



# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

*Sherry Hume, President*

At the small but cozy May potluck, **Bruce Robertson** shared his knowledge about AEDs for the Community Center. Thank you Bruce! Thank you **Suzanne Weaver** for organizing this opportunity. Thank you **Terry & Barbara Nuss, Lynn Smith & Brenda Weems, & Ray Estrada Jr.** for hosting the potluck. With the flags hung in the CC by **Christina & Bill Nabors** and the decorations provided by the hosts, the place looked Amazing!

Thank you **Angela Whitley, Judy Kelley & Marvin Filla** for our fun Bingo Games & Game nights! Bring your kids, chaperoned of course, to join in the fun at the daytime bingo & game nights too.

For those who don't know, the Ladies Club is comprised of four Officers, seven Committee Chairs, many Special Committee Chairs, and help from numerous amounts of people assisting those Chairs.

AND...Speaking of Special Committee Chairs... **Laura & Pat** could use your help with some ice cream donations and volunteers to help serve the ice cream after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Please contact **Laura Higgins** at (281) 381-5896. Thank You!

We are currently looking for a new Chair for our Aluminum Can Recycling. The proceeds collected from these cans help to buy supplies for our potlucks & events. This position is open to anyone in HH. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Sherry Hume** @ (210) 305-3594. Thank You!

### Our current Committee Chairs are...

Benevolence Chair: **Pat Koehn** sits with our bereaved neighbors. She helps facilitate the usage/rental of the CC for public/private memorials & celebrations of life. And she organizes food donated by the LC & the Community for these events. Thank you Pat!

Care Committee Chair: **Linda Enderlin** coordinates rides, food, or visitations for our HH Neighbors who are sick or needing help. Please reach out if you need help. Thank you Linda!

Sunshine Chair: **Judy Kelley** sends out Get Well, Sympathy, Moving, &/or Congratulations Cards. Please continue to contact her if you know of anyone in our Community that needs our Healing Thoughts & Well Wishes. Thank you Judy!

Name Tags Chair: **Brenda Filla** creates your personal name tags which are worn during community events. If you need a name tag, please sign up on the list. Thank You Brenda!

Welcome Committee Chair: **Christina Nabors** works with the HH Street Reps & organizes the "Welcome to HH" packets. She works with **Judy Kelley** to ensure new residents are connected to email/newsletters. And she worked with **Lynn Smith** to ensure people were entered into the new database and phonebook. Thank you Christina!

Flag Committee Chair: **Christina Nabors** ensures that the presentation of the flags during the National Holidays & other events look amazing! Thank you Christina & Bill!

Library Chair: **Debra Barger** (newly volunteered) is taking over from **Suzanne Weaver**. Suzanne recently updated the ABC section markers which look great! Thank you Suzanne! This lending library is available to everyone in HH whenever the CC is open. Thank you Debra!

And now, Thanks to **Lorinda Peters & the Rotary Club**, and our installers **Tom Weaver** and **Bill Nabors**, we have a new bench and an extension to our lending library on the Blackbird side of the CC! Thank you Lorinda, Tom, & Bill! Please take a look inside, some books have been added and are there for you to borrow. Let us know if you need a book.

Also, we had a request to do a slide show presentation of Highland Haven...”the beginning years”. So, look through your stuff, find those special treasures & memories and let’s travel back in time. No date has been set yet. But if anyone has a carousel type slide projector we could borrow, we can make this happen! Please contact **Sherry Hume** (210) 305-3594

Reminder - No further Potlucks or Events will occur in the summer months unless volunteers request an event.

<p><b>PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Greg Rabaey, President</i></p>
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### **Community Center**

The community center is a convenient place to rent for your next family gathering or private party – book your summer events now! 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. Contact **Kellie Coppenger** for more information; [kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com](mailto:kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com) or 409-504-5666.

### **Our Highland Haven Community Gives!**

We **LOST** our flagpole and the newly donated US flag, at Dove Park in a big storm a few weeks ago. Since then, several members of our community have jumped in with offers to donate a replacement. Stay tuned for more information! If you’d like to help out in our community or make a donation, please contact any POA Board member.

Have you seen our new Lending Library and park bench outside the Community Center? Thanks to **Rotarian** (and HH resident) **Lorinda Peters**, and local Scouts for donating the bench and labor. Scouts installed both items as part of an Eagle Scout project.

### **Weed Remediation at Dove Park.**

As you may know, many of our residents are dealing with an invasion of water weeds in our channels and waterfronts. The POA has contracted with a water weed removal service to clean out the boat ramp channel and swim area at Dove Park. This was an expensive and messy process – we thank all our POA members for your patience. This cleanup should be done prior to the July 4th Holiday week.

### **Property Owner Association Biannual Meeting.**

Our biannual Property Owner Association meeting is Saturday August 12, at 9am. Please join us at the Community Center!

THANK YOU! And thanks to all our POA volunteers!

# CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

*mayor@highlandhaventx.com*

## **Board of Alderman**

- The Board and staff have been working on the FY23-24 budget at regular meetings and budget work sessions for the past 2 months. A public hearing will be posted in the coming weeks. The property tax rate is currently proposed to remain at .126 per \$100 valuation. This will support hiring a city administrator, a 5% cost of living increase for the staff and cover general fund operating expenses.
- Base water rates are proposed to increase 5% and additional fee tiers have been added for water use above base rates. The proposed water rates are comparable to area water systems and are necessary to cover operating expenses and fund repair/replacement of critical system components such as a new backup generator and pumping equipment.
- Building permit fees are proposed to increase to cover building permit operating expenses.
- Next BOA meeting is Wednesday 7pm, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The BOA is scheduled for a budget work session at 9am July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- BOA meetings and work sessions are open to the public and held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

## **Accidents on Hwy 1431**

- **Jackie Garrow**, has organized a mail campaign to ask TXDOT to;
  - o Install a stop light at Highland Drive and Hwy1431, and,
  - o Reduce speed limits between Kingsland and Granite Shoals.
- Last month there were 3 serious accidents in 10 days, 2 in front of Twin Isles and 1 between Shady Acres and Granite Shoals.
- Please consider helping by sending a letter or email to support this effort. Contact Jackie to get more information about how you can help.

## **Fire Safety**

- **Use of fireworks in Highland Haven is prohibited.** Please advise your family and guests.
- Remove all brush and lawn trimmings stacked on your property as soon as possible. A burn ban could be implemented soon due to the hot dry weather we are experiencing.
- Be sure to follow the requirements in our ordinances regarding outdoor burning.
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf>
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-058-210504-REV-5.pdf>
  - o Contact Granite Shoals Fire Dept prior to starting any outdoor fires at 830-596-8110.



## **Water Conservation**

- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) held their monthly meeting on June 16, 2023, and **confirmed Burnet County is STILL in the Stage 4 Critical Drought Stage and further confirmed the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions are to remain in place.** <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/>
- We need everyone's assistance with conserving water to help us avoid any penalties for pumping too much water from the aquifer. Our CTGCD permit has been reduced by 15%-to-69-acre feet. Last year we pumped well above our normal permit level (82-acre feet) which could lead to CTGCD penalty fees this year.

## **Water System**

- The construction project for 2 new storage tanks has been advertised and the bid opening is scheduled for June 30. This will replace the current tank which has corrosion issues and provide a second tank that will provide backup and supply for future fire improvements.

- Our water wells remain in good shape; however, we must reduce our monthly water use to comply with the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District mandatory reductions.

### **Lawn Maintenance**

- We are receiving complaints about high grass. Please mow your property as soon as possible.
- With the high heat and no rain, we can expect a burn ban to be implemented any day. Please make plans to remove brush piles as soon as possible to reduce fire hazards and breeding areas for rodents and snakes. Many area tree services have brush chippers that can make short work of disposing of brush piles.
- If you are planning to burn the brush, follow the requirements in Ordinance #27 re: outdoor burning and Ordinance #58 re: lawn and lot maintenance.
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf>
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/ORDINANCE-058-230124-REV-6-Adopted.pdf>
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### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- The Planning and Zoning Commission still needs another commissioner. Please contact **Lezley Baum**, City Secretary, if you are interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. [citysecretary@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:citysecretary@highlandhaventx.com)
- Next meeting is 6pm, July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

### **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.

### **Check out our updated website!**

- Visit our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/>, and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website.
- **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**

- **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**

## **THANK YOU**

The family of Robert Deets would like to thank  
the Ladies Club and neighbors  
for all your calls, visits, and food at the celebration of life.





## ANNUAL 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY PARADE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Parade begins at 9:00am



Our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Ice Cream Social is quickly approaching. Participants are encouraged to decorate their golf cart, antique car, convertible, bicycle, e-bike, scooter, riding lawn mower, truck/trailer, etc. Parade lineup begins at 8:30 on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of Blackbird & Redbird, next to the Community Center. Leading us will be a GSVFD firetruck, if available. In past years, the parade has included 25 – 40+ participants. We again hope for an outstanding lineup. A map for the parade route is included for folks that prefer to setup a chair on the sidelines and cheer on the patriotic decorated “modes of transportation”. Immediately following the parade, ice cream will be served in the Community Center. Ice cream donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact **Laura Higgins** at (281) 381-5896 if you would like to donate an ice cream flavor of your choosing and/or volunteer to help serve. This event has always been a fun time to meet neighbors. Also, don't forget the fireworks show with the best viewing location at Swan Park! This is a tradition started by our neighbors - Camp Champions. Thank you!!! A parade, ice cream and fireworks ... what a wonderful way to celebrate our INDEPENDENCE!

