

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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LCRA News Release

- “LCRA Testing Detects Toxic Algae in Lake LBJ and Inks Lake”
- <https://mailchi.mp/f8e053010594/lcra-news-lcra-testing-detects-toxic-algae-in-lake-lbj-and-inks-lake?e=71ac1c0e35>

Community Emergency Response Team

- Local governments prepare for normal everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm the conventional emergency services. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains and prepares ordinary citizens how to help themselves and help their neighbors.
- On Thursday, October 5, 2023, Burnet County Office of Emergency Management will begin the next CERT class. This training is FREE and will be held from 6:30–9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, for 7 weeks. Training will be held at Agri-Life, 607 N Vandever St, South Wing, Room 14 in Burnet Tx in the CERT training room. For more info <https://burnetcountycert.org/free-cert-training>

Water Conservation

- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) has **confirmed 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.** <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/>
- Our 2023 permit has been reduced by 15%-to-69-acre feet. In 2022 we pumped well above our normal permit level (82-acre feet) which has led to CTGCD penalties.
- CTGCD scheduled a “show cause hearing” on August 21st to consider penalties and special reporting requirements due to the violation of our 2022 pumping permit. **Mayor Kelley** has been actively working with the CTGCD to coordinate corrective actions and avoid any further violations.
- We appreciate everyone’s conservation efforts; YOU are making a difference! We need everyone’s continued assistance with conserving water to help us avoid any penalties for 2023.
- Our water wells remain in good shape; however, we must reduce our monthly water use to comply with the CTGCD District mandatory reductions.
- Highland Haven Lawn Watering Schedule (for city water, well water and lake water)
 - o Use sprinkler systems a maximum of two days per week.
 - Odd Addresses – Wednesday and Saturday
 - Even Addresses – Thursday and Sunday
 - o Only water during the cooler parts of the day: before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.
- Check out the Texas Water Development Board “A Watering Guide for Texas Landscape”
 - o www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/brochures/conservation/doc/WaterGuide.pdf
- From LCRA and TCEQ, “Avoid watering your lawn and garden in the middle of the day. Watering before dawn and after dusk allows water to be absorbed instead of evaporating in the midday heat.”

- Visit LCRA WaterSmart website for lawn irrigation tips:
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/watersmart/tools-resources/>

Water System

- We will start seeing construction around the water plant area beginning in mid-September. The trailer storage area will be cleared, and the contractor will begin installing construction fencing. The contractor and our engineer are currently working on finalizing plans for building the storage tanks. The current estimated construction schedule is mid-September 2023 to March 2024.

Board of Alderman

- Next BOA meeting is Tuesday, 7pm, September 5th.
- BOA meetings and work sessions are open to the public and held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

Fire Safety

- **A countywide burn ban is in effect!** <https://www.burnetcountytexas.org/page/envirom.burn>
- **Grass fires have been popping up all over Burnet and Llano Counties!**
- Remove all brush and lawn trimmings stacked on your property as soon as possible. We anticipate the burn ban will be in effect for several months due to the hot dry weather we are experiencing.
- Do not stack and store brush and lawn trimmings.
- Do not park your car in tall dry grass. The car's exhaust system can start a fire.
- Properly dispose of burning smoking materials, such as cigarettes.

Lawn Maintenance

- **Burn Ban is in Effect!** Please make plans to remove brush piles as soon as possible to reduce fire hazards and breeding areas for rodents and snakes. Many area tree services have brush chippers that can make short work of disposing of brush piles.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next meeting is 6pm, September 14th.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

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 updated website!

- Visit our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/>, and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website.
- **You can 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

- **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

LADIES CLUB
Sherry Hume, President
hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com

Let's start this Ladies Club year off with a Fiesta! Ladies, please join us at 1pm on Wednesday 9/13/23 at the Community Center for some Margaritas or Mocktails & a light lunch with a Mexican flair! The meeting will begin at 1:30pm. The discussion will include upcoming events, budgets & donations. Please come & share your ideas for what you'd like to see happen with the Ladies Club this year.

The new phonebooks are here! We will have them available at potlucks, LC meetings, and other events. But you can also buy them from *Lynn Smith, Sally Cooper, Suzanne Weaver, or Sherry Hume*. They are \$5.00. Please contact *Sherry Hume* if you want to help with the phonebook sales.

