

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

Board of Alderman

- The Board of Alderman and city staff are currently discussing and preparing the FY25 budget. Our budget is due by the first week of August. The Board will be using regular meetings and work sessions to discuss/develop the budget. Please take the time to attend these public meetings.
- Upcoming BOA meetings are June 4th and June 18th, at 7pm in the Community Center.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.
- Review BOA Agendas and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Traffic Safety

- Residents continue to report speeding vehicles. These reports include pets being hit and near-miss incidents potentially involving golf carts, walkers, and bicycles. Reports indicate marked and unmarked commercial vehicles as well as resident/visitor private vehicles are speeding.
- The City of Highland Haven does not have a police department, so we rely on the Burnet County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to enforce traffic laws on Highland Drive (aka CR 125). Most of the reports we have received are regarding speeding vehicles on Highland Drive. We have requested increased patrols by BCSO to address these concerns.
- We have also borrowed radar speed trailers to collect data such as the number of vehicles entering Highland Haven, the speed of the vehicles as well as dates and times. We will be moving these trailers to other areas of our community to collect data in those locations as well. This data will be shared with the BCSO to better schedule additional patrols.
- If you observe a vehicle being operated in a hazardous manner, immediately report such to the Burnet County Sheriff's Office and provide them with a vehicle description, date and time.

Water Conservation

- The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District now produces a monthly newsletter. Please take a moment and sign up for this newsletter at this web address.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/newsletters/>
- On May 23, 2024, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District voted to continue 10% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. The MANDATORY reductions are effective through December 31, 2024. The CTGCD reviewed the drought status at their May 23rd meeting and lowered the Drought Status to Stage 3 due to the recent rains and encouraging improvements in the area aquifers.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>
- The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit has been reduced from 82-acre feet to 73-acre feet; therefore, all Highland Haven water customers are required to continue their efforts to reduce water use.
- **The City of Highland Haven follows the LCRA outdoor watering schedule. Effective June 3, 2024, LCRA has returned to Stage 1 of their drought plan.**
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/lcra-returns-to-stage-1-of-its-drought-response-as-lake-levels-increase/>

- Updated Outdoor Watering Schedule
 - Wednesdays and Saturdays for addresses ending in odd numbers.
 - Thursdays and Sundays for addresses ending in even numbers.
 - Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.
 - November through February: No watering.
 - <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>.
- As a public water system, we are required by TCEQ, TWDB and the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District to have a **drought contingency plan**. The Board of Alderman is now reviewing our draft Drought Contingency Plan during their regular meetings.
- Texas A&M has developed a lawn irrigation application “Water my Yard” that uses local rainfall data to provide weekly watering advice. We have used this application for over a year now and it is very accurate and helps with reducing water use and maintaining our lawns. See link below for more information.
 - <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>

Utility Services

- New water rates went into effect January 2024. Over 70% of all water used in the summer months is for lawn irrigation. Residents and property owners can monitor their water use by reading their own meter before and after your irrigation system cycles. This will help you understand the difference between your summer water bill and your winter water bills.
- Water and trash service customers can save time and stress by enrolling in our ACH program.
- The City of Highland Haven offers automatic bank draft service (ACH). There is no fee for this service. Complete an application and return it to City Hall. Application can be found at
 - <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ACH-Authorization-form.pdf>. Call City Hall if you have any questions 830-265-4366.
- If you wish to receive your monthly statement via email or text, you must establish an account through <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- If you wish to pay online use this link <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- To pay by phone or With Credit Card, call 830-265-4362.

Water System Improvements

- Work continues on the new water tanks project. The 2nd tank is now in use and electronic controls are now being installed. Installation of a bypass pipeline is next.
- New EPA and TCEQ operating requirements now mandate that all public water systems must conduct, regularly update, and maintain an inventory of all customer service lines by October 16, 2024, as part of a nationwide **Lead and Copper Rules Revisions** (LCRR) program. This includes the Highland Haven Water System. Customer service lines are the lines that extend from the city water meter to the residence. We are required to locate and report the composition of all customer service lines pipes (lead, galvanized, non-lead or unknown materials). We are using several methods to conduct this initial inventory which includes information gathered by the meter reading staff, water system repair staff and contractor staff. This program is multi-year and will require continual updates to the inventory data we are required to submit to TCEQ. We are also considering including customer service inspections requirements for all building permits issued by the City of Highland Haven. Once the inventory phase is complete there will be additional compliance requirements issued for public water systems including mandatory replacement of all lead and galvanized service lines. Let us know if you have any questions. Below is a weblink for more information regarding the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions program.
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/chemicals/lcrr>

Landscape Planning

- Grass is growing!!! Please mow your property to control snakes and other pests.
- Do not blow lawn clippings and leaves into the lake or on to city streets.