### HIGHLAND HAVEN Parade Route

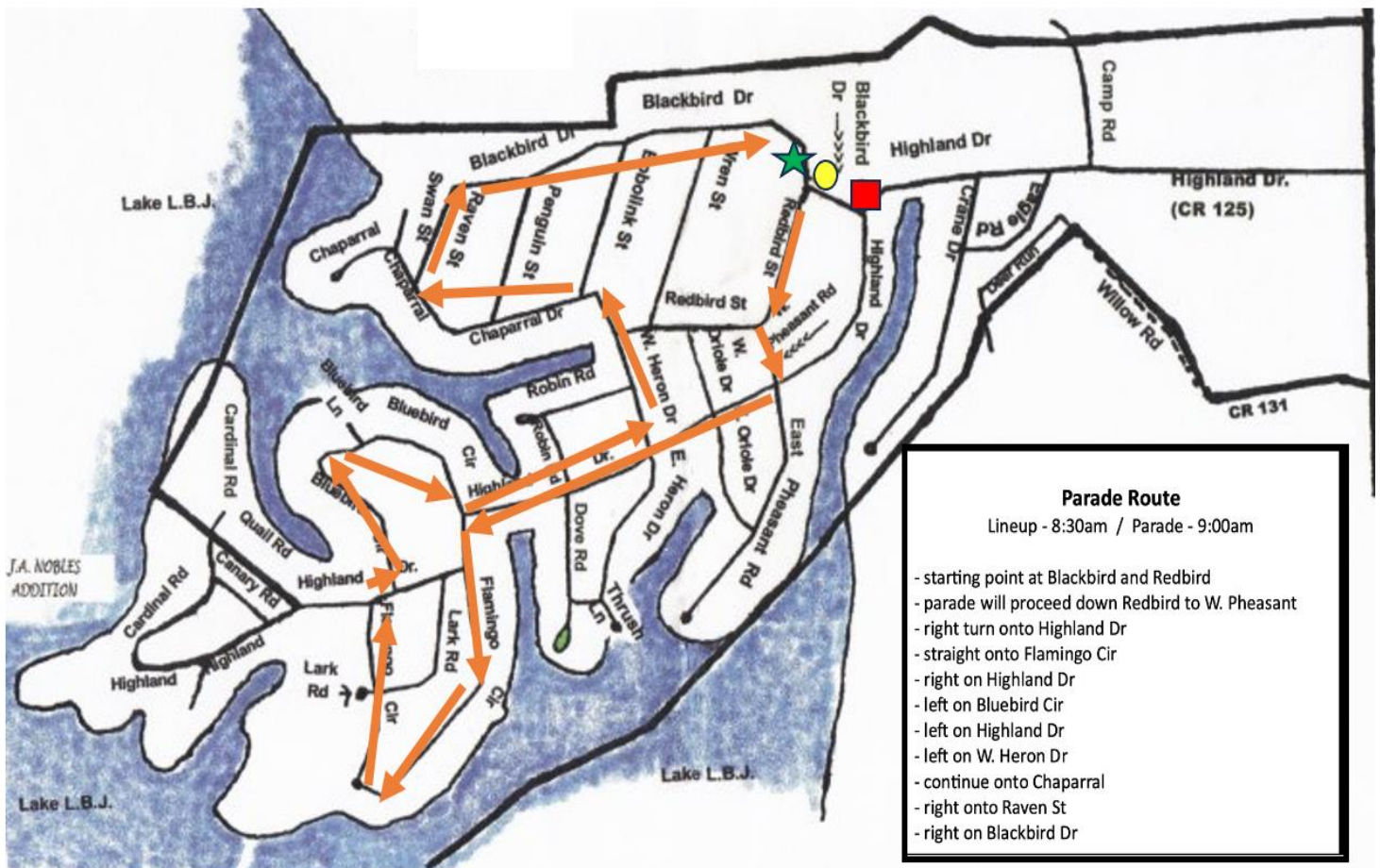
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★ Parade Starting Point

● Community Center

■ City Hall

→ Parade Route





# CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

## JULY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 <div>July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade &amp; Ice Cream Social 9:00am</div> <div>Camp Champions Fireworks</div>	5 <div>BOA meeting 7:00 pm</div>	6 <div>Trash</div>	7 <div>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</div>	8
9	10	11 <div>BOA budget workshop 9am</div> <div>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</div>	12	13 <div>P&amp;Z meeting 6:00 pm</div> <div>Trash &amp; Recycle</div>	14 <div>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</div> <div>Camp Champions Fireworks</div>	15
16	17 <div>Quilting -10 am</div>	18 <div>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</div> <div>BOA meeting 7:00 pm</div>	19	20 <div>POA meeting 5:30 pm</div> <div>Trash</div>	21 <div>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</div>	22
23	24	25 <div>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</div>	26 <div>Bingo – 1:00pm</div> <div>Game Night 7:00</div>	27 <div>Trash &amp; Recycle</div>	28 <div>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</div> <div>Camp Champions Fireworks</div>	29
30	31 <div>Quilting - 10 am</div>	<div>NO Ladies Club meetings OR Potluck Dinners this summer.</div>				

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