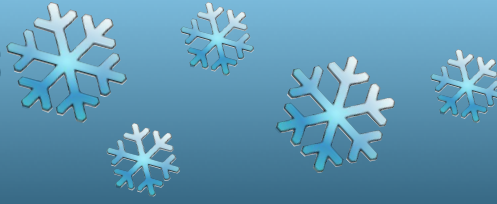


HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Homeowners,

Well, we did it...another year in the books... although this one is one for the ages. For those who don't know me, my name is Matt Frishman and it will be my pleasure to continue serving as the President of HOPPR, a position I have held the past 5+ years. I hope everyone had a smooth end to 2020 and an easy beginning to 2021.

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](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.

I would like to personally say "Thank you" to our outgoing board members, Matt Tindall and Brandon Furman who served 4 years on the board. Your insights, guidance and help have been instrumental in assisting the HOA to reach this point. I would also like to welcome our two newest board members, Celeste Locknane and Howard Apple. While we were not able to formally vote on their appointments at the Annual meeting because we did not have a full quorum, both volunteers were still willing to go ahead and jump onto the board. I am sure you will have a chance to meet Celeste and Howard at our upcoming board meeting on January 6, 2021 online or at an HOA event in the future.

I would also like to say "Thank you" again to our new Social Chairperson, Susan Redding and her assistants. Susan is new to the neighborhood, but has jumped right into the fray and come up with a couple of good events to close out the year as responsibly as possible. We hope that you were able to attend the BBQ and Santa Photos events provided by the HOA.

Additionally, as we discussed at our annual meeting, the board intends to apply for the grant from the city to assist with the landscape changes that we are developing for the privacy screen (Leyland Cyprus) and the entrances to the HOA at Browning and Parker; Preston Meadow and Parker; and Sun Valley). Depending on finalization with the city, work could begin in

early spring. We will have more details to provide in a separate blast once we finalize a timeline with the city and vendors, but feel free to fire away with any questions in the interim.

We still have a couple of openings for Committee Chair persons; they are our ACC (Architectural Control) and Crime Watch Captain. Please reach out to me directly at [President@HOPPR.org](mailto:President@HOPPR.org) if you are interested in either of these positions, and we can discuss the duties and responsibilities prior to you accepting the position.

Hopefully winter will be gentle this year and we will begin to have nicer weather sooner rather than later. With that said, if you plan to get outside and make repairs / clean things up around the house, please remember that if you have any exterior work (in front or in back of your house) scheduled, you need 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.

For those interested there are several organized groups within the neighborhood, including a bridge club and a 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](mailto:president@hoppr.org).

Warmest regards,

*Matt Frishman*

[president@hoppr.org](mailto: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](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)



## LANDSCAPE



Greetings! There is exciting news for Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge in this new year. Plans are near completion to revitalize the common areas located at Browning and Preston Meadow Drive. The biggest project will be the removal of the Leyland Cypress trees between those two streets along Parker. These landscape updates will be enhancements to keep a fresh visual feeling of stability and continuity for our community. To offset the expenses, the City of Plano offers renovation grants on a significant scale for its commitment toward keeping our city the best place to live. The HOPPR board members have submitted requests for the available grant money.

Here is a reminder – renovation and restoration of our neighborhood are constant necessities that should be openly communicated and embraced by the home owners. Please contact a board member with concerns and please contact me if you're interested in volunteering.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!



Cheryl Hill  
Landscape Chair  
[landscape@hoppr.org](mailto:landscape@hoppr.org)

## BOARD MEETINGS



### 2021 SCHEDULE (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



WED. JANUARY 6

WED. MARCH 17

WED. MAY 5

WED. AUG. 11

WED. OCT. 13

ANNUAL MTG.  
MON. NOV. 8

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# Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on January 12, 2021.

Paulette Armstrong is the hostess at 4305 Barnesley from 2:00 to 3:30.

