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HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

As we slowly delve back into the “new” real world, please remember to be safe. As the weather gets warmer, we all know that the summer heat will catch up to us, so be careful when working 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 our upcoming HOA functions. One of our Welcome Committee members may have dropped by to give you some information that should be helpful; however, if you have not had someone stop by, please reach out and we will be happy to set something up. 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. 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.

As John Thune has retired from the ACC committee and moved out of the neighborhood, we are looking for volunteers to step up and join this important committee. The ACC helps guide the HOA with maintaining the upkeep and appearance of the neighborhood as a whole. This is your reminder that you must have ACC approval PRIOR to beginning any work on the exterior of your homes. The application form can be found on the neighborhood website, www.hoppr.org or at www.cmamanagement.com.

You have probably noticed that the trees along Parker have been raised and cleaned up. This was done in advance of a new wooden fence being installed below them to provide privacy for those neighbors that back up to Parker Road, while also giving the HOA a fresh, new and clean look. We anticipate these projects to be wrapped up within the next two weeks, barring any delays from this crazy weather. These projects were spearheaded by the board and our new landscape chair, Cheryl Hill, who will also begin working on plans to further enhance / modernize the entrances soon. You may have even seen her and her volunteers out planting additional season color recently, so if you see her, please make sure to tell her that she is doing a wonderful job!

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 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. I look forward to meeting you 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.

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. 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

A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names
to the directory:

Brett & Audrey Haston
4421 High Mesa

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

John & Caroll Thune
4421 High Mesa

HOPPR Directory—Last Call for Changes

This is your last opportunity to let me know of any changes to the directory. If you no longer want your telephone published in the directory, let me know that too. We plan to go to print in July.

Thanks, Jim Rice, 972-519-0160 or jrtx99@yahoo.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on July 13, 2021.

Diane Ross is the hostess at
4417 Oak Knoll Dr
from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

Greenlights

By Matthew McConaughey

Author Biography

Matthew David McConaughey born November 4, 1969 in Uvalde, Texas is an American actor, producer and professor. His mother, Mary Kathleen "Kay"/"KMac" is a former kindergarten teacher and published author who taught him. She was originally from Trenton, N.J. His father, James Donald "Jim" McConaughey, was born in Mississippi in 1929 and raised in Louisiana where he ran an oil pipe supply business. Matthew has two older brothers, Michael and Patrick (who was adopted). Michael, nicknamed "Rooster", is a self-made millionaire who stars in the docu-series West Texas Investor's Club. McConaughey's ancestry includes some of his Irish roots being from the Cavan/Monaghan area. McConaughey moved to Longview in 1980. He lived in Australia for a year, in New South Wales as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 1988. Attended UT graduating in the spring of 1993 with a BS in Radio-Television-Film.

McConaughey met Camilla Alves in 2006. He and Alves became engaged on December 25, 2011, and were married in a private ceremony on June 9, 2012. Together, they

have three children: two sons and a daughter

He started the *just keep livin* foundation, which is "dedicated to helping teenage kids lead active lives and make healthy choices to become great men and women". On February 25, 2016, McConaughey received the Creative Conscience award from United Humanity for his work with his foundation.

In 2019, he officially became a professor of practice in the Department of Radio-Television-Film at the Moody College of Communication at UT-Austin; he had served as a visiting instructor since 2015.

Synopsis:

Greenlights is not a conventional memoir. As he neared age 50, the Oscar-winning actor revisited the journal that he had kept for the previous 35 years to see what he could learn from it. The result is this book, which combines hard-earned insights about the art of living with vivid accounts of McConaughey's upbringing in rural Texas, his adventures in the movie business, his global travels, and his lifelong search for love and fatherhood. Part autobiography and part life-guide, Greenlights both explains and illustrates McConaughey's philosophy of "catching greenlights"—recognizing and even creating those moments when life says "yes" and you cruise into success as you pursue your destiny. It's valuable reading for anyone in search of an entertaining manual on finding your way in the world.

Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 13

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Diane Ross

4417 Oak Knoll Dr.

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



Do you have a contribution for The Highlander?
Submit articles, letters and suggestions to the editor at newsletter@hoppr.org by August 20 for publication in the Sept./Oct. issue.



LANDSCAPE



Dear Neighbors

Almost every landscape includes a lawn. These areas of mowed grass provide important spaces for outdoor activities and a nice contrast to flower beds and shrubs. For some, the lawn is a source of pride. For others, the lawn is just something that has to be mowed – as long as it’s mostly green, they’re happy. We Texas spend more time, energy, effort and money on our lawns than on any other single item in our home landscape. Lawns are very important to most of us, and we enjoy the special look and feel they bring.

Regular mowing is important during the growing season. Assuming lawns are properly watered, this may mean mowing every five to seven days during hot summer weather. Mow often enough so that no more than one-third of the grass blade is removed each time. Mulching mowers prevent the need to bag clippings. The clippings return nutrients to the lawn, lowering the need for fertilizers. If you don’t have a mulching mower, mow frequently so that the clippings are small - that works just about as well. Mowing height is important and mower blades must be sharp. Following are recommended heights to set mowers:

Common Bermuda: 1 to 1 ½ inches

Hybrid Bermuda: ½ to 1 inch

St. Augustine: 2 to 3 inches

Zoysia: ½ to 1 ½ inches

Do not water needlessly. Overwatering your lawn wastes water and promotes disease problems. Wait at least 7 to 10 days after the last good rain before you consider irrigation. Even then, look at the grass and dig into the soil. If the grass is not showing drought stress and there is still some moisture in the soil, wait a little longer to water. Do not water lightly every day, a practice which encourages diseases and creates a shallow root system. Water deeply and thoroughly applying ½ to 1 inch of water.

Lawns are usually fertilized in April, June and August for maximum growth and quality. Insect and disease problems are most common during the summer growing season. Watch carefully for damage, get an accurate diagnosis and treat appropriately. Practice good weed control when necessary.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe July 4th!

Cheryl Hill
Landscape Chair
landscape@hoppr.org



A WORD FROM OUR SOCIAL CHAIR

DID YOU KNOW HOPPR HAS ITS OWN FACEBOOK PAGE? CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!!

TO JOIN, EMAIL SUSAN REDDING



Susan Redding
Social Chair
social@hoppr.org

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR DIRECTORY INFO?

SOCIAL NEWS - KATY TRAIL

If you missed the Happy Hour event at Katy Trail, we missed you!!! Hope to see you at our next event!!



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 learn about Someone Leaving Your Doorstep with tips from Plano Police. <https://youtu.be/WffDx7BbHOI>





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

The Homeowners Association Architectural Chairman position is currently vacant. Please let Matt Frishman 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. 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. 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

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? Please contact CMA Management.

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.

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.