HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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BOA Work Session Tuesday, March 1st

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

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haventx.com/



#### **City Elections**

- City Elections are scheduled for May 7, for the Mayor and 2 Aldermen positions. These positions are for two-year terms. To date we have only received 3 applications.
- The Board of Alderman is a critical element to managing a city. Without the Board of Aldermen we cannot be a city. Many thanks to all who have previously served and those who currently serve.

#### **Board of Alderman**

- Next BOA Work Session meeting is March 1, 7pm.
- Next BOA Regular meeting is March 15, 7pm.
- P&Z and the BOA are reviewing Ordinances for updates. Watch future agendas for public hearing dates.

#### **City Office**

- The electronic message sign is operational again! The sign is 10 years old and we have been advised to consider replacing it.
- We have recently received a number of complaints regarding various ordinance violations including
  - O Homes in dire need of repair Ord. #58
  - o Cluttered carports visible from the streets. Ord. #58
  - o Trash and debris in yards visible from streets and parks Ord. #58 & #37
  - Parking trailers, golf carts and other vehicles in yards and right of ways Ord.
     #59
  - o RVs and travel trailers parked in driveways Ord. #59
- Please review and comply with our city's ordinances. Help us maintain the quality of life we enjoy here in Highland Haven. If you have any questions about the ordinances please contact City Hall or a member of the Board of Aldermen.

#### **HH Water System**

- If you are tired of writing a check every month for your water service, you can pay in advance. The credit amount will appear on each of your next bills. Once the amount gets low or you have an amount due, simply write another check for an advance payment.

#### **Streets and Drainage**

- Many thanks to Burnet County Precinct 1 road crews for the street maintenance they performed under our annual Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County. They will be back to overlay patches with asphalt and later again to apply the final seal coat to each patch.

- We have surveyed all of the streets and have located weak pavement areas. The recent patches has addressed some of the most damaged areas. We will maintain our list, continue to survey the streets for problems and plan for additional patches in the future.

#### Planning and Zoning

- P&Z and the BOA are reviewing several Ordinances for updates. Watch future agendas for public hearing dates.
- Next P&Z Meeting is March 10, 6pm.

### **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 <a href="http://example.com">http://example.com</a> or **Donna Green**, our Floodplain Administrator, at <a href="https://example.com">HLADonna1@nctv.com</a> or in writing to City Hall.

#### **Fire Safety**

- It has been very dry the past few months and fire danger has been increasing. Check the status of the Burn Bans by checking our roadside sign on Highland Drive and the electronic sign at City Hall. Residents can also check the Highland Haven website and the Burnet County website at <a href="http://www.burnetcountytexas.org/default.aspx?name=environ.burn">http://www.burnetcountytexas.org/default.aspx?name=environ.burn</a>
- Please closely monitor all fires you start. Do not leave them unattended and be sure they are completely out before you leave them.

#### **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 are in danger. It also can be used to notify residents of other events that affect them.
- For more information and to register go to <a href="http://www.capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/regional-notification-system-registration or call 866-939-0911">http://www.capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/regional-notification-system-registration or call 866-939-0911</a>

# Safety On Our Streets "Drive like your kids and grandkids live here!"

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

- Please review our ordinances before starting <u>any</u> 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 a good time to take care of your required property maintenance. Please review the ordinances (see next page) at our website to get a full understanding of required maintenance.

# Ord. #37, Maintenance of Hedges and Fences

### Section 4. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

"I. Trees that overhang city streets shall be kept trimmed to a minimum height of fifteen (15) permit safe passage for tall vehicles such as fire trucks, school busses, garbage trucks, moving vans and motor homes."

#### 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."



The Ladies club met for their monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, with 31 ladies in attendance.

#### Mark vour calendar for our Annual Rummage Sale

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday March 12, from 8:00 am -1:00 pm

Please bring your gently used clothing, books, furniture, exercise equipment, baby items, kitchen utensils and dishes, linens, tools, pictures, fishing and yard equipment, water toys, coffee pots, toasters, pots, pans, plants AND Christmas decorations – we'll take just about everything EXCEPT old TVs, computer equipment/monitors, refrigerators or sofa beds.

Drop off your donations Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 and Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8-noon. Call Helen Wiedeman (598-7575) or Jerry Schwab (830-220-2081) if you have large items that need to be picked up or need someone to meet you at the Community Center.

Lots of volunteers are also needed to work for as long as they can any time during the preparation/setup week and during the actual 2-day sale. NOTE: Folks with <u>muscles</u> are needed on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm to set up the tables and get the items from the storage shed.

