



# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

### **COVID-19**

- Most have probably seen reports from news agencies that COVID cases are increasing across Texas. Highland Haven has had several cases reported in our community as well. Please use the resources below to help us keep our community safe and healthy. Maintain social distancing, avoid gatherings (especially indoors), wash your hands frequently and wear a mask to protect you and others.
- City Hall is again closed to the public due to the recent increase of COVID cases. We continued to experience walk-in visitors that were not wearing masks, and this puts our staff at risk. We are still available by phone and email.
- Below is a link to a map of COVID Test Sites. There are 4 in Burnet County.
  - o <https://www.covidtest.tdem.texas.gov/>
- Below are links to the latest CDC guidance for “holiday gatherings”
  - o <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- Several vaccines are now entering the final stages of approval. Federal, State and County governments have prepared vaccine distribution plans and have been training. We will provide you with information as we receive such. Please monitor the resources below as they are updated regularly.
  - o <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>
  - o <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- The State continues to update guidance for Opening Texas. Click on this link for more info. <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>
- Should you or your neighbors need any special assistance or support there are 2 non-profit organizations available for help.
  - o Community Resource Center - 830-693-0700
    - <http://www.crctx.org/>
  - o Highland Lakes Crisis Network - 325-423-3662,
    - <https://www.highlandlakescrisisnetwork.com/>

### **Board of Alderman**

- The 2% sales tax included on the November election ballot was passed. The Board approved the election canvassing and documentation is being processed through the Texas Comptroller’s Office to implement the tax. According to the Texas Comptroller’s Office it will take 4-5 months before the tax can be implemented.
- The Board approved a 10-year extension of our right-of-way contract with the Pedernales Electric Cooperative which includes an increase of the franchise fee from 2% to 4%. Residents can expect to see a letter from PEC regarding this change. The change will not be effective for several months.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- No regular Board of Alderman meetings are scheduled for December. Special called meetings may be scheduled and posted should the Board have any issues that may need immediate action.
- Next BOA meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2021.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the BOA meetings are held in the Community Center to provide space for social distancing. Face masks are required. Seating is limited.
- City Offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving Holidays.

### **Public Safety/Street Maintenance**

- The Board approved changing the “YIELD” sign at 100 Flamingo to a “STOP” sign. Residents have been concerned about traffic safety at this location due to limited sight lines.
- **The intersection of Redbird and Blackbird is now a 3-way STOP. Residents continue to report unsafe drivers that are not stopping at this intersection.** We have asked the Sheriff’s Office to monitor this intersection.
- To keep our streets safe, please advise residents, guests, and contractors to observe traffic laws and be safe while walking on our streets.
- **Let’s keep our streets safe for everyone!**



### **Solid Waste Service**

- Thanksgiving week- Trash service day will be Friday 11/26/2021.
- Christmas week- Your service day will not be affected by the Christmas Holiday.
- New Year’s week- Your service will not be affected by the New Year Holiday.
- The 2021 recycle/trash calendar will be made available as soon as we receive it
- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-Highland-Haven-Trash-and-Recycling-Calendar.pdf>

### **HH Water System**

- **We now have 25% of our utility customers using ACH! This is outstanding! The ACH program helps us reduce staff time necessary to process cash and check payments and helps customers avoid late fees.**
- Applications for ACH and the link for online services can be found at, <https://highlandhaventx.com/city-water-system/>
- Using ACH is convenient for the customer and helps the City reduce costs by.
  - o [Reducing printing costs of monthly bills](#)
  - o [Reducing postal costs for mailing monthly bills](#)
  - o [Reducing staff time processing individual check payments](#)
- Reminder: all water bills are due at City Hall by 5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- The next P&Z Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 10, 6pm**. This meeting will be held in the Community Center to provide area for “social distancing”.
- These meetings are open to the public, residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

### **Fire Safety**

- **Burn Ban has been lifted** and outdoor fires are now allowed; however, dry conditions prevail across Burnet County so contact Granite Shoals Fire Dept. and the Burnet County Sheriff’s Office prior to starting any outdoor fires.
- Outdoor fires must be continually monitored and must be completely out by sundown.
- Be kind to your neighbors and manage your burning to reduce producing smoke. We recently had complaints from residents across several blocks about a smoldering stack of leaves left burning overnight.
- Granite Shoals Fire Dept. needs volunteers. Call Chief Austin Stanphill at 830-596-8110 for more information.

