

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**



## HHPOA UPDATE

*Don Hughes, President*

Our Bi-annual H.H.P.O.A. meeting will be held **February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Center. We will be electing two new board members.

We have **Sherry Hume** and **Stephen Koehn** who are willing to serve on the H.H.P.O.A. Board of Directors. I would like to thank them for their willingness to serve our community. If you have not met either of them, please be sure and attend the meeting.

I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and are experiencing a wonderful New Year! This year is already shaping up to be full of exciting things. It is leap year; we have elections this year, summer Olympics and all of the regular things that go on.

We are only about a month into wintertime and it has not been too bad, however, we are finally experiencing some cold nights and chilly days. If you have not wrapped outdoor faucets and such, it would be a good idea to do so in case we have any periods where it is freezing for several days in a row. Also, just a reminder that you might want to turn off or adjust the timing on automatic sprinkler systems for the season.

I would like to say thank you to everyone in this community for allowing me to serve on the board for the past two years. I have met some great people and some interesting people during this time. May all of you take care, be safe and may God bless you all.

## LADIES CLUB UPDATE

*Mary Kay Lawrence, Secretary*



The Ladies Club met on Wednesday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. 35 ladies attended.

We had two guest speakers:

*Yoga Instructor, Debbie Sams - Chair Yoga Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Community Center from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per sessions, no membership needed. Debbie encouraged residents to attend.*

*The Hill Country 100 Club, Robert Dahlstrom - This all-volunteer organization's primary purpose is to support activities necessary to help families of First Responders who are killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. The First Responders are our Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and EMS personnel. For information on becoming a member, contact Robert at 830-693-5595.*

Our largest fundraiser is the **Annual Rummage Sale**. The dates for this event are **Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Traditionally, this is a very large sale ... so preparations will begin on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> in Community Center. All residents are encouraged to come help either with setup or during sale days. Contacts are *Helen Wiedeman 598-7575*, *Judy Schwab 830-253-3614*, and *Laura Stubblefield 596-9037*. *Irene Dauphin 254-498-6009* is the contact for the Bake Sale.

The **Aluminum Can Recycle** project is our year-long fundraiser. Please take your cans to the deposit area located at the end of the storage-shed area, next to City Hall. Thanks to **Bob Sears** and **Robert Dahlstrom** for taking our cans to the recycling center.

We welcomed back three members after their surgery and rehab ... **Helen Wiedeman**, **Shirley Beaussire** and **Cynthia O'Malley**.

Our next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We want to encourage all Highland Haven ladies to attend.



### **City Elections**

City Elections are scheduled for May 7, for the Mayor and 2 Aldermen positions. These positions are for two-year terms. Applications can be obtained at City Hall. Applications must be submitted to the City Secretary between January 20 and February 19.

### **Board of Alderman**

- **Jerry Schwab** was recently presented a plaque thanking him for his dedicated service on the Planning and Zoning Committee and to the community.
- BOA approved the sale of a surplus 16' utility trailer. Sealed bids must be submitted to the City Office by no later than 12 noon, February 18. Bid opening will be 10 am, Monday, February 22.
- Next BOA Work Session meeting is February 2.
- Next BOA Regular meeting is February 16.
- P&Z and the BOA are currently reviewing several Ordinances for updates. Watch future agendas for public hearing dates.



### **City Office**

- For the past few months, we have had intermittent problems with the electronic message sign. We are working with the manufacturer to diagnose the problems and make repairs.

### **HH Water System**

- In the past few months, several residents have experienced plumbing problems that resulted in significant water use. Please check appliances for excessive water use. Dana regularly advises homeowners to check for issues such as, leaking toilet flaps and faucets that leak or drip.

### **Streets and Drainage**

- Please check drainage around your property and clear any potential blockage to avoid flooding conditions.
- Be sure to clean leaves from roof rain gutters as well as drainage ditches around your property.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- P&Z and the BOA are currently reviewing several Ordinances for updates. Watch future agendas for public hearing dates.
- Next P&Z Meeting is February 9.

### **Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans**

#### **Draft Hazard Mitigation Plans**

- Every 5 years the hazard mitigation plans for Burnet County and regional communities are updated. These plans are required and are filed with the State of Texas and FEMA for future reference if the community applies for FEMA grant assistance.
- Below is a link to a website where citizens can review these plans. Click on the Burnet County section to review Highland Haven plans.
  - <http://jswassoc.com/hmplans.html>
- A hard copy will also be available for review at City Hall and we are required to schedule a public meeting in the future.
- Citizens are encouraged to review these plans and submit any comments to the Mayor at [hcity@tstar.net](mailto:hcity@tstar.net) or Donna Green, our Floodplain Administrator, at [HLADonna1@nctv.com](mailto:HLADonna1@nctv.com) or in writing to City Hall.

