

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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BOA Budget  
Workshop  
Friday, Aug 26, 1:00

BOA Work Session  
Tuesday, Sept. 6

Next BOA Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept 20

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## CITY UPDATE

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

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### Board of Alderman

The Board of Alderman has been diligently working the last month to finalize the City's budgets for the next fiscal year (October 1- September 30). We are faced with a number of challenges in the upcoming year, which will have a financial impact on all of us. The proposed budgets have been submitted to the City Secretary.

### Highland Haven Operating Budget

For the second time in our City's history, there will be a "changing of the guard". Dana Turner, our City Secretary, has submitted her resignation effective February 28, 2017. Dana is a very dedicated and dynamic person who has been serving in this role for approximately 8 years. The current position is half paid and half volunteer. Filling this vacancy will be a priority for the Board.

The City Secretary is a position mandated by the State Constitution and as such is a critical position to our city organization. There are many important roles performed by this position such as records management, financial management, election coordinator, municipal court clerk and water system coordination (billing, purchasing, and records management). One of the most important responsibilities is supporting our elected officials. Most citizens who serve on the Board of Alderman and the Planning and Zoning Committee know very little about the behind the scenes responsibilities of running our city and the City Secretary position helps educate and coordinate these volunteers.

We run a very "tight ship" and the upcoming budget will need to include fully funding the City Secretary position along with our regular city programs. This cost increase will require the Board to consider raising our property taxes. Our current tax rate is insufficient to offset this new funding requirement. The Board is considering increasing our tax rate to .1110/\$100 of property valuation. This change will generate about \$10,000, just enough to cover these extra costs. **Even with this change, Highland Haven will still enjoy the lowest property tax rate for any community in our area.**

### Highland Haven Water System Budget

With great foresight, our City purchased our water system in 2009. As most will agree, the water system is a great asset providing us with a safe dependable water service. The system was built in the 1980's and the system has been well maintained and continues to serve our area well. Our service area includes Highland Haven, Shady Acres, Nobles and Camp Champions. The Texas Commission on

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Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has rules to which all municipal water systems must comply regarding service delivery and safety of drinking water. Revenues generated by the water system are used to manage our system and upgrade critical system components when necessary.

Regular operating costs have risen since our last rate increase in 2011. The Board must consider several options to keep our system in the best position to serve our customers. A 6% rate increase is currently being considered. This rate increase will raise our monthly base rate from \$32 to \$34/2,000 gallons.

**The Board of Alderman will continue to deliberate and refine these budgets over the next month. The Board is scheduled to hold a Public Hearing and adopt the FY17 budgets and tax rate by September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- BOA Budget Workshop meeting, **Friday, August 26, 1pm**
- Next BOA Work Session meeting is **Tuesday, September 6, 7pm.**
- Next BOA Regular meeting is **Tuesday, September 20, 7pm.**
- These meetings are open to the public, residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

- P&Z is now reviewing Ordinance #56 for updating.
- Next P&Z Meeting is **Thursday, September 15, 5:30pm.**
- These meetings are open to the public, residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

### **Street Maintenance**

- Thanks to **Bill Passmore** for his hard work spreading gravel on the streets with bleeding asphalt!
- **Be extra careful around areas that have been treated with loose gravel and/or sand!**

### **Highland Haven Ordinances - <http://www.highlandhaventx.com/>**

- We continue to receive complaints from residents regarding ordinance violations including:
  - o Parking trailers, golf carts and other vehicles in yards and right of ways – Ord. #59
- Warning letters and citations to the property owners are the next steps for violations.
- **Reminder...Highland Haven sign ordinance addresses political signs.**
- **Ord. #56 RE: Political Signs**  
*“(4) Political signs during City, County, State, and Federal elections, may be posted on lots and residential tracts developed with a single family residence provided the sign is located inside the boundary lines of the specific property. Signs are not to exceed 24” by 36” and are limited to one per candidate per lot or residential tract of land.”*
- **Help us maintain the quality of life we enjoy here in Highland Haven.**
- **“Voluntary Compliance” is very much appreciated by everyone!**

