

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Spring Has Come!

Welcome to one of HOPPR's favorite times of the year – Spring! I am sure you are all celebrating the passing of the worst part of winter and are now looking forward to our community's upcoming spring events. Susan Redding has already contacted me about our annual Easter Egg Hunt accompanied by the Easter Bunny fun photo shoot for those families whose kids like to dress up and have a cool family picture taken. Make it a date!

\$10,000.00 Grant Received

I must say I am also enjoying the new stand of trees we recently installed along Parker. Each time I drive past them going into the community I appreciate their enhancement of our property. Kudos need to go to HOA Treasurer Yousuf Omar, Vice President Mike Powell and the Community Landscape Group for the work they did in handling this challenging transition. Mike took the Community Landscape Group's recommendations, drew them up to scale, and along with Yousuf, found a competent nursery to give us a good quote and quality installation. Now, this past week, we were notified by CMA they had deposited \$10,000.00 to our account. It represents the City's grant to the community for our beautification effort.

Community Maintenance Issues

Recently, some Mundane but important community issues have come up. Please give them your personal concern and active follow up.

1. <https://save.com> is a company that **throws advertising** in our community. They pack the ads in plastic bags, but

when thrown, they land everywhere except on the homeowners porch. Then the bags land in the streets and on the sidewalks but are not being picked up. The result is a lot of clutter along our thoroughfares and a soggy mess following a rain. My wife and I pick up some bags on our walks, but we ask you to please pay attention to your property and roadway in front of your home and keep it clear of this soggy garbage. **You can also opt out of their delivery.** Just go online to the email address above and the FAQ page.

2. **Persons/landscapers are blowing leaves** onto the roadways rather than collecting them in bags. At first this seems inconsequential – until you are one of the folks who bags their leaves – only to watch your neighbor/landscaper blow their leaves onto the roadway (hoping they will make it to the sewer) then see the wind pick them up and re-deposit them back onto your manicured lawn.

Please review your options to be sure your yard, as well as your neighbor's, continues to be well-maintained. 😊

3. On at least one street in the community a **commercial work truck** is being regularly left curbside outside an owner's house rather than parked in the driveway. If you are the culprit, please review the community by-laws about such vehicles.

Best Regards for a Pleasant Spring!

Deane Parker

President, HOPPR HOA



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

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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.



**NO NEW NEIGHBORS
THIS MONTH!**

**BOARD
MEETINGS**

**2024
BOARD
MEETINGS**



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org



TUESDAY APRIL 9

TUESDAY JULY 9

TUESDAY OCT 8

7 PM

CMA OFFICE
1800 PRESTON PARK
BLVD
SUITE 101
PLANO, TX



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.





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at the home of

Barbara Rice
4433 High Mesa Dr.

From 2:00 to 3:30 pm

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

The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony

Author's Bio:

The Elephant Whisperer: My Life With the Herd in the African Wild (2009) detailing his experiences with rehabilitating a traumatized herd of elephants on his game reserve in South Africa. The book explores themes of bonding and communicating with animals, the inherent interconnectedness of nature, and the challenges of conservation efforts.

Anthony was an internationally renowned conservationist and environmentalist. He was the co-owner and head of conservation at the Thula Thula game reserve in Zululand, South Africa, where the book is set, as well as founder of The Earth Organization. Anthony's work with animals has received global acclaim and fame, particularly his efforts in saving the animals of the Baghdad Zoo following the American invasion of Iraq in 2003. This experience was the first to find its way into an award-winning book, titled Babylon's Ark: The Incredible Wartime Rescue of the Baghdad

Zoo (2007). The Elephant Whisperer is Anthony's second book, and his third, The Last Rhinos (2012), was published a few days after he passed away.

Synopsis:

Lawrence Anthony runs a reserve called Thula Thula in Zululand, South Africa, and is asked to take on a herd of wild elephants with a difficult past. They have broken out of their prior homes numerous times and have been deemed unruly and dangerous. Lawrence agrees despite some apprehensions, as he is also dealing with a poaching problem on the reserve. The herd breaks out of the reserve on their very first night, and Lawrence later learns that there were gunshots outside the boma, the holding pen in which the herd was quarantined. The herd makes its way to the nearby Umfolozi reserve, where they are captured and brought back to Thula Thula. However, Lawrence is warned by KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife that if the herd breaks out again, they will be put down.

Lawrence decides to adopt uncommon methods to rehabilitate the traumatized and mistrustful elephants: He begins to live with them outside the boma. Over time, he forges a connection with the matriarch of the herd, Nana, who begins to trust him. Following an incident where Nana approaches Lawrence at the fence and touches him with her trunk, he decides the herd is ready to be let out of the boma and onto the reserve.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

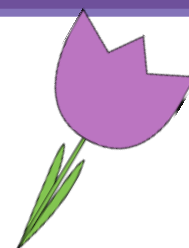
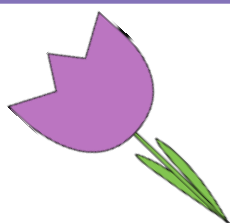
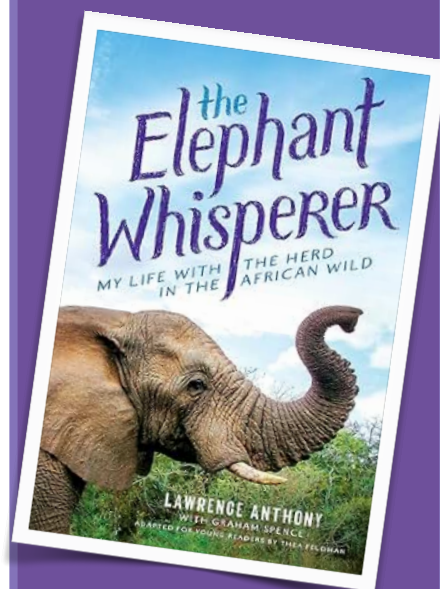
From 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

at the home of

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



SOCIAL NEWS: SIP-N-STUFF & EGG HUNT



Ladies “Sip-n-Stuff” Event



March 21st at 6:30 pm
at 4421 Elmhurst

Sip wine, enjoy snacks, visit with one another, stuff eggs to help the Easter Bunny. We will be accepting donations of plastic egg and small candies.

Donations can be dropped off at 4421 Elmhurst in the days prior to the event.

EGG HUNT

Saturday March 23

at 10:30 pm

Arrowhead Park

The Easter Bunny
will be there!!



Susan Redding
Social Chair
social@hoppr.org

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

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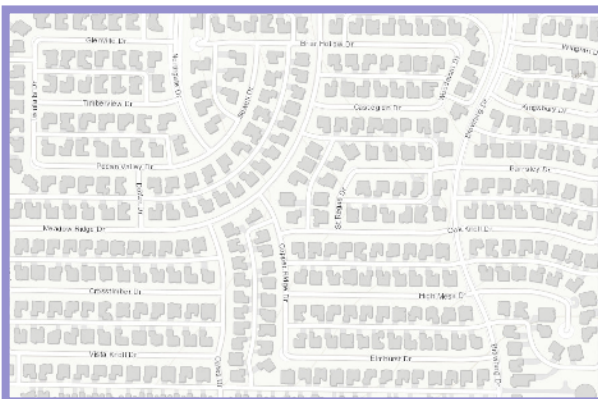


CRIME REPORTS



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 "Red Light Safety Angle." https://youtu.be/vtYQNKw7Gd4?list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e



**Safety
Minute**
Crime Prevention Unit

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