



HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

<https://highlandhaventx.com/>

July 2024 Issue

Sponsor – Highland Haven Ladies Club

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

mayor@highlandhaventx.com

Proposed FY25 Budget

- The Board of Alderman is finalizing the proposed FY25 budget. A Public Hearing for the proposed FY25 Budget is scheduled for August 6, 7pm. Budget details are posted on our website at <https://highlandhaventx.com/financial-transparency/>
- Contact City Hall if you need printed copies.

Board of Alderman

- 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 BOA Agendas and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Water Conservation

- The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District now produces a monthly newsletter. Please take a moment and sign up for this newsletter at this web address.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/newsletters/>
- The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met on July 23rd and chose to continue *10% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions* for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. These reductions are effective through December 31, 2024.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>
- The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit has been reduced from 82-acre feet to 73-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.**
 - 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.
 - o November through February: No watering.
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>.
- As a public water system, we are required by TCEQ, TWDB and the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District to have a **drought contingency plan**. The Board of Alderman is now reviewing our draft Drought Contingency Plan during their regular meetings and a public hearing will be scheduled in September.

Utility Services

- **Megan Gibson** has been hired as our new **Accounting/Utilities Coordinator**. Please stop by and meet her when you have a chance.
- Water and trash service customers can save time and stress by enrolling in our ACH program.

- The City of Highland Haven offers automatic bank draft service (ACH). There is no fee for this service. Complete an application and return it to City Hall. Application can be found at
 - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ACH-Authorization-form.pdf>. Call City Hall if you have any questions 830-265-4366.
- If you wish to receive your monthly statement via email or text, you must establish an account through <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- If you wish to pay online use this link <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- To pay by phone or with Credit Card, call 830-265-4362.

Water System Improvements

- The new water tank project is nearing completion. Both tanks are in service and control work is being finalized. Installation of a critical bypass pipeline is on hold until easements can be worked out.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next regular P&Z meeting is *6pm, September 12, 2024*.
- 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 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

- This information is included in all newsletters as part of our FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 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/emergency-supplies-kit>
 - 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**

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Biannual Meeting!

We want to invite everyone in our community to attend the **August Biannual Meeting, August 10 at 9:30am**, for the **Highland Haven Property Owner Association (POA)**. You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

POA Mid-Year 2024 Financial Statement

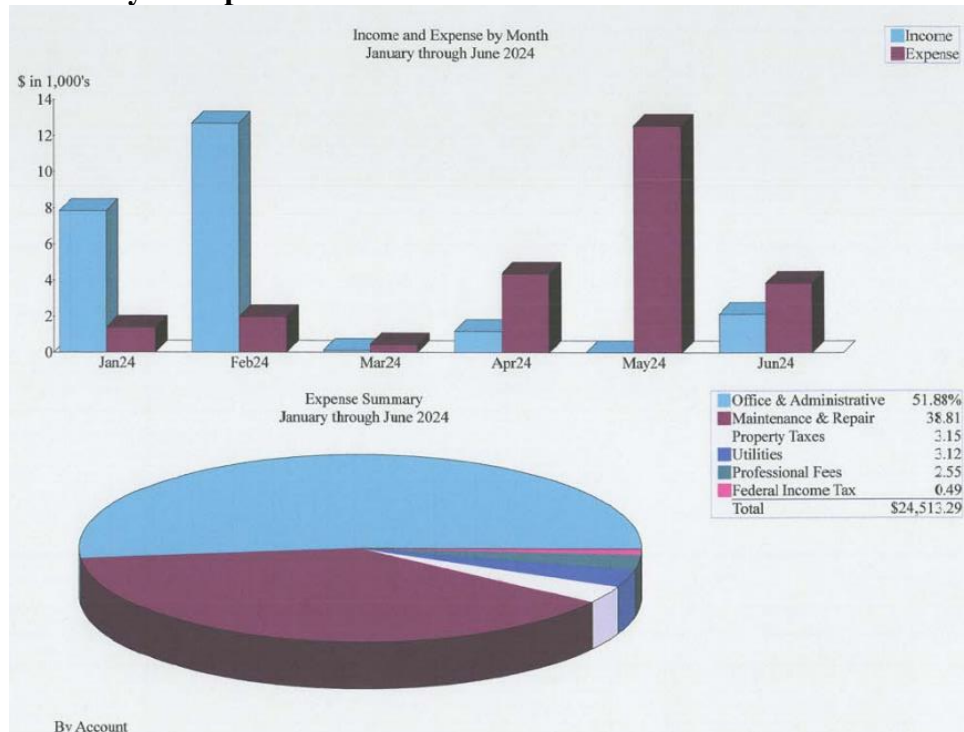
Summary Financial Statement (as of June 30, 2024)

Fund	Balance
Reserve	\$35,000
Operating	\$42,556
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
Total Cash on Hand*	\$109,556
* as of June 30, 2024	

Summary of Budgeted Income vs Expenses (as of June 30, 2024)

	2024 Budgeted	2024 Actual as of June 30, 2024
Income	\$33,255	\$23,918
Expense	\$33,198	\$24,261
Operating Income/Loss	\$57	-\$343

Summary of Expenses thru June 2024.



Financial Overview:

Thanks to *Teresa* for all your time and effort!

The single largest expense under office and administrative is insurance. Insurance for 2024 increased again, year over year, totaling \$12,566, nearly 30% of our annual operating expenses.

Maintenance & Repairs including Weed Remediation/Brush Removal and Mowing Parks made up most of the remainder.

Parks & Grounds

Thanks to *Terri* for all your time and effort!

