

MAY/JUNE 2020



## HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

# The Highlander

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## BOARD MEMBERS

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Wow, what a crazy couple of months this has been ... our whole world turned upside down in a matter of days. I hope everyone remains healthy and is staying safe, especially now as we slowly begin our "release" back into public.

If you know of someone that is struggling, needs help getting groceries, or just needs help around the house, we have a "Good Neighbor" committee that is willing and able to help, no questions asked. Please don't think you have to "take-it-all" on yourself. This is a community. Please just reach out to me at [President@HOPPR.org](mailto:President@HOPPR.org) and we can talk and see what we can do to help.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the upcoming neighborhood functions. If you have not already done so, there is a community website called "Nextdoor" that is easy to set up at [www.nextdoor.com](http://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 plan to have exterior work done or if work is already 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](http://www.hoppr.org) or at the CMA website.

We recently had that "social butterfly" step forward to take on some of the social outings for the HOA. She has lots of experience with these types of activities and has lots of neat ideas that we can try. We

just have to wait a little longer before we can all get together again. Be on the lookout for an article from her and a blast on an upcoming social event, as soon as it is safe.

As mentioned in her final newsletter article, Debbie Price, our longtime landscape committee chairperson has decided to finally step away from the position and we want to say "Thank you" for all that she has done in the past as a board member as well as her exceptional work as landscape committee chair. With that said, we are now looking for someone that has that "green thumb" and is willing to help contribute to the newsletter and participate with the board as our landscape contact. Please reach out to me at [President@HOPPR.org](mailto:President@HOPPR.org) if you are interested in taking on this chair position.

We have several organized groups in 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 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 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](mailto:President@HOPPR.org).

Warmest regards, Matt Frishman  
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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](mailto: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  
MEETINGS**

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 13  
AT 6 PM**

**ON ZOOM**

**CONTACT  
MATT FRISHMAN  
AT  
[PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@HOPPR.ORG)  
FOR ZOOM ROOM**



**Dale McGilvray**  
**Welcome Committee Chair**  
[welcome@hoppr.org](mailto:welcome@hoppr.org)

### A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to  
the directory:

James & Marilyn Farrell  
2801 Copper Ridge

Semina Kim  
4412 Briar Hollow

Nancy Kitzler  
4404 Oak Knoll

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

Rich & Alayne  
2801 Copper Ridge

Roger Xiong  
4412 Briar Hollow

Jeffrey & Ann Newman  
4404 Oak Knoll



**Do you have a  
contribution for  
The Highlander?  
Submit articles,  
letters and  
suggestions to the  
editor at  
[newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)  
by June 20 for  
publication in the  
July/August issue.**



# LANDSCAPE



Hi Neighbors.

Wow, the last few weeks have been challenging and interesting to say the least. Luckily for many of us, the weather has been wonderful and we have been able to get outside. It's been great to see so many families walking, riding bikes and just playing outside.

Well, now is the time to give our flower beds some TLC and attention. This can be a family affair...what kids doesn't like to pay in the dirt? This can be part of home school too. Plant, water, monitor the growth and possible enjoy the product is you planted herbs or a garden.

We have been so lucky that we have gotten rains, warm days and sunshine. Now is the time to attack those pesky weeds and treat our lawns so they will be pristine this summer. If anyone is overwhelmed and needs a little help we have the "Good Neighbor Programs" and you can reach out to them. We are all in this together. My grandmother use to say, "Life can be hard, but if you look for the good you'll never know it."

Below are some tips for spring care. Stay safe and wash your hands!

*Debbie Price*

## May

**Lawns**—Once your brown turf has turned green, it is time to fertilize on a regular basis. Some warm-season grasses, such as hybrid Bermuda and Zoysia types, like high-nitrogen-based lawn fertilizers. Remember high-nitrogen fertilizers always have a large first number in the ratio listed on the bag. Be sure to apply according to label directions to prevent burning your lawn.

**Mowing**—Cutting your lawn too short will only allow weed to

germinate. Make sure you have a sharp blade and only cut about 1/3 of the grass blade when you mow. If you have a lawn service, be sure to tell them if they are cutting your lawn too short. It will stress your grass and can lead to brown and bare spot in your lawn. Also, consider not bagging your clippings. Mulching as you mow puts the grass particles back into the turf, providing nutrients such as nitrogen to the soil. You'll end up with healthier turf.

**Pruning**—Once plants have leafed out, it is time to make a final pruning to remove winter damage. Always cut the limb or shoot back to live wood. If the damage to the plant is severe, you might consider replacing it.

**Annuals**—It's time to finish planting your summer annuals, such as petunias, marigolds, salvia, and impatiens. If the plants are in pots or trays, make sure the roots are not so matted they can't expand outward into the soil easily. If they are, gently pull the roots apart.

**Mulch**—Apply mulch around newly planted annuals, shrubs and trees to better transition these plants into your garden. The extra mulch will reduce water loss and heat stress to the new roots.

