

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

February 2014

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## Next Meetings:

March 18 – 7:00p.m.  
City Hall

## City Website

<http://www.highlandhaventx.com/>



**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.

## Granite Shoals Emergency Siren Testing

Granite Shoals will test their emergency siren every Tuesday at noon. This may be heard in some parts of Highland Haven.

## Fund Raising Fish Fry

A fish fry will be held at the Bluebonnet Café in Marble Falls on March 5 from 4 to 8 PM. Proceeds from the fish fry will go to the Marble Falls EMS that serves Highland Haven.

## Financial Audit

Keith Neffendorf of Neffendorf CPA associates of Fredericksburg presented the annual financial audit to the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, February 18. Mr. Neffendorf reported that the city is in good financial shape and found the city financial records in good order. He particularly noted the positive results to date of the purchase of the water system.

To date the water system has produced a net income after all expenses including bond principal and interest payments of \$116,565.86. At the end of fiscal year 2013 on September 30, 2013 there was a city cash balance in the bank, including water system accounts, of \$195,701.15.

The audit report is available for review at city hall.

## EMS Contract Renewal

The city contract with Marble Falls EMS was renewed through 2015. The annual cost is \$10,080, which has not changed since 2004. There were 41 EMS ambulance calls in

Highland Haven in fiscal year 2013. The response time for 75% of the calls was in eight minutes or less. The longer response times would mostly occur when the Granite Shoals ambulance is out on a call and response to Highland Haven would come from Marble Falls or elsewhere.



## **HHPOA UPDATE**

*Phil Martz*

The HHPOA Board of Directors held their February Biannual membership meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the community center. There were approximately 30 members in attendance. We had several last minute guest speakers arrive that were candidates for the upcoming Burnet County elections. Linda Bayless, James Oakley and George Russell introduced themselves and informed us on the importance of this year's elections.

The meeting continued with our association reports and the finding from the 2013 audit. The audit committee Donna Gingras and Cynthia O'Malley completed the audit on February 6<sup>th</sup> and presented their report to the membership. They noted the records to be well organized, well documented and extremely accurate. The committee commended the board members for maintaining the HHPOA financial records with such professionalism.

The meeting then addressed this year's board members election. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, no petitions were filed from the membership for a nominee. Dan Varick, from the Nominating Committee, submitted their nominations for the HHPOA Board of Directors. The nominations submitted were Donna Gingras, Don Hughes and Noveleen Parker. Since there were only 3 nominees for the 3 vacating positions, these nominees were declared elected. I want to thank the newly elected directors for accepting the positions and we all look forward to working with you. Special thanks to Dan Varick, Bill Passmore and Andi Ball for all their work on the Nominating Committee.

The newly elected directors will be replacing board directors Jim Garrow, Rod Goergen and I.

**Jim Garrow** has been a director for 4 years and was the boat trailer storage coordinator. He worked endlessly reorganizing the storage facility and meeting the member's requests for available spaces. He was faced with seeking compliance or enforcing violations which was not an easy job but it was all for the good of the membership and we all benefited. I personally want to thank him for all that work which leaves the upcoming coordinator a clear path to running the facility.

**Rod Goergen** served 2 years as a director and was tasked with the Community Center Coordinator position. He is a fine example why it is important to get new directors on the board. Rod found several overdue repairs needed on the center and spent numerous hours researching and organizing the center projects and doing several repairs himself. Thank you Rod for your commitment and hard work.

My final comments:

I would like to thank the HHPOA Board of Directors as a whole for their commitment in supporting me during the last two years. We accomplished many tasks and projects as a group and your teamwork was outstanding. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

**LADIES CLUB**  
*Jackie Garrow*



There will be no potluck dinner for February, so the Community Center can be prepared for our Annual Rummage Sale.

Don't forget: the Rummage Sale will be held Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1. Donations are still being accepted, and setup help is always welcome. Bake sale items are welcome on Thursday afternoon (February 27), and Friday morning (February 28).

