

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans

- **September is National Emergency Preparedness month.** National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Below are links to information to help you prepare for an emergency.
 - o <https://texasready.gov/build-a-kit/disaster-supply-checklist.html>
 - o <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
 - o <https://www.weather.gov/owlie/emergencysupplieskit>
 - o <https://www.fema.gov/blog/10-items-include-your-emergency-kit>
- **CERT Training is scheduled to begin for October 6.** The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course will cover home safety plans, fire extinguishers, basic first aid, food safety, shelter fundamentals, and more.
 - o Classes are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays in Burnet at the Burnet County AgriLife Extension office, 607 N. Vandever St., Room 14, South Wing
- Citizens interested in participating in CERT training should sign up at
 - o <https://burnetcountycert.org/>
- **It is never too early to,**
 - o Sign up for early warning notices (see below),
 - o Plan for emergencies and,
 - o Confirm your insurance is up to date.
- **Highland Haven Emergency Notices**
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/>
- **Warn Central Texas**
 - o 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)**
 - o Register at <https://www.lcra.org/water/floods/floodgate-operations-notification-system/Pages/default.aspx>
 - o or call 512-578-3246 or 800-776-5272, Ext. 3246
- **LCRA Flood Operations Report** <https://floodstatus.lcra.org/>
- **LCRA Hydromet**
 - o Get the latest information for the Highland Lakes area including rainfall amounts, rainfall radar images and river flow data. <https://hydromet.lcra.org/>

Board of Alderman

- The Board of Alderman has finalized the budget for next year. A public hearing for the budget was held on August 2nd and we had a great citizen turnout. The Board took the comments from the public hearing and adjusted the budget to address resident concerns at a budget workshop on August 12th. The Board adopted

the budget on August 16 and adopted the tax rate of \$.1260 per \$100 valuation on August 23rd. This is the same tax rate as last year.

- This budget includes funding for a staff cost of living increase and the phase-in of a city administrator. These increases will help us retain staff and provide our community with a city administrator to manage day to day operations and manage the water system. Water fees were increased by 3% which will help us fund continued improvements to our system. The adopted budget can be viewed online at:
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/financial-transparency/> .
- The adopted budget is also posted on the bulletin board behind City Hall.
- Our fire contract with Granite Shoals will remain at \$85,000 for next year. G.S. Fire and Marble Falls Area EMS contracts currently require approximately one half of our total city property tax collection.
- City staff continues to work on our codification project (reformatting ordinances), as well as, transitioning to a new accounting program.
- **Next BOA meeting is 7pm, September 6th.** BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are held in the Community Center.

Water System

- **We are still in Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions.** Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District moved into Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions effective June 13th. Stage 4 is the highest out of a total of four stages. **Stage 4 calls for voluntary conservation of groundwater by 30 percent.** Our water system is permitted by Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.
- Our voluntary conservation efforts **have not** generated a reduction in water use.
- Visit the weblinks below for more information.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Stage-4-Critical-Drought-Without-Mandatory.pdf>
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ConservingWaterOutdoor.pdf>
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>
- Highland Haven water system supply is from water wells (groundwater) so everyone should voluntarily reduce use.
- **We are asking everyone to reduce their outdoor water usage and follow the LCRA lawn watering schedule below.**
 - 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.
- **LCRA Stage 1 Drought Conditions News Release** <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/drought-conditions-require-lcra-to-cut-off-highland-lakes-water-for-agricultural-customers/>
- Texas Water Development Board water conservation tips <https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/6-ways-to-conserve-water-in-the-summer-heat.html>
- **Property owners irrigating with private wells and lake water should also be following the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District and LCRA restrictions.**

Invasive zebra mussels and aquatic plant management info

- Below are LCRA and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. weblinks for more information regarding these invasive species.
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/download/zebra-mussel-faqs-for-homeowners/?wpdmdl=26495>
 - o https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/nuisance_plants/
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/>
 - o <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/>
 - o <https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/248/Managing-Aquatic-Plants>
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/download/2016-aquatic-veg%E2%80%A6tion-handout-pdf/?wpdmdl=16555>

- Managing these invasive species are a responsibility of the property owners. Some neighboring property owners are coordinating their efforts and using a private company to treat their adjacent waterfront areas. Visit this website for more info <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/applicators/>
- If you are using lake water for irrigation, you should monitor your system and immediately remove any debris or zebra mussels to avoid pump damage.

