

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS



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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Water System

- 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.
 - 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.
 - November through February: No watering.
- 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>
- The water storage tank project is under construction! We are building Tank 2 first and after it is operational and testing is complete, we will dismantle Tank 1 and replace it. Tank 1 has been in operation for over 20 years and needs to be replaced due to corrosion issues.

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. Plan 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/>
- Pedernales Electric
 - <https://www.pec.coop/reliability/vegetation-maintenance/planting-guidelines/>
- 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.
 - <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.

Eclipse Planning

- The Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024. Burnet County is in the path of the eclipse. State and local governments have been planning for this event and reviewed actions of other areas of the country impacted by past eclipse events.
- Over 100,000 visitors are anticipated to travel to Burnet County to watch the eclipse. This will impact traffic, restaurants, food stores and fuel stations. Additionally, cell phone and computer services may be impacted.
- Visitors may arrive several days prior to the event and stay a few days after. It is anticipated that many visitors will drive in for the day to view the eclipse which will lead to significantly more traffic on area highways and roads.
- Residents will need to prepare well in advance for this event by scheduling travel plans, doctor appointments and shopping activities around this event. Below are links for more information.
 - https://highlandlakesofburnetcounty.com/eclipse/eclipse_tips.pdf
 - https://www.co.llano.tx.us/upload/page/0988/2023/LCo_Eclipse.pdf

Municipal Elections

- The City of Highland Haven municipal elections have been cancelled. Only the three incumbents filed for the election, **Alderman Don Hagans, Alderman Terry Nuss and Mayor Olan Kelley.**

Board of Alderman

- Next regular BOA meeting is 7pm, March 5th, at City Hall due to the Community Center being used as a polling place.
- 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, March 14.
- 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
 - <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 out 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**

LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

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Ninety people enjoyed our Valentine's Day themed potluck in January, Thanks to hosts: **Jennifer & Dan Ginder, Angela & Chris Whitley, Ray Estrada Jr. & Sherry Hume**, and numerous helpers. Thank You! Congratulations to **Laura Stubblefield** who won the raffle door prize brought by **Brenda Filla**. Thank You! We were honored to have three visitors: **Burnet Co. Commissioner Jim Luther** & two candidates for the Burnet Co. Tax Assessor Collector position: **Susan Allen & DeAnne Fisher**.

We hosted a Valentine's Day themed Ladies Club meeting while having wine & chocolates along with other savory & sweet treats to eat. Thanks to hosts: **Sherry Moore, Patsy Craven, & Sherry Hume**. And we had a fun time at both Bingo & Game Night! Thanks to **Angela Whitley & Judy Kelley**. Please don't forget that these events are open to everyone in HH, including kids, with parents or chaperones.

Sometime in the near future, the Ladies Club hopes to be adding in a few more events: HH Social, a Bosseln game, and maybe a movie night. So, keep a look out for these & more upcoming events.

___ LC Meeting 3/13/24 @ 1pm (Social) & 1:30pm (Meeting)

___ Potluck 3/26/24 @ 6pm (Social) & 6:30pm (Meal)

___ Bingo 3/27/24 @ 1pm

___ Game Night 3/27/24 @ 7pm

And in case we haven't said it enough....Thank You!

Your Teamwork and Dedication to this Community makes Highland Haven a *Truly Amazing Place to Live!* Highland Haven would not be as successful without you...Thank You! With that said, the Ladies Club's year is coming to an end, and the need for New Officers is now.

The Ladies Club Board is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. Although the New Officer positions won't take effect until Sept 2024, we need to vote & present the new Officers by May 8th. Hence our dilemma is that we need to know about your interests to help now. Or else, we need to figure out what to do in April with the Ladies Club's future. And maybe that means changing the way the LC does things, and that's okay too. But we need you & your ideas, and we need them soon!

