



BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Well, we did it...another year in the books...and guess what, you guys are stuck with me for another couple of years as the President of HOPPR. For those that don't know me, my name is Matt Frishman and I have had the pleasure of being the HOPPR board President for the past 4+ years. I hope everyone has had a smooth end to 2019 and an easy beginning to the year. Texas weather can be unpredictable ...warm and sunny one day, and then cold and wet the next, and then back to warm and sunny...let's hope that Spring gets here soon to usher winter aside...and we all know that it won't be long before the sun is out and Texas summer heat turns on.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the 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.

"Thank you" again to those who stepped up and took on a single event this past year. Those included Kristen Tindall (Chili Cook Off / National Night Out), 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 the future... we will miss you Judy & David!

We still have a couple of openings for Committee Chair persons; they are our Social Committee Chair and our Crime Watch Captain. The board would like to offer more

opportunities for social events sponsored by the HOA; we just need someone to spearhead one of our other events. In the past, we have done a Spring Neighborhood event, a Summer Neighborhood event, and additional Happy Hours. We have lots of ideas / contacts, we just need someone to help "steer the ship." Please reach out to me directly at President@Hoppr.org so we can coordinate.

As we flip the calendar, wow, the 2020s... we will begin to have nicer weather, so as you get the chance to get outside and make repairs / clean things up around the house, please remember that if you have exterior work (in front or in back of your house) scheduled 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.

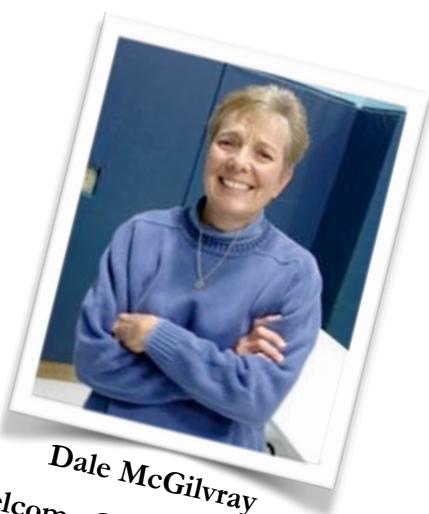
She will be happy to supply you with information about Plano, as well as a directory for the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge neighborhood along with the latest *Highlander* newsletter.



BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY,
JAN. 8
AT 6 PM**

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



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Rocco LaForgia & Patty Arteaga
2820 Browning

Gary & Paulette Pillars
4421 Briar Hollow

Paul & Susan Smith
4309 Barnsley

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

John & Phyllis Horan
2020 Browning

Bill & Penny Goodwin
4421 Briar Hollow

Lan Haverfield
4309 Barnsley

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Please make the following correction in both sections of your directory:

The entry which reads "Marc & Betty Wise" should read: Marc & Betsy Wise.



LANDSCAPE



Happy New Year! I would like to wish everyone one a Happy and Healthy 2020. We got lucky and missed most of the severe weather that plagued much of the US. It still looks like we might be in for a cold and wet winter from everything that I've read. There are several things we can do to be ready. Remember to shut your sprinklers off if we are expecting temperatures below 32 degrees. Also, protect your plants by watering before freezing weather. Last, be proactive and pretreat your lawn for while its dormant. You will be thankful when spring and summer arrives.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree, Holiday Lights and Big Boxes



Don't miss the best holiday recycling opportunity of the year.

Live Christmas trees, garland and wreaths can be recycled into Texas Pure Products mulch and compost. Holiday lights also can be recycled through Plano [electronics recycling program](#).

Before you take trees and greenery to the drop-off locations, remove all ornaments, lights, decorations, tinsel and the tree stand (no plastics or metals). Visit one of these Plano locations to drop off between Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2019 and Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020:

- **Jack Carter Park**
2601 Pleasant Valley, 75023
(south parking lot off Pleasant Valley)
- **Old Shepard Place Park**
1301. Winding Hollow Lane,
75093
(NE corner of the Shepton High School parking lot/baseball field off Plano Pkwy)
- **Russell Creek Park**
3500. McDermott Road, 75025
(NE parking lot directly off

McDermott)

- **Schell Park**
2100. Laurel Lane, 75074
(SE parking lot directly off Laurel)

In the gift-giving process, you may receive expensive electronics or appliances. When these boxes are placed out for your regular collection point, criminals are tipped off to the contents of your home. Rather than tempt a would-be thief, bring your large boxes to one of Plano's [Recycling Drop-off locations](#) ([click for map](#)).

Got more questions? Contact Environmental Waste Services Customer Service at (972) 769-4150.

Recycle- Use the leaves that are constantly littering our lawns as a mulch for your flower beds. It's simple, easy and free. This mulch will help protect your plants and flowers and create a wonderful healthy and aerated soil for the spring.

