

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

The Holiday Season is upon us and your Board wishes you the very best joyous Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's celebrations through to the end of the year.

We are looking forward to another very special community get-together, much like last year's community dinner. The event will be early in the month: **Tuesday, December 3, 5:30-7:30** at last year's hit party-place, Anaya's. See details on page 3 from our great Social Event Planner, Susan Redding. I am already getting excited about it!

Community Maintenance and Festive Lights

After the surprising intense spring storm with 80 mph. winds, the community has finally repaired the damaged wood panels that screen the back side of our community running parallel to Parker from Preston Meadow to Browning. We apologize for the delay. Unfortunately, it was a multi-step process slowed by the availability of maintenance people who were contracted on bigger projects created by the storm.

Look for our traditional Christmas/Holiday lighting as we enter December. You can expect to see the garland and lights hung around the perimeter of our Parker Road entrances into the community.

HOPPR Official Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 12.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Christ United Methodist Church

By-Law Quorum Needs

According to our Community Covenant By-Laws, our annual meeting CANNOT be certified as our official annual meeting unless we obtain the signatures of 34% of the homeowners to meet the Annual meeting quorum.

You can meet your obligation to achieve the quorum either

- 1) by being present at the November 12th meeting
- 2) by signing a proxy allowing the Board to vote on your behalf to meet quorum at the Annual Meeting.

Your HOPPR HOA Board encourages you to attend the Annual Meeting, if at all possible, in order that the community may hear your recommendations and concerns.

If you cannot attend, please show your support for the community and the Board by signing the proxy sent to you through Lakisha Devine and the CMA support staff.

Please mail that proxy back to CMA immediately – or alternatively – call one of your HOA Board members and we will personally pick it up to present at the Annual Meeting.

Best Regards,
Deane Parker

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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!**

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

2024

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MEETING**

**Tuesday
Nov. 12
7 pm**

**Christ United
Methodist Church,
3101 Coit Rd
Room # N158,
Plano, TX 75075**

**check-in from 6:30
pm – 6:55 pm**



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org

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

Ed Abusaad & Leen Alfar-Abusaad
4552 Meadow Ridge

Gatlin Engles & Mckenzie Trimble
4421 Oak Knoll Dr.

Scott & Berlande Sutherland
4409 Elmhurst

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

James Jones & Kari Kowalsk
4552 Meadow Ridge

Tony Saboorian
4421 Oak Knoll Dr.

Zadik Menekse
4409 Elmhurst

**Do you have a
contribution for
The Highlander?
Submit articles,
letters and
suggestions to the
editor at
newsletter@hoppr.org**

**by December 20
for the
January/February
issue.**

ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 12

**Don't forget to email your proxy
if you cannot attend!!!**

(print proxy from page 8)

Let's Gather and Celebrate the Season!

Join us for our neighborhood adult holiday dinner on

Tuesday, December 3rd, at
Anaya's Seafood Scratch Kitchen
4621 W. Park Blvd.

Cocktails and Appetizers at 5:30

Dinner at 6:30

Dinner and appetizers provided by Highlands of Preston Ridge HOA
Cash bar (happy hour specials and half-priced bottles of wine!)

A head count is required for dinner! Please RSVP to

Susan Redding

no later than November 29th at

(214) 675-4487



NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tues. November 12 2024

at the home of

Linda Steinberg
4408 High Mesa Dr.

**We are returning to the
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm timeframe.**

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

Up Home: One Girl's Journey

by Ruth J. Simmons

Author Bio:

Ruth J. Simmons serves as a Distinguished Presidential Fellow at Rice University and as Adviser to the President of Harvard on its HBCU Initiative. She is a former President of Prairie View A&M University and served as President of Brown University from 2001-2012.

A French professor before entering university administration, Simmons held an appointment as a Professor of Africana Studies at Brown. After completing her Ph.D. in Romance Languages and literatures at Harvard, she served in various faculty and administrative roles at the University of Southern California, Princeton University, and Spelman College before becoming president of Smith College, the largest women's college in the United States. At Smith, she launched a number of important academic initiatives, including an engineering program, the first at an American women's college.

Simmons is the recipient of many honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship to France, the 2001 President's Award from the United Negro College Fund, the 2002

Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, the 2004 Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the Foreign Policy Association Medal, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Centennial Medal from Harvard University. Simmons is a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on a number of non-profit boards. Awarded numerous honorary degrees, she received the Brown faculty's highest honor: the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal in 2011 and in 2012, she was named a 'chevalier' of the French Legion of Honor.

Synopsis:

Born in 1945, Ruth J. Simmons grew up the twelfth child of sharecroppers. Her first home had no running water, no electricity, no books to read. Yet despite this—or, in her words, because of it—Simmons would become the first Black president of an Ivy League university. The former president of Smith College, Brown University, and Prairie View A&M, Texas's oldest HBCU, Simmons has inspired generations of students as she herself made history.

