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Dear Homeowners,

School is back in session, so please be alert and watch out for the kids that might be walking or biking to school in the mornings and afternoons.

If you are new to our 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 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.

On behalf of the board, I wanted to make everyone aware of a mailing that you will receive later this month from the HOA, requesting your review and consideration on a change to the DCCR document governing the 5 phases that encompass our neighborhood. Please review the document carefully and the enclosed explanation on what the change covers and why we feel it is necessary moving forward as a HOA. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members with questions.

Socials are BACK (on a part-time basis)!!! We will begin having neighborhood social events starting in September and again in October, so check out the social section for additional details. There are several organized clubs / groups within the neighborhood, including a bridge club and book club, which 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 Monday, November 12th 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 (scan and email, take a picture and email, fax, drop off at CMA offices or at one of the board members houses, it doesn't matter...please, just get it back). As a reminder, there is a drawing at meeting, for those in attendance, as well as those that return their proxies but are unable to attend the meeting, so I urge you to get your proxy in early if you know that you won't be able to attend the meeting. 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,
Matt Frishman, president@hoppr.org



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.



A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

We will have updates to the directory in our next newsletter.

BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING

WED., OCT. 17

7:00 PM

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



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org



ANNUAL MEETING

MON. NOV. 12

7:00 PM

CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
(CORNER OF
PARKER & COIT)

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter?

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).

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



Happy September to everyone. Wow, was August simply amazing this year. It is so rare that we have rain, much less record rainfall for Plano. It's so wonderful to see all the green plush lawns. The only downfall was that the weeds that were invading our flowerbeds and lawn enjoyed the gift from Mother Nature and went a bit wild. The sooner you get a handle on them, the easier to manage. Remember to pre-treat your lawns and beds the end of September for weed and pest. You will be thankful this winter and spring.

Maintenance and Updates

As our neighborhood ages, we have the pleasure of enjoying mature trees and landscapes. With that comes some responsibilities and consideration. The City of Plano revised their city codes for landscape 04/2018. Below are some that the city will enforce or you can see it on our city's website, plano.gov.

- Trees overhanging visibility easements, walks and parking areas will require maintaining the canopy at a minimum of 7-foot clearance.
- Trees overhanging a public street, drive aisles and fire lanes will require maintaining the canopy at a minimum of 14-foot clearance.
- Trees should be planted at least 5 feet from any utility line, including power lines.

Please trim your trees if they are infringing on the sidewalk or street. Also, if your trees' canopies have spread into your

neighbor's yard please make sure it's not creating a hardship to their lawns and landscape. Being neighborly makes Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge a very desirable neighborhood.

Our entrance at Parker and Browning, although many of us never use it, still needs a bit of attention. Here are some of the things we are going to address in the next few months. 1) seed the bare area under the oak trees with Fescue 2) remove the two Litex bushes by the sign 3) update median since knockout roses were removed 3 years ago due to disease 4) create a designated bed by the crepe myrtles and re-seed grass 5) mulch all areas. 6) replace rusted edging around flowerbed on Sun Valley. Based on the budget, cost of upgrades and the Board's decision, the improvements will be scheduled for this fall.

Add color to your yard

If you're looking for some great fall flowers that can withstand the cold and display those fall colors, here are some good choices! If you haven't heard of the new and amazing Plentifall Pansies, go get some now! These beauties can survive in below zero temperatures with only minor damage! Meaning, come spring time your pansies will still be there and still be beautiful! Perfect for a landscaping pro!

Finish with Mulch

Mulch keeps roots warm through winter, retains moisture

in summer, suppresses weeds, and gives garden beds a finished look. Be sure to leave space between the mulch line and the base of your plant. Never allow mulch to be butted up against the plant itself.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Safe and Relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

Debbie Price

Landscape Chairman



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Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club met July 10th at the home of Linda Steinberg to discuss " Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan. The discussion was fascinating and Linda did an expert job of getting the most out of our conversation with interesting questions and in depth information about the author. The group was especially pleased that we have read the book as the movie is coming out in August.

Our selection for September 11th is " Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng. The meeting will be hosted by Marcia Hansen at 4540 Vista Knoll Dr. from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

Below is a synopsis of the book.

