

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming 2021 HOPPR Annual Meeting being held in person at Christ United Methodist Church as well as online via ZOOM on Monday, Nov. 8th at 7:00pm. Please remember to begin checking in as early as 6:30 pm as we will have to verify attendance with CMA to reach a quorum. Upon entry to the meeting, we will ask to verify your driver's license and will provide you with your ticket code for the remote drawing for the gift cards. Log in information for the zoom meeting is as follows:

Meeting ID: 971 124 9385 Passcode: 4304

Now, for the tedious part, PROXIES...for those of you that have completed the Proxy and have returned it, "thank you". For those that still need to complete this task, we respectfully request that you complete the form and return the proxy at your earliest convenience. Just print, fill out, take a picture and email it to CMA so we can get an accurate count. If you have already done so, we thank you, and if you have not, please take care of this quickly. They can be mailed, faxed, scanned or photographed. Scanned or photographed proxies may be sent to: <u>vporter@cmamanagement.com</u> or <u>President@hoppr.org</u>.

As a reminder, your votes are VITAL for the HOA to function and we need these returned. If you send it in prior to the meeting, you will be eligible for one of the gift cards to be drawn at the meeting, and if you are able to attend, you will be eligible for one of the four gift cards for attendees.

Onward to the fun stuff...I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers and our Social Chair, Susan Redding, for their efforts with the neighborhood family activity, I thought it went great, the weather was awesome, the food was wonderful and was well attended. Hopefully we can have more of these types of events in the future, while still maintaining social distancing. So for those of you that made it out, "thank you", and I hope you had a good time and enjoyed the BBQ, desserts and music, oh, and congrats to all the winners in the neighbor gift card drawings.

If you are new to the HOPPR community, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of the many upcoming functions. One of our wonderful Welcome Committee members should have dropped by to give you some information on the neighborhood that should be helpful. 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.

Please remember that you must have ACC approval prior to beginning any work on the exterior of you house, this includes roofs, siding and fencing. The form and instructions can be found on the HOPPR website, <u>www.hoppr.org</u> or at <u>www.cmamanagement.com</u>.

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 committees or 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.

Finally, there are still several ways for you to become involved in the HOA. We are always on the lookout for community members and volunteers looking to give back and help out with the different committees. Many of the committee chairs and board members attend these 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 <u>president@hoppr.org</u> and I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming community events.

Warmest regards, Matt Frishman President: Matthew Frishman president@hoppr.org

BOARD MEMBERS

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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.





A WARM "WELCOME"TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Otis & Karen Conner 4568 Vista Knoll

Matt & Ashley Gamble 4305 Oak Knoll

Rob Kravitz & Martha Feeback 4569 Crosstimber

> Yousuf & Theresa Omar 4400 Oak Knoll

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

> Scott & Sally Crowe 4568 Vista Knoll

John & Carol Ferguson 4305 Oak Knoll

> Carol Thomas 4569 Crosstimber

> Moore & Jennifer Buenaventura 4400 Oak Knoll



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.

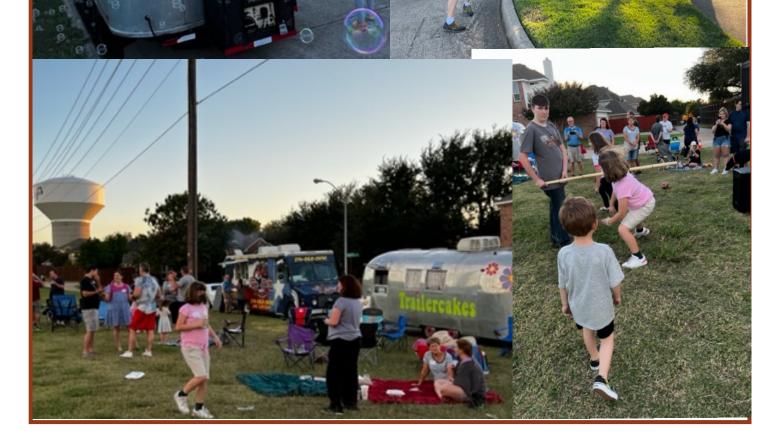
If interested, please call Dale McGilvray at 972-867-2824 Thanks so much!

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SOCIAL: FALL FAMILY EVENT



Susan Redding Social Chair <u>social@hoppr.org</u>



LANDSCAPE



If you are planning to replace old trees or plant new ones, then November and early December are perhaps the best times for it. The soil is still warm from summer and encourages vigorous root growth. Plus, at the same time the weather is cooler and the trees are going dormant so there is less stress. When deciding on which trees to plant in your landscape, try to find mature ones to get a good idea of how it will fit in the planned area. Doing this will help to visualize what a tree will look like as it matures. Local public gardens, botanical gardens or arboretums are useful to visit because most times the plants are labeled with their names. Ask friends, neighbors and relatives what kinds of trees they have in their yards and take a look at them.

Of course, newly planted trees will need to be thoroughly watered-in but will require little supplemental watering over the Established trees will winter. not need to be watered during these months. No fertilizer needs to be applied to trees and other than scale, few pest problems require treatment now. Winter is an ideal time to prune. Deciduous trees are leafless which allows a clearer picture to see the structure of the tree.

