



The Bonita Highlander

September 2026

Reminders from the Board,

The Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association (BHHA) is managed by an elected Board of five Bonita Highlands residents who volunteer their time to oversee the activities of the BHHA. In addition to the five elected Board Members, there are four paid Staff Members who assist the Board with tasks that are more time consuming. These Staff Members do the day-to-day nitty gritty administrative activities, communicate and work with homeowners on projects/issues, make recommendations to the Board for action, and keep the Board Members up to speed with information that is critical in making informed decisions for the BHHA and the homeowners.

The Board and Staff meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Station for its monthly BHHA meeting (July is an off month). All homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend. It is always great to see new faces at the meetings, as well as familiar faces, and listen to the homeowner's concerns, ideas, and perspectives of our neighborhood. If you have never attended one of these meetings, please consider attending one and know that it's okay if you only stay for part of it – we'd rather see you for a half hour than not at all.

There are all types of issues discussed at these monthly meetings, including the routine reports from Staff Members New and Old Business, and community activities. These meetings are the time and place for homeowners to voice their thoughts and ideas; whether it is an issue unique to them and their property, or a matter that affects multiple homeowners, this is the forum to bring it up. It is also the place to weigh in on proposed changes to the BHAA Rules and Regulations and other topics listed on the agenda. The Board would love to get your inputs and opinions during these monthly meetings vice months after a topic has been discussed and decisions made for the good of the neighborhood.

Besides the monthly meetings, there is a lot of behind the scenes activity and time involved for Board and Staff Members. We all work hard to ensure the BHHA is managed effectively and efficiently and maintains the community appeal that has served the Bonita Highlands well for nearly 50 years. We get numerous emails every month with questions, concerns, complaints, and make every effort to address them in a timely fashion. Any questions or concerns can be sent to the Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com or via PayHOA. When communicating with the BHHA please include your name and address to better assist us with our responses.

The BHHA also has a monthly Newsletter to communicate key topics from the monthly meeting, information and activities between meetings, as well as changes and/or decisions made by the Board. It also includes community events and the meeting agenda for the next meeting. There is also a more formal meeting agenda that is posted on the BHHA website, bonitahighlands.org, the Friday before the meeting. The BHHA website is also a great place to find various BHAA documents, i.e., Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Rules & Regulations, CCRs, etc.

The BHHA uses Friendly Yellow Door Hangers to communicate with residents when something needs addressing on an individual property. These are meant to be "friendly" reminders to take a look at a specific issue. Each month several of these friendly reminders are left with homeowners regarding issues like yard/lawn needs, stored vehicles, tree/bush trimming, poor paint, failing fences, etc. If you get one of these Friendly Yellow Door Hangers, read it carefully, remember that you are not the only homeowner that received one, and understand that we use the same criteria for everyone.

Reminders from the Board (cont.)

If you are planning to doing work on your yard or home, make sure to follow the proper procedures and submit a completed Structural Change Request (SCR) in advance of your project. The SCR form can be downloaded from the BHHA website, bonitahighlands.org, or requested from the Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. There was a whole article on the front page of last month's Newsletter that addressed the SCR process.

Unfortunately, we all observe issues or disturbances from time to time that require addressing: loud house parties, a vehicle parked in the street for an extended time period, illegal motorized vehicles on the trails or in the Open Space, illegal fireworks, speeding vehicles, loud vehicles on the streets, barking dogs that never stop, etc. When the issue is in the neighborhood, we always encourage homeowners to communicate with the neighbor first before doing anything else. If that is not an option or doesn't work, the next option is to call the appropriate law enforcement agency or San Diego County department and report it. Unfortunately, the Board does not have jurisdiction over most of these types of complaints, especially those dealing with activities on the streets, i.e., speeding, extended parking on streets, loud vehicles, illegal fireworks, and such. These types of issues should be reported to the San Diego County Sheriff or CHP for action. Excessive noise issues can be reported to the appropriate San Diego County Dept. Law enforcement and San Diego County personnel always want to talk with the actual people with the complaint and not their HOA representatives.

