

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Well, summer is just not ready to let us go; however, the kids don't get to extend their summer, and as you probably have noticed, 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.

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

Socials are BACK (on a part-time basis)!!! We will begin having a neighborhood social event starting 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 11th at 7:00pm. The location is Christ United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of Parker and Coit. Please 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 we have done in the past, there is a drawing for gift cards for those attending the meeting as well as those that return their proxies but are unable to attend the meeting; so I urge you to get your proxy even if you know that you won't be able to attend the meeting.

On behalf of the current board and your neighbors, we are asking for volunteers to step up and run for election. There are currently 3 positions that are coming up and we would like to have some new neighbors step up and take on this responsibility. If you would like to run for a board position, there will 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 events.

Warmest regards,

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President@hoppr.org



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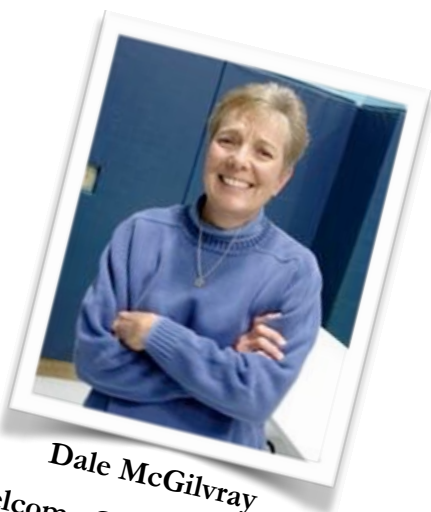
WELCOME COMMITTEE

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:

Carl & Whitney Magnuson
2812 Oates

Hazem & Therese Naguib
4556 Crosstimber

Hongsuk Yoon & Ji Hye Park
4560 Meadow Ridge

Brandon & Sophie Pugh
4561 Vista Knoll

Robert & Kristine Sullivent
4432 Oak Knoll

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

Heather Shickman
2812 Oates

Nancy Chilton Griffith
4556 Crosstimber

Nathan & Lindsay Goldman
4560 Meadow Ridge

Tara Gant
4561 Vista Knoll

John & Chris Crooks
4432 Oak Knoll

BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING:

WED. OCT. 16

AT 7:00 PM

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

ANNUAL MEETING

MON. NOV. 11 @7

CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

The 2019 HOPPR Directory has been mailed. If you have not received a copy or have any corrections, let Jim Rice know at jrtx99@yahoo.com. The next edition will be done in 2021.



LANDSCAPE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It's hard to believe it's already September. The holidays will be here before we know it. Below are a few things you should do this fall to keep your lawn and garden healthy through the winter. You will be glad you completed your list when spring arrives and you lawn is thick and lush.

Fertilize and Repair

In September, it is necessary to provide a balanced fertilizer, type NPK 15-15-15, but ask your local Nursery what is the correct type for your lawn. This will promote root growth and the overall health of the lawn for the coming year.

The grass has suffered a lot of games, trampling and extreme heat during the summer. Take advantage of late September or early October to renovate the peeled areas.

Once the heat has passed, you can, if you wish, lower the cutting height and mow shorter than in summer. However, during the last mowing, it is good to mow quite high (at least 5 cm). This will make your lawn more resistant to diseases and help it to leave faster in the spring.



Pick up the dead leaves

Leaving leaves on your lawn will promote disease and also choke and kill your grass. There are two easy ways to remove them...mow or blow. REMEMBER, if the leaves are wet when they fall, you need to remove them quickly. The weight

and moisture will destroy your lawn and shrubs quickly.



Planting

Fall planting—Begin planting trees and shrubs this month. Planting in autumn allows them time to grow roots and transition into the garden.

Water—As temperatures begin to cool, plants need less water. Adjust your watering schedule for lawns, borders, and containers. Pay close attention to containers as they tend to become waterlogged.

Color beds—Remove spent summer annuals, prepare the soil, and plant cool-weather annuals now. Add a balanced slow-release fertilizer, organic matter such as composted pine bark, and then till the bed before planting.

Pest!—Grub worms are a white, fleshy larvae that live in the ground until emerging as a beetle. They leave large brown patches in the lawn that often get confused with brown patch. No matter what type of lawn you have, grub worms can be a problem. It is easy to diagnose them as you simply dig into the affected area and if you have more than a handful, they are likely your culprit. If the problem gets too bad, i.e., your lawn displays several larva-infested brown patches, you might need to treat it. Look for a granular grub killer. It is recommended to treat the entire lawn and not only

the affected area. Next on the hit list are chinch bugs. These little critters love the heat. They typically attack lawns at the edges first, often near a side walk. Chinch bugs are treated with an insecticide spray.

I know this is quite a bit of information at once, but don't let it overwhelm you. Getting your lawn on a good watering schedule, knowing when to fertilize and being aware of what problems could arise, and simply knowing how to handle them will get your lawn lush and green in no time. That's all I have for now, but I'll be back with more information soon. Until then, happy gardening!