## June

**Water**—Pay attention to hanging baskets and containers, because they dry out more quickly with the warmer temperatures. Water plants at dawn and dusk to reduce water loss from evaporation. if you have newly planted additions to your garden, you will need to water them more than established areas.

## Watering tips

The best time to water your lawn is the early morning because the sun will help dry the grass. Nighttime watering can result in prolonged moisture on the blades, which can open the door for some diseases. It is better to water less often, but for prolonged periods. Just wetting down the grass isn't watering the grass. You need to soak the lawn so the soil moisture goes down several inches. To know if you watering enough, try the soup can test. Set an empty can next to your lawn sprinkler. When there is about an 1/2 inch of water in the can, it's time to turn off the sprinkler.

**Houseplants**—Place houseplants outside in a shady location to enjoy the fresh air and rejuvenate. Water regularly, and feed with an all-purpose (20-20-20) water-soluble fertilizer to encourage growth.

By following a few of these simple lawn and garden rules of thumb, you will create a lush and healthy lawn and garden that will be ready for the summer heat during July and August. A little prep work will let you breeze through summer.

{Special thanks to Debbie Price for her Intro and permission to use this landscaping info. from a previous issue.}



# Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club selection for the May meeting is:

## That Churchill Woman

by Stephanie Barron

### Author Biography:

Francine Mathews (who also writes as Stephanie Barron) was born Francine Stephanie Barron in Binghamton, NY in 1963, the last of six girls. Her father was a retired general in the Air Force, her mother a beautiful woman who loved to dance. The family spent their summers on Cape Cod, where two of the Barron girls now live with their families; Francine's passion for Nantucket and the New England shoreline dates from her earliest memories. She grew up in Washington, D.C., and attended Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, a two hundred year-old Catholic school for girls that shares a wall with Georgetown University. Her father died of a heart attack during her freshman year.

She wrote her first book in 1992 and left the Agency a year later. Fifteen books have followed, along with sundry children, dogs, and houses. When she's not writing, she likes to ski, garden, needlepoint, and purchase art.

### Synopsis:

Breathing new life into Jennie's legacy and the glittering world over which she reigned, *That Churchill Woman* paints a portrait of the difficult - and sometimes impossible - balance among love, freedom, and obligation, while capturing the spirit of an unforgettable woman, one who altered the course of history.

Wealthy, privileged, and fiercely independent New Yorker Jennie

Jerome took Victorian England by storm when she landed on its shores. As Lady Randolph Churchill, she gave birth to a man who defined the twentieth century: her son Winston. But Jennie - reared in the luxury of Gilded Age Newport and the Paris of the Second Empire - lived an outrageously modern life all her own, filled with controversy, passion, tragedy, and triumph.

When the nineteen-year-old beauty agrees to marry the son of a duke she has known only three days, she's instantly swept up in a whirlwind of British politics and the breathless social climbing of the Marlborough House Set, the reckless men who surround Bertie, Prince of Wales. Raised to think for herself and careless of English society rules, the new Lady Randolph Churchill quickly becomes a London sensation: adored by some, despised by others.

Artistically gifted and politically shrewd, she shapes her husband's rise in Parliament and her young son's difficult passage through boyhood. But as the family's influence soars, scandals explode and tragedy befalls the Churchills. Jennie is inescapably drawn to the brilliant and seductive Count Charles Kinsky - diplomat, skilled horse-racer, deeply passionate lover. Their affair only intensifies as Randolph Churchill's sanity frays, and Jennie - a woman whose every move on the public stage is judged - must walk a tightrope between duty and desire. Forced to decide where her heart truly belongs, Jennie risks everything - even her son - and disrupts lives, including her own, on both sides of the Atlantic.

## Next Meeting

To Be Determined  
based on what is  
acceptable in May

Tuesday, May 12

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Kay Hoon

for more information email

Janet McCrum at  
[tmngjanet@aol.com](mailto:tmngjanet@aol.com)

Janet McCrum

Book Club  
Coordinator



## NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter?

Contact: [newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)

*(Information is supplied at request of resident and is not an endorsement by the HOA or Board of Directors)*

## CRIME REPORTS

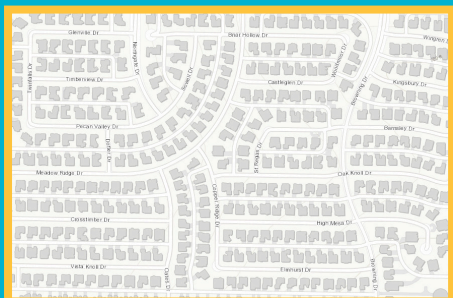
Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 Officer Chris Biane's Safety Minute videos. Click this link to see info about Plano's Smart 911 program. <https://youtu.be/u62Cyike-9I>





## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Spring and summer projects will begin soon. Please remember to let us know your plans by sending in the request for review for any exterior work you may be planning. We can provide a fast approval and early notifications once the ACC has approved your work.

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.

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](mailto:john.p.thune@gmail.com).



**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.

**Due to the virus the Men's Bridge Club did not meet in March or 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.

**Due to the virus the Ladies' Bridge Club did not meet in March or April.**

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

