing it.

Annuals—It's time to finish planting your summer annuals, such as petunias, vincas, pentas, salvia, and impatiens. Remember to see which plants are sun or shade tolerant. Also, vincas, lantana, pentas and a few others are more drought friendly. If the plants are in pots or trays, make sure the roots are not so matted

they can't expand outward into the soil easily. If they are, gently pull the roots apart. Annuals are colorful and fun, but don't forget to look at the many perennial options. These plants will return each spring with the proper care.

June

Water—Pay attention to hanging baskets and containers, because they dry out more quickly with the warmer temperatures. Irrigate plants at dawn and dusk to reduce water loss from evaporation. As you make additions to your garden, you will need to water them more than established areas. The city of Plano has posted summer watering guidelines—www.plano.gov.

Houseplants—Place houseplants outside in a shady location to enjoy the fresh air and rejuvenate. Water regularly, and feed with an all-purpose (20-20-20) water-soluble fertilizer to encourage growth.

Mulch—Apply extra shredded bark mulch around newly planted trees and shrubs to better transition these plants into your garden. The extra mulch will reduce water loss and heat stress to the new roots.

Don't forget that our friends at Calloway's Nursery has many free events that are very informative. Even if you can't make an event, they have experts onsite every day.

Our neighborhood looks fabulous! Even if you have a lawn service, please take a minute to

walk your yard and see if it needs a bit more attentions than just mowing. We are reaching the age that we might have to do some removal and replanting. Remember, curb appeal can add up to 10% on the price of a home when you are selling.

Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day!



Debbie Price
Landscape Committee
Chairperson
landscape@hoppr.org





Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club met March 14, at the home of Nancy Gibbs to discuss "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

There was interesting discussion about the theme of the book and how poverty, isolation and heritage can play a role in our development and the way we respond to circumstances in our lives. Nancy did an excellent job of hosting and encouraged conversation with study guide questions about the author and his family.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Othella Gumm, 4548 Crosstimber Dr. on Tuesday, May 9th from 1-3 PM. Our selection for this meeting is "The Heart Mender" by Andy Andrews. Below is a synopsis from this book.

"With the skill of a virtuoso, Andy Andrews continues his string of successful writing performances in his latest entertaining masterpiece. The plot, characters, and storyline combine to summon the reader into an unforgettable experience."

Robert Silvers Executive Publisher, *The Saturday Evening Post*

"At the Maui Writers Conference, we have had the best . . . including filmmakers Ron Howard and James L. Brooks, . . . Pulitzer winners Dave Barry and Carl Bernstein, best-selling authors Elmore Leonard, Mitch Albom, Robin Cook, Elizabeth George, and Barbara Kingsolver. Andy Andrews is right at the top of the list."

Shannon Tullius Cofounder & Director, Maui Writers Conference

In the classic storytelling style of *The Noticer* and *The Traveler's Gift*, *New York Times* best-selling author Andy Andrews now delivers an adventure set sharply against the warm waters and white sands of the Gulf of Mexico in WWII America.

Saddened and unable to abandon her resentment toward the Nazi war machine that took her husband's life, the young and attractive Helen Mason is living a bitter, lonely existence. Betrayed and left for dead, German U-boat officer Lt. Josef Landermann washes ashore in a sleepy town along the northern gulf coast, looking to Helen for survival.

The Heart Mender is a story of life, loss, and reconciliation, reminding us of the power of forgiveness and the universal healing experience of letting go.

Released in a previous edition as *Island of Saints*.

See you in May...

Barbara



Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator



Next Meeting

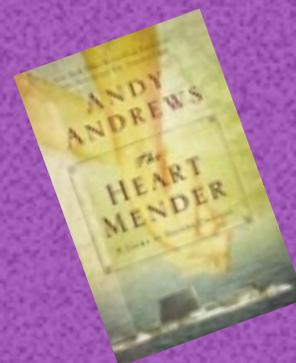
May 9, 2017

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Othella Gumm

4548 Crosstimber Dr.

The Heart Mender



Do you have a contribution to the newsletter?

Submit articles, letters and suggestions to the editor at newsletter@hoppr.org by June 20 for publication in the May/June issue.

