

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The HighlanderWWW.HOPPR.ORG**BOARD MEMBERS****MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the year. Winter appears to be hanging on for just a little bit longer, but we all know that it won't be long before the sun is out and the Texas summer heat is upon us. We can only hope that spring will maintain moderate temperatures and bring rain as well as wonderful colors from the plants and trees as they awaken from their slumber.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the many upcoming functions. If you have not already done so, there is a community website called "Neighbor Nextdoor" that is easy to set up for our neighborhood at www.nextdoor.com. Through this site, the City of Plano communicates crime watch information as well as providing a search tool and recommendations for service providers within the community.

If you have exterior work scheduled for this spring, please remember to get ACC approval prior to beginning any work. The form can be found on the neighborhood website, www.hoppr.org or at the CMA website.

As a reminder, 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 social functions, so it would be a good time to chat about joining and becoming part of the HOPPR community.

We still have an opening for the Social Chair position that was vacated by Beth Kassul at the end of 2017, so if you have any interest in picking up her mantle and continuing with the neighborhood activities, please reach out to myself or one of the other board members.

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

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

- Tina Winslow
- Brooke Dieterlen
- Ruaraidh MacPherson
- 4561 Crosstimber
- Mitesh Ramani
- 2808 Browning

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

- Shane & Becky Armstrong
- 4561 Crosstimber
- Scott & Robin Sankey
- 2808 Browning

BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING

7:00 PM

THURS. MARCH 22
CMA OFFICE
1800 PRESTON PARK
BLVD. SUITE 101
PLANO, TX

HOA DUES

ARE OVERDUE

DEADLINE WAS

JANUARY 15

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter? Contact: newletter@hoppr.org

Need a petsitter? Contact:
newletter@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).

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





LANDSCAPE



Spring is on the way! This year, March 20 marks the Vernal or Spring Equinox, when day and night are the same length. Don't be fooled by the calendar though, as a last freeze can happen past the official start of spring.

As soon as the last frost has passed, you can begin planting summer bulbs and annuals and working outdoors in earnest.

Tips for March and April

Bare-root roses and shrubs can be planted while dormant.

Trees and Shrubs

Continue pruning nonflowering trees and shrubs. You can also prune summer and fall flowering trees and shrubs such as crape myrtle and butterfly bush.

Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons after they bloom.

Clean up and prune trees and shrubs

Plant bare-root and container-grown trees and shrubs.

Begin fertilizing trees and shrubs once growth starts.

Transplant trees and shrubs before they leaf out.

Prune and fertilize roses.

Perennials and Bulbs

Cut back overgrown or leggy perennials.

Cut or mow ornamental grasses, being careful not to cut the short new growth.

Plant, divide, and transplant perennials and ornamental grasses.

Weed bulb beds, being careful not to disturb the bulbs.

Remove any extra winter mulch from perennials.

Fertilize bulbs after blooming, with a bulb-boosting fertilizer or compost.

Plant tender bulbs (such as caladium, dahlia, and tuberous begonia).

Prune overgrown vines once they have bloomed.

Annuals and Containers

Now is the time to plant new annuals or perennials.

Lawns

Cool-season grasses (such as fescue and bluegrass) begin growing in earnest as spring arrives. If needed, feed lightly with a balanced fertilizer. Aerate and dethatch cool-season lawns only if absolutely necessary; otherwise be gentle – since lawns are delicate in spring.

Bermuda lawns may benefit from a “scalping” to remove the tall brown stubble of winter. Scalping is not necessary but can make the grass softer and easier to mow in summer. Gradually lower your mower blade to a final mowing of about 1”, and remove the clippings. Do not scalp other types of grass.

Also apply pre-emergent herbicides to prevent crabgrass and other annual weeds.

Spring is a good time to add soil to low areas and to patch bare spots in cool-season lawns. Heavy seed planting is most successful in the fall.

Avoid walking on spongy, wet soil.

Resume your warm weather watering schedule as soon as grass begins to grow. (check plano.gov for the current watering schedule)

Plan to add some herbs to your perennial garden this year.



Fruits, Vegetables, and Herbs

Plant fruit trees.

Work in a nice layer of compost or other organic matter to your garden.

Plant and enjoy cool-season leafy vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, and other greens.

Plant bare-root perennial vegetables and fruits, such as asparagus, rhubarb, grapes, and berries.

Rejuvenate your herb garden – trim back leggy plants and add new perennial herbs such as rosemary, parsley, thyme, and mint.

Plant annual herb seeds, such as basil and cilantro to your garden.

Plant tomatoes and other warm-weather vegetables mid-April.

April is the time to **Mulch, Mulch, and Mulch**—Now that winter is gone, remove and replace mulch because disease spores and insects may have overwintered in this material. If you think disease or insects are not a problem, just freshen your mulch.

