

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

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Water System

- 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.
 - o <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/chemicals/lcrr>
- Work continues on the new water tanks. The 2nd tank is now under construction and electronic controls are now being installed. Installation of a bypass pipeline is next.
- On December 15, 2023, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District voted to continue the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. The MANDATORY reductions are effective January 1 through December 31, 2024. The CTGCD reviewed the drought status at their most recent meeting, April 19th, and reported that recent rains were insufficient to recharge area aquifers and we remain in Stage 4 Critical Drought status.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>
 - o The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit has been reduced from 82-acre feet to 69-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 February 21, LCRA reduced all outdoor watering to once a week**. Below is a link to the LCRA news release announcing this change.
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/lcra-limits-outdoor-watering-to-once-a-week-until-the-drought-eases/>
 - o Outdoor Watering Schedule
 - Saturday for addresses ending in odd numbers.
 - Sunday for addresses ending in even numbers.
 - Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.

- 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.
 - o <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>

Landscape Planning

- This is the time of the year to start landscape planning. Property owners and residents should plan for continuing drought conditions. 70% of all residential water use is for watering landscaping. Review watering requirements for any new or replacement lawns and landscaping. 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.

Board of Alderman

- Next regular BOA meetings are 7pm, May 7th and May 21st, at 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 Agenda and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next regular meeting is 6pm, May 9, 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

- 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. <https://highlandhaventx.com/emergency-resources/>
 - o **Warn Central Texas**
 - o **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**
 - o **LCRA Flood Operations Report**
 - o **LCRA Hydromet**

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

We had a good meeting full of discussions about the possibilities of what's next for the Ladies Club. We will be sending out some scenarios for your preview. And we will hold a vote at our next meeting on May 8th. Please come out and be a part in these decisions. One example of these potential changes is to reduce the number of LC meetings to only five (5) per year.

Unless challenged, *Sherry Moore & Patsy Craven* have wonderfully volunteered to continue as the Secretary & Treasurer. Thank You Sherry & Patsy! That leaves only two spots left... President & Vice President. Could that change work for you?

Bingo & Game Nights will continue during the summer months. Thank you Angela & Judy! Congratulations to *Laura Stubblefield* for ONCE AGAIN being our big bingo winner! We continue to have lots of fun at our game nights! Come out and join in the fun & laughter! The more the merrier! And yes, children are welcome to attend with adult Chaperones.

Now get ready for our "*Kick Off To Summer*" *Luau Party* ... **Saturday, May 18th @ 5:00pm** ... because we all know, "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere!!! Make plans to join us and if possible, come in your best Polynesian attire. Any snacks you'd like to bring & share would be appreciated. Contact *Angela Whitely* if you have questions about the event. Hope to see you there. Thank you Angela for coordinating this fun event.

Our May Potluck will be the last until September. If you haven't attended lately, the Ladies Club started selling raffle tickets for a special drawing during Potluck. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Hope you can join us!

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Need a Place for your Memorial Day Party?

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your Memorial Day or 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**

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

CAMP CHAMPIONS FIREWORKS SCHEDULE



Fireworks will be at dark on the following dates.
NO FIREWORKS during Burn Ban!



Friday ... June 14
Friday ... June 28
Thursday ... July 4

Friday ... July 12
Friday ... July 26
Friday ... August 9



Work continues on the new water tanks ...
the 2nd tank is now under construction



Flowers of
Highland Haven

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	3 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	4 Election Day
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 <i>Quilting 10 am Bridge lessons 3:00pm ~ Bridge 6:30 pm</i>	7 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i> BOA meeting 7:00 pm	8 Ladies Club Mtg 1:00/social 1:30/meeting	9 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash</i>	10 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	11
12 Mother's Day	13 <i>Bridge 6:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i>	15	16 HHPOA Regular Meeting 5:30pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	17 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	18 Armed Forces Day Luau Party Community Center 5pm
19	20 <i>Quilting 10 am Bridge 6:30 pm</i>	21 <i>Silver Sneakers 11:45 – 12:45</i> BOA meeting 7:00 pm	22 <i>Newsletter article deadline</i> Bingo 1pm Game Night 7pm	23 <i>Trash</i>	24 <i>Circuit Class 11:45 – 12:45</i>	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Potluck 6pm Social 6:00 Dinner	29	30 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	June 1	June 2

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