



HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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Sponsor – Ladies Club

Camp Champions Fireworks Schedule: June 13, June 27, July 4, July 11, July 25, Aug.

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Moore, Secretary

A little history: Our **Annual July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social** is a fun patriotic event that began in the 90's. The Granite Shoals Fire Department and EMS led participants throughout the community allowing spectators the opportunity to cheer and snap Kodak moments documenting their family's participation. The original route took everyone down Dove, around Dove Park circle where entries were judged on theme, creativity, mode of transportation, in addition to a few unique recognitions. The route continued winding through the neighborhood, eventually meeting back at the community center. The "cherry on top" was the ice cream social, a cool way to kick-off the remainder of the special day. Difficult decisions were made between homemade ice cream and store-bought flavors, mm-mm. While everyone enjoyed their cold refreshment, parade judges announced the outstanding winners followed by cheering, laughter and photo opportunities.

Nowadays: The **Annual July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social** tradition continues with only a few changes. The parade route has been adjusted to accommodate an increase in participation and parade entries are no longer judged ... but that hasn't changed the outstanding entry decorations and excitement of the day. Onlookers gather on street corners waving flags, yelling "Happy 4th of July". Young & old dressed in their red, white & blue gather at the community center to enjoy the Ice Cream Social AND Camp Champions continues their tradition of providing a fabulous fireworks show at dusk ... at Swan Park.



The Ladies Club is providing the ice cream; however, **several volunteers** are needed to **help scoop the delicious flavors**. Please consider donating some time to help. Contact Angela Whitley to let her know she can count on you.



Camp Champions fireworks show begins at Swan Park @ dusk and continues with the launching of a spectacular, explosive display of color and sound.

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

mayor@highlandhaventx.com

Swearing In of New Aldermen

- **Lynn Smith, Terry Smith** and **Bruce Robertson** were sworn in by Municipal Judge Don Adams on May 29th for another 2-year term.
- The new Board re-elected **Terry Nuss** as Mayor Pro Tem

- Many thanks for their continued community leadership!

City Meetings

- **Board of Aldermen:** The BOA is working on the budget for next year at each Board meeting. There is a special Budget Workshop scheduled for June 3, 5:30pm and a regular BOA meeting scheduled for 7pm the same day. (Community Center)
- **Planning & Zoning:** Next Meeting: June 12, at 6:00 PM. (Community Center)
- **Check out our website to review city meeting [agendas and minutes](#).**

Legislative Updates

The regular session of the Texas Legislature is nearly finished. Below are bills that may affect Highland Haven. Many of the new laws will become effective September 1, 2025, so our staff, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Alderman along with our city attorney will need to review and start re-drafting our affected ordinances. The Legislature does not take into consideration the impact that new laws have on small community budgets. Many letters were sent to Sen. Flores and Rep. Troxclair asking that bills be “bracketed” so small municipalities would be exempted from some of the new laws that were designed to address big city issues. We will soon know which bills are finally passed.

H.B. 2464 (Hefner/Middleton), provides that a city may not prohibit the operation of a no-impact home-based businesses. Would place limitations on a city regarding the regulation of other homebased businesses. Sent to the Governor. We will need city attorney advice as to how this may impact our community. TML provided written testimony opposing this bill.

H.B. 2844 (Langraf/Kolkhorst), preempts a city’s authority to prohibit or regulate mobile food vending in a manner that conflicts with state law. Establishes statewide rules for mobile food vendors and limits local regulations that interfere with state rules. Prohibits a city from barring a mobile food vendor from operating in its jurisdiction if the vendor holds a license and complies with other state and local laws. Prohibits a city from imposing fees, license requirements, or operational restrictions on vendors that contradict state law. TML provided written testimony opposing this bill. Sent to the Governor. Impact to our community is yet to be determined.

H.B. 4765 (Phelan/Zaffirini), a city may only use an unregistered individual for code enforcement if the individual is exempt from state registration and exempts certain licensed or otherwise registered professionals from separate code enforcement registration. Sent to the Governor. Impact to our community is yet to be determined.

S.B. 785 (Flores/Guillen), allows HUD-code manufactured homes in residential zoning districts. The initial bill passed the Senate and the House passed the bill with amendments that will need to be approved by the Senate. This bill is one step from being sent to the Governor.

S.B. 1202 (King/Dean), allows a qualified third-party to review documents and inspect the installation of a home backup power installation without the need to submit the documents for city approval or request an inspection from the city and requires permitting to occur no later than third business day after city receives notice of the third-party approving the document or inspection. Sent to the Governor. Impact to our community is yet to be determined.

