

MAY/JUNE 2019

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the year...it is hard to believe it is May already. We can only hope that this wonderful spring weather will remain, that the moderate temperatures will continue, and will bring us our much needed rain, as the lawns, plants and trees begin to 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 looking for those "social butterflies" to help spearhead an event in the neighborhood. We have contacts / information on past events to help make it easier to organize. Here is a quick recap of the events that we have done in the past: Spring Social (Happy Hour), spring fling (typically a slide / bounce house, DJ, snow cones, etc. which is typically done on Sun Valley) as well as a Fall Social (Happy

Hour), National Night Out (Chili Cook-off / Hotdogs, DJ, Snow Cones, etc. which is typically done on Woodmoor) and our Winter Social (Luncheon which varies locations year to year). If you think you can help with 1 or more, please email me directly at president@hoppr.org.

We have several organized clubs and groups within the neighborhood, including bridge clubs for men and women and a women's book club that meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join one of these groups, or would like to start a new 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:

Gary Childs & Barbra Einsohn
4400 Barnsley
Marc & Betsy Wise
4321 Oak Knoll

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

Stephanie Spardone
4400 Barnsley
Edward & Michelle Gardner
4321 Oak Knoll

BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING:

WED. MAY. 15
AT 7:00 PM

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

OTHER MEETINGS:

WED. AUG. 14
WED. OCT. 16
@ 7:00 PM

@ CMA OFFICE
ANNUAL MEETING

MON. NOV. 11 @7
CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Do you have a contribution for The Highlander?

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



LANDSCAPE



Our lawns should be lush and green with all the rain we had in April. Hopefully, we will continue to get showers during the heat of the summer. June marks the official start of summer and the northern hemisphere experiences the longest day of the year.

May and June are great months for working in your yard and garden. – Hopefully the heat is not (yet!) unbearable, and the summer drought hasn't taken hold. Here are some tasks for your garden in May and June.

Trees and Shrubs

- Prune blooming shrubs as soon as they finish blooming.
- Deadhead spring-blooming shrubs, to focus the plant's energy toward strong growth and next year's blooms.
- Trim hedges while the growth is still soft and easy to shape.
- Watch for black spot and powdery mildew on roses and other plants – apply fungicide and remove (and destroy – don't compost) any diseased foliage.
- Add extra mulch to help them hold moisture.
- Remove aphids with a blast of water from the hose.
- Reduce (or stop) fertilizing as the temperature heats up.
- Continue planting container, trees and shrubs, but keep them well watered.
- Lightly trim conifers (junipers, cypress, etc.) but don't cut back to bare wood.

Perennials and Bulbs

- Get planting! Perennials and summer bulbs can be planted now, and shopping is more fun when they're blooming.
- Don't cut foliage on spring bulbs until it dies naturally. Early bulbs (like daffodils) will die out soon, but later bloomers (like irises) will

stay green all summer and should only have the flower stalks removed.

- Train climbing plants on trellises before growth is unmanageable.
- Lightly cut back spring-blooming perennials after they bloom – if you're lucky, you might get a second blooming.
- Use plant stakes to mark the location of perennials and bulbs while they're actively growing and blooming – you'll thank yourself next spring!
- Try growing perennials from seed for next summer's enjoyment.

Annuals and Containers

- Plant summer annuals such as petunias, impatiens, begonias, and zinnias in flower beds and boxes.
- Pinch back leggy annuals to encourage branching.
- Pinch off dead flowers to encourage more blooms.
- Remember to water containers every day or two. Window boxes, hanging baskets, and containers under porches and eaves may require daily watering.
- Fertilize annuals and containers every couple of weeks with a balanced or bloom-boosting organic fertilizer.
- Pinch off faded leaves of coleus and caladiums, and apply a balanced organic fertilizer to keep colors bright.

Lawns

- Raise the blade on your lawn mower for summer. Cool-season grasses should be mowed at 3"-4" and warm-season grasses at 2"-3".
- Mow regularly, especially if you're mulching the clippings.
- Control existing weeds with a post-emergent herbicide, or by pulling or digging. Removing weeds before they bloom and disperse seeds helps reduce next year's crop.

