

HIGHLANDS OF PLANO PRESTON RIDGE

The Highlander

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BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

Welcome to the first HOPPR Highlander Newsletter for 2025!

I would be remiss, I believe, if I didn't first recognize those in our community who selflessly contributed to any successes we had as a Board and Committee Chairs in 2024. Thank you for sacrificing your time and expertise to see a job well done.

Most notable was our Board's work with the Plano Dept. of Works. Following a lengthy discussion the City agreed to repair the Parker Road wrought iron paneled fence which had been damaged by high winds in and early spring storm.

The wood panel sound barrier for our Parker Road homeowners is now reset. Our new tree line along Parker from Browning to Preston Meadow, now has time to mature and build a natural sound barrier in the coming years.

Board members, VP Mike Powell and Sec. Vince Watkins continue to diligently monitor our landscape gardeners and the City's temperamental water meter records. With the high price of water and the projected increases predicted into 2030 we try our best to be sure we use only what we need for the health of our trees and shrubs. We tell the City when discrepancies arise.

Through the diligent oversight of our Treasurer Yousuf Omar, we learned that our 2025 reserves needed adjustment. We notified all homeowners at the Annual Meeting and through a recent CMA notice. The new annual dues increased by \$25.00. (\$250.00/annum.) Reports say inflation is coming under control.

However, we will keep an eye on it and let you know.

If you would like to be more active in our HOA please attend our quarterly Business Meeting, Tuesday, January 7, at 7 p.m., at the CMA Offices, 1800 Preston Park Blvd., Ste. 101, Plano. (See sidebar on p. 2 for all Board dates).

SPECIAL NOTE: At the Anaya's Christmas/Holiday Party an attendee asked we make the Business Meeting available online. We are working with Lakisha Devine and CMA to see if we can upgrade our access.

Special thanks and recognition go to Susan Redding, our Social Chair and her husband Mike. Besides the Easter Egg Hunt at Arrowhead Park, and the Happy Hour at Katy Trail, our most recent Holiday Social at Anaya's was a success. Over 50 attendees! Thanks again!

We are sorry our ACC Chair Brandon Furman has moved. Thankfully, Chris Noble, who worked with Brandon has agreed to take over the supervisory burden. We're looking forward to working with you, Chris!

Last but not least, Dale McGilvray (Welcome Chair), Whitney Magnason (Website Chair), Janet Crum (Book Club) and Connie Parker (Newsletter) all offer behind the scenes dedication that makes our community sing with cooperation and joy.

With appreciation and thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,
Deane Parker

Happy New Year 2025!!



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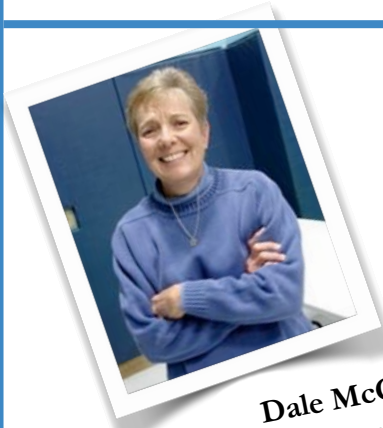
“WELCOME”

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.



Dale McGilvray
Welcome Committee Chair
welcome@hoppr.org



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



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

Charles and Emma Kwon
4308 Wingren

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

Brandon & Rebecca Furman
4308 Wingren



**BOARD
MEETINGS**

2025 BOARD MEETINGS

- TUESDAY, JAN. 7
- TUESDAY, APR. 8
- TUESDAY, JULY. 8
- TUESDAY, OCT. 7
- ANNUAL MTG
- TUESDAY, NOV. 11

AT 7 PM

CMA OFFICE
1800 PRESTON
PARK BVLD
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PLANO





NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB



The Neighborhood Book Club will meet on Tues. Jan. 14, 2025
at the home of
Nancy Gibbs
5916 Heron Bay Lane, McKinney
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II

by Denise Kiernan

Author Bio:

Denise Kiernan (born July 31, 1968) is an American journalist, producer and author who lives in Asheville, North Carolina. Kiernan is married to author, historian and journalist Joseph D'Agnes, with whom she co-authored several books.

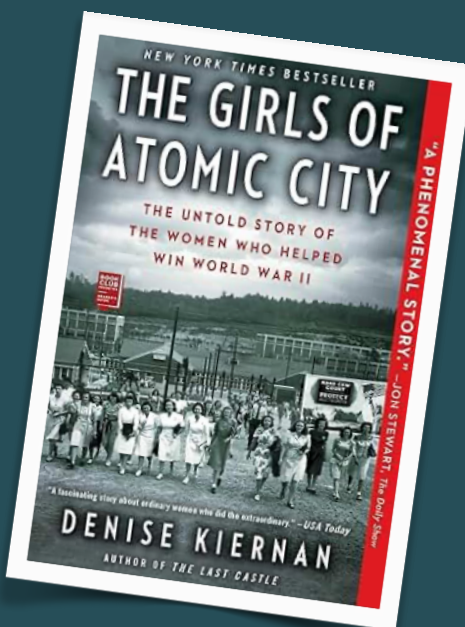
Denise is an author, journalist, producer, and host of "CRAFT: Authors in Conversation." Her titles "The Last Castle" and "The Girls of Atomic City" were both instant New York Times bestsellers in both hardcover and paperback. The Girls of Atomic City was a Los Angeles Times and NPR bestseller, was named one of Amazon's "Top 100 Best Books of 2013."

Synopsis:

AT THE HEIGHT OF WORLD WAR II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was home to 75,000 residents, consuming more electricity than New York City. But to most of the world, the town did not exist. Thousands of civilians--

small towns across the South--were recruited to this secret city, enticed by solid wages and the promise of war-ending work. Kept very much in the dark, few would ever guess the true nature of the tasks they performed each day in the hulking factories in the middle of the Appalachian Mountains. That is, until the end of the war--when Oak Ridge's secret was revealed.

Drawing on the voices of the women who lived it--women who are now in their eighties and nineties-- *The Girls of Atomic City* rescues a remarkable, forgotten chapter of American history from obscurity. Denise Kiernan captures the spirit of the times through these women: their pluck, their desire to contribute, and their enduring courage. Combining the grand-scale human drama of *The Worst Hard Time* with the intimate biography and often troubling science of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, *The Girls of Atomic City* is a lasting and important addition to our country's history.



Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

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

Nancy Gibbs

**5916 Heron Bay Lane,
McKinney**

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

*Janet McCrum
Book Club
Coordinator*

**Do you have a
contribution for
The
Highlander?
Submit articles,
letters and
suggestions to
the editor at
[newsletter@hop
pr.org](mailto:newsletter@hoppr.org)
by February 20
for the
March April
issue.**

Social News - The Adult Holiday Party at Anaya's



Susan Redding
Social Chair
social@hoppr.org

NEED A BABYSITTER OR A PETSITTER?

Need a babysitter? Contact:

Erin Albertin 214-755-7502
Madeline Seatvet 469-265-7896

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:

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(Information is supplied at request of resident and is not an endorsement by the HOA or Board of Directors.)

MESSAGES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Is your mailbox sinking into the dirt?
Ours was! Jim Jez recommended we
contact Louis C Finner at 214-623-7860



We called him and he came out the next day, finished the job with excellence very quickly and at a fair price.

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 Chris Noble 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 Chris Noble or CMA Management.

Chris Noble
ACC Chairperson
acc@hoppr.org