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HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Well, I think it is safe to say that summer is officially here. I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy the spring-like weather with your friends and neighbors before it got too hot. Please be careful out there as the temperatures continue to climb.

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. 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. On this site, neighbors 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.

Please remember that you must have ACC approval prior to beginning any work on your exteriors. The form can be found on the neighborhood website, www.hoppr.org or at www.cmamanagement.com.

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 up 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.

To that end, the neighborhood is still in need of a social chair following the retirement of our past chair. Much of the groundwork to take on these activities has been done. 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.

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 (no pun intended) regards,
Matt Frishman
President@hoppr.org



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A letter from the office of the vice president (of the HOA)



Dear Neighbors – Hello!

I thought it was finally time to getting around to submitting an entry into our circular, and introducing myself to those who do not yet know me.

There are some who may remember me from the last general meeting in 2017, where I gave a little synopsis of myself and expressed interest in getting involved with our community. With the departure of one of our HOA board from the community a couple of months ago, I joined the reshuffle as the VP.

My wife and I moved into the neighborhood from a smaller home down the road just over a year ago, as our family was growing. We now have a 10 month old and, as you may have frequently seen me walking, 2 black labs. As you will find out when you meet me, I don't sound very Texan. In fact I am originally from the UK, and my wife Kristen is from Ohio. We're both in our early(ish) 30s and looking forward to setting down our permanent roots here.

I know the neighborhood is made up of all different stages of family life cycles, and one of the things I love about this area is that many of the residents are the first owners of their homes. However as time has progressed, there has been turnover and new residents such as myself have moved in. One of my ambitions for my tenure on the board is to get a better understanding of the new and changing makeup of our community. What age ranges do new residents fall into, how many and what age bands of children do we have here etc? These are some key questions that I feel can help us understand our community better, and as a member of the HOA, make sure we are providing services and events that cater to the people who live and are growing up here.

We are still looking for a Social Chair, but this information can also be used to make sure we are organizing things that can be inclusive to everyone – or cater to multiple specific groups.

I hope to gain the community's participation in helping build this information, and keeping it relatively up to date. My first idea is to set up an online survey or poll that residents can log into and fill in as much or a little information as they can / want. It won't be particularly sensitive or revealing information anyway - but there will be no forced answers. All data will be kept private within the HOA board.

With that - I want to thank you for taking the time to read this, I'd love to hopefully meet you at an event or on the street soon, and would truly appreciate any help you're able to offer in getting to know our evolving community better.

Many Thanks
Matt Tindall



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

Mark Hanson & Susie Chang
4552 Crosstimber

Antonio & Evelyn Pana
4405 Briar Hollow

Tushar Sinha & Sophia Anand Saxena
4533 Crosstimber

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

Sakai & Anita Kurian
4552 Crosstimber

Kenneth & Canda DeBoer
4405 Briar Hollow

Jon Boyd
4553 Crosstimber



NEXT MEETING

WED. AUG. 15

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: newsletter@hoppr.org

Need a petsitter?

Contact: newsletter@hoppr.org



From 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



Wow! Summer is here and the heat has arrived too. Summer brings quite a bit of stress to our lawn grasses. Not only are the heat and drought damaging, but neglect isn't as forgiving in the summer as it is in the winter. We want our lawns lush and green for outdoor activities, and we try to fight nature by continuing to fertilize, water, and coax new growth out of our lawns no matter what the weather. However, by understanding and respecting the seasonal changes of turf grasses, you can take steps to care gently for your lawn as the mercury rises.

Once temperatures get into the 80s and above, lawns will begin to struggle a little. Growth will slow, color may fade, and lawns will show signs of wear and tear as they are less able to recover from stress and traffic. Some lawns will even go dormant in the summer, looking brown and brittle until early fall.

Water Wisely

- Lawns need at least one inch of water per week, and more when the heat is severe. Use a rain gauge or straight-sided can to keep track of the amount of water received from rainfall and irrigation.
- Water deeply and less frequently to encourage drought-tolerant roots.
- Water early in the day to reduce evaporation and fungal growth.
- Either water your lawn regularly and deeply, or don't water at all. Don't let your lawn go brown

and dormant, then try to "water it back to life." If your lawn goes dormant in summer, it should stay that way until fall – don't worry, it should recover once the weather changes.

Mowing Tips

- Raise your mower blade in the summer. Taller grass is more drought-tolerant, grows deeper roots, and helps shade the earth to prevent weed seeds from germinating. Cool-season grasses should be mowed at 3"- 4" during the summer, or as high as your blade will go, while warm-season grasses should be mowed at 2"- 3".
- Mulching grass clippings helps keep moisture levels steady.
- Mow regularly, to prevent cutting more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. This keeps your grass healthier and prevents the clippings from smothering the grass.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Make sure your mower is cutting your grass, not tearing it, to minimize stress during hot temperatures.

