## HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS



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#### CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor mayor@highlandhaventx.com

#### **Water Conservation**

- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) confirmed on November 17 that Burnet County is STILL in the Stage 4 Critical Drought Stage and further confirmed the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions are to remain in place. <a href="https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/">https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/</a>
- The CTGCD is planning a meeting in December to review the drought status of Burnet County. At this meeting the district will consider whether mandatory water reductions will continue..
- Our water wells remain in good shape; however, we must continue conservation efforts to reduce our monthly water use to comply with the CTGCD mandatory reductions.
- Check out these water conservation <u>landscape planning guides</u>.
  - o AgriLife
    - https://williamson.agrilife.org/files/2014/08/Native-and-Adaptive-Plants.pdf
  - o Texas Water Development Board
    - <a href="https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/newseason">https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/newseason</a> new water-wise landscape.html
    - https://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/brochures/conservation/doc/WaterGuide.pdf
- Visit LCRA WaterSmart website for lawn irrigation tips:
  - o https://www.lcra.org/water/watersmart/tools-resources/

#### **Water System**

- Winter weather will be coming soon. Take this opportunity to insulate exposed water pipes.
- Fencing has been installed around the work areas for the new water tanks. The contractor and our engineer are finalizing shop drawings for the storage tanks. Construction completion should be March 2024 barring unforeseen issues such as weather delays.

#### **Board of Alderman**

- Next BOA meeting is Tuesday, 7pm, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please attend this meeting to hear from Tim Campbell, Granite Shoals Fire Chief, about planning for the April Eclipse events.
- BOA meetings and work sessions are open to the public and held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <a href="https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/">https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/</a>.

#### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- Next meeting is 3pm, December 7<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <a href="https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/">https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/</a>.

#### **City Hall Holiday Hours:**

- City Hall will be closed December 21-26 for the Christmas Holidays. Staff will be working irregular hours December 27-29. For non-urgent calls please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

#### **Election News & Dates:**

- The City of Highland Haven General Election will be held on May 4, 2024.
  - o The Mayor position and 2 Board of Alderman positions are up for election.
  - o January 17, 2024, is the First day to file for a Place on the General Election Ballot.
  - o February 16, 2024, is the Last day to file for a Place on the General Election Ballot.
  - o Contact the City Secretary to pick up a Candidate Packet.

#### Fire Safety

- Burn ban has been lifted! https://www.burnetcountytexas.org/page/environ.burn
- Follow the rules for a controlled burn in Ord. #27
  - o <a href="https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf">https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf</a>
- Contact Granite Shoals Fire Dept. prior to starting an outdoor fire.
- Great time to install smoke detectors and/or change the batteries in the detectors.
- Please take time to show your appreciation to our firefighters and first responders.

#### Lawn Maintenance

- Do not dispose of leaves or lawn clippings into the lake. It is the property owner's responsibility to remind their lawn contractors that yard waste cannot be placed in the lake.\_

<a href="https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/#:~:text=Don't%20let%20grass%20clippings,plants%20can%20use%20to%20grow.">https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/#:~:text=Don't%20let%20grass%20clippings,plants%20can%20use%20to%20grow.</a>

#### **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.

#### Check out our website!

- Visit our website, <a href="https://highlandhaventx.com/">https://highlandhaventx.com/</a>, and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website.
- Subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email or both.
  - o https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/

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

- **Now is the time to prepare for winter emergencies.** 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
- 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. <a href="https://highlandhaventx.com/emergency-resources/">https://highlandhaventx.com/emergency-resources/</a>
  - **o** Warn Central Texas
  - **o** LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)
  - **o** LCRA Flood Operations Report
  - LCRA Hydromet

#### LADIES CLUB

### Sherry Hume, President

hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com

Thank You for your continued support in making Highland Haven such a wonderful place to live.

Thank you to our *Highland Haven Veterans & First Responders* & to those who came out to share their appreciation during our Veterans Day Event. Thanks to Patsy Craven & Sally Cooper for organizing & hosting, the LC for providing cake and refreshments, and *Christina & Bill Nabors* for the flag displays, everything was amazing!

