

JULY/AUGUST 2020

## HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

# *The Highlander*

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## BOARD MEMBERS

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Wow, what a crazy first half of a year...2020 just keeps on surprising us all. I think it is safe to say that summer is slowly catching up to us, so remember to please be safe when outdoors. Also, as more and more people are out walking / riding bikes, please be courteous and say "hello", they may be new to the neighborhood and don't know anyone yet, so would be nice to get to know one another.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the many upcoming functions. One of our wonderful Welcome Committee members should have dropped by to give you some information on the neighborhood that should be helpful. 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](http://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.

Additionally, this is your reminder that you must have ACC approval PRIOR to beginning any work on your exteriors. The form can be found on the neighborhood website, [www.hoppr.org](http://www.hoppr.org) or at [www.cmamanagement.com](http://www.cmamanagement.com).

I would like to welcome our new social committee "co-chair" Susan

Redding, who officially took on the position during our last board meeting in May. She is new to the neighborhood but has lots of good ideas, once we are able to safely get together again in large groups.

We have also found that "green thumb" that we have begun working with on updates to the entrances to the HOA. Be on the lookout for work to begin this fall and along Parker. I believe they will begin contributing to the upcoming newsletters shortly.

As a reminder, there are several organized groups within the neighborhood, including a 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 up 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. If you are interested in joining a committee, please reach out to me directly at [President@hoppr.org](mailto:President@hoppr.org) and we can get you connected with that committee chair person.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out and I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming community events.

Warmest (no pun intended) 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.



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



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 August 20 for publication in the Sept/Oct. issue.

### BOARD MEETINGS

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 12  
AT 6 PM

MAY BE IN  
PERSON OR ON  
ZOOM

CONTACT MATT  
FOR INFO.

IF ON ZOOM  
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# LANDSCAPE



## Lawn Care Tips for Summer

Summer in Texas can be very hot and dry. July, August and September are among the hottest months with the highest temperatures. Here are some lawn care management tips to help your lawn stay healthy throughout the summer.

### Watering

If warm season turf grass undergoes a prolonged period of drought, it can go into summer dormancy. This means that it will cease growth, turn a tan golden-brown color and then recover when water becomes available in the late summer or early fall. Allowing your grass to go dormant is an option when you don't want to water on a regular basis during the hottest and driest weeks of summer.

Summer dormancy is contingent on your lawn's ability to develop deep, healthy roots during periods of active growth. Water-Wise to help encourage deep rooting, deep water infiltration and healthy turf grass growth. If you choose to do this, stop fertilizing because it's best to apply fertilizer products when turf grass is actively growing, not dormant.

### Mowing

During the hottest parts of summer, your lawn may not need to be mowed as often, especially if it is struggling with heat and drought stress. However, many summer weeds are flowering and producing seed. Take steps now to reduce

seed populations in your landscape and reduce weed numbers in the spring. Frequent mowing and removal of clippings during this time can be helpful in managing weed populations.

### Fertilization

Continue to fertilize your lawn as needed to support health turf grass growth. When there isn't as much water to support growth, consider reducing or suspending the amount of fertilizer applications. Nutrient rates including phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) should be determined by a soil test. Soil tests will also help to identify important soil properties like pH, which will influence nutrient availability.

### Insects

Three common lawn insects to be aware of during summer months are Bermuda grass mites, grubs and chinch bugs



**Bermuda grass mites** will thrive in hot temperatures and be very active during the summer. They are not visible to the naked eye. When severe

infestation occurs, they will cause turf grass to thin out and will create a tufted "witch's broom" appearance.

There are several insecticide options for severe cases, but one effective tactic is to scalp the infested area and remove the grass clippings, physically displacing many of the mites

Damage from **turf-feeding grubs** is most visible during summer and early fall. Grub damage appears as irregularly shaped patches resembling drought stress. When grub infestations are severe, turf grass can often be pulled up and rolled back as if it were new sod. Timing is important for treating grubs. Waiting too long can drastically reduce the effectiveness of lawn insecticides.

