

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Greg Rabaey, President



Need a Place for a Holiday Party?

Let the Highland Haven Community Center be your destination for your Holiday celebrations. We now have large room AND small library room rental options! Our Community Center is affordable and includes tables, chairs, and full kitchen facilities to accommodate up to 180 people. 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. Our Community Center has broadband WIFI access as part of your rental. Contact **Kellie Coppenger** for more information; kelliebcoppenger@gmail.com or 409-504-5666.

Trailer & Storage Rentals

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

Nominations are now OPEN for POA Board Positions

The POA is seeking nominations for the following board positions for 2024: Vice President/Community Center Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you have any questions regarding responsibilities for each position, please contact **Greg Rabaey**, gregrabaey@gmail.com. Ballots will be mailed the first week in January with results presented at the February Biannual meeting. Our community has always had strong volunteers. Supporting each other is what makes Highland Haven a great community. Please consider serving in one of these positions.

Next POA Board meeting is November 16, at 5:30pm, at the Community Center

THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!

Please take minute this week to THANK our ALL volunteer POA Board Members.

thank you

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN



Olan Kelley, Mayor

mayor@highlandhaventx.com

Water Conservation

- Due to the cooler temperatures and recent rains, lawns do not need as much water. Please check your irrigation controller and reduce the amount of water you are using for irrigation.
- Watch the weather and turn off irrigation systems prior to freezing temperatures to avoid damage.
- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) has **confirmed Burnet County is STILL in the Stage 4 Critical Drought Stage and further confirmed the 15% MANDATORY Drought Water Reductions are to remain in place.** <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/>
- Our 2023 permit has been reduced by 15% to 69-acre feet. In 2022 we pumped well above our normal permit level (82-acre feet) which has led to CTGCD penalties.
- We appreciate everyone's conservation efforts; YOU ARE making a difference! We need everyone's continued assistance with conserving water to help us avoid any penalties for 2023.

- Our water wells remain in good shape; however, we must reduce our monthly water use to comply with the CTGCD District mandatory reductions.
- Highland Haven Lawn Watering Schedule (for city water, well water and lake water)
 - o Use sprinkler systems a maximum of two days per week.
 - Odd Addresses – Wednesday and Saturday
 - Even Addresses – Thursday and Sunday
 - o Only water during the cooler parts of the day: before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.
- Check out these water conservation landscape planning guides.
 - o AgriLife
 - <https://williamson.agrilife.org/files/2014/08/Native-and-Adaptive-Plants.pdf>
 - o Texas Water Development Board
 - https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/new_season_new_water-wise_landscape.html
 - <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/brochures/conservation/doc/WaterGuide.pdf>
- Visit LCRA WaterSmart website for lawn irrigation tips:
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/watersmart/tools-resources/>

Water System

- Winter weather will be coming soon. Take this opportunity to insulate exposed water pipes.
- Construction fencing is now being installed around the work areas for the new water tanks. The contractor and our engineer are finalizing shop drawings for the storage tanks. Construction completion should be March 2024 barring unforeseen issues such as weather delays.

Board of Alderman

- Next BOA meeting is Tuesday, 7pm, November 7th.
- BOA meetings and work sessions 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

- Next meeting is 6pm, November 9th.
- Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.
- Agendas are posted to our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/agendas-minutes/>.

Fire Safety

- **Burn ban has been lifted!** <https://www.burnetcountytexas.org/page/envIRON.burn>
- Follow the rules for a controlled burn in Ord. #27
 - o <https://cdn.townweb.com/highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ORDINANCE-027-210504-REV-3.-DOC.pdf>
- Contact Granite Shoals Fire Dept. prior to starting an outdoor fire.
- Great time to install smoke detectors and/or change the batteries in the detectors.
- Please take time to show your appreciation to our firefighters and first responders.

Lawn Maintenance

- Do not dispose of leaves or lawn clippings into the lake. It is the property owner's responsibility to remind their lawn contractors that yard waste cannot be placed in the lake.
<https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/#:~:text=Don't%20let%20grass%20clippings,plants%20can%20use%20to%20grow.>

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.

Check out our website!

