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HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE



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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the year. We can only hope that this late spring weather will remain and that the moderate temperatures will continue and bring us our much needed rain, as the lawns, plants and trees 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 "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 and provides a search tool and recommendations for service providers within the community.

As a reminder, 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.

The neighborhood is still in need of a social chair following the retirement of our past chair, Beth Kassul, this past December. She has laid out much of the groundwork to take on these activities, we just need someone to please step up and take on the chair position to help organize / finalize the details. It can be multiple people that take on 1 activity each throughout the year; we just like to offer social activities to our neighbors, and need someone to help spearhead

them. If you think you can help, please email me directly at president@hoppr.org

There are several organized clubs and groups within the neighborhood, including 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.

If you can, we highly recommend that 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.

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



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

Scott & Sally Crowe
4568 Vista Knoll

Eric Lee
4545 Vista Knoll

Kati Yoon
4317 Oak Knoll

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

Casey Hozer
4568 Vista Knoll

Jay & Laura Kirk
4317 Oak Knoll



BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING

MON., MAY 21

7:00 PM

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

Help Wanted!!!

Looking for a
volunteer to
coordinate our
social
activities!

No experience
necessary.

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



This spring has had some interesting weather. With the summer temperatures one day and then near freezing the next, it has to be confusing to our lawns and plants. Hopefully, we will have some spring showers to green-up our lawns and give the plants and annuals a good start. A healthy summer lawn begins with good spring maintenance. Below are a few tips to keep your yards looking healthy and nice.

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. 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.

Mowing—Cutting your lawn too short will only allow weed to germinate. Make sure you have a sharp blade and only cut about 1/3 of the grass blade when you mow. If you have a lawn service, be sure to tell them if they are cutting your lawn too short. It will stress your grass and can lead to brown and bare spot in your lawn. Also, consider not bagging your clippings. Mulching as you mow puts the grass particles back into the turf, providing nutrients such as nitrogen to the soil. You'll end up with healthier turf.

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, marigolds, salvia, and impatiens. 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.

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

June

Water—Pay attention to hanging baskets and containers, because they dry out more quickly with the warmer temperatures. Water plants at dawn and dusk to reduce water loss from evaporation. If you have newly planted additions to your garden, you will need to water them more than established areas.

Watering tips

The best time to water your lawn is the early morning because the sun will help dry the grass. Nighttime watering can result in prolonged moisture on the blades, which can open the door for some diseases. It's better to water less

often but for prolonged periods. Just wetting down the grass isn't watering the grass. You need to soak the lawn so the soil moisture goes down several inches. To know if you watering enough, try the soup can test. Set an empty can next to your lawn sprinkler. When there is about an ½ inch of water in the can, it's time to turn off the sprinkler.

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.

By following a few of these simple lawn and garden rules of thumb, you will create a lush and healthy lawn and garden that will be ready for the summer heat during July and August. A little prep work will let you breeze through summer.

Debbie Price, Landscape Chair



Debbie Price
Landscape Committee
Chairperson
landscape@hoppr.org



Neighborhood Book Club Report



The meeting of the NBC took place on March 13th at the home of Diane Ross who facilitated our discussion. It was the consensus of the group that the book was thoroughly enjoyable for several reasons. The writing style of the author was easy to read and as one member stated it was like "word candy". We learned about the political situation at the time in Russia but primarily the special relationships the main character formed with those in his very restricted world. Diane did an excellent job of keeping us on track and providing a good review of the author.

Our next meeting will be held on May 8th from 2:00-3:30 at the home of Kay Hoon, 2817 Copper Ridge Dr.

The selection for discussion is "I, Eliza Hamilton" by Susan Holloway Scott. Below is a synopsis of the book.

In this beautifully written novel of historical fiction, bestselling author Susan Holloway Scott tells the story of Alexander Hamilton's wife, Eliza—a fascinating, strong-willed heroine in her own right and a key figure in one of the most gripping periods in American history.

"Love is not easy with a man chosen by Fate for greatness . . ."

As the daughter of a respected general, Elizabeth Schuyler is accustomed to socializing with dignitaries and soldiers. But no visitor to her parents' home has affected her so strongly as Alexander Hamilton, a charismatic, ambitious aide to George Washington. They marry quickly, and despite the tumult of the American Revolution, Eliza is

confident in her brilliant husband and in her role as his helpmate. But it is in the aftermath of war, as Hamilton becomes one of the country's most important figures, that she truly comes into her own.

In the new capital, Eliza becomes an adored member of society, respected for her fierce devotion to Hamilton as well as her grace. Behind closed doors, she astutely manages their expanding household, and assists her husband with his political writings. Yet some challenges are impossible to prepare for. Through public scandal, betrayal, personal heartbreak, and tragedy, she is tested again and again. In the end, it will be Eliza's indomitable strength that makes her not only Hamilton's most crucial ally in life, but also his most loyal advocate after his death, determined to preserve his legacy while pursuing her own extraordinary path through the nation they helped shape together.

See you in May.

Barbara



**Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Kay Hoon

2817 Copper Ridge

I Eliza Hamilton

by

Susan Holloway Scott



Do you have a
contribution for the
newsletter?

Submit articles, letters
and suggestions to the
editor at
newsletter@hoppr.org

by June 20 for
publication in the
July/August issue.

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 made. It was at that time the 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", 140-150 lbs., medium build, last seen wearing dark colored pants and a maroon sweater.

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

On foot

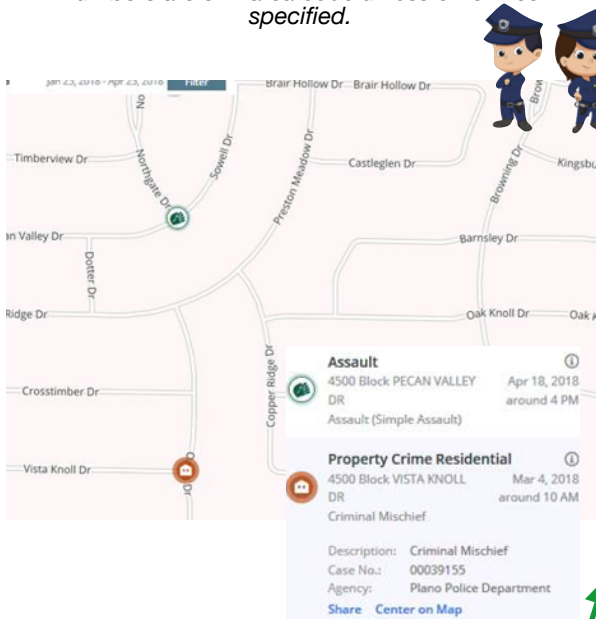
Note: It may be best to have your sales transaction meeting at a local police station parking lot.



Crime Watch Block Captains

Barnsley	Jean Sutton: 202-0105
Briar Hollow	Dan Buckman: 398-2211
Browning	Susan Bushey: 985-0213
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
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High Mesa (4417-4440)	Jim Gauthier: 214-564-7523
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Oak Knoll W/Browning:	D. Ross: 903-824-1768
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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.



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

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 Criminal Mischief.

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



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.

Gary McGilvray was first and **no one** 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.

Paulette Armstrong was first and **Marcia Hansen and Marilyn Layher** were tied for second in April.

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

