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Next HHPOA
Meeting:
Tues., Feb 11th

HHPOA UPDATE

Phil Martz

Welcome to 2014. I hope you all had a great holiday and were able to spend quality time with love ones. At our house, my wife and I held three separate Christmas celebrations over two weeks to meet our children's work schedules and other obligations. I really enjoyed the fact that I got to have three outstanding full spread Christmas dinners - turkey, ham and pies - OH MY!

The weather here has really been a rollercoaster ride this past month, but we should not complain too much. Our northern states just got hammered and are still having major weather issues. I watch Michigan weather closely since that is where my wife and I have family. Three to four feet of snow and below zero temps. That is some hard living there.

The RV covered storage units are currently full, but for the first time in years the waiting list for a space is down to one or two waiting. Now is the time to get on the waiting list if you are in need of a parking space.

This is the year for City official elections. Get involved so we find good replacements for the Mayor and Aldermen positions that are going to become vacant.

I am sure everyone really appreciates how much our volunteers work to maintain the parks. The other day a woman and her children walked pass our volunteers and commented "Thank you for your work, I just love coming to the park. It is always so nice looking." Those little comments mean so much to our volunteers and are greatly appreciated.

Our next Membership Meeting is **Tuesday, February 11th @ 7:00 PM**, at the community center. This is your biannual meeting, which focuses on the POA Board of Directors elections. Every year three-board positions come up for election. This year the current directors whom have chosen not to run again will vacate the three positions. The Nomination Committee has been working hard over the past several months and has three individuals they will be nominating at the meeting. Since the Board of Directors has not received any petitions from our membership for candidates, there WILL NOT be a voting election at the meeting. The Nomination Committee's nominees will be approved by what is legally called "Election by acclamation". Over the past several years, nominees for the board have been scarce. It is exciting to see three members joining the board this year. I personally found being on the board to be very rewarding and quite enjoyable. I highly recommend to other members in joining the board sometime in the future.

So please join us at the February meeting to meet your new board directors and to thank your leaving directors for the work they have done during their tenure. This is also a good meeting to express to the board and your membership ideas and visions you feel are important to our community. Your input is what drives the board in planning this year and the future objectives and projects. Hope to see you all there to show your support.

LADIES CLUB UPDATE

Jackie Garrow



November and December were busy months for the Ladies Club!

Our Everything Christmas Bazaar was a great success. Special thanks go to Co-Chairs **Linda Finney** and **Shirley Webb**, and to all the hard-working volunteers and generous donors.

The Ladies Club Annual Christmas Dinner enjoyed success again this year. Attendance was down a bit from prior years, but those who attended enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner catered by Saucy's, as well as a huge variety of delicious side dishes from our excellent Highland Haven cooks! If you missed this event, hosted by the Ladies Club each December, make a mental note to keep an eye out for announcements in the newsletter next year. We'd love to see you attend.

Our volunteer elves (**Pat Koehn**, **Teri Nelson** and **Irene Dauphin** awarded the following prizes to the winners of our annual Christmas decorating contest:

1st Place	408 Blackbird St	Larry & Julie Skero & Family
2nd Place	400 Flamingo Cir	Tem & Lucille Moody
3rd Place	1405 Highland Dr	Robert & Judy Daniels
Honorable Mention	110 W Heron Dr	William & John Fowler
Honorable Mention	113 Flamingo Cir	Betty Ward
Honorable Mention	109 Redbird St	Linda Enderlin and Vernon & Yuvonne Schwarz

The Sweetheart Dance following the February Potluck has been CANCELLED.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Club is **February 12, 2014**. All Highland Haven ladies are invited.

... LADIES CLUB RUMMAGE SALE ...

