



The Bonita Highlander

September 2022

A Note from the Board President

We have had a lot of movement to the HOA Board over the past couple of months. Caroline Pierce has stepped down as President, for personal reasons, and is now serving as Vice President. I assumed the duties as President and will continue to keep working to maintain and improve the Highlands. Liz Wetter is the new Treasurer, please read about her also in this newsletter. Steve Fox and Daniel Diaz continue as Secretary and Member At Large positions. As you saw in last month's newsletter James Endicott is now the Open Space Chairman and has hit the ground running, summer mowing season and walking the miles of trails to ensure the open space continues to look good. We do have an opening for someone to fill the ACC-Compliance position, also discussed in this newsletter. Sandra, Mary Ellen, John and Ana Marie, and Ray continue to support the Board in their highly professional manner.

There are many issues that come up monthly which the Board discusses during the BOD monthly meeting which I highly encourage you to participate to let your voice be heard. Some of the issues which will be discussed this month are brow ditch repair, late night loud noise from homes in the Highlands, homeowner's construction projects, Rules and Regs update plan, and Ethics policy establishment, just to name a few. Please look at the Agenda in this newsletter for additional items to be discussed.

I'm looking forward to working for you over the next several months to ensure the Highlands is the place to live in the Southbay.

Mike Parnell—Bonita Highlands HOA Board President

Daniel and Barb Diaz — Open Space

This couple can be seen almost weekly riding the many beautiful trails around our Highland's open spaces. From what we know, they may have the only two horses residing in the Highlands, currently.

Daniel and Barb moved to the Highlands early 1986 with their young son Sean who was soon joined by his brother Ross.

The Diazes were drawn to this neighborhood in Bonita, because of the nice homes on large lots with open spaces and trails that connect to the many other trails here in the Bonita area. They wanted their sons to be able to walk to a great elementary school and be able to enjoy the many outdoor spaces around the Highlands.

As homeowners here they have enjoyed wonderful neighbors, friends, and community organizations. They have helped with the Bonita Highlands open space ever since they brought a horse to live in their backyard in 1989. Their horseback rides through the Highlands allow them to see little problems on trails and in the open spaces, before they become big ones. Daniel and Barb not only see areas that may need attention, but clear days allow them to see all the way to Point Loma from rides to our highest points in the Highlands, such as the top of the hill west above the horse ring. Thank goodness they have rarely encountered snakes, but once in a while a coyote will meander past them.

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They enjoy it when our neighbors greet them, meeting folks on the trails and stopping for kids to meet the horses. The Highlands trails are enjoyed by many other horse riders, bicyclers, and hikers too. We homeowners thank Daniel and Barb for their views of the Highlands from the backs of their horses.

Meet Liz Wetter—Board Treasurer

Greetings Bonita Highlands Homeowners!

My name is Liz Wetter and as of August 9, 2022, I am now serving as your Bonita Highlands Board of Director Treasurer. First and foremost, I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to Sharon Clayton who has recently served in this position and has been on the board for the past 18 years – Sharon, your service is much appreciated!

I have lived in the Highlands since November of 2003 – I moved here with my husband, John, and my two sons who have grown up here. We chose the Highlands for the large lots, the open space, the rural feel and the sense of community that Bonita offers. We have never been disappointed with our decision and have enjoyed the many wonderful aspects the Highlands offers. Over the years, I have been very involved in our community volunteering on numerous boards in a variety of capacities. I firmly believe that it is all of our responsibilities to do our part in our community.

A little about my background and qualifications.... I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from the University of Montana and have many years of work experience in advertising and public relations. Since 1996, my husband and I owned and operated a fire/flood restoration business in the Bay Area. After 26 years of being on call 24/7 and dealing with high stress situations, we recently sold our business and are enjoying slowing down the pace a bit. I am continuing to work as a subcontractor in the industry doing consulting/billing/estimating, but I now have time to commit to causes/organizations that are truly important to me. I believe my background will serve me well in my newly appointed position. I am excited to get to work and look forward to working with the current board, a truly great group of individuals. I am looking forward to serving all of you in a capacity that is most beneficial and advantageous for all of us who are lucky enough to call the Highlands “home”.

Warmly,

Liz

If you are new to the “Highlands” or know of someone who just moved in, please contact **Ray Snider**, our Welcoming Committee at rsnider742@cox.net or phone at (619) 421-9384. Ray will stop by to Welcome you, or them, to the Highlands and give them a BHHA mug and some information about our HOA.

Please note that Ray is not a point of contact for problems, complaints, or issues. Such items should be identified either at our monthly Board meetings, by e-mail to bhighlander@cox.net, or by letter to our postal address: BHHA, PO BOX 458, Bonita, CA 91908. *Thanks! ~ Ed.*



Revising the Rules and Regulations

Revising the Rules and Regulations for the Highlands is something in which every homeowner can participate. Please send your thoughts for inclusion or revisions to the Rules and Regs, to the Highland's email. We hope you will get involved in this process to help us maintain the beauty and amiability of this place in which we all live. The Rules and Regulations are on our website. If you would like a copy emailed to you, I will be happy to send them.

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

ACC-C Position is available

From Our Financial Officer

[Play it again... "A-NARR" \(Annual Notice of Address, Representative, and Rental form\)](#)

We say, "A-NARR". It will be included with 2021-2022 Annual Audit report to be mailed first week of September. If you have never completed one, then do so and send it in. If you have completed an "A-NARR" form in the past and nothing has changed since then, **you DO NOT have to send in another one.** If something has changed since the last time you completed one, then you should update your information and send it in.

If you have a Power of Attorney as your **Representative**, please send a copy of your executed POA.

If your property is a **Rental** and it is managed by a 3rd party to whom you want us to communicate and transact with, request a third party agreement form from the HOA. The registration fee is \$100. Thanks for helping us keep our information current.

The Board is looking for someone interested in becoming the ACC-Conformance staff member. This is a part-time paid staff position. This person is responsible to ensure "compliance with and conformance to" the CC&Rs of the Bonita Highlands. If interested please send your letter of interest to Bhighlander@cox.net and request job description by September 10, 2022. - Ed

Our next monthly BHHA meeting will be on **September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

BHHA monthly meetings will continue to be held by way of *Zoom* video teleconference (VTC).

All Bonita Highlands Homeowners are welcome to attend these Monthly Meetings! Homeowners wishing to attend the VTC meeting should contact our Recording Secretary at Bhighlander@cox.net, requesting they be included in the distribution of the e-mail which provides the meeting's VTC link.

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

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



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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be convened via a Zoom video teleconference (VTC). To attend, please send a request to **Bhighlander@cox.net** and our Recording Secretary or Financial Officer will forward an e-mail to you a day prior to the VTC with a link to the meeting.

1. **Call to Order,**
2. **Committee and staff reports.**
3. **Old Business:**
 - Revised SCR, Revised Approval letter,
 - Conflict of Interest Form and Ethics policy
 - Coffee mugs for new homeowners
 - Rules and Regs revision timeline
4. **New Business.**
 - Revision of Rules and Regs timeline
 - Bulk mailing of monthly newsletter State mandated mailings
 - Noise identified by homeowners
 - Staffing of ACC-C position
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Country Trails on Google Maps
5. Community items of interest. 6. Board Member Comments.
6. Adjournment.
7. A Board Executive session may be held if required.



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