### **Lot Maintenance**

- Dead trees and brush piles need to be removed to lessen fire hazards.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining right of way areas abutting their property.
- Check the drainage areas around your home and make sure that the culverts are open and drainage ditches (swales) between houses are maintained so storm water is carried away.
- **Thank you for taking the time to keep Highland Haven looking great!**

### **Highland Haven Building Permits - <http://www.highlandhaventx.com/>**

- Please review our ordinances before starting **any** additions or construction projects on land or water (including floating Jet Ski docks and fences).
- Starting a project before receiving a building permit will result in a “Stop Work Order”, higher fees and possible removal of your project.
- If you have any building permit questions, property owners can call James Warren, Building Permit Officer, (512) 431-0291, or City Hall at (830) 265-4366.

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### **Emergency Preparedness**

- **Due to the recent rains, check for and drain standing water around your property.**  
**Zika Virus Info** from the Texas State Operations Center  
Click on the links below to view new publications on Zika and mosquito management:
- **[What Texans Need to Know About Zika Virus \(ENTO-052\)](#)** General information about Zika, what causes it, whether you should be worried, and how to stop it. (**[Spanish Version](#)**)

### **WarnCentralTexas.org (Emergency Notification System)**

- **Get emergency alerts/warnings by text, email and/or phone for any location in the 10 county CAPCOG region.**
- To register go to <http://www.warncentraltexas.org/> or call 866-939-0911

### **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**

- Notification of floodgate operations at any of the Highland Lakes dams.
- To register go to <http://www.lcra.org/water/floods/floodgate-operations-notification-system/pages/application.aspx> or call 512-578-3246 or 800-776-5272, Ext. 3246

### **LADIES CLUB**



***Mary Kay Lawrence, Secretary***  
[hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com)

Mark your calendars Highland Haven ladies. The September Ladies Club meeting is scheduled Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at the Community Center. New Officers will be sworn in and begin their term. (**Vikki Warren** - President, **Betty Ward** - Vice-President, **Sally Cooper** - Secretary and **Patsy Craven** - Treasurer.) All ladies in Highland Haven are encouraged to attend.

The Ladies Club is hosting an evening September Social for **all residents** on Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please see page 4 for additional details.

Also take a look at our new website: [highlandhaventx.com](http://highlandhaventx.com). There are still a few tweaks to be made but it's coming along great!



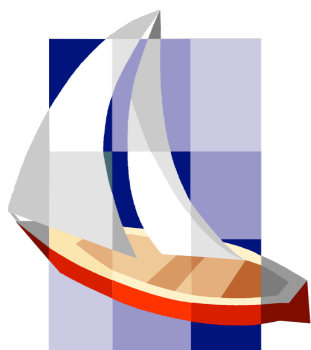
### **HHPOA UPDATE**

***Lorinda Peters***  
[hppo@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:hppo@highlandhaventx.com)

Once again the HHPOA would like to thank the many volunteers who work to keep our parks beautiful and places of which we can be proud to call home. Since May community members have donated 83 hours of mowing, weeding, pruning, etc.

A membership meeting of the POA was held August 9<sup>th</sup>. Minutes from the May meeting were approved and have been posted to the website. If you were absent and need a copy of the Treasurer's report you may obtain a copy by contacting **Willa Holgate or Lorinda Peters**. It was reported that there is a space available in covered storage. For more information contact **Steve Koehn**.

As we approach the end of the year, we will be looking for people to serve on the Board. Please contact **Lorinda Peters** if you are interested or would like more information.



Outgoing Board of Offices

President- PAT KOEHN

Vice-Pres.- VIKKI WARREN

Secretary - MARY KAY  
LAWRENCE

Treasurer - SHIRLEY WEBB

New Board of Officers

President - VIKKI WARREN

Vice-Pres. - BETTY WARD

Secretary - SALLY COOPER

Treasurer - PATSY CRAVEN

**Highland Haven  
Ladies Club**

# September Social

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**Thursday September, 8, 2016  
at 6:30 – Community Ctr.**

Summer is almost over, time for friends and fellowship.

