

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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September 2022 Issue

Sponsor – Ladies Club

LADIES CLUB

Sherry Hume, President

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I'd like to THANK the Outgoing Officers, **Pat Koehn** and **Teresa Smith** for all of their Efforts, Dedication and Continued Commitment to the Ladies Club. And it is with GREAT Pleasure that I introduce the new and continuing

Officers for 2022-2023

President: Sherry Hume
Treasurer: Patsy Craven

Vice President: Donna Braun
Secretary: Debra Barger

Committee Chairs

Benevolence: Pat Koehn	Welcome: Debbie Barnard
Care: Linda Enderlin	Flags: Christina Nabors
Sunshine: Judy Kelley	Library: Suzanne Weaver
Name Tags: Melissa Hightower	Aluminum Can Recycling: Wayne Braun

Thank you Robert & Debbie Dahlstrom for your 10+ years of service managing our aluminum can recycling program!

I want to Thank our hostesses, attendees, and those who brought hors d'oeuvres to the Wine Social. We had about 40 people venture out in the rainy weather and stay for over 3 hours; making the Wine Social a huge success!



I'm looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events in the Community Center...

- Ladies Club Meeting ... 10/12/22 @ 1pm (Social) & 1:30pm (Meeting)
- October Potluck ... 10/25/22 @ 6pm (Social) & 6:30pm (Meal) Halloween Costumes are Optional

CITY UPDATE

Olan Kelley, Mayor

mayor@highlandhaventx.com

Fire Safety

- **Granite Shoals Fire Chief Tim Campbell reminded us that October is Fire Safety Month.**
 - o **Test your smoke detectors**
 - Explain to your children what to do if the smoke detector activates.
 - Change the batteries in your smoke detectors once a year, every October.
 - **Granite Shoals Fire Department will assist with changing out batteries and installing smoke detectors in your home. Contact them at 830-596-8110.**
 - Replace smoke detectors that are older than 10 years old.
 - <https://www.nfpa.org/~media/Files/FPW/Educate/2022/FPW22Checklist.ashx>
 - Explain to your children what to do if the smoke detector activates.
 - o Check your fire extinguishers
 - Check the pressure gauge or signal pin to confirm your unit is fully charged.
 - Homes should have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and near the garage areas.
 - Home fire extinguishers should be an ABC type which will handle most types of fires in a residence.
 - [https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/fire-safety/fire-extinguishers-for-home/#:~:text=Fire%20Extinguisher-.The%20National%20Fire%20Protection%20Association%20\(NFPA\)%20provides%20minimum%20recommendations%20for,more%20than%2040%20feet%20apart.](https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/fire-safety/fire-extinguishers-for-home/#:~:text=Fire%20Extinguisher-.The%20National%20Fire%20Protection%20Association%20(NFPA)%20provides%20minimum%20recommendations%20for,more%20than%2040%20feet%20apart.)
 - The Fire Chief also suggested residents consider a First Alert Tundra home fire extinguisher.
 - <https://www.homedepot.com/p/First-Alert-Tundra-Fire-Extinguisher-Spray-AF400/202248841>
 - <https://www.lowes.com/pd/First-Alert-Fire-Extinguishing-Spray/1000990428>
 - o Develop a Fire Action Plan for your family
 - **Make sure your house address numbers can be read from the street** to aid the emergency services responders in locating your home.
 - **Explain to your children what to do in the event of a fire.**
 - **Evacuate first and then call 911.**
 - <https://www.nfpa.org/~media/Files/FPW/educate/2022/FPW22Grid.ashx>

Solid Waste Service

- Burnet County Household Hazard Waste **October 15th**
 - o Household hazardous chemicals, tires, batteries, electronics, as well as oil and latex paint.
 - o 9am-1pm, 2411 E. FM 963
 - o Volunteers needed, contact
- Highland Haven Trash and Recycling Schedule can be found at:
- <https://highlandhaventx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Highland-Haven-Recycle-2022.pdf>

Invasive zebra mussels and aquatic plant management info

- On September 20, we had a community meeting to discuss invasive zebra mussel and aquatic plant issues we are experiencing. Many thanks to Stephen Davis, LCRA Biologist, for his presentation to our community and facilitating a question/answer discussion regarding aquatic invasive species in Lake LBJ. We will be posting his PowerPoint presentation and handouts on our website.
- At the meeting we heard that several neighboring property owners are coordinating their efforts and using a private company to treat their adjacent waterfront areas.
 - o Fred Dutton announced that he is willing to coordinate with waterfront property owners on the Crane/Highland Channel. Please contact Fred directly for more information regarding his efforts and if you are willing to assist.

