

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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BOARD MEMBERS

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Early this spring many of you may have noticed three of the Leyland cypress trees bordering Parker Road were removed by the City of Plano. They were diseased and considered a safety hazard.

As the hotter Texas weather has progressed more of the trees have shown signs of the same disease. In fact, throughout the neighborhood and city trees like this are showing signs of the same disease. We have been informed by the City that the Leyland cypress trees along Parker Road will need to be removed completely over a period of years. As unsightly as it may appear today, it could get much worse. The City does not intend to replant the area.

The Highlands of Plano Preston Ridge HOA Board of Directors (Board) has been working with the City to develop a more favorable plan for the neighborhood. Our goal is the replacement of the cypress trees with a new more disease tolerant landscaping barrier for our neighborhood within a year rather than waiting long term for the eventual removal of the last tree by the City in years to come.

The City has agreed to remove the old trees, grind the stumps, and leave the ground in a condition more suitable for new plants. The Board has agreed to replant the area to provide a sound and aesthetic barrier for neighbors on the north end of the HOA and maintain the beauty of the overall area for our neighborhood.

We have established a special Committee to determine the new landscaping design and solicit bids for its

installation. Once the bids are complete, the Board will enter into a formal agreement with the City for the eventual redesign of the area. This includes possible grants from the City to offset some of our costs.

The Committee determined the best type of replacement from a list of landscaping plants approved by the City to assure cost effectiveness, optimal size and shape, and security. The plants selected require limited maintenance and are well adapted to our weather environment. We are currently working on a design to incorporate Burford holly and little gem magnolias into an alternating group pattern of plants. Examples of both of these plants can be seen along Parker Road on the south side as you travel west from our neighborhood.

The new landscaping will eventually rival the height of the current Leyland cypress tree stand but will be more heat and disease tolerant. The Committee anticipates finalizing the design by the end of June. Bids will be requested subsequently and a more accurate timetable will be negotiated with the City for work to begin.

The soil will need to lie dormant for a few months prior to the new planting to assure sterilization from any bacteria known to affect the Leyland cypress trees. The Board will attempt to complete this project within the 2023 fiscal year.

Mike Powell (HOA VP)

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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.



**BOARD
MEETINGS**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL HOPPR
HOA
MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND**



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

**A WARM "WELCOME" TO
OUR NEWEST
NEIGHBORS!**

No additions or deletions this
time!!

**TUESDAY,
JULY 11
AT 7 PM**

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

**OTHER MEETING
DATES**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 10**

**ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6**

**Happy
4th
of July**

Do you have a
contribution for The
Highlander?
Submit articles, letters
and suggestions to the
editor at
newsletter@hoppr.org
by August 20 for
September/October
issue.



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on July 11th at the home of

Linda Steinberg
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

The Memory Keeper of Kyiv

by Erin Litteken

Historical Fiction

Author:

Erin is an international bestselling author of historical fiction. She draws inspiration from her family roots, and in particular, her great-grandmother's stories about life in Ukraine before, during, and after WWII. She lives outside of St. Louis with her husband and two children.

Synopsis:

In the 1930s, Stalin's activists marched through the Soviet Union, espousing the greatness of collective farming. It was the first step in creating a man-made famine that, in Ukraine, stole almost 4 million lives. Inspired by the history the world forgot, and the Russian government denies, Erin Litteken reimagines their story.

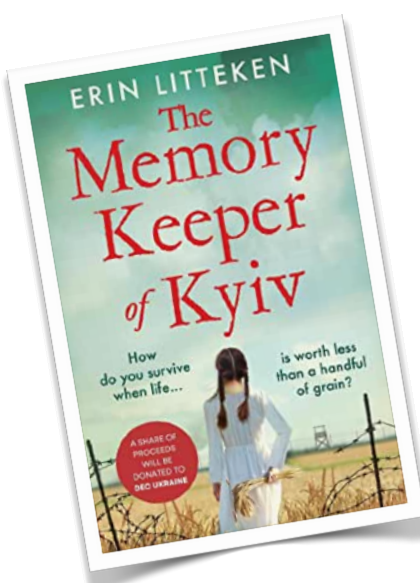
In 1929, Katya is 16 years old, surrounded by family and in love with the boy next door. When Stalin's activists arrive in her village, it's just a few, a little pressure to join the collective. But soon neighbors disappear, those who speak out are never seen again and every new day is uncertain.

