

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

As we enter the core heat of summer, I thought it would be a helpful reminder to attach the current guidelines from the City of Plano regarding the landscape water usage requested from homeowners.

Since our area rainfall has been good this year, we do not expect a significant variance in 2024. There are, of course, possible changes due to the on-going upgrading of the City's water filtration system that has been an on-going project for the past few year.

A detailed description follows straight from the City website.

**1) Spring/Summer Watering
April 1 - October 31**

Plano residents and businesses are asked to only water a maximum of **twice per week** from April 1 to October 31.

Watering Schedule

Residential addresses with an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) as their last digit water Mondays and Thursdays.

Residential addresses with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) as their last digit water Tuesdays and Fridays.

2) Storm Surge Repairs & Restoration

Due to the large storm surge last month there has been extensive property damage throughout the City, including the HOPPR Community. Page 7 of the Newsletter has a map from the City providing guidelines for your reference. It will give you an idea of the clean-up progress and time frame for what remains to be done. Hope this helps!

3) A Caring Community

Thank you all for the diligent improvements you have been making on your property. Despite the removal of lost trees (which by itself is no small expense) you have stepped up to the plate, to remove winter blight through the addition of new sod, plus new hedging and fence repairs. The community has been rejuvenated.

Within the past week a homeowner texted me his appreciation of everyone for following our HOA community standards. He mentioned that while driving he couldn't help but notice the difference in the quality of care that exists within our community as opposed to other communities nearby. Those without HOA guidance were neighborhoods in decline.

The declining neighborhoods seemed to lack quality control standards and direction. They had lost pride of vision for the beauty and elegance of their homes and the neighborhood they represented. They seemed to have forgotten a truth – a well-cared for neighborhood reveals a community of people who care.

Thanks for all you do.

Best regards for a safe and fun summer.

Respectfully,

Deane Parker

President, HOPPR HOA



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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.



BOARD MEETINGS

2024 BOARD MEETINGS

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

NO NEW NEIGHBORS THIS MONTH!!

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





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday July 9 2024 at the home of

Diane Ross
4417 Oak Knoll Dr.

We have a change in our start time!! We will meet

From 2:30 pm to 4 pm

If you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Book Club, please contact Janet McCrum at tmngjanet@aol.com

comes the story of a turbulent, transformative era in America: the 1960s. *The Women* is that rarest of novels—at once an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost on the battlefield.

The Women follows Frances “Frankie” McGrath a young nurse who serves during the American conflict in Vietnam in the late 1960s. Raised in privilege, 20-year-old Frankie is eager to find purpose and quickly grows from a naïve woman to a skilled Operating Room (OR) nurse. However, the horrors of war make acclimation to civilian life challenging. Through Frankie, Hannah hopes to elucidate the lesser-known women of the Vietnam War.

Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator

Next Meeting

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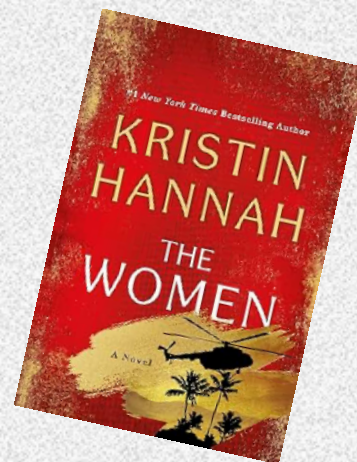
For more information email Janet McCrum at tmngjanet@aol.com

Bio:

Kristin Hannah is the award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels including the international blockbuster, *The Nightingale*, which was named Goodreads Best Historical fiction novel for 2015 and won the coveted People’s Choice award for best fiction in the same year. She was asked in an interview: When did you know you wanted to become an author? She replied - “It’s truly all I’ve ever wanted to do (aside from a brief time when I was 9 and was convinced I was going to be a pop star). I was a voracious reader as a kid, and I’ve always loved writing and inventing stories and characters, so it just feels like a natural fit.” A former attorney, Kristin lives in the Pacific Northwest.

Synopsis:

From master storyteller Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds*,





LAWN TIPS FROM DEBBIE PRICE



Lawn Care Tips for Summer



Summer in Texas can be very hot and dry. July, August and September are among the hottest months with the highest temperatures. Here are some lawn care management tips to help your lawn stay healthy throughout the summer.

Watering

If warm season turf grass undergoes a prolonged period of drought, it can go into summer dormancy. This means that it will cease growth, turn a tan golden-brown color and then recover when water becomes available in the late summer or early fall. Allowing your grass to go dormant is an option when you don't want to water on a regular basis during the hottest and driest weeks of summer.

Summer dormancy is contingent on your lawn's ability to develop deep, healthy roots during periods of active growth. Water-Wise to help encourage deep rooting, deep water infiltration and healthy turf grass growth. If you choose to do this, stop fertilizing because it's best to apply fertilizer products when turf grass is actively growing, not dormant.

Mowing

During the hottest parts of summer, your lawn may not need to be mowed as often, especially if it is struggling with heat and drought stress. However, many summer weeds are flowering and producing seed. Take steps now to reduce seed populations in your landscape and reduce weed numbers in the spring. Frequent mowing and removal of clippings during this time can be helpful in managing weed populations.

