

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

*mayor@highlandhaventx.com*

### **Board of Alderman**

- The Board of Alderman has been working on the budget for several months and is now finalizing it for next year. A public hearing for the budget has been posted for August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at the Community Center. The proposed general fund budget includes increases for funding a new city administrator position, a 9% cost of living increase for the current staff and a transfer to the capital improvements program. The proposed general fund budget will require a property tax increase of \$158,555 or 75%. These increases are necessary to retain staff and provide our community with a city administrator to manage day to day operations and manage the water system. Water fees are proposed to increase 3%. The proposed budget can be viewed online at <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/FY-23-Budget-Filed-with-City-Secretary.pdf>.
- The proposed budget is also posted on the bulletin board behind City Hall.
- Our fire contract with Granite Shoals will remain at \$85,000 for next year. The final contract will be worked out in the coming months. Fire and emergency medical service contracts currently require approximately one half of our total city property tax collection.
- Next BOA meeting is 7pm, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are held in the Community Center.

### **Water System**

- Burnet County Groundwater Conservation District moved into Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions effective June 13<sup>th</sup>. Stage 4 is the highest out of a total of four stages. **Stage 4 calls for voluntary conservation of groundwater by 30 percent.**
- Visit the weblinks below for more information.
  - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Stage-4-Critical-Drought-Without-Mandatory.pdf>
  - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ConservingWaterOutdoor.pdf>
  - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>
- Highland Haven water system supply is from water wells (groundwater) so everyone should voluntarily reduce use.
- **We are asking everyone to reduce their outdoor water usage and follow the LCRA lawn watering schedule below.**
  - o Wednesdays and Saturdays for addresses ending in odd numbers.
  - o Thursdays and Sundays for addresses ending in even numbers.
  - o Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to Midnight.
- **LCRA Stage 1 Drought Conditions News Release** <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/drought-conditions-require-lcra-to-cut-off-highland-lakes-water-for-agricultural-customers/>
- Texas Water Development Board water conservation tips  
[https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/6\\_ways\\_to\\_conserve\\_water\\_in\\_the\\_summer\\_heat.html](https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/6_ways_to_conserve_water_in_the_summer_heat.html)

### **Invasive zebra mussels and aquatic plant management info**

- We continue to receive calls reporting problems with zebra mussels and aquatic plants. We have been in touch with LCRA and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. and asked them for guidance as to how to manage both. Below are weblinks for more information regarding these invasive species.
  - o <https://www.lcra.org/download/zebra-mussel-faqs-for-homeowners/?wpdmdl=26495>
  - o [https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/environconcerns/nuisance\\_plants/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/environconcerns/nuisance_plants/)
  - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/>
  - o <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/>
  - o <https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/248/Managing-Aquatic-Plants>
  - o <https://www.lcra.org/download/2016-aquatic-veg%E2%80%A6tion-handout-pdf/?wpdmdl=16555>
- Managing these invasive species are a responsibility of the property owners. Some neighboring property owners are coordinating their efforts and using a private company to treat their adjacent waterfront areas. Visit this website for more info <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/applicators/>
- If you are using lake water for irrigation, you should monitor your system and immediately remove any debris or zebra mussels to avoid pump damage.

### **Solid Waste Service**

- We have received complaints about how trash carts are being set out for pickup.
  - o Do not place trash in the recycle cart (yellow lid).
  - o Do not overfill the carts and leave them at the street. Please contact City Hall if you need additional trash carts.
  - o Do not place any trash bags, broken furniture, or limbs beside the trash carts for pickup. The truck is operated by one person. They do not leave the truck to pick up anything left outside of the carts. Carts are picked up and dumped by a remote-control claw operated from inside the cab
  - o If you are here for the weekend only, please make arrangements with a neighbor to place your carts at the street the night before trash day and ask them to move them off the street when emptied.
- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Highland-Haven-Recycle-2022.pdf>

### **Fire Safety**

- **Please help us keep our community safe and remove all brush piles.** Whittlesey Landscaping in Granite Shoals will take brush and lawn clipping for a small fee.
- **Burnet County issued a Burn Ban effective 3/9/22. Burnet County has been in an elevated fire status for several weeks and area fire departments have been battling grass/brush fires daily.**
- Piles of brush, limbs, leaves, and lawn clippings should be removed as soon as possible to lower the risk of an accidental fire around our homes.
- Burnet County remains in a drought status.

### **Trees and Shrubs**

- Property owners need to monitor their trees over this spring to determine if their trees need dead limbs removed. Weekly we see tree services working in Highland Haven cutting out dead limbs or removing dead trees.
- Contact Pedernales Electric Cooperative if you have limbs that could fall and damage powerlines.
- 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.

