

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

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Legislative Updates

The Texas Legislature is in its final 30 days, voting on proposed bills. Highland Haven's Board of Aldermen passed Resolutions 364 and 366, sent to Rep. Troxclair and Senator Flores, supporting local governance and highlighting unintended impacts of state bills on small communities.

Key Bills Affecting Highland Haven:

- **S.B. 785 (Flores):** Requires cities to allow HUD-code manufactured housing (mobile homes).
- **S.B. 673 (Hughes):** Permits accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family zones, limiting city regulation. Passed Senate, under House review. (potentially allowing multifamily dwellings and short-term rentals)
- **H.B. 2464 (Hefner):** Prohibits cities from banning no-impact home-based businesses, potentially allowing short-term rentals.
- **S.B. 2703 (Creighton):** Removes city authority to require subdivision plats for condominiums, risking inconsistent zoning.
- **H.B. 5267 (C. Bell):** Caps city budget growth, potentially limiting services.
- **H.B. 23 (Harris):** Allows third-party development reviews, bypassing city processes, threatening public safety.

Action Needed:

Highland Haven urges residents to contact representatives to give their opinion on "one-size-fits-all mandates" from the state. A suggestion for language for bills: "Apply only to cities over 150,000 in counties with over 300,000 population."

Sample letters and bill details are at HighlandHavenTX.com/legislative-issues

See Texas Municipal League bill updates at https://www.tml.org/999/_2025

Why It Matters: Local elected officials, accountable to residents, best address community needs through transparent processes. State mandates often harm small cities like ours.

Local elected officials, who are directly accountable to their constituents, are best positioned to make decisions through open, transparent public input processes that reflect the unique needs of their residents.

Highland Haven Utilities

- We need your help; many phone numbers and email addresses in our files no longer work. Please update your contact information.
- Send your updated contact phone numbers, email and mailing address to adminassistant@highlandhaventx.com

- The City of Highland Haven uses this information to contact you about emergency issues, i.e. water outages, weather emergencies, trash schedule changes etc.

Drought Update

- Drought conditions persist, our area has been in a drought cycle ranging from moderate to extreme drought status for several years now.
- Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District has mandated a **15% water reduction for all groundwater systems**.
- **Our groundwater permit has been reduced from 82 acre to 69 acre-feet**—please continue conserving water!
- **The City of Highland Haven has initiated restrictions for lawn watering to once a week, consistent with LCRA restrictions.**
- The City of Highland Haven is required to have a drought contingency plan and we are currently at Stage 4; please review our webpage for more details about our restrictions.
 - [Highland Haven Drought-Contingency Plan](#)
- **Effective January 1, 2025, Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District** initiated Drought Stage 4 restrictions, please review their website for more details.
 - [Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District – Drought Management Plan](#)
- **Effective March 3, 2025, LCRA** initiated their Drought Stage 2 restrictions, please review their website for more details.
 - [LCRA Domestic Water Use Rules](#)

City Meetings – Join Us!

- **Board of Aldermen:** May 6, 7pm & May 20 @ 7PM (Community Center)
- **Planning & Zoning:** May 8, 6 PM (Community Center)
- **Check out our website to review city meeting [agendas and minutes](#).**

City Services & Resources

- **Trash & Recycling Schedule:** [Waste Services](#)
- **Building Permits:** Contact Tom Weaver at (830) 265-4366 or buildingpermits@highlandhaventx.com
- **City Website:** [Subscribe for alerts & updates!](#)

HIGHLAND HAVEN LADIES CLUB

Pat Koehn, President

May 14th will be the last Ladies Club meeting until September 10th. Refreshments will be served at 1pm followed by a business meeting at 1:30pm. Volunteers for summer and Christmas events, and potluck suppers will be recruited. Election of three new officers is also scheduled. After the May 27 potluck supper, at about 7:30pm, [EMT Vaughan Hamilton](#) will demonstrate how to use the new Defibrillator hanging on the wall near the door in the Community Center. It should take about 15 minutes. All are invited to watch this demo. Lives are saved by volunteers who learn how to use defibrillators.

KODAK MOMENT ... April Bosseln Game

15 players & a couple of onlookers had hours of fun at our April Bosseln Game. Congratulations to the winning team "Cali Escapees". Congratulations to *Ed & Tina Nechiporenko & Chris Whitley*.



Annual July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social

I know, I know you're probably asking "Why am I reading about a 4th of July event " in May? This event is a tradition that goes back many years. Since some of our residents are not full time and we have new residents too, the Ladies Club does it's best to provide information as early as possible, so those residents have the opportunity to join in the fun.

Our July 4th celebration begins with a parade and all residents are invited to participate. Immediately following, an ice cream social is held in the community center. Even though that special day is many weeks away ... it's never too soon to begin making plans for a theme to decorate your bike, golf cart, wagon, trailer, antique car, or *whatever*, to make our 4th of July parade the best ever! The challenge is on ... what theme will you have for the parade entry"?


Immediately following, the Ladies Club will host an Ice Cream Social. Donations of ice cream may be needed.



Additional information will be shared next month, including parade starting location & time. A parade route will also be included for those residents wishing to watch all the creatively decorated modes of transportation.

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	2 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	3 Burnet County Local Elections
4	5 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge 6:30 pm</i>	6 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 <i>Victory in Europe Day</i>  <i>(VE Day)</i> <i>Trash</i>	9 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	10
11 Mother's Day	12 <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	13 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45	14 <i>Ladies Club Meeting</i> <i>1:00 social</i> <i>1:30 meeting</i>	15 <i>Peace Officers Memorial Day</i> P&Z meeting 6:00 pm <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	16 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	17 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 
18	19 <i>Quilting 10 am</i> <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	20 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 BOA meeting 7:00 pm	21 Bingo 1pm Game Night 7pm	22 <i>HHPOA Meeting</i> <i>5:00 pm</i> <i>Trash</i>	23 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45 <i>Newsletter article deadline</i>	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>  <i>Bridge 7:00 pm</i>	27 <i>Silver Sneakers</i> 11:45 – 12:45 Potluck	28	29 <i>Trash & Recycle</i>	30 <i>Circuit Class</i> 11:45 – 12:45	31 <i>National Smile Day</i>

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