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HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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Happy New Year!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BOARD MEMBERS

To All HOPPR members, Happy New Year!

I trust you also had a special Holiday season of social and spiritual remembrances as we came to the close of 2021. As your new HOA president, it is my hope, that you experienced the truly joyful year end celebrations of a Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Your Board met for a transition meeting last week with outgoing president, Matt Frishman, skillfully guiding us toward our 2022 goals. We sincerely thank you, Matt, for your long and faithful service to HOPPR. We will be drawing on your expertise as we follow the list of priorities you helped us set up.

Except for the addition of myself, your 2022 Board remains the same with all previous members occupying the same positions. With only Matt leaving I was asked to take on the only position open. So I humbly ask your patience as I strive to fill the able shoes of your past president. I have lived in the community for over 20 years with my wife Connie, the current HOPPR Newsletter editor. With the remaining Board's experience I am confident we will be able to face the challenges and opportunities before us. The only other change this year is the welcome addition of Brandon Furman to the position of ACC Chairperson. Thank you Brandon for accepting this position!

Besides myself, the 2022 Board consists of Lee Henderson, Paulette Armstrong, Howard Apple, and Celeste Locknane. These members selflessly volunteer their time and talent as a gift to our community. We are deeply indebted to all of them.

At the top of our priority list, is a very important architectural proposal. In the near future, I believe the Board will be asking you to vote on a final amendment to changes in the architectural exterior facades your HOA will approve. Your vote will be crucial in determining the appearance of the neighborhood, so we are asking you to seriously reflect on the amendment when you receive it. We are looking for at least 50% of the HOA families to vote, so it won't be a surprise to the majority of you if the neighborhood's appearance begins to change.

You will recall last year, a survey was sent to all HOA members asking for your opinion regarding changes to the exterior façade requirements permitted by our HOA covenants. Three options were given: 1) paint your home's exterior brick, 2) replace the brick with stucco and 3) lime wash your home's exterior brick. Seventy people responded out of an HOA membership of 294.

The option to paint was the only option the Board felt met a standard reasonable to present to you for approval. Because the participation rate was so low and the decision so critical your Board is seeking a final referendum. Stay tuned.

The remaining transition priorities we discussed were basically budget awareness items and repairs needed to improve the neighborhood's appearance. We invite you to offer insights and solutions.

Thank you for caring for the welfare of our community.

Respectfully,
Deane Parker
(president@hoppr.org)

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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.



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org



A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Cody & Sarah Mankin
4409 Oak Knoll

Chong & Sina Yi
4533 Crosstimber

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

Jerry & Jan Carter
4409 Oak Knoll

Tushar & Sophia Anand
Saxena Sinha
4533 Crosstimber



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BOARD MEETINGS

2022 SCHEDULE

(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WED. JANUARY 11

WED. MARCH 16

WED. MAY 4

WED. AUG. 10

WED. OCT. 12

ANNUAL MTG.
MON. NOV. 9

JANUARY MEETING
AT 4305 BARNESLEY
7 PM

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!



LANDSCAPE & SOCIAL



Susan Redding
Social Chair
social@hoppr.org

Greetings! Here is an information update for Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge landscaping for the year 2021. Plans to revitalize the common areas located at Browning and Preston Meadow Drive were completed in time for everyone passing by to enjoy the seasonal colors of spring and summer. The biggest project of trimming 80 Leyland Cypress trees along Parker was done and a 580-foot fence installed to create privacy and a sound barrier for the homes backing up to Parker. These updates are huge enhancements to keep a fresh visual feeling of stability and continuity for our neighborhood. The HOA board members with the leadership of Matt Frishman are to be applauded for diligently working hard on these projects.

Here again is a reminder – renovation and restoration are constant necessities that should be openly communicated and embraced by all home owners. Please contact a board member with concerns and please contact me if you're interested in becoming a landscape volunteer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Cheryl Hill
Landscape Chair
landscape@hoppr.org

A Word from Susan

Watch for details
 about an upcoming
 social event,
 perhaps a social
 hour.

Happy New Year!!!





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on January 11, 2022.

Linda Steinberg is the hostess at
4408 High Mesa Dr.
from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

Beautiful Country: A Memoir By Qian Julie Wang

Author Bio:

Wang studied at Swarthmore College and then pursued her Juris Doctor at Yale in 2012. Wang is managing director/partner of Gottlieb & Wang LLP, a law firm focusing on litigation for the disadvantaged. She had been a naturalized American citizen by 2015. Wang wrote the book on her phone during her commute to her law offices, finishing a first draft in 2019 and publishing in 2021. She is working on a second book inspired by her experiences as an Asian-American working in law. She is married.

Synopsis:

In Chinese, the word for America, Mei Guo, translates directly to “beautiful country.” Yet when seven-year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian’s parents were professors; in America, her family is “illegal” and it will require all the determination and small joys they can muster to survive.

In Chinatown, Qian’s parents labor in sweatshops. Instead of

laughing at her jokes, they fight constantly, taking out the stress of their new life on one another. Shunned by her classmates and teachers for her limited English, Qian takes refuge in the library and masters the language through books, coming to think of *The Berenstain Bears* as her first American friends. And where there is delight to be found, Qian relishes it: her first bite of gloriously greasy pizza, weekly “shopping days,” when Qian finds small treasures in the trash lining Brooklyn’s streets, and a magical Christmas visit to Rockefeller Center—confirmation that the New York City she saw in movies does exist after all.

But then Qian’s headstrong Ma Ma collapses, revealing an illness that she has kept secret for months for fear of the cost and scrutiny of a doctor’s visit. As Ba Ba retreats further inward, Qian has little to hold onto beyond his constant refrain: *Whatever happens, say that you were born here, that you’ve always lived here.*



Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Linda Steinberg
4408 High Mesa

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

*Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator*



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

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter?

Contact: newsletter@hoppr.org

The 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

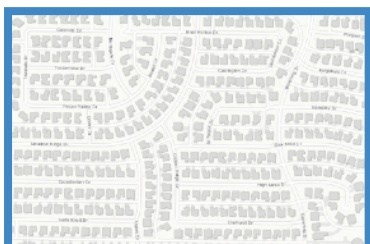
Crime reports for our neighborhood for the past 3 months

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 Detecting ID Theft with tips from Plano Police. https://youtu.be/2v-P8_LRj6E





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Brandon Furman is the new Chairman of our Homeowners Association Architectural Committee. Please let him know if you would be interested in serving on this important 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 Brandon Furman or CMA Management.



BRIDGE CLUBS

Men's Bridge

Men's Bridge Club usually meets on the third Tuesday of every month, rotating houses. It is fun and we have a great group of players.

The club did not play in November or December but plans to resume playing in the new year.

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.

The Ladies' Bridge Club will resume meeting shortly.

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