SOCIAL NEWS

Thank you to John Horan for organizing our very well attended spring adult social last month!

If you would like to see an event added to our social calendar this year, and are willing to spearhead it let us know! We just need more volunteers to head up these events. I am here to support your efforts.

We currently need a volunteer to coordinate/host the holiday luncheon held the first week of December. The event is catered so all you need to do is coordinate the food and provide your beautiful home for approx. 30 residents. (Based on past luncheons)

Any questions regarding events, please email social@hoppr.org

Spring Family Block Party

Organizer: Lynda Gates

Date: Sunday, May 7th

Time: 2 - 4



ALOHA!

Wear your Hawaiian shirts or hula skirts
and we'll provide the leis!
We're having a Luau to celebrate the
HOPPR Spring Block Party Day!

Sunday, May 7th - 2-4:00 p.m.
Sun Valley Drive

Maui Waul fresh fruit frozen smoothies, Tropical Waterslide
with Slip N Slide, cupcakes, popcorn, banner making table,
photo props for pictures, water bottle flipping, bean bag toss,
face painting, live DJ, and lots more family fun!

Swimsuits and towels are highly recommended for those planning
to play on the waterslide! Remember your lawn chairs!

Contact Lynda Gates at gates_lynda@yahoo.com with questions.

National Night Out & Chili Cook Off

Organizers:

Crime Watch Team & Social

Date: Tuesday, October 3 is Texas

National Night Out

On Woodmoor Dr.

Details to follow

Fall Adult Social

Organizer: John Horan

Date: September TBD

More details to come as we get closer

Holiday luncheon

Organizer: TBD

Date: TBD in December



Beth Kassul

Social Chair

social@hoppr.org

CRIME WATCH

Neighborhood Watch Works!

From Plano Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit:

Motor Vehicle Burglary

Location/Street: Coit Rd & State Hwy 121

Date: 3/13/17 (Monday)

Time: 7:10 am

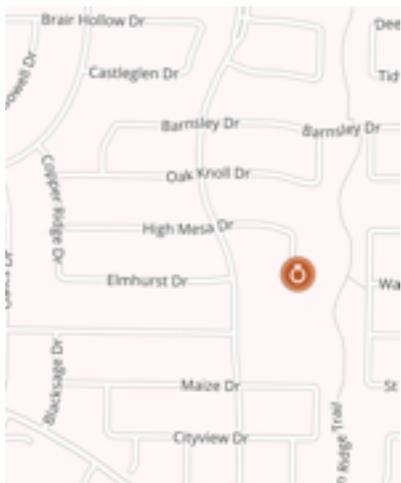
Description:

The female victim had pulled up to the Kroger gas pumps located in the 9700 block of Coit Road and exited her car to put gas in it. While she was pumping gasoline the gray Sentra pulled up next to her vehicle. The suspect in the Sentra crawled out of her vehicle and entered the victim's unlocked passenger side door and took a purse which had been left unattended. Afterwards the suspect re-entered the Sentra and drove off at a high rate of speed.

Always be aware of your surroundings; it is recommended to lock your car while pumping gas.

Residents are urged to immediately call 911 upon observing any suspicious person, vehicle or circumstance.

If you have any information regarding suspicious persons or activity in your area, please call the Plano Police Department at (972) 424-5678 or if you have information about a crime and want to remain anonymous, call (972) 941-5555.



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
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Kingsbury	Sunil Patell: 972-867-8022
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

Numbers are 972 area code unless otherwise specified.

Crime reports for the past 2 months



There were (0) Crime Report for the past 3 months 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 reports in the area for the past 3 months. There was a theft on High Mesa Dr. (see map left)

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

CRIMEWATCH



Ted Hajec

Crime Watch
Committee Chair

crimewatch@hoppr.org

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

Is the 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.





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Hello Neighbors,

Springtime repairs may include painting and exterior spruce up. Please remember to make requests to the Architectural Committee for any exterior home improvements.

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.p.thune@gmail.com

John Thune



John Thune
ACC Chairperson
214-437-9753



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.

Bruce Fallis was first and **Bruce Barlow** was second in April.

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

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.

Carol Simons was first and **Othella Marsh** was second in April.

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.

