



Mayor's Message March 2022



With the 30^o days seemingly behind us (for a while).... we are officially heading into **SPRING month** mode and can begin to look ahead to the bounty of *living the dream* in HSB in days ahead.

City News

Growth is the word of the day throughout Central Texas for sure....and HSBay is no exception. We are on track for over 250 new homes in 2022 (even with limited speculative builds). You see clearing of property on Hwy 71 (that is actually Airport new hangar work), the potential for a new large development next to the existing Phoenix Center (actually a great model for high quality, green space valued living), and "in fill" building continuing throughout existing neighborhoods. A new CPA firm will join us (building next to 7-11)....and Tuscan Village and Summit Rock are welcoming lots of new neighbors. **The City is planning ahead** to be sure infrastructure needs (with impact fees paid by new developers) and essential services are prepared to respond!

As new residents arrive, please **PAY ATTENTION** to the **ACC guidelines** provided at sales closings. Many people are realizing too late they began remodeling/outdoor projects without ACC approval through their POAs and are having to remove or rework. These standards are not set by the City, but are legal guidelines developed by your community. **Check with your POA before you begin anything.**

Internet update.....stay tuned (heard that before, right?). We are on the brink, but trying to make sure that the actual implementation work doesn't damage our roads, your driveways/irrigation, or daily living (too much). For those in Phase I (largely HSBay West between Hwy 2147 and Fault Line), Vyve will begin to reach out to you soon regarding individual home interest in getting connected. Prices for service and channel options are posted on their website. The City will not be involved in actual service provision/relationship. The wireless access off the tower of Cap Rock will be through Zeecon and will benefit those on the backside of HSBay West (and along Matern/Wenmohs) until the Phase II Vyve fiber lines are run further throughout the community. The actual map of service lines and enrollment contact information will be rolling once the final construction plans are approved by City and providers.

Spring Break is around the corner and we'll welcome family/friends and hotel vacationers. Air BnBs (VRBO, etc) will also bring folks who may not be aware of our expectations. **We have ordinances regarding parking, noise, late hours**....and police patrol will be checking on areas throughout the community to give info (or warnings/citations if needed). Please call if you see problems so that guests can be made aware of expectations and local residents can co-exist comfortably. So glad to welcome guests (often potential new homeowners), but want to ensure the pleasure of Spring Break is unspoiled. Check your own guests/grandkids' behavior regarding golf cart use, golf course care, lake safety, walking on roads and partying (I speak from experience as my six precious grand-munchkins became teens!).

Let me encourage you to consider **Block Parties this Spring** to get to know your direct neighbors and build a support/communication system. I have hosted 2x a year for over 20 years and love knowing that our neighbors can lift each other up in times of illness/aging, varied resources/skills, or just shared hobbies/interest connections. With so many of our residents traveling/second homes, it is comforting to know who can offer a lookout, a cup of sugar?, and who is coming/going around your property areas.

Speaking of POAs, I enjoyed getting to **visit with the Applehead Island residents** at their annual POA meeting. **Thanks!** A great turn out of neighbors who obviously care and connect around their valued

quality of life. I am available to any POA interested in a short Q&A specific to their needs or broad overview of city focus areas on the horizon....always enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new residents. You may have read that some of **the HSBay South residents stepped forward** at the last City Council meeting to declare their opposition to invasive (and illegal) efforts to bring a road through their neighborhood. Their concern for traffic and their children at play in this area was moving. They were assured that the City is fully aware and engaged in preventing any illegal actions that encroach upon the quality of life expected here. And also remember – the road from Hwy 71 to the Airport/Clayton Nolen is a private road for the Airport operation....not a public thoroughfare. Please respect this.

Volunteer committees are hard at work – and a special shout out to the Parks Cmtee. They have toured existing trails (with a plan this week to trek Slick Rock trail and clean up). Ultimately, a recommendation will be made to the POAs and City regarding a map of trails existing or desired for community use. Interested in participating? Contact liaison Councilwoman Elsie Thurman or City Director Tim Foran.

Remember that Oak tree trimming is banned after February 1st through June to prevent Oak Wilt activity. You will see some continued removal of dead trees (NOT Oak) around the golf course....and certainly any dangling, potentially dangerous limbs can be removed as needed (but seal open wounds). Tree trimming guidelines are on the City website. Note: We also **ended deer trapping earlier this month** (with weather interruptions) so be especially aware the herds may be a bit larger this year. Last year we had over 150 roadside deer incidents even with culling of 400 deer to maintain healthy herd....so drive carefully at dusk especially. We have some beautiful, healthy deer families -let's protect them and YOU!

Don't forget, a **detailed data report of State of the City** activity for 2021 is posted on the website (<https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/574/Mayors-State-of-the-City-Message>) for full transparency

We have reached that age where discussions of the **'birds and bees'** takes on a more literal meaning! Take advantage of the Nature Park as wildflowers emerge later in the month – and bluebirds have already been spotted. Guidance around potential (safe) beekeeping will be examined in April as an ordinance is being developed for large lots/off golf course and the Nature Park to support pollination.

Finally – if you haven't taken the “birds eye view” of Horseshoe Bay.....go to the city website (www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov) and scroll down to the video. **A drone tour** across all areas of our community will remind you of the blessings we experience in our HSBay hometown.



Cynthia Cline Smith, Mayor

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