You are cordially invited to a fall social and ceremony for the Ladies Club. We will be honoring our past board, and Judge Roxanne Nelson, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 will be on hand for installation of new officers for the coming year. We have an exciting year planned, and would like to share fellowship with each of you before we get down to business on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Oh, and deserts, wine and cheese will be served!**

RSVP by email to [HighlandHavenLC@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandHavenLC@gmail.com) or call/text 512-431-3656

**Potluck Dinner**  
**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 - Social      6:30 - Dinner

**Last August the school supply collection was a huge success!  
So, we're doing it again this year!**

**Please bring your school supplies to the  
August 30th Potluck Dinner.**  
**If you are unable to attend, please contact a  
Ladies Club Board member and we will gladly arrange to pickup.**



## GET WELL & SYMPATHY

**Alvin & Gayle Kahanek's** son Jason passed away unexpectedly on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Jason worked in the aircraft maintenance field for 10 years and most recently was as an airframe and power plant instructor with Hallmark University. Jason was also lead guitarist for the San Antonio country-rock band Smoke Wagon. Funeral services were held in San Antonio on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Alvin, Gayle and Jason's two children – Autumn & Sebastian in your prayers.

Carolyn Kinton, mother of **Cynthia Goergen**, passed away on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep Cynthia and her husband Rodney in your prayers.

**Joyce Smith** is currently in a rehabilitation facility for at least 3 weeks. Please keep Joyce and Ken in your prayers.

### Highland Haven Classified Advertisements

FREE - blue/white pin stripe sleeper/loveseat to anyone who wants it; good condition; pick-up is a must; call [281-797-4622](tel:281-797-4622) for additional information

WANTED - I am looking for a used chest-type freezer; 14 cubic feet or larger; call Marvin at 512-750-3205

### Highland Haven Telephone Directory

*Terry Embrey*

The new Highland Haven Telephone Directory is in pre-production and should be available by the end of September. Vikki Warren has graciously volunteered to assume the responsibility for the telephone directory starting next year and will be assisting this year.

If you would like a preview of your listing or if you have changed, deleted or added a phone number or email address or have any questions, please let us know by sending an email to [tlembrey@nctv.com](mailto:tlembrey@nctv.com) or calling or texting (830) 265-4528. Your cooperation in keeping our records updated is always appreciated.

Our goal is to have the new directory available in time for the September pot luck, so please get back to us as soon as possible if you have any questions or updates.

Marble Falls Area EMS

**FISH FRY**

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Bluebonnet Café ~ 4 PM to 8 PM

\$10.00 per person

\$ 4.00 children 5 & under

Take-out orders, call - 693-2444

## ONCE AGAIN ...

NEW DIRECTORIES will be available the end of September. If your phone number or email changed this last year, please contact Terry Embrey ... [tlembrey@nctv.com](mailto:tlembrey@nctv.com) or calling or texting (830) 265-4528 to confirm that your new information has been updated. Also, if you have a new neighbor, please ask them to share their contact information with Terry.

### Highland Haven Community Calendar

### September 2016

| Sunday | Monday            | Tuesday                                                    | Wednesday                                         | Thursday                                       | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Aug 28 | Aug 29            | Aug 30<br>Pot Luck<br>Dinner<br>6:00 Social<br>6:30 Dinner | Aug 31                                            | Sept 1                                         | 2      | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>Labor<br>Day | 6<br>BOA work<br>session<br>7:00 pm                        | 7                                                 | 8<br>September<br>Social<br>6:30 pm<br>Com Ctr | 9      | 10       |
| 11     | 12                | 13                                                         | 14<br>Ladies Club Mtg<br>1:00 pm<br>Community Ctr | 15<br>P & Z Mtg<br>5:30 pm                     | 16     | 17       |
| 18     | 19                | 20<br>BOA<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm                            | 21<br>Newsletter<br>articles/photos<br>due        | 22                                             | 23     | 24       |
| 25     | 26                | 27<br>Pot Luck<br>Dinner<br>6:00 Social<br>6:30 Dinner     | 28                                                | 29                                             | 30     | Oct 1    |

Yoga classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ Community Center, 11:30 – 12:30, cost \$5

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