



HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Thank you, Heath Thornbloom, for the recent volunteer plumbing services you provided at the City Hall and Community Center buildings!

Thank you, Charles Rudolf, for the volunteer landscape services you provide around the City Hall and Community Center buildings!

Annual City Audit

- Neffendorf and Blocker, P.C. presented their annual audit of the City of Highland Haven at the 3/19/2024 Board of Alderman meeting. Keith Neffendorf reported an “unqualified opinion” after their audit of the FY22-23 fiscal year. An “unqualified opinion” is considered a clean report with no adverse comments. A copy of the audit is available at City Hall for review.

City Administrator

- **Andy Adams**, our first City Administrator, is scheduled to start work in Highland Haven on April 15th. Andy comes to us from Little Elm Texas, a lake front city with a population of about 55,000. Andy was the recreation division manager and responsible for community meeting and recreation facilities. Andy has 17 years’ experience working in the municipal government field.
- The Board of Alderman advertised the job opening for approximately 8 months and interviewed many candidates before offering the job to Andy.

Water System

- The new water tank is up and operational. Installation of a bypass pipeline, demolition and replacement of the old tank are the next steps for this project.
- 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. The CTGCD reviewed the drought status at their most recent meeting, March 27, and reported that recent rains were insufficient to recharge area aquifers and we remain in Stage 4 Critical Drought status.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>
 - o The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit has been 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.
- **The City of Highland Haven follows the LCRA outdoor watering schedule. Effective February 21, LCRA reduced all outdoor watering to once a week**. Below is a link to the LCRA news release announcing this change.
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/lcra-limits-outdoor-watering-to-once-a-week-until-the-drought-eases/>
 - o Outdoor Watering Schedule

- Saturday for addresses ending in odd numbers.
- Sunday for addresses ending in even numbers.
- Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.
- November through February: No watering.
- Texas A&M has developed a lawn irrigation application “Water my Yard” that uses local rainfall data to provide weekly watering advice. We have used this application for over a year now and it is very accurate and helps with reducing water use and maintaining our lawns. See link below for more information.
 - <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>

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.
 - <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/basic-landscape-design/lawns-in-the-home-landscape/>
 - <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/ornamental-plants/trees-and-tree-care/>
 - <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>
- 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.
 - Backbone Nursery
 - <https://backbonevalleynursery.com/tree-planting-instructions/>
 - Pedernales Electric
 - <https://www.pec.coop/reliability/vegetation-maintenance/planting-guidelines/>
 - 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.
 - <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

- Burnet County Commissioner’s Court has issued a Disaster Declaration for April 4-10.
 - A County Wide Burn Ban is in effect for April 4-10
 - <https://www.burnetcountytexas.org/upload/page/0052/Burnet%20County%20Disaster%20Dec.pdf>
- We anticipate a higher amount of traffic in and around our community during this eclipse. Please move trash cans off the street easement and maintain roadway clearance for emergency vehicles.
- The 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.
- Over 100,000 visitors are anticipated to travel to Burnet County to watch the eclipse. This 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 will 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 for more information.
 - https://highlandlakesofburnetcounty.com/eclipse/eclipse_tips.pdf
 - https://www.co.llano.tx.us/upload/page/0988/2023/LCo_Eclipse.pdf

Board of Alderman

- Next regular BOA meetings are 7pm, April 2 and April 16, at the Community Center.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.
- Review Agenda and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next regular meeting is 6pm, April 11th.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Review Agendas and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

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 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**

NOTICE from The Highland Haven Property Owners Association:

The HH POA is selling its entire inventory of lawn and maintenance equipment. The POA storage building will be cleared out and rented to the city of HH. If you have personal equipment in the POA storage area..... please contact a board member to retrieve your property.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Need a Place for your Memorial Day Party?

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your Memorial Day or Fourth of July 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.

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Thanks to our Volunteers!

Please take a few minutes this week to THANK ALL our volunteers.

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HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

CONGRATULATIONS on a JOB WELL DONE!!! And THANK YOU for ALL of YOUR HARD WORK!!!

This year, the Ladies Club tried to show its appreciation to our rummage sale volunteers by feeding everyone during the set up & sale days and celebrating together afterwards. We know it cost the Ladies Club a little of our earnings, but honestly, without our workers, there would be NO earnings! So, it was definitely worth it to keep our volunteers hydrated, fed, & happily working!