Not sure if you know, but... if you've ever enjoyed any part of this Community... starting with the friendly Lady who welcomed you into HH with your Welcome packets, to the Phonebook you're using to call your neighbors, or if you've ever worn your nametag, or have ever participated in any one of our numerous events: BBQ Dinners, Christmas Dinners, Potlucks, raffles, wine nights, bingo, game nights, bridge, quilting, Bosseln, or felt that sense of pride when seeing the HH Christmas decorations at the Bridge & CC, or Christmas Yard decorating contest, seen flags flown during the holidays especially during our Veterans day appreciation event, and 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social, to the rummage sale we've just completed, and the list goes on... Well, you can Thank the Ladies Club!

And if you've ever received a card during a time of celebration or in a time of need or received that phone call from someone with a helping hand at your worst time in life... or someone coordinated a ride to an appointment, or some food was prepared & brought to you during your time of grief. Well, you can probably Thank the Ladies Club too! If you've ever borrowed a book (& now DVDs too) from the Community Center Library, or recycled cans in the bin by City Hall... that's Ladies Club. From what I've heard, The Ladies Club (alongside POA) has paid for a good portion of all things in HH, from the Community Center & kitchen remodeling to the granite table at Dove Park or park benches throughout HH, to the landscaping around the CC & more. Even our HH street sign on 1431 & for a long time, the mowing around it, was paid for by the Ladies Club.

And the craziest thing, if you are female & living in HH, you are already a member of the Ladies Club. The choice is yours if you wish to participate or not. But the reality is, the Ladies Club cannot continue to do this without your help! Please contact **Sherry Moore, Patsy Craven, or Sherry Hume**. Thanks!

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President

Biannual Meeting Update

Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to attend the February 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.

Big thanks to our returning board members, ***Teresa Smith***, and ***Kellie Coppenger***. We're delighted to have ***Johnnie Farris*** join us again on the board, as Secretary.

2024 HH POA Board		
Director Place	Office	Director
#1	President	Greg Rabaey
#2	Vice-President/Community Center	Kellie Coppenger
#3	Parks & Grounds	Terri Harmon
#4	Secretary	Johnnie Farris
#5	Trailer & Storage Rental	Karen McRight
#6	Treasurer	Teresa Smith

POA Year End 2023 Financial Statement

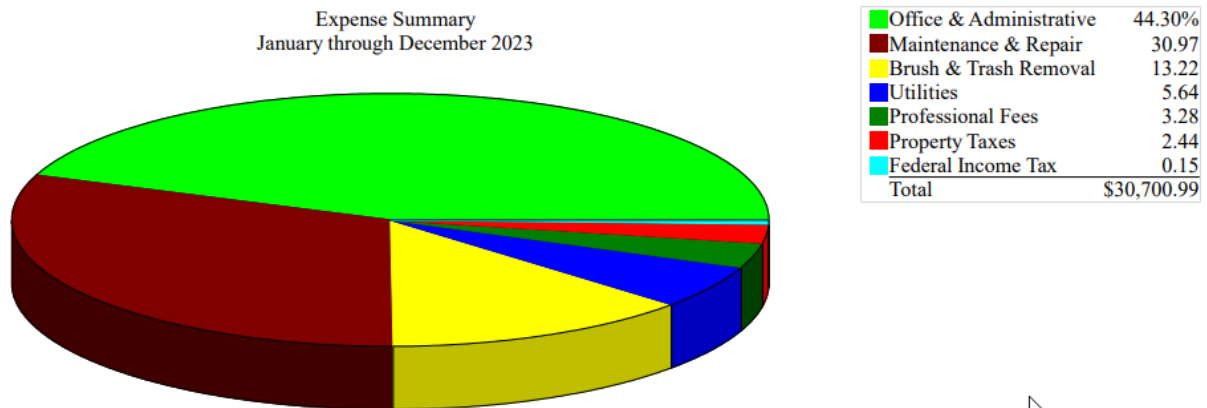
Summary Financial Statement (as of December 31, 2023)

Fund	Balance
Reserve	\$35,000
Operating	\$43,151
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
Total Cash on Hand*	\$110,151
*as of December 31, 2023	

Summary of Budgeted Income vs Expenses (as of December 31, 2023)

	2023 Budgeted	2023 Actuals as of Dec 31, 2023
Income	\$33,255	\$35,987
Expenses	\$33,193	\$33,263
Operating Income/Loss	\$62	\$2,723

Summary of Expenses for 2023



Financial Overview:

The single largest expense under office and administrative is insurance. Insurance for 2023 totaled \$11,558, nearly 30% of our annual operating expenses.

