

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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Sponsor – Highland Haven Ladies Club



## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN



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### Parking

- This past month we received many complaints about parking.
  - o Do not use a neighbor's carport or driveway without getting their permission.
  - o Do not use the HHPOA R/V and Trailer Storage areas without getting their permission.
- Temporary parking is allowed on the street rights-of-way; however, the streets must remain open to **allow clear passage of emergency vehicles and trash trucks.**
- Travel trailers can be temporarily parked in driveways.
- Vehicles and trailers cannot be parked in yards (front and/or back).
- Residents and property owners should discuss with their neighbors any special events planned that may impact the use of their property.
- More information about parking can be found on our website.
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Ordinance-59-Vehicle-Operation-Parking-and-Storage-170117.pdf>
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Ord058.pdf>

### Dumping in the lake

- Do not use the lake or lake channels for disposing of anything.
  - o Do not blow lawn clippings or leaves into the water. This debris is blown downwind to you neighbors.
  - o Property owners are responsible for the actions of their lawn contractors. Pass along these restriction to your contractors.
  - o More information can be found on our website
    - <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Ord058.pdf>

### 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, 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.

### **City Secretary**

- Our City Secretary resigned so you may see or hear from different people in the office who are temporarily helping us. Please be patient as we work through this transition.
- Applications for the City Secretary position are now being accepted. An application and job description can be picked up at City Hall.

### **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 [buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com) or (830) 265-4366 office or (830) 637-0869 cell phone.

### **Fire Safety**

- Hot and dry summer weather is here. 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.

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

- The Board of Alderman recently 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!**

### **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
  - o 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>

## **Board of Alderman**

- The Board of Alderman has started working on the budget for next year. There have been two work sessions and the Board will continue discussions at regular board meetings.
- BOA meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month and they are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are held in the Community Center.

## **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- We now have a full P&Z Commission. Our P&Z Commission members are **Dory Byrne, Debbie Dahlstrom, Donna Green, Connie Smith** and **Chairman Alvin Kahanek**.
- The P&Z Commission is critical to maintaining the health, safety, and quality of life in Highland Haven.
- P&Z Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **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/>



**LADIES CLUB**  
*Teresa Smith, President*  
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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! You can contact the following officers if you would like a directory. The directories are \$4.00 each and exact change would be greatly appreciated! The directories will be available for purchase the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at the HH Community Center from 9-10am. You can also contact the following ladies if you would like to purchase a directory.

**Molly Chenault 512-731-7348      Debra Barger at 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**- Due to COVID 19 and wanting to keep our community and neighbors safe, the potluck dinners continue to be cancelled until further notice. We are hoping we will be able to have them starting in early fall.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Event** - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parade will start at 9am with participants lining up at 8:30am. Popsicles and necklaces will be handed out at the beginning of the parade route at the Community Center. Parade route map is on page 6.

**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,

**HHLC Annual Rummage Sale** - Due to COVID 19 and wanting to keep our community and neighbors safe, the Ladies Club voted to cancel the annual Rummage Sale for 2021 and look 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.

**PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**



*Greg Rabaey, President*  
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**Our POA Storage Facilities**

Our Highland Haven Property Owner Association (POA) operates and maintains a boat & trailer parking, and storage unit facility. This storage facility is for the use and benefit of all POA members! The convenience and its location within our community, behind our Community Center, make the storage/parking spaces highly sought after. Spaces are limited, and waiting lists are sometimes long. Besides the convenience of this storage, this facility benefits all POA members because the rental income is the primary revenue source for our POA. These dollars are reinvested into our Parks and the Community Center, and pay for operating expenses, like insurance and maintenance.

For more information on the storage facility, space availability, and waiting lists, please contact **Johnnie Farris** at [jdfarrispoa21@gmail.com](mailto:jdfarrispoa21@gmail.com)



## **Happy July 4th**

As we head into our long holiday weekend, we wish to share a few thoughts about the Fourth of July Independence Day Holiday.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence took their stand for independence at great personal risk. Together they mutually pledged “to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” Their promise, to themselves and to each of us, was evident in the famous phrases scrawled near the top of the document:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

Freedom is a gift, given to us by patriots; by Men and Women just like us. They had to struggle to win Independence. They risked their families, their livelihood, and their lives, so that we could live in a free country. Let their sacrifice not go in vain. Let us promise to work hard together to make our community a better place each day!

**Have a Safe Independence Day!**

### **KODAK MOMENTS**

Buck & Patsy Buchanan celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary several months ago. Their daughters surprised them with this special celebratory signage. Also ... HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Buck ... he turned 90 last week!!!

