



# City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

January 16, 2026



## Freeze Alert - Elections - Final Town Hall

Protect, Participate, Prioritize

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

As we settle into the new year, with cooler days reminding us to savor the cozy moments by the lake, I wanted to share a quick update on a few important items for our community. Wishing you all a wonderful start to 2026 filled with good health, warmth, and time with those who matter most!

**First, a heads-up on the weather:** A **Freeze Warning** is in effect starting tonight (Friday, January 16) and continuing through Monday morning, January 19. Expect overnight lows to dip into or below freezing across our area, which could impact plants, pipes, and outdoor activities. Please take steps to protect your property—cover sensitive plants, drip faucets if needed, and bring pets indoors. Stay safe and keep an eye on updates from the National Weather Service.

**Second, election season is underway!** Filing is now open for the open positions in our City government: **Mayor** and **two Aldermen** spots. Candidate packets are available and can be picked up at City Hall from the City Secretary during normal business hours. All completed packets are due by February 13, 2026 at 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of Highland Haven—if you're interested or know someone who might be, we encourage you to step forward. Your leadership makes a real difference in our small, special community.

**Finally, mark your calendars for Town Hall #4**—this Thursday, January 22, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. This will be the concluding session in our series for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan. We'll review the valuable feedback you've provided so far, talk about latest survey results, discuss priorities, and outline the next steps ahead. Your participation has been incredible, and this final gathering is the perfect chance to help guide where we go from here, and ask any questions you may still have.

If any questions arise about the weather preparations, election filing, or the Town Hall, please don't hesitate to reach out—I'm here to assist.

Thank you for being such an engaged and caring community. Let's keep looking out for one another as we embrace the year ahead.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and stay warm this weekend!

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## Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday January 20, in the community center.

A copy of the agendas will be available online, as well as the packets.

## Next P&Z Meeting

The next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday February 12, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

# Winter Weather Preparedness

With a **Freeze Warning** in effect from tonight through Monday morning, now's the perfect time to prepare your home, family, and neighbors for the cold snap. Forecasts show overnight lows at or below freezing, so taking simple steps now can help prevent issues like frozen or burst pipes, which are common in our area during these events.

Remember the "4 P's" for cold weather safety:

- **People:** Check on vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors—especially older adults or those with limited mobility—to ensure they're staying warm and have what they need.
- **Pets:** Bring your pets indoors where it's safe and cozy. If they must go out briefly, wipe their paws afterward to remove any ice-melting chemicals.
- **Pipes:** Protect your plumbing to avoid costly damage—wrap and insulate exposed pipes (especially in unheated areas like garages, attics, or crawl spaces), disconnect and drain outdoor hoses, cover outdoor faucets, and drain your sprinkler system.
- **Plants:** Bring potted plants inside if possible, or cover them to shield from the cold.

**Key Tips to Prepare Your Home and Pipes Ahead of Time** (ideally days before the freeze hits):

- Wrap outdoor and indoor pipes in unheated spaces with insulation, towels, or foam covers.
- Turn off water to appliances like clothes washers or water softeners in unheated garages.
- If leaving home, shut off the main water valve and keep the heat on.

**During the Freeze:**

- Open cabinet doors under sinks to let warm air reach pipes.
- Let faucets drip (both hot and cold) or run a slow trickle to keep water moving—especially overnight.
- If pipes freeze, turn off the main water shutoff valve immediately to prevent leaks when they thaw. Avoid using open flames to thaw pipes.

These precautions, drawn from reliable sources like the Texas Department of Insurance, Ready.gov, and the American Red Cross, have helped many Central Texas homes weather past freezes safely.

For more detailed guidance:

- Texas Winter Weather Preparedness: <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/tips/winter-safety.html>
- Ready.gov Winter Weather: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>
- Red Cross Winter Storm Tips: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html>

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## Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!

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