We're still looking for someone to help with the Aluminum Can Recycling. It requires someone to take the cans to the recycler probably once a month at the most. Please contact *Sherry Hume* if you're willing to do this for the Ladies Club.

If anyone has a talent for mosaics, the memorial stones at Dove Park could use some of your TLC. The loose pieces that were found have been glued to the stones, so the process has been started. These memorial stones were placed at Dove Park more than 10 years ago.

Speaking of years ago...Have you ever seen Highland Haven before all of the houses??? Incredible!!! Did you know that Highland Haven had an active Men's Gardening Club. Did you know that people in Highland Haven actually built the Community Center, storage facilities, & park features we still use today. How amazing is that! SO... Are you looking? And have you found those treasured items or remembered those cherished stories you'd like to share with everyone. Please come to the Community Center at 6pm on September 20th, 2023 as we Travel Back in Time to experience the Highland Haven of Long Ago. We're all waiting to hear from YOU! Come out & share your stories. Think of it like an informal show & tell event. You can bring your own drinks, however water, tea & coffee will be provided. Maybe even popcorn! And Thanks to *Terry & Barbara Nuss*, another slide projector will be available if you happen to bring a few slides.

Potlucks are back too! Come join us at the Community Center for our **September BBQ Potluck**. The meat will be provided by the Ladies Club. Please bring sides, salads, & desserts. Socializing begins at 6pm with the meal starting at **6:30pm on Tuesday, 9/26/23**. If you would like to help BBQ for this potluck, please contact Sherry Hume. Then come back to the Community Center the following day 9/27/23 for even more fun with Bingo at 1pm and Game Night at 7pm.

Hope to see you all at these Ladies Club sponsored events!

Recap of the Dates to Remember:

Ladies Club Meeting at the CC on 9/13/23 @ 1pm (social) & 1:30pm (meeting)
Travel Back in Time to HH of long ago event at the CC on 9/20/23 @ 6pm
BBQ Potluck at the CC on 9/26/23 @ 6pm (social) & 6:30pm (meal)
Bingo (daytime) & Game Night at the CC on 9/27/23 @ 1pm & 7pm

Have you reduced your water
usage by 15%?

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Thank you to all residents who
are reducing their water usage.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Biannual Meeting Update

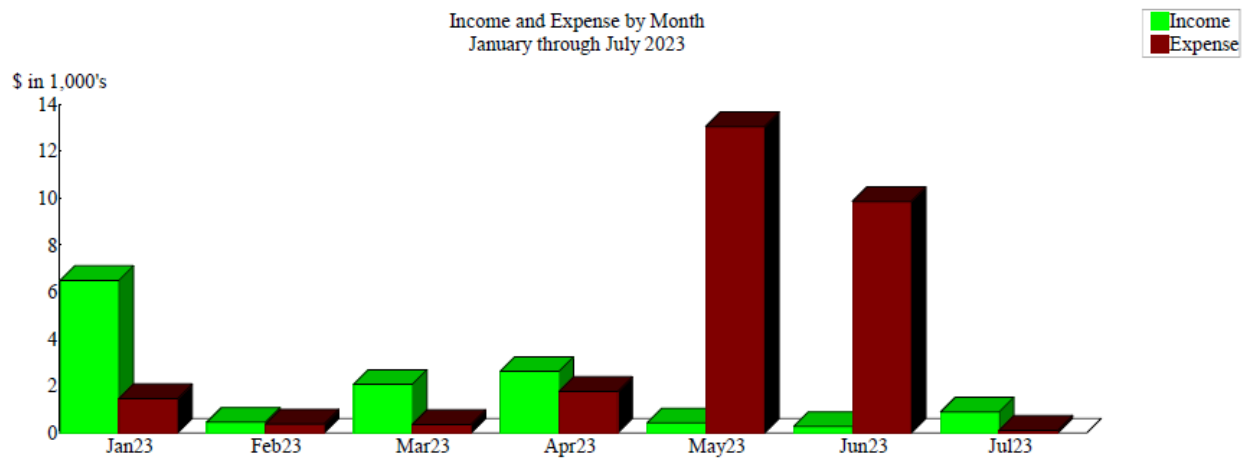
Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to attend the August Biannual Meeting, for the Highland Haven Property Owner Association (POA). You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

Summary Financial Statement (as of July 31, 2023)

