PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Survey Results Are Ready!

Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to respond to our Parks Survey. Nearly 150 responses were tabulated! You can find the complete results for the Survey on our city website: https://highlandhaventx.com/parks-survey/

Community feedback from the Parks Survey is the first step in the process to develop a Parks Strategic Plan. The next step will be to choose 2-3 parks and begin to distill the ideas and survey feedback into a specific plan, with a timeline, resource requirements and cost estimates. Nearly 90 respondents offered to participate in project committees, fundraising, or offered to donate time/money. If you shared your contact information in the survey, expect to hear from us by late August.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers! We have been blessed with abundant summer rain, and cooler than normal weather. With all the rain, the grass and other vegetation is growing like crazy. Our parks are maintained by volunteers who are doing their best to stay ahead of the rapid growth. Please give our volunteers some latitude if our park landscapes appear to look a bit unruly. If you see one of our many volunteers toiling away, please stop by to say THANK YOU.

Our biannual Property Owner Association meeting is **Saturday August 14**, at **10:30am**. Please join us at the Community Center! We will not have a regular POA working meeting in August.

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

Mayor@highlandhaventx.com

City Secretary

- The City of Highland Haven has a new City Secretary! **Jeff Lederer** was sworn in by **Municipal Judge Don Adams** on Tuesday, July 20th at the Board of Aldermen Meeting. His first day on the job will be July 26th.
- Jeff has a BS in Accounting, as well as an MBA in Strategic Management from the University of North Texas. Jeff has almost 30 years of comprehensive program development, leadership and management experience which will be of great benefit to our city. The City Secretary responsibilities include support for the Board of Alderman, Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as, assisting with finance, budget development, public information, and public records management. Jeff's experience includes working with governmental laws and regulations which will be beneficial with maintaining our compliance with State regulations and assisting with planning for our city's future. Jeff's duties will also include directing City elections, serving as the Municipal Court Clerk and notary public.

- Jeff and his wife Angie have 6 adult children and are hopeful for grandchildren in the future.
- Jeff is excited to get started and we look forward to working with him. Be sure to introduce yourself when you are at City Hall.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- **Alvin Kahanek**, P&Z Chair, announced his resignation at the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Many thanks to Alvin for his service to our community!
- Anyone interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission should send a message to City Hall or contact any member of the Board of Alderman.
- P&Z Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month and they are open to the public.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

Public Safety/Street Maintenance

- During the July 4th holidays we had several traffic related issues and complaints.
 - o Only golf carts and mule type carts can be driven on streets. <u>ATV vehicles are not allowed</u> on streets.
 - o Only licensed drivers can operate carts on the streets. We had several very young people we had to stop. One appeared less than 10yrs old.
 - o Carts must have the triangular reflective "slow moving vehicle" symbol visible from the rear of the cart.
 - o Carts operated at night must have headlights AND taillights.
- Parking
 - o Parking is allowed on the street right of ways.
 - o Guests should try to park in the right of way in front of the residence they are visiting.
 - Property owners expecting several guest vehicles should contact their neighbors and advise them
 of such. In a few cases neighbors helped neighbors by offering their driveways for extra parking
 space.
 - O Streets must remain open at all times for fire, EMS and trash vehicles.
- The Board of Alderman has approved changing the citywide speed limit to 25mph. We will be ordering signs and working with the County to change speed limit signs on Highland Drive. Watch for the change coming soon.
- Let's keep our streets safe for everyone!

Pedernales Electric Coop

- Partly due to the rolling blackouts this past February, PEC is now sending daily electric grid status reports to City Hall. We will send out warning messages of possible rolling blackouts when we receive notice. Click on this weblink for more information about how you can help keep down our peak usage. https://www.pec.coop/savings/power-rush-hour/

Visit our Website

- Please visit our website, https://highlandhaventx.com/, and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website. You can also receive documents, such as official meeting agendas, and minutes. Most importantly You can subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email, or both.
- We encourage you to use our website to find information about our Board of Alderman and Planning & Zoning meetings; water and solid waste services (including pay online options), agendas, forms, permits, community activities, news, and notices **AND MORE!**
- To receive notices when updates are made to the site navigate to the Home page https://highlandhaventx.com/ and click on "SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES". You can then select the topics you want to receive notifications about.

- Our website also has community information including the Highland Haven Property Owners Assn. and the Highland Haven Ladies Club meetings, as well as community activities.

Building Permits

- Construction and remodeling activities continue to be high in our community. Our building permit officer position is vacant, so we ask for your patience as our staff process these permits.
- The Building Permit Officer position has been filled by an Alderman volunteer; however, the time requirements for managing this program have increased significantly. The Board is considering how to best manage this program, which may include hiring a part time person.
- If you have questions regarding the permitting process or whether your project requires a permit, contact us at <u>buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com</u> or (830) 265-4366 office or (830) 637-0869 cell phone.

