



The Bonita Highlander

September 2025

Reminders From the Board

As the dog days of summer roll through the Bonita Highlands, it's important to practice good lawn care to keep our yards green. Our last Highlands inspection revealed that we have a large number of homeowners with yards that are dying or have already crossed the finish line. It doesn't take much to keep our green grass thriving and if you plan ahead, it also doesn't cost much as you think. Here are just a few hints.....

Aerate 1-2 times a year. This is a necessity for clay soil, it is essential to perform this task at least once a year and twice is optimal. The recommended times are spring (April/May) and fall (October/November). If you choose to only do it once a year, go with spring. When you aerate in the spring, apply gypsum afterwards which will help to loosen the soil and improve the soil structure for optimal grass growth.

Fertilize every 8-10 weeks. Go to a landscaping store and they can recommend fertilizers specific to the season and your soil that will optimize the growth of your grass and minimize the weeds.

Water twice a day for six minute intervals, 3-4 times per week is all it takes as long as you choose your watering time wisely (5 am and 8-9 am are optimal). If you water once a day, then up your time accordingly and water between 5-6 am. Temperatures and seasons are critical factors in choosing your watering times. AVOID evening watering as that will lead to fungus growth! And afternoon watering is subject to fast evaporation!

Sprinklers, last but not least, check your sprinklers on a regular basis to ensure everything is operating properly. Check for faulty sprinkler heads, broken risers, and any possible breaks in the pipes, and repair/replace components as necessary to ensure you are properly watering your grass and/or plants. And always check the weather report so you can turn your sprinklers off when it's raining!

Let's work together and keep the Bonita Highlands green and beautiful!

John and Liz Wetter



Bonita Highlands Annual Election

The annual election for the BHHA Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 year, will take place March 2, 2026, at the BHHA Annual meeting. Any homeowner interesting in running for the Board must complete a Candidate Qualification form which is available from the BHHA Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. The election timeline is as follows:

- 1 OCT 2025 — Candidate Qualification forms are available.
- 1 NOV 2025 — Notice of Nomination Procedures will be issued.
- 1 DEC 2025 — Nomination Deadline. All Candidate Qualification forms must be received by this date to be considered for nomination to the Board.
- DEC 2025 — The candidate list will be finalized and the election officials selected. Homeowners will be notified of voting procedures, including time, date and location for in-person voting.
- JAN 2026 — The election ballots, instructions, and return envelopes will be mailed to all current homeowners the last week of January 2026.
- 2 MAR 2026 — Homeowners must submit their ballots so they are received by March 2, 2026 to be counted.

Additional information regarding the Annual BHHA Board of Directors Election will be provided in future Newsletters.

Bonita Valley Horsemen Club

Once again, the Bonita Valley Horsemen enjoyed their annual meeting in the BHHA Horse Ring/Open Space in the Highlands. This year the horsemen invited a few smaller friends for their picnic!



Silver the Wonder Pony and the 53rd Bonitafest Needs You.

The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association (SVCA) shared that the Annual Bonitafest costs \$35K. This year with a change in Supervisors the grant money was not available. This is a 53 year tradition and the volunteers work tirelessly to bring this event to our children, families, and community.

If you'd like to contribute or want more details, visit the links below. Thank you for helping support local events in the community!

Facebook: [tinyurl.com/SupportBonitafest25](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/SupportBonitafest25)

Instagram: [tinyurl.com/SupportBonitafest25ig](https://www.instagram.com/tinyurl.com/SupportBonitafest25ig)



Bonitafest '25 events will run September 20-27. **The Bonitafest Twilight Trail Parade and Performing Arts Festival** launches at 6 p.m. from the Sunnyside Saddle Club Equestrian Ring in Rohr Park. Equestrians, bicycles, and walkers are welcome to join the parade. Pets too! Ride with us on horseback or join us on foot as we celebrate our community in true trail style. This is the perfect chance to reconnect, show off your spirit, and make memories. The **Performing Arts Festival** kicks off at 6:30 p.m. at the Bonita Historical Museum parking lot.

The **48th annual Bonitafest Melodrama** runs September 24-27 at the Sweetwater Community Church Theater. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Information about this event from: SVCA, Sunnyside Saddle Club and Max Branscomb

Update on Open Space Mowing!

The Open Space mowing began in August and has progressed expeditiously over the month. The Aztec folks also attacked the Trails and Trail Entrances across the Highlands! They have made Great progress! Thank you to everyone for your understanding as we have successfully addressed this community challenge. The OSC will continue to address all the other Open Space inputs received from homeowners over the balance of the year.

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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM***, in person at the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introduction of Board members, Pledge of Allegiance, Announcement of the Next Meeting, Adoption of Minutes from the last monthly meeting.
2. Homeowner appearances for appeals to notices, fines, or requests for structural alterations.
3. Homeowner Open Communications.
4. Committee and Staff Reports: ACC-A (SCRs), ACC-C (violations), Financial Officer, Open Space Chairperson, and BHHA Communications.
5. Old Business: Rules & Regs Update, Committees.
6. New Business: Welcome committee, Communication with property owners
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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