

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Welcome to the 1st Highlander Newsletter for 2024!

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize those in our community who contributed to the successes we experienced in 2023. Your HOA Board and Committee Chairs did an outstanding job.

Most notable was our need to replace the Leland Cypress along Parker Road. Board members, VP Mike Powell and Treasurer Yousef Omar, along with Landscape Chair Cheryl Hill and two interested homeowners, developed a workable plan between the City and the community to remove and replace the diseased tree stand with a new, more hardy, native stand of Little Gem Magnolias and Nellie Stevens Holly. We appreciate the City's beautification grant which helped us control our costs. If you would like more details, please join us for our first quarter HOA Board Meeting at CMA headquarters, Tuesday, January 9th at 7 p.m.

Special thanks and recognition also to Susan Redding, our Social Chair and her husband Mike. I especially enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at Arrowhead Park, the Happy Hour at Katy Trail and our most recent Holiday Social at Anaya's. Susan and Mike have each event well-planned and budget friendly. Please recognize their efforts when you run into them.

The friendly nature of our community has excelled through the efforts of our Welcome Committee and their Chair, Dale McGilvray. People often forget how a friendly face and welcome word changes a newcomer's perception of the neighborhood and the people that live

there. Dale and her visitors move the friendship needle of our community by their selfless efforts. Thank you!

The Architectural Committee can be a thankless job, but an important one. The Board recently met and spontaneously recognized what a great job Brandon Furman has done as ACC Chair. Our ACC committee communicates to the community the care and pride we all have in the quality upkeep of our neighborhood. The cost of repairs and the need for proactive care of our property is neither an easy job nor an inexpensive one. Brandon helps us remember how to continue to be good neighbors to our friends next door.

Finally, we have a couple of chairperson obligations that exist behind the scenes. 1) Whitney Magnuson, the Website Chair, has kept our website running smoothly. She recently found excellent support from VP Mike Powell and the two have done a good job making the system run well. 2) My wife, Connie Parker along with backup Laura Ahle, has kept our Newsletter running well. Thank you for staying on top of it and helping us meet your deadlines. 3) Janet McCrum chooses excellent books for the readers among us and keeps the program on track. Thank you, Janet!

With Appreciation and thanks for all you did in 2023.

Sincerely,

Deane Parker
Happy New Year 2024!!



May you find peace and prosperity throughout the year.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE



“WELCOME”

NEW RESIDENTS!

**TO HIGHLANDS OF PLANO
PRESTON RIDGE**

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.



**A WARM “WELCOME” TO
OUR NEWEST
NEIGHBORS!**

**Eduardo Esparza & Michelle Tate
4320 Kingbury**

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

**Edward Laperouse II
4320 Kingbury**

Directory Update

Please update the telephone number for Mitch & Parvin Stiles at 4420 High Mesa to: 469-544-6209



BOARD MEETINGS

2024 BOARD MEETINGS

TUES. JANUARY 9

TUESDAY APRIL 9

TUESDAY JULY 9

TUESDAY OCT 8

7 PM

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



**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 February 20 for March/April issue.





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday Jan. 9th at the home of

Paulette Armstrong
4305 Barnsley Dr.

From 2:45 to 3:45 pm

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

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

Author's Bio:

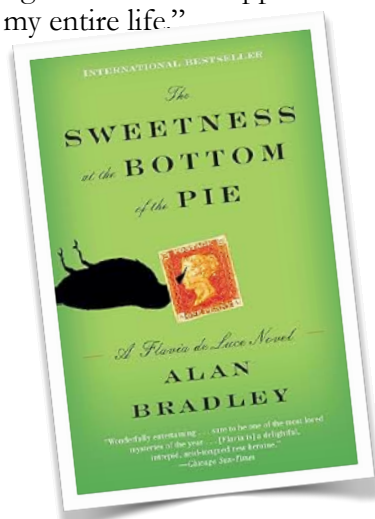
Alan Bradley received the Crime Writers' Association Debut Dagger Award for *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, his first novel, which went on to win the Agatha Award, the Barry Award, the Dilys Award, the Arthur Ellis Award, the Macavity Award and the Spotted Owl Award. He is the author of many short stories, children's stories, newspaper columns, and the memoir *The Shoebox Bible*. He co-authored *Ms. Holmes of Baker Street* with the late William A.S. Sarjeant. Bradley lives in Malta with his wife and two calculating cats.

Synopsis:

It is the summer of 1950—and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch

and watches him as he takes his dying breath.

For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw. "I wish I could say I was afraid, but I wasn't. Quite the contrary. This was by far the most interesting thing that had ever happened to me in my entire life."



*Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator*

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

From 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

at the home of

Paulette Armstrong
4305 Barnsley Dr.

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

Please note the new time for this month is 2:45 p.m.



A New Social Event



We are looking to get a dinner group going for some of the younger families in our neighborhood. The format is simple: each month, one couple will host dinner in their home. for 3-5 other couples on a weekend night of their choice. The host provides the meal for everyone, and the other attendees bring their choice of drink to share (wine, beer, tea, etc). Then the next month, a different couple hosts. Each host couple can specify how many other couples they can comfortably host in their home, and we'll choose who attends each month on a first-to-reply basis. It should be a fun way to get to know other neighbors who are in the same stage of life!

If you are interested, email Whitney Magnuson at whitney.francis@gmail.com with your address, if you have a particular month you'd like to host, and any food allergies or sensitivities, if needed. We'll gauge the interest, and get a rotation going!

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*Social Coordinator
Susan Redding*

DECEMBER ADULT SOCIAL (PAGE 2)



Social Coordinator
Susan Redding



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.

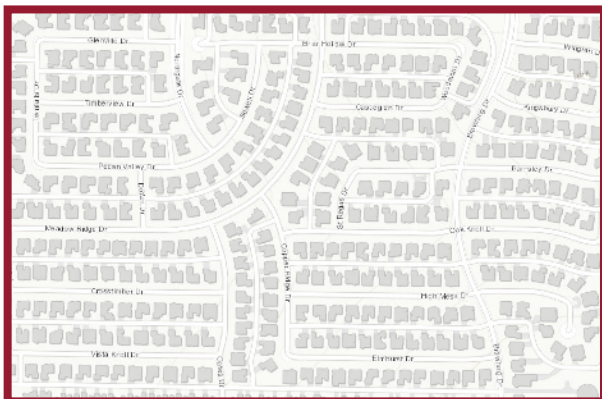


CRIME REPORTS



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

We encourage you to check out Officer Chris Bianez' Safety Minute videos. This one is "How Fast is Fast?" https://youtu.be/04VpX_kBFeg?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Dear Homeowner:

If you are tackling some 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/>

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

A friendly reminder from the City of Plano....

Keep your trash cart from overflowing by making the most of your recycling cart. Basic items that can be recycled are metal, glass, paper, cardboard and plastics. Rinse and shake dry before adding containers to the cart.

Easy items to identify for recycling:

- Food and beverage cans
- Plastics numbers 1, 2 and 5 - empty water and soda bottles; detergent and milk jugs; plastic yogurt or butter tubs; shampoo and soap bottles
- Glass beverage bottles without lids
- Paper and cardboard in postcard size and larger
- Place flattened large empty boxes with your [weekly yard trimmings](#) to make more room in your recycling cart. Go to Plano.gov/Recycling for other tips to **recycle**.

Never place cords or clothing in your recycling cart. Old electronics and Christmas tree lights are only accepted as drop-offs at [Community Recycling Events](#).