- Summer is approaching and we will most likely be under burn bans. Please start cleaning up any stacked leaves, limbs and lawn clippings now.
- Property owners and residents should plan for continuing drought conditions. As stated above, 70% of all residential water use is for watering landscaping.
- Review watering requirements for any new or replacement lawns, trees, and plants. Consider using plants and trees native to our area. Research water requirements as you plan for new landscaping plants. Check out these resources.
 - o <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/basic-landscape-design/lawns-in-the-home-landscape/>
 - o <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/ornamental-plants/trees-and-tree-care/>
 - o <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>
- Take time to consider placement of trees, before planting, to avoid future problems when the tree is fully grown. Below are some resources to consider before planting trees and shrubs.
 - o Backbone Nursery
 - <https://backbonevalleynursery.com/tree-planting-instructions/>
 - o Pedernales Electric
 - <https://www.pec.coop/reliability/vegetation-maintenance/planting-guidelines/>
 - o Highland Haven
 - <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ORDINANCE-37-210803-REV-6-1.pdf>
- 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.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next regular meeting is 6pm, June 16, 2024.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Review Agendas and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Solid Waste Service

- Highland Haven Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/waste-services/>

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.

Visit our website!

- Visit the website and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website. <https://highlandhaventx.com/>
- **You can subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email or both.**
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/>
- 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!**

Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans

- This information is included in all newsletters as part of our FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Below are links to information to help you prepare for an emergency.
 - <https://texasready.gov/build-a-kit/disaster-supply-checklist.html>
 - <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
 - <https://www.weather.gov/owlie/emergencysupplieskit>
 - <https://www.fema.gov/blog/10-items-include-your-emergency-kit>
- **It is never too early to sign up for emergency early warning notices.** You can now click on this link and sign up for the following. <https://highlandhaventx.com/emergency-resources/>
 - **Warn Central Texas**
 - **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**
 - **LCRA Flood Operations Report**
 - **LCRA Hydromet**



City Secretary Lezley Baum swearing in ***Aldermen Don Hagans, Terry Nuss and Mayor Olan Kelley.*** All 3 ran unopposed in the May 2024 election.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Memorial Day & Summer Wishes

We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Memorial Day weekend. We ask that you join us to take a moment to reflect on the significance of this important day. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day began after the Civil War to honor those who had given their lives in service to our country. Over time, it has evolved into a day of remembrance for all American military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day is more than a long weekend or a prelude to summer. It is a day to honor the bravery and dedication of the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedoms. Their sacrifices allow us to enjoy the liberties we often take for granted.

Throughout the summer, as you spend time with your loved ones, we encourage you to take a moment to remember and honor the sacrifices made by our fallen heroes. Reflect on the importance of unity and gratitude in all that we do. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to members of our community who have served in the military. Your service and sacrifices are deeply appreciated.

Need a Place for your Summer Family Reunion Party?

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your Fourth of July celebrations. We now have large room AND small library room rental options! Our Community Center is affordable and includes tables, chairs, and full kitchen facilities to accommodate up to 180 people. Residents may rent the WHOLE facility for \$200 or rent the library room with Kitchen for a small party for \$60. Non-Residents may rent the WHOLE facility for \$350 and Library room with Kitchen for \$100. Our Community Center has broadband WIFI access as part of your rental.

2024 Highland Haven POA Board Meeting Schedule:

The HH POA Board Meeting Schedule has been REVISED. Please mark your calendars ...

May 16 – Regular Business Meeting
June 20 -- Regular Business Meeting
August 10 -- Biannual Meeting
September 19-- Regular Business Meeting
November 14 Regular Business Meeting
December – NO MEETING
January 16, 2025 Regular Business Meeting
February 8, 2025 -- Biannual Meeting

Thanks to our Volunteers!

Please take a few minutes this week to ***THANK ALL our volunteers.***

LADIES CLUB **Sherry Hume, President**

Extremely Exciting News!!! The Ladies Club WILL CONTINUE for another year!!! Thanks to ***Pat Koehn, Marie Bass, Patsy Craven & Sherry Moore*** AND MANY OTHER Volunteers!

The revisions to the Bylaws were accepted. The meetings for next year, have been reduced to five(5)... held every other month starting in September through May.

Because the Ladies Club does so much in & for everyone in Highland Haven, no one wanted to see the Ladies Club dissolve. For many, the reality of that potential closure was very scary. THANKFULLY there is a core of Ladies who continue to volunteer. It is SO APPRECIATED! However, similar to any other organization...the Ladies Club would greatly benefit from fresh new faces & fresh ideas, your excitement, and your willingness to participate & volunteer. Please come out!

Since our last newsletter...

Have you seen the Lending Library??? It got a new roof & it lights up at night too!!! WOW!!! Thank you ***Joe Fernandez & Marie Bass!***

Even though we had more people attending the bingo game, ***Laura Stubblefield*** continues her streak as the BIG Bingo Winner!!! Congrats Laura! Game Night was lots of fun! Both Bingo & Game Night will continue during the summer & kids are welcome, with an adult.

Bosseln was a huge success! Four teams played for hours, laughing all the way down the road! Congratulations to ***William Fowler & Ray Estrada Jr.*** ...Team name: Esport ESX 360 for the win!

