

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

Olan Kelley, Mayor

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Wildlife- Bobcats, Foxes and Deer OH MY!

- We have received calls about bobcat and fox sightings. We normally have an increased presence of wildlife around this time each year. Along with baby foxes (kits), and bobcat kittens, there are fawns moving around the city during the day and at night. Watch for them as you are driving through the neighborhoods. Some neighbors have been startled by bobcat “screams” at night.
- Do not leave food out as it will attract wild animals.
- Lights (and handheld spotlights) can deter some of these animals if they are bothersome.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens for Burnet County
 - o <https://tpwd.texas.gov/warden/warden-by-county.phtml?county=Burnet>

Fireworks Prohibited in Highland Haven

- Please advise your family and guests that **Ordinance 27 - Prohibits the ignition, detonation or setting of fireworks within the City Limits of Highland Haven, Texas.**
- Camp Champions is scheduled to have a fireworks display on July 4th. Many residents gather in Swan Park to watch.

Board of Alderman

- The Board of Alderman and city staff are currently discussing and preparing the FY25 budget. Our budget is due by the first week of August. The Board will be using regular meetings and work sessions to discuss/develop the budget. Please take the time to attend these public meetings.
- Upcoming BOA meetings are in the Community Center.
 - o July 2nd 5pm budget workshop and 7pm regular meeting
 - o July 16th 5pm budget workshop and 7pm regular meeting
- 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 BOA Agendas and Minutes at <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>

Traffic Safety

- Residents continue to report speeding vehicles. We have requested increased patrols by ***Burnet County Sheriff's Office (BCSO)*** to address these concerns.
- We have been using radar speed trailers to collect data such as the number of vehicles entering Highland Haven, the speed of the vehicles as well as dates and times. This data will be shared with the ***BCSO*** to better schedule additional patrols.
- If you observe a vehicle being operated in a hazardous manner, immediately report such to the ***Burnet County Sheriff's Office*** and provide them with a vehicle description, date and time.

Water Conservation

- The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District now produces a monthly newsletter. Please take a moment and sign up for this newsletter at this web address.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/newsletters/>
- On June 20, 2024, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District voted to continue 10% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions for all exempt and non-exempt water wells. These reductions are effective through December 31, 2024.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/drought-status/>
- The City of Highland Haven groundwater permit has been reduced from 82-acre feet to 73-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.**
 - 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.
 - o November through February: No watering.
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>.
- As a public water system, we are required by TCEQ, TWDB and the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District to have a **drought contingency plan**. The Board of Alderman is now reviewing our draft Drought Contingency Plan during their regular meetings.
- 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>

Utility Services

- Over 70% of all water used in the summer months is for lawn irrigation. Residents and property owners can monitor their water use by reading their own meter before and after your irrigation system cycles. This will help you understand the volume of water used to irrigate your lawn.
- Water and trash service customers can save time and stress by enrolling in our ACH program.
- The City of Highland Haven offers automatic bank draft service (ACH). There is no fee for this service. Complete an application and return it to City Hall. Application can be found at
 - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ACH-Authorization-form.pdf>. Call City Hall if you have any questions 830-265-4366.
- If you wish to receive your monthly statement via email or text, you must establish an account through <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- If you wish to pay online use this link <https://www.rvspay.net/highlandhaven>
- To pay by phone or with Credit Card, call 830-265-4362.

Water System Improvements

- Work continues on the new water tanks project. The 2nd tank is now in use and electronic controls are now being installed. Installation of a bypass pipeline is next.

