

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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LADIES CLUB UPDATE

Mary Kay Lawrence, Secretary

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The Ladies Club met September 9th, 2015 for their first Fall Meeting. Twenty-eight ladies attended.

The date was set for the 3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale for Saturday November 14th. **Shirley Webb**, **Linda Finney** and **Helen Wiedeman** will Chair this event. Tables to sell individual Craft Items may be rented for \$10.00 each by Highland Haven residents only. Donated items are being accepted and stored in **Linda Finney's** garage. Starting the first Monday in October from 10 am to 12 pm, Linda will have her garage open and has asked, for assistance, to help her ready the items for the sale. Linda telephone # is 434-728-3256.

Saturday December 12th was set for Annual Highland Haven Christmas Dinner. **Helen Wiedeman** and **Joyce Fraser** will co-chair this event and details will be given in upcoming newsletters. Please save the date on your calendar.

The 2015 Highland Haven Directory is now available for purchase. Cost is \$2.50 per copy and may be picked up at the City Office.

CITY UPDATE

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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FY15-16 Budget & Tax Rate

The Board of Aldermen approved the budget for Fiscal Year 15-16 (Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016) and approved the 2015 tax rate.

The tax rate has been reduced to 10.59 cents/\$100 valuation from 11.25 cents last year. This new tax rate coupled with the increased property valuations by Burnet County Appraisal District will result in basically the same tax income to the City as last year.

The largest part of our budget (approx. 50%) is for Public Safety (Fire and EMS Services). These services are critical to our community's safety. The contracts for these services increase approx. 3% annually.

Thanks to the members of the **Board of Alderman** and the **City Secretary** for their hard work and dedication!

Speeding Vehicles

We have received a number of complaints from citizens regarding speeding vehicles in Highland Haven. We ask that all drivers including residents, guests **and contractors** please slow down. We have residents who regularly use our streets to walk and ride bicycles. **Please make a special effort to ask your lawn maintenance contractor to slowdown.**

"Drive like your kids and grandkids live here!"

Walking and Biking at dusk/night

Lately I have encountered several people walking and biking at night dressed in dark clothing without lights or reflectors. Please be safe and dress in light colored clothing **AND** carry a light if you are walking after sundown. If you are biking after sundown, please be safe by installing reflectors and lights on bicycles **AND** wear light colored clothing.

Property Maintenance - Ordinance #58

The cooler *Fall* weather is a perfect time to cleanup around your house and dispose of unwanted items stacked in the backyard, garage or carport. This is also the time to check your home for any required maintenance, especially the exterior of your house. Take advantage of this time of the year and prepare your house for *WINTER*! A number of houses and outbuildings have been observed with visible exterior damages that will lead to pest infestation as winter approaches.

Vehicle Parking Ordinance #59

We have received numerous complaints about vehicles, golf carts, jet skis, etc. being parked in grass areas. All such vehicles should be in your driveway, on a concrete surface, or a hard surface (e.g. concrete, asphalt or paver pads). **Parking in your yard or regularly, parking on the street shoulder is a violation of this ordinance.**

Street Maintenance

We have been evaluating street conditions and most are in a good state of repair. This is the second year that the streets have not required chip and seal coating. We have identified a number of areas requiring patching. These repairs will be scheduled in the coming months. Asphalt bleeding problems were addressed this year by applying sand to the worst areas. Many thanks to **Burnet County, Bill Passmore, Robert Dahlstrom and Ronnie Dauphin** for assisting with the sanding operation.

Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans

Texas encounters at least one major disaster nearly every calendar year. We regularly face floods, wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes and other severe weather. It is time to get prepared.

Everyone is encouraged to assemble a disaster supply kit of important emergency supplies including a first aid kit, battery operated radio, flashlight, medication, non-perishable food items, and bottled water. Be aware of where the nearest storm shelter is located, know where you and loved ones will go if an evacuation is necessary, and develop an emergency plan for communicating with family and friends.

GET WELL & OTHER NEWS

Helen Wiedeman

Jerry Schwab is recovering from emergency surgery in a Temple hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts & prayers during his recovery time.

... **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** ...

As the world seems to get more complex and more overwhelming, the public life ever more scary,
people look to communities for fellowship and security.

A community is a shared asset, created by the investment of its members.

