

MARCH/APRIL 2019

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE



The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the year. Spring appears to be trying to shove winter aside...we'll see how that struggle goes...and 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.

Now, 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 as well as provides a search tool and recommendations for service providers within the community.

We still have an opening for the Social Committee Chair position that was vacant in 2018. I would like to say "Thank you" again to those neighbors that stepped up and each took on a single event this past year. Those include Kristen Tindall (Chili Cook Off), John Horan (Katy Trail Happy Hour) and Judy Pilotte (Holiday Luncheon); we know that everyone that attended had fun and we hope you are willing to help organize again in 2019. That being said, if someone would like to take on one of our other events, like our Spring Neighborhood event, Summer Neighborhood event, or add an additional Happy Hour, we have lots of

ideas / contacts, we just need someone to help steer the ship, so to speak. Please reach out to me directly at President@Hoppr.org so we can coordinate.

With nicer weather brings the chance to get outside and make repairs / clean things up on the house. Here is your reminder, if you have exterior work (in front or in back of your house) scheduled for this year, 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.

For those interested there are several organized 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.

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.

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

Warmest regards,

Matt Frishman

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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.



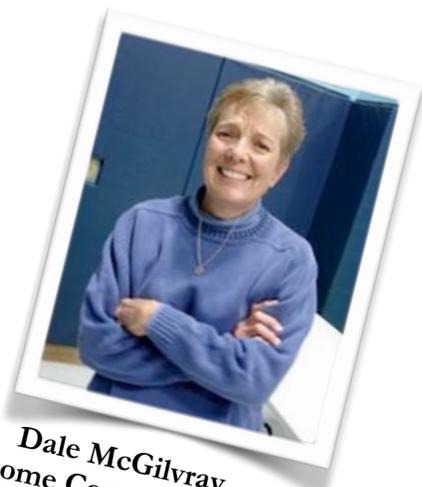
A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Jack & Indu Godhwani
4308 Oak Knoll

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

Jon & Alaina Läufer
4308 Oak Knoll



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

NEXT MEETING:

MON. MAR. 18

AT 7:00 PM

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

OTHER MEETINGS:

WED. MAY 15

WED. AUG. 14

WED. OCT. 16

@ 7:00 PM

@ CMA OFFICE

ANNUAL MEETING

MON. NOV. 11 @7

CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH





Can you believe that it's almost spring? And if we believe Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog, we are in for an early spring. This year would be a great year to update lawns and flowerbeds. Our neighborhood has passed the 20 year milestone so it's time to give some TLC to our exterior. The best part of a mature neighborhood is that we now have shade and there are so many more options for annuals, perennials and now hostas and ferns. What fun that will be! In the last newsletter I gave you information on Zoyia grass and which would be the best for your yards. Below are some additional tips for March and April. FYI, the average date of the last freeze in Collin County is March 4-12.

Gardeners To-Do List For March/April

March

Planting

- Plant ornamental trees and shrubs while the weather is still cool.
- Divide and replant fall flowering plants such as asters and mums.
- Complete transplanting of established woody plants before bud break.
- Plant cool season flowers such as alyssum, daisies, dianthus, and geraniums (mid to late March).
- Plant spinach, radishes, lettuce, through mid April. Also plant snap beans, cucumbers, sweet corn, lima beans, mustard, tomatoes, and squash late March when soil temperatures are warm enough for each variety.
- Begin to plant warm season flowers as temperatures increase towards the end of the month and as they become available in nurseries.

Pruning

- Prune back overgrown ground cover such as English ivy and Asian jasmine to maintain the height you prefer. Do so before new growth begins.
- Cut back ornamental grasses before new growth appears.
- Remove winter-damage from shrubs and other ornamentals.
- Do not prune spring flowering shrubs and vines, until after blooming such as forsythia, quince, azaleas, spirea, etc.
- Allow foliage on spring bulbs such as daffodils to die back and dry before

removing, to create food for next year's plants.

Plant Care

- Based on a soil test fertilize established shade trees, ornamental trees, and shrubs as spring growth begins.
- Check new growth on ornamental plants weekly for aphids and scale insects and treat if necessary.
- Mow fescue/ryegrass lawns, now growing vigorously, at five day intervals, or as needed.
- Fertilize fescue lawns in early March as per soil test results.
- Continue to feed pansies and other cool season annuals to extend their bloom season.
- Continue to protect tender plants from late freezes.

April

Planting

- Plant ground covers and warm season annuals and perennials as soil temperatures warm and the danger of frost has passed, such as cannas and gladiola corms. It's best to wait until next month to plant hot weather annuals such as caladiums, elephant ears, periwinkles, and zinnias.
- Plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia) starting in mid April. Plant Bermuda grass seed only when nighttime temperatures average 65 degrees.
- Early April plant: tomatoes, snap beans, radishes, cucumbers, corn, lima beans, mustard, peppers and squash. Late April plant: watermelon, southern peas, okra, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, eggplant, and pumpkin.

Pruning

- Prune spring blooming shrubs and vines after they finish flowering.
- Allow foliage on spring bulbs to die back and dry before removing, so it can store food for next year
- Shade trees may be pruned. However, do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.

Plant Care

- Fertilize azaleas according to soil test recommendations after they finish blooming.

- Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for powdery mildew, prevalent in mild, moist spring weather.
- Check new growth on ornamental plants weekly for aphids and scale insects and treat if necessary.
- Apply first fertilizer treatment to established warm season turf grasses (first to mid April). Use a fertilizer based on a soil test (which may cost as little as \$10) and follow recommendations. "Weed & Feed" products are not recommended.
- Mow established warm season turf grasses weekly or as needed.
- Use broad-leaved weed control products to eliminate spring weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed. Some types can damage St. Augustine. Always read and follow label directions. ~Begin harvesting cool season vegetables.
- Water all your plants when they're dry, but be particularly diligent with new plantings that can quickly dry out in our persistent spring winds. Use 3 – 4 inches of mulch on all flower, shrub and vegetable beds.

I hope these tips help make your lift simpler and your yard pristine. Most of the improvements were done to the entrance and the maintenance was completed on Sun Valley. We still have some work to do at Meadow Ridge and Parker and on the grassy knoll at Browning and Parker. Thank you to all of you that contacted me about helping with some sweat equity improvements at our entrances. I will be contacting you in April to set a date. It will be lots of fun and you will have the opportunity to meet more of your neighbors.

Have a safe Spring Break and a Happy Spring!

Debbie



Debbie Price
Landscape Chairwoman
landscape@hoppr.org



Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club met at the home of Nechama Baron on January 8, 2019 to discuss "Ragged Company" by Richard Wagamese. The discussion was facilitated by Nechama who provided a comprehensive review of the author and how intimately he was connected to the story. Once again there was a wide variety of comments from our members about the characters, the theme and the function of an editor in reviewing a book for publishing. This story about four homeless persons most certainly gave much to think about those who find themselves in this very difficult position.

Our next book is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. We will meet on March 12th from 2 - 3:30 at the home of Othella Marsh at 4548 Crosstimber Dr.

Below is a synopsis of the book :

The extraordinary #1 New York Times bestseller that is now a major motion picture, Markus Zusak's unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul.

Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read.

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she

learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

"The kind of book that can be life-changing." —*The New York Times*

"Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank."

Barbara



Barbara Rice
Book Club
Coordinator

HOPPR Directory

The homeowners directory will be updated and reissued in April 2019. If you have any changes to the current directory, please email Jim Rice at jrtx99yahoo.com.

Next Meeting

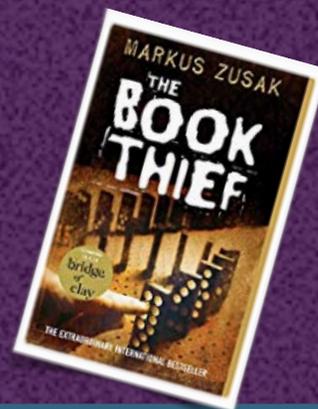
Tuesday, March 12

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Othella Marsh

4548 Crosstimber Dr.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak



Do you have a
contribution for
The Highlander?

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

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)



CRIME REPORTS

Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

Check out Plano specific reports at: <https://www.plano.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=65>

There have been 3 thefts/burglaries, and 1 narcotics incident in our neighborhood in the past 3 months.

To see all crime reports, check out [https://www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=Plano TX](https://www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=PlanoTX)

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

Nov. 28 around 1 pm:

Theft under \$50; Meadow Ridge

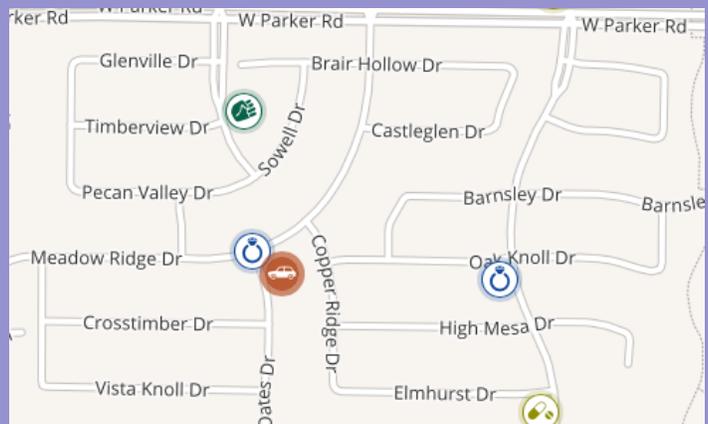
Nov. 29 around 9 am:

Burglary: Motor Vehicle \$50-\$200 Oates

Dec. 5 around 11 pm: Narcotics Elmhurst

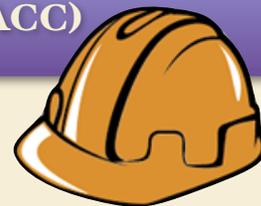
Dec. 12 around 4 pm:

Shoplifting under \$50: Oak Knoll





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Spring projects are just around the corner!

Remember...Exterior changes for your springtime projects, either structure or even color 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 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 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.

Dave Scott was first and **Scott Henderson** was second in January.

Jim Rice was first and **Bruce Barlow** was second in February.

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.

Othello Marsh was first and **Marcia Hansen** was second in January.

Dale McGilvray was first and **Barbara Rice** was second in December.

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

