



# The Bonita Highlander

December 2022

## A Note from Mike Parnell — President

As we all march through this holiday season we need to be thankful for so many things. Your BHHA Board and Staff are working hard to keep the Highlands the best community in San Diego. Help us by maintaining your properties, being mindful of your neighbors, and check on the elderly within our community during this time. Since we have made it through Thanksgiving it is now time to decorate the homes for Christmas and remember to turn off those lights at a respectful time.

Folks need to Slow Down driving through our community so others driving through our neighborhood roads realize they need to respect the speed limits. Be watchful when backing out of your driveways. Many non-Highlands people use our streets to avoid the 125 toll road, in order to get to San Miguel Ranch. It is just a fact of life, but with the recent resurfacing of Country Trails the speed limit is now painted on the street!



If you are planning a holiday party ask your guests to be respectful of your neighbor's rights, not parking too close to driveways. Monitor folks celebrating too much and trying to drive home, the idea of arriving alive is a good thing. Remember to keep an eye on the kiddies around the street and playing in yards with unfenced pools. In the excitement of the season, children can be forgetful and do things that are unsafe.

Now for a few issues the Board is addressing: Dogs running loose, particularly around the open spaces and horse ring areas. We have noticed many vehicles in one spot for an extended period of time, if you are planning to be out of town for an extended period of time notify us so we don't notify the police for abandoned vehicles or breaking our Rules and Regulations. Vehicles being parked in your yard, parking on your grass is not allowed. Read the Rules and Regulations concerning leaving garbage cans out after trash day. The Board is working hard over the next few months to update the Rules and Regulations, so if you have any comments and recommendations please send them to the Board for consideration.



We live in the best country, the best city, and the best community, please remember all the folks working to keep us safe and healthy, first responders, medical staffs, and our military.

Have a joyous holiday, stay safe, and share your joyful feelings with each and everyone you meet. Mike

## Highlands Holiday Light Contest



### The Bonita Highlands will once again hold their Holiday Light Contest

The BHHA will be sending out teams of volunteer judges to look at all the beautiful decorations on display between 17 and 23 December. Our goal is to put the addresses of the 3 winning displays as well as the 10 honorable mention in a FLASH and send it out so that you might view the winners before the lights are taken down. This is no easy task as there are SO MANY lights, inflatables, and other decorations to view. It is DELIGHTFUL.

The prizes for the three winners will be gift cards of: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25

## San Diego Holiday Events

### BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS, December 2-3, 2022.

This is possibly one of the favorite activities during the holidays. December Nights is a two-night event, December 2nd & 3rd 2022, where you get to go to Balboa Park and explore the museums for free and enjoy Christmas in San Diego. After 2 years of a modified format, this year will be back to its original glory. Instead of driving through with your car, you can walk and mingle as you enjoy the lights, foods, booths, and museums

### SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS, December 11 and 18, 2022.

This is a great San Diego Holiday tradition and has delighted San Diegans for 52 years so far. The theme this year, "**FantaSEA on the Bay**", should bring some colorful and fun boat decorations. Head down and watch the San Diego Parade of Lights go by along the Bay from Shelter Island to Seaport Village. The event lasts about 1-1.5 hours and is a great holiday event for the whole family. It's always a crowd pleaser, so go early so you can secure a parking and viewing space!

### SVCA -Community Spotlight

**Hans and Harry's** ([hans-harry.com](http://hans-harry.com) or call 619-475-2253 or [info@hans-harry.com](mailto:info@hans-harry.com)) This local bakery is a Bonita landmark having served the residents of Bonita and San Diego with delicious pastries since 1991. The bakery is famous for the Fresh Fruit Strudel which is so popular that people line up outside the door before they open! There are cookies, a dozen variety of muffins, breakfast pastries, brownies, tea cake, and specialty cakes to name just a few of the choices you will find when you visit Hans and Harrys! It has a great reputation across San Diego County, and you'll only find it in Bonita!



If you are new to the Highlands, we would like to "Welcome" you to the neighborhood! After you move in, you can expect a visit from a member of the BHHA staff with a gift bag that has some Highlands specific information as well as a little gift for you. That person will be happy to answer questions you may have about the Highlands community and the BHHA. We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy the Highlands as much as we do!

## BHHA Rules & Regs, and Budget

The BHHA Rules and Regs are being revised over the next couple of months, and FY23/24 Budget will be reviewed for the second time during the December meeting. The December meeting will be an opportunity for homeowners to hear about what is going on in the BHHA, the status of the Rules and Regs update effort, and the FY23/24 Budget review. Comments and/or suggestions about the Rules and Regs from the homeowners are always welcome and will be taken into consideration by the BOD as they complete the revisions. Homeowners are encouraged to participate in the December meeting if they are interested in any of these activities.

The BHHA can be contacted via the U.S. Postal Service and email at the information provided below.



**U.S. Postal address for the BHHA:**  
Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association  
PO Box 458  
Bonita, CA. 91908-0458

**E-mail address:** bhighlander@cox.net

BHHA documents, forms, meeting minutes, and notices can be found on our **BHHA** website: [bonitahighlands.org](http://bonitahighlands.org)

## From Our Financial Officer

The second of the three budget "Readings" will be held during the December Association zoom meeting. The last "reading" will take place at the January 2023 meeting where the final budget and the annual Assessment amount for 2023-2024 will be approved. If you are interested in the budget process, please plan on attending either of the two remaining meetings.

The zoom link is available two days before the meeting and you may request an invitation by emailing your request to: [bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:bhighlander@cox.net). The Recording Secretary will send you the zoom link and you will be able to join the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Just a reminder, you can save the Association money by requesting an ETC form which will allow us to send you the two state mandated mailings as well as the monthly newsletter electronically. Over 200 homeowners have returned this form and save us money monthly. In January our budget packet will go to the printer and then be mailed. Last year, just the postage was \$1.76 per envelope for the budget packet, and costs have skyrocketed.

## Board of Directors Election

The annual election for our Board of Directors (BOD) is upon us. If you would like to run for a seat on the Board, please complete the Candidate Qualification Form which is available on the website or from [bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:bhighlander@cox.net). The timeline for the BOD election is located on the BHHA website, [bonitahighlands.org](http://bonitahighlands.org). Completed forms should be submitted to the BHHA via mail or email to [bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:bhighlander@cox.net), so to be received by December 6, 2022.

Our next monthly BHHA meeting will be on **December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** All Bonita Highlands Homeowners are welcome to attend these Monthly Meetings. Homeowners may email the Recording Secretary at [Bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:Bhighlander@cox.net) if they have a topic they feel needs to be addressed.

BHHA monthly meetings will continue to be held by way of Zoom video teleconference (VTC). Homeowners wishing to attend the VTC meeting should contact our Recording Secretary at [Bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:Bhighlander@cox.net), requesting they be included in the distribution of the e-mail providing the meeting's VTC link.

Homeowners wishing to attend who don't have a computer may send a letter to the BHHA address above with their phone number. The Recording Secretary will contact them with a homeowner's address who has volunteered a VTC station at their residence within the Highlands, ~Ed.

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The Highlands is a dog friendly neighborhood with lots of places to walk. Remember to have your "poop" bags when walking your four legged friends. And Please carry the waste home with you for your trash bin as opposed to leaving in on the trail or sidewalk. Enjoy your walks!



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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 violation notices, fines, or requests for structural alterations.
3. Homeowner Open Communications.
4. Committee and Staff Reports.
5. Old Business: Rules & Regs Revision, Ethics and COI Policy, Budget Review, SCR and Approval Letter, BOD Election Timeline
6. New Business: TBD
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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