

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

*The Highlander*

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Homeowners,

Let me begin by saying "I continue to hope that everyone is doing OK and staying safe", and please continue to look out for yourselves, your family and friends, we all need to help support one another and stay connected.

Hopefully you have seen those smiling faces stare back at you from the bus stops throughout the neighborhood as the kids began face to face school this year...fingers crossed we get to finish that way. With that said, please be alert and watch out for the kids that might be walking or biking to school in the mornings and afternoons.

If you have not had the opportunity to see the work completed along Parker, the board and landscape committee completed the update of the trees and the fence to provide privacy to our homeowners as well as update that area. We will continue to work with our landscape partners to spruce up that area, in addition to the other entrances, this fall. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help mitigate some of the cost for the planting, etc.

Lastly, on behalf of the current board and your neighbors, we are asking for volunteers to step up and run for election. There are currently 3 positions that are 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.

Now, with those points concluded, let's get back to our regularly schedule briefing...If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward

to meeting you at one of our upcoming functions. One of our wonderful Welcome Committee members should be dropping by to give you some information on the neighborhood that could be helpful and important. 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, 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.

We are looking at trying different ideas this fall in order 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](mailto: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 book club, which were not able to meet on their regular basis, but some have now fired 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 and we would be glad to publish it in the newsletter.

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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)



### A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Jesus & Debbie Garcia  
4413 Elmhurst

Mark Osley & Debbie Dillon  
2816 Browning

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

Raymond & Justyna Stanianus  
4413 Elmhurst

Russ & Kim (KP) Phemister  
2816 Browning

### BOARD MEETINGS

2021  
SCHEDULE  
(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

## Volunteers Needed

The Welcome Committee is in need of a few more volunteers to help welcome new homeowners to our neighborhood and share a packet of helpful information with them. If this is something that interests you, we would love to have you join our committee.

If interested, please call Dale McGilvray at 972-867-2824. Thanks so much!



# NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on September 14, 2021.

Cheryl Hill is the hostess at  
3112 Preston Meadow  
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).

## Sooley

By John Grisham

**Genres: Adventure fiction,  
Coming-of-age story,  
Sports Fiction**

### Author Bio:

**John Ray Grisham Jr.** is an American novelist, attorney, politician, and activist, best known for his popular legal thrillers. His books have been translated into 42 languages and published worldwide. Grisham graduated from Mississippi State University and received a JD degree in 1981. He practiced criminal law for about a decade and served in Mississippi State House of Representatives, January 1984 to September 1990.

Grisham said the big case came in 1984, but it was not his case. As he was hanging around the court, he overheard a 12-year-old girl telling the jury what had happened to her. Her story intrigued Grisham, and he began watching the trial. He saw how the members of the jury cried as she told them about having been raped and beaten. It was then, Grisham later wrote, a story was born.

Musing over "what would have happened if the girl's father had murdered her assailants" took three years to complete his first book, *A Time to Kill*. The book was rejected by 28 publishers before Wynwood Press, an unknown publisher, agreed to give it a modest 5,000-copy printing. It was published in June 1989.

### Synopsis:

In the summer of his seventeenth year, Samuel Sooleymon gets the chance of a lifetime: a trip to the United States with his South Sudanese teammates to play in a showcase basketball tournament. He has never been away from home, nor has he ever been on an airplane. The opportunity to be scouted by dozens of college coaches is a dream come true.

Samuel is an amazing athlete, with speed, quickness, and an astonishing vertical leap. The rest of his game, though, needs work, and the American coaches are less than impressed.

During the tournament, Samuel receives devastating news from home: A civil war is raging across South Sudan, and rebel troops have ransacked his village. His father is dead, his sister is missing, and his mother and two younger brothers are in a refugee camp.

Samuel desperately wants to go home, but it's just not possible. Partly out of sympathy, the coach of North Carolina Central offers him a scholarship. Samuel moves to Durham, enrolls in classes, joins the team, and prepares to sit out his freshman season. There is plenty of more mature talent and he isn't immediately needed.

But Samuel has something no other player has: a fierce determination to succeed so he can bring his family to America. He works tirelessly on his game, shooting baskets every morning at dawn by himself in the gym, and soon he's dominating everyone in practice. With the Central team losing and suffering injury after injury, Sooley, as he is nicknamed, is called off the bench. And the legend begins.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

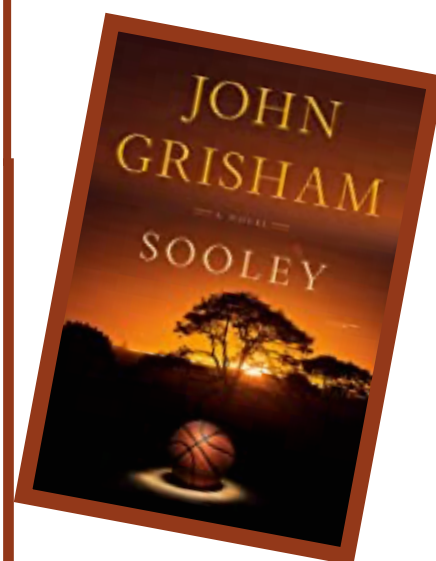
Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Cheryl Hill