- POA Insurance Increased \$2319 for Total \$11,558
- Office & Administrative and Software Increased \$3,956 for Total \$13,601
Increase in cost of Insurance, Office Supplies, Software and Newsletter Fee
- Maintenance & Repairs Increased \$7,418.16 for Total \$13,568.93
Weed Remediation/Brush Removal, Maintenance & Repair of Parks, Storage Rentals and Community Center

Financial Review/Audit

Every year, per our POA bylaws, the board asks several community members to conduct an independent review of our financials. We are happy to report that no material problems were found for our financial year 2023. Thank you to our community volunteers **Lynn Smith** and **Connie Smith** and to our POA Board Treasurer, **Teresa Smith**, for your diligence and hard work!

Trailer & Storage Rentals

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

Community Center

Our Community Center utilization continues to increase! **For the year 2023, there were 276 scheduled events/activities at the Community Center!** Thanks to **Kellie** for all your time and effort! The community center is a convenient place to rent for your next family gathering – book your event now! Contact **Kellie Coppenger** for more information; kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com

Sunrise Easter Service

Join our community-wide **Sunrise Easter Service at 8am at Dove Park!** All are welcome.

March POA Board Date

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

Please take a few minutes this week to THANK ALL our volunteer POA Board Members.
THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO KEN SMITH



ECLIPSE TIPS LOCALS

A LOCALS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR APRIL 8, 2024



- Expect heavy traffic Thursday 4/4 - Tuesday 4/9. Especially Monday, 4/8.
- Burnet, Lampasas, Lometa, Llano & Marble Falls schools are closed Monday, 4/8.
- Fill up your gas tank the weekend prior to the eclipse.
- Stock up on supplies ahead of time (groceries, water, prescriptions, etc.).
- Be sure to pick up **eclipse glasses** to ensure viewing of the eclipse safely!
- Do not schedule appointments or errands to be run on 4/8.
- Coordinate with your employer the possibility of working from home or have a plan for the additional traffic on your work commute.
- Note that cell and internet service will be overwhelmed with additional crowds. Be sure to have a back-up communication plan.
- Be mindful that all local aid and first responders will be in extreme demand during this event.

VISIT



www.bctxeclipse.com



HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	2
3	4 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge Lessons</i> 3:00pm <i>Bridge 7:00</i>	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 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Day</i> <i>Time Springs</i> <i>Forward</i>	11 <i>Bridge Lessons</i> 3:00pm <i>Bridge 7:00</i>	12 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	13 <i>Ladies Club</i> <i>Meeting</i> 1:00pm social 1:30 meeting ~ <i>National Napping</i> <i>Day</i>	14 P&Z Meeting 6:00pm <i>Trash</i>	15 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's</i> <i>Day</i>	18 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge Lessons</i> 3:00pm <i>Bridge 7:00</i>	19 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ BOA Mtg 7:00 PM <i>April Eclipse info</i>	20	21 HHPOA Board Meeting 5:30 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	22 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	23
24 <i>Easter</i> <i>Sunrise</i> <i>Service</i> <i>Dove Park</i> 8:00 am	25 <i>Bridge Lessons</i> 3:00pm <i>Bridge 7:00</i>	26 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Potluck Dinner 6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner	27 <i>Bingo</i> 1:00 pm <i>Game Night</i> 7:00 pm	28 <i>Trash</i>	29 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	30

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