



# News Release

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### ***Council Recognizes Outgoing Council Members Michelle Schwolert and John McGee***

On May 14, presentations were made to Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Schwolert and council member John McGee. Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Schwolert has served on City Council since 2012 and decided not to seek re-election to focus on her family and career. She also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission from 2007-2012, on the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, as Council Liaison for the Public Art Advisory Board and at one time also served on the Highland Village Police Officer Interview Board. Michelle brought a unique perspective to Council as she worked as Administrative Assistant to the Finance Department from 1999-2001, which provided an in depth knowledge of municipal procedures and budget processes. Recently Michelle received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations with an emphasis in Journalism. Michelle is passionate about guiding the youth in our community in making positive and healthy choices when faced with the challenges of today's social environment. She has taken that passion and made it the driving force of her career as a teacher now at Marcus High School.

Council member John McGee has represented the residents of Highland Village as a Council member since 2010. Prior to serving on Council, John served on the Board of Ethics, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and on the 2008-2009 Charter Review Committee. He has also served on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee since 2010. John is no stranger to service, having served our country in the United States Army, he is now focusing his efforts to serve Veterans in the community through the Military Veteran Peer Network, serving as a mentor to veterans involved in Denton County's Veterans Treatment Court Program and working to rehab what is now the Chris Kyle Veterans Center at the Victory Therapy Center. John has reached his term limit.

"John and Michelle have both worked hard for the betterment of our community and their insight and dedication is going to be greatly missed," stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox.

Parks director Phil Lozano reported on the progress made at Copperas Branch Park and the scope of work still needed in order to open the park to the public. Since AGL took over the park as the staging area for the 35Express project in September 2013, City crews have not had access to maintain the park until recently. General clean up and repairs, installation of bollards with cable, grading of dirt piles, removal of debris, dead trees and overgrowth, asphalt repairs, and installation of a sidewalk from the parking area are needed before the park is ready for public use. The City anticipates re-opening the park by the end of July.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Mayor Wilcox honored Highland Village public safety personnel with two proclamations. The first proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week and the second for National Police Week. Mayor Wilcox also recognized the health and well-being of children with a proclamation designating Saturday, May 19 as Kids Day America. Trinity Wellness Center is hosting a free Kids Day America event at McAuliffe Elementary School from noon to 4:00 p.m. on May 19.

In the City Manager Report the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of early voting dates and times, the Celebrate Highland Village event, Kids Kamp which begins on June 11, Movies in the Park scheduled for May 18, the next HVBA Community Coffee event on Thursday, June 7.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).