Solid Waste Service

- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Highland-Haven-Recycle-2022.pdf>

Fire Safety

- **Burnet County Burn Ban is still effective.**
- Please help us keep our community safe and remove all brush piles. **Whittlesey Landscaping in Granite Shoals will take brush and lawn clipping for a small fee.**
- Piles of brush, limbs, leaves, and lawn clippings should be removed as soon as possible to lower the risk of an accidental fire around our homes.

Trees and Shrubs

- Property owners need to continue monitoring their trees to determine if their trees need dead limbs removed. Weekly we see tree services working in Highland Haven cutting out dead limbs or removing dead trees.
- Contact Pedernales Electric Cooperative if you have limbs that could fall and damage powerlines.
 - o <https://www.pec.coop/safety/yard/#:~:text=Tree%20Trimming&text=If%20you%20see%20trees%20growing,to%20safely%20clear%20the%20vegetation.>
- Please check and make sure your tree limbs are trimmed back to provide a minimum clearance of 15' above streets to accommodate emergency vehicles, trash trucks and RV's.

Building 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 (210)710-8739.
- **Tom Weaver** is our **Building Permit Official** and can help you with the permit.

Planning and Zoning Commission

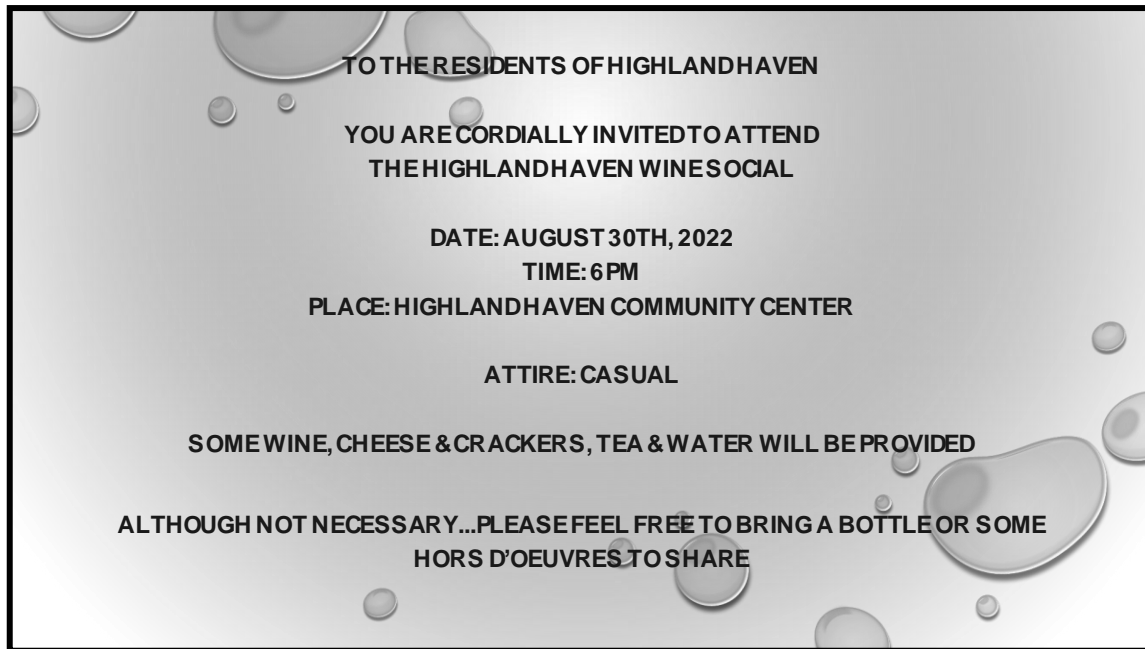
- Next meeting is 6pm, September 8th. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. Watch for postings for future meeting dates.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

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.

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume



Save the following Dates:

Aug 30th @ 6pm Wine Social

Sept 14th @ 1pm (Social)...1:30pm Ladies Club Meeting

Sept 24th @ 3pm Highland Haven's 1st Bosseln Tournament

Sept 27th @ 6pm BBQ Potluck

Your Volunteerism and Dedication to the Highland Haven Ladies Club and Our Community makes these social events possible. Thank You!

