



Mayor's Message – June 2023



After last year's drought, we aren't complaining about the rain but we were all ready for this Memorial weekend sunny days. School is out, weddings in abundance, and travel (some leaving us – others visiting) all kick off our summer season. Make it fun (and safe).

City News

- Special appreciation to the residents who worked to move debris to the roadside (and helped out their neighbors...thank you, Andy!). The **Public Works** department worked with a contractor (with support from police, fire, and utility team members) to get over 2200 cubic ft cleared up quickly. Some homes were impacted more deeply and are still in recovery mode – keep them in your thoughts and be patient. **As with all significant events**, the city Emergency Operations Coordinator (our Fire Chief) led an 'after event' discussion to ensure all appropriate responses worked well. We were proud to find roles moved to immediate action – and full community support followed.
- June marks the annual **resurfacing of roads** (1/7 of roads rotate annually). See the city website for a map and calendar of specific June dates to see if your road is included this year- www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov (scroll down to "what's new"). Of particular interest to new residents is to note that **one or two days will be slotted where you cannot drive on your road** so you need to make arrangements. Many park their car elsewhere or plan to remain at home (or travel during this time). Arrangements are, of course, made for emergency responses....and communication specific to impacted streets will follow soon.

While on the website, take the time to peruse through the updated/new site for significant new information to help you find answers to questions about your city and access to support/guidance. For example, be sure you are signed up for WaterSmart (for leak alerts) and Civic Ready. City events/workshops (such as upcoming Stargazing Photographer session), council agendas, department reports are all available in detail for full transparency and shared understandings. Stay Informed!

One piece of new information details the **simplified watering schedule effective NOW**. If you have an even number address – water on Sun/Thurs; odd address- water on Wed/Sat; multi-family and commercial-water on Tues/Friday. **NO WATERING on MONDAYS** for maintenance/refills. **NO WATERING any DAY between 10 am and 7 pm**.

- It's summer and the need for awareness of activity becomes even more essential.
 - Vacationers will arrive with increased traffic. If you have guests, please remind them of courtesy behavior (city ordinances for parking, noise, outdoor music). Report any short-term rental disturbances to city code enforcement/police.
 - **Lake safety** for boaters as Lake Travis has limited boat ramp access this year and we are likely to see increased traffic on Lake LBJ; also, **be aware of the milfoil** and other growth prevalent in the lake. We are working with State and County officials to mitigate the invasive growths, but pay attention as you navigate the waters.

- We don't anticipate highly dry grass just yet, but as the month rolls on – be careful with grills and electrical equipment to **avoid fire sparks**. Lot mowing will begin after mid-June (allowing the butterfly milkweed to drop seeds).
- New to city and visitors need to be aware of our unique **grinder sewer system** (with extra people comes extra strain on the capacity); Report any red lights immediately (your neighbor may be gone or not be aware – so help look out for area homes)
- **Short term rental owners** need to be sure their properties are registered (easy on-line process) as part of new city guidelines. This ensures each visitor has all emergency and city behavior expectations information...and that there is a direct contact if concerns arise.
- The **City Bonds sold** at an incredibly quick pace (multiple bidders looking for solid investments such as HSBay) and with an exceptional (below 4%) interest rate. The Bond Counsel presented at the May Council and **indicated that HSBay is one of the unheard cities our size being considered for AAA rating** (currently at AA+). This speaks to our council and all departments managing funds with high fiscal responsibility.

Community News

- It's wonderful **BOOGIE at the BAY time!** Thanks to our HSBBA Business Alliance, a month of Wednesday evening live music by the lake begins at Quail Point on June 7th! Bring your chairs, libations, picnic....and toe tapping to join the fun. All city residents are invited (come by boat and enjoy the music afloat). A shout out to the HSBay POA team for its SHOWCASE of Businesses last week allowing all to peruse the varied booths and get to know our local HSBBA retail providers. Be sure to thank the HSBBA for their donation to our summer music fun by frequenting their businesses. **SHOP LOCAL!**
- Around 80%+ of our residents are members of the resort. **JUNE 1st marks** a huge change as the Yacht Club becomes 'members only' (no hotel/vacationers) to allow for you to enjoy your club with friends and bring your family for less crowded enjoyment. For this to be a success, it has to be supported by members – so mark your calendars for weekly habit to enjoy the new menus/prices for lunch, happy hour, dinner, and poolside fun. Remember you can personally bring non-member friends/family as guests. Go to member website for details on live music and multiple summer events (camps for grandkids, etc.).
- What a special treat all had at the **Nature Park unveiling of their informational signage**. A perfect early evening gathering saluted all those who volunteer to make this special venue – and the tranquil walk among a million wildflowers, birds, nature growth reminded us all of the Hill Country treasure. THANKS to the Smith Family donation and the dedicated Board for keeping the vision 'blooming'.

This month brings Flag Day (thank the Kiwanis for their work in flying our colors), the Summer Solstice, and time to appreciate our dads (or be appreciated as a dad). With vibrant green trees, blue waters, and wildflowers abounding.... get out and hike a trail, visit the Nature Park, float the lake, host a backyard grill....and **fully take in the blessing of your HSBay home**.

CC Cynthia Cline Smith, Mayor

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