

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Board of Alderman

- The next BOA Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 7th, 7pm.**
- The Board of Alderman has been working to finalize our FY21-22 budget.
- The proposed budget includes a 3.5% tax rate increase.
 - o "This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$9,117 or 4.50%, and of that amount, \$2,153 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."
- The proposed budget documents can be found on our website:
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/financial-transparency/>
- Even with this increase, Highland Haven will continue to have the lowest tax rate of any city on Lake LBJ.
- The proposed budget also includes a 3% increase on residential water rates.
- **Public hearings for the proposed FY21-22 budget and tax rate** will be held **7pm, September 7th** at the Highland Haven Community Center. After which the Board may vote to adopt the budget and ratify the tax rate.
- The BOA will adopt the tax rate at a special meeting on Sept. 8th.
- Jeff Lederer, City Secretary, is now a commissioned Texas Notary Public.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- The Planning and Zoning Commission is fully staffed now. Thank you, **Linda Enderlin**, for stepping up to help maintain the quality of life in our community.
- **Debbie Dahlstrom** was confirmed as the new Planning and Zoning Commission Chairwoman.
- 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

- The Board of Alderman has approved changing the citywide speed limit to 25mph. We will be ordering signs and working with the County to replace 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 processes these permits.
- If you have questions regarding the permitting process or whether your project requires a permit, contact us at buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com or (830) 265-4366 office or (830) 637-0869 cell phone.

Fire Safety

- We are receiving complaints about numerous brush piles. Remove brush piles as soon as possible to reduce fire risks.
 - o Per Ord. #58 – “Piles of brush, logs, tree limbs, weeds, scrap lumber, dirt, gravel, construction debris, etc. will not be allowed to accumulate. Neatly stacked firewood is permissible. Piles of brush, logs, tree limbs, weeds, scrap lumber, dirt, gravel, construction debris, etc. will be removed after fourteen days.” <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-058-210504-REV-5.pdf>
- 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/>

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>

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.

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
HHLadiesclub20@gmail.com

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.

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 (cola, beer) in a tied plastic bag. NO aluminum foil, vegetable cans, etc...

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! Meet & Greet is at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Brisket, sausage, beans & potato salad are being donated for the potluck, so bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. We need to get a good number to the caterer for those attending. If you would like to join us for the September potluck, please call one of the following with your RSVP, no later than September 15th.

Teresa Smith 830-446-9685
Debra Barger 512-300-8110

Molly Chenault 512-731-7348
Patsy Craven 830-385-4866

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.



PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
Greg Rabaey, President

Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to attend the August Biannual Meeting, for the Highland Haven Property Owner Association (POA). You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

Summary Financial Statement
(as of July 31, 2021)

Reserve Accounts	Balance
Certificate of Deposit	\$61,958
Reserve Fund	\$901
Operating Accounts	
Checking	\$17,101
Petty Cash	\$3
Total Cash on Hand	\$79,962

Summary of Budgeted Income vs Expenses
(as of July 31, 2021)

	2021 Budgeted	As of July 31, 2021
Income	\$28,126	\$7,634
Expenses	(\$19,626)	(\$9,377)
Profit/Loss	\$8,500	(\$1,743)

The Storage & Trailer facilities remain fully rented, with waiting lists.

The Community Center is OPEN and ready for your family events. The center has been rented several times in the last few months. The center is presently being used 3-4 times a week for community focused events, with plans for Ladies Club and monthly Potlucks to resume in the fall.

It's been an exceptional busy year for our Parks & Grounds maintenance. With the ice storm and hard freeze, several windstorms, the wetter than normal spring and summer, it's been difficult to keep ahead of all the landscape maintenance and small projects. In addition, we have nearly a half dozen maintenance projects either in planning or under.

Please take a minute this week to THANK ALL our volunteer POA Board Members.

CONDOLENCES



Our longtime friend and neighbor **Jack Fraser** passed away on Tuesday, September 24th. Please keep his wife **Joyce** & their family in your prayers. Jack was an active member in our community for many years by volunteering his time with our city and POA. He also partnered with Curtis Fry to provide civil engineering services for our community.

REMINDER ... SEPTEMBER POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, September 28th



Our first Potluck of 2021 is scheduled for next month. Make plans to attend, meet new neighbors and catchup with "old ones". Brisket, sausage, beans & potato salad will be provided. Just bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. Meet & greet is at 6:00pm with the meal being served at 6:30pm. RSVPs are necessary to provide a count for the caterer. Contact one of the following Ladies Club members if you're planning to attend.

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PEC – HOW TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USAGE & SAVE MONEY

The following link lists ways people can reduce their energy usage and save money on their electric bills.

Visit this link for energy usage savings and many other ideas and tips:

<https://www.pec.coop/savings/power-rush-hour/what-you-can-do/>

HELP REDUCE NEWSLETTER COSTS and SAVE A TREE

Send your email address to the link below to begin receiving the electronic version. If you are receiving both the electronic and a mailed version, send a message to the link below and we'll remove your name from the USPS version.

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

highlandhavennews@gmail.com



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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Trash</i>	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7 BOA Meeting 7:00	8 Ladies Club Mtg 1:30 ~ BOA Special Meeting 7:00	9 P&Z 6:00 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>
12 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	13	14	15	16 HHPO Board Mtg 5:30 <i>Trash</i>	17 <i>Constitution Day</i>	18
19 <i>National Talk Like a Pirate Date</i>	20	21 BOA Meeting 7:00	22	23 P&Z 6:00 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	24	25
26	27	28 POTLUCK DINNER RSVP by Sept 15	29	Oct 1 <i>Trash</i>	Oct 2	Oct 3