Lawns—It's time to start cutting warm-season turf such as Bermuda and St. Augustine. Be careful not to scalp your lawn. Adjust the blade height so that the turf looks cut when finished, but you can't see spots of soil. A good rule of thumb for spring cutting: Remove only about the top third of the grass blades each cutting. During periods of fast growth, try to cut your lawn at least once a week.

Happy Spring!



Debbie Price
Landscape Committee
Chairperson
landscape@hoppr.org



Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club met in the home of Janet McCrum to discuss our book "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane. Janet did an excellent job of facilitating our discussion with pertinent questions creating a thoughtful dialogue and greater understanding of the importance of tea in the world. Member, Nechama Baron, brought a tea cake to the meeting which was enjoyed by all. It also assisted in our understanding of a "tea cake" and the importance of it in the story.

Our next meeting will be in the home of Diane Ross on March 13, from 2:00-3:30 PM. Our selection is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles....Below is a synopsis of the book.

An Amazon Best Book of September 2016: *A Gentleman in Moscow* is the utterly entertaining second novel from the author of *Rules of Civility*. Amor Towles skillfully transports us to The Metropol, the famed Moscow hotel where movie stars and Russian royalty hobnob, where Bolsheviks plot revolutions and intellectuals discuss the merits of contemporary Russian writers, where spies spy, thieves thieve and the danger of twentieth century Russia lurks outside its marbled walls. It's also where wealthy Count Alexander Rostov lives under house arrest for a poem deemed incendiary by the Bolsheviks,

and meets Nina. Nina is a precocious and wide-eyed young girl who holds the keys to the entire hotel, wonders what it means to be a princess, and will irrevocably change his life. Despite being confined to the hallway of the hotel, the Count lives an absorbing, adventure-filled existence, filled with capers, conspiracies and culture. Alexander Rostov is a character for the ages--like Kay Thompson's Eloise and Wes Anderson's M. Gustav, he is unflinchingly (and hilariously for readers) devoted to his station, even when forced to wait tables, play hide and seek with a young girl, or confront communism. Towles magnificently conjures the grandeur of the Russian hotel and the vibrancy of the characters that call it home.

--Al Woodworth, *The Amazon Book Review*

--This text refers to an alternate **Paperback** edition.

Barbara



Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

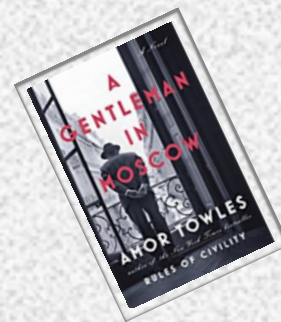
Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Diane Ross

4417 Oak Knoll

A Gentleman in Moscow

by
Amor Towles



Do you have a
contribution for the
newsletter?

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

CRIME WATCH



From Plano Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit

Officer Chris Biane with the Plano Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is sharing short videos with important safety information.



Session 1 - Strike Plates

<https://vimeo.com/249823673>

Session 2 - Door Defender

<https://vimeo.com/249742536>

Session 3 - Window Safety Film

<https://vimeo.com/251332506>

Session 4- Solid-Core Bedroom Door

<https://vimeo.com/251507122>

Session 5 - Responding to Someone at Your Door

<https://vimeo.com/255192927>

In addition Officer Chris Biane continuously provides free seminars to learn how to make your residence more burglar resistant or Personal Safety seminars.

Registration by phone required: 972-769- 4234



Property Protection Seminar

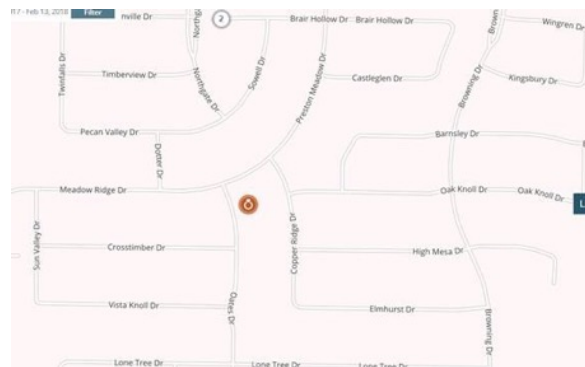


I encourage each of you to check out these sites to stay informed.

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
Crosstمبر	Rhonda Armour: 596-3410
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Woodmoor	Beth Kassul 867-3244

Numbers are 972 area code unless otherwise specified.



CRIMEWATCH



Ted Hajec

Crime Watch Committee Chair

crimewatch@hoppr.org

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

Crime reports for the past 3 months

Check out Plano specific reports at:

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

There was(1) crime in our neighborhood in the past 3 months, 1 theft.

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



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Springtime projects are in full swing!

Remember...Exterior changes for spring and summer 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.

If you have changes to your hardscape, such as sidewalks, driveways, retaining walls and fences, these should be submitted for review.

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 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 Barlow was first and **Todd Marsh** was second in January.

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.

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

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

