

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

### **Get out and vote!**

- Please vote! Highland Haven is known for its high percentage of active voters! Eligible voters have some very important decisions to make in the upcoming primary runoff elections.
  - o **Early voting is open May 16-20**
  - o **Election Day is May 24**
  - o Sample ballots can be found in the Highlander and at <https://burnetcountyelections.com/>

### **Water System**

- Burnet County Groundwater Conservation District moved into Stage 3 drought conditions effective April 19<sup>th</sup>. Stage 3 is the second highest out of a total of four stages. Stage 3 calls for voluntary conservation of groundwater by 20 percent.
- Visit the weblinks below for more information.
  - 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 watering schedule.

### **Invasive zebra mussels and aquatic plant management info**

- Many residents have been calling City Hall reporting invasive zebra mussels and aquatic plants. We have been in touch with LCRA and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. and asked them for guidance as to how to manage both. Below are 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/](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://aquaplant.tamu.edu/applicators/>
  - 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 species are a responsibility of the property owners. Some neighboring property owners are coordinating their efforts around their adjacent waterfront areas to improve mitigation measures.

### **No Dumping in the Lake**

- Please advise your neighbors, guests and lawn service companies that disposing of leaves, grass or other refuse in the lake is not allowed. It is a violation of Ordinance 58.
- According to LCRA, dumping of organic waste, such as leaves and grass, into the lake has a direct effect on water quality, and water quality is directly related to harmful algae growth.

### **Solid Waste Service**

- The Citywide Document Shredding was a huge success we shredded over 2,500 pounds of paper.
- Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Highland-Haven-Recycle-2022.pdf>

### **Board of Alderman**

- The Board of Alderman is working on the budget for next year. Daily the news has reported the rapid financial changes across the country. These changes will have a significant impact on our budget. Inflation is currently hovering around 9%. We don't have all the information yet for some of our critical services such as fire protection; however, below are some examples of issues we are facing.
  - o Fuel prices are affecting delivery costs for products. Chlorine, used for water treatment, is up 40%.
  - o Personnel costs are up. Many of the surrounding cities, school systems and the county are considering significant cost of living salary increases to offset the effects of inflation.
- Next BOA meeting is June 7th. BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are held in the Community Center.

### **Fire Safety**

- **Burnet County issued a Burn Ban effective 3/9/22. Burnet County has been in an elevated fire status for several weeks and many grass/brush fires have been reported.**
- 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.
- Even though we have received some light precipitation recently, Burnet County remains in a drought status.

### **Trees and Shrubs**

- Property owners need to monitor their trees over this spring 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.
- 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](mailto: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**

- Many thanks to **Debbie Dahlstrom** for her service on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Debbie is stepping down after 3 years of service.
- Welcome **Bruce Robertson** who has volunteered to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bruce was nominated by **Don Hagans** and approved by the Board of Alderman at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. 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.

### **Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans**

- Burnet County recently dodged a devastating storm. Besides the tornado there were reports of 5” hailstones. It is never too early,
  - o To sign up for early warning notices,
  - o To plan for emergency evacuation and
  - o To confirm your insurance is up to date.

### **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)**

- 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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## **HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB**

*Pat Koehn, President*

The May Ladies Club meeting began with the election of officers for 2022-23, followed by the monthly meeting at 1:30 pm. New officers will take office on September 14th. Congratulations to the following ladies:

**President Elect - Sherry Hume**

**Vice President Elect - Donna Braun**

**Returning Secretary - Debra Barger**

**Returning Treasurer - Patsy Craven**

Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of each month, September thru May. Each meeting begins with snacks and a social time starting at 1:00 with a business meeting immediately following at 1:30. All ladies of Highland Haven are invited to join the Ladies Club. Please join us if you can, we would love to meet you! There is no cost, just an opportunity to meet and enjoy your neighbors.

Mark your calendars as the Ladies Club will be Posting the Flags of all our Military Service Branches between City Hall and the Community Center on the following dates:

**Monday, May 30, 2022, Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Flag Day**

**Monday, July 4, 2022, Independence Day**

**Friday, November 11, 2022, Veterans Day**

A Potluck Set-Up Committee has been formed to make monthly Potluck Suppers easier. More details later will be provided, at a later time. Volunteer host/hostesses are needed for each Potluck dinner. Duties include making iced

tea, providing ice, bread & butter, simple table decorations, cutting and plating desserts, and cleaning up afterwards. All disposable items for potluck suppers are purchased by the Ladies Club. Three couples or 5 or 6 friends can easily host a potluck supper. The officers will help you. Please consider signing up to be a host or hostess when we begin again in the Fall. NOTE ... **no Potluck Supper in May** due to the 3-day holiday weekend **and none during summer months. Potluck suppers will resume in September.**

Upcoming Summer Events  
*hosted by Ladies Club*  
July ... Annual Fourth of July parade (see June newsletter for details)  
August ... a Wine and Cheese Social

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**PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**  
*Greg Rabaey, President*

**Memorial Day Wish**

Memorial Day was officially established as a national public holiday in 1868 by General John A. Logan, head of a group of Union veterans. The holiday was originally called Decoration Day—named for the decoration of soldiers' graves—but the name gradually changed until it officially became Memorial Day in 1967.

Memorial Day honors the men and women who gave away their comforts and lives so that we can enjoy 365 days of freedom with our family. Don't forget to honor our heroes.

To all active duty and retired US Service Men & Women, We **Thank YOU** for your service.  
To our brothers, our sisters, our fathers and mothers, our friends, and our fellow neighbors who served faithfully, we **Thank YOU** for your service.

