



HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR HOMEOWNERS,

Punxsutawney Phil

I hear Punxsutawney Phil is predicting 6 more weeks of winter but let's agree that it will be limited to the North and Northeast where he lives. We are all looking forward to seeing March bring to Texas a beautiful fresh tornado-free spring.

Driving through our neighborhood in spring is a treat. Everyone does such a beautiful job adding color to their flower beds and preparing their trees for blossoms in and around their homes. Thank you for the nice job y'all do manicuring your lawns and showing off Nature's beauty to the rest of the community. Again, thank you for caring!

Important Reminder

With nicer weather brings the chance to get outside and make repairs / clean things up around the house. Please note that if you are planning ANY exterior work (in front or in back of your house), be sure to get ACC approval PRIOR to beginning work. It's part of our Covenant Agreements. The good news is that the process is pretty quick and easy – especially if it's not done in a last minute "emergency" fashion. The form can be found on the neighborhood website, www.hoppr.org or on the CMA website.

City Dealings

Your Board has been busy meeting with the City regarding improvements to the Parker/Browning east side easement and the west side entrance to the community. We are currently in negotiation with the City regarding a

proper balance of City and HOA oversight.

Leland Cypress

One critical area has recently surfaced. A couple of Board members noticed some of the Leland Cypress along Parker, between Preston Meadow and Browning, had begun to brown and look stressed. The City was immediately notified. Their Urban Arborist, Marc Beaudoin, came and took samples and sent them to the A & M lab for analysis. After some delay it was determined the trees were in serious distress with a bug infestation and root problems.

As a result, the City cut two or three trees out of the stand as an emergency measure and have verbally committed to dealing with the problems. The Board is working diligently to develop a comprehensive plan with the City whereby the trees are cared for into the long term future. More details will be shared as soon as we are able to sign off on the agreement with the City.

Please refer to the rest of the newsletter for information about committee chairs and social clubs. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Board. They are all more than willing to serve you.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please reach out to me at 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.

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**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Please add the following names to the directory:

Kyung Chung
4424 Oak Knoll

Stephen Huang & Lin Lin
4425 Briar Hollow

Edward Laperouse II
4320 Kingsbury

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

Karl & Ann-Sofie Mattias
4424 Oak Knoll

Zach & Amanda Meyer
4425 Briar Hollow

Chuck & Nancy Gibbs
4320 Kingsbury

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 4
AT 7 PM**

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

**OTHER MEETING
DATES**

**TUESDAY
JULY 11**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 10**

**ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14**



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB

The Neighborhood Book Club
will meet on March 14th
at the home of

Diane Ross
4417 Oak Knoll Dr.
from 2:00 to 3:30.

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

The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

Author Bio:

Maggie O'Farrell, is the author of *HAMNET*, Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020, and the memoir *I AM, I AM, I AM*, both Sunday Times no. 1 bestsellers. Her novels include *AFTER YOU'D GONE*, *MY LOVER'S LOVER*, *THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US*, which won a Somerset Maugham Award, *THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX*, *THE HAND THAT FIRST HELD MINE*, which won the 2010 Costa Novel Award, *INSTRUCTIONS FOR A HEATWAVE* and *THIS MUST BE THE PLACE*, and *THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT*. She is also the author of two books for children, *WHERE SNOW ANGELS GO* and *THE BOY WHO LOST HIS SPARK*. She lives in Edinburgh.

Synopsis:

Florence, the 1550s. Lucrezia, third daughter of the grand duke, is comfortable with her obscure place in the palazzo: free to

wonder at its treasures, observe its clandestine workings, and devote herself to her own artistic pursuits. But when her older sister dies on the eve of her wedding to the ruler of Ferrara, Modena and Reggio, Lucrezia is thrust unwittingly into the limelight: the duke is quick to request her hand in marriage, and her father just as quick to accept on her behalf.

Having barely left girlhood behind, Lucrezia must now enter an unfamiliar court whose customs are opaque and where her arrival is not universally welcomed. Perhaps most mystifying of all is her new husband himself, Alfonso. Is he the playful sophisticate he appeared to be before their wedding, the aesthete happiest in the company of artists and musicians, or the ruthless politician before whom even his formidable sisters seem to tremble?

As Lucrezia sits in constricting finery for a painting intended to preserve her image for centuries to come, one thing becomes worryingly clear. In the court's eyes, she has one duty: to provide the heir who will shore up the future of the Ferranese dynasty. Until then, for all of her rank and nobility, the new duchess's future hangs entirely in the balance.

Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator

Watch for a social event
in late April!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Diane Ross
4417 Oak Knoll Dr.

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



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

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.

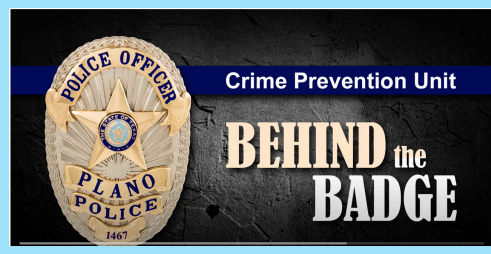


CRIME REPORTS



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 Behind the Badge: https://youtu.be/cVbZFDCcR1Q?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e It describes the Plano K9 unit.





ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Spring projects are coming so we at the ACC ask that homeowners complete their applications and submit through CMA.

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

Brandon Furman
ACC Chairperson
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.



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 marciadb2@aol.com

Watch for a social event in late April !!!!