- Waterfront property owners are encouraged to coordinate with their neighbors to develop an invasive species management plan for their channel/waterfront area.
- These coordinated efforts may have a greater impact on managing invasive species in your area and may help with negotiating with contractors who apply chemicals or who physically cut back plants.
- Below are weblinks provided by Stephen Davis, LCRA Biologist, regarding invasive species.
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) nuisance aquatic vegetation page:
 - https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/nuisance_plants/
 - TPWD aquatic vegetation management guidance document:
 - https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_pl_t3200_1066.pdf
 - TPWD Best Management Practices for Controlled Exotic Species Disposal:
 - https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_lf-t3200-1409_exoticspeciesdisposal-bestpractices_2021.pdf
 - LCRA nuisance aquatic vegetation webpage:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/managing-nuisance-aquatic-plants/>
 - LCRA keep the lakes clean, not green flyer:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/download/2016-aquatic-veg%E2%80%A6tion-handout-pdf/?wpdmdl=16555>
 - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension AquaPlant diagnostics tool page:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/download/harmful-algae-faqs/?wpdmdl=26479>
 - LCRA zebra mussel webpage:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/zebra-mussels/>
 - LCRA zebra mussel FAQs for homeowner's document:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/download/zebra-mussel-faqs-for-homeowners/?wpdmdl=26495>
 - Control of zebra mussels in residential water systems paper:
 - <https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/ais/pdfs/Residential.pdf>
 - LCRA algae in the Highland Lakes webpage:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/algae-in-the-highland-lakes/>
 - LCRA harmful algae FAQs document:
 - <https://www.lcra.org/download/harmful-algae-faqs/?wpdmdl=26479>
- TAMU list of contractors who manage invasive mussels and aquatic plants.
 - <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/applicators/>

Emergency Preparedness / FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans

- **September is National Emergency Preparedness month.** National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. 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/emergencysupplieskit>
 - <https://www.fema.gov/blog/10-items-include-your-emergency-kit>
- **CERT Training is scheduled to begin for October 6.** The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course will cover home safety plans, fire extinguishers, basic first aid, food safety, shelter fundamentals, and more.
 - Classes are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays in Burnet at the
 - Burnet County AgriLife Extension office, 607 N. Vandever St., Room 14, South Wing
- Citizens interested in participating in CERT training should sign up at
 - <https://burnetcountycert.org/>

- **It is never too early to:**
 - o Sign up for early warning notices (see below),
 - o Plan for emergencies and,
 - o Confirm your insurance is up to date.
- **Highland Haven Emergency Notices**
 - o <https://highlandhaventx.com/subscribe-to-updates/>
- **Warn Central Texas**
 - o Sign up for emergency warnings by voice, text or email at <http://www.warncentraltexas.org/> or call 866-939-0911 to get local alerts.
- **LCRA Floodgate Operations Notification Service (FONS)**
 - o Register at <https://www.lcra.org/water/floods/floodgate-operations-notification-system/Pages/default.aspx>
 - o or call 512-578-3246 or 800-776-5272, Ext. 3246
- **LCRA Flood Operations Report** <https://floodstatus.lcra.org/>
- **LCRA Hydromet**
 - o Get the latest information for the Highland Lakes area including rainfall amounts, rainfall radar images and river flow data. <https://hydromet.lcra.org/>

Board of Alderman

- City staff continues to work on our codification project (reformatting ordinances), as well as, transitioning to a new accounting program.
- Next BOA meeting is 7pm, October 4th. 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, October 13th. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. Watch for postings for future meeting dates.
- P&Z meetings are held in the Community Center.