January Tips

Lawn—A dry winter day is a good time to mow a dormant, warm-season lawn. This grooms the lawn and removes fallen leaves. It also allows you to inspect your yard for winter weeds. Control them by spraying when the weather warms in spring.

Planting—This is a good time to plant new shrubs and trees. Evaluate your landscape, remove unattractive plants, and replace them with others that you prefer.

February Tips

Pruning—Now is a good time to prune trees. If limbs are more than an inch in diameter, use the three-step method for removing branches. Make the first cut on the underside of the limb around 6 to 8 inches away from the

trunk. Cut about half the thickness of the branch. Go to the top of the limb, and cut off the limb halfway between the underside cut and the trunk. The resulting stub should then be cut within 1 to 2 inches of the trunk.

Lawns—Winter weeds are evident in dormant warm-season turf now. Apply spot applications of post-emergence herbicides or hand pull to control. When selecting a post-emergence herbicide such as Purge, Weed-Stop, or Weed-B-Gon, make sure you follow label directions, and that the product is approved for your particular grass type. Otherwise you may injure or kill it.

Planting—Towards the end of the month is a good time to plant spring bulbs. It's a little too early to plant an ornamental-annual flowers. You can plant your containers if you have a place to store them during any late freezes.

Remember to give your lawn and flowerbeds a little TLC this winter so your yard will look amazing when spring arrives.

Debbie



Debbie Price
Landscape Chairman
landscape@hoppr.org

Neighborhood Book Club Report

Our book for January 2020 is News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Paulette Jiles is an American poet, memoirist, and novelist. Born: April 4, 1943 in Salem Missouri. Her education included the University of Missouri and University of Illinois.

Nominations: [National Book Award for Fiction](#)

Awards: [Governor General's Literary Award for English-language poetry](#)

Synopsis:

News of the World is historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

It is after the Civil War, while Texas was under martial law. The story centers on the return of a young girl to her family after her kidnapping by the Kiowa. In the late 1860s a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister; sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U.S. army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows.

It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving

live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. An elderly widower who has lived through three wars and fought in two of them, the captain enjoys his rootless, solitary existence. He is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Diane Ross's home

4417 Oak Knoll Dr.

Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator

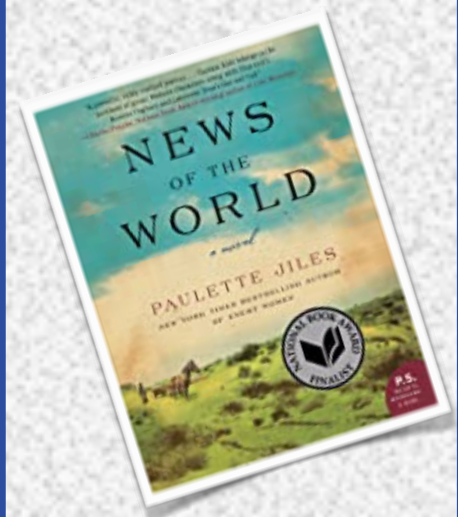
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News of the World
by Paulette Jiles



Do you have a
contribution for The
Highlander?

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

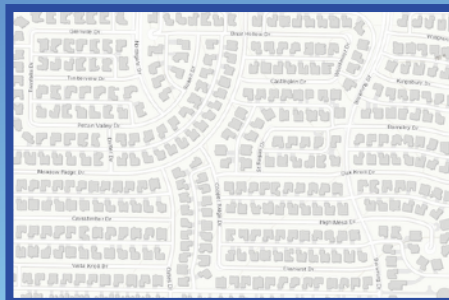
Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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

There have been 0 incidents of breaking & entering in our neighborhood in the past 3 months.

To see all crime reports, check out <https://www.cityprotect.com>

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





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



The winter holidays are past, now we begin planning our winter and spring projects.

Remember... These are common work items that should be submitted for review to the Architectural Committee for review.

- Replacement of roofs
- Exterior painting
- Pool installation
- Home additions (extra rooms, garage expansion, driveways)
- Repair/re-staining or replacing, or installing new fences
- Storage buildings, greenhouses, or workshops
- Major landscaping projects including draught resistant landscaping and water conserving turf
- Exterior radio, television or other antennas (excluding those that cannot be seen from the street)
- Retaining walls.



John Thune
ACC
Chairperson
214-437-9753

These items are also listed on your most recent HOPPR Summer Directory. When in doubt, check the covenants and restrictions from your HOA.

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/>. Online ACC applications are easy with an account set up. Visit this link: <https://cma.cincwebaxis.com/cinc/acc-review/>

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.

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.

Jim Rice was first and **Scott Henderson** was second in November.

Keith Hansen was first and **Gary Brown** was second in December.

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.

Dale McGilvary was first and **Marilyn Layher** was second in November

Paulette Armstrong was first and **Nancy Griffith** was second in December.

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