### **Building Permits**

If you have questions regarding the permitting process or whether or not your project requires a permit, contact Terry Smith at [buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com) or (830) 265-4366 office or (830) 637-0869 cell phone.

### **Visit our Website**

- We encourage you to use our City website to find information about our BOA and Planning & Zoning meetings; water and solid waste services (including pay online options), forms, permits, community activities, news and notices AND MORE!
- If you would like to receive an email and/or text when updates are made to the site – navigate to the Home page – <https://highlandhaventx.com/> - and click on “Subscribe to Updates”. You can select what topics you would like to receive notification about.

### **Home and Yard Maintenance**

- **Property owners are required to trim shrubbery, especially at street intersections and on right of ways.** There are several intersections where bushes are now blocking the view of on-coming traffic. Please help us improve safety at these intersections by trimming back shrubbery. <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Ord037.pdf>

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

#### **WARN Central Texas**

- Sign up for emergency warnings by voice, text or email at <http://www.warncentraltexas.org/> or call 866-939-0911 to get local alerts.

#### **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**

- Register at <https://www.lcra.org/water/floods/floodgate-operations-notification-system/Pages/default.aspx>
- or call 512–578–3246 or 800–776–5272, Ext. 3246

#### **LCRA Flood Operations Report** <https://floodstatus.lcra.org/>

#### **LCRA Hydromet**

- Get the latest information for the Highland Lakes area including rainfall amounts, rainfall radar images and river flow data. <https://hydromet.lcra.org/>

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## **PROPERTY OWNER’S ASSOCIATION**

*Betty Ward, President*

The Dove Park dock repair is underway. We thank everyone for their patience on this project. Thank you, **Glen French** and **Ken Nickels**, for working closely with Chapman Docks to get this accomplished.

Storage and Trailer storage contracts will be sent out soon by DocuSign from **David Langford**. There has been a slight increase. If you have any trouble in signing the documents, give **David** a call at, 512-698-9205. Highland Haven still has the best rental rates!

Thank you to the following people who have agreed to serve on the POA board next year. There will be NO election in January since each individual is running unopposed.

**Greg Rabaey, Place 1 – President**

**Terri Harmon, Place 3 – Parks and Ground Coordinator**

**Johnnie Farris, Place 5 – Trailer and Storage Coordinator**

**Don Pullen was appointed to take Ken Nickels place as treasurer.**

We truly appreciate your commitment to serve our community!

Mark your calendars, **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10:30 a.m.** will be our next Biannual meeting at the community center.

Please remember to follow our park guidelines: Pick up dog droppings, have your dog on a leash, pick up your trash, and follow the curfew of 5am -11pm. Thank you!

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## **LADIES CLUB**

*Teresa Smith, President*

**Ladies Club Monthly Meeting** – There will not be a Ladies Club meeting in December. The next Ladies Club meeting will be in the new year, January 13, 2021 at 1:30pm. Come join us!

**Highland Haven Community Directory** – We had planned to provide another opportunity for residents to participate in a telephone/portrait directory, but the company has discontinued portrait sessions at this time. Plans are already started to create a paper directory for our residents in spring 2021. With this newsletter there is an information form, on page 7, that needs to be completed and returned so we make sure we have **everyone** included in the directory. Contact information is included on form. If a new form is not received, we will assume you are in agreement to use the information as it is in the 2019 directory. The forms are due February 1, 2021.

