



## Mayor's Message – April 2021

Spring has arrived in Horseshoe Bay – in more ways than one. The hopefulness reflected in the bluebonnets' determined survival of this intense winter season mirrors the community relief. It has been a delight to see neighbors greeting each other and engaging in the quality of life activities that characterize HSBay. No April Fool's joke here...people are literally springing forward and getting out and about again. Thank you ALL for your bountiful upbeat attitudes and 'can do' spirit.....and a return to our shared community joy.

### City News

**New Trashcans arrive next week (April 5).** Remember to put your trash out as usual, then LEAVE the **BLUE CAN out**. It will be picked up and a **new GREEN CAN** will be left for you to store and use in the future. Those out of town will have an opportunity to contact Waste Management when they return for the exchange. Help out your neighbors where needed.

We all suffered some landscape loss – though like the bluebonnets, most foliage is defying the odds and blooming again. As sprinkler systems come alive – it is essential that **BACKFLOW PREVENTION** is managed so that our drinking water remains safe. If you have not had your system tested, go to <http://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/645/Irrigation-Backflow-Testing> for details on the importance of this program and licensed testers. The test usually runs under \$100, but individual homes may require repair or installation. This prevents debris, fertilizer, and/or bacterial flowing from external homeowner sprinkler systems back into water supply.

Your City Council will be in full work mode, beginning with an all day workshop focused on the new **Long Range Plan**. A detailed outline of the recommendations from the year-long study, including surveys and interviews with residents and business owners, will be finalized for approval. Action items will be approved (or set aside) depending on cost, time and staff requirements, and priority demonstrated by the community. **Council meetings will be open** again after a year of pandemic restraint to welcome citizens to join their government at work.

The Council will also approve the **new Communications Committee** membership of 7-8 individuals from across the community. This follows through on the commitment to continually improve efforts to keep residents informed. In our mobile community, one of the biggest challenges is **ensuring all have access to any City actions that impact their daily living**. Reach out to liaison City Manager Stan Farmer for your input ([sfarmer@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov](mailto:sfarmer@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov)).

**HEADS UP!** If you see **helicopters hovering along Hwy 2147** this month, don't be alarmed. They are literally 'lifting' some lines, etc. in their upgrade to the power grid. Still....be cautious about the area as you drive through – and try to keep your eyes on the road.

## CoVid Update

How great to not be charting the cases of CoVid illnesses/death, though we remain sensitive to the reality that this pandemic continues to impact lives. Between BWhite's wonderfully organized vaccination system, alongside that of Llano County and **our own Bay Pharmacy** – most all residents have had at least the first shot if desired. **We are so thankful to those who volunteered** to help the process so that over a thousand doses have been dispensed. Now that vaccination is open to all ages, young adults and business staff can be included. There is a sense of confidence emerging that, with continued cautions for a few months, is allowing us to venture out and 'hug' once again. Social groups have resumed, church is fully open, and the resort is bustling with energetic activity options. **Please pay attention to the requests/requirements of each business** as most continue to ask for masks/social distancing until they can feel herd immunity is solidly in place to protect staff and customers. **We model law-abiding citizenship when we honor the rules of a business.** Spring Break (and upcoming Easter/Memorial Weekend) will bring in folks from outside our community with differing safety experiences....so for a couple of months we are still transitioning. Use good judgment in your daily encounters, relaxing where you feel appropriate. For continued CoVid data updates, go to <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

But...as a City, we have our eyes on the prize with **hopes for a summer of post-pandemic** (to a larger degree) return to life at the Bay. We are already discussing joining with others in looking ahead to our Boogie at the Bay, **4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration**, water sports, and daily living in the sun. Our snowbirds head north – but, we'll keep the home fires burning for their return in the Fall.

## Neighborhoods United

Horseshoe Bay consists of multiple lifestyle areas – with over 12 distinct POA/HOA associations reflecting the unique needs of lake living, golf course, equestrian, lock and leave, or neighborhood homes. **Please be sure you THANK your POA president** for his/her role in helping us communicate information. They were critical partners during our Snovid/Power outage days. We meet with these presidents quarterly to share updates and hear from them about needs/suggestions. As Jim Jorden (with a dedicated committee) works to complete a book on the **History of Horseshoe Bay during this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year** – they will be reaching out this month (through Linda Lambert) to get **group photos** of each POA to include in the book. Years from now people will look at YOU and the sense of community reflected in the smiles in the 2021 publication (due out 4th of July). **Join the fun if your schedule allows – details to follow.**

Finally, like you – I am giddy with joy as we emerge from a year+ of flooding on Lake LBJ, wildfires in the Trails, pandemic craziness, polar vortex, and power collapse. I know a cicada invasion is predicted – but we all can trust that as a community, we can handle anything that comes our way....and bounce right back into **the blessing that is living in Horseshoe Bay.**

*cc* Cynthia Clinesmith, Mayor

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