

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

*The Highlander*

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**BOARD MEMBERS**



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Homeowners,

I hope that everyone survived “snow-apocalypse” or “ice-magedon” 2021...what a CRAZY week; hopefully we don’t have to ever experience that again. Now, what is the saying, “April showers bring May flowers”... well, hang on to your hats as we all know that Texas weather has a mind of its own, so I guess we will see how much rain we will get...and we all know that it won’t be long before the sun is out and the Texas summer heat is upon us. Fingers crossed that spring will maintain moderate temperatures and bring rain as well as wonderful colors from the plants and trees as they awaken from their slumber.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, let me say “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 for our neighborhood at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Through this site, the City of Plano communicates crime watch information as well as provides a search tool and recommendations for service providers within the community.

We are working on a potential outdoor spring social event with our favorite bunny and eggs, so be on the lookout for information as we finalize our plans... hopefully the weather cooperates and we can pull off another event. If you have ideas, please email them to [Social@hoppr.org](mailto:Social@hoppr.org) or you can email me and I will get them over to Susan.

With nicer weather brings the chance to get outside and make repairs / clean things up on the house. Here is your reminder, if you are planning **ANY** exterior work (in

front or in back of your house) for this year, 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 will hopefully begin our large project to remove the trees along Parker Road and replace / update that area here in early spring. Please note that this will at least a 30 – 45 day long project, and we will be reaching out to those homeowners that back up to that area and would be most affected directly here in the next few weeks, well in advance of beginning any work, to discuss the details and try to mitigate any inconveniences.

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,  
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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

### 2021 SCHEDULE

(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WED. MARCH 17

WED. MAY 5

WED. AUG. 11

WED. OCT. 13

ANNUAL MTG.  
MON. NOV. 8

ALL MEETINGS WILL  
BE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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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:

Matt & Caroline Green  
2005 Copper Ridge

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

Trond Soerensen  
&  
Nicola Trumble  
2005 Copper Ridge



HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR HOA DUES?

THE DEADLINE  
WAS JANUARY 15.



# NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on March 9, 2021.

Barbara Rice is the hostess at  
4443 High Mesa  
from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

## We Were the Lucky Ones

Genres: Historical Fiction,  
Biographical Fiction

**Author: Georgia Hunter**

When Georgia Hunter was fifteen years old, she learned that she came from a family of Holocaust survivors. *We Were the Lucky Ones* was born of her quest to uncover her family's staggering history. For as long as I can remember, I've loved to write. I penned my first "novel" when I was four years old, and titled it Charlie Walks the Beast after my father's recently published sci-fi novel, *Softly Walks the Beast*. When I was eleven, I pitched an article—an Opinion piece on how I'd spend my last day if the world were about to come to an end—to the local newspaper. Since that debut in the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle*, my personal essays and photos have been featured in places like the *New York Times* "Why We Travel," in *travelgirl* magazine, and on [Equitrekking.com](http://Equitrekking.com). I've also taken on the role of freelance copywriter in the world of adventure travel, crafting marketing materials for outfitters such as Austin Adventures and The Explorer's Passage.

### Synopsis:

Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive.

It is the spring of 1939 and three generations of the Kurc family are doing their best to live normal lives, even as the shadow of war grows closer. The talk around the family Seder table is of new babies and budding romance, not of the increasing hardships threatening Jews in their hometown of Radom, Poland. But soon the horrors overtaking Europe will become inescapable and the Kurcs will be flung to the far corners of the world, each desperately trying to navigate his or her own path to safety.

As one sibling is forced into exile, another attempts to flee the continent, while others struggle to escape certain death, either by working grueling hours on empty stomachs in the factories of the ghetto or by hiding as gentiles in plain sight. Driven by an unwavering will to survive and by the fear that they may never see one another again, the Kurcs must rely on hope, ingenuity, and inner strength to persevere.

*Janet McCrum*  
Book Club Coordinator

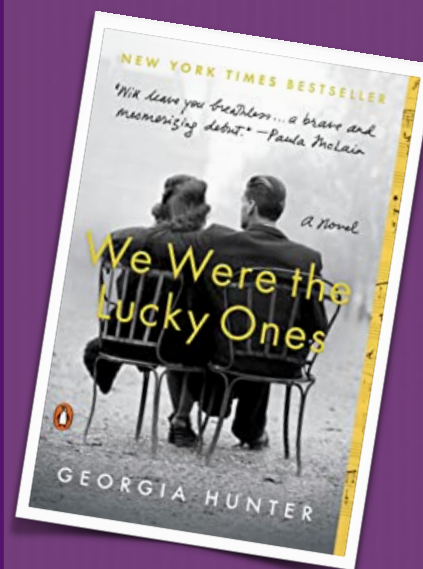
## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Barbara Rice  
4443 High Mesa

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

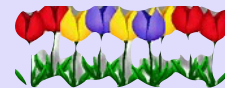


Do you have a contribution for The Highlander?  
Submit articles, letters and suggestions to the editor at [newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org) by April 20 for publication in the May/June issue.





