

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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BOA Work Session  
Tuesday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Next BOA Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

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## CITY UPDATE

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*  
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### Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The Board of Alderman will consider approval of the FY15-16 Budget at their September meeting. Your Board has worked many hours going over each line item in order to keep our tax rate as low as possible. The Proposed Budget does not require any additional tax revenues at this time. The Board will continue to review the Proposed Budget and final approval is scheduled for September 15. The largest portion of our tax collections goes to Public Safety (Fire, EMS); approximately 50% of our total budget. Fire and EMS services are contract services and have regular cost of services increases built into these annual contracts. The Proposed Budget includes street repairs. Our rainy spring has caused some pavement issues that we will address starting in October. We surveyed the streets to identify the problem areas and have been in consultation with Burnet County road maintenance staff. Also included in the budget is a 1.5% cost of living increase for our two paid part-time positions (Mayor and City Secretary). FYI, according to State Law the sitting Mayor is not eligible for any pay increases, so the cost of living increase included in the budget for this position will cover only the four months after May elections.

The Proposed Water System Budget does not currently require any change in the water rates. In the upcoming year your Board will be reviewing a number of important water system related matters, such as bond refinance, cost of services, return on investment and plant improvements.

### Street Maintenance

As mentioned above the spring rains were welcome relief from the drought conditions we have been experiencing; however, the wet weather has had an impact on our streets. We have surveyed the streets, consulted with Burnet County road maintenance staff and we are developing plans for repairing damaged pavement.

The recent very hot weather has created a different type of pavement problem for our streets, "asphalt-bleeding". Many of our streets have asphalt-bleeding problems and in consultation with Burnet County road maintenance we decided to apply sand to the streets most impacted. So far, the sand has stabilized the problem. We (including the County) are evaluating the street conditions and will determine our next steps. In the meantime, please exercise caution on streets with loose sand.

### Lawn Watering

Many residents are still watering in the middle of the day. Please restrict lawn watering to evenings and early mornings to reduce waste through evaporation.

*City, continued*

### **Water Bill Payments**

Many water bill payments have been received late when using electronic bill-pay. Often as many as five to nine electronic checks arrive in the same envelope from one of the processing centers with dates as many as five days apart. If your check is written for delivery for the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, it will not be received at City Hall by the 15<sup>th</sup>. We recommend making the payment delivery date no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure your check arrives by the 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late notice and a late charge.

### **ERCOT Advisories**

ERCOT is an acronym for "Electric Reliability Council of Texas". This group monitors and manages the statewide electrical power grid. We receive messages from ERCOT during times of high electrical demand and we pass along this information to everyone via the electric sign board in front of City Hall. Lately due to the high temperatures, record electrical demand across the state has caused ERCOT to ask users to limit electrical use during peak times 3pm-7pm. Ways to reduce electrical consumption during peak time include: schedule laundry projects in the morning or evening, raise the temperature on your air conditioning thermostat and use fans to keep comfortable during peak times.

### **Parking**

We have been asked to remind residents to review Ordinance #59 regarding "*Parking within the street right-of-way*". This Ordinance clearly states "*The street right-of-way will not be utilized as a private parking facility by adjacent property owners. Property owners must park personal vehicles within property boundaries, except when necessary to provide driveway space for visitor parking.*"

Ordinance 59 also addresses "Storage of Vehicles". "*Storage of all types of vehicles, to include trailers, in residential districts is limited to carports, garages, and upon a hard surfaced pad behind a privacy fence in side or rear yards.*"

**If you are using the street right-of-way or your yard as your regular parking area you are in violation of this ordinance.**

**LADIES CLUB**

***Pat Koehn, President***

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Welcome to all Highland Haven Ladies! The Highland Haven Ladies Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Library of the Community Center at 1:00 PM. The meeting usually adjourns about 2:30 PM. The club is a social and civic group and all ladies in Highland Haven are invited to attend. There are no dues. We sponsor several community events, such as the Spring Community Wide Rummage Sale, July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social, Fall Holiday Bazaar, and Christmas Holiday Dinner. These events and more bring folks together and help to make Highland Haven a friendly and enjoyable place to live. Our new officers begin their duties at the September meeting. Our three new officers are Vice President, Vikki Warren; Secretary, Mary Kay Lawrence; and Treasurer, Shirley Webb. We begin each meeting with a half hour social where hostesses decorate the tables and provide coffee, tea or other beverages and snacks such as sweets, salads, and finger foods. A sign up sheet for three hostesses per month is started at the September meeting and is posted for all to see. We also sponsor the monthly potluck supper on the last Tuesday of the month. Again, we start the sign up sheet at our September meeting and post it. **Please join us at our first meeting after the hot summer recess, Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 PM.** Shirley Webb, a former president will preside, as I am unable to be there this time. I hope to meet you at another time.

**Agenda – August 11, 2015**

The meeting was opened, with a prayer by President Don Hughes, at 7:00 p.m. with all board members present.

**Minutes** of the June 9th meeting were read and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Donna Gingras. Information was provided on the following as of June 9th.

Reserve Fund: \$4,120

Checking Account: \$54,716

CD: \$29,612

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Parker and seconded by Lewis.

**RV Storage, Storage Shed & Boat Storage Rental:**

Lewis reported there are 14 people on the waiting list for covered storage and 8 on the list for self- storage. Holgate reported that there are two spaces available in the uncovered area.