- Visit our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/> , and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website.
- **Subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email, or both.**
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/>

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.
 - 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**

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President



Although briefly mentioned last month... Our BBQ Potluck event is worth a bit more detail. I can honestly say that no one went home hungry! Thanks to the Ladies Club for purchasing the various meats. And a Special Thanks to ALL OF YOU for contributing the yummy sides, salads, & desserts, and to our BBQ Pit Masters: **Tom & Suzanne Weaver, Brenda & Eddie Filla, Olan & Judy Kelley, Chris & Angela Whitley, and Ray Estrada Jr. & Sherry Hume** for a job perfectly done! The potluck was well attended by 70+ residents. We heard from 2 special surprise guests: **Jim Luther** (County Commissioner) & **Gloria Haley** (on Prop 9). Thanks to the Host & Hostesses: **Christina & Bill Nabors, Angela Whitley and Ray Estrada Jr.** and many others who helped serve; washed dishes & cleaned up. It takes a village & your help is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to help decorate &/or serve at potlucks, but are unable to do the heavy lifting, we can set up the community center for you. Please contact **Suzanne Weaver or Sherry Hume**.

And speaking about potlucks, you might want to bring a few extra dollars with you. Thanks to **Brenda Filla**, we will be having raffle door prizes at our future potlucks.

The phonebooks will also be available at our potlucks & other LC events. They are \$5. Or you can buy them directly from **Lynn Smith, Brenda Weems, Suzanne Weaver, & Sherry Hume**. We are still collecting your updates. So, if we somehow missed including you, OR your information was accidently misprinted in this 2023 phonebook... Please contact Sherry Hume at (210) 305-3594 ASAP.

Bingo & Game Nights continue to be lots of fun. Thanks to **Angela Whitley & Judy Kelley**. Bingo & Game Nights are on the last Wednesday of the month at 1pm & 7pm in the community center. I believe I have mentioned... cash prizes at Bingo! Bring your own drinks & snacks.

The Bridge Club has some openings. New players are joining the group and lessons are underway for anyone who wants to learn. The Bridge Club meets on Monday nights at 7pm at the community center. Contact **Sherry Moore** or **Sally Cooper** for more info &/or lessons.

Another successful gathering is the quilting, sewing & crafting group that meets twice a month on Mondays at 10am at the community center. All residents in Highland Haven area are welcome to participate. Enjoy mingling with other creative individuals while crafting beautiful treasures.

Don't forget, you can recycle your aluminum drink cans with the Ladies Club. There is a collection bin at the end of the storage lockers behind City Hall. Thank You Everyone for donating & **Brenda Weems** for taking the cans to the recycler!

Come out & share your appreciation for Our Highland Haven Veterans & First Responders as we host our Veterans Day Appreciation Event on Nov 11th, 2023 at 10am at the community center. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! Did we mention, there will be cake and refreshments too.



Have you ever wanted to learn to play bridge or improve your bridge playing skills? If so, plan to join the free class that is now being offered by Highland Haven resident **Sherry Moore**. She is taking names and will meet with all to determine the time and place. Give her a call or text her to let her know you are interested. 512-554-4994

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The November issue of Highland Haven News will be the last issue for 2023. Calendars for both December & January will be included. Submit important dates to the newsletter email acct, if your organization has dates that need to be included for those 2 months. Deadline is Friday, November 17th

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BINGO & GAME NIGHT PHOTOS



HIGHLAND HAVEN - November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	4
5 Daylight Savings Time ENDS ... clocks Fall Back @ 2:00am	6 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7pm</i>	7 Election Day <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	8 Ladies Club Mtg 1:00 Social 1:30 Mtg	9 P&Z Mtg 6pm <i>Trash</i>	10 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	11  VETERANS DAY Appreciation Event 10 am
	13 <i>Bridge @ 7pm</i>	14 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	15	16 POA Mtg 5:30pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	17 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	18
19	20 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge @ 7pm</i>	21 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 	24 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Trash</i>	25
26	27 <i>Bridge @ 7pm</i>	28 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 NO POTLUCK	29 Bingo @ 1pm <i>Game Night @7pm</i>	30 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	Dec 1 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	Dec 2