#### **Fire Safety**

- The Burn Ban has been lifted. All brush piles should be removed as soon as possible. If property owners cannot burn the brush piles, they must arrange to have the brush removed. Several property owners have arranged to have brush chipped and hauled away instead of burning.
- Burning of construction material and trash is prohibited.
- Avoid stacking limbs and brush under trees and adjacent to houses and outbuildings. This creates a fire hazard as well as nesting for snakes, rats and other pests.

#### **Regional Notification System (Emergency Notification System)**

- Capitol Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Regional Notification System (RNS) uses a "reverse dialing" method to notify residents in the 10-county region of critical emergency information in situations where property or human life is in danger. It also can be used to notify residents of other events that affect them.
- For more information and to register go to <http://www.capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/regional-notification-system-registration> or call 866-939-0911

### **Highland Haven Ordinances - <http://www.highlandhaventx.com/>**

- Please review our ordinances before starting any additions or construction projects on land or water (including floating jet ski docks and fences).
- Starting a project before receiving a building permit will result in a "Stop Work Order", higher fees and possible removal of your project.
- If you have any building permit questions, property owners can call **James Warren**, Building Permit Officer, (512) 431-0291, or City Hall at (830) 265-4366.
- This is a good time to take care of your required property maintenance. Please review the ordinances below at our website to get a full understanding of required maintenance.

#### **Ord. #37, Maintenance of Hedges and Fences**

##### **Section 4. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

*"C. Shrubs, bushes and other vegetation planted for the purpose of screening, or in such a manner as to create a hedge, shall be maintained at a maximum height of six (6) ft.*

*D. No screening structures shall be constructed or allowed to grow higher than six (6) ft."*

City, continued

**Ord. #58, Maintenance of Structures and Lots**

*“Property owners shall maintain residence and outbuildings in a manner that does not detract from neighborhood appearance and the property values of adjacent property owners. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, periodic painting, masonry repair as needed, replacement of damaged windows and screens, and roof repairs.”*

**Ord. #56 RE: Political Signs**

*“(4) Political signs during City, County, State, and Federal elections, may be posted on lots and residential tracts developed with a single family residence provided the sign is located inside the boundary lines of the specific property. Signs not to exceed 24” by 36 and are limited to one per candidate per lot or residential tract of land.”*

**Safety On Our Streets “Drive like your kids and grandkids live here!”**

- Recently there have been several burglaries of unlocked vehicles in residential driveways.
- Please keep unattended vehicles locked and unattended garages closed to avoid theft.

**LADIES CLUB**

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Candidate Forum***

The Highland Haven Ladies Club will be hosting a forum for candidates in the races for Sheriff, Commissioner Precinct 1, Constable Precinct 1, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.

The date of this forum will be **Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 pm**. Each candidate will speak and immediately following the forum there will be a mix and mingle providing you an opportunity to visit with the candidates if you choose.

Please join us that evening to meet the candidates. **Early voting begins on February 16; the Primary Election date is March 1.**

**FIRST PLACE**

Jack and Carol Seward  
106 Robin

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

Joe and Nadine Lightsey  
302 Blackbird

**CHRISTMAS YARD  
DECORATION WINNERS**

**SECOND PLACE**

Omar and Ellen Hilburn  
314 Bluebird

Lynn Smith and Brenda Weems  
217 E Heron

**THIRD PLACE**

Larry and Julie Skero  
408 Blackbird

John and William Fowler  
110 W Heron

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

1. In the past week, we have received several complaints about burglaries of unlocked vehicles on residential driveways. Burglars may be watching Highland Haven for other opportunities. Call Burnet County Sheriff if you see any suspicious activity. **REMINDER, please keep all unattended vehicles locked and garage doors closed.**

2. The Sheriff's Office was called on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> reporting 3 suspicious individuals soliciting magazine sales. All were approximately 18-20 years old, 2 females and 1 male. The male gave conflicting stories to 2 different residents. All 3 were asked to leave and were followed out of Highland Haven. Sheriff's department was notified and responded.



## IN SYMPATHY

Longtime neighbor and friend, **Wanda Sue Pash**, 93, of Highland Haven, passed away Dec. 25, 2015. The family held a celebration of life at Sue's home on January 1st. Memorials may be given in Sue's name to Barkley Cemetery, c/o Jim Behrens, RCSB, New London, MO 63459.