Because of YOUR help with the Rummage Sale, the Ladies Club made just over \$10k (before expenses). This is the second highest recorded rummage sale earnings, only to be out done by the combined 2-year post COVID sale. So again CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU! More importantly, this means that the Ladies Club can financially continue for another year, if we have a new Board of Officers.

So where does that money go? Well, it goes to YOU, Highland Haven, & a few Local Charities. Last year, we voted as a group to share \$2k of our earnings with the MF EMS, GF Fire & Rescue, MF & Kingsland Boys & Girls Club, Sharing the Harvest Food Pantry, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Building beds for kids), & Hill Country 100 Club. The other \$6k+ is spent each year in Highland Haven on events for YOU, like the BBQ Potlucks, Christmas Dinners, Social Events, supplies for these events, donations to the POA (which again, means money coming back to all of us...property owners), and many more things which keep the Ladies Club as a binding essence of our Community in Highland Haven.

There are so many talented Ladies in Highland Haven; Please consider being a Board Member (President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer). We need a minimum of three members, but four would be better. Please come and be an active and important part of the Highland Haven Ladies Club; to help continue guiding this ever-increasing community spirit and our future events!

Thank You!

Additional Notes:

- * **Sherry Moore** is sending out the LC minutes via email. Please check your Spam folders and let us know if you are not getting the minutes.
- * Want to learn to play Bridge? Please contact **Sherry Moore**.
- * Please rinse out your cans before putting them in the recycling bin by City Hall.
- * And as always, your help is appreciated. Please sign up as a host & hostess for our LC Meetings & Potlucks.

Upcoming Events:

- LC Meeting: Wednesday 4/17/24 @ 1pm-Social & 1:30pm-Meeting **(*PLEASE NOTE the Date Change*)**
- Bosseln Game 4/20/24 @ 3pm
- Bingo on 4/24/24 @ 1pm
- Game Night on 4/24/24 @ 7pm
- Potluck 4/30/24 @ 6pm (Social) & 6:30pm (Meal)
- * Raffle Door Prizes at Potluck (The Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5)

Come Play & Meet Your Neighbors ... HH Bosseln Tournament



Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Participants: Adults & Children
3pm @ Community Center



- * Bring your drink of choice and some handy snacks to be pulled in a wagon or carried with you.
- * Wear comfortable shoes and clothing for the weather.
- *The shortest course is a 1.2-mile walk, which will take about 20mins or so.
 - *There will be some food & socializing afterwards.
 - *Please bring a snack to share if you'd like to contribute.
 - *Spectators may watch along the shortest course route (CC->Blackbird->Raven->Chaparral->West Heron->Redbird->CC)

Call **Sherry Hume** 210-305-3594 for further info and sign ups

For more info visit:

<https://youtu.be/OSH0dGiaZFI> <https://youtu.be/1vycxKiiROW> <https://youtu.be/E9RrsT3eBTg>



On Wednesday, March. 24th
Highland Haven enjoyed a nice
rain shower followed by this
spectacular rainbow.
With the reflection in the water,
it appears to be a full 360°.

Photo Courtesy of **Karen Cude**

HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 BURN BAN <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	5 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BURN BAN	6 BURN BAN
7 BURN BAN	8 <i>Quilting – 10am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i> ECLIPSE BURN BAN	9 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BURN BAN	10 <i>Ladies Club next week</i> BURN BAN	11 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash</i>	12 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Newsletter Article</i> <i>Deadline</i> 5:00pm	13 <i>Thomas Jefferson's</i> <i>Birthday</i> <i>National Peach</i> <i>Cobbler Day</i>
14	15 <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	16 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ ~ ~ BOA meeting 7:00 pm	17 <i>Ladies Club</i> <i>1:00 social</i> <i>1:30 meeting</i>	18 <i>Last day to file</i> <i>Income Tax</i> <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	19 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Newsletter Article</i> <i>Deadline</i> 5:00pm	20 BOPATE <i>County Recycle</i> 9am-1pm <i>Bosseln Game</i> 3pm
21	22 <i>Quilting -10 am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	23 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ ~ ~ Potluck Dinner 6:00 social 6:30 Dinner	24 <i>Bingo @ 1:00</i> <i>Game Night</i> @ 7:00	25 <i>Trash</i>	26 <i>Arbor Day</i> <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	27
28	29 <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	30 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	May 1	May 2 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	May 3	May 4

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