Fertilization

Continue to fertilize your lawn as needed to support health turf grass growth. When there isn't as much water to support growth, consider reducing or suspending the amount of fertilizer applications. Nutrient rates including phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) should be determined by a soil test. Soil tests will also help to identify important soil properties like pH, which will influence nutrient availability.

Insects

Three common lawn insects to be aware of during summer months are Bermuda grass mites, grubs and chinch bugs.



Bermuda grass mites will thrive in hot temperatures and be very active during the summer. They are not visible to the naked eye. When severe infestation occurs, they will cause turf grass to thin out and will create a tufted "witch's broom" appearance.

There are several insecticide options for severe cases, but one effective tactic is to scalp the infested area and remove the grass clippings, physically displacing many of the mites

Damage from turf-feeding grubs is most visible during summer and early fall. Grub damage appears as irregularly shaped patches resembling drought stress. When grub infestations are severe, turf grass can often be pulled up and rolled back as if it were new sod. Timing is important for treating grubs. Waiting too long can drastically reduce the effectiveness of lawn insecticides.

Chinch bugs are common summer pests in southern lawns. They cause the most damage to St. Augustine grass but can also affect other types of Turfgrass. Chinch bug damage shows up as irregular-shaped patches that spread outward. If your yard has Bermuda grass mixed in, you may notice tufts of Bermuda grass still standing in the middle of dead or thinning St. Augustine. Chinch bugs are visible without magnification, but still somewhat small and sometimes hard to spot without help.

With all the rain, your lawns should be extremely healthy and ready for the hot days ahead. These tips will help keep your lawn lush and green for the rest of the summer.



CITY OF PLANO NEWS



CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT TO RECYCLE?

STICK TO THE BASICS: CANS, PLASTICS (1, 2 & 5), MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD & GLASS.



Metal food and beverage containers



Plastic containers
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Glass containers

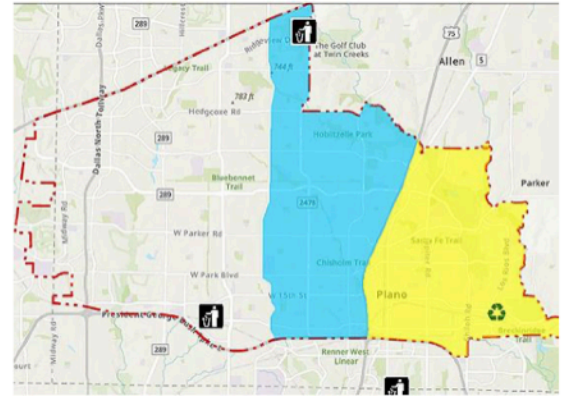


Paper and cardboard

CITY OF PLANO NEWS

Check the Status of Plano' Storm Debris Cleanup Efforts on an Active Map

The City of Plano is actively working on collecting storm debris from the recent severe weather. Residents can view the status of collections in their neighborhoods through the [Residential Debris Sweep map online](#).



The first sweep areas completed are in yellow on the progress map. If you live in a yellow area but still have debris, please leave your debris at the collection point to be collected on the second sweep.

Here's what to expect moving forward:

- Storm-related tree and branch collections at the curb is 7 days a week until the sweeps are complete. Today, a new contractor began tackling these piles with large equipment that requires clear access. They will not pick up piles blocked by vehicles.
- Storm-related tree and branch alley collections are Monday through Saturday by City crews until the sweeps are complete.
- Blue areas on the map are currently being collected and should be picked up in 1 to 5 days. Please avoid parking vehicles near debris piles.

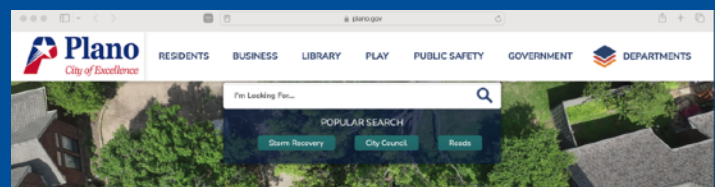
Streets and alleys may not be completed on the same day but will be within a few days of each other. A second sweep begins after the first sweep completes all of Plano.

Visit Plano.gov/StormRecovery.

Residential Debris Sweep: online map

(Active link below)

<https://planogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5e507d4d79194ae1a9ce13ce9d0b9686>



Plano.gov/StormRecovery



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

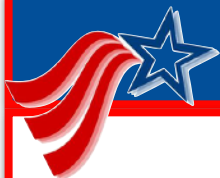


Plano Police Warns of Rise in Identity Theft Cases

Unlike your fingerprints, which cannot be used by someone else, your data CAN be used. Identity theft occurs when someone knowingly transfers or uses your identity (social security number, credit card, driver's license, etc.) to open an account, make purchases, apply for a loan,

If you are a victim, contact your local law enforcement and the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus:

- Equifax: 800-525-6285
- Experian: 800-397-3742
- Trans Union: 800-680-7289



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, even if you are staining your fence the same color!!** 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

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