

## HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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BOARD MEMBERS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

This year's ice storms have shown up in short spurts. I trust you were better prepared in 2022! May I remind you as a homeowner to please make yourself a note to stop the timer on your sprinkler systems when there is a freeze warning. A couple of folks accidentally let their sprinklers run at night and in the morning the sidewalks were very dangerous. It is a liability hazard as you well know!!

As February turns into March and March into April, we look forward to Texas blooming again. Hopefully, April showers will bring May flowers with good soaking rains but no tornados. Something to pray for... I always enjoy driving through our neighborhood in spring. Most of you do such a beautiful job adding color and preparing your flowering trees for blossoms around your homes. It is a real treat to observe how well you care for your homes, manicure your lawns and show off Nature's beauty to the rest of the community. Thank you for your care!

We are working on a couple of outdoor spring social events. Please check the rest of the newsletter for more details – one for kids and one for adults. Some have suggested the possibility of holding a flea market event. If you know anything about setting one up and would like to see it happen, please email your interest to Susan Redding at [Social@hoppr.org](mailto:Social@hoppr.org) or you can email me and I will get it to Susan.

With nicer weather brings the chance to get outside and make repairs / clean things up on the house. Here is your reminder. If you are planning ANY exterior work (in front or in back of

your house) for this year, 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.

Your Board has been busy meeting with the City regarding improvements to the Parker/Browning entrance to the community. We are also getting a survey done regarding our maintenance obligations for the Sun Valley entrance. We completed our last year's big tree maintenance project along Parker Road by trimming the trees rather than removing them. That saved the HOA a lot of money and personally, I think those in charge did a great job in making the area once again look trim and rejuvenated. Thank you all for your efforts!

Covid has slowed down a lot of our personal social clubs. For example the men's bridge club is on hold at this time, although the ladies bridge club still meets. Hopefully as the Covid risk subsides, other clubs will revive. If you are one who is ready to get them going sooner rather than later, please check out the past opportunities or set up a new group on your own. We want to support you any way we can. Many of the committee chairs and board members attend social functions, so that is 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 to me, your new president.

Warmest regards,

*Deane Parker*

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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:**

James & Michelle Holland  
4545 Crosstimber

Nathan & Meredith Robinson  
4524 Crosstimber

Emmanuel & Maria Salas, Sr.  
4428 Elmhurst

Pham Thu & Lana Dao  
2804 Oates

Amira & Zana Tovi  
3208 Woodmoor

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

Paul & Michelle Junger  
4545 Crosstimber

Paul & Rhonda Armour  
4524 Crosstimber

Carol Collinsworth  
4428 Elmhurst

Howard & Gloria McKinney  
4428 Elmhurst

Marr & Kristen Tindall  
3208 Woodmoor

## BOARD MEETINGS

### MARCH BOARD MEETING

**TUES. MARCH 15  
AT  
4305 BARNESLEY  
7 PM**

**FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE CALENDAR AT CMA WEBSITE**

[WWW.CMAMANAGEMENT.COM](http://WWW.CMAMANAGEMENT.COM)

### SCHEDULE

(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**TUES. MAY 3**

**TUES. AUG. 9**

**TUES. OCT. 11**

**ANNUAL MTG.  
WED. NOV. 9**

# Volunteers Needed

The Architectural Control Committee is in need of one or two more volunteers!!  
If interested, please contact Brandon Furman at [acc@hoppr.org](mailto:acc@hoppr.org)

# LANDSCAPE & SOCIAL



Warm weather is not far off. Everything will soon be blooming and green again!

Please contact me if you're interested in becoming a landscape volunteer.

*Cheryl Hill  
Landscape Chair  
landscape@hoppr.org*



Our updated entrance on Browning!!



## EASTER EGG HUNT

April 9: 10:00 AM - 12:pm

Wear your Sunday best! We will have a photographer taking professional family Portraits with the Easter Bunny.

## Ladies "Sip-n-Stuff" Event



April 7 from 7:00 - 9 pm  
at 4421 Elmhurst

Sip wine, enjoy snacks, visit with one another, stuff eggs to help the Easter Bunny. We will be accepting plastic egg/candy donations from neighbors, to be dropped off at 4421 Elmhurst in the days prior to the event.



