

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

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### Water System

- **Good News!! Our 2023 water conservation efforts paid off and we kept the volume of water pumped from our aquifer below the 15% mandatory reduction restriction!**
- **Bad News! We have received insufficient rain to improve area aquifers. On December 15, 2023, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District voted to continue the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. The MANDATORY reductions are effective January 1 through December 31, 2024. <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>**
- **The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit is reduced from 82-acre feet to 69-acre feet; therefore, all Highland Haven water customers are required to continue their efforts to reduce water use.**

### Landscape Planning

- This is the time of the year to start landscape planning. Property owners and residents should plan for continuing drought conditions. 70% of all residential water use is for watering landscaping. Review watering requirements for any new or replacement lawns and landscaping. Consider using plants and trees native to our area. Research water requirements as you plan for new landscaping plants. Check out these resources.
  - o <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/basic-landscape-design/lawns-in-the-home-landscape/>
  - o <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/ornamental-plants/trees-and-tree-care/>
- Take time to consider placement of trees before planting. Plan to avoid future problems when the tree is fully grown. Below are some resources to consider before planting trees and shrubs.
  - o Backbone Nursery
    - <https://backbonevalleynursery.com/tree-planting-instructions/>
  - o Pedernales Electric
    - <https://www.pec.coop/reliability/vegetation-maintenance/planting-guidelines/>
  - o Highland Haven
    - <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ORDINANCE-37-210803-REV-6-1.pdf>
- Contact Pedernales Electric Cooperative if you have limbs that could fall and damage powerlines.
  - o <https://www.pec.coop/safety/yard/#:~:text=Tree%20Trimming&text=If%20you%20see%20trees%20growing,to%20safely%20clear%20the%20vegetation.>
- Please check and make sure your tree limbs are trimmed back to provide a minimum clearance of 15' above streets to accommodate emergency vehicles, trash trucks and RV's.

### Eclipse Planning

- A solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024. Burnet County is in the path of the eclipse. State and local governments have been planning for this event and reviewed actions of other areas of the country impacted by past eclipse events.

- We anticipate a **very large** number of visitors to travel to Burnet County to watch the eclipse. This large number of visitors will impact traffic, restaurants, food stores and fuel stations. Additionally, cell phone and computer services may be impacted.
- Visitors may arrive several days prior to the event and stay a few days after. It is anticipated that many visitors will drive in for the day to view the eclipse which may lead to significantly more traffic on area highways and roads.
- Residents will need to prepare well in advance for this event by scheduling travel plans, doctor appointments and shopping activities around this event. Below are links to more information.
  - o <https://www.highlandlakesofburnetcounty.com/eclipse-2024/> scroll to the bottom for resident information.
  - o [https://www.co.llano.tx.us/upload/page/0988/2023/LCo\\_Eclipse.pdf](https://www.co.llano.tx.us/upload/page/0988/2023/LCo_Eclipse.pdf)

### **Municipal Elections**

- Elections are scheduled for May and candidate filing is January 17 through February 16.
- The mayor and 2 alderman positions are scheduled for election. The incumbents are Aldermen **Don Hagans, Terry Nuss, and Mayor Olan Kelley**.
- Candidate filing packets are available at City Hall.

### **Board of Alderman**

- Next regular BOA meeting is 7pm, February 6.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- Next regular meeting is 6pm, February 8.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

### **Solid Waste Service**

- Highland Haven Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/waste-services/>

### **Building Permits**

- If you have questions regarding the permitting process or whether your project requires a permit, contact us at [buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com) or (830) 265-4366 office or (210)710-8739.
- **Tom Weaver** is our Building Permit Official and can help you with the permit.

### **Visit out our website!**

- Visit the website and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website. <https://highlandhaventx.com/>
- **You can subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email, or both.**
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/>
- We encourage you to use our website to find information about our Board of Alderman and Planning & Zoning meetings; water and solid waste services (including pay online options), agendas, forms, permits, community activities, news, notices **AND MORE!**

### **Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans**

- Below are links to information to help you prepare for an emergency.
  - o <https://texasready.gov/build-a-kit/disaster-supply-checklist.html>
  - o <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
  - o <https://www.weather.gov/owlie/emergencysupplieskit>
  - o <https://www.fema.gov/blog/10-items-include-your-emergency-kit>

- **It is never too early to sign up** for emergency early warning notices. You can now click on this link and sign up for the following. <https://highlandhaventx.com/emergency-resources/>
  - o **Warn Central Texas**
  - o **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**
  - o **LCRA Flood Operations Report**
  - o **LCRA Hydromet**

## **PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

*Greg Rabaey, President*

### **POA Biannual Meeting**

We look forward to seeing you at our first Biannual Meeting of the year **Saturday, February 10th, 2024, 9:30 am** at the community center. You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

### **Need a Place for your spring party?**

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your family celebrations. We now have large room AND small library room rental options! Our Community Center is affordable and includes tables, chairs, and full kitchen facilities to accommodate up to 180 people. Residents may rent the WHOLE facility for \$200 or rent the library room with Kitchen for a small party for \$60. Non-Residents may rent the WHOLE facility for \$350 and Library room with Kitchen for \$100. Our Community Center has broadband WIFI access as part of your rental. Contact **Kellie Coppenger** for more information; [kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com](mailto:kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com) or 409-504-5666.

