

## HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

*The Highlander*[www.hoppr.org](http://www.hoppr.org)

## BOARD MEMBERS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

When I work on these newsletters, I typically find myself looking back at the ones I have done previously for this cycle for the upcoming newsletter...all I can say is WOW! I think we all must remain vigilant in our daily lives, but it is hard to believe it has been a year already...what a dramatic change in all of our lives. I continue to hope and pray that everyone remains healthy and is staying safe, especially now as we slowly get back to our new "normal".

If you know of someone that is struggling 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 "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 hopefully meeting you at one of the 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, as well as provides a search tool and recommendations for service providers within the community.

We recently had our first "Easter Bunny" encounter, and I hope that those that were able to attend enjoyed themselves. We are going to continue to try and do things like this in the future, so be on the lookout for those blasts and signs going up. Ms. Susan is continually coming up with new ideas, so be on the lookout for a blast on an upcoming adult social event, coming soon to the HOA.

As a reminder, if you plan to have exterior work done or 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.

The board and our new landscape committee chair, Cheryl Hill, continue to work and plan on the repair / updates to the entrances and the trees along Parker. The board decided to hold off on replacing the trees and have worked hard to develop this new approach to providing a new look that maintains privacy, while keeping costs in line with the budget for this scale of project. If you have any questions on the plan, please feel free to reach out to me at [President@HOPPR.org](mailto:President@HOPPR.org) or Cheryl.

We have several organized clubs and groups within the neighborhood. Some of these clubs are meeting, so if you have an interest, we have a bridge club as well as book clubs for men and women 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 to become involved in the HOA. We are always on the lookout for community members looking to give back and help out with the board and 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

### 2021 SCHEDULE

(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WED. MAY 5

WED. AUG. 11

WED. OCT. 13

ANNUAL MTG.  
MON. NOV. 8

ALL MEETINGS WILL  
BE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

MEETING ID:  
971 124 9385

OR

DIAL IN TO LISTEN  
346 248 7799

YOU WILL NEED TO  
PUNCH IN THE  
MEETING ID WHEN  
PROMPTED



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:

John & Amparo Buell  
3009 St. Regas

Tom & Katy Endo  
4413 Oak Knoll Dr.

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

Guy & Susan York  
3009 St. Regas

Ron & Luann Cohen  
4413 Oak Knoll

## HOPPR Directory

This Summer will be my third and last directory. If anyone is interested in taking over for me, let me know, and we can work together on the next issue. It's fairly easy to keep updated. A knowledge of Excel is helpful. Also, if anyone has any changes, additions, corrections, etc to the directory, let me know at [jrtx99@yahoo.com](mailto:jrtx99@yahoo.com). Thanks. Jim Rice (972) 519-0160.



## NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on May 11, 2021.

Betsy Wise is the hostess at  
4321 Oak Knoll Dr  
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).

### The Dutch House

Genres: Historical Fiction,  
Biographical Fiction

**Author: Ann Patchett**

#### Author Bio:

Ann Patchett is the author of seven novels. She was the editor of *Best American Short Stories, 2006*, and has written three books of nonfiction.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, Patchett has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including England's Orange Prize, PEN/Faulkner Award, the Harold D. Vursell Memorial Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Book Sense Book of the Year, a Guggenheim Fellowship, The Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize, The Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the American Bookseller's Association's "Most Engaging Author Award", and the Women's National Book Association's Award. Her books have been both New York Times Notable Books and New York Times bestsellers. Her work has been translated into more than thirty languages.

In November, 2011, she opened Parnassus Books in Nashville, Tennessee, with Karen Hayes. She has since gone on to be a spokesperson for independent booksellers, talking about books and bookstores on "The Colbert Report," NPR, "The Martha Stewart Show" and "The CBS Early Show." Along with James Patterson she was the

honorary chair of World Book Night. In 2012 she was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Ann Patchett lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, Karl VanDevender, and their dog, Sparky.

#### Synopsis:

At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves.

The story is told by Cyril's son Danny, as he and his older sister, the brilliantly acerbic and self-assured Maeve, are exiled from the house where they grew up with their stepmother. The two wealthy siblings are thrown back into the poverty their parents had escaped from and find that all they have to count on is one another. It is this unshakeable bond between them that both saves their lives and thwarts their futures.

Set over the course of five decades, *The Dutch House* is a dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past. Despite every outward sign of success, Danny and Maeve are only truly comfortable when they're together. Throughout their lives they return to the well-worn story of what they've lost with humor and rage. But when at last they're forced to confront the people who left them behind, the relationship between an indulged brother and his ever-protective sister is finally tested.