Water System

- **We are still in Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions.** Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District moved into Stage 4 CRITICAL drought conditions effective June 13th. Stage 4 is the highest out of a total of four stages. **Stage 4 calls for voluntary conservation of groundwater by 30 percent.** Our water system is permitted by Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.
- Our voluntary conservation efforts **have not** generated a reduction in water use.
- Visit the weblinks below for more information.
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Stage-4-Critical-Drought-Without-Mandatory.pdf>
 - o <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ConservingWaterOutdoor.pdf>
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/domestic-use/>
- City water is pumped from water wells (groundwater) so everyone should be reducing water use.
- 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.**
- LCRA Stage 1 Drought Conditions News Release
 - o <https://www.lcra.org/news/news-releases/drought-conditions-require-lcra-to-cut-off-highland-lakes-water-for-agricultural-customers/>
- Texas Water Development Board water conservation tips
 - o https://texaswaternewsroom.org/articles/6_ways_to_conserve_water_in_the_summer_heat.html

- **Property owners irrigating with private wells and lake water should also be following the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District and LCRA restrictions.**

Trees and Shrubs

- 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.

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

- You may see a change in our website soon. Software upgrades are required so the website will look different but still contain the same information.
- Please visit our website, <https://highlandhaventx.com/> , and subscribe to receive emails and texts when items are posted to the website. You can also receive documents, such as official meeting agendas, and minutes. Most importantly,
- **You can subscribe to receive emergency alerts from the City via text, email or both.**
- 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!**
- To receive notices when updates are made to the site – navigate to the Home page - <https://highlandhaventx.com/> - and click on “**SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES**”. You can then select the topics you want to receive notifications about.
- Our website also has community information including the Highland Haven Property Owners Assn. and the Highland Haven Ladies Club meetings, as well as community activities.

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## **PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

*Greg Rabaey, President*

### **Nominations are now OPEN for POA Board Positions**

The POA is seeking nominations for the following board positions for 2023: President, Park & Grounds Coordinator, and Trailers & Storage Area Coordinator. If you have any questions regarding responsibilities for each position, please contact **Greg Rabaey**, [gregabaey@gmail.com](mailto:gregabaey@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.

THANK YOU to all our POA volunteers!

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

# Highland Haven Community Calendar

## October 2022 – Fire Safety Month

| Sunday                        | Monday                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                               | Thursday                                                                   | Friday                                                                          | Saturday                                                    |
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| 2                             | 3<br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><br><i>Bridge 7 pm</i>                         | 4<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i><br>~<br><b>BOA Mtg</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>     | 5<br>Marble Falls EMS<br>Catfish Fry<br>4-8pm<br>Bluebonnet Cafe        | 6<br><br><br><br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                            | 7<br><b>World Smile Day</b><br><br><i>Circuit Class</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i> | 8                                                           |
| 9                             | 10<br><b>Columbus Day</b><br><br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><i>Bridge 7 pm</i> | 11<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i>                                             | 12<br><br>Ladies Club<br>1:00 pm                                        | 13<br><br><b>P&amp;Z meeting</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><br><br><i>Trash</i> | 14<br><br><i>Circuit Class</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i>                          | 15<br>Burnet County<br>Household<br>Hazard Waste<br>9am-1pm |
| 16                            | 17<br><br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><br><i>Bridge 7 pm</i>                    | 18<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i><br>~<br><b>BOA Mtg</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>    | 19<br><br><b>Newsletter Article</b><br><b>Deadline</b><br><b>5:00pm</b> | 20<br><br><br><br><br><i>Trash &amp; Recycle</i>                           | 21<br><br><i>Circuit Class</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i>                          | 22                                                          |
| 23<br><b>Parents’<br/>Day</b> | 24<br><i>Quilting 10 am</i><br><i>Bridge 7 pm</i>                            | 25<br><i>Silver Sneakers</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i><br><br><b>Potluck dinner</b><br><b>6:00</b> | 26                                                                      | 27                                                                         | 28<br><br><i>Circuit Class</i><br><i>11:45 – 12:45</i>                          | 29                                                          |
| 30                            | 31<br><br><b>Halloween</b>                                                   |                                                                                                  |                                                                         | <br><br><br><br><br><i>Trash</i>                                           |                                                                                 |                                                             |