Landscape Planning

- Summer is here and we will most likely be under burn bans soon. Please start cleaning up any stacked leaves, limbs and lawn clippings now to reduce the risk of a fire.
- Property owners and residents should plan for continuing drought conditions.
 - o 70% of all residential water use is for watering landscaping.
- Review watering requirements for any new or replacement lawns, trees, and plants. Consider using plants and trees native to our area. Research water requirements as you plan for new landscaping plants.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Next regular meeting is 6pm, July 11, 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

- July 4th trash pickup will start around 11am due to the July 4th Parade.
- 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

- This information is included in all newsletters as part of our FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 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**

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HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

Our May Memorial Day Potluck Honored those who served before us & Gave Their All. Thank you everyone who attended and shared your delicious food. Thanks to **Barbara & Terry Nuss, Fay & Don Hagans, Ray Estrada Jr & Sherry Hume**; the Community Center was wonderfully decorated & very patriotic. A Missing Man table was set to Honor all services and those members no longer with us. Poppies were donated by **Sherry Moore** & the **VFW Post 10376** in Marble Falls. Thanks to **Christina & Bill Nabors** the flags were proudly displayed inside the CC. Congratulations to **Charles Webb** who won the raffle prize! And Thank you **Brenda Filla** for organizing the raffle. Congratulations to **William Fowler** for being our Big Bingo Winner in May! Everyone continues to have fun at Bingo & Game Night. Remember, kids are welcome with an adult.

Our American Flag was out on display by the CC on Flag Day. Thank you **Christina & Bill Nabors**. Five teams and other active walkers & watchers had a great time playing Bosseln on Saturday Night! We had a tie for First Place! Congratulations to our Bosseln Winners... **“Panthers” with Bradley, Easton, & Ray & “Road Kill” with Brenda W., Lou, & Ed!** And although people want to continue to play Bosseln, cause it’s fun... the summer is HOT! So, we will wait until September or October to play again.

In the meantime, ... to beat the heat... it was suggested we have a **Corn Hole tournament** inside the CC. Please call **Sherry Hume** @ 210-305-3594 if you are interested in playing, or if you have an extra corn hole board we can borrow. Another suggestion was to have movie days or nights. No dates have been set yet. But keep an eye out for those possibilities.

Although the Ladies Club does not have scheduled Potlucks in June, July, or August; we know of many neighbors who would like more community interactions during the summer months. So, if YOU have an idea AND have a group of willing volunteers... please give me a call, so we can make YOUR idea happen.

Now start getting yourself and your patriotically decked out rides ready for our 4th of July Celebration! Our parade is always a lot of fun and there's yummy cold ice cream waiting for you afterwards.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events!

4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social 7/4/24 @ 9am (8:30am parade line up)

Bingo 7/24/24 @ 1pm

Game Night 7/24/24 @ 6pm – Cornhole Tournament

... MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...
July Game Night on the 24th will be a Cornhole Tournament.
6:00pm @ Community Center

CAMP CHAMPIONS FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

Fireworks will be at dark on the following dates.

NO FIREWORKS during Burn Ban!

Thursday ... July 4

Friday ... July 12

Friday ... July 26

Friday ... August 9

ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE
HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 4th

Come one and all ... young and old. Join the fun! Make plans to decorate your bike, golf cart, lawn mower, wagon, antique car, scooter, skateboard, trailer or *whatever* to make our parade the best ever!

Participants are asked to meet at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on July 4th to prepare for line-up.
The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Immediately following the parade, ice cream will be served at the community center. A variety of flavors will be available in either a cone or cup. Make plans to stop by to enjoy a delicious cool treat and visit with neighbors!

HIGHLAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 JULY 4TH ~~~~~ Parade & Ice Cream Social ~~~~~ <i>Fireworks</i> Trash	5 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">*Trash Pickup delayed until 11:00am</div>	6
7	8 <i>Quilting – 10am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	9 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	10 NO Ladies Club Mtg	11 P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	12 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Fireworks</i>	13
14	15 <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	16 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~~~~~ BOA meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 <i>Trash</i>	19 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Newsletter Article Deadline 5:00pm	20
21	22 <i>Quilting -10 am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	23 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~~~~~ NO Potluck Dinner	24 <i>Bingo @ 1:00</i> ~~~~~ 6:00pm <i>Game Night</i> <i>Cornhole</i> <i>Tournament</i>	25 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	26 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Fireworks</i>	27
28	29 <i>Bridge @ 7:00</i>	30 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	31			