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Memorial Day Reflection

Honoring Service, Sacrifice, and the Freedoms We Share

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the purpose of this national observance and what it represents for our community and our country.

Memorial Day is a time set aside to honor the men and women of our armed forces who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice is the foundation upon which our freedoms rest, and it is through their courage and commitment that our way of life continues to endure.

While this weekend often brings opportunities to gather with family and friends, it also carries a deeper meaning. It is a time to pause, to remember, and to recognize that the liberties we enjoy each day have come at a profound cost. The opportunities we have as a nation—and as a community—are made possible because others were willing to place service to country above all else.

In observance of Memorial Day, many also pause at cemeteries, memorials, and community gatherings, where small but meaningful acts—placing flags, sharing stories, or simply standing in quiet reflection—help ensure that those who served are not forgotten. These traditions, though simple, are an important way we carry forward the memory of those who gave their lives and pass that understanding on to future generations.

Memorial Day also reminds us that honoring that sacrifice can be reflected in how we care for our communities and one another. Acts of respect, service, and neighborliness—whether checking in on a neighbor, supporting local veterans and their families, or simply taking pride in our community—are ways we uphold the values for which so many have served.
In every generation, there have been those who answered that call. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to ensure that their sacrifice is not forgotten, and that their legacy continues through the way we live, serve, and support one another.

Here in Highland Haven, we are fortunate to be part of a community where neighbors look out for one another and where a shared sense of responsibility helps make this a safe and welcoming place to live. That spirit reflects, in its own way, the values of service and commitment that Memorial Day asks us to remember.

As you spend time with loved ones this weekend, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on those who gave everything for our country. Their service is worthy of our remembrance—not only on this day, but throughout the year.

On behalf of the City, thank you to all who have served, and to the families who have carried that sacrifice forward. We remain grateful for your service, your example, and for all of those who paid the ultimate price.

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 their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday June 2, 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 June 11, 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!