

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Winter is finally upon us and it appears as though the cooler weather is here to stay. The leaves have given us some brilliant colors to enjoy and have fallen, so let the leaf wrangling begin. Also, as a reminder, 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 as the temperatures near freezing.

As noted in the last newsletter, we held our annual meeting in November and voted in 2 new board members. I would like to welcome Jim Macer and Matt Tindall to the HOPPR Board. I would also like to recognize the past efforts of our outgoing board members Joel DeLage and Marcus Ku, we will miss you in meetings, but hope to see you at social events and around the neighborhood.

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 and insightful. 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.

If you are planning on doing any exterior work on your home, please remember that you must have ACC approval **prior** to beginning any work. This includes roofs, siding and fencing. The form can be found on the neighborhood website, <u>www.hoppr.org</u> or at <u>www.cmamanagement.com</u>.

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, and 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.

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, Matt Frishman <u>President@hoppr.org</u>



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BOARD MEETINGS

# **WELCOME COMMITTEE**



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.



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

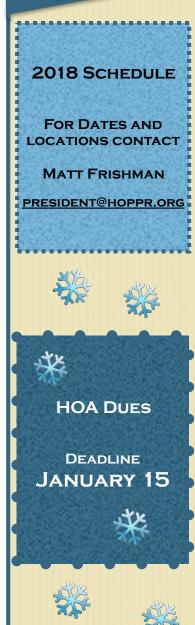
Please add the following names to the directory

Daniel Burzynski & Kelley Shea 4404 Briar Hollow

Please delete the following names from the "listing by last name" in the directory:

Mike McGrath & Susan Watson 4404 Briar Hollow





# NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

#### Need a babysitter? Contact:

Dale McGilvray

Welcome Committee Chair welcome@hoppr.org

Emmalee Mohler Melanie Rosowski Hayley Price



972-951-7686 972-345-9699 972-342-5008

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:

Emmalee Mohler 972-951-7686 Ryan Ahle 972-612-3216 ryanahle@verizon.net



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



# LANDSCAPE

## Happy New Year!

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2018. It looks like we might be in for a cold and wet winter from everything that I've read. There are several things we can do to be ready.

Remember to shut your sprinklers off if we are expecting temperatures below 32 degrees. Also, protect your plants by watering before freezing weather. Last, be proactive and pretreat your lawn while it's dormant. You will be thankful when spring and summer arrives.

Recycle- Please try and recycle whenever you can. Hope this will make things easier for you.

**Recycle Your Christmas** Tree, Holiday Lights and **Big Boxes** 



Don't miss the best holiday recycling opportunity of the year.

Live Christmas trees, garland and wreaths can be recycled into

Texas Pure Products mulch and compost. Holiday lights also can be recycled through our electronics recycling program.

Before you take trees and greenery to the drop-off locations, remove all ornaments, are constantly littering our lawns lights, decorations, tinsel and the tree stand (no plastics or metals). Visit one of these Plano locations to drop off between Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 and Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018:

#### Jack Carter Park

- 2601 Pleasant Valley, 75023
- (south parking lot off Pleasant Valley)

## **Old Shepard Place Park**

- 1301 Winding Hollow Lane, 75093
- (NE corner of the Shepton High School parking lot/ baseball field off Plano Pkwy)

## **Russell Creek Park**

- 3500 McDermott Road. 75025
- (northeastern parking lot directly off McDermott)

#### **Schell Park**

- 2100 Laurel Lane, 75074
- (southeastern parking lot directly off Laurel)

In the gift-giving process, you may receive rather large boxes filled with expensive electronics or appliances. When these boxes are placed at your regular collection point, criminals are tipped off to the contents of your home. Rather than tempt a would-be thief, bring your large boxes to one of our Recycling Drop-off locations (click for map).

Got more questions? Contact Environmental Waste Services Customer Service at (972) 769-4150.

**Recycle-** Use the leaves that as a mulch for your flower beds. It's simple, easy and free. This mulch will help protect your plants and flowers and create a wonderful healthy and aerated soil for the spring.