The Rummage Sale is our only Fund Raiser for the year other than the Aluminum Can Recycling project. Proceeds from the sale are used to support our community with beautification projects; provide meals & memorials for bereaved families, welcome packs for new residents, and supplies for the Community Center; supplies for the monthly community Potluck, Annual 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade & Ice Cream social, Annual May BBQ and Annual Christmas Dinner; donations to the Marble Falls EMS, Granite Shoals Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Christmas Outreach and Hill Country 100 Club. We have also had opportunities to support community Meals On Wheels and Share The Harvest. Please help us in this endeavor ... support our Annual Rummage Sale by donating items and/or volunteering to work the event. IT IS A FUN TIME TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.



The Annual Meeting of the Highland Haven HHPOA met February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The major business of the evening was the election of Board Members.

On behalf of the HHPOA Board and the Community, we would like to give a huge thanks to **Don Hughes** and **Donna Gingras** who retired from the Board. We want to thank both of them for their dedication and commitment to our community. Their energy and devotion to their roles will be difficult to match.

The two new members elected to fill their shoes are **Sherry Hume** and **Steve Koehn**. Both bring a wealth of life experience that we are confident will benefit our community. Others continuing on the board are **Willa Holgate**, **Noveleen Parker**, **Todd Lewis** and **Lorinda Peters**.

As your Board for this coming year we hope to continue, the good work of those before us and look forward to a successful year.

# FOR SALE

Highland Haven Board of Aldermen approved the sale of a surplus 16' utility trailer. No bids were received by the previous deadline; therefore, the trailer is still for sale. 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, Thursday, March 10. Bid opening will be 10 am, Monday, March 14.







#### NEWSLETTER

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Help us save the trees! If you have an email account, we encourage you to receive the electronic version of the newsletter. This format has much better resolution and color than the printed version. Send an email to <a href="https://highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a> and include your preference for either PDF or Microsoft Word format. For those receiving the printed version, you have an awesome group of volunteers prepping the newsletter every month for mailing. Thank you to **Betty Prince**, **Daye Tinnin**, **Judie Prince** and **Janet Dunavant**.

If you have input for the newsletter, you can send it to <a href="https://highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a>. The deadline for input is posted on the monthly calendar and is always the Wednesday after the monthly BOA meeting, which is held the third Tuesday of each month. The section is called – IT'S YOUR TURN. Rules are posted on the Highland Haven web site under the Newsletter Information link on the home page. (Additional IT'S YOUR TURN information will be printed in a future newsletter, when space is available.)

Also, if you have a change of address (email or U.S. Postal), please be sure to let us know so you will continue to receive the Highland Haven Newsletter.



# HIGHLAND HAVEN ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Friday, March 11th, 8-4 and Saturday, March 12th 8-1

Donations Accepted At The Community Center:

March 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 4 pm

March 10<sup>th</sup> 8 - noon

Rummage Sale Chair: Helen Wiedeman ... 830-598-7575 Donation pickup: Jerry Schwab ....... 830-220-2081

Call either Helen Wiedeman or Jerry Schwab if you need someone to meet you at the community center during "drop-off" week

NOTE: The following items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: old TV's, Sleeper-sofas, refrigerators, computer equipment/monitors & broken items





Calling all bakers ... please bake something for our Annual Bake sale!

Pies, cakes, cookies, breads ... all are welcome!

Bring your goodies to the community center on the following dates:

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 am





# **Highland Haven Community Calendar**

**March 2016** 

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|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday                 | Monday         | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday        | Thursday             | Friday                          | Saturday                        |
|                        |                |                                          |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
|                        |                | 1                                        | 2                | 3                    | 4                               | 5                               |
|                        |                | BOA work                                 |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
|                        |                | session                                  |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
|                        |                |                                          |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
|                        |                | Burnet County<br>Election Day<br>7am-7pm |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
| 6                      | 7              | 8                                        | 9                | 10                   | 11                              | 12                              |
|                        |                |                                          |                  | P & Z Mtg<br>6:00 pm | Rummage &<br>Bake Sale<br>8 - 4 | Rummage &<br>Bake Sale<br>8 - 1 |
| Se                     | etup for Rumma | ge/Bake Sale                             | Volunteers Need  | led >                |                                 |                                 |
| 13                     | 14             | 15                                       | 16               | 17                   | 18                              | 19                              |
| Daylight               |                | BOA                                      | Newsletter       | St. Patrick's        |                                 |                                 |
| Savings Time<br>Begins |                | Meeting                                  | Article Deadline | Day                  |                                 |                                 |
| 20                     | 21             | 22                                       | 22               | 2.4                  | 2.5                             | 26                              |
| 20                     | 21             | 22                                       | 23               | 24                   | 25                              | 26                              |
| Spring Begins          |                |                                          |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
| 27                     | 28             | 29                                       | 30               | 31                   |                                 |                                 |
| Easter                 |                | Potluck Dinner                           |                  |                      |                                 |                                 |
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Yoga classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ Community Center, 11:30 – 12:30, cost \$5 Submit newsletter articles & photos to: <a href="mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a>