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City Administrator's Update

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Neighborhood Safety and Awareness Update

Community Awareness, Prevention Tips, and Recent Coordination with Law Enforcement

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

I want to take a moment to address recent reports of vehicle burglaries within our community and to share both what the City is doing and how residents can help.

First and most importantly, if you experience a vehicle break-in or observe suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately to report it. Prompt reporting allows the Burnet County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to respond appropriately and helps ensure incidents are documented and investigated.

Second, we encourage everyone to continue the familiar principle of "see something, say something." If you notice unusual behavior, unfamiliar individuals checking vehicles, or anything else that seems out of place, reporting it can make a real difference.

Third, a simple but effective reminder: lock your vehicles and remove or hide valuables. Unlocked vehicles and visible items are often targeted first. Taking a few extra moments can significantly reduce the opportunity for theft.

We have also been made aware that nearby communities are experiencing similar issues, indicating this appears to be a broader area concern rather than something isolated to Highland Haven. In response, the City has reached out directly to the Burnet County Sheriff's Office to ensure they are aware of recent activity here and to request additional patrol presence when possible. We appreciate BCSO's continued support and service to our community.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep residents informed as we move forward. Thank you for staying alert, looking out for one another, and helping keep Highland Haven a safe place to live.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and please don't hesitate to contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns!

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have a budget workshop at 5 p.m. and their regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday May 21, at 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 May 14, at the Community Center.

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

Budget Preparation Timeline

We're preparing the City's next fiscal year budget (Oct. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2027) using a clear, phased approach: starting with the General Fund (core operations funded largely by property taxes), then the Water Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and finally tying everything together into a balanced whole.

This fund-by-fund process keeps discussions focused and efficient, complies with state law, and prioritizes:

- Stable, city-controlled revenues (like property taxes and transfers) to cover essentials first
- Conservative estimates (e.g., water charges based on lowest recent usage year)
- Fixed/mandated costs before variable/operational items

Public input is welcome and encouraged at every step—attend meetings, workshops, or reach out anytime!

Key Meeting Dates & Focus (All at 7 p.m. unless noted; workshops at 5 p.m.)

- ~~March 3: Introduce budget calendar, format, key dates, and tax concepts~~
- ~~March 17: Review current-year budget; approve any needed adjustments~~
- **April — General Fund**
  - ~~April 7: Present draft (revenues, expenses, new projects)~~
  - ~~April 21: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated draft + public input~~
- **May — Water Fund**
  - ~~May 5: Present draft (charges, expenses, transfers, possible rate changes, projects)~~
  - May 19: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated draft + public input
- **June — Solid Waste Fund & Full Balanced Budget**
  - June 2: Present full draft (including Solid Waste options, updated funds, tax/levy scenarios)
  - June 16: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated full draft + public input; finalize for filing
- **July — Filing & Final Prep**
  - July 7: Review filed proposed budget (adjustments limited after filing)
  - July 21: Final tweaks, set public hearing dates, more public feedback
- **August — Adoption**
  - August 4: Public hearing on budget and tax rate; possible adoption
  - August 18: Backup date for hearings/adoption if needed

We aim to file the proposed budget with the City Secretary in early July and adopt by mid-August (targeting our August 4 or 18 meeting) to meet state deadlines, including the certified appraisal roll around July 25 and required public notices/hearings.

Your ideas help shape priorities for services, projects, and rates—please join us at these meetings or contact me with thoughts!

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!