*Janet McCrum*  
Book Club Coordinator



### Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Betsy Wise  
4321 Oak Knoll Dr.  
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  
June 20 for publication in  
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# LANDSCAPE



Dear Neighbors

When I imagine a dream garden, I often think of plants growing in rich, loose soil in a sunny location. I envision bees happily buzzing, hummingbirds “humming,” and butterflies fluttering among the blossoms.

All of that quickly disappears and reality sets in while trying to plant my very first flower bed.

**CLAY!** It is one of the most difficult conditions a gardener can face. It's wet and dense, and it can bake as solid as a brick in the sun. This leaves little room for water and air to circulate.

Choosing plants to grow in clay soil takes some discretion.

But there are some that not only tolerate clay soil, but also help to break up and improve its texture and drainage. With that in mind, here is a list of 10 shade-tolerant plants for clay soil. Many of these will attract helpful pollinators.

**Aquilegia** (“Columbine”) are mound-forming plants that produce small, rounded leaves and tall stalks with colorful, bell-shaped, “fairy tale” blooms high above the foliage.

-Attractive to hummingbirds and other pollinators. (Songbirds like the seeds.)

-Full sun to part shade.

-Bloom time: mid-spring to early-summer.

**Ajuga** (“Bugleweed”) are an evergreen, spreading ground cover that produces colorful leaves and short, vertical spikes of flowers held above its foliage.

-Highly attractive to bees.

-Full sun to full shade.

-Bloom time: late spring.

**Astilbe** (“False Goat’s Beard”) are clump-forming, ferny-leaved

plants that produce frothy plumes of colorful flowers.

-Attractive to butterflies and bees.

-Part to full shade.

-Bloom time: early and late summer.

**Crocsmia** (“Montbretia”) are clump-forming plants that produce narrow, sword-shaped foliage and vividly colored flowers. Tubular-shaped blooms burst forth on wiry stems.

-Attractive to hummingbirds.

-Full sun to part shade.

-Bloom time: late summer.

**Hardy Geranium** (“Cranesbill”) are a clump-forming plant with lobed leaves and small, cupped-shaped, colorful flowers.

-Attractive to bees and butterflies.

-Full sun to part shade.

-Bloom time: spring to fall.

**Euphorbia** (“Spurge”— NOT to be confused with the Baby’s Breath-like hybrid, “Diamond Frost” Euphorbia) are stout mounding plants with leafy stems, available in a wide range of varieties. The succulent varieties are mainly grown for their attractive foliage with insignificant small flowers.

-Full sun to part shade.

**Helleborus** (“Lenten Rose”) are plants that produce toothed, leathery leaves and downward-facing, wild rose-like flowers.

-Attractive to bees and butterflies.

-Part shade.

-Bloom time: early through late spring.

**Hosta** (“Plantation Lily”) are low-growing, clump-forming plants grown mostly for their lovely foliage. They produce tall, flower-topped spires.

-Attractive to hummingbirds and bees.

-Part shade.

-Bloom time: early summer.

**Hydrangea** are upright shrubs that produce leaves and flowers of different sizes and colors, depending upon the variety. They primarily bloom in blue, pink, purple, or white, and the acidity of the soil determines the shade of some varieties. There are 5 main types of hydrangeas and each one has its own distinctive blossoms.

-The Oakleaf varieties are especially attractive to bees and other pollinators.

-Full sun to part shade.

-Bloom time: spring to mid-summer, mid-summer to fall, depending upon variety.

**Phlox** are mainly known as being either of the creeping or tall variety. They produce bright, colorful, disc-like flowers.

-Attractive to butterflies and other pollinators.

-Full sun to part shade.

-Bloom time: spring or summer, depending upon the variety.

If you want to brighten up a shady area that has clay soil just choose the right plants and enjoy the uniquely refreshing joys of a shade garden.

Cheryl Hill  
Landscape Chair  
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# SOCIAL NEWS



## HOPPR Easter Egg Social

Susan Redding  
Social Chair  
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# SOCIAL NEWS (2)



## NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

### Need a babysitter?

Contact: [newletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newletter@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: [newletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newletter@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 about Email Red Flags with tips from Plano Police. <https://youtu.be/8BRir1sRnek?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 May of 2021. Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on the committee, or as Chairman of the Architectural Committee.

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/>

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 process 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

Please allow a minimum of 10 days from the time you submit a completed ACC request form before commencing work.

Questions about your planned improvements,<sup>?</sup> 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.

**Bob Woodchek** was first and **Dave Scott** was second this month.

*We are looking for players!! 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 has not started back up.**

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