Our **Annual Rummage Sale** is slated for the weekend of **February 28 and March 1**. It's a little early in the month this year due to other calendar items. The first meeting of volunteers will be February 3, 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Sale preparations begin Tuesday February 18, so please consider volunteering to help then as well as the day of the sale. Jerry Schwab (bless him) is once again managing pickups and assistance with repairs of good usable tools, electronics, etc. Donations are being accepted now. Please contact Jerry Schwab if you need an item picked up OR or a Ladies' Club officer if you need access to the Community Center.



CITY UPDATE

Pete Freehill, Mayor

City Elections

There will be a city election on May 10 for Mayor and Aldermen. Along with the Mayor position, there are three Aldermen positions open, two each for a two-year term and one for a one-year term. Applications will be received from January 29 through February 28. Applications can be obtained from City Secretary Dana Turner at City Hall. Please consider serving your city as Mayor or on the Board of Aldermen.

Drought Restrictions

We are in Moderate Drought Stage 2 per the CTGCD – Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District. Voluntary conservation methods to reduce water consumption by 10% are listed below. See - <http://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>

- Check for and repair all leaks
- Outdoor lawn and landscape watering should be done between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 am.
- Limit watering of lawns and landscapes to once every 5 to 7 days.
- Wash vehicles only at a car wash when needed.
- Keep decorative fountains, landscape ponds, and swimming pools covered whenever possible to reduce evaporation.
- Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.
- Providing groundwater to ponds, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, swimming pools, or other surface impoundments for holding water that have a total capacity of more than 100,000 gallons is discouraged.

Budget Status

Budget status through the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 ending on December 31 is good. Water system sales are slightly above forecast and property tax collections are considerably ahead of the budget forecast. Total expenses are 12% below budget. The 10th water system interest payment will be made in February. The water system savings account has enough cash to fund both water system interest and principal payments for all of 2014.

Water System Payments

Please be sure to use black or blue ink on water system payment checks. The bank frequently rejects other colors.

City Hall Street Number Sign

Thanks to Webmaster **Dave Embrey** for the handsome street number sign for city hall.

Nobles Subdivision ETJ

The Board of Aldermen passed Resolution 284, which approves *in principle* the acquisition of Nobles Subdivision into the Highland Haven Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) from the Granite Shoals ETJ. A city may regulate the development of subdivision and other infrastructure in its ETJ. Both the Granite Shoals City Council and the Highland Haven Board of Aldermen would have to approve an ETJ transfer.

A transfer of Nobles into the Highland Haven ETJ would preclude annexation of Nobles into the City of Granite Shoals. But Highland Haven, being a Class A City, cannot unilaterally annex an area in its ETJ as can a Home-Rule City such as Granite Shoals nor has there been any proposal to do so. The purpose of such an ETJ transfer would be that Highland Haven rather than Granite Shoals would regulate the infrastructure of the Nobles Subdivision. This would seem to make sense since Nobles has no land connection to Granite Shoals or its ETJ but shares the southern boundary of Highland Haven and has many civic and social ties with Highland Haven.

City, continued

CAPCOG Emergency Notification System

The CAPCOG – Capital Area Council of Governments has added cell phone notifications to its emergency notification system. This system notifies subscribers of severe weather, flooding, dam floodgate operations etc. The signup process is very simple. Go to http://alertregistration.com/capcog/CitizenRegistration_Reg.cfm and provide the phone information for this service.

SEWING CLUB

Sue Kersey

The Sewing Club met at the home of Gail Hurn for a gift and cookie exchange. It was a wonderful day of gifts made by our members for the exchange, fantastic homemade cookies, great friendship and fun.

Front Row L-R: Mary Kay Webb, Betty Prince, Dorothy Wagner, Patsy Buchanan and Daye Tinnin.

Standing L-R: Sue Kersey Fredi Franki, Shirley Beaussire, Cheryl Wilder, Judy Schwab, hostess Gail Hurn, Joyce Fraser, Connie Fulgham and Freelin McGlothing.

Members unable to join us were Carolyn Barnes, Gail Chenoweth, Vaneta Fields, Earlene Melton and Sylvia Passmore.



