

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Has anyone living in Texas ever experienced a hotter summer than this year's? I seem to recall one just at the turn of the century where we had thirty-one 100 degree plus consecutive days. How many did we get to this year? The only upside for a cold-water wimp like me is that I have enjoyed swimming daily. 😊

In the next month you should see some action on our Leland Cypress tree stand along Parker. A committee of community members directly affected by the failing trees plus our VP Mike Powell, Treasurer Yousuf Omar and Landscape Coordinator, Cheryl Hill, put together a replacement design of Nellie Stephen hollies and Little Gem magnolias. The City has tentatively approved it and will be cutting down the Cypress soon, after which the replacement design will be installed.

Please note the ANNUAL MEETING comes a little earlier this year. It will be NOVEMBER 6th at the Christ United Methodist at the usual time of 7 p.m. Last year was the first time in three or four years we were able to establish a quorum and officially elect our 5 person Board to a two year term of service. Their end date will be 2024.

If you signed a quorum proxy last year, please do so again this year. And

encourage your friends? Establishing a quorum makes our legal process easier. So when CMA sends you the document to sign in the near future please help us out? Your involvement is very much appreciated.

We do have one position open on the Board for next year as Eli Baron, has decided to step down. We thank Eli for his enthusiastic contribution in 2023 and I want to say personally, "Thank you, Eli, for your service." If you are interested in seeking Eli's spot on the Board we encourage you to talk soon to Lakisha Devine of CMA or one of the Board members listed on the Newsletter masthead.

Please be on the lookout for our Fall Social event. Susan Redding always does such a superior job. I'm not sure what is on the agenda for this year, but she will be sending news soon. I'm sure we'll all have fun and the food will be great!

I also hear there is a Christmas/Holiday event in the works. If you have ideas to share about some past event you felt was a real success, please call Susan and share. (See the masthead for her email address).

Best 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.



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

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



A WARM "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

Daniel & Jessica Ayala
4312 Barnsley

Ranya Sabbagh
4432 High Mesa

Edmond & Amanda Tse
4313 Oak Knoll

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

Francois & Alice De Kock
4312 Barnsley

Jim & Janelle Gauthier
4432 High Mesa

John David Baker
4313 Oak Knoll



BOARD MEETINGS

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 10
AT 7 PM**

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

**OTHER MEETING
DATES**

**ANNUAL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 6**



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB & SOCIAL NEWS



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on September 12th at a **different time - 10:30 AM** at the home of

Nancy Gibbs

Nancy has moved and an email with her new address will be sent out closer to the meeting date in September

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

Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice

by Bill Browder

Author:

Bill Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management and was the largest foreign investor in Russia until 2005. Since 2009, when his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, was murdered in prison after uncovering a \$230 million fraud committed by Russian government officials, Browder has been leading a campaign to expose Russia's endemic corruption and human rights abuses. Before founding Hermitage, Browder was vice president at Salomon Brothers. He holds a BA in economics from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Stanford Business School.

Synopsis:

This is a story about an accidental activist. Bill Browder started out his adult life as the Wall Street maverick whose instincts led him to Russia just after the breakup of the Soviet Union, where he made his fortune.

Along the way he exposed corruption, and when he did, he barely escaped with his life. His Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky wasn't so lucky: he ended up in jail, where he was tortured to death. That changed Browder forever. He saw the murderous heart of the Putin regime and has spent the last half decade on a campaign to expose it. Because of that, he became Putin's number one enemy, especially after Browder succeeded in having a law passed in the United States—the Magnitsky Act—that punishes a list of Russians implicated in the lawyer's murder. Putin famously retaliated with a law that bans Americans from adopting Russian orphans.

A financial caper, a crime thriller, and a political crusade, *Red Notice* is the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world, and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life.

Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator

Next Meeting

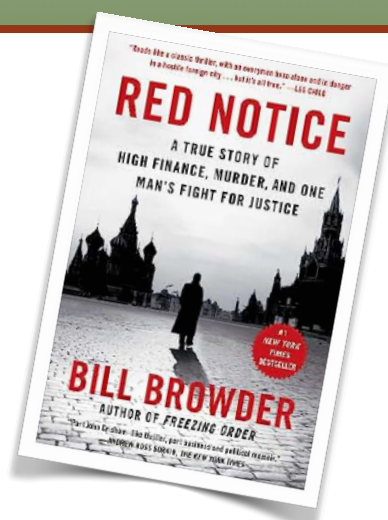
Tuesday, September 12

Time: 10:30 AM

Nancy Gibbs

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



SOCIAL NEWS

Watch for upcoming news about a fall event, a Christmas/Holiday Children's event and an adult event



Susan Redding
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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.

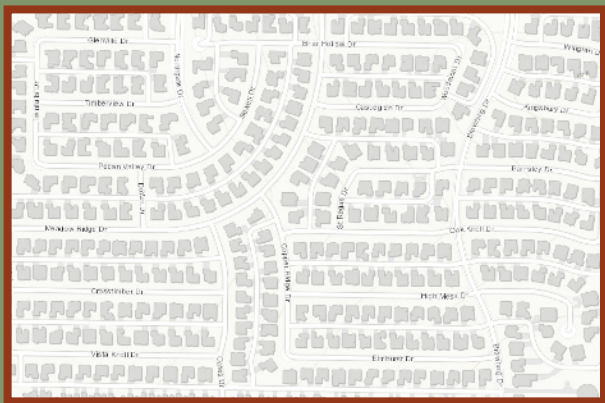


CRIME REPORTS



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 "You've Gone Too Far," https://youtu.be/bOm9dI2Ni1Q?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e



Safety Minute

Crime Prevention Unit



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)



Dear Homeowner:

If you are tackling some fall home repairs, Brandon Furman and **the ACC ask that homeowners complete their applications and submit them 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

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
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