- Warm-season lawns can be planted and fertilized now.
- Aerate and dethatch warm-season lawns, if needed.
- Reduce fertilizer on cool-season lawns, since they go partially dormant during the hottest part of the summer.
- Apply moss killer before temperatures are regularly above 65° F.
- Make sure your lawn gets one inch of water per week. If you irrigate, water deeply to encourage deeper roots.

Vegetables and Fruits

- Plant warm-season veggies such as tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, squash, and peppers.
- Mulch sprawling veggies, such as melons and squash, to keep them clean and away from soggy soil.
- Keep your vegetable garden evenly and regularly watered.
- Address insect and disease problems as soon as you spot them.
- Keep weeds pulled – they compete for nutrients.
- Remove fallen fruits or veggies to prevent insects and diseases from spreading.
- Install fences or netting to protect your garden from rabbits, birds, and other hungry creatures.
- Install trellises, stakes, or cages for vining veggies.
- Plant summer herbs such as basil and cilantro. Pinch off flower buds to encourage more tasty leaves.

Debbie



Debbie Price
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Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club met on March 12th in the home of Janet McCrum to review our selection "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak. Othella Gumm did an excellent job of facilitating our discussion with pertinent questions about various aspects of the story. It was the first time any of the members had read a book with "Death" as the narrator and how that may have influenced our thoughts about the story.

We also talked about the differences between communism and fascism and the political philosophy Hitler espoused. It was a well written book about this very historic time and an excellent opportunity to educate our selves about the Regime that was in power at this time and the importance of books in keeping hope alive.

We welcome two new members to our group Betsy Wise and Cheryl Hill.

The book selected for our next meeting is "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. We will meet in the home of Paulette Armstrong at 4305 Barnsley Dr. on Tuesday May 14th from 2:00 -3:30. Below is a synopsis of the book.

Soon to be a major television event from Pascal Pictures, starring Tom Holland.

Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, the *USA Today* and #1 Amazon Charts bestseller *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours.

Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a

normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior.

In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders.

Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

Fans of *All the Light We Cannot See*, *The Nightingale*, and *Unbroken* will enjoy this riveting saga of history, suspense, and love.

Barbara



Barbara Rice

Book Club Coordinator



Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

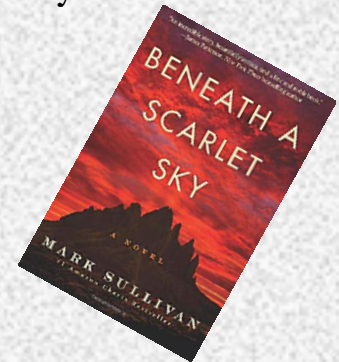
Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Paulette Armstrong

4305 Barnsley Dr.

Beneath a Scarlet Sky

by Mark Sullivan



HOPPR Directory

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

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter?

Contact: newletter@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>

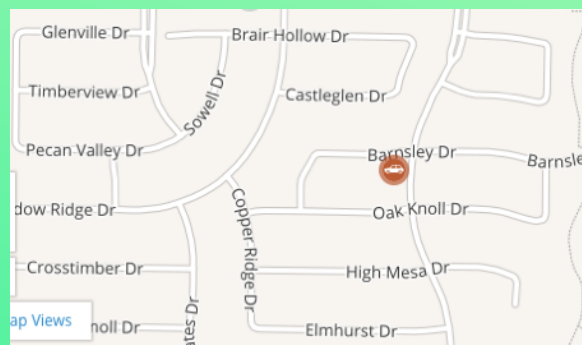
There has been 1 burglary in our neighborhood in the past 3 months.

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

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

March 15 around 1 pm:

Burglary of Motor Vehicle - \$50 - \$200





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Spring repair projects are increasing with more requests!

Remember...any exterior changes for your property, should be submitted for review to the Architectural Committee.

When submitting an ACC be sure to include your plans, even if you are replacing like for like; please provide a color sample with your request or the website where the color can be viewed for faster approval.

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.

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

Bruce Barlow was first and **Todd Marsh** 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.

Janet McCrum was first and **Nancy Griffith** was second in March.

Marilyn Layhr was first and **Betsy Wise** was second in April.

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