The more you put in, the more you take out ... Esther Dyson

HHPOA UPDATE

Don Hughes, President

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I hope that everyone had a great summer. I know that I am looking forward to some days and nights that are not quite as hot as we have had in recent weeks. Fall is but a week away, hopefully it will be cooler, and we might be blessed with rainfall.

Something that comes to mind, when thinking of activities that come around this time of the year, is the Christmas Bazaar that the Highland Haven Ladies Club works so hard on each year. If you have items that you would like to donate, I am sure they would be appreciated. I am sure they will put out information on that event soon.

Also, don't forget the monthly Potluck! We have some great cooks in our community! It is a great time to get to see friends and meet new neighbors! Because of a busy summer of travel, Liz and I have missed a couple of the Potlucks but we will be back.

Recently, Labor Day weekend, to be specific, the swimming area at Dove Park needed repair to the ropes/floats that define the swimming area. I would like to thank **Phil Martz** for taking care of that needed repair.

We need two people who would be willing to do our audit. Contact **Donna Gingras** or **Don Hughes**.

Our next H.H.P.O.A. meeting will be held on February 9, 2016. It will be our annual meeting and will be held in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. New board members will be elected at that time. We only need one replacement at this time. I will look forward to hearing from any of you that would be willing to serve your community in this capacity.

God bless you all.

FLOODPLAIN TIDBITS

Donna Green, FEMA Floodplain Administrator

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Governor Greg Abbott has declared September as "Preparedness Month in Texas" to coincide with National Preparedness Month. Had the Wimberley Flood rains happened over our Highland Haven/Shady Acre area, I am certain we would have had water in several of our homes. We ALL need an emergency supply kit of important emergency supplies including first a first aid kit, a NOAA Weather Radio or battery operated radio, flashlight, medication, non-perishable food items and bottled water. A really good website to visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/ThreatAwareness/nationalPrepAwaremess.htm>.

You also need to know where personal data, bank records, family records are located and have them centrally located for quick evacuation should we need to do so.

FEMA, continued

We have finished our local TCRFC Hazard Mitigation meetings in anticipation of having the necessary data to complete our extension of our Flood Ordinance so that we, as a community, would have access to emergency FEMA monies in event of a flood. Our current Ordinance expires end of year. Our data has now been turned in to TCRFC, Tetrattech and Halff & Assoc. for compilation and completion.

Lastly, Irene Dauphine, our former Mayor, sent out a request to complete a Survey regarding Burnet County Hazard Mitigation. In all of Burnet County, there were 120 total Surveys returned. **We are extremely proud that Highland Haven residents submitted 96 of them. Way to go Highland Haven!!!**



NEW EVENT
FUN TIME AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
sponsored by The Ladies Club



Linda Buehler and **Cindy Luth** will open the Community Center every Tuesday beginning **October 6th** for ALL residents (*yes, this means men too*) to play games, work puzzles, check-out books from the Library or to just socialize. Bring a sack lunch if you choose ... coffee and tea will be available. Attendees are asked to bring their games, puzzles, etc. Hours for this fun opportunity are 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For additional information contact Linda @ 970-946-4523. Come, relax and enjoy getting to know community neighbors!



HELP THE PUMPKIN PATCH GROW
Fall has officially arrived ... hence the fall decorations below the community marquee. Residents are welcome to add their donation of a pumpkin or two!

**Highland Haven
Classified
Advertisements**

Furniture for sale

Excellent Condition - love seat Custom by Kincaid, \$400; dual power reclining leather loveseat, \$475; antique platform rocker \$200; posted on Community Board if you want to see or call [713-829-9392](tel:713-829-9392). Located in Highland Haven

LCRA CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL

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I would like to remind our community members that if anyone has questions or issues that need LCRA's attention I am very glad to assist where I can. Much of their information is on the web site but if you have questions or need to find out who to talk to about issues give me a call or send an email and I will help.

Highland Haven Community Calendar

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 BOA Work Session 7:00 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14 Ladies Club	15	16	17
18	19	20 BOA Mtg 7:00 pm	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24
25	26	27 Community Pot Luck Dinner	28	29	30	31 Halloween

NOTE: Yoga classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ Community Center, 11:30 – 12:30, cost \$5
Submit newsletter articles & photos to: highlandhavennews@gmail.com