



HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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July 2023 Sponsor – HHPOA

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Property Owner Association Biannual Meeting.

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

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; kellihecoppenger@gmail.com or 409-504-5666.

Parking Stickers

Don't forget to get your parking stickers for the parks. Particularly if you drop off your boat and park your vehicle in the park. Each POA member gets 2 free stickers. If you need extra, they are \$25 dollars apiece. For residents of Nobles subdivision, stickers are \$25 each. If you have guests that will be using the parks during their visit, you can also get a \$5 Guest Pass for their windshield that is good for a week. Please help us keep our parks private and safe!

Our Highland Haven Community Gives!

Several members of our community have jumped in with donations to replace our flagpole at Dove Park. Thank you to **Betty & Mark Tisdale, Greg & Pam Rabaey, and Kevin & Wendy Bierschenk**. If you'd like to help in our community or make a donation, please contact any POA Board member.

Special thanks to **Charles Rudolph** for taking care of community center projects and helping with upkeep on the grounds.

THANK YOU! And thanks to all our POA volunteers!

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

mayor@highlandhaventx.com

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Board of Alderman

- For the past 3 months the Board and staff have been working on the FY24 budget. The proposed budget has been submitted to the City Secretary and a public hearing has been scheduled for the next Board of Alderman meeting on August 1st.
- The property tax rate is proposed to remain at .126 per \$100 valuation. This will result in a \$38,664 increase in tax revenues that 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 pump equipment.
- Building permit fees are also proposed to increase to cover building permit operating expenses.
- Next BOA meeting is Tuesday, 7pm, August 1st. There will be a public hearing regarding the budget and the BOA will vote on the budget following the public hearing.
- 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/>.

Fire Safety

- **A countywide burn ban is in effect!** <https://www.burnetcountytexas.org/page/envIRON.burn>
- **Grass fires have been popping up all over Burnet and Llano Counties!**
- Remove all brush and lawn trimmings stacked on your property as soon as possible. We anticipate the burn ban will be in effect for several months due to the hot dry weather we are experiencing.
- Do not stack and store brush and lawn trimmings.
- Do not park your car in tall dry grass. The car's exhaust system can start a fire.
- Properly dispose of burning smoking materials, such as cigarettes.

Water Conservation

- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) has **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 bid for 2 new storage tanks has been approved. Our engineer and the contractor are finalizing contract documents and will include a construction schedule.
- 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

- **Burn Ban is in Effect!** 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.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- The Planning and Zoning Commission has a new commissioner. Debbie Dahlstrom has re-joined the P&Z. Please reach out and thank Debbie for her service to our community.
- Next meeting is 6pm, August 10th.
- 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 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**



CAMP CHAMPIONS FIREWORK SCHEDULE

Fireworks will be on Friday evenings at dark!
If we are under a burn ban during the summer,
this can affect whether we are allowed to have fireworks.

Friday, July 28
Friday, August 11

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

Thank you **Angela Whitley & Judy Kelley** for hosting the Bingo & Game Night! And thanks to everyone who attends and makes these events fun! A special thanks to **Shirley Beaussire's** grandson, **Kayden**, for calling out the Bingo numbers!

It was Amazing to see all of your Patriotic Love for our Nation on the 4th of July! Thank you **Granite Shoals Fire & Rescue** and **Marble Falls EMS** for leading our parade! Thanks to all the participants, the 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social was a wonderful event! And the photo booth just added to the fun! Thank you **Laura Higgins & Pat Koehn** for hosting. Thank you **Christina & Bill Nabors** for hanging the flags. Thank you **Laura & Jim Higgins, Sally & Kent Cooper, and Ray Estrada Jr.** for setting up the Community Center. Thanks to everyone who brought ice cream donations. And Thanks to our ice cream servers: **Sally Cooper, Suzanne Weaver, Sherry Moore, Angela Whitley, & Doris Rudolph!** A special thanks to **Suzanne Weaver's** grandkids, **Evan & Benjamin Abboud** for helping to serve ice cream too!



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 & other events. This position is open to anyone in HH. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Sherry Hume** @ (210) 305-3594. Thank You!

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. We are shooting for some time in September, possibly the 20th. This date is tentative & we will keep you informed of any changes. Thank you **David Langford** for the use of your Carousel slide projector! It is helping tremendously! However, if anyone should happen to have a slide projector that is compatible with a Montgomery Ward 100 slide wheel tray that we could borrow, it will make things even easier. If you have any questions or suggestions... Please contact **Sherry Hume** @ (210) 305-3594

We are looking forward to our next informal get together! We've had a lot of positive feedback about the previously held wine socials. But we have also heard from people that don't drink wine & therefore didn't feel comfortable attending the wine social. At any event, you are free to bring your drink of choice. Water, tea & coffee are always provided. However, since there is a reluctance for some to attend a "wine social", we are looking for a new name for our informal social gatherings. Please contact **Sherry Hume** @ 210-305-3594 with your name change suggestions & feedback.

Dates to Remember:

- Bingo Games on 7/26/23 & 8/23/23 @ 1pm
- Game Night on 7/26/23 & 8/23/23 @ 7pm
- No LC Meeting in August
- No further Potlucks or Events will occur in the summer months unless volunteers request an event





HIGHLAND HAVEN - August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	2	3 <i>Trash</i>	4 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Cinco De Mayo	6
6	7	8 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	9	10 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	11 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Fireworks</i>	12 HHPOA Biannual Mtg @ 9:00 am
13	14 <i>Quilting 10 am</i>	15 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	16	17 <i>Trash</i>	18 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	19
20	21	22 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	23 Bingo @ 1pm Game Night @7pm	24 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	25 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	26
27	28 <i>Quilting 10 am</i>	29 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 NO POTLUCK	30	31 <i>Trash</i>		

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