

# HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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## CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

*Olan Kelley, Mayor*

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### Municipal Elections

- Municipal Elections were held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Alderman canvassed the election results and confirmed the election of **Bruce Robertson, Lynn Smith, and Terry Smith** as Alderman. Highland Haven voter turnout was 85 of 391, or 22 percent, of registered voters. Thanks to all who voted!
- Be sure to extend your thanks to **Lorinda Peters** who did not seek re-election after serving on the Board for 4 years.

### Board of Alderman

- The Board will be focused on discussing and developing the FY23-24 budget at their regular meetings and work sessions from now until the budget is finalized. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend these meetings to get a better understanding of how your city operates.
- Next BOA meeting is 7pm, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- BOA meetings are open to the public and held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

### Planning and Zoning Commission

- The Planning and Zoning Commission will need a new member due to **Bruce Robertson** being elected to the Board of Alderman. Please contact **Lezley Baum**, City Secretary [citysecretary@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:citysecretary@highlandhaventx.com) if you are interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Next meeting is 6pm, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
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### Water Conservation

- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held their monthly meeting on May 16, 2023, and **confirmed Burnet County is STILL in their Stage 4 Critical Drought Stage and determined the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions are to remain in place.** They acknowledged the recent rains; however, the rains were insufficient to create improvements in the aquifers and rivers. <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/>
- Many have asked how the District determines our drought status. Here are links to the Districts Drought Management Plan and the Palmer Drought Severity Index.
  - o [www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/CTGCD-Drought-Management-Plan-as-adopted-4-4-11.pdf](http://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/CTGCD-Drought-Management-Plan-as-adopted-4-4-11.pdf)
  - o [www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/historical-palmers/maps/psi/202212-202304](http://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/historical-palmers/maps/psi/202212-202304)
- Other actions of the District included selecting members for a Stakeholder Committee that will be reviewing District rules. The District selected **Mayor Olan Kelley as a member of this committee.**

## **Water System**

- Installation of a new water storage tank is progressing. Advertising for bids will begin soon.
- Our water wells remain in good shape; however, we must reduce our monthly water use to comply with the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District mandatory reductions.
- Check your irrigation controller and make sure you are watering on the correct days of the week and within these posted hours. (This includes private wells and lake water irrigation.)
  - 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.
- **Turn your irrigation system off during rainy periods.**

## **Lawn Maintenance**

- We are receiving complaints about high grass and weeds on vacant lots and around vacant houses. Please mow your property as soon as possible.
- 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.
- If you are planning to burn the brush, please plan to do so ASAP and follow the burning requirements in Ordinance #27 re: outdoor burning and Ordinance #58 re: lawn and lot maintenance.
  - 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/2023/01/ORDINANCE-058-230124-REV-6-Adopted.pdf>
  - o Contact Granite Shoals Fire Department prior to starting any outdoor fires at 830-596-8110.

## **Building Permits**

- 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.

## **Trees and Shrubs**

- 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.
- 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.>

## **LADIES CLUB**

*Sherry Hume, President*

[hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:hhladiesclub@highlandhaventx.com)

It takes a village!!! Thanks to your help, support, & enthusiasm, the Ladies Club can continue to do wonderful things for our HH Community. The Potluck was well attended by about 60 people who had a chance to hear from our four Alderman Candidates prior to the May election. Thank you Suzanne Weaver for organizing this, and thank you **Donna Green, Bruce Robertson, Lynn Smith, & Terry Smith** for speaking. Thank you **Debra Barger, Joy Evans, & Jennifer Ginder** for hosting the potluck. Game nights & Bingo have also been fun, thanks to **Judy Kelley, Marvin Filla, & Angela Whitley!**

**Sherry Moore** has volunteered to be the LC Secretary. She will be relieving **Debra Barger** who has served on the board for the past three years. Thank you **Debra & Sherry!** Volunteering for another year, are returning board

members **Sherry Hume (President)**, **Suzanne Weaver (Vice-President)**, & **Patsy Craven (Treasurer)**. **Thank You Sherry, Suzanne & Patsy!**

**Brenda Filla** has volunteered as the Nametag Chair. **Melissa Hightower** has moved away from Highland Haven after serving as the Nametag Chair for the past 4 years. **Thank you Melissa & Brenda!**

**Laura Higgins** has volunteered to Chair the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Ice Cream Social with help from **Pat Koehn** as Co-Chair. Thank you **Laura & Pat!** If you have any questions, or you'd like to volunteer &/or donate ice cream, please contact **Laura Higgins at (281) 381-5896**.

I could go on & on about all of the positive impacts our wonderful ladies have on our community. Unfortunately, I don't have all the space in this newsletter. So until I get to praise them next month...Thank you Committee Chairs!

Now, what's happening in HH...

Please come and craft with your neighborhood friends. Quilting/Crafting meets twice a month on Mondays @ 10 am. Please see the marquee by City Hall for the dates.