From the bestselling author of *Everything I Never Told You*, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia

carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

When old family friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town--and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.

See you in September.



Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator

**Help
Wanted!!!**

**Looking for a
volunteer to
coordinate our
social
activities!**

**No experience
necessary.**



Next Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Marcia Hansen

4540 Vista Knoll

**Little Fires
Everywhere**

by

Celeste Ng



**Do you have a
contribution for 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

Upcoming Events

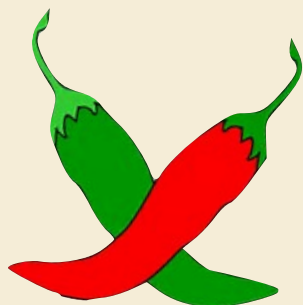
Fall (Adult) Social

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: Katy Trail Ice House Outpost
 4700 W. Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093



Bring a neighbor! We'll be on the patio (weather permitting), just ask for the HOPPR party.

Annual National Night Out Neighborhood Chili Cook Off



Date: Tuesday, October 2nd

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Corner of Woodmoor @ Castleglen



Bring a chair and a cooler with your own beverages.

HOA will provide hot dogs, chips, and water bottles.

We will be awarding three chili cook off prizes ... only 1 winner per household!

Chili Cook Off:

Bring your chili in a crock pot to location between 5:45 & 6:00 if possible
 The winner will be announced at 7:00



CRIME WATCH



Neighborhood Watch Works!

Recently, while walking the neighborhood and the walking path with my dogs, I noticed there are a number of our neighbors that do not pick up after their dogs. Plano has an ordinance and will citation you for not picking up after your pets, or if even if you do not have a bag with you when walking your dogs.

Removal of pet waste is also required under the Plano Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Animal Regulations, Public Nuisances, Section 4-24 (c). In other words, it's the law!

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DOGGIE-DOO FACT OR MYTH?

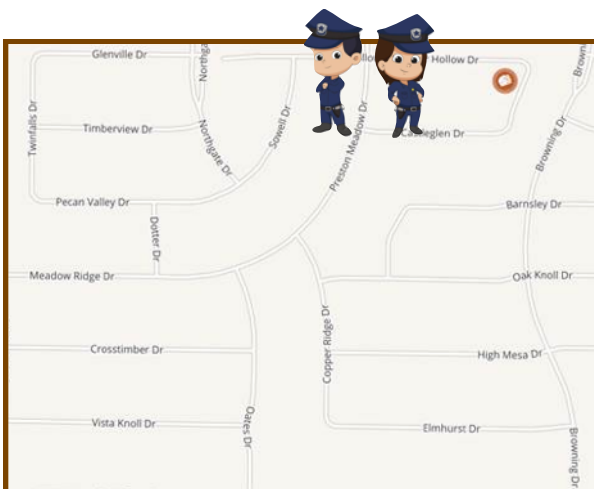
- 1. It's fertilizer!**
Myth! Dog waste not only contains bacteria and potentially dangerous diseases, it's also high in nitrogen and phosphorus, leaving those familiar burn marks on your lawn. Like your lawn, those chemicals are bad news for creeks.
- 2. A little bit never hurt anything.**
Myth! It's estimated that the City of Plano is home to over 47,000 dogs. With the average dog producing 5.25 pounds of waste per week, that amounts to nearly 13 million pounds of waste per year! That's a lot of doggie doo!
- 3. Nobody else picks up after their dog, so it doesn't matter if I do or not.**
Myth! Studies show that seeing others go out of their way to pick up after their dog creates an environment of responsibility. After all, no one wants to be labeled "the guy (or girl) that doesn't pick up after his dog!"

To be good neighbors, please do your part and pick up after them.

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
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	Ron Gates: 972-896-0678
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: 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 assault in our neighborhood in the past 3 months. 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. A detailed description of the work is also very helpful.** 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 also 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.

Gary Brown was first and **Bob Woodcheck** was second in July.

Scott Henderson was first and **Bob Woodcheck** 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.

Barbara Rudd was first and **Othella Marsh** was second in July.

Jean Williams was first and **Barbara Rice** was second in August.

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