**Chinch bugs** are common summer pests in southern lawns. They cause the most damage to St. Augustine grass but can also affect other types of turf grass. Chinch bug damage shows up as irregular-shaped patches that spread outward. If your yard has Bermuda grass mixed in, you may notice tufts of Bermuda grass still standing in the middle of dead or thinning St. Augustine. Chinch bugs are visible without magnification, but still somewhat small and sometimes hard to spot without help.

With all the June rain, your lawns should be extremely healthy and ready for the hot days ahead. These tips will help keep your lawn lush and green for the rest of the summer.

*Tips from Debbie Price*





# Neighborhood Book Club Report

The Neighborhood Book Club selection for the July meeting is:

## Where the Forest Meets the Stars

by Glendy Vanderah

### Author Biography:

Glendy Vanderah worked as an endangered bird specialist in Illinois before she became a writer. She also served as an assistant editor for a scientific journal. Glendy married an ornithologist and they left Illinois for Florida when her husband accepted a position at the University of Florida.

Where the Forest Meets the Stars is her debut novel.

### Synopsis:

“After the loss of her mother and her own battle with breast cancer, Joanna Teale returns to her graduate research on nesting birds in rural Illinois, determined to prove that her recent hardships have not broken her. She throws herself into her work from dusk to dawn, until her solitary routine is disrupted by the appearance of a mysterious child who shows up at her cabin barefoot and covered in bruises.”

“The girl calls herself Ursa, and she claims to have been sent from the stars to witness five miracles. With concerns about the child’s home situation, Jo reluctantly agrees to let her stay—just until she learns more about Ursa’s past.”

“Jo enlists the help of her reclusive neighbor, Gabriel Nash, to solve the mystery of the charming child. But the more time they spend together, the more questions they have. How does a young girl not only read but understand Shakespeare? Why do good things keep happening in her presence? And why aren’t Jo and Gabe checking the missing children’s website anymore?”

“Though the three have formed an incredible bond, they know difficult choices must be made. As the summer nears an end and Ursa gets closer to her fifth miracle, her dangerous past closes in. When it finally catches up to them, all of their painful secrets will be forced into the open, and their fates will be left to the stars.”

We will meet at our facilitator, Linda Steinberg’s home at 4408 High Mesa on July 14, 2020 or via Zoom (TBD as we get closer to the date).

*Janet McCrum*  
Book Club Coordinator

## Next Meeting

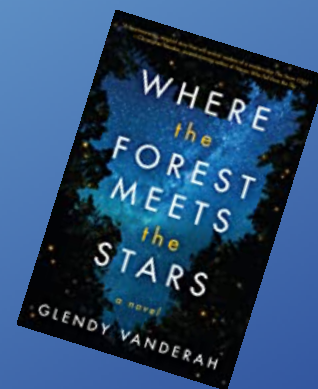
To Be Determined  
based on what is  
acceptable in July

Tuesday, July 14

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Linda Steinberg  
4408 High Mesa

for more information  
email Janet McCrum at  
[tmngjanet@aol.com](mailto:tmngjanet@aol.com)



## 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

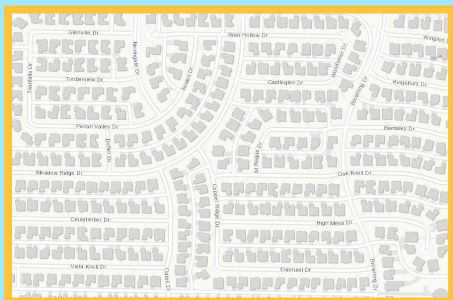
### Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 how to protect yourself from scammers — <https://youtu.be/93FDWGRVE2M>



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



As you begin thinking about your fall projects around the home, 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 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 May or June.**

*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 May or June.**

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

