



The Bonita Highlander

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Bonita Highlands Headline News

Coming to Your Mail Box / Inbox Soon...

Every September, the association sends homeowners the BHHA Annual Audit and a cover page called the Annual Notice for Address, Representative and Rental Status (ANARR). The purpose of the ANARR is to ensure the Association has the most current homeowner's contact information. Many people change their email address and some decide to move out of their homes and rent their houses. If either of these scenarios apply to you, please complete the ANARR and return it to bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com, drop it in the mail to BHHA, PO Box 458, Bonita CA, or if you have a PayHOA account, you can upload it under the General Request tab. If you have never completed an ANARR, now is your chance. Communication with homeowners is vitally important and can only be successful if we have your accurate information. The BHHA is counting on everyone to keep us up to date and Thank You in advance for your help.

Opportunity to Serve ...

September is the time of year, we ask people to consider running for the Bonita Highlands Board of Directors (Board). The Board consists of 5 volunteers who are responsible for overseeing the operation of the Association in accordance with the governing documents. The Board Members are elected by the homeowners during annual elections. If anyone is interested in running for the Board, you may request a Candidate Qualification Form from the Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. The form must be returned to the Association by 1 DEC 2024 for your name to be placed on the ballot. The Board is in the process of updating the Election Timeline document on the BHHA website for the 2025 election which will be a paper ballot election. Hope that members of our community will step forward to become part of the process.

Sweetwater Reservoir Potential Solar Array

The Sweetwater Water District is investigating a proposed floating solar project that would place approximately 10 acres of solar panels on the Sweetwater Reservoir, somewhere closer to the west end of the reservoir. More information may be found at the link below.

<https://www.sweetwater.org/477/Floating-Solar-Panels-Project>

Bonitafest 2024

Bonitafest '24 is a weeklong Sweetwater Valley tradition that runs 21-28 SEP 2024 and features three major events.

- **Bonitafest (do it yourself) Twilight Trail Parade:** Saturday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m., Sunnyside Saddle Club Arena, Rohr Park. The Twilight Trail Parade is family and pet friendly; horses, dogs, llamas, goats and pot belly pigs are all welcome. (People too!) It is led by the Sunnyside School Mighty Bulldog Marching Band and Sweetwater Valley VIP honorees.
- **Bonitafest Performing Arts Festival:** Saturday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m., Bonita-Sunnyside Library patio. The festival features a diverse line up of South County talent performing from 6:30-9:00 pm. Headliners are our local Bonita Vista High School's renowned Music Machine and Sound Unlimited Show Choirs.
- **Bonitafest Melodrama "Thin Skins and Hayseeds":** Wednesday — Saturday. September 25-28, at 7:30 p.m., Sweetwater Church theater, 5305 Sweetwater Road. Get your \$20 tickets by calling (619) 850-7126. The 47th Annual Bonitafest Melodrama "Thin Skins and Hayseeds" is an award-winning musical-comedy based on actual Bonita history. It tells the story of the Great Sweetwater Valley Flood of 1916 when the Sweetwater Dam washed out and the Otay Dam collapsed. It is one of the region's most produced musical comedies.

Gift Card Scams, Watch Out!

From the Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

As we close out the summer and roll into the holiday season, the Gift Card Scams are on the rise again! Someone might contact you, via phone, email, or text, asking you to pay for something or help them out of a jam by putting money on a gift card, like a Google Play or iTunes card, and then provide them the numbers on the back of the card or even a picture of the card – to make it easy on you. They may even say they are a relative, friend, or a friend's friend that you once met!!!

If they ask you to do this, they're trying to scam you. No real business or government agency will ever insist you pay them with a gift card.

Only scammers will tell you to buy a gift card, like a Google Play or Apple Card, and give them the numbers off the back of the card. No matter what they say, it's ALL a scam to steal money from you. Again, No real business or Government Agency will ever tell you to buy a gift card to pay them. Always keep a copy of your gift card and store receipt, so you can use them to report gift card scams to the gift card company and ask for your money back.

For more information on Gift Card Scams, see the FTC link below.

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/gift-card-scams#how%20they%20convince%20you>



Bonita Valley Horseman held their annual meeting and pot luck in the Highlands' Horse Ring. These horsemen ride the trails in the county and see to it that they are safe and well maintained. They also show up when there is a need such as the flooded corrals on Sweetwater Road last winter. No horses were lost or injured. Thank You!

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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 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.
5. Old Business.
6. New Business.
7. Community Items of Interest. Guest speaker from San Diego County Code Compliance
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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.