As previously mentioned, communication with the neighbor first, is highly encouraged. If you are having a party, give your neighbors a heads up and provide your number for them to call if the noise is too much. If you have a home improvement project, let your neighbors know there might be workers, vehicles and equipment onsite and there could be some noise. Be mindful of your neighbors and communicate with them. It could go a long way!

The Highlands is a great place to live! As the old adage goes, "it takes a village". We all have to work together!

Postage Went Up!! Electronic Distribution Saves Money!

Postage rates have increased again with the cost of mailing a first class letter now at \$.82! That's how much it costs to mail the monthly Newsletter to each homeowner that wishes to get a hard copy. As always, the BHHA is mindful of its fiscal responsibilities to each and every homeowner, and continues to make every effort to trim/cut costs wherever it can on behalf of the BHHA. One of the easiest and quickest ways to trim costs, is in the cost of mailing information to homeowners, when it is more cost efficient to send homeowners electronic versions of BHHA information.

If you have not signed up to receive all communications via email, the Board highly encourages you to do so. It is simple and easy to sign up, and all your BHHA correspondence can be emailed directly to you. And you get the Newsletter in color so you can see the pictures better! Plus, you can request to have multiple email addresses used for your household to ensure that everyone has access to all communications. To sign up for electronic communications, simply contact the BHHA Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com and she will send you the Electronic Transmission Consent (ETC) form for completion. It takes very little time and is a great way to help the BHHA trim costs!

Interested In Being a Board Member??

If you're interested in being a bigger part of the BHHA, you may want to consider running for a BHHA Board Member position. If so, you need to get, complete, and submit a Candidate Qualification Form by 1 DEC 2026, to be considered as a candidate. Homeowners can request a Candidate Qualification Form by contacting the Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. The Election Timeline is located on the BHHA website at bonitahighlands.org.

September in Bonita !!!!

Supervisor Paloma Aquirre's State of Bonita!

Join County **Supervisor Paloma Aquirre** to reflect on the past year and hear updates on what's ahead for District 1 and Bonita. The meeting will be Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Rd.

- Doors Open — 5:30 PM
- SVCA meeting — 6-7 PM
- State of Bonita — 7-8:30 PM

There will also be a special performance by Bonita Vista High School Music Machine

Questions? Call 619-531-5511

Bonitafest 2026

(Bonitafest is on Facebook and Instagram)

The 54th Annual Bonitafest Celebration 2026 takes place on Saturday, September 12, 2026, kicking off at Rohr Park and moving toward the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center. The community tradition features a performing arts festival, street fair, trail ride, and a historical archives exhibit running from September 5 through September 26, 2026

Taste of Bonita Fundraiser: Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Bonitafest Melodrama: September 23-26

Traffic News for Bonita

The CHP has designated two officers to patrol the Bonita area on a regular basis to address the various reported traffic issues in the area, i.e., speeding, wreckless driving at night (cutting donuts), running stop signs and traffic lights, e-bikes, etc. Homeowners that see any of these situations can contact the CHP at, 645-Cops@CHP.ca.gov, or call (858) 293-6000



Retire Your Old United States Flag

The local Boy Scouts have joined with the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station to set up a cool receptacle where you can retire (drop off) you worn out American Flag. This box is an Eagle Scout project and provides a nice service for our community.

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The BHHA documents, forms, meeting minutes and notices can be found on its website: [.org](http://bonitahighlands.org)
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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on Tuesday **September 8, 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), Treasurer, Open Space Chairperson, and BHHA Communications.
5. Old Business: Assessment Collection Status
6. New Business: Natural Areas, Firewise and Insurance,
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session: (personal, financial, compliances issues, if required).

Note: The finalized Agenda will be posted to the BHHA website the Friday before the monthly Board meeting.



The BHHA Board of Directors (BOD) welcomes and encourages e-mail and letters from homeowners. Any letter sent to the Board may be published in this newsletter. Any opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author or other contributor, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the BOD or any Staff Member.