# **HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS**

# February 2017





# Mayor

Olan Kelley 830-265-4366

## **City Secretary**

Dana Turner 830-265-4366

#### **Board of Aldermen**

Lonnie Ball 830-598-1870

Terry Nuss 830-598-2343

Don Hagans 830-596-7406

Bill Passmore 830-596-9102

James Warren 512-431-0291

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Next BOA Work Session Tuesday, March 7

Next BOA Meeting Tuesday, March 21

City Email <a href="mailto:hhcity@tstar.net">hhcity@tstar.net</a>

City Website http://www.highland haventx.com/



#### **Board of Alderman Election**

As of the February 24th deadline, we have 4 candidates for the 4 Board of Alderman positions due for election. The Board of Alderman will consider cancelling the City Elections scheduled for May 6, due to unopposed races. **Lonnie Ball** (incumbent), **Alvin Kahanek**, and **Bill Passmore** (incumbent) filed for the 3 two-year positions and **Don Hagans** (incumbent) is unopposed to fill the single one-year position.

#### **Board of Alderman**

- Next BOA Meeting is a work session scheduled for 7pm, March 7.

#### **Planning and Zoning**

- P&Z is currently reviewing ordinances for updates. Watch future agendas for more information.
- Next P&Z Meeting is March 16.

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

- Burnet County will be working on our streets. Please watch for the work crews.

#### **Vacant Lot Mowing Program**

- The City's Vacant Lot Mowing Program is kicking off this month. Letters will be sent to vacant lot owners inviting them to participate in this program.
- This program helps manage pests and grass-fire danger as well as keeping our City looking good.
- This is a great program for absentee owners!
- If interested, please call City Hall at (830) 265-4366.

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

- Construction Projects Ordinances #20 and #56
  - O Please review our ordinances before starting <u>any additions or construction</u> projects on land or water (including floating Jet Ski docks and fences).
  - O Starting a project before receiving a building permit will result in a "Stop Work Order", higher fees and possible removal of your project.
  - For building permit information, property owners can call James Warren, Building Permit Officer, (512) 431-0291, or City Hall at (830) 265-4366.
  - o Construction activity is restricted to Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm.
- Animal Control Ordinance #36
  - o Animals shall be kept under restraint at all times.
  - o Animals causing excessive and/or continuous noise must be restrained within the residence so that the noise may not be heard outside.

#### **HH Water System**

- To aid with managing payments, please include your HHWS account number on your check.
- Water customers can "pre-pay" their water bills. This saves the Water System data entry costs and helps property owners avoid any late fees because they forgot to pay their bill. Water bills are still sent and will show your balance.

#### Streets and Drainage

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

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

- Fire Safety Burning of construction material and trash is prohibited.
- **Regional Notification System** (Emergency Notification System)
  - o 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.
  - o For more information and to register go to <a href="http://www.capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/regional-notification-system-registration">http://www.capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/regional-notification-system-registration</a> or call 866-939-0911



# February Potluck Dinner

There will be NO Potluck Dinner in February due to setup for the Annual Rummage & Bake Sale.

# Annual Rummage & Bake Sale

The last day to bring items for sale is no later than noon Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sale hours are: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 – 3:30 and Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 12:00 noon. Baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. may be brought to the community center either Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. OR Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The next Ladies Club meeting is Wednesday, March 8th at 1:00 pm. Please come join us!



The Highland Haven POA held its semiannual meeting on February 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Our major item of business was to elect a new board member to replace retiring member **Todd Lewis**. We wish to extend our thanks and gratitude for Todd's two years of service to Highland Haven.

Our newest member, **Gwen Sternberg**, is also relatively new to Highland Haven as a full-time resident. Gwen and her husband, Dan, moved here full-time last year after they both retired. Gwen brings a wealth of experience as she has served on two previous homeowners associations. She served as Treasurer of the HOA in Brenham and as President and Architectural Control Director on the HOA in Hockley. We are very pleased to have her share her experiences with us.

The annual audit of the POA books was conducted by **Donna Gingras** and **Sally Cooper**. We wish to extend our thanks to them for taking their time to complete this task. Their letter to the board reads: "We performed an audit of the Financial Statements of HHPOA for the year ended December 31, 2016. We found the financial statements to be free of any material misstatements. We found the records to be well organized, well documented and extremely accurate. We commend the board members for maintaining the HHPOA financial records with such professionalism. While reviewing the extensive documentation on the books and records maintained by the HHPOA board, it is evident that the time committed on a volunteer basis by all board members is substantial. We applaud and appreciate the time and efforts by the HHPOA board." Sally Cooper and Donna Gingras

Various projects that have occurred while the water level was dropped were discussed the most notable was the erection of a retaining wall at the water's edge at Oriole Park. Leveling of the approach completed the project. Thanks to **David & Becca Marsh** and **Tim & Kami Small** for their gift to our community.