GET WELL WISHES & THANKS

Marge Cooper

- ~ Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Roberta Timrick** for her recent illness.
- ~ Let's not forget our friend **Linda Enderlin** who is recovering from a recent surgery.
- ~ Thoughts and prayers also go to **Dollie Bauman** for a speedy recovery after her recent car accident.
- ~ I would like to personally THANK everyone who brought food, sent cards, stopped to visit and made my time in the hospital, rehab and return home seem so much better. I really appreciate everything ... as I always knew Highland Haven people are the best!!!! My family also joins me in thanking everyone. Our son commented that in California you hardly know your neighbors and our daughter couldn't believe the response of so many people. Again, THANKS!!!

RAINWATER HARVESTING

Irene Dauphin

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22nd. We will have a speaker about drought tolerant plants at 9:00 a.m. and following the speaker information about rainwater harvesting. We hope to have some rainwater barrels available. This is an informational gathering for Highland Haven residents. More information will follow in the February newsletter. **Irene Dauphin** [254-498-6009](tel:254-498-6009)

LET'S TALK ABOUT FLOODS – A LITTLE HISTORY

Donna L. Green, FEMA Flood Plain Administrator

I moved here in 1985 and it was blissful on Lake LBJ. My first experience with floods came during the Sandy Creek Flood as an appraiser where I took pictures of wooden chairs stuck in ceilings in and around the Sandy Harbor area.

Dec. 18-23, 1991 – Christmas Flood. Managers could not release water from Lake Travis because of floodwaters flowing from Walnut. Nearly 400 homes flooded around Lake Travis with up to 22ft of water over the lowest slabs.

May 29, 1995 – Sandy Creek Flood. Sandy Harbor, at the confluence of Walnut and Sandy Creeks. Homes were flooded and businesses destroyed all the way to Sunrise Beach. An extensive marina on LBJ was washed away and destroyed as well as a floating restaurant.

October 28, 1996 – Heavy rain moved into the “Hill Country”. At the headwaters of the Pedernales and James Rivers the flood moved down the James River into the Llano River through Kingsland into LBJ. The same home owners, businesses, recreation camps and marina owners devastated.

February 20, 1997 – The flood down the James River went down the Llano River through Kingsland into Lake LBJ. The same homes, business, recreation camps were wiped out again, 4 months later. I remember standing on our back porch watching cattle standing on debris floating down Lake LBJ. Also waking up to find dozens of boats floating unleashed in our cove, if you would. Do you? *(to be continued)*

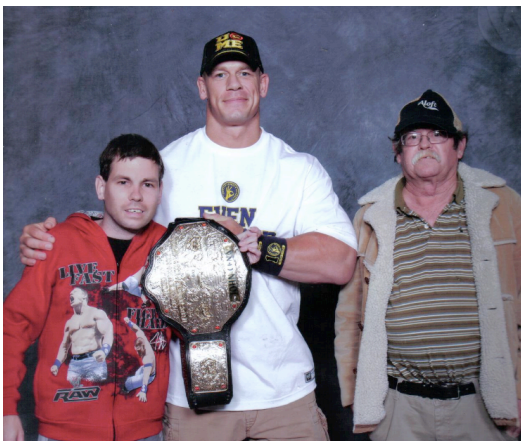
KODAK MOMENTS



Ladies Club Christmas Party



Everything Christmas Bazaar



William Fowler recently had the opportunity to fulfill a lifetime dream ... to meet WWE superstar, John Cena. William's birthday present was tickets to the Wizard World Austin Comic Conference in Austin, Texas.
Happy Birthday William!

Highland Haven Community Calendar

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Groundhog Day Super Bowl	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 HHPOA Mtg 7:00 pm	12 Ladies Club 1:00 pm Community Ctr	13	14  Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18 BOA Mtg 7:00 pm City Hall	19 HH Newsletter Article Deadline	20	21	22
23	24 ○	25 Pot Luck Supper 6:00 pm	26	27	28	

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