3112 Preston Meadow

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

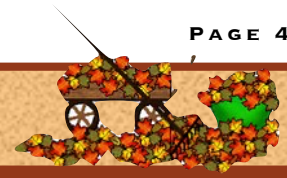
*Janet McCrum  
Book Club Coordinator*







# PRESIDENT & SOCIAL



## Message from the President

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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 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The board is working to secure a location to allow both in person as well as online via a ZOOM call. Once the location has been secured, we will provide that information in an email blast accordingly. 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 and email, take a picture and email, fax, drop off at CMA offices or at one of the board members houses, it doesn't matter...please, just get it back).

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out at [president@hoppr.org](mailto:president@hoppr.org) and I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming community events.

Warmest regards,

*Matt Frishman*

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



## WE NEED YOU!!

**3 HOPPR Board positions are coming up for re-election at the annual meeting.**

**Paperwork with instructions coming soon from CMA Management.**

## A WORD FROM OUR SOCIAL CHAIR

### COMING UP!!!

### FAMILY FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER

### WATCH YOUR INBOX FOR MORE INFORMATION!



*Susan Redding*

*Social Chair*

*[social@hoppr.org](mailto:social@hoppr.org)*

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 Oct. 20 for publication in the Nov./Dec. issue.



# LANDSCAPE



## Things to Do Right Now for A Great Lawn Next Year

The pros say that late summer is when grass seeds should be planted whether starting a new lawn or nurturing an existing one. But there's a lot more to late-summer lawn care than that and time is of the essence.

Most people think that the care of your lawn begins in the spring but proper care and feeding of your lawn actually begins in the fall. As summer gives way to autumn, start to work on all of the things that need to be done in order to ensure the lawn has every advantage when things wake up in 2022. Invest a little TLC now and you'll reap what you sow come spring.

### Do A Soil Test

A soil test can determine the soil's pH level, nutrient deficiencies and other factors. This will give a great deal of information about the health of the soil and how to proceed.

### Reseed damaged areas of the lawn.

Experts agree that the latter half of August is the perfect time to plant grass seeds. Identify areas that need to be reseeded and use a leaf rake to spread evenly.

### Strengthen your grass roots using the right fertilizer.

By strengthening the healthy grass already there will aid in a solid root system. The more you nurture the grass, the more the roots stay nourished during the winter. Look for labels that indicate which fertilizer is appropriate to which season.

### Trim it, but don't mow it short.

Don't scalp the lawn at the end of the season. This misguided habit is all too common and undermines the health of the root mass. The proper mowing height is anywhere from two and a half to three inches. Make sure mower blades are sharp.

### Nip weeds in the bud.

Most weeds actually germinate in the spring and complete their life cycle by the end of summer. Some weeds, however, do germinate in the summer and take root during the winter. Though not a major concern at this time, weed control should be a consideration year-round. The best defense against weeds is a strong offense, because the state of the lawn itself can determine the number of weeds.

### Wean your lawn off of water so the roots dry out.

Lawns go through a biochemical process where they harden themselves off for the winter so that when freezing temperatures come, the grass can tolerate the cold and survive the winter. Part of helping the lawn to acclimate is to allow it to basically dry out a little bit.

**Show your lawn some love now and watch it flourish next spring!**



*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)

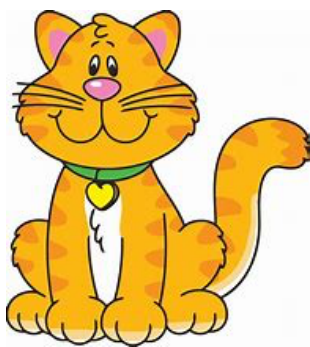
*From Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA adds names to this list on request and the list is only available to residents. Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA reserves the right to modify or refuse listings for any reason. (Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement).*



### 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

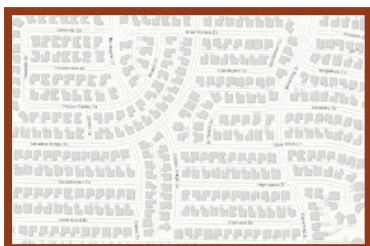
### Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 about Mail Theft with tips from Plano Police. [https://youtu.be/UZ\\_p13kd9dw](https://youtu.be/UZ_p13kd9dw)





## 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](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 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 drought 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

**Men's Bridge Club** is back playing on the third Tuesday of every month, rotating houses. It is fun and a great group of players.

**Dave Scott** was first and **Scott Henderson** was second in July.

**Dave Scott** was first and **Bruce Barlow** was second in August.

*If you are interested in joining, please contact Keith Hansen at 214-850-3905 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.*