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HHPOA UPDATE

Don Hughes

Well, I made it through our first HHPOA Board of Directors meeting with knees knocking. Thanks to having a great Board of Directors, it went very smoothly. I also want to thank **Phil Martz** for his support and commitment to our community and to this Board. He has certainly helped me a great deal.

This year the Highland Haven Ladies Club is sponsoring a great many events. Especially the ones with food!! I have never met anyone that did not like to eat. Our monthly potluck suppers are a great time to meet new folks and fellowship together.

There are signs on Interstate 20, at both ends of the city limits of Stanton, TX, that says it is the home of "3000 friendly people and a few old sore heads". I think we all fit this description at one time or the other, so let us all get out and support our city, our community, and our neighbors. Don't forget to do your civic duty....get out and vote....election day coming in May!

Warm weather means that our crawling friends will be coming out and moving around. Be on the lookout for them.....rattlesnakes, that is!

I hope that each of you have a wonderful Spring and Summer. All of those who are traveling, I pray God will give you safe traveling mercies. I would also like to wish each of you a wonderful Easter, and as is the case with Christmas, keeping in mind the reason we celebrate this glorious day.

Our next HHPOA Board of Directors meeting will be held June 10, 2014. Hope to see all of you in attendance. I am trying very hard to put names with faces and remember each one, however, you will have to forgive me if I have to ask you again for your name.

My thanks to everyone in Highland Haven, Texas and may God bless you all.

Highland Haven Meet The Candidate Forum
Sponsored by The Ladies Club
Tuesday, April 26th – 6:30 pm

LADIES CLUB UPDATE

Jackie Garrow



April and May Events

Sunday, April 20, Dove Park, 8:00 am	Sunrise East Service Casual dress and golf carts welcome. Bring lawn chairs.
Tuesday, April 22, Community Center	Candidates' Forum for HH Elections Details in this newsletter
Tuesday, April 29, Community Center, 6:00 pm	April Potluck Dinner Bring a dish, share a dinner.
Saturday, May 17, Community Center	Annual BBQ Dinner - Tickets on Sale Now! 6:00 – Social Time 6:30 - Dinner Served

A Sad "So Long, See You Soon"

In lieu of our April monthly meeting, the Highland Haven Ladies' Club held a Farewell Luncheon for Marge Cooper, one of the linchpins of our organization. Marge has served the Club and this community tirelessly in so many capacities over the years, including that of Dear Friend.

Donald and Marge will be moving April 26 to The Ranch at Cedar Park, for a more care-free lifestyle. We know Marge will keep in touch, and we sure hope she and Donald will visit often. But, it is with heavy hearts that we bid them a fond farewell. They will be missed.

The next Ladies' Club meeting is Tuesday, May 13 at 1:00 pm. All Highland Haven ladies are invited to join us. Following this meeting, the Ladies' Club adjourns for the summer, and will resume meetings in September.

There will be no potluck dinner for May, due to the Barbeque May 17.

CITY UPDATE

Pete Freehill, Mayor

City Elections

There will be a city election on **May 10 for Mayor and Aldermen**. Alderwoman **Irene Dauphin** and resident **Lynn Sheffield** have filed for the position of Mayor. Residents **Olan Kelley** and **Bill Passmore** and Alderwoman **Betty Ward** have filed for a two-year term for city alderman. Resident **Charles Webb** has filed for a one-year term for city alderman.

Early voting will be from April 28 to May 6 at both the Burnet County Court House in Burnet and at the Marble Falls Court House Annex on Highway 281 South in Marble Falls.

Election Day Voting on May 10 is at the Highland Haven Community Center from 7 AM to 7 PM.

New Sign

A new sign for the front of City Hall has been ordered. It will have our same logo with a sailboat and the sun in the background. The sign is being funded by the gift contributions of **Hervy & DJ McPeck** and the Exxon-Mobil Corporation.

City, continued

Rain Harvesting & Drought Resistant Plants

Thanks to Alderwoman **Irene Dauphin** for arranging the rain harvesting and drought resistant plant presentation on March 22 at the Community Center.

Residence Lawn Mowing

Lawns (and weeds too) have begun to grow rapidly with the warmer weather. Residents are requested to make arrangements to have lawns mowed once per week to maintain our beautiful city. Once every ten days or two weeks is not often enough.

Burn Ban Off

The burn ban has been lifted in conjunction with the Burnet County burn ban lifting.

Drought Restrictions

Highland Haven, LCRA and Central Texas Groundwater Control District drought restrictions continue. Please limit irrigation system operation to once per week. Hand watering may be performed at any time. Our reservoirs, Lake Buchanan & Lake Travis, are down to only 37% capacity with no relief in sight.

