



# The Bonita Highlander

March 2026

## It is Annual Assessment Time!!

Hello Neighbors!

Your 2026-2027 **Annual Assessment** (HOA Dues) notice for **\$565.00** will be arriving by your preferred method (email/regular mail) shortly and you have three options in how you make your payment. Please allow up to 7 days for your payment to process by April 1, 2026.

**1. Mail Your Check:** (Please write your Lot number and property address on your check.)

**Bonita Highlands HOA  
c/o PayHOA  
PO BOX 94046  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-4046**

**2. Make Your Payment via PayHOA:** (2 options)

- Log into your PayHOA Account.
- Click the blue “make a payment” link at the top of your owner portal which should take you to your Check-out page.
- On the Checkout page, select the invoice that you would like to pay by clicking on the small box to the left of the Assessment invoice.
- Next click the blue “add payment method”. You will have two payment options.

**Option 1 — Credit/Debit Card**

- Select a pre-entered card or enter your card information.
- This option includes a processing fee of \$18.86.

**Option 2 — Bank Account or ACH**

- Click “US Bank Account” and search for your bank to see if PayHOA recognizes your bank and follow the instructions to enter your bank’s log in credentials.
- OR, you can click on the blue “enter bank details manually” button and enter the routing and account number for your bank/credit union.

Once your bank’s information is entered, PayHOA will validate your account using a \$0.01 micro deposit to your account which will take 24-36 hours. The micro deposit will include a code (SMxxxx) within the description/title of the transaction. You will need this 4-digit code when you log back into your PayHOA account to make your payment.

ACH payments incur a processing fee of \$ 2.45. Assessments shall be delinquent if not paid within 15 days of the due date (April 1, 2026) and will result in a late charge of 10% of the delinquent assessment.

**3. PayHOA Automated Reminders.** Please understand the PayHOA system sends automated reminders to everyone. If you have already paid, please log into PayHOA to see when your payment was posted.

## Updates from the BHHA OSC

Thank you for your continued patience as we address tree and brush concerns throughout our community's Open Space areas.

In coordination with our Firewise Program and overall Fire-Risk Mitigation Strategy, we will be completing work in a structured progression **from east to west across our Open Space areas**. This approach allows us to methodically reduce fuel loads, improve defensible space, and create consistent canopy management throughout the community.

The baseline scope of work includes lacing mature trees to reduce wind load and potential fire intensity, removing and grinding saplings to prevent over crowding and fuel buildup, raising tree canopies to meet Firewise Program clearance guidelines, removing dead or diseased trees that pose safety and fire risks, and clearing brush and vegetation along fences, trails, and fire roads to improve defensible space and overall access.

Our goal is to improve safety, protect homeowner insurance eligibility given the impact of the recent fires in Los Angeles, and maintain the health and longevity of our Open Space canopy while remaining fiscally responsible to the BHHA.

You may see contractors working in phases as we move from the eastern boundary of the Bonita Highlands westward. We appreciate your patience during this process and ask that residents avoid work zones for safety purposes.

## Outside the Bonita Highlands

The OSC has been in contact with the San Diego County Parks and Recreation folks because they own the horse trail on the east side of the homes along Country Trails. About four years ago they trimmed up the bushes and trees to permit easy passage. It is time that they redo the trimmings.

The OSC also contacted U.S. Fish and Wildlife which owns the property east of the San Diego County horse trails behind Country Trails and expressed our concerns about the dense brush which could lead to wild fires coming across Proctor Valley Road and putting our homes in harm's way. We also discussed the increased number of coyotes living in the brush. They have assured us that they will send a team out to inspect the area in the coming weeks and develop a plan to improve their property.

Spring is just around the corner and with the recent rains and warming weather homeowners are reminded to cut their grass, trim their trees and bushes, and pull their weeds. The OSC is already working with Aztec to schedule our spring and summer mowing and trail maintenance services.

Thank you to all the homeowners for taking good care of your lawns, shrubs, and trees, and supporting the ongoing efforts of the BHHA OSC. You're Support is Appreciated!

## Get Involved, Get Informed!!

If you are looking to be more involved in the community, Bonita Highlands, Sweetwater Valley, etc., there are a number of opportunities for you. And there are a number of other organizations in Bonita you can participate in, i.e., Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimists, and Assistance League to name a few. There are volunteer opportunities at the Bonita Sunnyside Library and Friends of the Library as well. All of these are opportunities to meet friends and neighbors in our local community.

Upcoming meetings for some of these organizations are listed below.

- March 2, 2026 — The Bonita Highlands Homeowners' Association (BHHA) Annual Meeting held at the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station, 4900 Bonita Road, at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to hear from the BHHA Board and Staff Members on their responsibilities, accomplishments, and plans for the coming year.
- March 4, 2026 — The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association (SVCA) Monthly Meeting held at the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4375 Bonita Road, at 6:30 p.m.
- March 7-8, 2026 — Bonita Optimist Book Sale held at the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4375 Bonita Road, on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- March 10, 2026 — BHHA Monthly Board Meeting held at the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station, 4900 Bonita Road, at 6:00 p.m.

## Beware of IRS Scams

Here are a few quick tips to protect yourself from IRS type scams.

1. The IRS will never email or text you about a tax refund or bill — that's always a scam.
2. Don't click suspicious links in any emails – especially ones talking about IRS things!
3. Don't fall for high-pressure phone calls demanding you act immediately with any payments of any kind!
4. As ALWAYS, protect your data by using strong, unique passwords and two-factor authentication.
5. SPAM/SCAM emails and phones are everywhere—24/7— Beware and Control Your Information!

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[bonitahighlands.org](http://bonitahighlands.org)



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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on Tuesday **March 10, 2026 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: Salvation Army Collection, Exterior Lighting,
6. New Business: Annual Assessments, Election Results,
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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