It was suggested that during the summer months, we could have simplified meals like a baked potato night, or a hamburger & hot dog night, or a pizza night. Please let me know if there's an interest and a willingness to help so we can make this happen. With adult supervision, these could be great opportunities for the kids to be involved in helping organize neighborhood events.

Another suggestion was a movie night at the community center. If anyone has & will share a projector, and a way to play or stream movies, then we could make community movie nights &/or indoor movie days happen. Bingo, Game Nights, & Bosseln are kid friendly events & are open to children with adult supervision. If you have any more ideas, please let me know. Thank you for your support!

Every year the LC reviews & updates its list of organizations within the neighboring communities that we would like to monetarily sponsor (that's normally... EMS, Fire, Police, Food Banks, & Kid's Organizations). And we're always working to allocate our spending to better support our immediate community. As an example, in the near future, the LC will be gifting up to \$1,500 to help support the HHPOA with the purchase of a lifesaving device for the CC. More info will be shared later. Thank you **Bruce Robertson** for informing the LC about AEDs. If you have any other nomination recommendations, please contact **Sherry Hume**. The organizations to which the LC will donate to in 2023-2024 budgetary year will be decided upon at the LC meeting in September or October 2023.

Dates to Remember:

- \_\_\_Game Night on 5/24/23, 6/28/23 @ 7pm
- \_\_\_Bingo Games on 5/24/23 & 6/28/23 @ 1pm
- \_\_\_Potluck on 5/30/23 @ 6pm (Social) & 6:30pm (Meal)
- \_\_\_4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Ice Cream Social on 7/4/23 @ 8:30 am (line up) & 9:00 am (parade)  
with Ice cream to be served after the parade
- \_\_\_No LC Meetings are held in the summer months of June, July & August
- \_\_\_No further Potlucks or Events will occur in the summer months unless volunteers request an event

### [CAMP CHAMPIONS FIREWORK SCHEDULE](#)

Fireworks will be on Friday evenings at dark! If we are under a burn ban during the summer, this can affect whether we are allowed to have fireworks.

June 16, 30  
July 4th  
July 14, 28  
August 11

## ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Start making plans to decorate your golf cart, antique car, lawn mower, wagon, bicycle, scooter, etc. for our Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Lineup begins at the Community Center @ 8:30am with parade starting at 9:00am. See enclosed map for parade route. Ice cream will be served following the parade. As usual, ice cream donations are needed, so bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or your favorite store bought flavor to the Community Center at 8:00. Parade map is attached.

## PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

*Greg Rabaey, President*

### Community Center

The community center is a convenient place to rent for your next family gathering or private party – book your Memorial Weekend OR your Fourth of July Weekend event 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](mailto:kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com) or 409-504-5666.

### Park Parking Sticker

If anyone does not have a Park sticker for their vehicle, please contact **Kellie Coppenger** 409-504-5666.

### Our Highland Haven Community Gives!

Check out the new flagpole hardware and solar light at the top of the pole at Dove Park! Special thanks to **Mr Edenbaum** for donating a new US flag. With the lighted flagpole, we can fly our flag throughout holiday weekends.

We will soon have a new AED station in the Community Center. We are grateful for the donations made by The **Ladies Club** and **Mr Bruce Robertson**.

**THANK YOU! And thanks to all our POA volunteers!**

## TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT HIGHLAND HAVEN ENTRANCE

*Jackie Garrow*



Many of our neighbors express increasing concerns about traffic safety at the intersection at Highland Drive with FM 1431. Drivers report near-misses with cars using turn lanes to merge into FM 1431 traffic; the terrain prevents ideal visibility of oncoming traffic; and it seems there is minimal speed enforcement on our section of FM 1431. Several residents have reached out in writing to our State and local representatives asking for attention to this issue before we see a tragic outcome.

We want to encourage those of you who share concerns, to take action. More voices could equal a faster response and safer conditions for us all.

A letter similar to those already sent will be available at the May potluck dinner for your use/reference. Contact information for our representatives will be included. (see attached letter)

Anyone interested in receiving the letter electronically can contact Jackie Garrow at [jackiegarrow@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiegarrow@yahoo.com)

City Secretary, Lesley Baum is providing the **Oath of Office to Lynn Smith and Terry Smith**. Both were re-elected in the May 2023 election. **Bruce Robertson** will be sworn in at the June 6<sup>th</sup> BOA meeting.



## Highland Haven Community Calendar

### June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 29</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>May 30</b> <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45  Potluck Dinner 6:00/social 6:30/dinner	<b>May 31</b>	<b>1</b>  <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Quilting 10 am</i>  <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ <b>BOA Mtg</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>P&amp;Z meeting</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>  <i>Trash</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	<b>14</b>  NO Ladies Club mtg	<b>15</b>  POA mtg 5:30 pm  <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b> <i>Quilting 10 am</i>  <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 ~ <b>BOA Mtg</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>21</b>  Summer Solstice (summer begins)	<b>22</b>  <i>Trash</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45  Newsletter Article Deadline 5:00pm	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <i>Bridge 7 pm</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	<b>28</b>  Bingo @ 1pm  Game Night @ 7pm	<b>29</b>  <i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	