

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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Dear Homeowners,

I hope that everyone is doing OK and staying safe in this crazy time. Continue to look out for yourselves, your family and friends. We all need to help support one another and stay connected.

The neighborhood kids began their year remotely, but soon some will begin face to face school, so please watch out for the kids that might be walking or biking to school in the mornings and afternoons.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! One of our Welcome Committee members should be dropping by to give you some information on the neighborhood that could 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. On this site, you can post bulletins with information and questions and view the City of Plano crime watch information. The site also serves as a search tool with recommendations for service providers within the community.

We are looking at trying different ideas to get out as a neighborhood and be "Social". We know that personal interaction is important, so the social committee and board are brainstorming ideas; however, if you have something you want to suggest, please feel free to email me or our social chair at srcss@aol.com, especially if you are willing to help out!

There are several organized clubs/groups within the neighborhood, including a bridge club and a book club, which unfortunately haven't been able to meet on their regular basis, but be on the lookout for when those clubs will fire up again. If you would like to join one of these groups or would like to start a group, please feel free to

do so. 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 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 9th at 7:00pm. The location will be ONLINE via a ZOOM call. The ONLINE Meeting ID is: 971 124 9385 for anyone that wishes to attend virtually. If you wish to dial in to the meeting to listen, that number is: 346 248 7799 and you will need to punch in the meeting ID when prompted.

Please be on the lookout for the proxies in your mail and remember to send those back (scan/email, take a picture/email, fax, drop off at CMA offices or at one of the board members houses, it doesn't matter... please, just get it back).

On behalf of the current board and your neighbors, we are asking for volunteers to step up and run for election. There are currently 2 positions coming up for re-election, so 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 and I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming community events.

Warmest (no pun intended) regards,

Matt Frishman

President@HOPPR.org



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



**PLEASE SEND IN
YOUR PROXY IF
YOU CANNOT
ATTEND THE
ANNUAL
MEETING!!**



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.

BOARD MEETINGS

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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14
6 PM

ZOOM

MEETING ID:
971 124 9385

ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 9
AT 7 PM

ONLINE VIA
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LANDSCAPE



Landscaping in Texas

As sure as the sun rises and sets, we Texans know that July and August will be hot and dry. It's not only hot and dry during these months, but the hot weather often begins in June and may continue on through September. So, here is an option for our yards that has beauty and color for less money and less time in the heat than decorative flower beds.

A good method for landscaping in areas that have water restrictions is to Xeriscape. The maintenance expense is ideal. To begin, sketch out a plan and get a mental vision of the area to be planted. This is most helpful before the first dig. Definitely have these before shopping if not using a landscape company. Do not be restricted to the thought of just using cactus, yucca or native plants over a bed of rocks. A good Xeriscape plan or design should also include plants that are well-adapted for local use and known to have little, if any, pest and disease problems. When the recommended plants are established they require minimal upkeep and water.

Another important basic when beginning a Xeriscape project is to check the soil. This step could save time and money. If soil provisions can't be made for plant needs then don't plant them.

The best time for planting all winter-hardy landscape plants in Texas is Fall. It is the recommended time to best establish good root adaptation and growth. The statement "Fall is for planting" is very true and will soon be here.

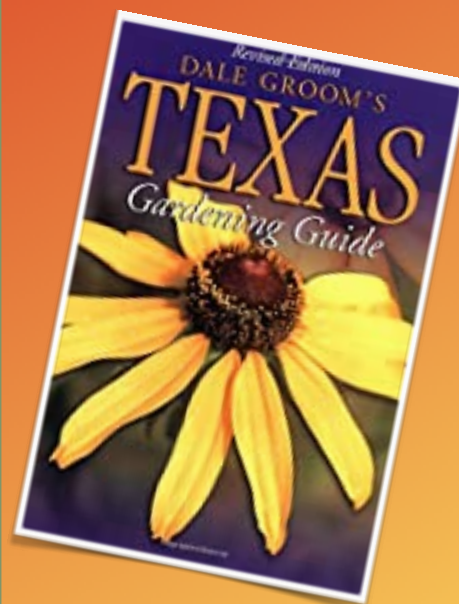
After planting, mulch and continue mulching on a year-round basis. The soil around the plants should have a 3 to 4 inch layer of organic or bark mulch. This is the most preferred product to use instead of other layering materials such as pea gravel, lava rock or crushed stone. Maintain the selected mulch layer and water wisely. A drip irrigation system works best and is more efficient for these landscape plantings.