Maintenance of grounds and Dove park water area continue to be the largest expense for the POA parks budget. Through *Teresa Smith's* budget juggling, volunteer help and a flexible lawn service we have managed to do well budget-wise despite the extra rain this year. We are grateful to our POA member volunteers, *Charles Rudolph, Terry Neans, Jimmie Felps* and *Kevin Crumley* who continue to help us by mowing several of our park areas. If you see these gentlemen, thank them for their contributions to our community. Lawn Stars mowing service, in addition to their flexibility, have been very responsive during a busy and wet spring. If you need lawn service, please give them a call.

This spring the board approved water weed treatments for Dove Park swim area and boat ramp. As per LCRA/TPWD rules, we hired approved contractors and applied for required permits. In this case, the rain we had helped as the muddier water cuts down on weed growth. Two applications were done, one in May and one in June. We will submit for the LCRA rebate program and hope to recover some of that cost. State recognized POAs, MUDs and municipalities may apply, and MAY be qualified for as much as a 50% rebate. Last year this fund was depleted very early on, but we have been told the budget was expanded this year.

The project to empty the Parks' maintenance shed and rent the space back to the city has been slow. We have sold off several larger items and more recently many of the smaller items. Much of what remains are odds and ends along with old oil and other items requiring special disposal. If you are interested in nails/screws, old wooden ladders, a set of ramps or just curious what might remain, please reach out as we hope to finish this project and turn the shed over to the city.

And finally, a shout out to *William Fowler* who continues to monitor our parks and boat ramps, collecting and removing trash and debris keeping our parks areas garbage free.

Trailer & Storage Rentals

The movement of trailers in uncovered spaces effected by the new water tower construction was the most impactful event for HHPOA rentals this past year. Trailers in the construction area were moved to a north lot to make room for construction. As the work is completed HHPOA will assess any uncovered spaces that could potentially be lost due to the new water tower. We will make every effort to return trailers to the original spaces.

All covered spaces are currently rented, and we have 17 people on the waiting list. Uncovered vacancies are on hold until the current renters can be returned to HHPOA property. Currently there are 8 people on the waiting list for uncovered spaces.

All Storage rooms are rented and there are no persons on the waiting list for a storage room.

Thanks to Karen for all your time and effort! If you're interested in a storage locker or a trailer storage spot for 2024, please contact *Karen McRight*; karenmcright@gmail.com.

Community Center

Our Community Center utilization continues to increase! **For the first half of 2024, there were 189 scheduled events/activities at the Community Center!** We're on pace to break last year's record use. The community center is an integral part of the POA service to our community.

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

Hope you are enjoying your summer thus far!

At the end of June, we had our Bingo & Game Night events. Although we had more people join our game, it's simply unbelievable just how lucky *Laura Stubblefield* is, as she continues to be our BIGGEST Bingo Winner!!! You'll need to come out & see for yourself!

Thanks to *Laura Higgins* and her team of helpers (*Sally & Kent Cooper and their granddaughters Georgia & Beatrice Colclasure*, *Debra Barger & Roger Whitmire*, *Angela & Chris Whitley*, *Judy & Olan Kelley*, *Suzanne & Tom Weaver and their grandson Evan Abboud*, *Stacey Leal*, *Jim Higgins*, *Pat Koehn*, *Tina & Ed Nechiporenko*, *Christina & Bill Nabors*, *Ray Estrada Jr & Sherry Hume*) for advertisement, set up, ice cream donations & serving, and clean up... Our 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social was a HUGE Success! Thanks to *GS Fire & Rescue and MF EMS* for leading our way! Thank you *Stacey* for the spontaneous free raffle! Our raffle winners were *Debbie & Robert Dahlstrom's grandson Jackson Ewald*, *Judy Kelley's mother Joyce Kuntschik*, & HH's very own *Linda Enderlin*. I think this was our Biggest Parade EVER, or at least in a long time! I counted about 155 people with 44 patriotically decorated entries (Fire/Rescue & EMS, classic cars, golf carts & ATVs, motorcycles, bikes, scooters, runners, walkers, and swimmers! Yes, there was a pool!!!

Thank you *Everyone* for coming out to share Your Patriotic Love for This Country!

And for whatever reason (work, school, timing, family, etc.) I know that not everyone is able to attend the Ladies Club meetings... but we do want to hear your thoughts. Please let us know your ideas & ways we can make things even better in Highland Haven. Thank You!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE:

2007 Ford Expedition, 166,682 mileage, excellent condition, \$7000. Call 830-598-5022 if interested.



NO Bridge in August
Will resume September 9 @7:00pm

If you have a new neighbor, please share the email address below so, they may receive our community newsletter & important updates. Be sure to include name, email & Highland Haven address to the email listed below.

highlandhavennews@gmail.com

HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Trash</i>	2 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	3
4	5 <i>Quilting – 10am</i> <i>Bridge Lessons</i> 3:00pm	6 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ ~ ~ BOA Public Hearing 7:00 pm	7	8 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	9 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>LAST Camp Champions Fireworks</i>	10 HHPOA Biannual Mtg @ 9:30am Community Center
11	12	13 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	14 NO Ladies Club Mtg This Month	15 NO P&Z meeting <i>Trash</i>	16 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	17
18	19 <i>Quilting -10 am</i>	20 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ ~ ~ BOA meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	23 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Newsletter Submission Deadline 5:00pm	24
25	26	27 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 NO Potluck Dinner	28 <i>Bingo @ 1:00</i> <i>Game Night @ 7:00</i>	29 <i>Trash</i>	30 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	31

Send newsletter articles & photos to highlandhavennews@gmail.com
Check the calendar for submission deadline.