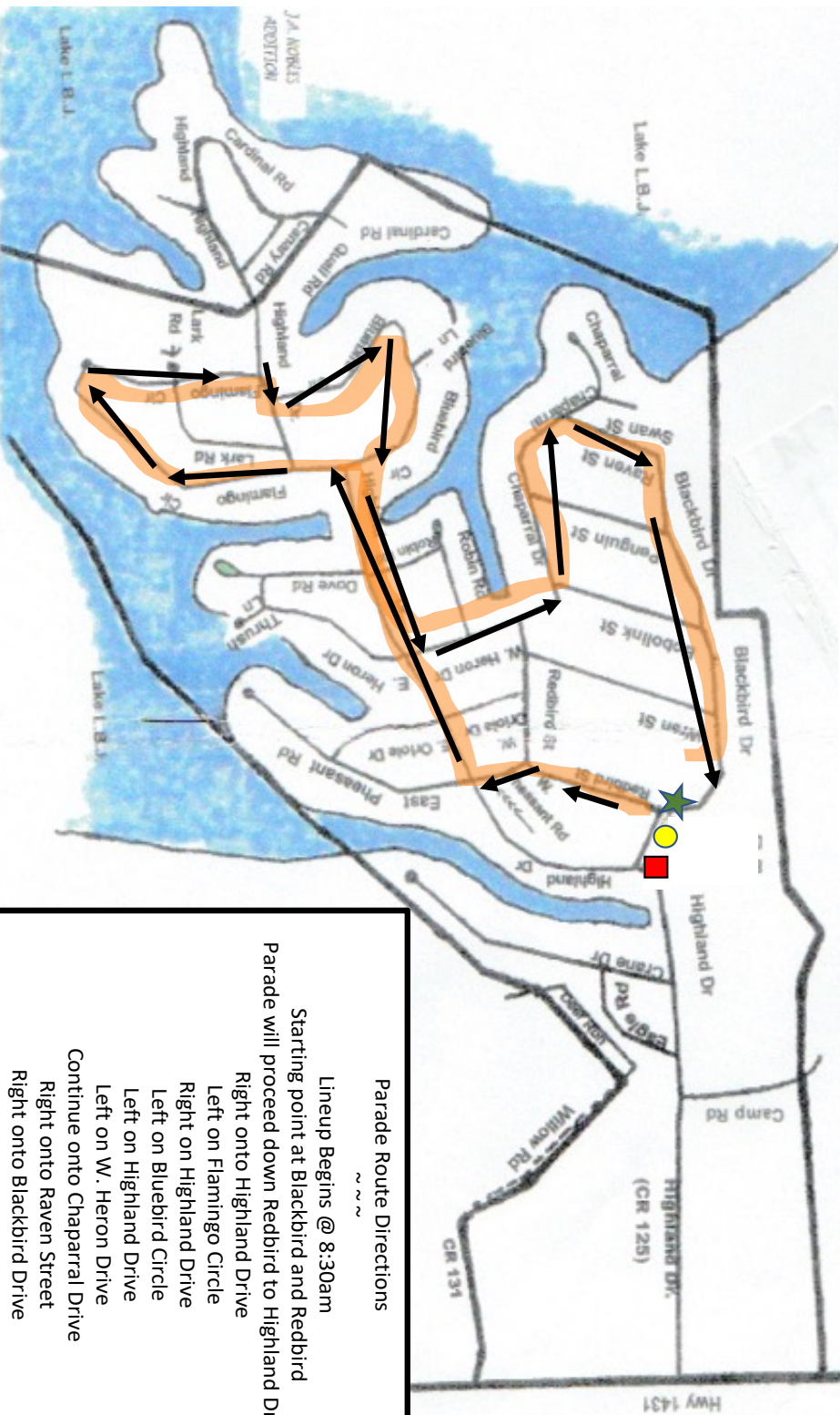
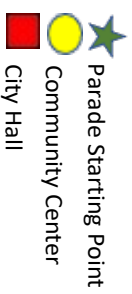


### **ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 3RD**

Come one and all ... young and old. Join the fun! Make plans to decorate your bike, golf cart, lawn mower, wagon, antique car, scooter, skateboard, trailer or *whatever* to make our parade the best ever!

Participants are asked to meet at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on July 3rd to prepare for line-up.  
The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. See parade route on page 6.

# City of Highland Haven 2021 Parade Map July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00am



Parade Route Directions  
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 Lineup Begins @ 8:30am  
 Starting point at Blackbird and Redbird  
 Parade will proceed down Redbird to Highland Drive  
 Right onto Highland Drive  
 Left on Flamingo Circle  
 Right on Highland Drive  
 Left on Bluebird Circle  
 Left on Highland Drive  
 Left on W. Heron Drive  
 Continue onto Chaparral Drive  
 Right onto Raven Street  
 Right onto Blackbird Drive  
 Return to starting point

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## JULY 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                       | Monday                                    | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                                        | Friday                                               | Saturday                                               |
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|                                                                                                                                              |                                           |                               |                                                    | 1<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                                             | 2<br><br><i>CC Fireworks</i>                         | 3<br><br><i>July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade<br/>9:00 am</i> |
| 4<br><br><i>Independence Day</i><br><br><i>CC Fireworks</i> | 5                                         | 6<br><br>BOA meeting<br>7:00  | 7                                                  | 8<br><br>P&Z<br>mtg/6:00<br><br><i>Trash</i>                                    | 9<br><br><i>CC Fireworks</i>                         | 10                                                     |
| 11                                                                                                                                           | 12                                        | 13                            | 14                                                 | 15<br><br><i>HHPOA<br/>Board mtg<br/>5:30</i><br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i> | 16                                                   | 17                                                     |
| 18<br><br><i>National Ice Cream Day</i>                                                                                                      | 19                                        | 20<br><br>BOA meeting<br>7:00 | 21<br><br>Newsletter<br>articles/photo<br>deadline | 22<br><br>P&Z<br>mtg/6:00<br><br><i>Trash</i>                                   | 23<br><br><i>CC Fireworks</i>                        | 24<br><br><i>Cousins Day</i>                           |
| 25                                                                                                                                           | 26<br><br><i>Uncle &amp; Aunt<br/>Day</i> | 27                            | 28                                                 | 29<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                                            | 30<br><br><i>National<br/>Father- In-Law<br/>Day</i> |                                                        |

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