



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

November 14, 2025



Preparing for Town Hall #3: Shaping Highland Haven's Future

We Want Your Feedback: A mini survey on Aquatic Vegetation and Parks

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

Good afternoon! With Thanksgiving just around the corner and the crisp November air inviting us to gather and reflect, I'm excited to invite you to our third and Town Hall for the Comprehensive Plan update on November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. This session is a vital opportunity to continue our community conversations and refine the vision that will guide Highland Haven through the next decade—building on the insights from our initial survey and the first two town halls.

To spark even more dialogue and ensure every voice is heard, we've launched a quick mini survey focused on two emerging priorities that residents have flagged: managing aquatic vegetation on Lake LBJ and enhancing our community parks.

First, on **aquatic vegetation management**: The arrival of zebra mussels has led to rapid shoreline and channel growth, making it tougher for waterfront property owners to keep things clear. Our mini survey asks whether the city should take a lead role in treatment within city limits—and if so, whether property taxes could support it—along with space for your ideas on the best approach.

Second, **community park improvements**: Our parks, owned and maintained by the Property Owners Association (POA), provide essential boat ramps and benches, but our initial survey had over 20 comments asking for more. The survey explores if the city could partner through grants or advocacy (while ownership stays with the POA) and invites your wishlist for space-smart additions. Importantly, the intention of this Comprehensive Plan update and mini-survey is not for the city to take over ownership, operation, or management of the parks—that responsibility remains with the POA. Including parks ensures the plan comprehensively covers all aspects of life in Highland Haven, even those outside city management. By clarifying roles and responsibilities, we can pass along resident recommendations directly to the POA for their consideration, helping align park management with community desires for enhanced recreation and well-being. **Incorporating all elements of community life into a comprehensive plan, even those beyond the city's direct authority, creates a complete blueprint for sustainable development, delineates accountability among partners like the POA, and empowers resident input to drive meaningful, collective progress.**

The survey takes just 2-3 minutes and is anonymous to encourage open sharing—responses will be summarized and presented at the town hall to fuel discussion. You can complete it here: **Town Hall #3 Mini Survey**.

Mark your calendars for November 20, and if you have questions about the town hall, survey, or plan process, please reach out at cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and warm wishes for a wonderful November!

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 18, 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 December 11, at the Community Center.

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

Town Hall #3 November 20

As we continue our series of town halls to gather your valuable insights for updating our Comprehensive Plan, we're excited to host **Town Hall #3** on **Thursday, November 20, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center**. This session will center on key environmental priorities: Lake LBJ Water Quality, Open Space Preservation, Stormwater Management, and Groundwater Management. Your feedback will help us envision a sustainable future for our lakeside community.

We'll dive into two important discussion topics to spark your thoughts:

- **Aquatic Vegetation Management:** Should the City take the lead on programs to address aquatic vegetation in our waterways, or should this remain the responsibility of individual homeowners? We'd love to hear your perspectives on balancing community-wide efforts with personal stewardship.
- **Parks in the City:** What features would you like to see (or avoid) in our parks to enhance enjoyment for all? While the City does not own or manage any parks—that role belongs to the Property Owners Association (POA)—your ideas will be shared directly with them to inform future enhancements. We'll include a clear overview of current park management and responsibilities during the meeting.

To encourage even more input, we've created distribute a brief 4-5 question survey next Friday, November 14, on these two items. It's a quick way to share your views from home, and responses will directly guide our planning and may be brought up during the Town Hall. Please click on the link below to fill out the survey.

Survey on Aquatic Vegetation and Parks

Together, we're building a plan that reflects our shared values. See you there!

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!