If you are interesting in joining us please contact Janet McCrum at [tmngjanet@aol.com](mailto:tmngjanet@aol.com).

The Neighborhood Book Club selection for the January meeting:

## Anatomy of a Scandal

by Sarah Vaughan

### Author bio:

Sarah Vaughan read English at Oxford and went on to become a journalist. She spent eleven years at the Guardian as a news reporter, health correspondent, and political correspondent. She left to freelance and began writing fiction the week she turned forty. Her debut novel, *The Art of Baking Blind*, was the result. *The Farm at the Edge of the World* was published in June 2016 and will be published in Germany and France. Sarah lives in Cambridge with her husband and two children.

### Synopsis:

Sophie's husband James is a loving father, a handsome man, a charismatic and successful public figure. And yet he stands accused of a terrible crime. Sophie is convinced he is innocent and desperate to protect her precious family from the lies that threaten to rip them apart.

Kate is the lawyer hired to prosecute the case: an experienced professional who knows that the law

is all about winning the argument. And yet Kate seeks the truth at all times. She is certain James is guilty and is determined he will pay for his crimes.

Who is right about James? Sophie or Kate? And is either of them informed by anything more than instinct and personal experience? Despite her privileged upbringing, Sophie is well aware that her beautiful life is not inviolable. She has known it since she and James were first lovers, at Oxford, and she witnessed how easily pleasure could tip into tragedy.

Most people would prefer not to try to understand what passes between a man and a woman when they are alone: alone in bed, alone in an embrace, alone in an elevator... Or alone in the moonlit courtyard of an Oxford college, where a girl once stood before a boy, heart pounding with excitement, then fear. Sophie never understood why her tutorial partner Holly left Oxford so abruptly. What would she think, if she knew the truth?

*Janet McCrum*  
Book Club Coordinator

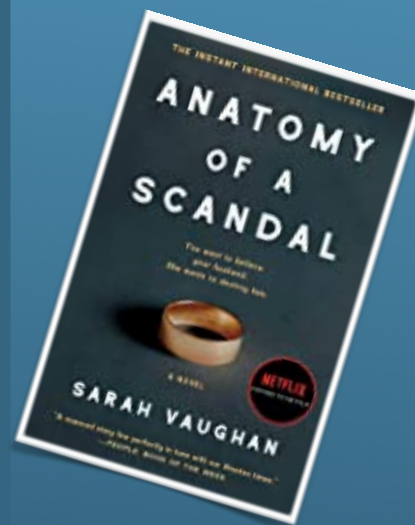
## Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Paulette Armstrong  
4305 Barnesley

for more information  
email Janet McCrum at  
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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 February 20 for publication in the March/April issue.





# Santa Social - 12/20/20

Susan Redding  
Social Committee Chair  
[social@hoppr.org](mailto:social@hoppr.org)



# Santa Social 12/20/20



## 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 how to avoid Customer Support Remote Access scams with tips from Plano Police. [https://youtu.be/vPX70r1YG08?list=PLGbwNR\\_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e](https://youtu.be/vPX70r1YG08?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e)



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



It has been my pleasure to serve as the Homeowners Association Architectural Chairman since 2016. I will be stepping down from this position in 2021. Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on the committee, or as Chairman of the Architectural Committee.

It's easy to submit your project request online. Simply go to [hoppr.org](http://hoppr.org). You will find the ACC application under "Useful Links". There you will find the CMA Management link to login or register. You can complete your ACC application and upload your supporting documents easily. The applications will be processed more quickly than submitting a request on paper. Always provide contact information, either email or phone.

Remember... These are common work items that should be submitted 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.
- Mailbox modifications

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.

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 [www.hoppr.org](http://www.hoppr.org). Online ACC applications are easy with an account set up. Visit this link: <https://cma.cincwebaxis.com/cinc/acc-review/>

Questions about your planned improvements? 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 November or 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.

**Due to the virus the Ladies' Bridge Club did not meet in November or December**

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