



The Bonita Highlander

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Happy New Year!!!

It is a New Year and New Year Resolutions abound! Here are some good neighborly things to consider and things to remember as we roll into 2025!

- ♦ If you are planning a **structural or landscaping project** please submit a **Structural Change Request (SCR) Form** before you begin. If your project requires a permit from the County, please note the County will not issue a permit without an HOA's SCR Approval letter. The SCR Form is on the website, bonitahighlands.org and can be submitted to the BHHA for review and approval via PayHOA. .
- ♦ Remember, if you receive a **BHHA Yellow Door Hanger**, it is meant to be a **"Friendly Reminder"** of address a potential BHHA Rules & Regs related situation. Most homeowners address the situation within a few days! If you have any questions regarding the Hanger comments please feel free to reach out to the BHHA via PayHOA or email at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. These Door Hangers save the BHHA time and money and have proven to be much more effective than the previous "letter" method.
- ♦ **Brow ditches** run through many of our properties and if you have a brow ditch within your property line, it is your responsibility to keep it free of debris so that rain water flows smoothly. If the ditch is outside of your property line, the BHHA is responsible to maintain it. So knowing where your property line really is, is critical. If there is an issue with a brow ditch, trail, or the open space, please reach out to the BHHA via PayHOA or email.
- ♦ When parking on the street, try not to park right at the intersection, as its difficult for pedestrians and drivers to see around your vehicles for oncoming traffic. And its more challenging for those homeowners backing out into the street to safely see oncoming traffic. So please be considerate of your neighbors when you park on corners and/or next to driveways.
- ♦ If you are refinancing or doing something else with your mortgage and your lender or escrow company wants confirmation of paid assessments, we can help you. Just contact the BHHA via PayHOA or email at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com and we will assist you.
- ♦ The BHHA is here to help and **communication is the key**. Send any questions or concerns to us via PayHOA or email at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com.

The BHHA Board of Directors (BoD) and Staff members wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year!!

And the Winners Are!!!

We had another wonder year of beautifully decorated homes, full of lights and inflated balloons. As usual we had three teams of BHHA BoD and Staff members that toured the neighborhood, made their selections, and then consolidated their choices into the following Winners and Honorable Mention homes!



FIRST PLACE

3916 Rock River

SECOND PLACE

3676 Corral Canyon



THIRD PLACE

3766 Wild Oats

Plus we had several Honorable Mention homes at: 4354 Country Trails, 5632 Jockey Way, 5652 Loping Lane, 5625 Galloping Way, 5805 Shadow Rock, 5958 Steeplechase Road, 5957 Lazy Trails Court, 5926 Wheatstalk Lane, 5843 Central Ave, 5762 Good Karma Lane, and 5811 Blacksmith Road.

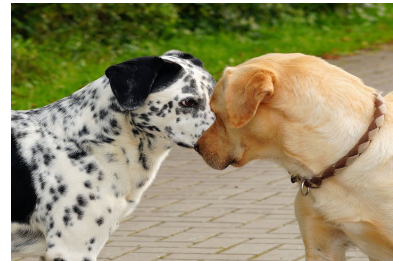
General Notes and Reminders

The BHHA **Annual Budgeting Process** is coming to an end with its third and final reading at the next BHHA Meeting on January 14, 2025 . The final budget, the BHHA Reserves Study, as well as the Annual Assessment amount for 2025-2026 will be addressed by the BoD. If you are interested in the budgeting process, please attend the meeting.



Speeding Traffic in the Highlands continues to be an issue, especially on Corral Canyon and Country Trails/Central Ave. People are using the Highland's streets for quicker access to Eastlake, San Miguel Ranch, and Highway 54. Those drivers that don't want to deal with the "traffic calming" areas and stop signs on Corral Canyon use Central and Country Trails for faster access, and we mean "faster". As homeowners all we can do about speeders, is report them to the CHP and/or the San Diego County Sheriff.

Many of us have furry friends that we walk throughout the neighborhood and on the Trails and Open Spaces. The number of dogs seem to be increasing as well as the variety which is great! For those of us that are dog owners, we need to remember not all homeowners love dogs like we do. All homeowners that walk their dogs on the Trails and Open Space need to carry poop bags and pick-up after their dogs. And that "pick-up" includes not leaving your poop bags on the Trails or Open Spaces; take it home to your trash cans.



As a courtesy to both our Mail Carriers and your neighbors please try to not park right in front of mailboxes. Mail Carriers normally pull up to almost all of the boxes so they don't have to leave their vehicles to deliver the mail. If you park in front of someone's mail box so that you block access to it, the Mail Carrier does not have to deliver the mail to that address because of the blocked mailbox. So just be a good neighbor and try not to park in front of/block a neighbor's mailbox.

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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on ***Tuesday January 14, 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: Final Budget Review. Open Space Contract, Split Rail Fence Update, BHHA Signage. .
6. New Business: Reserves Review, Annual Assessment, BoD Election 2025.
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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