### **Trailer & Storage Rentals**

The Storage & Trailer facilities waiting lists have shortened up. Rental Renewal agreements are DUE! If you're interested in a storage locker or a trailer storage spot for 2024, please contact **Karen Mcright**; [karenmcright@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcright@gmail.com).

Mark your calendar for our Biannual Meeting of the year **Saturday, February 10th, 2024, 9:30 am** at the community center. We hope to see you there!

**THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!**

... Candidate Filing for Board of Alderman positions ...  
**January 17 through February 16**  
The mayor and 2 alderman positions are scheduled for election.  
Please consider representing our community.

## **HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB**

*Sherry Hume, President*

Happy New Year!!!

Thank You for your continued support & volunteered time!!! Our Ladies Club events and the compassionate aid we provide to our Highland Haven Community could not happen without your support!  
Last month, volunteers performed various duties for everyone's enjoyment .....

The Christmas decorating & undecorating of the CC, bridge & marquee was *thanks* to **Millie Deets, Debra Barger,**

**Angela Whitley, Pat Koehn, William Fowler, Christina & Bill Nabors, Joy Evans, Judy Kelley, Suzanne Weaver, Ray Estrada Jr. & Sherry Hume.** Thank you **Brenda Weems** who created the reusable wreath holders to make the bridge decorating easier.

The December Christmas dinner catered by **Miss Vickie's** was delicious! The dinner was attended by 75 residents. The CC was beautifully decorated and the whole evening went smoothly *thanks* to Hosts & Hostesses: **Kellie & Troy Coppenger, Teresa & Terry Smith, Von Dean Wolf, and Judy & Olan Kelley**. Everyone had a wonderful time! Leftovers were taken to the GS Fire Dept by **Brenda & Eddie Filla**. Thank You! And Many Thanks to all the additional helpers...it's very much appreciated! **Kellie Coppenger** won the December raffle door prize brought by **Brenda Filla**. And **Sherry Hume** won the spontaneously added prize brought by **Mac McClennahan**. Thank you **Brenda & Mac**! Toys collected at the Christmas dinner were donated to the Granite Shoals Christmas Toy Outreach. Food collected was donated to the Kingsland Share the Harvest. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

The LC Christmas party & gift exchange was wonderful with lots of delicious treats to eat and attended by 22 lovely ladies. Thanks to Our Hostesses **Laura Stubblefield & Judy Kelley** and Gift Exchange Games Coordinator, Molly Chenault.

Congratulations to our HH Lighting & Yard Decorations Winners!!! Thanks to our Judges: **Joy Evans, Judy Kelley, and Christina Nabors**! Names & photos of winners are on page 7.

After giving one year of wonderful service to the LC, **Suzanne Weaver** has resigned her position. Thank You Suzanne! Therefore, the Vice-President position is now open. We still meet Jan-May for meetings & potlucks, any social activities, rummage sale, & 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade & ice cream social, etc. Please contact **Sherry Hume** if you are interested in becoming the new Vice-President. Thank you.

Dates to Remember:

\_\_\_ Potluck: 1/30/24 @ 6pm (Social) & 6:30pm (Meal). Raffle Door Prize tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

\_\_\_ LC Meeting: Wednesday 2/14/24 @ 1pm (Social) & 1:30pm (Meeting)

Now it's time to think ahead...

**The HH Annual Rummage Sale & Bake Sale is 8am-4pm on Friday/March 1<sup>st</sup> & 8am-2pm Saturday/March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Set Up Starts on Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 1pm and continues Monday-Wednesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>-Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. 8-4. Please hold on to your collected items until donations can be accepted on February 26<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank You! If you would like to volunteer with the rummage sale or if you have questions, please contact **Sherry Moore**. The Bake Sale also needs donations of cakes, pies, cookies, candies, brownies, bread, etc. All residents are welcome to bring baked goods for our sale. Contact **Stacey Leal** regarding bake sale questions. Refer to the February Calendar for specific dates & times. Refer to the Annual Rummage & Bake Sale Flyer for additional details.

### Available For ADOPTION

Available for adoption - 3 rescued cats - a tabby (the mom) whom we are guessing is 1 to 2 years old and two kittens that are about 5 months old- a silver gray male and a solid black female. They have been neutered, have had rabies and feline distemper vaccinations, eat dry cat food, use a litter box and are available immediately as a family or individually. Call or text Steve Koehn, 512-217-6843 or Pat Koehn, 512-217-6943.