We also want to extend a very special thanks to **Phil & Tina Martz**, **William Fowler**, **Raymundo Estrada Jr & Sherry Hume** for the time they invested while LCRA lowered the lake. 100's of hours have been volunteered by them and others to make repairs and clean up the Parks.

For those keeping track, 342.50 hours of labor have been contributed to the community since our December POA meeting; 759 hours since our annual meeting last February. Wow!

There is more information about projects completed along with pictures on the website. Go to <a href="http://www.highlandhaventx.com">http://www.highlandhaventx.com</a>. Click on Community | HHPOA | Updates | 2017 Archives

Two other items – if you would like to be added to the list for covered storage please contact **Steve Koehn**. And secondly we are in the beginning stages of organizing committees to determine what needs to be done with the pier at Dove Park. We will have a design crew, another to determine the Request for Proposal process and another for fundraising. If you have an interest on serving on any of the committees, please contact **Lorinda Peters** at lorindalpeters@gmail.com or 515-988-5656 for the contact information of the committee chairs.



## RETIREMENT PARTY FOR DANA TURNER

City Secretary, **Dana Turner** is retiring at the end of February. A party, attended by approximately 75 guests was held in her honor on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments were provided by: Laura Stubblefield, Sally Cooper, Patsy Craven, Joyce Fraser, Judy Daniel, Peggy Anzivino, Barbara Nuss, Debbie Sonka, Sherry Hume, Vikki Warren, Judy Kelley & Andi Ball. Mayor Olan Kelley presented Dana with a wooden plaque recognizing her years of dedication to the City of Highland Haven.

## **THANK YOU**

What a wonderful Retirement Party! Thank you to everyone who put it all together, thanks to everyone for coming and thanks for all the very nice compliments. All the cards and gifts are so special. The goodies were delicious, the decorations were beautiful and I had a really good time. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work for this great community. *Many thanks*, *Dana Turner* 

# **Highland Haven**



 $\begin{array}{c} Community\ Center\\ Friday,\ March\ 3^{rd}\ ...\ 8:00-3:30\\ Saturday,\ March\ 4^{th}\ ...\ 8:00-12:00\ noon \end{array}$ 

#### **RUMMAGE SALE:**

Your donated items are needed. Just about anything is accepted ... your gently used clothing, books, furniture, exercise equipment, baby items, kitchen utensils, dishes, linens, tools, pictures, fishing and yard equipment, water skis, coffee pots, toasters, pots and pans, plants, etc.

# The only items not accepted are:

- old TV's
- computer equipment
  - monitors
  - refrigerators
    - sofa beds

# **RUMMAGE SALE DONATION Drop-off Times:**

- Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 4:00
- Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 noon
- For additional information, contact Pat Koehn (512-217-6943)

## **BAKE SALE Drop-off Times:**

- Thursday, March 2nd from 5-7 p.m.
- After 7:30 a.m. Friday, March 3rd

#### **BAKE SALE:**

Please be thinking about what you would like to bake and contribute to our sale. In past years, we've had cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, breads, etc. Maybe you are not a baker - maybe you make jams, jellies, pickles, etc. We would love to share you talents!

Lots of volunteers are needed to setup and work during the Rummage/Bake Sale! Any help will be appreciated. Come join us for an hour or for as long as you can any time during the week before the sale. Come get to know your neighbors and have fun too!

#### PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS ENDEAVOR

The Ladies Club uses the proceeds from this event to support our community with beautification projects, Granite Shoals EMS, Marble Falls EMS, meals for bereaved families, cards for shut-ins, the sick & bereaved, welcome packets for new members, Granite Shoals Christmas Outreach, the community directory, the monthly community Potluck and on and on.

# **Highland Haven Community Calendar**

**March 2017** 

| Sunday                  | Monday | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                         | Thursday          | Friday                                   | Saturday                        |
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| Sunday                  | Winday | Tuesday                           | 1                                 | 2                 | 3<br>Rummage &<br>Bake Sale<br>8:00-3:30 | 4 Rummage & Bake Sale 8:00-noon |
| 5                       | 6      | 7<br>BOA Work<br>Session,<br>7:00 | 8<br>Ladies Club<br>Meeting, 1:00 | 9                 | 10                                       | 11                              |
| Daylight Savings Begins | 13     | 14                                | 15                                | 16<br>P&Z<br>5:30 | 17<br>St Patrick's<br>Day                | 18                              |
| 19                      | 20     | BOA<br>Meeting<br>7:00            | 22                                | 23                | 24                                       | 25                              |
| 26                      | 27     | Potluck<br>Dinner<br>6:30         | 29                                | 30                | 31                                       |                                 |

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>