Fire Safety

- Be careful with outdoor fires.
- Contact Granite Shoals Fire Dept. and the Burnet County Sheriff's Office prior to starting any outdoor fires.
- See Ordinance #27. Outdoor fires must be,
 - o a minimum of 50' from any structure
 - o continually monitored with water readily available to control the fire, and,
 - o completely out by sundown.
- Be kind to your neighbors and manage your burning to reduce producing smoke.
- Granite Shoals Fire Dept. needs volunteers. Call **Chief Austin Stanphill** at 830-596-8110 for more information.

Lake Safety

- LCRA continues to warn the public and pet owners to avoid allowing dogs to swim or drink lake water due to the presence of cyanobacteria. See the website below for more information.
- Residents should advise guests with pets of this danger.
 - o https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/algae-in-the-highland-lakes/
- Zebra mussels are present in the waters in and around Highland Haven. Get more information at
 - o https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/exotic/zebramusselmap.phtml
 - o https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/zebra-mussels/

Water System

- Summer and hot weather is here! Conserve water use in and around your home.
- No matter your water source, please follow the LCRA lawn watering schedule for irrigating your lawn and gardens
 - Wednesdays and Saturdays for addresses ending in odd numbers.
 - o Thursdays and Sundays for addresses ending in even numbers.
 - O Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.
- We are currently updating our Drought Contingency Plan watch for changes in the future. TCEQ requires all water systems to file a Drought Contingency Plan.

Trees and Shrubs

- 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

COVID-19

- Please get vaccinated to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your friends. The vaccine is now available at several area hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies.

Board of Alderman

- The Board of Alderman is working to develop the budget for next year. There have been budget work sessions and the Board will continue discussions at regular board meetings.
- BOA meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month and they are open to the public.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
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Solid Waste Service

- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-Highland-Haven-Recycle-Calendar.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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Ladies Club Monthly Meeting - The Ladies Club will be taking their usual break for the summer so the next meeting will be September 8, 2021 at 1:30pm. Come join us!

Highland Haven Community Directory - The directories are in and ready for you to purchase! The directories are \$4.00 each and exact change is greatly appreciated. You can contact (call or text) the following ladies if you would like to purchase a directory. **Molly Chenault** 512-731-7348; **Debra Barger** 512-300-8110; **Teresa Smith** 830-446-9685.

Highland Haven Ladies Club Officer Vacancy - The positions of President and Vice-President are open for the September 2021-2022 year. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact **Debra Barger** at 512-300-8110.

Potluck Dinners - We are so happy to announce that we will be hosting the first Potluck Dinner of 2021 on September 28th. We are excited for everyone to be together seeing their friends and neighbors in Highland Haven! More information to come in the August newsletter.

4th of July Event - The 4th of July Parade was held on Saturday, July 3rd. We had a great turnout of 40 participants and many residents joined in along the parade route waving their flags showing their patriotism. It was a wonderful day for families and friends to enjoy celebrating freedom and just being together!

Aluminum cans are still needed - If you have cans that you would like to recycle and help your community, please drop them off at the end of the storage building area next to the HH City Hall building. Please...ONLY ALUMINUM CANS (Coke, beer) in a tied plastic bag. NO aluminum foil, vegetable cans etc.

HHLC Annual Rummage Sale - Looking forward to having the next one in 2022. If you have any large items that you would like to donate, please contact Pat Koehn at 512-217-6943. At this time, we do not have room to store other items for the rummage sale.

SYMPATHY

Our friend and neighbor Bob Williamson passed away on Monday July 12th at the age of 74. Services were held on Wednesday, July 21 at Highland Lakes United Methodist Church. Memorial donations in memory of Bob can be made to Highland Lakes United Methodist Church or to your local food pantry.

BRIDGE PLAYERS

The bridge group will not be playing during the month of August and will resume play on September 13th at 7PM. Would love new players to join us on that date---expertise is not required.

QUILTERS

A new group of quilters has been meeting on Tuesdays from 10 to 3 at the Community Center. The group has awarding winning quilters to beginners. Bring a sandwich/drink and join the group. Please contact **Karol French** for additional information, 830. 613-8146.



HIGHLAND HAVEN August 2021

August 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOA Meeting 7:00	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 Trash	6 Camp Champions Fireworks	7 Purple Heart Day
8	9	10	11	12 P&Z 6:00	13	14 HHPOA biannual mtg 10:30am
				Trash & Recycle		
15	16	17 BOA Meeting 7:00	18	19	20	21
				Trash		
22	23	24	25	26 P&Z 6:00	27	28
				Trash & Recycle		
29	30	31				

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