

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the cooler weather as fall begins in Texas...do we actually have "fall" in Texas?

As you may have already noticed, school is back in session, so please be alert and watch out for the kids walking or biking to school in the mornings and afternoons.

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 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 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.

On behalf of the HOPPR board, I wanted to make everyone aware of a mailing that you will be receiving this month from the HOA, requesting your review and consideration on a few changes to the DCCR document governing the 5 phases that encompass our neighborhood. We have enclosed a brief note of explanation on what the changes cover and why we feel they are necessary moving forward as an HOA. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members with questions.

Please note that we will have upcoming social events in September

and October, so check out the social section for additional details from Beth and her committee. In addition to the social committee, there are several organized groups within the neighborhood, including bridge clubs and a 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.

Lastly, the upcoming annual meeting has been set for Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00pm. The location is Christ United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of Parker and Coit. Please also be on the lookout for the proxies in your mail and remember to send those back. If you would like to run for a board position, there will also be paperwork in the packet for you to complete and send back to be put onto the ballot.

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

Warmest regards,
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President@hoppr.org



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

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

John & Rooma Chi
4409 Barnsley

Ben & Camille Ganter
4569 Meadow Ridge

Jonathan & Elizabeth Rocha
4569 Meadow Ridge

Grady & Celeste Locknane
4425 Castleglen

David Rice & Phairat Pattangkho
3205 Preston Meadow

Ray & Rebar Tovi
4301 Kingsbury

Please delete the following
names from the directory:

Terry & Susan Bucher
4409 Barnsley

Cavin An & Julie Seo
4425 Castleglen

Elsayed & Aida Soliman sold their home at 3205 Preston Meadow and bought the home at 4425 High Meadow. Please update your directory accordingly.

BOARD MEETINGS

2017 SCHEDULE

TUES., SEPTEMBER 18

WED., OCTOBER 18

ANNUAL MTG.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT
7:00 PM

FOR LOCATION

CONTACT MATT FRISHMAN

PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?



Need a babysitter? Contact:

newsletter@hoppr.org

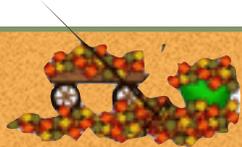
Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA adds names to this list on request and the list is only available to residents. Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA reserves the right to modify or refuse listings for any reason. (Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement).

Need a petsitter? Contact:

newsletter@hoppr.org



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



LANDSCAPE



It's hard to believe that summer is almost over! Wow, with all the rain and cooler weather it feels like we were on a vacation from Texas. I do know many of you have been battling some tenacious weeds this year. That is due to a warm winter and the excess rain this year. Below are some tips to help you get control of your lawn and enhance your flower beds. Thank you to everyone for the extra work keeping your lawns and gardens looking spectacular.

Weed Control

The best weed control is a healthy lawn. You will need to mow your lawn a bit higher (about 4 or 5 on your mower setting) so it shades the weeds which will stunt their growth. For the few weeds that do get in, spot treat with a pump hand sprayer. Broadcasting treatments are not as successful and can harm other plants. Stay away from Weed and Feed products. They will hurt your other plants and trees, potentially causing stunted growth and even death. They also have a tendency to fertilize those weeds that they don't control. REMEMBER: If you are going to spray, spot treat with a hand sprayer. It works better and doesn't cause so many problems.

September

Planting

Divide and re-plant blooming perennials. Plant fall color plants.

Vegetable gardens - plant all fall garden items.

Pruning

Don't prune spring flowering trees or shrubs. Cut back all spent

flowers of annuals and perennials to encourage fall blooming. Trim dead and damage wood from trees and shrubs.

Plant care

Apply a pre-emergent herbicide for cool season grassy weed control. It is also time to apply a pre-emergent for broadleaf winter weeds. Apply both by the end of the month, but do not try to mix products. Then water normally. Watch for brown patch in St. Augustine lawns and control with labeled fungicide.

Control black spot and powdery mildew on roses with labeled fungicide.

Treat peach trees for borers if necessary.

October

Planting

Begin refrigerator chilling of tulips and Dutch hyacinths (about 8 weeks) in preparation for late December to early January planting. Plant daffodils from late October to mid November.

Plant pansies, flowering kale and cabbage, dianthus, cyclamen, violas for fall color as the weather cools at the end of the month. Divide and re-plant ground covers like liriopé and mondo grass, as well as new ground covers.

Select and plant shrubs and trees, especially those that are grown for fall foliage, while fall color is visible. Late October is an excellent time for planting shrubs and hardy perennials, although it's best to wait until the winter dormant season for planting shade trees, or transplanting large woody shrubs or ornamental trees such as crepe myrtles.

October to January is the time to plant trees and shrub that are 'balled & burlap'.

Pruning

Prune dead wood from trees and shrubs, but wait until the dormant season for major re-shaping. Tidy the garden by removing spent summer annuals, pruning dead bloom spikes off warm season perennials, and re-shaping overgrown perennials later in the season.

Plant Care

Watch for scale insects on ornamental plants such as euonymus, hollies, gardenias, and camellias, and treat as necessary. Watch for brown patch in St. Augustine lawns and control with fungicide as necessary.

As the weather cools gather or mulch leaves regularly as they drop, as a thick leaf layer on lawns can promote insects and diseases and delay winter dormancy. Add excess leaves to the compost pile or shred leaves and use as mulch in beds.

Hopefully these tips will help and enjoy the fall weather.



Debbie Price

Landscape Committee
Chairperson
landscape@hoppr.org



Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club (NBC) met at the home of Paulette Armstrong on Tues., July 18th from 1-3 to discuss the book "Where'd You Go Bernadette?". Paulette facilitated the discussion and provided questions which created excellent group participation. The members all enjoyed the book but felt the ending left many questions unanswered. Sounds like a sequel opportunity!