There are a few 2019 Highland Haven Community Directories left. If you would like to purchase one, you can contact Pat Koehn at 512-217-6943.

**HH Ladies Club Dropbox** -A drop box for the Ladies Club has been placed at City Hall with the other boxes. Any forms or other items that you want us to receive, please place them in the drop box. Be sure to confirm the labels on the boxes to ensure that you are placing Ladies Club items in the correct box.

**Ladies Club Memorial Fund** – The memorial fund is used to provide a meal for the family when a Highland Haven resident has passed away. Due to gathering guidelines, families have not been meeting at the community center for a meal. We hope that when this is lifted, we can once again provide this special meal for our community member's family. If you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Fund, contact **Patsy Craven** at [patsy.craven68@gmail.com](mailto:patsy.craven68@gmail.com) or 830-385-4866. Donations can also be placed in the Ladies Club drop box at city hall.

**The season of giving is quickly approaching** – This has been a tough year for everyone...but especially for low income/no income families. Packsaddle Elementary has approximately 60 kids that receive a backpack to take home on weekends filled with food they can prepare themselves. When Christmas break comes, they send 3-4 packs to help until school resumes. Without the packs, most of these kids may not even get one full meal a day! The school appreciates help from any source to fill these backpacks.

Last year the ladies club matched the amount that was donated at November and December potlucks. \$400.00 worth of food was dropped off! The Ladies club is donating \$250 this year and would like to challenge Highland Haven to donate and match our donation. Please consider giving. You may drop your check or money off at the Ladies club drop box by city hall or contact Patsy Craven 830-385-4866 or Pat Koehn 512-217-6943. Please have your donations to us by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will purchase non-perishable food (such as peanut butter, pop tarts, cereal, boxed milk, etc.) and drop off at Packsaddle Elementary.

**Christmas Decorations Contest** -The committee will be judging Christmas Decorations on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Highland Haven is a lovely neighborhood that becomes even more enchanted as the Christmas holidays draw near! Tis the Season for twinkling lights and Christmas cheer!

**Veteran's Day** -Wow! What a great turn out for the Veteran's Day Parade this year! Thanks so much for all that participated. The Ladies Club purchased flags representing the different branches of military service and displayed them beside the Community Center. A number of folks enjoyed taking their pictures with the flags, and our community will be able to enjoy them for years to come. *(Photos of our Veterans Day Parade will be included in the January Newsletter.)*

Highland Haven is blessed to have so many residents who have served our country through military service. The names of Highland Haven's veterans and their branches of service are listed below. We want to sincerely thank each of our veterans for their sacrifice and service.

 <b>United States Military Veterans</b> <b>Highland Haven, Texas</b> 			
Angelo Anzivino .....	US Air Force	Bruce Lutringer .....	US Navy
Richard Baum .....	US Air Force	Richard Kemp .....	US Army
Bill Berry .....	US Air Force	Al Morgenroth. ....	US Air Force
Earon Cochran .....	US Air Force	Mike Mullins .....	US Air Force
Kent Cooper .....	US Navy	Milton Nevill .....	US Navy
Steve Cowan .....	US Marines/US Army	Bob Northcutt .....	US Marines
Bryan Craven .....	US Air Force	Terry Nuss .....	US Navy
Ed Cruz .....	US Marines	Steve O'Malley .....	US Air Force
Bob Deets .....	US Air Force	John Parker .....	US Army
Amy Degen .....	US Army	John L. Pearce .....	US Army National Guard
Ray Estrada .....	US Marine/US Air Force	Royce Pipes .....	US Army/US Navy
Pete Freehill .....	US Navy	Michelle Prince .....	US Army National Guard
Charlie Fulgham .....	US Army	Don Pullen .....	US Navy
Jim Garrow .....	US Air Force	John Readel .....	US Navy
Roy Ginder .....	US Air Force	Bob Sears .....	US Air Force
Otto Gruetzner .....	US Air Force	Jerry Schwab .....	US Navy
Don Hagans .....	US Army	Bob Schwalbe .....	US Army
Billy Hazlewood .....	US Navy	Vernon Schwarz .....	US Air Force
Robert Hightower ..	US Navy	Kenneth Smith .....	US Army
Sherry Hume .....	US Coast Guard	Charles Webb .....	US Army
Don Hughes .....	US Navy	Bill Whiting .....	US Navy
Jim Lawrence .....	US Air Force	Bob Williamson .....	US Army
Jose Leal .....	US Marines		



