



Mayor's Message – July 2021



We have a whole new **appreciation for INDEPENDENCE!** As we head to a full day of celebration on July 4th – parades, 50th Anniversary Events at Quail Point with kid crafts/50 cent hot dogs and watermelon/music, and full on fireworks from the Resort – we will give thanks after a year of restrictions (and no 4th celebration last year)! ALL City residents may join the **4th of July fun!** Note: [see hsbpoa.org](http://hsbpoa.org) for details of all the fun (times/start site for land/water/dog parades!) Don't forget to get your [copy of the History of Horseshoe Bay 50th Anniversary book \(\\$20\)](#) while at Quail Point (or anytime at City Hall or Quail Point afterwards. Great gift for new neighbors!)

City News

Speaking of the parade....how fun to have **special German Parliament guests** join in a 'real American experience' as they travel to central Texas. Three distinguished visitors to the UT LBJ Business school will be heading our way to have a first-hand Independence Day experience as guests in our land/boat parades. If you cross paths, give them a Hill Country warm welcome.

It's **HOT** (I know you know!) – **hydrate** and be particularly safe with tool sparks or grilling. Keep wild grass mowed (City has begun seasonal mowing) and **follow burn ban guidance**. **Remember** last year's 400 acre wildfire started with a simple truck chain dragging - shooting a spark.

Preparing for a hot summer, we appreciate **PEC honoring their commitment** to get our second **large generator installed** before the 4th of July (an increased electrical use). After a frustrating and hard experience during the winter storm electrical outages, we were adamant that we not have to experience loss again as summer heat/AC use rises. PEC followed through with their promise and have fully tested our preparedness. Always good to have collaboration succeed!

As part of the **Scenic City** program (and for air quality) an initiative to **plant 1 MILLION TREES across Texas** gives each of us an opportunity to get some **free saplings** to plant in front areas of our home (they need to be roadway visible). If interested, see <http://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/754/Million-Trees-Initiative>. **Deadline for tree/s requests is August 1st** with delivery in the Fall. The 2 ft tree choices are Chinquapin and Monterrey Oak, Chinese Pistache, and Cedar Elm.

Steve Jordan Parkway sign will be officially erected on July 2nd in appreciation of his Mayor leadership and efforts to ensure the repaving and turn lanes installed on Hwy 2147. Join the 11:00 am dedication just west of the 7-11 to honor this service to the community!

There has been a **barrage of drivers using an illegal cut** through at the airport across private ranch property to access Hwy 71. The police and property owner are addressing this as a criminal matter (with vandalism on gates), but our trust is those using this path will remember they are neighbors first and citizens responsible to the law. Honor your HSBay community by

helping us to not allow open access of unwanted traffic or **criminal intentions into our city**. A new gate with multiple cameras is being installed to eliminate this disappointing behavior.

POST OFFICE challenges continue! We hope to “get their attention at the federal level”. When you have a delivery problem, go to: <https://pfluger.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency> and at the bottom, select Authorization Form and submit your problem. We are hoping an onslaught of email frustration will get some results. Be sure to use detail such as dates, packing number, etc. to help document these very real ongoing issues. Our goal is to be set apart from Marble Falls and provided our own Postmaster responsible to our community. **Report issues!!**

BRONCO up – www.broncoffroadeo.com off road vehicle demo site! The Horseshoe Bay Resort has a partnership with Bronco with its demo trails on their property on Hwy 71. If you see ‘dirt dust’ it is just the trucks riding the trails. For now, it is dealers, registered buyers, etc. testing the vehicles along the varied intensity trails in one of four U.S. experience sites. This is not within the City limits of Horseshoe Bay and is not part of City oversight.

Hang on- sorry for delays! We are working closely with the County, Region, and State officials on plans for transportation, workforce, and internet access. Our City efforts for **the internet plans continue to be stalled** as all entities involved in the plan finalize their commitments. Recent allocations as a part of the CONNECT Texas (rural) have been made available to the County who will work with us to move this plan forward.

Community Care Spotlight

I had the honor of sharing with the **Kiwanis Club** recently and learned of their service in support of area children. Beyond that they have taken their ‘care’ to all of us by **placing American Flags along our Hwy 2147 each holiday** (**15** times a year) to remind us of all of the blessings we share. I hope you will join me in thanking the Kiwanis when you cross paths and as you enjoy their efforts on the flag display 4th! For more info on projects: <https://www.marblefallskiwanis.org/>

Finally.....

Many are headed north for cooler temps or to vacation experiences. Those of us remaining wish you safe travels – and will keep Horseshoe Bay vibrant until your return (though a little more low-key without about half the population/traffic). **Stay in touch via the City website: www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov** or sign up on the CIVIC READY for auto messages as you travel! We will be ready to welcome you back to the incredible Horseshoe Bay we all proudly call home.

 Cynthia ClineSmith, Mayor

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