Debbie



Debbie Price
Landscape Chairman
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Neighborhood Book Club Report

I am Janet McCrum, one of the founding members of our Neighborhood Book Club (NBC). For those that are not familiar with the NBC, here is some information. We had our kick off meeting on June 7, 2010. Our initial meeting was to agree on how often we would meet, determine where to meet and establish some guidelines.

How often:

We meet every other month (odd months) falling on the second Tuesday of that month. We will meet for no longer than 2 hours. We chose to cap the number of members at 12 believing this would give everyone the opportunity to speak without feeling uncomfortable. Currently we are at eleven members.

Where:

Meetings would occur in our homes with the person who chose the book being the facilitator and hostess. The facilitator would research and present a short bio or interesting facts about the author. The facilitator would also lead the discussion, keeping us on track.

Guidelines:

1. Acceptable genres include but not limited to: murder/mystery, historical fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, fiction, and biographies

2. Genres not acceptable: westerns, science fiction, and religion.

3. Length of books should be 300 - 400 pages or close to it. If the book is 500 pages or more the person selecting the book must present it at a meeting to discuss reasons to go to 500 pages so that the group can agree or not to read a longer book.

4. Try to finish the book selected so that you can fully participate.

5. Be prepared, read the book in advance so that you are not disappointed when the outcome during discussion is revealed.

At this point in time we have read 55 books with a mixture of historical fiction, fiction, memoirs, mysteries, non-fiction, biographies, and autobiographies.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or are considering joining our group, please feel free to contact me at: tmngjanet@aol.com.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 8, 2019
Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Betsy Wise 4321 Oak Knoll Dr.
Book: Summer of '69.
Author: Elin Hilderbrand

Janet McCrum

Book Club Coordinator



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by Elin Hilderbrand



Do you have a contribution for The Highlander? Submit articles, letters and suggestions to the editor at newsletter@hoppr.org by October 20 for publication in the November/December 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>

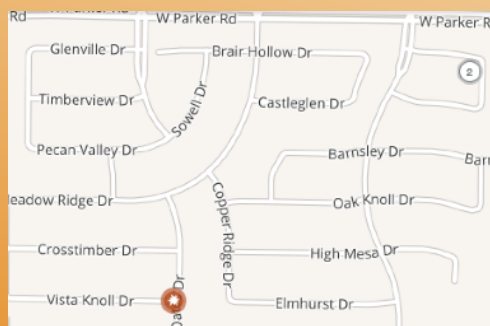
There have been 3 incidents of breaking & entering in our neighborhood in the past 3 months.

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.

July 13 around 8 pm:
4500 Block Vista Knoll

August 13 around 12 pm:
4300 Block Wingren (2)



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Fall projects are under way!

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

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 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 **Todd Marsh** was second in June.

The Men's Bridge Club did not meet in July or 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 Rice was first and **Marylin Layher** was second in June.

Paulette Armstrong was first and **Betsy Wise** was second in July.

The Ladies' Bridge Club did not meet in August.

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

SOCIAL NEWS

Chili Cook-Off & National Night Out

There will be fun & free activities for all ages! Police car tours, bounce house, chili cook-off, hot-dogs and a Also, don't forget the raffle!



Tuesday, October 1st

Location: Corner of Woodmoor & Castleglen

Time: 6:00 to dusk



CHILI COOK-OFF PARTICIPANTS:

Do you think you have the best chili in the neighborhood? Enter the chili cook-off and receive an extra raffle ticket!

INSTRUCTIONS: Arrive by 5:45 with your chili in a crock pot! We will have plugs to keep it hot. (Email kstindall@outlook.com if you are entering competition so we are prepared with enough outlets!)

Our 1st place winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card and our 2nd and 3rd place winners will each receive a \$25 Visa gift card! Winners and Raffles announced at 7:00pm!

RAFFLE: Prizes to be Announced!

Must be present to win. One ticket per person. (*Chili participants and volunteers each get one extra ticket for participating!*) Winner to be announced at 7:00pm!

KIDS:

A Plano Police Officer will be there to speak to our crowd! There will also be a bounce house and DJ to entertain the kids. Lots of fun prizes for them to win!

There will be plenty of chili and fixins to eat but please bring your own beverage. We will have waters while they last!

PARKING

We ask that those on Woodmoor do not park cars on the street between 5:00 and 7:30 that day if possible.

During this event police officers will be pulling into the neighborhood and parking on Woodmoor. They need to be able enter and exit through all streets. On Castleglen and Briarhollow, during this event especially, please ask family members and friends not to park parallel to another car on the other side of the street as it makes for a narrow access. The city has asked that we don't park this way anyway but especially this night since we know an emergency vehicle needs access.

Alleys

The alley at the south end of Woodmoor (at Castleglen) will be blocked during this time frame. Please enter/exit at the other end of alley during the event.

The alley at the east end of Castleglen/Briarhollow will be blocked as well. (exiting out on Woodmoor) We ask that you enter/exit at the west end of alley onto Preston Meadow during the event.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and hope to see all our neighbors there!

Questions: kstindall@outlook.com or 937-304-1959