You might not know...

The Ladies Club has an aluminum can recycling bin near City Hall. This income helps purchase supplies for Our Community potlucks. And without **Robert & Debbie Dahlstrom's** dedication and efforts we would not be able to provide this to you. Thank you, **Robert & Debbie!** We will try to do our part as a Community to take care of things while you recuperate from your knee surgery. Get well soon! ❤️

We would like to commend the actions & efforts of those who wish to recycle. We ask that you please put your Aluminum Cans (beer & soda ONLY & NO aluminum foil, vegetable cans, etc...) into plastic bags before going into the recycling bin. Please also remember to remove all trash including cardboard boxes. As you can imagine, doing something so simple can make a volunteers' efforts easier or harder. Thank You for doing your part.

... REMINDER ...

We are still in Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions

All residents must do their part and reduce water usage by 30%

The Burnet County Burn Ban is still effective.

PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Biannual Meeting Update

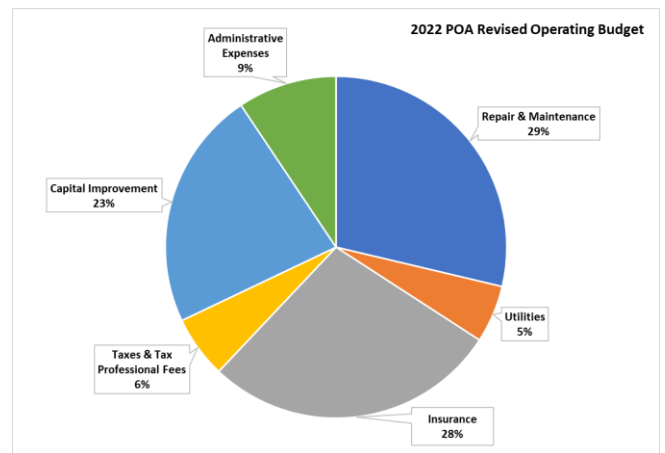
Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to attend the August Biannual Meeting, for the Highland Haven Property Owner Association (POA). You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

Summary Financial Statement (as of July 31, 2022)

Funds	Balance
Reserve	\$35,000
Operating	\$31,391
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
Total Cash on Hand*	\$98,391
*As of July 31, 2022	

Summary of Budgeted Income vs Expenses (as of July 31, 2022)

There were several important and significant changes to our 2022 operating budget. As you are probably aware, inflation shows up everywhere. For the POA, this impact was felt most acutely for our property and liability insurance expenses. Through the efforts of several of our POA Board members, we spent a lot of time reviewing our liability coverages and property coverages. Despite our best efforts, to find the right-size coverages, our 2022 insurance expenses have **TRIPLED** from 2021. Insurance expenses and Repairs & Maintenance now make up nearly 60% of the POA operating budget. Here's pie showing an expense break down the 2022 POA operating budget.



The Storage & Trailer facilities waiting lists have shortened up. There ARE some spots available. If you're interested in a storage locker or a trailer storage spot, please contact Johnnie Farris; 512-809-6964.

Our next regular POA Business meeting is September 15th. We hope to see you there!

Please take minute this week to THANK ALL our volunteer POA Board Members. And THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!




SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Longtime resident **Betty Prince** was recognized at the August 2, 2022, Board of Alderman meeting for 13+ years of volunteer work assisting with the Highland Haven Newsletter. Thank you, **Betty**, for your dedication to our community!

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September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30 Wine Social 6pm 	Aug 31	Sept 1 Trash	2 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	3
4	5 Labor Day Quilting 10 am Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 Bridge 7 pm	6 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm Trash & Recycle	9 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	10
11 Patriot Day	12 Quilting 10 am Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 Bridge 7 pm	13	14 Ladies Club Mtg 1 pm	15 Trash	16 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	17
18	19 Quilting 10 am Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 Bridge 7 pm	20 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	21 HH Newsletter article/photo deadline 5:00 pm	22 Trash & Recycle	23 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	24 1 st Bosseln Tournament 3 pm
25	26 Quilting 10 am Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 Bridge 7 pm	27 BBQ Potluck 6 pm	28	29 Trash	30 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	

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