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LADIES CLUB

Teresa Smith

ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

It is exciting to announce that our community will be able to come together for the annual Highland Haven 4th of July Parade on Monday, July 4th. Make plans to decorate your bike, golf cart, wagon, antique car/truck, scooter, wagon or *whatever*, to make our 4th of July parade the best ever! The parade line up starts at 8:30am at the community center with parade starting at 9am, led by the Granite Shoals Fire Department. Everyone is invited to participate. Immediately following the parade, there will be an ice cream social at the community center. An assortment of ice cream flavors and freezer pops will be served. Come out and visit with your neighbors, meet some new friends and enjoy the parade and the ice cream!!!

See parade map on page 4



CITY UPDATE

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Recent Car Burglaries

Since Easter Weekend we have had at least 3 reported incidents of car burglaries. The last was early on June 5. Suspects were arrested by [Burnet County Sheriff Deputy Kyle Schulze](#) at approx. 3am, Sunday, June 5. The Deputy had passed through Highland Haven while on patrol around 1:30am when he was called away. He returned and found a suspicious vehicle parked on Highland Drive that was not there earlier. He investigated and apprehended 3 suspects and found property/evidence in the vehicle that had been taken from a nearby residence. Other officers began a thorough search of the area and found many vehicles at several area residences with unlocked car doors.

The Sheriff's Office has asked that we re-double our efforts to be sure residences/garages and vehicles are locked to lessen criminal opportunities. Also remove all valuables and do not leave anything that might resemble valuables (bags, cases) in plain sight.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to Deputy Schulze and the other officers for their dedication to protecting our community. We especially thank Deputy Schulze for his keen observation of suspicious activity in our community and his quick actions.

<https://www.dailytrib.com/2022/06/06/three-suspects-in-several-highland-lakes-car-burglaries-arrested/>

FY 22-23 Budget Planning

The Board of Alderman started work in March planning for our next budget. The Board has been meeting and discussing budget issues in the BOA meetings and one budget workshop. Inflation and other economic factors have had an impact on us all and the City has experienced the same. So far, our biggest changes proposed in our next

budget is a cost-of-living increase for our city staff and adding a city administrator to manage our city. We anticipate an increase in property taxes to fund these changes.

Annually half of our property tax revenue is spent on fire protection and EMS contracts. Our EMS services are provided by Marble Falls Area EMS and no change to our contract costs are proposed for next year (\$14,000). We have yet to receive any budget information from Granite Shoals who provides our fire protection. Our 5-year contract with Granite Shoals for fire protection will end on Sept. 30, 2022 (\$85,000 currently). We have made many requests for this information but have not yet received anything. The mayor finally was able to meet with the Granite Shoals city manager, finance director and the fire chief last Friday where he indicated that the fire protection cost is critical to finalizing our budget plans.

William Fowler Honored

On June 9, Highland Haven resident **William Fowler** was honored by the Colorado River Alliance for his dedicated efforts to keep Lake LBJ clean. William was one of three recipients this year and was the only individual honoree.

William regularly cleans all 6 of the HHPOA waterfront parks and manages a Facebook page *Trash Environmental Fishing*. His actions and his Facebook page, with 650 followers, caught the eye of the Colorado River Alliance board. Congratulations William! We are proud of your accomplishment, as well as your influence on others to follow your lead.

<https://www.dailytrib.com/2022/06/10/city-of-marble-falls-keep-kingsland-beautiful-bobby-fowler-honored-at-awards-ceremony/>



Stage 4 Severe Drought

On June 13th the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) determined that the district (including Highland Haven) was in Stage 4 “Critical Drought Stage”. The City of Highland Haven Water System wells are permitted by the CTGCD and as such we are subject to the CTGCD restrictions. Stage 4 requires the City of Highland Haven to “Continue to encourage the practice of water conservation methods and reduce overall usage by 30%”. Should aquifer conditions worsen, CTGCD can require mandatory reductions. Please help us do our part to conserve water during this drought.

Below are critical actions outlined by CTGCD to help us to meet our 30% goal of reducing city water use.

- Re-use and re-circulate water whenever possible
- Check for and repair all leaks
- No watering of lawns or landscapes.
- No vehicle washing
- Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except when required for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.
- Providing groundwater to ponds, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, swimming pools, or other surface impoundments for holding water regardless of capacity is prohibited.
- Water for dust control only when required by law.
- Watering livestock in leak-proof troughs is highly recommended.

A full listing of water reduction actions can be found at:

<https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Stage-4-Critical-Drought.pdf> .

Fire Safety and High Heat Issues

We continue to have record heat and wildfires are popping up all around us. We are currently in the process of locating and notifying property owners with brush piles to remove them as quickly as possible to reduce our fire hazards, Ordinance #58. Recently in Highland Haven we experienced a brush fire that quickly involved a neighbor's outbuilding and caused significant damage. This very easily could have been a home.

There are many "neighborhood" brush piles that need to be removed. Do not add anything to these piles and contact the property owner where the pile is located and ask how you might assist with removing the debris. Some residents are using local tree companies to chip and/or remove the brush. Whittlesey Landscape Supplies in Granite Shoals, 2102 N. Phillips Ranch Road, is accepting brush (no bags of leaves, rocks, dirt, or trash accepted) for a fee, 830-268-4245.

Fireworks are Prohibited in Highland Haven

This is a reminder that the use of fireworks is prohibited in Highland Haven, Ordinance #27. Please advise your family and guests. If you wish to enjoy fireworks, you might consider watching one of the many fireworks shows produced by Camp Champions. Best viewing is from Swan Park.

- July 1, 4, 15, 29
- August 12

FYI, these firework shows may be cancelled by Burnet County if fire conditions warrant such.



Have a Safe Summer!

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Happy Fourth of July!

We don't have to tell you that its HOT! With the heat and lack of rain, water levels on the surrounding lakes of Travis and Buchanan are dropping rapidly. This means that we will see many visitors and lots of boats on Lake LBJ. This also means that we will have more visitors from outside our community of Highland Haven who may wish to use our parks, especially Dove Park, with its swimming area and boat ramp.

We remind everyone, that the PRIVATE parks and swimming area in Highland Haven are for use ONLY by Highland Haven Property Owners and their guests! Help us keep our parks safe and private. Please proudly display a HHPOA resident sticker if you park in OR use our parks.

If you need a sticker, please contact *Kelli Coppenger* (409-504-5666) or *Terri Harmon* (512-577-3971).

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence. We feel so proud to be a part of the most wonderful country in the world. We hope you have a great 4th of July holiday, celebrating our nation's freedom and independence.

Our **biannual Property Owner Association meeting** is **Saturday August 13, at 10:30am**. Please join us at the Community Center!

July 4th @ 9:00am

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Parade BEGINS @ 9:00am

Parade will proceed down Redbird to Highland Drive

- Right onto Highland Drive
Left on Flamingo Circle
Right on Highland Drive
Left on Bluebird Circle
Left on Highland Drive
Left on W. Heron Drive
Continue onto Chaparral Drive
Right onto Raven Street
Right onto Blackbird Drive
Return to starting point

Highland Haven Community Calendar

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	2
3	4 July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social ~ <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	5 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM	6	7 <i>Trash</i>	8 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	9
10	11 <i>Quilting</i> 10 am <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	12 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	13	14 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	15 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	16
17 National Ice Cream Day	18 <i>Quilting</i> 10 am <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	19 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 <i>Trash</i>	22 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	23
24 Parents' Day <div style="text-align: right;">31</div>	25 <i>Quilting</i> 10 am <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	26 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ NO potluck dinner	27	28 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	29 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	30 National Father-in-Law Day