



HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

Notice to all Residents and Property Owners

- Our water system is completely operational. During the recent severe winter weather, many houses had frozen and broken water lines and plumbing fixtures.
- If your water was turned off using the City meter valve, call the City to have it turned back on. **Do not attempt to operate this valve.** These valves can be easily damaged and require costly repairs, for which the property owner will be responsible.
- Property owners can use the “property owner cutoff valve” to turn off their water service.
 - o This valve may be inside the meter box or just outside the meter box and usually has a handle easily turned by the property owner
- During the recent severe weather event, we found that many property owner cutoff valves were:
 - o Completely covered and inaccessible
 - o Inoperable and needed replacement
- Property owners need to locate this valve and have a plumber replace it if it is inoperable.
- Call the City if you need assistance with locating your property owner cutoff valve.
- Property owners are urged to inspect all plumbing lines and fixtures (*including water softeners and hot water heaters*) immediately for leaks. Be sure to inspect water well systems and waterfront structures that are connected to a water system.
- Non-resident property owners are urged to visit their houses as soon as possible to inspect their property and make repairs. Some houses had water line breaks inside the house and incurred interior damage which if left unrepaired could generate costly mold remediation.

Severe Winter Weather Thanks

- **Thanks to Pedernales Electric Coop for power restoration and preventive tree trimming.** PEC deployed crews that worked around the clock for 2 days re-establishing power and trimming trees that were knocking out primary electrical lines.
- **Thanks to Jim Luther, County Commissioner, for sanding our bridge and keeping us informed on road conditions.** Jim also delivered cases of bottled water for anyone that needed drinking water.
- **Thanks to County Judge James Oakley for coordinating emergency efforts throughout the County, monitoring our power outages and coordinating with PEC.**
- **Thanks to Sunset Utilities including Ricky Rowe and Pete Freehill for working around the clock keeping our water system up and operational.**
- **Thanks to all of the neighbors who were checking on and helping neighbors! This is what makes our community special!**

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.**
- 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!**

HH Water System

- The rolling backouts caused a few problems for our generator system and we have already begun scheduling these repairs.
- During the severe winter weather, we had many homes with major water lines breaks. These open lines were flowing so much water that at one point our water wells could not keep up with the flow and the level of our **ONLY** storage tank was quickly approaching a critical level. An emergency email message was sent to the community (including Shady Acres and Nobles) asking residents to check their homes and their neighbors for broken plumbing and immediately report broken water lines.
- **YOUR response was outstanding!!** We were able to immediately isolate those homes with broken water lines. **YOUR action** immediately reversed our falling water levels in our **ONLY** storage tank.
- We continued to monitor and isolate homes with broken plumbing lines for the next 2 days as temperatures rose and frozen lines thawed.
- Daily water use is still much higher than what is typical for this time of the year. Continue looking for and reporting any suspected water leaks to City Hall.

COVID-19

- For the latest vaccine information click on these weblinks.
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx> or www.highlandhaventx.com
 - o Baylor Scott and White has been designated as a vaccine hub for Burnet County
 - o Burnet County residents are strongly encouraged to sign up either by internet <https://www.bswhealth.com/covid-vaccine> or phone 844-279-8222.
- Below is a link to a map of 4 COVID Test Sites in Burnet County.
 - o <https://www.covidtest.tdem.texas.gov/>
- 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

- Candidate filing was open from January 13- February 12 for 3 alderman positions. By the closing of filing period, only 3 applications were received. Those applications were submitted by the 3 incumbents and the Board of Alderman will consider cancelling the election at their March 2nd Board of Alderman meeting.
- Aldermen and the mayor serve 2-year terms and the terms are staggered. Three (3) alderman positions are scheduled for election every other year and 2 alderman and the mayor positions in the alternate year.
- Incumbents who will be completing their terms include: **Alderswoman Lorinda Peters, Alderswoman Lynn Smith and Alderman Terry Smith.**
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- 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.

Solid Waste Service

- Trash and recycling service will resume normal service schedule on February 25th.
- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-Highland-Haven-Recycle-Calendar.pdf>

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 or (830) 265-4366 office or (830) 637-0869 cell phone.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- **P&Z Chair Ken Nickel** submitted his resignation effective the end of February. Be sure to pass along our thanks to Ken for his many years of community service for Highland Haven. We wish our best to Ken and Cara as they move to their new home.
- The next P&Z Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 25, 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.
- Granite Shoals Fire Dept. needs volunteers. **Call Chief Austin Stanphill at 830-596-8110** for more information.

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/>

Stay current with City of Highland Haven emergency notifications, critical updates and the community newsletter. Our newsletter often includes photos, and the color and clarity are more distinct via the electronic version vs the printed version. Send an email to the link below.

Include your name and Highland Haven address. HighlandHavenNews@gmail.com

PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

On behalf of all our Property Owners, I would like to offer a special THANK YOU to **Betty Ward** for her stewardship and steady leadership over the last 2 years, as POA President. Our departing board members, **Betty Ward, Glen French, Ken Nickel, and David Langford** have set a high bar with their servant leadership and volunteerism. I think I speak for all our new and returning board members when I say that we will do our best to continue the high standard set by our previous board members.

This new year of 2021 brings to us all, a new opportunity as we begin to put the health and financial calamity of 2020 behind us. Our Property Owners Association (POA) has many wonderful assets, with our parks, swimming area at Dove Park, boat launch, community center, and storage units. All of these are available for use (or rent) by ALL members of our POA. I would encourage you to visit our parks, rent our community center for your next family gathering, or swim at our new Dove Park swim dock.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to share your ideas on ways to make our community more accessible and more welcoming to all our members.

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Teresa Smith, President

HHLadiesclub20@gmail.com

Ladies Club Monthly Meeting: The next Ladies Club meeting will be March 10, 2021 at 1:30pm. Come join us!

Highland Haven Community Directory: The work continues to have a new resident community directory ready for purchase in April 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.

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.

Memorial Day Event: We are working on possibly having an event for Memorial Day. More information to come in March or April.

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.

We would like to thank our **Mayor, Olan Kelley**, for his commitment to our community. He has been out checking on everyone, making sure the water stayed on and keeping us informed with updates during this recent icy weather.

THANK YOU MAYOR KELLEY

Kudos to **Olan Kelley** for going above and beyond his duties as Mayor of Highland Haven. He not only made sure our neighbors were safe and secure but kept an eye on our water system during all the electrical outages. He also took time to keep us informed as the weather worsened. We appreciate how he carries out his responsibilities in a warm and caring manner.

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Do you have a new neighbor? Please share this information with them.

HIGHLAND HAVEN March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 <i>Trash</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ladies Club 1:30 pm	11 P&Z meeting <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	15	16 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i> Newsletter articles due	18 <i>Trash</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 P&Z meeting <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	26 ,	27
28	29	30	31	April 1 st <i>Trash</i>		