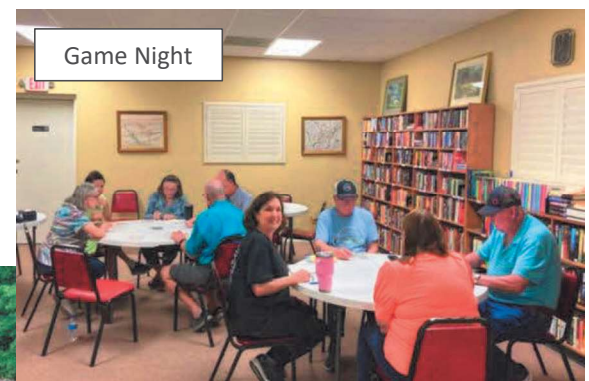
The CC looked beautiful at the April Potluck and was enjoyed by 60+ neighbors and 7 guests, Thanks to **Sally & Kent Cooper and Beth Nauert & Charles Webb!** Left over desserts were taken to the GS Fire Dept. The Raffle prize was organized by **Brenda Filla, Judy Kelley, & Sandra Hengst.** Thank You! The raffle winner was a new neighbor, **Cheri Finkelstein.** Congratulations Cheri! Everyone enjoyed themselves & got a chance to meet **Andy Adams, HH's 1st City Administrator!**

Our “Kick Off to Summer” Luau themed Social was AMAZING and Lots of Fun!!! Everyone brought yummy things to eat and looked so lovely in their leis & aloha attire! Thank You **Angela Whitley** for going all out from the Tiki Decorations to the drinks, food & games! Of course, great events have helpers...Thanks to **Natalie & Jack Graham, Tina & Ed Nechiporenko, Brenda & Eddie Filla, Chris & Nick Whitley, William Fowler, Jo Carol & Dylan & Vannah Thornblom, Ray Estrada Jr & Sherry Hume,** and many other helpers.

The Ladies Club continues to do things for the betterment & beautification of Highland Haven with our fellow partners & volunteering neighbors, the POA & City Hall. So, keep an eye out for changes in Highland Haven! And Thanks to the **POA**, the Ladies Club can successfully plan & hold free Community Events at the Community Center. Thank You!

Dates to Remember:

- __ Bosseln Game on 6/22/24 @ 6pm
- __ Bingo on 6/26/24 @ 1pm
- __ Game Night on 6/26/24 @ 7pm
- __ 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social on 7/4/24 @ 9am
- (Parade line up begins @ 8:30am & Ice Cream will be served afterwards)



Game Night



A Fun Game Of Bosseln



Bingo



New picnic table



The **Ladies Club** purchased & donated a picnic table to our **POA**. The new table is located on the open area between the Community Center & City Hall. **Brenda Weems & Lyn Smith** were the muscle behind putting the table together. **Marvin Filla** even jumped in and helped. Thank you!



ANNUAL 4th of JULY
PARADE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Parade begins at 9:00am



Our Annual 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social is quickly approaching. Participants are encouraged to decorate their golf cart, antique car, convertible, bicycle, e-bike, scooter, riding lawn mower, truck/trailer, etc. Parade lineup begins at 8:30 on July 4th at the intersection of Blackbird & Redbird, next to the Community Center. Leading us will be a GSVFD firetruck, if available. In past years, the parade has included 25 – 40+ participants. We again hope for an outstanding lineup. A map for the parade route is included for folks that prefer to setup a chair on the sidelines and cheer on the patriotic decorated “modes of transportation”. Immediately following the parade, ice cream will be served in the Community Center. This event has always been a fun time to meet neighbors. Also, don’t forget the fireworks show with the best viewing location at Swan Park! This is a tradition started by our neighbors - ***Camp Champions*** ... Thank you!!!



New City Hall Flag

Thank You to the ***Ladies Club*** for purchasing a new flag for City Hall. And another Thank You to ***Brenda Weems & Marvin Filla*** for assistance in installing the new flagpole.



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JUNE 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge lessons 3:00pm</i> ~ <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	4 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i> BOA meeting 7:00 pm	5 NO Ladies Club meeting	6 <i>Trash</i>	7 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	8
9	10 <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i>	12	13 P&Z business mtg 6:00pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	14 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i> <i>Camp Champions Fireworks</i>	15
16	17 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> ~ <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i> BOA meeting 7:00 pm	19	20 HHPOA Regular Business Mtg 5:30 ~ ~ ~ <i>Trash</i>	21 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	22 <i>Bosseln Game 6:00pm</i>
23	24 <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	25 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i> NO Potluck Dinner	26 <i>Bingo @ 1:00</i> <i>Game Night 7:00pm</i>	27 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	28 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45 ~ ~ ~</i> <i>Camp Champions Fireworks</i>	29
30	July 1 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge lessons 3:00pm</i> <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	July 2	July 3	July 4 July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social - 9:00am <i>Camp Champions Fireworks</i> <i>Trash</i>	July 5	July 6