Thanks to host & hostesses: Suzanne & Tom Weaver, Judy & Olan Kelley, and Ray Estrada Jr., the CC was beautifully decorated in fall colors for the October Potluck. Thanks to the 65+ residents who brought delicious foods & desserts to share, everyone had a wonderful time! Thanks to Brenda & Eddie Filla, leftovers were taken to the GS Fire Dept. Many Thanks to all the additional helpers. It takes a village & it's appreciated! Since the Christmas Dinner is in early December, there is NO Potluck in November.

The LC will be decorating the HH Bridge, City Hall, and the Community Center for the Holidays on December 4th at 1:00. We are also looking forward to seeing your beautiful yards for the LC Lighting & Yard Decoration Contest. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to have your lights/music on!

The Christmas Dinner, on December 10th, will be catered by Mrs. Vickie's. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy will be provided. Please bring Veggies, Sides, Salads, & Desserts to share. We will have a collection box for the Granite Shoals' Christmas Outreach Program. If you would like to help donate, Please bring a toy or canned food to the Christmas dinner. There will be a raffle door prize at the dinner. Tickets will be \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Congratulations to Linda Felps who won the October's Door Prize. Thank you Brenda Filla for organizing the raffle.

All ladies are invited to the LC Christmas Party & Gift Exchange on Wednesday, December 13th. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share & a gift (\$15 max) (NO GAG GIFTS please).

Hope you have a Happy Holiday Season!

#### PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

#### Nominations are now OPEN for POA Board Positions

The POA is seeking nominations for the following board positions for 2024: Vice President/Community Center Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you have any questions regarding responsibilities for each position, please contact Greg Rabaey, gregrabaey@gmail.com. Ballots will be mailed the first week in January with results presented at the February Biannual meeting. Our community has always had strong volunteers. Supporting each other is what makes Highland Haven a great community. Please consider serving in one of these positions.

#### Need a Place for a Holiday Party?

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your Holiday 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. Contact Kellie Coppenger for more information; kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com or 409-504-5666.

#### **Trailer & Storage Rentals**

The Storage & Trailer facilities waiting lists have shortened up. Rental Renewal agreements will be sent out soon! If you're interested in a storage locker or a trailer storage spot for 2024, please contact *Karen Mcright*; karenmcright@gmail.com.

#### POA Board Dates to remember:

**December**; NO POA Board Meeting **January 18, 2023**; POA Board Meeting

February 10, 2023; Biannual POA Member Meeting

On behalf of ALL our POA Board Members and volunteers, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!

## **VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION November 11. 2023**





Would you like to improve your bridge playing skills or learn to play? If so, join the free class that is now being offered, by Highland Haven resident Sherry Moore, on Mondays at 3:00 at the Community Center. Give her a call or text if you're interested. 512.554.4994

HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2023									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
					1 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	2			
3	4 Quilting 10 am  Decorate bridge, City Hall & CC 1:00pm  Bridge Lessons 3:00pm	5 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM April Eclipse info	6	7 P&Z Meeting 3:00pm	8 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	9			
Community Christmas Dinner 6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner	Bridge 6:30  11  Bridge Lessons 3:00pm  Bridge 6:30 pm	12 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45	Ladies Club Christmas Party 1:00pm Lighting & Yard Decoration Judging — 5pm	14  Trash & Recycle	15 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	16			
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24 New	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45	27	28	29 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	30			
Year's Eve	City Hall Closed			City Hall - Irregular Hou	rs				
				Trash & Recycle					

New to Highland Haven? Send your email to: <a href="mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a> to receive our monthly newsletter and community & city updates.



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7	8 Quilting 10 am Bridge Lessons 3:00pm	9 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45  CC/Bridge Decoration Removal	10 Ladies Club Mtg 1:00/social 1:30/meeting Game Night @7pm	P&Z meeting 6:00 pm  Trash & Recycle	12 Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45	13	
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28	Bridge Lessons 3:00pm Bridge 6:30 pm	30 Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45  Potluck Dinner 6:00/social 6:30/dinner served	31	January 17, 2023 – February 16, 2024 Filing period for place on May General Election Ballot			