

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

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### Water System

- **Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District** has implemented **15% MANDATORY Drought Restrictions** effective for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. The **MANDATORY** restrictions are effective January 1 through December 30, 2023.
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  - o No vehicle washing.
  - o Do not use water to wash, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except when required for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.
  - o **Providing groundwater to ponds, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, swimming pools, or other surface impoundments for holding water regardless of capacity is prohibited.**
  - o Water for dust control only when required by law.
  - o Watering livestock in leak-proof troughs is highly recommended.
- **Property owners irrigating with private wells and/or lake water should also be following the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District and LCRA restrictions.**
  - o Reduce outdoor water usage and follow the LCRA lawn watering schedule below.
  - o Wednesdays and Saturdays for addresses ending in odd numbers.
  - o Thursdays and Sundays for addresses ending in even numbers.
  - o **Hours: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to Midnight.**

### Board of Alderman

- Next BOA meeting is 7pm, February 21.
- BOA meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- BOA meetings are held in the Community Center.

### Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next meeting is 6pm, February 9.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

## **Trees and Shrubs**

- This is the time of the year to plant new trees. Please take time to plan to avoid future problems when the tree is fully grown. Below are some resources to consider before planting.
  - 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.

## **Fire Safety**

- The County wide Burn Ban has been lifted. Please take this opportunity to dispose of all brush and lawn trimmings stacked on your property.
- Be sure to follow the requirements in our ordinances regarding outdoor burning
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf>
  - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-058-210504-REV-5.pdf>

## **Solid Waste Service**

- Highland Haven Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at
  - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/waste-services/>

## **Municipal Elections**

- Municipal Elections are scheduled for May and candidate filing is January 18 through February 17.
- 3 Alderman positions are scheduled for election. The incumbents are Lynn Smith, Lorinda Peters, and Terry Smith.
- Candidate filing packets are available at City Hall.

## **Building Permits**

- We have received many complaints from property owners and contractors regarding uninvited tours of construction sites. These sites are private property and construction sites are not open to the public.
- If you have questions regarding the permitting process or whether your project requires a permit, contact us at [buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com](mailto: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!**

- Our website looks different but still contains the same information.
- Visit the 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/>
- 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**

- **Now is the time to prepare for winter emergencies.** Below are links to information to help you prepare for an emergency.
  - <https://texasready.gov/build-a-kit/disaster-supply-checklist.html>
  - <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
  - <https://www.weather.gov/owlie/emergency-supplies-kit>
  - <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/>
  - **Warn Central Texas**
  - **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**
  - **LCRA Flood Operations Report**
  - **LCRA Hydromet**

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our friend & neighbor **Marjorie Grounds** passed away on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in your thoughts & prayers. Graveside services were held on Friday, December 16, 2022, at Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio, Texas. Online condolences may be made at: [www.clementswilcoxfuneralhome.com](http://www.clementswilcoxfuneralhome.com)

Former resident **Lou Burris** passed January 18<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls, Texas on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of flowers, Lou's family asks that you consider donating to The Phoenix Center ([www.phoenixtx.org](http://www.phoenixtx.org)) in Horseshoe Bay, TX, a charity for Children and a cause close to Lou's heart. Please keep her husband George & family in your thoughts & prayers. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/highlandernews/name/lajuan-burris-obituary?id=38723281>

## **HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB**

*Sherry Hume, President*

Happy New Year!

We would like to welcome **Suzanne Weaver as the new Vice-President**. Thank You Suzanne!

We would also like to thank all our volunteers as we continue to have lots of fun in 2023!

We had the Christmas decorating & un-decorating of the CC, Bridge, & City Hall. Everything looked so Beautiful, Merry, & Bright! Thanks to Many Volunteers & the Chairs: (for the Bridge) **Lynn Smith & Molly Chenault** and (for the CC) **Pat Koehn & Patsy Craven**.

The Ladies Club gave their donations to the neighboring Communities, as they have done so for many years to the GS Fire, MFEMS, GS Christmas Outreach, Boys & Girls Clubs in Marble Falls & Kingsland, & Sharing the Harvest food pantry in Kingsland. And as in the past, we've submitted photos to the local newspaper. But this year, we're surprised with a front-page article! Thank you, **Patsy!**

We had a wonderful gathering of 120 people at our Christmas Dinner. We enjoyed the great food catered by Miss Vickie and everyone's incredible additions. We ate 5 turkeys, many yummy sides & tons of delicious desserts. People were able to take food to their neighbors who couldn't attend the dinner. And we shared some desserts with the GS Fire Dept. Thanks goes to our Hostesses: **Laura & Jim Higgins, Christina & Bill Nabors**, & many other

helpers. We also collected non-perishable food items which were donated to Sharing the Harvest in Kingsland. Thank you, **Christina Nabors**, for delivering those items.

