HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

November 2014





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NO BOA Meeting in December

Next BOA work session Tuesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Next BOA Meeting Tuesday, Jan 20th

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#### **Happy Thanksgiving**

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving. Take some time to reflect on the many things we all have to be thankful for this holiday season.

#### **BOA Monthly Meeting**

There will be no BOA meetings in December.

#### City Hall Lawn Care/Community Center

Many thanks to **Ed Cruz** for mowing and trimming the City Hall lawn. Also, a big thank you to **Phil Martz** for trimming the shrubs at the Community Center.

#### **CARTS**

Capital Area Rural Transportation System – does make trips to Highland Haven. You can call 1-800-456-RIDE (7433) toll free to schedule pick up. You can look online at www.ridecarts.com for the schedule.

#### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

First class mail will no longer be next day service effective January 1.

The Postal Service is providing this six-month advance notice of consolidations, for up to 82 facilities, which will begin early January 2015 and be completed by the fall mailing season. In 2012 and 2013, the Postal Service consolidated 141 mail processing facilities. This resulted in a cost savings of \$865 million and required no employee layoffs. The Postal Service expects the completion of this phase of network rationalization will generate an additional \$750 million in annual savings.

Over the past three years, the Postal Service recorded financial losses of \$26 billion. The Postal Service receives no tax-payer funds to pay for operating costs and derives all of its revenues from the sale of our products and services, and continues to face significant financial challenges associated with the decline of First-Class Mail volume and revenue, wage and benefit inflation, increasing operating costs, as well as legislative mandates and significant debt pressures.

#### Request to freeze taxes for residents over 65

The Board was approached with the request to freeze city taxes for residents 65 and over. In the January BOA meeting, the Board will discuss putting this on the May election ballot for the residents to vote.

#### **Merry Christmas!**

**Dana Turner and I** wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!!! There will be no newsletter in December. City Hall will be closed from December 22 through January 1.



All ladies residing in Highland Haven, either full or part time, are warmly invited to attend the monthly meetings. Join us and help keep Highland Haven a wonderful place to live. Meetings are also a great place to meet neighbors and make friends.

#### **IMPORTANT Dates to remember:**

December 3 ..... Christmas decorating of the Community Center

December 6 ..... Highland Haven Christmas Dinner - ALL RESIDENTS invited! See note below.

December 10 ..... Ladies Club Christmas Party, come and bring a gift.

December 18 ..... Judging of Christmas decorations - be sure to turn your lights on



You Are Invited

#### ANNUAL LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>
Happy Hour @ 6:00 pm
Dinner, catered by Saucy's, will be served @ 7:00 pm

Menu: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, tea, coffee & setups for drinks.

Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert BYOB

### **HHPOA UPDATE**

Don Hughes, President <a href="https://hhpoa@highlandhaventx.com">hhpoa@highlandhaventx.com</a>



Well, it has been a good year for us as a community. I know that there is still another month left in the year and I am going to celebrate it with peace, comfort and joy. I believe that this time of the year is my favorite time of the year.

Our parks are looking great. I just want to thank all of the volunteers for the effort and hard work they put into maintaining these areas.

All members of the HHPOA received an orange card in their member package when they moved to Highland Haven. When using the parks or boat ramps, the card is to be displayed on the dashboard of their vehicle. If you do not have one, you may pick one up at City Hall. Our parks and boat ramps are private property and not open to anyone who is not a member of the HHPOA. If you have friends or family members visiting that want to use this privilege, you will need to make sure they have the orange HHPOA card displayed in their vehicle where it can be seen.

The residents here approved all of our by-laws and city ordinances. Whether you agree with them or not, these are our laws and we need to abide by them. If you don't agree with them, put your complaint in writing and present it to either entity and tell us what you feel should be changed. Then, leave it to the homeowners to vote for or against.

We have a great community and we all need to work together to keep it that way. We also have a great HHPOA Board of Directors, City staff and Alder persons. You are welcome to attend any meeting and visit with them.

The next meeting of the HHPOA will be held on February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. I really hope that there will be a great turnout for the meeting.

If I have left something out or unsaid, I hope that you will let me know ... and please be kind about it!

I hope that all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very blessed and Merry Christmas, and a wonderful and safe New Year. May God bless and keep all of you.

This year's **Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale** was a HUGE SUCCESS. As you pull out your Christmas decorations this year, please set aside any that you may no longer want or need. The Ladies Club will gladly accept donations for this event, anytime throughout the year. Contact Linda Finney @ 434-728-3256.



#### **REMINDER:**

In an effort to continue timely replies, please direct any questions and comments concerning specific articles to the contributor

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### Free Band Concert Tuesday, December 18th

Cheryl Wilder

Hi neighbor!

Save this date: Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>

Once again Band members **Kitty Palmer** (trumpet) and **Cheryl Wilder** (clarinet) invite y'all to a free band concert. This one is really special. It's going to be in the main room of the Marble Falls library on December 18. The library is hosting an open house to show off the new, expanded library. The band will play a wonderful, cheery program of holiday favorites. The music starts promptly at 5pm. Come early for cookies, punch & holiday treats!

#### Newsletter

Judy Kelley, Editor highlandhavennews@gmail.com

December is a busy month for all, so this is the last Highland Haven newsletter for 2014. As you know, a lot of work takes place behind the scene each month before the edition arrives on your doorstep. I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the following resident volunteers for their hard work & assistance. **Dorothy** Wagner, Dave Tinnin, Betty Prince, Janet Dunavent, Dana Turner Terry Embrey. & Another THANK YOU goes to Dave Embrey for uploading newsletter information on our City Website.

# **Highland Haven Community Calendar**

# December 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                         | Thursday               | Friday | Saturday                           |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
|        | 1      | 2<br>No BOA<br>work session | 3                                 | 4                      | 5      | 6<br>Annual<br>Christmas<br>Dinner |
| 7      | 8      | 9                           | 10<br>Ladies Club<br>Mtg – 1:00   | 11                     | 12     | 13                                 |
| 14     | 15     | 16<br>No BOA mtg            | 17<br>No newsletter<br>this month | 18                     | 19     | 20                                 |
| 21     | 22     | 23                          | 24 Christmas Eve                  | 25<br>Christmas<br>Day | 62     | 27                                 |
| 28     | 29     | 30<br>No pot luck           | 31<br>New Year's Eve              |                        |        |                                    |

January newsletter deadline is: Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Send articles to: <a href="mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a>

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