Debbie Price, Landscape Chair





**Debbie Price** Landscape Committee Chairperson landscape@hoppr.org



# **Neighborhood Book Club Report**

The Neighborhood Book Club met at the home of Barbara Rice on November 14th from 2:00-3:30 to discuss the club's selection "The Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI". The members participated in an excellent discussion of the book and enjoyed the opportunity the book provided to learn about this time in our history. It gave us the chance to see how the 1920's in some respects aren't that different from today.

Please note that Janet McCrum is taking Carroll Thune's place as facilitator for January. The hostess list will be updated to reflect the changes.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Janet McCrum 4565 Vista Knoll Dr. from 2:00 -3:30 on Tuesday January 9th. We will be discussing " The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Below is a synopsis of the book.

A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple.

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate—the first automobile any of them have seen and a stranger arrives.

In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. In her biggest seller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, See introduced the Yao people to her readers. Here she shares the customs of another Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, whose world will soon change. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city.

After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins; and Liyan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations.

A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

The best of holidays to all and see you in January.



# Barbara Rice Book Club Coordinator



# Home Owner Association Dues - by January 15

I know that the majority of all homeowners have already paid their Homeowners Association dues for 2018. However, for those who have not, please keep in mind that statements were mailed out late 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 Treasurer

# Social Page.....

We are still looking for a social coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Matt Frishman at president@hoppr.org.





#### **CRIME WATCH**

Neighborhood Watch Works

From Plano Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit

**OFFENSE TYPE:** Aggravated Robbery

**LOCATION/STREET:** Preston Rd./Park Blvd, Mapsco 656L)

BLOCK NUMBER: 2200

**DATE:** 11/6/17 (Monday)

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** The victim had placed an ad on Craigslist to sell a couple of iPhones. He was to meet up with the suspect on the parking lot of Whole Foods near the intersection of Park Blvd. and Preston Rd. to do the deal. Upon meeting with the suspect the phone for money exchange was It was at that time the made. victim discovered the money he had been given was fake. He pointed this out to the suspect which caused the suspect to run away. The victim gave chase and as he was getting close to the suspect, the suspect pulled out a weapon and threatened the victim. The victim ended the pursuit and the suspect got away.

#### SUSPECT INFORMATION:

Black male, mid 20's to mid-30s, 5'8"-5'10", 140-150lbs, medium build, last seen wearing dark colored pants and a maroon sweater.

#### **VEHICLE INFORMATION:** On foot

**Note:** It may be best to have your sales transaction meeting at a local police station parking lot.

#### **Crime Watch Block Captains**

Barnsley	Jean Sutton: 202-0105
Briar Hollow	Dan Buckman: 398-2211
Browning	Susan Bushey: 985-0213
Ŭ	Marsha Hammock:398-0201
Copper Ridge	Patti Goodwin: 596-3435
Crosstimber	Rhonda Armour: 596-3410
Elmhurst C	heryl 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 Norr	ma Hemphill: 214-440-2993
Oak Knoll E/Browning	g Laura Kirk: 596-5838
Oak Knoll W/Brownin	g: 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: 342-7573
Wingren	Brandon Furman: 515-7957
Woodmoor	Beth Kassul 867-3244
Numbers are 972 area code unless otherwise specified.	





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There were (4) crimes in our neighborhood in the past 3 months (2 thefts and 2 assaults). To see all crime reports, check out h t t p s : / /

<u>m t t p s : / /</u> www.crimereports.co <u>m / m a p / i n d e x / ?</u> <u>search</u>= Plano TX

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# **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)**

Hello Neighbors,

Spring is just around the corner!



John Thune ACC Chairperson 214-437-9753

Remember...Exterior changes for your winter and spring projects, should be submitted for review to the Architectural Committee for review.

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 very quickly, you should 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 Forms are available on our website at <u>www.hoppr.org</u>, 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

# 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 Bruce Barlow was second in November.

Gary McGilvray was first and Bob Woodchuck was second in December.

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.

Marcia Hansen was first and Paulette Armstrong was second in November.

**Dale McGilbary** was first and **Marcia Hansen** was second in December.

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