Resistance has a price, and as desperate hunger grips the countryside, survival seems more a

dream than a possibility. But, even in the darkest times, love beckons.

Seventy years later, a young widow discovers her grandmother's journal, one that will reveal the long-buried secrets of her family's haunted past.

This is a story of the resilience of the human spirit, the love that sees us through our darkest hours and the true horror of what happened during the Holodomor.



Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Linda Steinberg

4408 High Mesa Dr.

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

*Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator*

Plano - Free Household Chemical Collection



For more info. watch <https://youtu.be/wDUqfBFKDIo>

SOCIAL NEWS



*Susan Redding
Social Chair
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LADIES' BRIDGE

The evening **Ladies' Bridge Club** has disbanded, needing more members. We may start a daytime group. If anyone wants to join, please call Marcia Hansen at 214-435-8826.

This is a fun group! We'd love to have you join us! We started in 1995, but many members have moved or do not want to drive at night.

For more information regarding Ladies' Bridge, contact Marcia Hansen at marciadh2@aol.com

INVITATION TO A GARDENING AND POETRY CLUB

Several homeowners have expressed an interest and desire to form a Gardening and Poetry Club.

The purpose of this club is to provide a forum to homeowners to share ideas, questions, suggestions and gardening experiences with each other and also to share poetry, homeowners write or have written as well as poetry they have enjoyed. Initially our interaction will be via email.

Let's join and create and share beauty with each other.

Interested people can contact Elias Baron at director@hoppr.org for more information.



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



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

We encourage you to check out Officer Chris Biane's Safety Minute videos. This one is "Where can you make a legal U-Turn," https://youtu.be/0nbsAO0JPsa?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

A note from CMA Management (in case you missed it)

Dear Homeowner:

With the arrival of spring, many homeowners get the urge to refresh their yards and upgrade their properties. When you identify your next exterior home improvement project, please remember these important facts:

- Many projects (including some repairs/replacements) require PRIOR approval by our community's Architectural Control Committee (ACC), as well as close attention to our Modification Guidelines.
- Homeowners who do not receive approval for a required project (or who do not complete a project according to guidelines/as approved) will receive a violation notice.

Why? We uphold these standards because we care. Guidelines support our property values and protect the unique look and feel of our community.

When planning your next exterior project, follow these steps to prevent project delays or the receipt of a violation notice.

- **GO ONLINE.** Log in to your account at <https://cma.cincwebaxis.com/>.
- **READ.** Go to Association Info > Documents and carefully read our Modification Guidelines. They contain instructions for solar panels, roofing, sheds, pergolas, pools, flags and flagpoles, landscaping, yard signs, and much more. The guidelines will tell you if an application is required for your project type, what info/documentation you need to provide, and the length of the application review period you can expect.
- **INCLUDE.** Be sure to include all required info for your project type (e.g., dimensions, product brands, colors, material types, etc.) and to upload all required documentation (e.g., plat survey, images of paint or stain colors, photo renderings, etc.). Incomplete submissions are automatically denied and must be resubmitted.
- **SUBMIT.** Go to Association Info > ACC Modification Requests and review the info on that page. There, you'll click the 'Add ACC Request' button to start your application.
- **CHECK.** Your application status will show as OPEN on your homeowner portal until the committee makes their final decision. You will receive the decision letter via your registered email account or via a USPS delivered letter if you do not have a registered email address.

Protecting the aesthetic of our community is truly a team effort. We thank you for paying attention to the details!

Brandon Furman
ACC Chairperson
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