**Old Business:**

- President Hughes reported the lake received the second treatment on July 22nd and it appears to be successful.
- A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Gringas to approve the revised Highland Haven Park Rules and Regulations. Motion carried five to one.
- Parker reported that to date 169 vehicle stickers have been distributed.

**New Business:**

- Park Addresses have been established. They are as follows:
  - Dove – 206 Dove Road
  - Oriole – 107 East Oriole Road
  - Redbird – 115 W Heron
  - Swan – 109 Raven
  - Highland East – 1107 Highland Drive
  - Highland West – 1106 Highland Drive
- The need for a nominating committee for “retiring” board members and an audit committee was discussed. There were no volunteers at this time.
- For anyone needing to contact our **Constable – Mike Harnisch – 512-756-7351; 512-756-5456**

A motion to adjourn was made by Peters and seconded by Gringas. Meeting Adjourned at 7:29.

## LCRA CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Robert Dahlstrom*  
[Robertd122@nctv.com](mailto:Robertd122@nctv.com)

I would like to encourage all drivers to slow down and drive the speed limit in our city. A sign I saw recently that sums it all up ...

**Drive like your kids or grandkids live here.**

## GET WELL & SYMPATHY

*Helen Wiedeman*

Get well wishes are extended to the following friends and neighbors. Please remember them with cards, thoughts & prayers for healing ...

**Fay Gruetzner**

**Jan Davidson**

**Joan Woods**

**Gayle Kahanek**

**Vern Wagner** (The Isle of Cedar Ridge, 2200 S Lakeline Blvd., #215 Cedar Park, TX 78613)

**Rose Hernandez** (1310 S. Friendswood Rd, #219 Friendswood, TX 77546)

Highland Haven resident **Curtis Fry** passed away August 1<sup>st</sup> after an extended illness. Curtis and his wife Virginia moved to Highland Haven in 1994. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Virginia. Curtis served as one of the first aldermen in our newly incorporated city and eventually became our City Engineer. Services for Curtis were held on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, TX. Those who so desire may make memorial contributions in his memory to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Kingsland, The American Cancer Society, or to the charity of their choice.

Obituary link: <http://www.schaetter.com/obit-details.php?id=3060>

## KODAK MOMENTS

Did you know that Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> was **National Lemondade Day**? Residents Hannah & Titus did. They set up a lemonade stand on the corner of Highland Drive and Crane. Hannah stated that her share of the day's proceeds would be donated to an organization that she supports ... *Fashion 4 Shelters*. The organization collects clothing and basic needs for the homeless. Titus mentioned that he was saving money for an iPad.

EDITORS NOTE: If you missed stopping by their stand ... you missed out on some delicious lemonade!



# BURNET COUNTY BOPATE★ COLLECTION



\*Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Tires & Electronics

**Burnet Fairgrounds;  
September 12, 2015  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
1301 Houston Clinton Dr.  
(West @ light at YMCA)**

## Residential Items Only Please

### PLEASE BRING

- Automobile Tires (up to 24" Rim Size) **NO RIMS**; no charge up to 10 tires/household; \$2/tire thereafter.
- Lead-Acid Batteries
- Cell Phones and Telephones
- Computer Components and Parts
- Televisions—No Wooden Consoles
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Latex Paint (no oil based)
- Antifreeze



**Commissioner Joe Don Dockery (512) 715-2911  
OR**

**Commissioner Russell Graeter (512) 715-2611**

### Adopt-A-Barrel Campaign

Please stop by the Adopt-A-Barrel site at the event to make a donation so that we may continue to provide the citizens of Burnet County with this important service.

### DO NOT BRING

- Tires with Rims
- Chemicals of ANY KIND
- Dioxins
- Containers Larger than 5 Gallons
- Explosives
- Medical and Pharmaceutical Items
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (Aerosols & Camp Stove Propane)
- Fluorescent Lamp Bulbs
- Industrial or Commercial/Business Waste
- Household Products Labeled "Caution," "Warning," or "Poison"
- Petroleum Based Paints, Stains, and Varnishes

### Guidelines

- Bring products in original and labeled containers only.
- Do not mix or consolidate products.
- Properly seal containers to prevent leaking.
- Haul containers and materials in the trunk or back of vehicle, away from passengers.

### This event is possible with the support of these partnering organizations:

Burnet County • Burnet • Marble Falls • Bertram • Meadowlakes • Cottonwood Shores • Granite Shoals • Highland Haven • Horseshoe Bay • Capital Area Council of Governments • Progressive Waste Solutions • Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District • Pedernales Electric Cooperative • Stericycle • Goodwill of Central Texas • H & H Oil • Reliable Tire Disposal • Interstate Batteries • Burnet County Community Services Restitution Program • 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts Intermediate Sanction Facility

# Highland Haven Community Calendar

## September 2015

| Sunday | Monday                | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                    | Thursday | Friday                   | Saturday |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
|        |                       | 1<br>BOA<br>Work Session<br>7:00      | 2                            | 3        | 4                        | 5        |
| 6      | 7<br><b>Labor Day</b> | 8                                     | 9<br>Ladies Club<br>Meeting  | 10       | 11<br><b>Patriot Day</b> | 12       |
| 13     | 14                    | 15<br>BOA mtg<br>7:00 pm              | 16<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | 17       | 18                       | 19       |
| 20     | 21                    | 22                                    | 23<br><b>Fall Begins</b>     | 24       | 25                       | 26       |
| 27     | 28                    | 29<br>Community<br>Pot Luck<br>Dinner | 30                           |          |                          |          |

NOTE: Yoga classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ Community Center, 11:30 – 12:30, cost \$5