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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Spring has come and our community is starting to bloom! Thank you all who are adding color in your yard, helping to create a beautiful, attractive neighborhood. We all may not say much about it but I for one am appreciative of the effort and care you all take to enhance the appearance of the street you live on and the homes you pass by weekly as you run your errands and do your routines. Thanks again!

My wife and I attended the Easter Egg Hunt a couple of weeks ago. Susan shares pictures in her Social Report. I was very gratified to hear the expressions of thanks from the neighbors and kids who came. I was told the numbers were higher than last year and the positive reactions point to an excellent opportunity to enlarge our numbers again next year.

Adult Social

Details of our next adult social event are in this Newsletter. We are having a Happy Hour at the Katy Trail Ice House on May 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. I have been to the last three events and they have been well attended and fun to be a part of. Join us if you can. Free *hors d'oeuvres*. Cash bar.

CMA Portal

Although we have an informative newsletter as well as frequent and timely email blasts when Community Events are coming up, I want to make you aware of another mechanism you can take advantage of from CMA. If you sign up on their portal, they will <u>automatically</u> advise you of all coming social events as well as the next HOA Board Meeting you can attend. The board and the chairs

of our various committees regularly attend, giving you an opportunity to meet in person and better connect with the chairs as well as familiarize yourself with community activities and concerns you are interested in. The way to connect to the CMA Portal is through CMA's website <u>www.cmamanagement.com</u>.

Committee Activities

While Susan Redding and the Social Committee continue to provide us with opportunities to meet our neighbors and expand friendships, Dale McGilvray and the Welcoming Committee actively reach out to new neighbors to help them integrate well into the community. Please be sure to get to know them and use their services.

Good Neighbor Committee

This month, I would like to highlight Eli Baron and his Good Neighbor Committee assistant, Barbara Rice. Eli and Barbara have a genuine passion and concern for all members of our community. Their Committee seeks to help with communication problems between neighbors or any other challenges you may face in our neighborhood. Please think about reaching out to them. Talk to them. Let one of them help bridge those tough communication gaps! Meanwhile your Board would also love to hear from you! Your ideas and insights are welcome!

A Friendly Reminder

As the weather warms we expect more and more neighbors will be working on home improvements. *Please be sure you notify the ACC for approval.* Those notifications may be found on the CMA portal.

Warmest regards, Deane Parker

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

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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.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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TUES. MAY 10 AT 7 PM 4305 BARNSLEY

AND MON. JUNE 6 LOCATION TBD



DIRECTORY CHANGE!

Please make the following change to your directory for 4569 Vista Knoll

> The listing should read: Jim & Maria Gomes



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

SCHEDULE

(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TUES. AUG. 9

TUES. OCT. 11

ANNUAL MTG. WED. NOV. 9

Dallas Morning News Briefing Delivery

If you no longer wish to receive the Dallas Morning News "Briefing," please consider contacting them and request delivery to your home be discontinued. You can contact them at 214-977-8333 or email customercare@dallasnews.com. It will help us clean up our neighborhood! Thank you!!

SOCIAL NEWS 1 - SIP N STUFF

OUR NEXT SOCIAL: Adult Happy Hour

May 19: 6 to 8 PM @ Katy Trail Ice House Outpost

Appetizers will be provided, cash bar

Meet your neighbors!!! Join the HOPPR Facebook group.

It's an invisible group, and totally private, so you need to send Susan a friend request so she can add you to the group. Her FB name is **Susan Shaffar-Redding**. (Please note her maiden name ends in AR, not ER. A lot of people miss that because Shaffar is unusual).



SOCIAL NEWS 2 - THE EGG HUNT Susan Redding Social Chair

<u>social@hoppr.org</u>



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB

The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on May 24, 2022.

Nancy Gibbs is the hostess at 4320 Kingsbury Dr. from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

Thousand Miles to Freedom: My Escape from North Korea

by Eunsun Kim

A Memoir

Author Bio:

Eunsun Kim grew up in North Korea, the most secretive country in the modern world. At the age of eleven, she fled the country with her mother and sister, and they began the harrowing nine-year journey that would ultimately lead them to South Korea and to freedom. Today, Eunsun works at an NGO promoting human rights in North Korea. She lives in Seoul, South Korea.

Synopsis:

Eunsun Kim was born in North Korea, one of the most secretive and oppressive countries in the modern world. As a child Eunsun loved her country...despite her school field trips to public executions, daily self-criticism sessions, and the increasing gnaw of hunger as the country-wide famine escalated.

By the time she was eleven years old, Eunsun's father and grandparents had died of starvation, and Eunsun too was in danger of starving. Finally, her mother decided to escape North Korea with Eunsun and her sister, not knowing that they were embarking on a journey that would take them nine long years to complete. Before finally reaching South Korea and freedom, Eunsun and her family would live homeless, fall into the hands of Chinese human traffickers, survive a North Korean labor camp, and cross the deserts of Mongolia on foot.

Now, in *A Thousand Miles to Freedom*, Eunsun is sharing her remarkable story to give voice to the tens of millions of North Koreans still suffering in silence. Told with grace and courage, her memoir is a riveting exposé of North Korea's totalitarian regime and, ultimately, a testament to the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

> Janet McGrum Book Club Coordinator

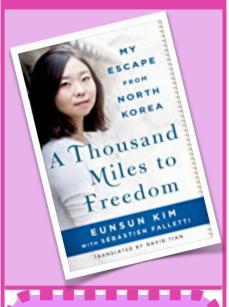




Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 24 Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m. Nancy Gibbs 4320 Kingsbury Dr.

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



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

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?



Need a babysitter?

Contact: <u>newsletter@hoppr.org</u>

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: <u>newsletter@hoppr.org</u>

(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 Bianez' Safety Minute videos. Click this link to learn about Red Flags with tips from Plano Police. <u>https://youtu.be/XRZbZLq91WI</u>

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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. 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.



The **Ladies' Bridge Club** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This is a purely social club -- not cut throat, just fun party bridge. The group met on April 19.

Congratulations to first place winner, Barbara Rice and second place winner, Othella Marsh.

Our next meeting will be May 17 at the home of Barbara Rice. 4433 High Mesa

For more information regarding Ladies' Bridge, contact Janet McCrum at <u>tmngjanet@aol.com</u>

Men's Bridge

BRIDGE CLUB

The Men's Bridge Club is no longer meeting.

If you are interested in forming a Men's Bridge Club, please contact <u>newsletter@hoppr.org</u> and we will publish an announcement in the next newsletter.