Vacant Lot Mowing Program

The city vacant lot mowing program will begin soon. Letters have been sent out to vacant lot owners inviting them to participate in this program that helps keep our city looking good. Lots are mowed when vegetation grows to sixteen inches. This is a very good program particularly for absentee owners. If interested, please call City Hall at 830 265-4366.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of a disaster when emergency personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. This is an 8-week course on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 pm starting May 1st at the Freedom Flyers, 3202 US 281 in Burnet. More information can be found on the Burnet County Website at - www.burnetcountytexas.org under the Office of Emergency Management Department link or email – Jim Barho at jimbarho@gmail.com.

Thanks For The Memories

As I leave office on May 20, I wish to thank all of the Board of Aldermen & Alderwomen & Mayors I have worked with these past 12 years. These men and women have made Highland Haven the most desirable place to live in the hill country. If I have missed somebody I am sorry – **Bubba Owens, Bobby Sears, Bill Cole, Fritz Friesenhaan, D.J. McPeck, Giles Summerlin, Jim Holgate, George Burriss, Jackie Garrow, Gail Chenoweth, Lonnie Ball, Richard Kemp, Lonnie Brown, Jim Embrey, Ken Smith, Bill Jones, Angelo Anzivino, Lloyd Amos, Jake Kalisvaart, Steve O'Malley, John Renfro, Gene Taylor, Ron Woods, Betty Ward, Irene Dauphin and Roscoe Holt.**

Many thanks also to City Engineer **Curtis Fry** and Drainage Committee Chairman **Jack Fraser** for their leadership in most of our city infrastructure improvements, to City Database Manager **Terry Embrey**, Newsletter Editor **Judy Kelley**, Webmaster **Dave Embrey**, Water Plant Operator **Ricky Rowe** and Lawn Keepers **Ed Cruz & Phil Martz.**

I also want to especially thank our City Secretaries **Dana Turner & Jean Ormiston** who operate the city on a daily basis and make our city what it is today. Their advice, forbearance, guidance and friendship are treasured.

LADIES CLUB ANNUAL BBQ ... Saturday, May 17th
Social Time @ 6:00 Dinner served at 6:30

SYMPATHY & GET WELL WISHES

Marge Cooper & Joyce Fraser

We need to remember **Don and Shirley Jordan** as he goes thru treatments for his health.

Both **Bill & Shirley Passmore** recently lost brothers. Bill's brother passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. On their return trip, from Arkansas for the funeral, they received a call that Sylvia's brother Graham had died from a heart attack. They turned around and headed to Virginia for his funeral. Please keep Bill & Shirley in your prayers.

It's Your Turn

Jackie Garrow

In today's world, Highland Haven is a very special place – neighbors care for neighbors; many are active in community events and projects; and when the chips are down, someone always has your back.

I can think of no individual who epitomizes all I love about Highland Haven like **Marge Cooper** does.

Marge was the first neighbor I met. I soon learned that was by design; she made it her business to welcome new people to the neighborhood. I wager that her smiling face was the first one seen by many, many of us.

After I got a little settled in, I decided to attend POA and Ladies' Club meetings. I quickly found out that Marge was active in these organizations. I can't count the times I have heard a member of the Ladies' Club say, "ask Marge – she'll know". Marge's 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social has become a much anticipated event each year. Those cookies you snack on at POA meetings were most likely made by Marge.

In fear of forgetting something and embarrassing Marge, I won't even try to list the many things she does and has done through the years to support her neighbors, Highland Haven and the greater community. All while working part-time as a nurse for a local doctor because they just couldn't stand to let her fully retire.

But I have to say that the most important thing I have seen Marge do is ... to be there. When a neighbor fell ill – Marge was there. When someone lost a loved one – Marge was there. When a volunteer couldn't be found for a task – you guessed it – Marge was there. I have been a benefactor of Marge's presence, just when I needed a little cheering up or an encouraging word. And I bet most of you reading this have been benefactors, too.

I am sad beyond description that Marge is leaving Highland Haven. The void that Marge will leave when she goes simply cannot be filled by a single person.

So I will try, in my clumsy way, to be more like her; to remember those who need a smile, a kind word, a caring presence. But guys, it's gonna take a village to fill Marge's shoes. So will you help, too?

Love you, Marge.

**Highland Haven
Classified
Advertisements**

We have a BUNCH of red colored concrete flowerbed edging. It is scalloped on the top. We are asking \$10.00 for a dozen full pieces. Can see at 105 E. Pheasant or call Don at [325-370-5534](tel:325-370-5534) or call Liz at [325-370-9821](tel:325-370-9821). This offer begins on May 5th.