*Susan Redding  
Social Chair  
social@hoppr.org*



# NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on March 15, 2022.

Kay Hoon is the hostess at  
2817 Copper Ridge 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 Second Mrs. Astor

by Shana Abé

### Author Bio:

Shana Abé was born in Texas. She spent much of her childhood living in Colorado, with a brief stint in Mexico as a foreign exchange student, and, at age seventeen, lived in Japan as a model. Throughout her childhood, Abé wrote, completing what she calls "The Silliest Romance Novel Ever" during her free time during modeling shoots. Her writing focused on romance, as those were the types of books that she most enjoyed reading. She later attended college in Los Angeles, graduating with a degree in drama.

Abé has received the *Romantic Times* Career Achievement Award, and has been nominated six times for *Romantic Times* Reviewers' Choice Awards, winning twice.

### Synopsis:

Madeleine Talmage Force is just seventeen when she attracts the attention of John Jacob "Jack" Astor. Madeleine is beautiful, intelligent, and solidly upper-class, but the Astors are in a league apart. Jack's mother was the Mrs. Astor, American royalty and New York's most formidable socialite. Jack is dashing and industrious—a hero of the Spanish-American war, an inventor, and a canny businessman.

Despite their twenty-nine-year age difference, and the scandal of Jack's recent divorce, Madeleine falls headlong into love—and becomes the press's favorite target.

On their extended honeymoon in Egypt, the newlyweds finally find a measure of peace from photographers and journalists. Madeleine feels truly alive for the first time—and is happily pregnant. The couple plans to return home in the spring of 1912, aboard an opulent new ocean liner. When the ship hits an iceberg close to midnight on April 14th, there is no immediate panic. The swift, state-of-the-art RMS Titanic seems unsinkable. As Jack helps Madeleine into a lifeboat, he assures her that he'll see her soon in New York...

Four months later, at the Astors' Fifth Avenue mansion, a widowed Madeleine gives birth to their son. In the wake of the disaster, the press has elevated her to the status of virtuous, tragic heroine. But Madeleine's most important decision still lies ahead: whether to accept the role assigned to her, or carve out her own remarkable path...

*Janet McCrum*  
*Book Club Coordinator*



## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Kay Hoon  
2817 Copper Ridge Dr.

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



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 April 20 for  
publication in the  
May/June issue.

## NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

### Need a babysitter?

Contact: [newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto: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?

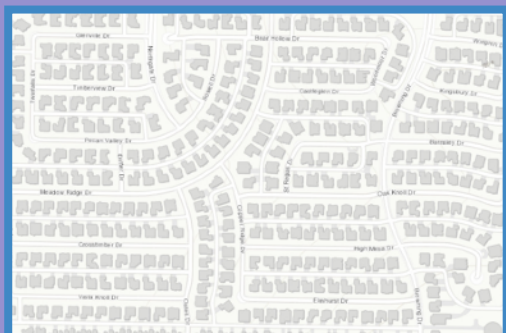
Contact: [newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)

*(Information is supplied at request of resident and is not an endorsement by the HOA or Board of Directors.*

## CRIME REPORTS

Check out Plano specific reports at: <https://www.plano.gov/1179/Crime-Statistics>

We encourage each of you to check out Officer Chris Biane's Safety Minute videos. Click this link to learn about Protecting Senior Citizens with tips from Plano Police. <https://youtu.be/CGctfvPyalo>





## 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. We need volunteers!!!!**

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 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

Brandon Furman  
ACC Chairperson  
[acc@hoppr.org](mailto:acc@hoppr.org)

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 CLUB

### Men's Bridge

The Men's Bridge Club is no longer meeting.

If you are interested in forming a Men's Bridge Club, please contact [newsletter@hoppr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org) and we will publish an announcement in the next newsletter.



### 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 resumed in February.

Congratulations to first place winner, Dale McGilvray and second place, Karen Fulbright.

The group will not play in March.

Our next meeting will be April 19 at the home of Dale McGilvray

For more information regarding Ladies' Bridge, contact Janet McCrum at [tmnjane1@aol.com](mailto:tmnjane1@aol.com)