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our friend and neighbor **Phil Martz** passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2020, after a long illness. Phil was a former president of our Property Owners Association and a well-known community volunteer. He and his wife **Tina** were very active in taking care of our parks, docks, community center and storage areas. Both were always the first to volunteer when a need arose. A celebration of life will be planned after the holidays. Please keep **Tina** and their family in your prayers.

**Do You Know These Heroes Living Amongst Us, In Highland Haven?**  
*By Sherry Hume*

These Servicemen are Heroes in my book. They served in the US Armed Forces during, or at the end of, World War II.

**Thanks to Billy Hazlewood** ... Sailors were fed.

- US Navy Petty Officer First Class Billy Hazlewood, served on an LST as a Cook in the Pacific for 3 years, '43 -'46. He got his position at boot camp when asked ..."Can you fry an egg?"

**Thanks to Otto Gruetzner** ... Military records were maintained.

- US Army Air Corps Private Otto Gruetzner, served as a Records Keeper at Headquarters, Clark Field, Philippines. He remembers standing watch over captured POWs.

**Thanks to Earon Cochran** ... Pilots were taught to fly with instruments.

- US Air Force Staff Sergeant Earon Cochran, served as a Navigator Instructor & Pilot Instrument Instructor for 7.5 years. His favorite duty station was at Hamilton Field, CA ... he was over 21 & single, and stationed on the same base as the largest WAF unit in the world!

To Our WWII Heroes, all Veterans living amongst us, those missing in action, and those who have left us...Thank You for Your Service, Actions, and Sacrifices to Our Great Nation!

If you served in WWII, please contact Sherry Hume (210-305-3594). More information about these Heroes will be in a binder titled "Heroes Among Us" at the Community Center.

HELP US SAVE A TREE & MAILING COSTS

Send an email to [highlandhavennews@gmail.com](mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com) to receive  
important city information from the mayor  
and the Highland Haven Newsletter.

If you have a new neighbor, please share this information with them.

*The Highland Haven Newsletter is NOT published for the month of December.  
The next deadline for articles & photos is January 20, 2021.*

## Highland Haven Community Directory

**Forms are due February 1, 2021.**

Please take time to complete this form and return by email to the ladies club at [HHLadies20@gmail.com](mailto:HHLadies20@gmail.com). You can also drop a hard copy of this form in the Ladies Club drop box outside City Hall. This will assure that your complete and accurate information is added to our directory database. If you do not have a local phone number already, please complete the rest of the information and notify us when you get one.

### **Please Print**

Resident's Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident's Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Highland Haven Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Check One**

\_\_\_\_\_ My information in the 2019 Directory is correct, no changes need to be made.

\_\_\_\_\_ Corrections need to be made. Please use the information below in the new directory.

Full Time Resident: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_

May we share your information with the Highland Haven News, which includes important/emergency city info from the mayor, the Highland Haven Newsletter & community events/messages? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your PHONE #'s in the resident only Highland Haven phone directory? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your EMAIL ADDRESS(S) in the Highland Haven phone directory? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS-IF NOT FULL-TIME RESIDENT** (This will enable us to notify you of special events or contact you in case of an emergency.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or Post Office Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code and Telephone Number

**Community Directory Revised 11/16/20**





# HIGHLAND HAVEN DECEMBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Trash	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Trash & Recycle	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Trash	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Trash & Recycle	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve  Trash		