Highland Haven Utilities

- We need your help; many phone numbers and email addresses in our files no longer work. Please update your contact information. Send your updated contact phone numbers, email and mailing address to: adminassistant@highlandhaventx.com
- The City of Highland Haven uses this information to contact you about emergency issues, i.e. water outages, weather emergencies, trash schedule changes etc.

Community Drainage Issues

- Recent heavy rains have caused several residents to experience water intrusions to their homes due to insufficient drainage systems and blocked drainage pipes. Please take this opportunity to clear any blockages. Many drainage

pipes and driveway culvert pipes have been flushed by the runoff. We are advising residents to remove all loose debris in drainage swales/ditches around their homes and dig back grass and dirt that has accumulated on either ends of driveway culvert pipes to increase the flow of runoff water.

Drought Update

- We are technically still in drought status until Central Texas Groundwater and LCRA officially change our status. We closely monitor both organizations and advise everyone should there be any changes.
- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District has mandated a **15% water reduction for all groundwater systems**.
- **Our groundwater permit has been reduced from 82 acre to 69 acre-feet.**
- **The City of Highland Haven has initiated restrictions for lawn watering to once a week, consistent with LCRA restrictions.**
- The City of Highland Haven is required to have a drought contingency plan and we are currently at Stage 4; please review our webpage for more details about our restrictions.
 - [Highland Haven Drought-Contingency Plan](#)
- **Effective January 1, 2025, Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District** initiated Drought Stage 4 restrictions, please review their website for more details.
 - [Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District – Drought Management Plan](#)
- **Effective March 3, 2025, LCRA** initiated their Drought Stage 2 restrictions, please review their website for more details.
 - [LCRA Domestic Water Use Rules](#)

City Services & Resources

- **Trash & Recycling Schedule:** [Waste Services](#)
- **Building Permits:** Contact Tom Weaver at (830) 265-4366 or buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com
- **City Website:** [Subscribe for alerts & updates!](#)

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Johnny Farris, President

❖ Park Access in Highland Haven.

As you might know, all the parks in Highland Haven belong to members of the Highland Haven Property Owners Association (HHPOA) and the open spaces and amenities of the parks are for the exclusive use of those members and their guests. To ensure proper access to these parks, a parking sticker program was implemented years ago and remains in effect to this day. Two free stickers are issued to property owners when they move into Highland Haven while temporary Guest Passes are \$5.00 and are good for one week. The HHPOA Board is in the process of creating longer-term, reuseable, Guest Passes which should be available soon.

To obtain parking stickers or guest passes, please contact **Kellie Coppenger** at 409.504.5666.

- ❖ The next HHPOA Board general meeting is on June 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Highland Haven Community Center.

Kodak Moments



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Ladies Club recognized HHPOA board members with certificates of appreciation for their service and support to our community.
President - Greg Rabaey, Kellie Coppinger - Community Center Coordinator, Johnny Farris – Secretary, Teresa Smith – Treasurer, Karen Mcright, Storage Coordinator (absent)



Highland Haven
Annual July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social
Hosted by our Ladies Club

Come one and all – come young and old - join in on the fun! It's time to make plans to decorate your bike, golf cart, wagon, antique car/truck, scooter, wagon or *whatever*, to make our 4th of July parade the best ever!

Participants are asked to meet at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on July 4th to prepare for lineup. The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 led by Granite Shoals Fire and EMS (*as long as they're not needed elsewhere*). Those not participating in the parade are welcome to sit along the parade route ... lawn chairs are advisable.

Immediately following the parade, the Ladies Club will host an Ice Cream Social at the Community Center. Everyone is invited. A variety of flavors will be available in either a cone or cup, your choice. Make plans to stop by for a delicious cool treat, visit with neighbors and enjoy a perfect way to kick-off Independence Day celebrations.

