

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

*The Highlander*

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**DEAR HOMEOWNERS,  
MANY THANKS...**

As we open the 2023 New Year I want to thank you the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge Community for three specific acts of volunteerism.

1) Thanks to all of you for helping the HOA meet quorum at its Annual Meeting last November.

2) Thanks to past president Matt Frishman and his Board in gaining approval for the amendment that changed the minimum number of community homeowners required to make quorum at the Annual Meeting from 30% to 10%. Very helpful!

3) Finally, special thanks to the 2023 HOA Board nominees. This is the first time in a number of years that the community had more nominees than slots available on the Board. Bios of the new Board members voted in are available later in this newsletter.

**ANNUAL MEETING DRAWING ...**

At the Annual Meeting a drawing was held for four \$50.00 gift cards for those present. A fifth card was awarded to a proxy signee not in attendance.

Winners were: Matt Ahle, Theresa Omar, Josh Belkin, Nancy Watkins, and Jeff Goldblatt – Proxy Winner

**FIRST BOARD MEETING FOR 2023 ...**

Your current Board is already meeting to hash out a comprehensive agenda for the coming year. There are some legal issues and various administrative hiccups but the Board is working hard to smooth them out. Our first official Board Meeting for 2023 is January 10, at 7 p.m. at the CMA offices. Please join us and

share your community interests and concerns. We value your input!

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS...**

After we put out a request for help decorating the community for the holidays we were able to find a willing partner. Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting heard about this arrangement at that time. The youth group from Grace Church (at the corner of Parker and Preston) agreed to set up, take down, refurbish wreathes and replace burnt out lights – all for a competitive price. In the future, we hope to improve our display in quality and quantity.

**CREPE MYRTLE LANDSCAPING ...**

At the Annual Meeting we also mentioned the Board had approved a contract to improve the ground cover for the crepe myrtles along the west side of the Browning community entrance. Garden Design, our landscape contractor, has begun work. Pictures on page 4 show what they have done.

**MEET ELI BARON, BOARD MEMBER**

Eli does not need much introduction as he has previously been on the ACC and Good Neighbor Committees. This year he joins the Board and hopes to improve our listening ear to community concerns. Welcome Eli!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out at [president@hoppr.org](mailto:president@hoppr.org).

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.



**BOARD  
MEETING**

## BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY,  
JAN. 10  
AT 7 PM**

**@ CMA OFFICE  
1800 PRESTON  
PARK BLVD.  
SUITE 101  
PLANO, TX**



**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:

Michael & Susanna Phillips  
4320 High Mesa

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

Molly Jo Rotunno  
4320 High Mesa

**Meet: Mike Powell**  
**HOA Vice-President**

I have been the Interim Secretary for the Board since May, 2022. I am retired. My business background has been in computer system project management and financial control of operations. I also worked in the security industry with access control systems, CCTV, etc. My wife Mary Rose and I have lived in this neighborhood since 1998. We have three grown children and six grandchildren.





# NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club  
will meet on January 10  
at the home of

Cheryl Hill  
3112 Preston Meadow 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 Stroke of Winter

by Wendy Webb

### Author Bio:

Wendy Webb is an award winning author of seven novels. Her books have been sold worldwide and have been translated into more than ten languages. She sets her stories on the windswept, rocky shores of the Great Lakes. She lives in Minneapolis, where she is at work on her next novel.

### Synopsis:

In the tourist town of Wharton, on the coast of Lake Superior, Tess Bell is renovating her old family home into a bed-and-breakfast during the icy dead of winter...

As the house's restoration commences, a shuttered art studio is revealed. Inside are

paintings Tess's late grandfather, beloved and celebrated artist Sebastian Bell, hid away for generations. But these appear to be the works of a twisted mind, almost unrecognizable as paintings she and others familiar with his art would expect. The sinister canvases raise disturbing questions for Tess, sparking nightmares and igniting in her an obsession to unearth the truth around their origins.

What evil has been locked away for so many years? The ominous brushstrokes, scratching at the door, and moving shadows begin to pull Tess further and further into the darkness.

*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](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)  
by February 20 for  
March/April issue.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

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)

## Meet Vince Watkins HOA Board Secretary

My wife Nancy and I moved to Plano two years ago from Houston to be close to our daughter, her husband and our new granddaughter. After 40 years in Houston I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Plano and Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge. In my spare time I enjoy walking in the neighborhood, helping watch my granddaughter, and building acoustic guitars. Nancy enjoys spending time doing genealogy research. Now retired, I had been a general accounting manager for a large oil services company for 34 years.

As my wife and I walk in the neighborhood every day I am reminded how fortunate we are to live here in the Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge.

(See a photo of Vince and

Nancy on page 4.)

# NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

## Need a babysitter? Contact:

*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).*

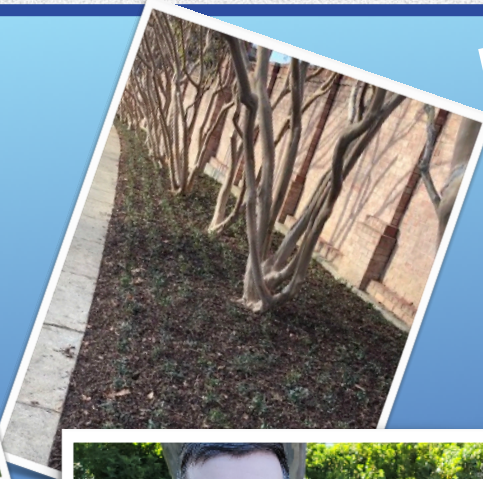


## Need a petsitter? Contact:

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



**PHOTOS: LANDSCAPING, VINCE & NANCY**





## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Brandon Furman is the 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

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.

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



## LADIES' BRIDGE

The Ladies' Bridge Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. It is a fun bridge group!

Our winner for November was Paulette Armstrong, and second was Karen Fullbright.

Our next bridge night will be January 17th at 7 pm. at the home of Marcia Hansen, 4540 Vista Knoll Dr.

For more information regarding Ladies' Bridge, contact Marcia Hansen at [marciadb2@aol.com](mailto:marciadb2@aol.com)

Meet: Yousuf Omar:  
HOA Board Treasurer

My wife, Theresa, and I purchased a home in Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge in 2021 after I retired from 37 years of corporate banking. Although we have lived in the Dallas area (Coppell) for many years, we had moved to Northern California for five years and when I retired last year, we moved back and purchased a home in Plano. Theresa and I were Treasurers of our Homeowner Association in Coppell (Prestwick) for many years before we moved to California in 2016. I have served on the board of the Dallas Regional Chamber, Los Barios Unidos Community Clinic, Center for Non-Profit Management, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and on the United Way Tocqueville Committee. Currently I volunteer at the North Texas Food Bank in Plano and at the Surgery Center for the Children's Health Hospital in Plano.