

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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Next BOA
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Tuesday, Sept 2

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Tuesday, Sept 16

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CITY UPDATE

Irene Dauphin

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

The Board of Alderman will consider approval of a 2015 budget in our September meeting. Your Board has worked many hours going over each line item in order to keep our tax rate at 11.25 per \$100 property valuation. In order to maintain our tax rate, we will complete road/drainage repairs but only a few roads will receive sealing/resurfacing. Fire protection cost has increased from \$10,000 in 2010 to \$68,291 in 2015. Our fire protection is provided via a five-year contract with Granite Shoals. Our cost is based on property valuation and is the same as Granite Shoals taxpayers. The new area ESD (Emergency Services District) pays a similar tax rate for fire protection services.

For comparison other Burnet County city taxes are: Marble Falls 65 cents per \$100 property valuation, Cottonwood Shores 54 cents and Granite Shoals 52 cents.

Boating Safety

Be sure to observe the No Wake buoys located around the city. There have been frequent cases of jet-ski riders ignoring the buoys. This is dangerous and is a violation of state law.

Building Permit

We have an abundance of homeowners with building permits. Several people are updating homes, making improvements, painting, putting up fences, etc. We appreciate you getting your permit before you begin work. The building permit fee shall be doubled or \$100, whichever is larger, when a permit is not obtained until after a building project has started.

City Hall Lawn

Thanks to **Ed Cruz** for his continued work manicuring the city hall lawn. It looks great!

Dogs Barking

Be considerate of your neighbors. Dogs barking, even in your own yard, can be annoying to your neighbors.

Dog Collars

Please be sure to have a collar with a nametag on your dog. Please include a phone number and address on the tag.

Dogs Running Loose

Please keep your dogs on leash when walking them. This is for your safety, your dog's safety, and your neighbors.

New Neighbors

We have several new neighbors in our city. Please take time to go over and introduce yourself. Welcome to you all!

City, continued

Lawn Clippings in the Lake

The May Newsletter requested that lawn clippings not be blown into the lake but some have continued to do this. This practice damages our beautiful lake and should be discontinued.

Drought Restrictions

The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation recommends the following:

Encourage the practice of water conservation methods and reduce overall usage by 20% through the following practices:

- Re-use and re-circulate water whenever possible
- Check for and repair all leaks
- Outdoor lawn and landscape watering should be done between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 prohibited, and for total capacities less 100,000 gallons is discouraged.
- Water for dust control only when required by law.
- Watering livestock in leak-proof troughs is recommended

Septic Tank Reminder

Septic tanks should be emptied periodically to preclude oils and non-biodegradables from entering the drain field. A family of four should pump down the septic tank every two years, a family of two every four years.

Water Bills

Please use **black or blue ink only** on your checks for the water payment.

Water Breaks

We have experienced 3 waterline breaks recently. There are and/or should be 2 valves in your water meter. The upstream valve belongs to the city and the downstream valve belongs to the homeowner. Customers should not touch the city valve. Several city valves have been broken by customers. If you aren't sure and have questions, please call city hall.

LADIES CLUB
Jackie Garrow



The Ladies' Club has been on summer hiatus for June, July and August. Our first fall meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 1:00pm, at the Highland Haven Community Center. Please join us to welcome our incoming officers for 2014-2015:

President: Pat Koehn
Vice Pres: Andi Ball

Secretary: Carolyn Barnes
Treasurer: Sally Cooper



HHPOA UPDATE

Tem Moody

Well, summer has come and is almost gone, but the hot weather is here, with a vengeance. You still need to be careful while out in the sun, more so now than earlier in the summer. You need to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water, Propel or Gatorade. Remember, drinks with caffeine or alcohol and soft drinks are not good body fluid replacements in the heat.

Another reminder about our HHPOA parks: These are not public parks, but private property owned by the HHPOA. The boat ramps are also private property and not for public use. We have a number of volunteers that work to maintain these parks and we need to show them our support and appreciation for a job well done. A special thanks goes to **Al and Mike** for cleaning up the huge deposit of debris at the Dove Park boat ramp.

If you are among the residents, on water or off, that pump water out of the lake, don't forget to execute a contract with the LCRA if you have not already done so. The LCRA announced that they are cracking down on people who take water from the Highland Lakes or lower Colorado River without a valid contract. LCRA asks anyone who spots a possible violation to report it to LCRA.

“People are required to have a contract and pay for water they take from the lakes. It's only fair that everyone who takes water from the lakes or the river plays by the same rules. It's the right thing to do, it's the fair thing to do, and it's the law.”

We are now on a **once-per-week watering schedule**. This restriction does not apply to watering with drip irrigation or soaker hoses that have working on/off timers, watering with a hand-held hose that has a shut-off nozzle or watering with a faucet-filled bucket that holds no more than five gallons. LCRA staff implemented enforcement measures to help ensure the watering schedule is being followed. Violators will be subject to surcharges.