FLOODPLAIN TIDBITS

Donna L. Green, FEMA Floodplain Administrator

During the past several Alderman meetings, the idea of creating our own community FEMA Flood Plain Levels have been thoroughly discussed, pondered and discussed again. Brought on by purchase of a lot in the Zone "A" area made us all too aware that this area needs to be resolved. Surveying techniques between two local companies resulted in a 4.5' BFE disparity on the exact same lot.

When Sunrise Beach had the Big Sandy Flood several of the homes were destroyed or had severe water damage. That act resulted in the community being able to ascertain flood heights of their waterfront boundaries that allowed them to set their own flood plain levels. Surveyors state in their Elevation Certificates that the Floodplain Level has been determined by the Community.

The issue as to which elevation to use has been resolved by the insurance company that requested a "submit for bid" for insurance purposes through NFIP with the homeowners basically splitting the disparity of the two heights and adding our two foot required freeboard. In the meantime and with a new slate of Alderman plus Mayor coming up shortly, the process was basically tabled / resolved enough to let the future group determine if this is something we should address. We are still awaiting information about a possible 25/75 grant from FEMA that would resolve the "Zone A" issues for us.

Friends & neighbors of **Bill & Liveda Jones**, if you would like to stay in touch with them their mailing address is:

24 Cusabo Road
St. Helena Island, SC 29920



CAMP CHAMPIONS SERVICE DAY



WHEN: Sunday, June 1st from 1:30-5:00 pm

WHO: **Camp Champions** Summer 2014 Counselors

WHAT: Any and all projects accepted! We can help you with anything including lawn work, cleaning gutters, washing cars, indoor or outdoor projects - nothing is too big or small! We will literally come wash and vacuum your car for you if that is what you would like.

WHY: Our counselors would love to help you out with whatever you need!

WHERE: We would love to come to your house in Highland Haven.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: All we need to know is how many people you think the project will take and whether you need us to bring any tools. We need as many projects as possible, so please reply to Laura at (830) 598-2571 or lpolis@campchampions.com.

NORMA & MILTON MORGAN CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Laurie & David Ruehlman

Norma and Milton Morgan of Highland Haven, Texas celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 18, 2014. The Morgans were born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where they attended elementary and High School together. They became high school sweethearts and married in 1944.



The Morgans began their marriage during the trying times of World War II. Shortly after their wedding, Milton was deployed overseas to Europe to serve with the Infantry Unit Command 3rd Army Headquarters. This was the first of many assignments around the world for the Morgans, including Germany, Hawaii, Alaska, Panama and Pakistan.

In 1955, they became the proud parents of one son, Tommy, who, over the years, learned and respected Army life. During their thirty one years with the Army, Norma had to pack the family and move twenty five times during Milton's career. Norma respected Milton's commitment to the Army and without complaints; she became a true expert in boxing their possessions to move on to the next assignment. A true Army family. In 1975 Milton retired from the Army as a Colonel. He served in three wars; World War II, Korea and Vietnam and is a Bronze and Silver Star recipient.

In 1975, they had the opportunity to choose where they wanted to plant their roots. They had friends who also served in the Army and lived in Kingsland. On a visit to Texas to see their friends they fell in love with the Texas Hill Country and made their home in the quiet but very active community of Highland Haven. Milton and Norma have made many lifetime friends here and continue to be active playing bridge, reading, working out at the gym 3 times a week, gardening, finding new restaurants and exploring all that life has to offer. Milton even became a self-accomplished stained glass artist, in his spare time. Family and friends enjoy his amazing designs.

After 70 years, you wonder how they kept their marriage together. Their answer is mutual respect, honesty and always remembering their marriage vows. The Morgans are a true inspiration. Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary!

**REMEMBER TO VOTE
SATURDAY, MAY 10th
7 A.M. – 7 P.M.**

**PLEASE JOIN THE HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB
FOR A CITY ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
6:30 PM
HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER**

COME MEET AND HEAR OUR CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

**IRENE DAUPHIN
LYNN SHEFFIELD
vote for one of two**

CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMAN (two year term)

**OLAN KELLEY
BILL PASSMORE
BETTY WARD
two seats open, vote for two of three**

CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN (one year term)

**CHARLES WEBB
unopposed**

light refreshments will be served

**dates to remember
EARLY VOTING APRIL 28 - MAY 6
ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY MAY 10**

Highland Haven Community Calendar

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 BOA Work Session 9:30 am	6	7 Ladies Club 1:00 pm Community Ctr	8	9	10 Election Day
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 ○	15 P&Z meeting 6 pm	17	18 Annual Ladies Club BBQ Dinner 6:00 – Social 6:30 - Dinner
19	20 BOA Mtg 7:00 pm City Hall	21	22 HH Newsletter Article Deadline	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28 NO Pot Luck This Month	29	30	31	

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