

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

As we enter September, we look forward to a decline in the triple digit heat advisories. Without them, this is one of the nicest times of the year in Texas. Hopefully we'll be able to have a community event and enjoy the weather.

Since the heat is not quite behind us, I am attaching the current guidelines from the City of Plano regarding the landscape water usage. Notice the guideline goes through October.

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

Plano residents and businesses are asked to 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

The large storm surge in the spring caused damage to our wrought iron fence situated along the northern boundary of our community from Browning to Preston Meadow along Parker.

We spoke with the City asking them to repair their part of the damage which is the iron frame. On August 26, Justin McCabe of the City called to advise the repairs have been approved and the work would be underway next week (September 2-6) or at the latest, the week following.

3) Official Annual Meeting Date and Quorum Need

The Annual Meeting of HOPPR will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Christ United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. (Parker & Coit - same location as last year).

Lakisha Devine of CMA will mail formal notices out shortly. Proxies will also be sent. Please sign and return your proxies (one per household) as soon as possible. These are *crucial* for us to be able to have official voting results and pass general business. **For the annual meeting we need 10% of the homeowners to complete their proxies. That's just 30 owners.** We did it last year. Please help us do it again this year!

4) Board Election at Annual Meeting

The Treasurer, Yousuf Omar and Director Howard Apple are up for re-election. The rest of the Board comes up for re-election in 2025-26.

Both Yousuf and Howard are running again. If you also would like to run, please ask Lakisha for a nomination application.

There are also a couple of HOPPR Committee assignments open. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the Board to learn about this way to serve the community.

Best Regards,

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.



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



**BOARD
MEETINGS**

NEXT

**2024
BOARD
MEETING**

TUESDAY OCT 8

7 PM

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



**Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org**



**Please add the following names to
the directory:**

Mark Kalmar & Kiana Kimberly
4304 Barnsley

Jeff & Laurel Thomas
4569 Crosstimber

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

Ryan & Natalie Harden
4304 Barnsley

Martha Feedback & Rob Kravitz
4569 Crosstimber

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





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tues. September 10 2024 at the home of

Janet McCrum
4565 Vista 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

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

by Lisa See

Author Bio:

Lisa See is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Island of Sea Women*, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Peony in Love*, *Shanghai Girls*, *China Dolls*, and *Dreams of Joy*, which debuted at #1. She is also the author of *On Gold Mountain*, which tells the story of her Chinese American family's settlement in Los Angeles. See was the recipient of the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Association of Southern California and the Historymaker's Award from the Chinese American Museum. She was also named National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women.

Synopsis:

According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness

—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient.

From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship and a mutual purpose—despite the prohibition that a doctor should never touch blood while a midwife comes in frequent contact with it—and they vow to be forever friends, sharing in each other's joys and struggles. No mud, no lotus, they tell themselves: from adversity beauty can bloom.

But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife—embroider bound-foot slippers, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the walls of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights.

*Janet McCrum
Book Club Coordinator*

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 10

From 2:30 pm to 4 pm

at the home of

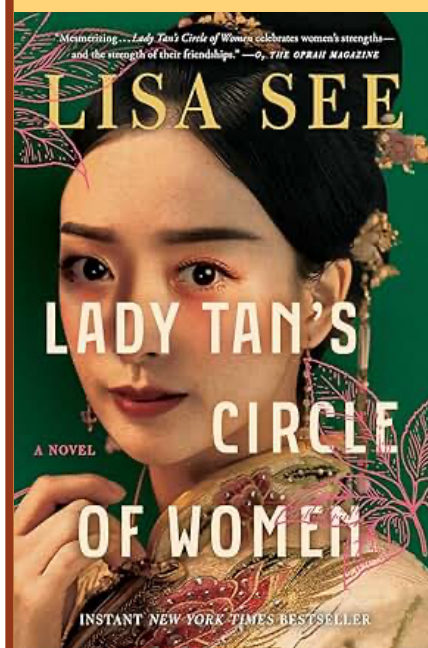
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LAWN TIPS FROM DEBBIE PRICE

Lawn Care Tips for Fall



I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It's hard to believe it's already September. The holidays will be here before we know it. Below are a few things you should do this fall to keep your lawn and garden healthy through the winter. You will be glad you completed your list when spring arrives and your lawn is thick and lush.

Fertilize and Repair

In September, it is necessary to provide a balanced fertilizer, type NPK 15-15-15, but ask your local Nursery what is the correct type for your lawn. This will promote root growth and the overall health of the lawn for the coming year.

The grass has suffered a lot of games, trampling and extreme heat during the summer. Take advantage of late September or early October to renovate the peeled areas.

Once the heat has passed, you can, if you wish, lower the cutting height and mow shorter than in summer. However, during the last mowing, it is good to mow quite high (at least 5 cm). This will make your lawn more resistant to diseases and help it to leave faster in the spring.

Pick up dead leaves

Leaving leaves on your lawn will promote disease and also choke and kill your grass. There are two easy ways to remove them ... mow

or blow. REMEMBER, if the leaves are wet when they fall, you need to remove them quickly. The weight and moisture will destroy your lawn and shrubs quickly.

Planting-

Fall planting—Begin planting trees and shrubs this month. Planting in autumn allows them time to grow roots and transition into the garden.

Water—As temperatures begin to cool, plants need less water. Adjust your watering schedule for lawns, borders, and containers. Pay close attention to containers as they tend to become waterlogged.

Color beds—Remove spent summer annuals, prepare the soil, and plant cool-weather annuals now. Add a balanced slow-release fertilizer, organic matter such as composted pine bark, and then till the bed before planting.

Pest! Grub worms are a white, fleshy larvae that live in the ground until emerging as a beetle. They leave large brown patches in the lawn that often get confused with brown patch. No matter what type of lawn you have, grub worms can be a problem. It is easy to diagnose them as you simply dig into the affected area and if you have more than a handful, they are likely your culprit. If the problem gets too bad, i.e., your lawn displays several larva-infested brown patches, you might need to treat it. Look for a granular grub killer. It is recommended to treat the entire lawn and not only the affected area. Next on the hit list are chinch bugs. These little critters love the heat. They typically attack lawns at the edges first, often near a sidewalk.

Chinch bugs are treated with an insecticide spray.

I know this is quite a bit of information at once, but don't let it overwhelm you. Getting your lawn on a good watering schedule, knowing when to fertilize and being aware of what problems could arise, and simply knowing how to handle them will get your lawn lush and green in no time. That's all I have for now, but I'll be back with more information soon. Until then, happy gardening!

Debbie Price



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



Safety Minute

Crime Prevention Unit

Session 164:

Speak Through Your Locked Door



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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