FLOODPLAIN TIDBITS

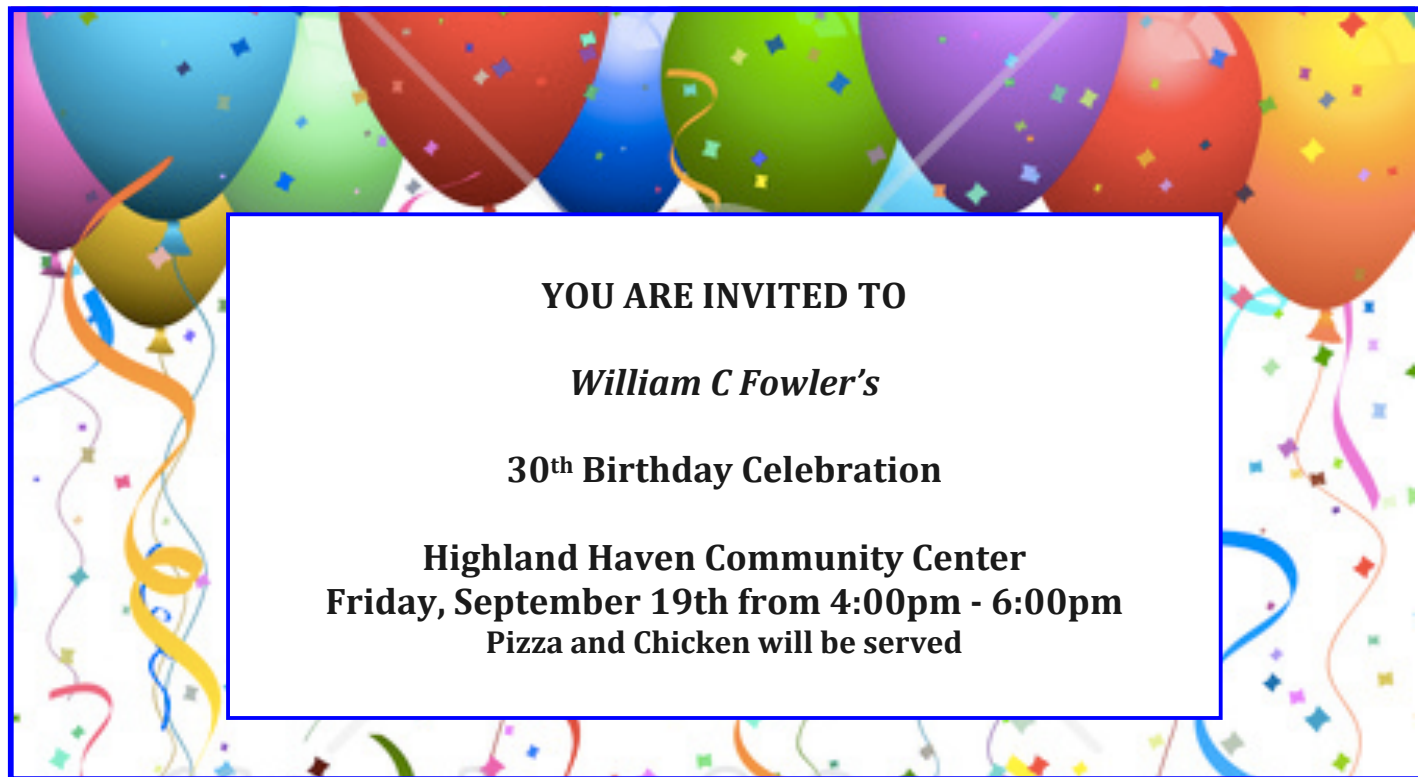
Donna Green, FEMA Floodplain Administrator

I just returned from the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition annual meeting on July 25, 2014. It was held in Bastrop. The Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition is comprised of communities extending along the Colorado River from North of Lake Buchanan all of the way to the Matagorda Bay.

One of the speakers was Mark Rose, LCRA's meteorologist who gave an update of what is to come this Fall-Winter. El Nino is quickly going away and La Nina is going to be what is happening both Fall, Winter and Spring. His prediction is that it is going to be a relatively short one with the Summer being flat.

FEMA has approved the 2011 Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition Hazard Mitigation Action Plan RENEWAL for 61 communities creating a disaster resistant Lower Colorado River Basin. The Mitigation Action Plan Renewal needs to be approved, signed and returned to Mickey Reynolds, Exec. Direc. Of TCRFC by December, 31, 2014 to allow our local homes to have floodplain insurance.

TCRFC is comprised of 64 counties, 16 cities and 48 regions. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to allow those that have signed mitigation flood plans to be able to access FEMA flood monies in time of floods. For more very helpful information concerning the Colorado River go to www.tcrfc.org website.



PRAYERS & GET WELL WISHES

Helen Wiedeman

... Please remember the following friends and neighbors with prayers & cards ...

Sue Pash and Curtis Fry

BURNET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PRESS RELEASE

Per Sheriff W. T. Smith


It has come to the attention of Law Enforcement Officials that there is a SCAM being enacted in Burnet County and surrounding areas.

If you receive a call from the Burnet County Sheriff's Office or any other Law Enforcement Agency saying that you have a warrant for your arrest and that you are requested to pay immediately by debit card, credit card or "green dot" card over the phone in any way, please do not act on this request. Get as much information as you can from the person calling and contact the Sheriff's Office for verification. One specific warrant *type* that is being used in this scam is a Failure to appear on a Jury Summons. It is not a standard operating procedure of the Burnet County Sheriff's Office to request payment by phone or for Deputies to contact you by phone to notify you that you have a warrant for your arrest. This SCAM has become very wide spread throughout the county and is to be taken very seriously.

If you have any information about the person or persons that are scamming the citizens of Burnet County in this manner, please contact the Burnet County Sheriff's Office immediately at 512-756-8080.

Highland Haven Community Calendar

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Labor Day	2 BOA work session 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 	10 Ladies Club Mtg – 1:00	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16 BOA mtg 7:00 pm	17 Deadline for newsletter articles/photos	18	19	20
21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Pot Luck 6:30 p.m. Com Ctr				

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