Save your Money...Don't fertilize during the summer months. It will only burn your lawn or cause it more stress during the sizzling heat.

Finally, I want to address a few questions about the entrance. About 5 years ago the entrance landscaping was revamped and updated. A drip irrigation system was installed, about 20 plants were removed and three crepe myrtles trees

that were planted directly in front of the signage on the wall. Finally, the new plants have matured so they can be trimmed and shaped to complete the original plan. Hopefully by the time this article is sent, the work will have been completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this growth period. We now have an entrance that is lower maintenance, drought friendly, and has more perennials vs annuals.

Wishing everyone one a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Debbie Price

Landscape Chairman



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landscape@hoppr.org





Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club met at the home of Kay Hoon on Tuesday May 8th to discuss our selection " I , Eliza Hamilton". All the members enjoyed the book and found the historical fiction an opportunity to refresh our understanding of Alexander Hamilton's role in the early formation of our government. As with many of the wives of political figures at this time they were much more influential than history relates.

Thanks to Kay for hosting and bringing this woman's life to our attention.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10th from 2:00 -3:30 PM at the home of Linda Steinberg. Our book for this gathering is " Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan. Please see synopsis below.

The acclaimed international bestseller ("A dizzily shopaholic comedy." --The New York Times) soon to be a MAJOR MOTION PICTURE starring Constance Wu, Henry Golding, Michelle Yeoh and Gemma Chan!

When New Yorker Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home and quality time with the man she hopes to marry.

But Nick has failed to give his girlfriend a few key details. One, that his childhood home looks like a palace; two, that he grew up riding in more private planes than cars; and three, that he just happens to be the country's most eligible bachelor.

On Nick's arm, Rachel may as well have a target on her back the second she steps off the plane, and soon, her relaxed vacation turns into an obstacle course of old money, new money, nosy relatives, and scheming social climbers.

See you in July.

Barbara



**Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

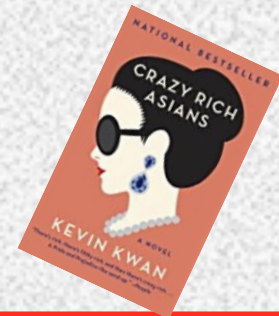
Linda Steinberg

2817 Copper Ridge

Crazy Rich Asians

by

Kevin Kwan



Do you have a
contribution for the
newsletter?

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



CRIME WATCH



Neighborhood Watch

From Plano Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit

Garage door Safety minute from Officer Bianez (as well to sign up for all of his Safety minute videos)



Safety Minute: Session 19 Close the Garage Door

Officer Chris Bianez with the Plano Police Department Crime Prevention Unit discusses strategies to reduce residential burglaries by 50%.

To watch **this session**, click here: <https://sable.godaddy.com/c/51990?id=36460.1417.1.c438b2fd94a058bf38f7298d7879bb47>

To view **additional Safety Minute Sessions**, click here: <https://sable.godaddy.com/c/51990?id=36460.1419.1.7ce528b73801587d959df22fc252b9f0>.

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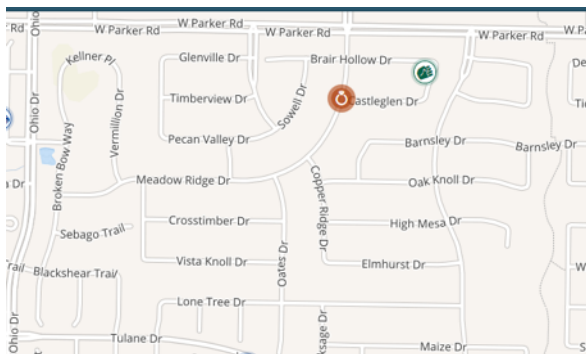
Helpful safety tips - Garage Doors

- keep closed at all times.
- cover garage windows to prevent burglar from looking in.
- remove garage door opener from vehicle
- add exterior security lighting

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
Elmhurst	Cheryl Swihart: 214-455-5692
Elmhurst	Rob Swihart: 214-207-9265
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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 were 2 crimes in our neighborhood in the past 3 months, 1 Theft, 1 Assault.

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

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Remember... Exterior changes for summer projects should be submitted 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/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.

Bruce Barlow was first and **Keith Hansen** was second in May.

Keith Hansen was first and **Bruce Barlow** was second in June.

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.

Othella Marsh was first and **Marcia Hansen and Marilyn Layher** were tied for second in May.

Othella Marsh was first and **Karen Fulbright** was second in June.