We enjoyed a LC Gathering & Gift Exchange with 20 people attending. We had sweet & savory treats to eat, and lots of fun! Thanks to **Molly Chenault** (for the Game), & Hostesses: **Christina Nabors, Laura Stubblefield, & Angela Whitley**.

We held the annual HH Yard Decoration & Lighting Contest. Highland Haven looked AMAZING! Thank you everyone! Thanks to our Judges: **Suzanne Weaver, Sherry Moore, & Debbie Barnard**.

HH Yard Decoration & Lighting Contest Winners for 2022:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place religious - Greg & Pam Rabaey, 104 Quail
- 1st place holiday - Charles & Lori Rudolph, 101 Crane
- 2nd place holiday - Donald & Elizabeth Hughes, 105 E Pheasant
- 3rd place holiday - Shirley Jordan, 428 Highland

Angel Award - William Fowler

Honorable Mention: VonDean Wolf & Charlie Fulgham tied, 107-109 Bobolink

Larry & Julie Skero, 408 Blackbird

Bryan & Molly Chenault, 317 Bluebird Circle

In 2023, we've already had 2 game nights, played a round of Bosseln, & had a bingo game. These events are open to all of you. Please come out to socialize and have some fun. Congratulations to "Triple Threat" for winning the Bosseln match! We are in the process of updating the HH Phone Directory. Thanks goes to **Lynn Smith** for volunteering as the chair. A HHLC Street Representative will be contacting you to ensure that your information gets updated. Our community is great because of YOU! Without your help, these community events & potlucks would not be possible. Thank you for being a positive part of our community spirit.

This **RUMMAGE SALE** is the Ladies Club's main fundraiser of the year. Most of the money goes back into our community in potlucks, various events, and improvements. Some of the money is donated to valuable resources in neighboring communities. This rummage sale is an ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK Event! Your donations are very much appreciated! Please start saving your gently used/no longer desired treasures. Let your unwanted items become someone else's new treasures. Please start saving your plastic shopping bags too.

Sign up as a section leader, cashier, or bagger. Your help is needed, Please Volunteer!

- **Donations will be accepted from 8am-3pm on February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> & 8am-12pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Non-Refrigerated Bake Goods will be accepted on Thurs 3/2/23 8am-3pm, & on March 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>

- If you need help moving Large Furniture Items, contact **Marvin Filla** @ (512) 750-3205 to schedule a Thursday 3/2/23 pickup.

- Clean-up will be on Saturday after the sale, as normal. With a tear down of the racks, tents, and final clean up on Sunday 3/5/23 @ 10am

- For sign-ups or questions, Contact Rummage Sale Chair: **Sherry Moore** @ (512) 554-4994

Thank You!

## **PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

*Greg Rabaey, President*

### **POA Biannual Meeting**

We look forward to seeing you at our first Biannual Meeting of the year **Saturday, February 11th, 2023, 9:30 am** at the community center. You have a voice in our POA, and the biannual meeting is a great place to provide feedback and engage in our community.