We're excited to announce that Marge Cooper is home from her recent awesome medical adventure!

Rumor has it that Bill & Liveda Jones will be in town during the Rummage Sale.

The Ladies Club welcomes our newest attendee Laura Haney, and new Highland Haven residents Thomas and Susan Weaver.

Please remember B J Brown, who is recovering from surgery; and Shirley Waters, who is now at Gateway Gardens Assisted Living in Marble Falls, Room 309.

Our condolences go to the family of Mrs. Kay Clampitt, who passed away this month.

Bunco has been suspended due to lack of participation, but please contact Shirley Webb if you are interested in playing.

Contact Noveleen Parker if you are interested in learning how and/or playing MahJong.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT FLOODS (Cont'd)– A LITTLE HITORY**

*Donna Green, Highland Haven Flood Plain Administrator*

In January I covered floods that have affected our area beginning in 1991 and continuing to February, 1997. This is a continuation of that article.

On June 21, 1997, major flooding passed down the James River and South Fork Llano Rivers into the Llano mainstream above Mason. Many homes flooded along the Llano River. The water treatment plant in Llano flooded to the roof, putting the town without water several days. In Kingsland, docks, boats, jet skis, house boats, anything near the river washed downstream. Homes, apartments and recreation resorts were damaged severely. Kingsland Lodge again had a duplex washed away and destroyed. Downstream in Marble Falls, the Colorado River/Lake Marble Falls backed up Backbone Creek flooding 35 homes.

It is said that periods of extreme draught are followed by severe floods. Highland Haven is lucky to have not yet had a 100-yr flood to date. Hopefully we will be prepared when that day happens.

## COME ONE....COME ALL !!!

### **Drought Tolerant Plants and Rainwater Harvesting Bonanza** **Saturday, March 22nd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.** **Highland Haven Community Center**

9:00 - 10:00 Linda O'Nan, Master Naturalist, will discuss plants for our area that are drought tolerant.

10:00 - 11:00 Rainwater Harvesting - Everything you wanted to know about collecting rainwater for use at your home.

11:00 - 12:00 Demonstrations and time to look around and ask questions.

If you have any questions, please call Irene Dauphin 254-498-6009

### **Highland Haven Community Calendar** **March 2014**

| <b>Sunday</b>                                  | <b>Monday</b>                       | <b>Tuesday</b>                                            | <b>Wednesday</b>                                              | <b>Thursday</b>                               | <b>Friday</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                |                                     |                                                           |                                                               |                                               |               | <b>1</b><br>Community<br>Rummage Sale<br>8am – 1pm |
| <b>2</b><br>Texas<br>Independence<br>Day       | <b>3</b>                            | <b>4</b>                                                  | <b>5</b><br>Ash Wednesday<br><br>BOA Working<br>Mtg. 9:45a.m. | <b>6</b>                                      | <b>7</b>      | <b>8</b>                                           |
| <b>9</b><br>Daylight<br>Savings Time<br>Begins | <b>10</b>                           | <b>11</b>                                                 | <b>12</b><br>Ladies Club<br>1:00 p.m.<br>Community<br>Center  | <b>13</b><br>P & Z Mtg.<br>6p.m.<br>City Hall | <b>14</b>     | <b>15</b>                                          |
| <b>16</b>                                      | <b>17</b><br>St. Patrick's<br>Day   | <b>18</b><br>City BOA Mtg.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>City Hall      | <b>19</b><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline                           | <b>20</b>                                     | <b>21</b>     | <b>22</b>                                          |
| <b>23</b><br><br>_____<br><b>30</b>            | <b>24</b><br><br>_____<br><b>31</b> | <b>25</b><br>Pot Luck<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Community<br>Center | <b>26</b>                                                     | <b>27</b>                                     | <b>28</b>     | <b>29</b>                                          |