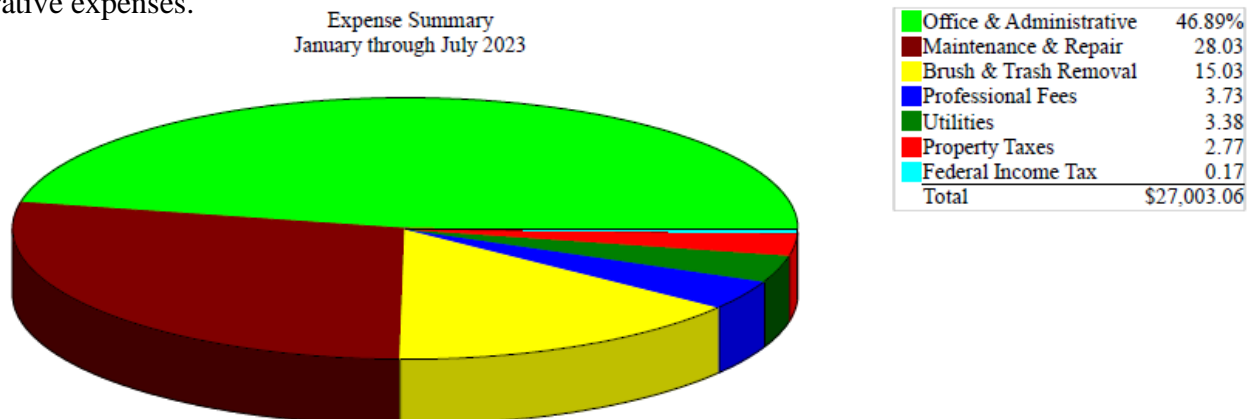
Fund	Balance
Reserve	\$35,000
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
Operating	\$26,404
Total Cash on Hand*	\$93,404
*As of July 31, 2023	

Year over year, our cash position has decreased by nearly \$5,000, due to increased operating expenses.

Summary of Income vs Expenses (as of July 31, 2023)



There were several important and significant changes to our 2023 operating budget. As you are probably aware, inflation shows up everywhere. For the POA, this impact was felt most acutely for our property and liability insurance expenses, again this year. Last year, our 2022 insurance expenses nearly TRIPLED from 2021. This year, the cost of insurance increased by nearly 30%, from 2022. Insurance expenses and Repairs & Maintenance now make up nearly 75% of the POA operating budget. Here's pie showing an expense breakdown the 2023 POA operating budget. The cost of property and liability insurance, make up the majority (\$11,558) of the Office & administrative expenses.



Community Center

The community center is a convenient place to rent for your next family gathering or private party – book your summer events now! 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. Contact **Kellie Coppenger** for more information; kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com or 409-504-5666.

Our Highland Haven Community Gives!

Our new AED station in the Community Center, has been installed! We are grateful for the donations made by The Ladies Club and Mr. Bruce Robertson.



Our next regular POA Business meeting is September 21st. We hope to see you there!

Please take a minute this week to **THANK ALL** our volunteer POA Board Members. And **THANK YOU** to all our POA volunteers!



HHLC September BBQ Potluck

Date: Tuesday Sept 26th, 2023

Place: Community Center

Time: 6pm (social) 6:30pm (meal)

With the BBQ'ers choice,
possible selections can include, but are not limited to...
Brisket, Ribs, Pulled Pork, Sausage, Chicken, &/or Smoked Ham.
The Meat will be provided by the Ladies Club.

Please bring your Wonderful SIDES, SALADS, & DESSERTS

BBQ'ers ARE NEEDED

Please call Sherry Hume @ 210-305-3594
If you'd like to share your BBQing Skills with us
Thank You 🌸

Highland Haven Community Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM	6	7 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	8 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	9
10 Grandparents Day	11 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> Patriot Day <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	12 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM	13 <i>Ladies Club Mtg</i> 1:00 Social 1:30 Meeting	14 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash</i>	15 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	16
17	18 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	19 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM	20 <i>Travel Back in Time</i> Hosted by Ladies Club 6:00 pm	21 <i>POA mtg</i> 5:30 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	22 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Newsletter Article</i> <i>Deadline</i> 5:00pm	23
24	25 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	26 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Potluck BBQ Dinner 6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner	27 <i>Bingo @ 1pm</i> <i>Game Night @ 7pm</i>	28 <i>Trash</i>	29 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	30