



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN



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Your Voice Matters More Than Ever The Importance of Speaking Up - A Success for Highland Haven

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

One of the questions I hear from time to time is whether attending a public meeting, completing a survey, or submitting public comments actually makes a difference. Recently, Highland Haven residents provided a clear answer: **yes, it absolutely does.**

Earlier this year, Burnet County began updating its Transportation Plan and sought public input on transportation priorities throughout the county. **When the initial draft recommendations were released prior to the public meetings, a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 1431 and Highland Drive was not included among the projects identified for further consideration.** Many residents viewed that as a missed opportunity.

As part of the public input process, residents attended meetings, placed comments directly on transportation planning maps, spoke with planners, and submitted feedback online. Again and again, community members raised concerns about traffic conditions at the entrance to Highland Haven and the need to evaluate a future traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 1431 and Highland Drive. **Those comments made a difference.**

In the updated transportation plan, the intersection has now been added as a location that merits further study for a potential future traffic signal. To be clear, this does not mean a traffic signal has been approved, funded, or scheduled for construction. Highway 1431 remains a TxDOT roadway, and significant work would still be required before any future signal could become a reality. However, it does mean that community members successfully elevated an issue that was not originally included in the planning process and helped ensure it became part of the conversation moving forward.

That should serve as an important reminder to all of us. Too often, people assume decisions have already been made or that individual comments will not matter. In reality, public participation frequently has a greater influence than many realize. Transportation planners, **state agencies, and elected officials often place significant weight on feedback received directly from the people who live, work, and travel in an area every day.**

In fact, as we look ahead to the upcoming Texas legislative session, that reality is becoming increasingly important. Across Texas, local governments continue to face situations where decisions affecting our communities are being made farther and farther from home. While city officials and elected leaders continue to advocate on behalf of their residents, there is no substitute for hearing directly from the people who are impacted by those decisions. The lesson from this transportation plan update is simple: **your voice matters.**

Whether the issue is transportation, water infrastructure, public safety, property taxes, state legislation, or another matter affecting our community, meaningful change often begins when citizens become involved and make their opinions known. I want to thank everyone who attended a meeting, submitted comments, completed the online survey, or otherwise participated in this process. This achievement belongs to the residents of Highland Haven. Your involvement helped place an important community concern onto the county's long-range transportation planning map.

Most importantly, it demonstrated something we should never forget: **when citizens engage in the process, people listen.**

As always, thank you for staying informed, engaged, and involved in our community.

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday October 20, 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 November 5, at the Community Center.

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

Dove Park Circular Drive Closure Due to Repairs

The Highland Haven Property Owners Association (POA) will soon begin maintenance work on the circular drive at Dove Park.

The project includes crack and edge repairs, application of two coats of sealcoat, and installation of new reflective striping around the perimeter of the drive.

To prepare for the project, the circular drive will be closed beginning Sunday, October 25, at approximately 6:00 p.m. to allow contractors to stage equipment and ensure the work area is clear prior to the start of construction activities.

The circular drive will remain closed to vehicle traffic October 26-27, with the closure potentially extending into October 28 depending on weather conditions and actual cure times.

Please note the following during the closure:

- The boat ramp will remain open.
- No vehicle or trailer parking will be available within the work area.
- Pedestrian access to the pier and swim dock will remain open using the lower sidewalk beginning at the boat ramp.
- Residents visiting Dove Park during construction are encouraged to remain aware of their surroundings and respect the contractor's work area.

The POA appreciates everyone's patience while these improvements are completed. The repairs and sealcoating will help protect the pavement, improve visibility, and extend the life of the circular drive for years to come.

Please see the map/image on the next page to see where the repairs will take place.

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!



POA Closure of Dove Park 6 p.m. October 25 through October 27 (possible 28)