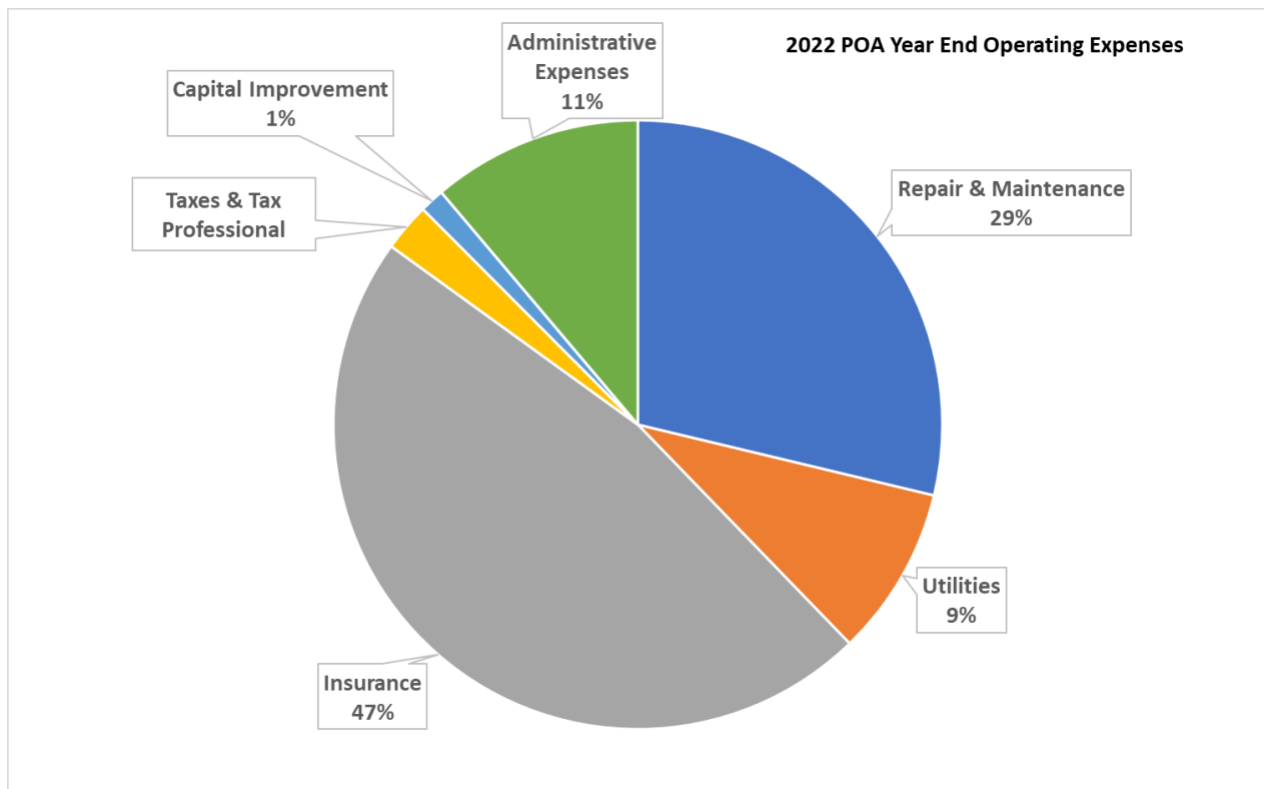
## POA Year End 2022 Financial Statement

### Summary Financial Statement (as of December 31, 2022)

Funds	Balance
Reserve	\$35,000
Operating	\$40,153
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
<b>Total Cash on Hand*</b>	<b>\$107,153</b>
*As of December 31, 2022	

### Summary of Budgeted Income vs Expenses (as of December 31, 2022)

	2022 Budgeted	Actual as of Dec 31, 2022
Income	\$34,775	\$29,388
Expenses	\$33,100	\$19,572
<b>Operating Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$1,675</b>	<b>\$9,815</b>



### The Storage & Trailer Facilities

The Storage & Trailer facilities have a few open spots. We've reset the waiting list and have started afresh. If you're interested in a storage locker or a trailer storage spot, please contact **Johnnie Farris by email; jdfarris73@gmail.com.**

Biannual Meeting of the year **Saturday, February 11th, 2023, 9:30 am** at the community center. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!



## COMMUNITY CENTER

*Kellie Coppenger*


We have **WONDERFUL** opportunities to participate in at the **FABULOUS Community Center**. Check your Calendar for **Quilting** on Monday mornings, a game of **Bridge** on Monday evenings, **Silver Sneakers** every Tuesday at 11:45 and **Circuit Training Class** every Friday at 11:45, **Highland Havens Ladies club** every second Tuesday at 1:00, **Game nights** twice a month, with a game of **Bingo** once a month. We wrap up the month with a **DELICIOUS POTLUCK** Dinner the **LAST** Tuesday of each month. Check your calendar in the Newsletter or the **Information Board** posted outside the **Community Center** front door for the Calendar Activities for each month.

**Celebrations!** Don't forget to plan your next Birthday party, Retirement Party, small Business Meeting, or any Celebration that requires a larger area than your living room. Check out **Renting the Community Center** for options. Contact **Kellie Coppenger** at 409-504-5666 or email [kelliecoppenger@gmail.com](mailto:kelliecoppenger@gmail.com).



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## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  <i>Trash</i>	3 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	4
5	6 <i>Quilting 10 am</i>  <b>POTLUCK 6:00</b>	7 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  <b>BOA meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	8 Ladies Club Mtg 1:00  Game Night @7pm	9  <b>P&amp;Z meeting</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>  <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	10 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	11 <b>HHPOA</b> <b>Biannual Mtg</b> <b>9:30am</b>
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19	20 <b>Presidents Day</b> <i>Quilting 10 am</i>  <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	21 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  <b>BOA meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	22	23  Wine Social 6pm  <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	24 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	25
26	27 NO POTLUCK DINNER	28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
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