As a reminder, trees provide welcome shade, make our houses cooler and outdoor living areas usable during the hot summer. They help purify the air to reduce smog and air pollution problems. Thev provide food and shelter for birds, squirrels and (YIKES) Where dust is a wildlife. problem, trees can be placed to serve as filters. Their roots stabilize the soil and reduce erosion. Tree plantings can be effective windbreaks during the winter and help noise pollution by absorbing sound as much as 50 percent. AND trees tend to increase the value and sales appeal of property.

It's good to think of how many ways trees care for us. Happy Holidays!





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB

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

Janet McCrum is the hostess at 4565 Vista Knoll Dr. from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

All the Little Hopes

By Leah Weiss

Genre: Historical Fiction 368 pages

Author Bio:

Leah is a Southern writer and novelist born in North Carolina and raised in the foothills of Virginia. Her debut novel, If the Creek Don't Rise, was released in August of 2017. Her short stories have been published in The Simple Life, Every Day Fiction and Deep South Magazine. She retired in 2015 from a 24-year career as Executive Assistant to the Headmaster at Virginia Episcopal School. She now pursues writing full time.

"I am southern by grace and my roots run deep in the flat lands of North Carolina where I was born and my mama's people live. When I was ten, we moved north to the mountains of Virginia, home of my daddy's family and where I've lived ever since. I came to the craft of writing in my mid-fifties and found the writing voice that is reflected in my novels. It is southern and lyrical, and always about people who are self-sufficient and hard-working with humble dreams.

Synopsis:

A Southern story of friendship forged by books and bees, when the

timeless troubles of growing up meet the murky shadows of World War II. It is the story of two girls growing up as war creeps closer, blurring the difference between what's right, what's wrong, and what we know to be true.

Deep in the tobacco land of North Carolina, nothing's been the same since the boys shipped off to war and worry took their place. Thirteen-year-old Lucy Brown is precocious and itching for adventure. Then Allie Bert Tucker wanders into town, an outcast with a puzzling past, and Lucy figures the two of them can solve any curious crime they find—just like her hero, Nancy Drew.

Their chance comes when a man goes missing, a woman stops speaking, and an eccentric gives the girls a mystery to solve that takes them beyond the ordinary. Their quiet town, seasoned with honeybees and sweet tea, becomes home to a Nazi prisoner-of-war camp. More men go missing. And together, the girls embark on a journey to discover if we ever really know who the enemy is.





Tuesday, November 9

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Janet McCrum 4565 Vista Knoll Dr.

for more information email Janet McCrum at <u>tmngjanet@aol.com</u>

Janet McGrum Book Glub Coordinator



Do you have a contribution for The Highlander? Submit articles, letters and suggestions to the editor at <u>newsletter@hoppr.org</u> by Dec. 20 for publication in the Nov./Dec. issue.

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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: <u>https://www.plano.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=65</u>

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 Bianez' Safety Minute videos. Click this link to learn about Preventing Mail Theft with tips from Plano Police. <u>https://youtu.be/pT3APLFbReE</u>







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 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

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.

Men's Bridge

BRIDGE CLUBS

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 September

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.

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Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

PROXY

I, the undersigned, being the record Owner of the property identified below, or being the authorized voting representative for the property, hereby revoke any previous proxies and grant to the person identified below (my "Proxy Holder") my revocable Proxy for quorum only or to consent and to vote as specified below, and in all other respects to act on my behalf, as a Member of Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021, or as such meeting may be rescheduled, adjourned, or recessed and reconvened.

My Voting Proxy Holder is authorized to consent and to vote in the same manner and to the same extent and with the same effect as if I were personally present at the meeting and voted (except as may otherwise be specified above or on the front of this form).

CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE OPTIONS BELOW:

PROXY FOR QUORUM ONLY (NOT ASSIGNING VOTE)

I hereby assign my proxy to establish Quorum only at the meeting to the President of Highlands of Plano [] Preston Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., or, to the Secretary of the Association, if the President is absent, incapacitated, or unwilling to act as my Proxy.

ABSENTEE BALLOT (VOTE FOR 3, INCLUDES QUORUM)

I hereby direct my vote for specific candidates as follows: (Vote for three only)

Paulette Armstrong (incumbent) [] _____ Lee Henderson (incumbent) [] _____

> (write in candidate) [] _

****Nominations will be taken from the floor****

PROXY FOR ASSIGNING VOTE (INCLUDES QUORUM)

I HEREBY DESIGNATE AS MY PROXY HOLDER & GIVE MY PROXY TO VOTE TO: (CHECK ONLY ONE)

President of the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., or, if the President is absent, incapacitated, or unwilling to act as my Proxy, then to the Secretary of the Association.

OR []

___(Please print individual's full name); or if the To: ____ To: _____(Please print individual's full name); or if the person named is absent, incapacitated, or unwilling to act as my Proxy, then to the following individual alternate (optional):

SIGN AND DATE

In order for this Proxy to be valid it must be signed and dated.

EXECUTED this DATE (specify date)

(Your SIGNATURE -- Owner/Member)

(Your PRINTED NAME -- Owner/Member)

Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Property Address

Where I am present in person and elect to act on my own behalf at said meeting or with respect to a specific act of the Association, such presence or action will supersede and suspend the effectiveness of this proxy.

Where I have given my written proxy to another named person dated later than the date hereof, such subsequent proxy will supersede and suspend the effectiveness of this proxy.

Mail, fax, or email this form to: Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. 1800 Preston Park Blvd., Suite 101 Plano, TX 75093 Fax: 214-778-0550 e-mail to: planoadmin@cmamanagement.com