# LANDSCAPE



Dear Neighbors,

*Because of the recent frigid weather and the fact my search on gardening/landscaping tips for a normal February just didn't address any issues caused by the freeze, I am sending the advice of highly respected Neil Sperry that he gives on his website.*

## Anticipating the Aftermath

Warmer weather is just hours away. This has been brutal, and we're about to discover just how brutal it really has been to our landscapes and gardens.

I hope you're able to find a bright light in all this, however. Maybe this is your chance to do some re-landscaping. Those changes you've been wanting to make? This can be the big year.

Here's how we should start...

Once it's decent enough to work outside once again, here are things you'll want to do, roughly in the order in which I would suggest them.

- Walk your grounds and look for any signs of water leaks. In parts of

Texas, pressurized pipes may have been shallow enough to have frozen. Once they thaw, there may be repairs to be made.

- At the same time, look up at your tree limbs to check for any that might have cracked from the ice, snow or wind. If necessary, call in the help of a certified arborist.

- Brush off the frost cloth to remove accumulated snow and leaves. If it's coated in ice you may have to wait until that melts. You want to work carefully so you don't break plants beneath the protection.

- Don't move hoses that might still contain ice. Let them thaw completely so you don't damage them.

- Don't assume that a plant is dead just because it has browned leaves. Stem tissue is actually the better measure. If it has cracked and if it is turning mushy or brittle, that part of the plant is probably lost. But if it remains flexible and bright green when scratched with your thumbnail, leave it alone.

- While you have a few moments, Google the 1990 USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. It has been replaced most places with the 2012

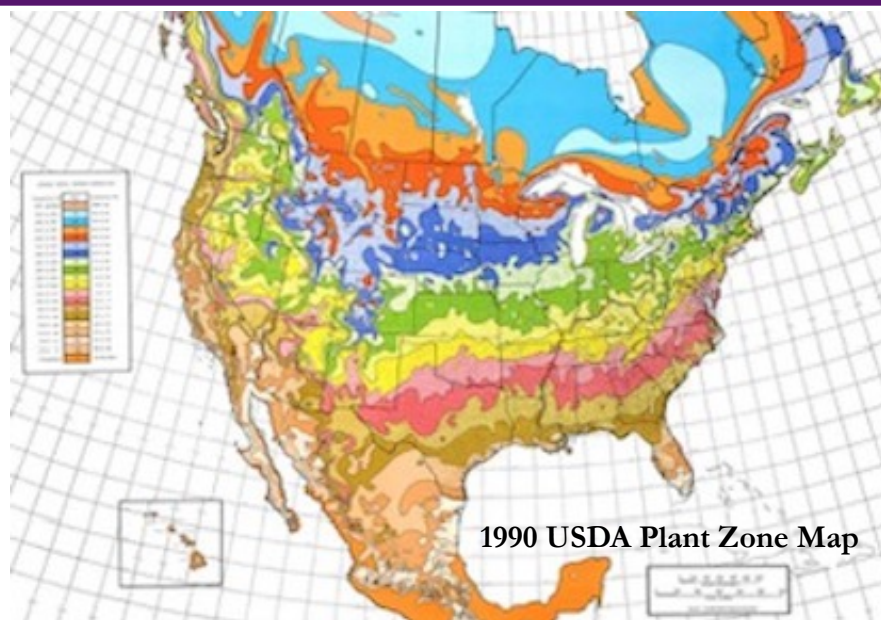
map, but the older one has a truer representation of the weather we encounter in Texas – not just in record-setting cold spells like this one, but also in 10-year averages. The newer map moved many countries up too far to the north. That effectively tempted us to try plants that would prove not to be winter-hardy in our area.

When in doubt, always refer to the 1990 map. If you have my book Neil Sperry's Lone Star Gardening (not in stores and not on Amazon), see page 5 to compare the two maps.

- As for perennial gardens, they will be fine. Remember that most perennials grow quite well clear to the Canadian border. This week was average for one of their winters.

- Your flower and vegetable planting schedules may need to be tweaked. Remember that hot weather is the enemy for many of our spring flowers and vegetables. Plant at the right time, or if you've missed that time due to the cold, just move on to other crops.

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



## 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

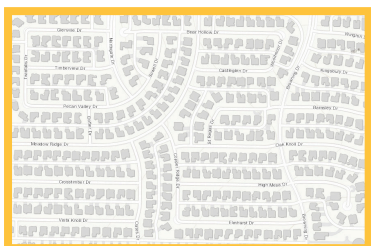
### Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 learn how to Protect Senior Citizens with tips from Plano Police. <https://youtu.be/CGctfvPyalo?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



John Thune  
ACC Chairperson  
214-437-9753

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).

### 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 January or February.**

*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 January or February.**

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