We inherit the legacy of you, our heroes, who brought honor and freedom to our country. We will use you as our example, to find the courage to lead our country and our community through these difficult times.

Have a safe Memorial Weekend

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**Silver Sneakers Classic & Circuit Classes for Men & Women**  
*Highland Haven Community Center*

Classic Class begins May 3<sup>rd</sup> ... class is every Tuesday, 11:45 – 12:45  
Circuit Class starts May 13<sup>th</sup> ... class is every Friday, 11:45-12:45  
\* Be sure to bring a water bottle to class

**Brief description of the classes**

*Silver Sneakers Classic* – a full-body workout designed to improve strength and increase overall mobility for daily living activities. This includes some light and easy to follow strength and endurance training. Participants will use hand-held weights, elastic tubing, and a ball. Some of the class work is done seated or using a chair for standing support.

*Silver Sneakers Circuit* – designed to increase your cardiovascular and muscular endurance power with a standing circuit workout. We'll do upper body strength work with hand-held weights, elastic tubing, and a ball alternating with non-impact aerobics choreography. You must be able to stand for 30 minutes to participate in this class.





City Secretary Lezley Baum swears in Aldermen Don Hagans, Terry Nuss and Mayor Olan Kelley

## Camp Champions 2022 Fireworks Schedule

June 17<sup>th</sup>  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Fireworks begin at dark. We hope you enjoy viewing the fireworks from lakeside.**

## PEC Elections

Pedernales Electric Cooperative, your electric utility, is owned and democratically governed by its members. As a member, you have a voice and a vote in our annual elections. This year, you can vote to fill a seat on the PEC Board of Directors for districts 4 and 5. To learn more about PEC you can view information regarding your Cooperative [here](#).

ONLINE AND EARLY VOTING in the 2022 PEC Board election is OPEN FROM MAY 18, 2022, 12:01 A.M. CDT THROUGH JUNE 10, 2022, 5:00 P.M. CDT. Vote early to be eligible to win bill credits. Winners will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting and do not need to be present to win.

- **3 - \$500** bill credits, 1st week of voting through May 25
- **5 - \$250** bill credits, 2nd week of voting through June 1
- **25 - \$150** bill credits, 3rd week of voting through June 8

Members must vote online or by mail (ballots have also been mailed) and can find the various methods for voting and instructions [by clicking here](#). No in-person voting, or ballots will be accepted at PEC offices or at the Annual Membership Meeting. Board candidate information is available on both the online ballot and the mailed ballot. In addition, information about each candidate can be viewed [here](#).

Technical support is available Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CDT, excluding holidays. Please call 866-909-3549 or email [support@directvote.net](mailto:support@directvote.net).

For other election-related questions, visit [pec.coop/elections](https://pec.coop/elections), call 888-554-4732 or email [election@peci.com](mailto:election@peci.com).

## BOSSELN *Sherry Hume*

Coming to Highland Haven In September  
(Weekend or weekday? Exact date to be determined based on sign up.)

In the Spirit of Oktoberfest, come play a "version" of Bosseln

What's Bosseln???

Think of a mix between road bowling & golf  
It's an easy team sport. Be ready to walk a mile or more. Bring your own snacks & beverage.  
Come out to play, meet your neighbors, and have fun!

See attached links in English and German (I think)  
<https://youtu.be/OSHOdGiaZFI> <https://youtu.be/IvycxKiiROw> <https://youtu.be/E9RrsT3eBTg>  
Call Sherry Hume 210-305-3594 for further info and to sign up.

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## June 2022

| Sunday                                       | Monday                                                                                | Tuesday                                                | Wednesday                                                   | Thursday                                                     | Friday                                           | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 29                                       | May 30<br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>                                                         | May 31<br>NO<br>Potluck Dinner                         | 1                                                           | 2<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                          | 3<br><br><i>Circuit Class<br/>11:45 – 12:45</i>  | 4        |
| 5                                            | 6<br><i>Quilting<br/>10 am<br/>Silver Sneakers<br/>11:45 – 12:45<br/>Bridge 7 pm</i>  | 7<br><b>BOA meeting<br/>7:00 pm</b>                    | 8                                                           | 9<br><b>P&amp;Z meeting<br/>6:00 pm</b><br><br><i>Trash</i>  | 10<br><br><i>Circuit Class<br/>11:45 – 12:45</i> | 11       |
| 12                                           | 13<br><i>Quilting<br/>10 am<br/>Silver Sneakers<br/>11:45 – 12:45<br/>Bridge 7 pm</i> | 14<br><b>FLAG DAY</b>                                  | 15<br>HH Newsletter<br>article/photo<br>deadline<br>5:00 pm | 16<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                         | 17<br><br><i>Circuit Class<br/>11:45 – 12:45</i> | 18       |
| 19<br><br><i>Father's Day<br/>Juneteenth</i> | 20<br><i>Quilting<br/>10 am<br/>Silver Sneakers<br/>11:45 – 12:45<br/>Bridge 7 pm</i> | 21<br><b>BOA meeting<br/>7:00 pm</b>                   | 22                                                          | 23<br><b>P&amp;Z meeting<br/>6:00 pm</b><br><br><i>Trash</i> | 24<br><br><i>Circuit Class<br/>11:45 – 12:45</i> | 25       |
| 26                                           | 27<br><i>Quilting<br/>10 am<br/>Silver Sneakers<br/>11:45 – 12:45<br/>Bridge 7 pm</i> | 28<br>NO Potluck<br>Dinners<br>during summer<br>months | 29                                                          | 30<br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                         |                                                  |          |

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