Friend and neighbor, **Dr. Bennie C. Wooley**, passed away at home in Highland Haven on December 10, 2015. He graduated from San Angelo High School, Texas Tech and the University of Oklahoma with a Ph.D. in microbiology. Dr. Wooley joined NASA as part of the manned missions to the moon where he took part in development and operations of Lunar Receiving Laboratory at Johnson Space Center. He later joined Becton Dickinson as head of Quality Assurance in New Jersey and ultimately became CEO of Huntingdon International Holdings. Bennie retired to enjoy his outdoor endeavors. He requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to support animal rescue.

## FOR SALE

Somerset by Excel China, made in China; white China with blue floral design; used in the Community Center and for sale by the Ladies Club; China is in good condition with no chips. Service for 8 - consists of 5 piece place settings of dinner plate, bread and butter plate, soup bowl, cup and saucer. Price is \$25.00 for service for 8. Call Pat at [512-217-6943](tel:512-217-6943).

Highland Haven Board of Aldermen approved the sale of a surplus 16' utility trailer. Trailer is located in the HHPOA open trailer storage area, space #54. Sealed bids must be submitted to the City Office no later than 12 noon, February 17. Bid opening will be 10 am, Monday, February 22.



## THANK YOU

*Joyce Fraser*

I would like to thank all our wonderful Highland Haven friends and neighbors for the delicious food that was brought over and for all their prayers, cards and well wishes after my fall on New Year's day. I fractured my neck C2 and C7, broke my high cheekbone, orbital bone plus deep cuts on my face. No immediate surgery is required, but I have to wait a few weeks to see if it begins to heal on its own. I have to wear a neck brace for 3 months and have started physical and occupational therapy as well as home health ... which keep me busy.

Extra special thanks to **Sylvia** and **Bill Passmore** for their extra time organizing the food plus driving us here and there and checking on us.

I am very blessed I have had little pain but more blessed because of our great friends in Highland Haven. Thank you all again! You are the best!!!

## BURNET COUNTY

*Jim Barho, EMC*

### "Be Prepared for Spring Weather"

Paul Yura with the National Weather Service will Instruct a SkyWarn Weather Training Class that will be offered to CERT Members, ARES, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, EMS, Public Works, Dispatchers, Emergency Management, anyone who works with Public Service, or any citizen that is interested in becoming involved with emergency training. COST: **Free**

DATES: Thursday January 28, 2016 TIME: 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. LOCATION: Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson Burnet, TX 78611. Contact Jim Barho ... phone: (512) 750-0507, email: [jimbarho@gmail.com](mailto:jimbarho@gmail.com)

## HIGHLAND HAVEN SEWING CLUB



The Highland Haven Sewing Club met at Sue Kerseys home for their December meeting and a Christmas gift & cookie exchange. *L-R front row: Judy Pullen, Patsy Buchanan, Noveleen Parker, Carolyn McKee, Donna Green & Sue Kersey. Back row: Sylvia Passmore, Cheryl Wilder, Fredi Franki, Judy Schwab, Joyce Fraser, Shirley Beaussire & Vaneta Fields. Other members unable to attend are Gail Hurn, Freelin McGlothing, & Earlene Melton.*

## CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATION WINNERS

Give a *BIG* Thank You to **Andi Ball, Irene Dauphin** and **Betty Ward** for judging the 2015 Christmas yard decorations. Judging took place on a cold, cold evening ... but that did not detour these ladies. Dressed for the weather with clipboards in hand, they traveled every road via a decorated golf cart with their driver **Lonnie Ball** ... to judge all the wonderful decorations, music and dancing ... yes, even dancing! What a difficult task they had!

Thank you to everyone that participated. Word was received that young and old enjoyed cruising the streets of Highland Haven to view the decorations and lights. Well done everyone!!! *See photos on next page.*



## CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATION WINNERS



2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS  
Omar and Ellen Hilburn



3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE WINNERS  
Larry & Julie Skero



1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS  
Jack & Carol Seward



HONORABLE MENTION  
Lynn Smith and Brenda Weems



HONORABLE MENTION  
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\* Note – Photo was not available for Honorable Mention winners, John & William Fowler

# Highland Haven Community Calendar

## February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Last day to register to vote	<b>2</b> BOA Work Session 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Super Bowl	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> HHPOA Bi-Annual Mtg 7:00	<b>10</b> Ladies Club 1:00 pm ~ Veteran's Day	<b>11</b> Candidate Forum 6:30 Com Ctr	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> President's Day	<b>16</b> BOA Mtg 7:00 pm  Early Voting	<b>17</b> Newsletter Article Deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Early Voting	<b>23</b> Potluck Dinner	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	March 1  Primary Election				

Yoga classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ Community Center, 11:30 – 12:30, class fee \$5  
 Submit newsletter articles & photos to: [highlandhavennews@gmail.com](mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com)