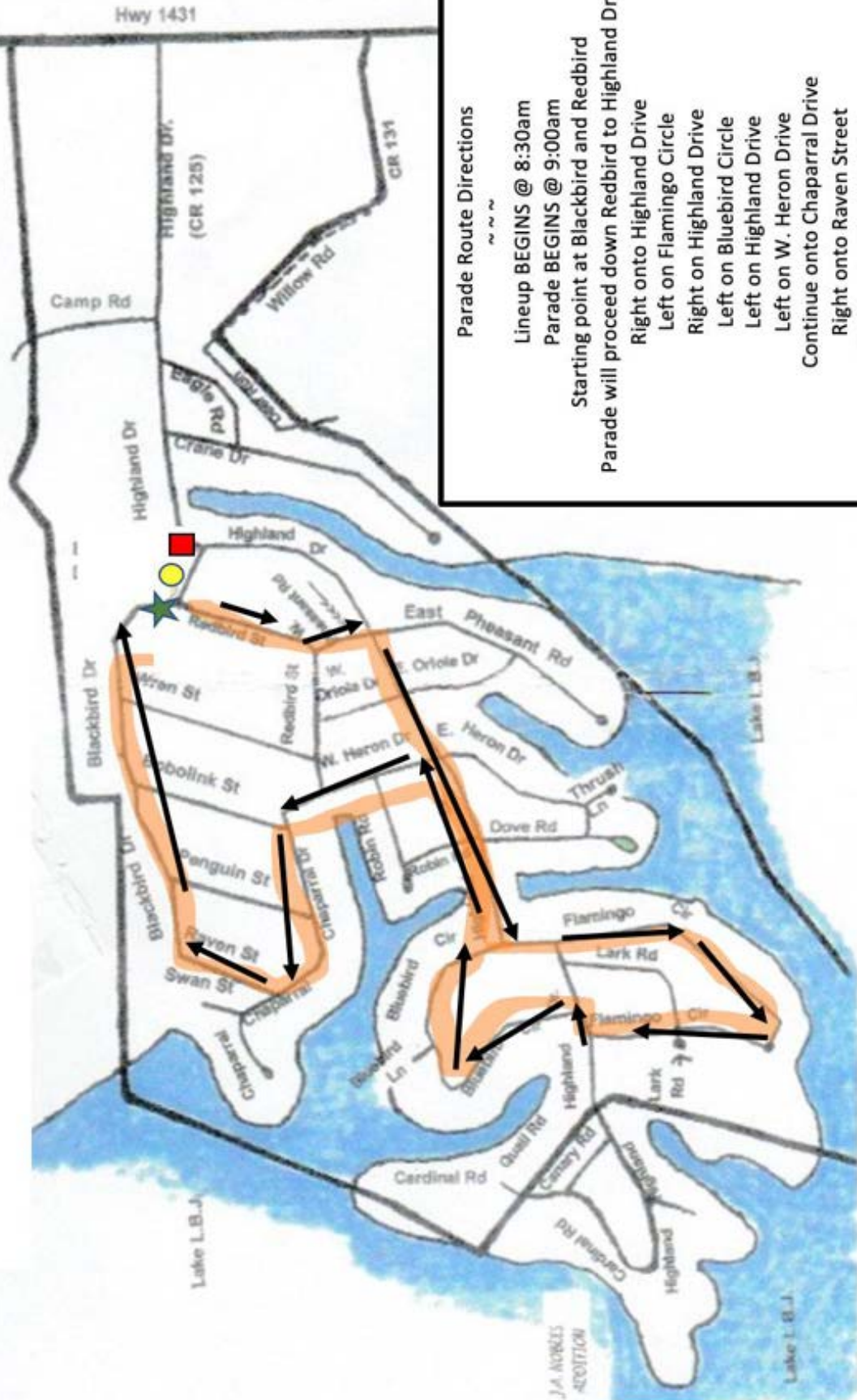


~~NO potluck dinner~~ in June, July & August
~~No Ladies Club~~ meetings until September
~~NO Bridge~~ in July & August

***Bingo & Game Night continues during the
summer ... 4th Wednesday of each month.
Children welcome but must be
accompanied with an adult.***

City of Highland Haven Parade Map July 4th 2025

- ★ Parade Starting Point
- Community Center
- City Hall



Parade Route Directions

- Lineup BEGINS @ 8:30am
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- Starting point at Blackbird and Redbird
- Parade will proceed down Redbird to Highland Drive
- Right onto Highland Drive
 - Left on Flamingo Circle
 - Right on Highland Drive
 - Left on Bluebird Circle
 - Left on Highland Drive
 - Left on W. Heron Drive
 - Continue onto Chaparral Drive
 - Right onto Raven Street
 - Right onto Blackbird Drive
 - Return to starting point

HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR



June

2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Budget Workshop 5:30 ~~~ BOA meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 Trash	6 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	7
8	9 Quilting -10 am Bridge 7 pm	10 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45	11 NO Ladies Club meeting until September	12 P&Z Mtg 6:00 Trash & Recycle	13 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45 Camp Champions Fireworks	14 Flag Day 
15 Father's Day 	16 Bridge 7 pm	17 BOA meeting 7:00 pm ~~~ Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45	18	19 HHPOA Mtg 5:30 Trash	20  National Eagle Day Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	21
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29	30 Bridge 7 pm	July 1 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 ~~~ NO Potluck Dinner	July 2	July 3 Trash	 July 4th NO Circuit Class ~~~ Parade Lineup 8:30 Parade 9:00 Fireworks @ dusk	July 5

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