### **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.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- Next meeting is 6pm, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. Watch for postings for future meeting dates.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

### **Visit our Website**

- Please visit our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/>, and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website. You can also receive documents, such as official meeting agendas, and minutes. Most importantly - **You can subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email, or both.**
- 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!**
- To receive notices when updates are made to the site – navigate to the Home page - <https://highlandhaventx.com/> - and click on “**SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES**”. You can then select the topics you want to receive notifications about.
- Our website also has community information including the Highland Haven Property Owners Assn. and the Highland Haven Ladies Club meetings, as well as community activities.

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

- Burnet County recently dodged a devastating storm. Besides the tornado there were reports of 5” hailstones. It is never too early,
  - o To sign up for early warning notices,
  - o To plan for emergency evacuation and
  - o To confirm your insurance is up to date.

#### **Warn Central Texas**

- o Sign up for emergency warnings by voice, text, or email at <http://www.warncentraltexas.org/> or call 866-939-0911 to get local alerts.

#### **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**

- Register at <https://www.lcra.org/water/floods/floodgate-operations-notification-system/Pages/default.aspx>
- or call 512-578-3246 or 800-776-5272, Ext. 3246

#### **LCRA Flood Operations Report <https://floodstatus.lcra.org/>**

#### **LCRA Hydromet**

Get the latest information for the Highland Lakes area including rainfall amounts, rainfall radar images and river flow data.

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## **PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

*Greg Rabaey, President*

### **Highland Haven Community Center Rentals**

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your next destination for your coming celebrations. Don't forget to book your next celebration for Birthdays', Anniversaries, Family Reunions, Christmas parties, and your Retirement Hoorah's, here at our Community Center!

Our Community Center is affordable and includes tables, chairs, and full kitchen facilities to accommodate up to 180 people.

Call **Kellie Coppenger 409-504-5666** to book your next fellowship with friends and family.

**Contact us for your Parks Parking Sticker**

We remind everyone that the PRIVATE parks and swimming area in Highland Haven are for use ONLY by Highland Haven Property Owners and their guests! Help us keep our parks safe and private. Please proudly display a HHPOA resident sticker if you park in OR use our parks.

If you need a sticker, please contact **Kellie Coppenger** (409-504-5666) or **Terri Harmon** (512-577-3971).

**Property Owner Association Biannual Meeting**

Our biannual Property Owner Association meeting is **Saturday August 13, at 9am**. Please join us at the Community Center!

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**LADIES CLUB**

*Teresa Smith*

The Fourth of July Parade was a blast! Community members, family and friends came out to join in the parade fun! Those participating included golf carts, EMS and Fire Trucks from Marble Falls and Granite Shoals, cars, a runner with a dog and kids on scooters and bikes for a total of 120 plus participants! We also had many watching from the street waving their flags. A Big Thanks to Grand Marshall, William Fowler who led the parade. Following the parade, the Ladies Club provided ice cream, ice pops and cold water to everyone. The flags were also flying outside for the community to enjoy. It was a great time for everyone to be able to get together and celebrate one of the greatest holidays of the year with family and friends!

**August Wine and Cheese Social**

We want to invite each of you to come out and join us for the upcoming August event, the **Wine and Cheese Social!!** The Social will be held on **Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to .....** at the Highland Haven Community Center. Wine, water, tea, and ice will be provided, and you are welcome to BYOB if you prefer another beverage. Cheese and crackers will also be provided. This is not a potluck, but rather just a time to come and visit with your friends and be together!

**September Potluck**

The first potluck of the fall will be a BBQ dinner held on Tuesday, September 27th with social beginning at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The BBQ dinner will be provided by the Ladies Club. More information to come in the August newsletter.

**Ladies Club Meetings**

The next Ladies Club monthly meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, at the Community Center. Snacks and fellowship begin at 1:00pm with the meeting starting at 1:30pm. Come join us!!





**THANK YOU**  
*Burnet County Sheriff Deputy Kyle Schulze*  
 for keeping our community safe.  
 His keen observation of suspicious activity in  
 our community and his quick actions  
 on June 5<sup>th</sup> led to the arrest of  
 3 individuals for theft of property.



Highland Haven  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

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## AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quilting 10 am	2 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  ~ <b>BOA Meeting</b> <b>7:00</b>	3	4   <i>Trash</i>	5 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	6
7	8 Quilting 10 am	9 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	10	11 <b>P&amp;Z</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>  <i>Trash/Recycle</i>	12 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	13 HHPOA Biannual Mtg 9 am
14	15 Quilting 10 am	16 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  ~ <b>BOA Meeting</b> <b>7:00</b>	17  Newsletter article deadline	18   <i>Trash</i>	19 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	20
21	22 Quilting 10 am	23 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	24	25   <i>Trash/Recycle</i>	26 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	27
28	29 Quilting 10am	30 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  ~ Wine & Cheese Social - 6:00pm	31			