Our next meeting will be held in the home of Andrea Anselman 4401 High Mesa Dr. on September 12th from 2-4. Please note the change of time for this meeting.

The selection for September is "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. Below is a synopsis of the book.

Soon to be an HBO series, book one in the *New York Times* bestselling Neapolitan quartet about two friends growing up in post-war Italy is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted family epic by Italy's most beloved and acclaimed writer, Elena Ferrante, "one of the great novelists of our time." (Roxana Robinson, *The New York Times*)

Beginning in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples, Ferrante's four-volume story spans almost sixty years, as its protagonists, the fiery and unforgettable Lila, and the bookish narrator, Elena, become women, wives, mothers, and leaders, all the while maintaining a complex and at times conflictual friendship. Book one in the series follows Lila and Elena from their first fateful meeting as ten-year-olds through their school years and adolescence.

Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists.

"An intoxicatingly furious portrait of enmeshed friends," writes *Entertainment Weekly*. "Spectacular," says Maureen Corrigan on NPR's Fresh Air. "A large, captivating, amiably peopled bildungsroman," writes James Wood in *The New Yorker*

Ferrante is one of the world's great storytellers. With *My Brilliant Friend* she has given her readers an abundant, generous, and masterfully plotted page-turner that is also a stylish work of literary fiction destined to delight readers for many generations to come.

Look forward to seeing you in September!

Barbara



Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator



Next Meeting

September 12

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

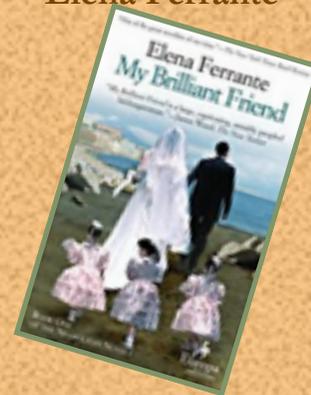
Andrea Anselman

4401 High Mesa Dr.

My Brilliant Friend

by

Elena Ferrante



Do you have a
contribution to the
newsletter?

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



SOCIAL NEWS



We continue to provide these gatherings with the help of our neighbors! Please email me if you are interested in helping with the upcoming events!!! We still need a volunteer to host the holiday catered luncheon in their home. Please email Beth at social@hoppr.org if you would consider helping.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Adult Social

Organizer: John Horan

Date: **Thursday, September 28**

5:00 to 7:00ish

Location: **Katy Trail Ice House**

700 W. Park Blvd

Ask for the HOPPR group-We will be on patio!



Annual National Night Out & Neighborhood Chili Cook Off

Organizers: Crime Watch Team & Social

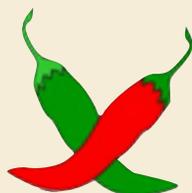
Date: **Tuesday, October 3rd** Texas National Night Out

Location: Corner of Woodmoor @ Castleglen

5:45 to dusk

Bring a chair and a cooler with your own beverages

We will be awarding three chili cook off prizes!



Chili Cook Off:

Please email social@hoppr.org if you are bringing a chili or want to help out with event.

Bring your chili in a crock pot to location between 5:45 & 6:00 if possible

Winner announced at 7:00

POLICE

FIRETRUCK

DJ-PRIZES FOR KIDS

and later...

Holiday luncheon

Organizer: TBD

Date: Tues, Dec 6th (tentative date)



Beth Kassul
Social Chair
social@hoppr.org

CRIME WATCH



Neighborhood Watch Works!

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 3rd for our annual Chili Cook-off and "National Night Out" (NNO) for our neighborhood. This is our annual event where we GET OUT to meet our neighbors, meet our police, and our firefighters.



Our Plano Police and Fire Department want to hear from YOU. They want a relationship with the citizens of Plano to enable them to serve and protect us better. This NNO is

one of the key ways they get feedback from the people to do their jobs better. Remember, they LOVE what they do — **"To Protect and to Serve"**. And they can do it better if we help them!

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of knowing your neighbors. When we all know each other—even a little—we are more able to spot problems in the neighborhood.

For instance, if you know your neighbor is on vacation, and you see someone in their yard or driveway... Remember Gladys Kravitz on the sitcom Bewitched? The ever-annoying nosy neighbor? Well, we don't want to be *that* nosy...but a peek out the window and a check on things in the neighborhood can go a long way. If you see something, say something. Call the police. That's what they are for.



And come out for the incredible samplings of chili! Last year we had 7 entries in the cook off, and they were all great! (No, that's actually not true... a couple of them were lousy compared to mine...but you can come out and judge for yourself!) Or, enter the cook off with your own recipe if you think you can compete.

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
Crosstimber	Rhonda Armour: 596-3410
Elmhurst	Cheryl Swihart: 214-455-5692
Elmhurst	Rob Swihart: 214-207-9265
High Mesa (4300-4416)	Susan Bushey: 985-0213
High Mesa (4417-4440)	Jim Gauthier: 214-564-7523
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 3 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>

There were (0) Crime reports in the area for the past 3 months.

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

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

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,

Late summer repairs may include painting and exterior repairs. 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 exterior changes to your hardscape, please provide a details with your request so your approval will be processed quickly.

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/Forms-Documents>, 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.

Keith Hansen was first and **John Wyler** was second in July.

Keith Hansen was first and **Chuck Mitchell** was second in August.

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.

Joan Heye was first and **Nancy Griffith** was second in July.

Marcia Hansen was first and **Paulette Armstrong** was second in August.

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