Two important words to always remember with a Xeriscape plan are "once established". A drought tolerant plant used in Xeriscaping still requires attention during initial establishment. Proper plant maintenance includes

fertilizing, pruning, controlling weeds, insects, and diseases. Adherence to these beginning basics will result in a beautiful plant bed that needs less water and upkeep than traditional flower beds.

Dale Groom's Texas Gardening Guide provides detailed information on the soil needs for over 170 plants for Texas landscapes. There is also a very long list of recommended plants for Texas Xeriscapes.

*Cheryl Hill
Landscape Chair*





Neighborhood Book Club Report



The Neighborhood Book Club selection for the September meeting is:

The Escape Artists: A Band of Daredevil Pilots and the Greatest Prison Breakout of WWI

by Neal Bascomb

Author Biography:

He is an American journalist and author, known for his books on popular history. He graduated from Miami University with a B.A. in Economics and English Literature.

After graduation, he worked as a journalist in London, Paris, and Dublin. He was an editor and in 2000, he began writing books full-time. His books have ranked on a number of bestseller lists, been optioned for film, and been published in over 15 countries.

Synopsis from the author's website:

"In the winter trenches and flak-filled skies of World War I, captured soldiers and pilots narrowly avoided death only to find themselves imprisoned in Germany's archipelago of brutal POW camps. After several unsuccessful escapes, a group of Allied prisoners of Holzminden - Germany's land-locked Alcatraz-hatched the most elaborate escape plan yet known. With ingenious engineering, disguises, forgery and courage, their story would electrify Britain in some of its darkest hours of the war."

"Desperate to break out of "Hellminden" and return to the fight, a group of Allied prisoners led by ace pilot (and former Army

sapper) David Gray hatch an elaborate escape plan. Their plot demands a risky feat of engineering as well as a bevy of disguises, forged documents, fake walls, and steely resolve. Once beyond the watch towers and round-the-clock patrols, Gray and almost a dozen of his half-starved fellow prisoners must then make a heroic 150 mile dash through enemy-occupied territory towards free Holland."

"Drawing on never-before-seen memoirs and letters, Neal Bascomb brings this narrative to cinematic life, amid the twilight of the British Empire and the darkest, most savage hours of the fight against Germany. At turns tragic, funny, inspirational, and nail-biting suspenseful, this is the little-known story of the biggest POW breakout of the Great War."

The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on September 8, 2020.

Nancy Gibbs is the hostess at 4320 Kingsbury Dr. from 2:00 to 3:00.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Janet McCrum at tmngjanet@aol.com

*Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator*

Next Meeting

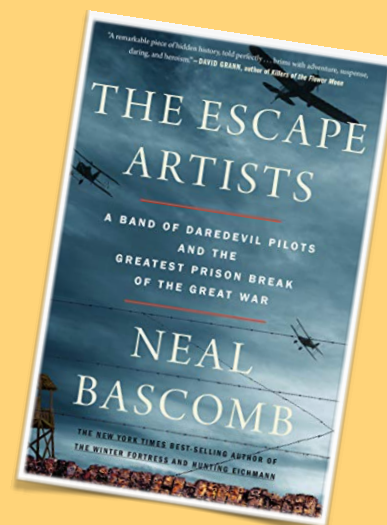
Tuesday, September 8

Time: 2 - 3:00 p.m.

Nancy Gibbs

4320 Kingsbury Dr.

**for more information
email Janet McCrum at
tmngjanet@aol.com**



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

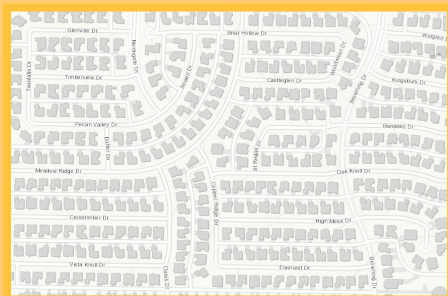
Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 Officer Chris Biane's Safety Minute videos. Click this link to see info about how to protect yourself from mail theft. <https://youtu.be/IIFPRGoBuWk>





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.



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 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.

Due to the virus the Ladies' Bridge Club did not meet in July or August

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