# ECLIPSE GUIDE FOR HIGHLAND HAVEN RESIDENTS

## TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE – MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024

Plan for increased traffic and crowded stores April 5-9



Have prescriptions filled



Have Cash available



Proper eye protection



Run errands beforehand



Fill your gas tank



Stock up on Supplies

### PLANNING AHEAD CAN REDUCE STRESS

Expect slower cell, internet service, possible issues with processing debit/credit cards.

Grocery shopping early will allow stores time to restock, while you avoid crowds.

Schedule appointments before or after the eclipse.

### ANTICIPATE LOCAL IMPACTS

There will be extra traffic – especially on the day of the eclipse.

Expect longer lines at gas stations, stores, and restaurants.

### PUBLIC HEALTH REMINDERS

Have proper eye protection when viewing the eclipse!

Ensure you have an adequate supply of prescription medications on hand.

Have a first aid kit stocked and on hand.

### PERSONALIZE EMERGENCY PLANS

Now is the perfect time to review your family's emergency plan.

Decide in advance how you will communicate with loved ones, especially if cell service is slow.

Designate a meeting point if you get separated in a crowd.

**A total solar eclipse is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, but it also requires some preparation and caution. By following these tips, you can enjoy the eclipse safely and responsibly.**

# KODAK MOMENTS

## Ladies Club Party & Community Christmas Dinner





## MORE KODAK MOMENTS

### 2024 Christmas Yard Decoration Winners

Dan & Jennifer Ginder – Religious Award  
Null Family – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Holiday Award  
Jamie Webb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Cindy Northcutt – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Honorable Mention  
Charles & Lori Rudolph  
Shirley Jordan  
Don & Liz Hughes



## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE & BAKE SALE



March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Dates for the Ladies Club's Annual Rummage Sale AND Bake Sale have been set. Check the February calendar for specific dates & times. This is an ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK for this HUGE EVENT! Your donations are very much appreciated! Please start saving your gently used/no longer desired treasures. Let your unwanted items become someone else's new treasures. Items NOT ACCEPTED: old TV's, computer equipment, monitors, refrigerators, mattresses, & sofa beds. Volunteers are needed in many capacities, too many to name ... but help is needed organizing on the days prior to the actual sale and during the 2 sale days as a section leader, cashier, helper, bagger. So please consider volunteering! If you're new to the community, this is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors too. Refer to Rummage Sale flyer for additional details.

# CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

## February 2024

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |   | 1<br><br><i>Trash</i>  | 2<br><i>Circuit Class</i><br>11:45 – 12:45  | 3   |
| 4  | 5<br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><br><i>Bridge lessons</i><br>3:00pm<br>-<br><i>Bridge 6:30 pm</i>  | 6<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br>11:45 – 12:45<br><br><b>BOA meeting</b><br>7:00 pm  | 7   | 8<br><br><b>P&amp;Z meeting</b><br>6:00 pm<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i> | 9<br><i>Circuit Class</i><br>11:45 – 12:45  | 10<br><b>HHPOA</b><br><b>Biannual Mtg</b><br>9:30am |
| 11<br><b>Super Bowl</b><br>6:30pm<br> | 12<br><br><i>Bridge 6:30 pm</i>  | 13<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br>11:45 – 12:45                                      | 14<br><b>Valentine's Day</b><br><br>Ladies Club Mtg<br>1:00/social<br>1:30/meeting | 15<br><br><i>Trash</i>   | 16<br><i>Circuit Class</i><br>11:45 – 12:45   | 17  |
| 18   | 19<br><b>Presidents' Day</b><br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><br><i>Bridge 6:30 pm</i>   | 20<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br>11:45 – 12:45<br><br><b>BOA meeting</b><br>7:00 pm | 21<br><i>Newsletter article</i><br><i>deadline</i><br><br>Bingo 1pm<br>Game Night 7pm   | 22<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>   | 23<br><i>Circuit Class</i><br>11:45 – 12:45   | 24  |
| 25<br><br>Rummage Sale<br>Room Setup<br>1:00pm   | 26   | 27<br>NO Potluck   | 28  | 29<br><i>Trash</i>   | March 1   | March 2   |
|  | <b>Rummage Sale Setup:</b> 8:00 - 4:00 Mon/Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs/Feb 29 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Donations accepted:</b> 8:00 – 4:00 Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> AND 8:00 - 12:00 Thurs/Feb 29 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Bake Sale donations accepted:</b> 12-4 Thurs/Feb 29 <sup>th</sup> AND 8-4 Fri/March 1 <sup>st</sup> |  |   |  | <b>Rummage Sale</b><br>March 1 <sup>st</sup> 8am-4pm<br>March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8am-2pm |   |
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