In *Up Home*, Simmons takes us back to Grapeland to show how the people who love us when we are young shape who we become. We meet her caring, tireless mother who managed to feed her large family with an often empty pantry; her father, who refused to let racial and economic injustice crush his youngest daughter's dreams; the doting brothers and sisters; and the attentive teachers who welcomed Ruth into the classroom, guiding her to a future she could hardly imagine as a child.

From the farmland of East Texas to Houston's Fifth Ward to New Orleans at the dawn of the civil rights movement, Simmons depicts an era long gone but whose legacies of inequality we still live with today. Written in clear and timeless prose, *Up Home* is both an origin story set in the segregated South and the uplifting chronicle of a girl whose intellect, grace, and curiosity guide her as she creates a place for herself in the world.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

**From 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
at the home of**

Linda Steinberg
4408 High Mesa Dr.

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



Janet McCrum
Book Club
Coordinator



LAWN TIPS FROM

Debbie Price

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. I hope you will have the chance to spend time with family and friends. It looks like the prediction is this winter might be wet and cold. I know many of you have a love-hate relationship with winter. One day we have pleasant temperatures and the next can be freezing temperatures. Freezing rain and sleet are always unwelcome and arrive with little-to-no warning. Here are some tips on how to conquer these winter foes so you can properly prepare. Plan ahead so you can enjoy this time and celebrate with your families on the days of beloved winter advisory school cancellations.

1. **Rake (and mulch) those leaves.** Prepping your lawn for the challenges of winter requires a clean slate. Before you make major moves on bolstering your lawn, make sure that it's free of any and all fall debris. Leaves can block sunlight and encourage disease on your lawn or plants.
2. **Aerate after your final mow.** As our lawns age it might be necessary to aerate your lawn. This ensures that your lawn can absorb every ounce of the nutrients to come. Aeration is the process of perforating your lawn with small holes so that air, water, and nutrients can make the greatest impact possible.
3. **Top dress.** Mix a good compost into your flower beds so they are ready for spring. You can mulch the leaves you removed from your lawn and use these or you can purchase mulch at the local Nursery. A good layer of mulch in your flower beds will help protect

your plants from a hard freeze or ice storm.

4. **Fertilize.** Fertilization is the most common (and foolproof) way to make sure your lawn stays green and lush. Pairing fertilization with aeration (if needed) and watering will put your lawn on the fast track to long-term perfection. (and prevent weeds).
5. **Water.** As always, any efforts to prep your lawn for winter can only turn into reality with good, old-fashioned H₂O. Don't forget to drain and remove your garden hoses from their outlets. Then, cover all faucets to prevent damage brought on by freezing temperatures.
6. **Bring in potted plants.** With all the time and love you put into your potted treasures, be sure to bring them inside if we have freezing temperatures for several days. If temperatures stay below freezing for a short period, try wrapping your potted plants with freeze cloth.
7. **Relax.** Your lawn has persevered many winters before, and it will continue to do so for many winters to come. Enjoy your fall and winter.

A few other things to think about this fall before winter arrives.

November-December

Planting

- Continue to plant shade trees, ornamental trees, and shrubs.
- Relocate established trees and shrubs after they enter dormancy (late November to January). Plant 'balled and burlap' trees and large shrubs.

- Continue refrigerator chilling of tulips and Dutch hyacinths in preparation for late December/early January planting.
- Plant pansies, flowering kale and cabbage, dianthus, cyclamen, violas, and other cool season annuals. Plant daffodil and grape hyacinth immediately after purchase.
- Divide and replant perennials such as Iris and daylily.

Pruning

- Prune evergreen trees (as needed) such as magnolias, live oaks, and wax myrtles to minimize possible ice damage.
- Cut back dormant perennials such as lantana and salvia after the first freeze.
- Do major re-shaping of shade trees as needed after the first freeze when plants go dormant.

Plant Care

- Mulch leaves on your lawn. Shred excess leaves and add to planting beds or compost.
- Water thoroughly before a hard freeze to reduce plants' chances of damage.
- Replenish finished compost and mulch in planting beds, preferably before first freeze.
- Continue to mow warm season turf up to first freeze.
- Apply fertilizer to pansies and other winter color plants to promote strong growth.
- Water lawn and all other plants once every three weeks or so, if supplemental rainfall is less than one inch in a three-week period

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.)



MESSAGES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

As a service to all neighbors within the Highlands of Preston Ridge community, please post a reminder in the upcoming Nov/Dec newsletter for property owners to take responsibility for properly removing fallen leaves from their trees. This also means notifying their landscaping/mower contractors to "mulch or physically pick up and bag" their leaves instead of blowing them out into the street so they can drift onto neighbors' yards and/or clog up our storm sewers.

Much appreciated.

Jim Jez

4532 Meadow Ridge Drive

If you are a resident of the HOPPR community and have a business that you would like to promote within the community, please send the information about it to newsletter@hoppr.org and we will publish it in the upcoming newsletter. Please include information about the business your contact information along with your address within the community.

Howard Apple: HOA Board



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Dear Homeowner:

If you are tackling some home repairs, the ACC asks 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 CMA Management.