



The Bonita Highlander

December 2020

From the BHHA Board President

We had another successful open air meeting at our upper horse ring on Saturday, November 14. However, the days are getting shorter and cooler, so it might be time to bring the meetings indoors. There still aren't spaces available to bring in 20 or so Board members, Staff members and Homeowners, so we are looking to hold Virtual Meetings using video teleconferencing (VTC) software called "Zoom" starting in January. These Zoom VTCs will be hosted by our Financial Officer, Sandra Jones. They will be coordinated by our Recording Secretary Mary Ellen Phillips.

We will decide on a day/date and time for the January meeting at our December meeting. We may consider moving our meetings back to an evening venue, as we have traditionally done over the years, on the second Tuesday of the month. But nothing is decided as yet.

Here's how we will make the VTC meetings work:

1. Homeowners who wish to attend the VTC meeting must first send an e-mail to our Recording Secretary requesting that they be included in the HOA monthly VTC meetings. The e-mail address is: bhighlander@cox.net
2. Homeowners will then be sent an e-mail prior to the VTC that will have a hyperlink "button" that they may "click" on and will be directed to the Zoom meeting site.
3. We will have instructional videos and/or directions that can be sent to anyone wishing for a "how to" lesson on Zoom. The information will be forwarded back to homeowners when they send their e-mail asking to be included in the monthly VTC meetings.
4. Homeowners will need to download free Zoom software in order to connect with the Zoom meeting. Directions for download will be provided if necessary, but all that needs to be done is to just Google "Zoom" and the address for the Microsoft Zoom sign-up site will show. The simple directions may then be followed to download the software. It takes less than five minutes.



That is pretty much it. For now, we still intend to hold our **Saturday, December 12th** meeting outside, at our upper horse ring. However, if we see rain or really cold weather in the weekly forecast, we will shift to a Zoom VTC. So please send in your requests to be added to our VTC listing as soon as possible. If we need to shift to a VTC because of weather, our Recording Secretary will let everyone know by Thursday evening, December 10th.

To repeat, January's meeting will definitely be a Zoom VTC so please get the Zoom software loaded onto your computer so you can attend our meetings. The good news, of course, is you may participate from home in your comfortable setting and comfortable clothes.

Moving on to another topic, I want to again commend our Open Space Chairlady, **Michelle Kriz** for continuing to oversee the reconstruction of several trail areas that had been severely eroded from last year's rains. She is also working with our landscape company to remove, lace, and/or skirt many of the trees in our Highlands areas that have been in need of work. The challenge is to work only the "must-work" trees this year and defer what we can to next year's budget. She is also reviewing and replacing broken irrigation piping, valves, and sprinkler heads as

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our budget allows. Our Bonita Highlands will be looking good going into the new calendar year.

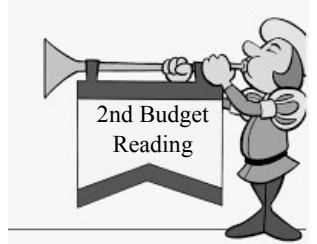
Lastly, I want to thank all our Staff members for giving us their best effort. Much of what they do, homeowners never see, but their work is nevertheless key to making our Association financially viable and successful. So "Thank you" to **John and Ana Maria Gilman, Sylvia Tucker, Sandra Jones, Mary Ellen Phillips, and Bobbie & Ray Sneider** for all you do for us Bonita Highlanders.



Happy Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza to you all, respectively, and **do put up those Holiday Lights!** Our Board will probably decide to continue our annual 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for best lighting displays at our Dec. 12th meeting. ~ Mike

From The Financial Officer

The annual budgeting process has begun. Our goal is to reach a balanced budget. Our approach is the incremental budgeting method, where the current year's budget serves as a basis for next year's budget and is simply adjusted.



Our methodology is variance projections. Since most line items in an association's budget are necessary rather than discretionary (e.g., Open Space maintenance, insurance, wages, etc.), we start with the current year's budget and look at variances, which are projected through the end of the fiscal year. This gives us an estimate of actual expenses for the year for each line item so we may adjust expenses up or down, as needed. **The second of three budget "Readings" will be held at the December Association meeting.**

The 2021-2022 annual budget and annual assessment amount will be approved at the final budget reading at the January 2021 meeting. If you are interested in the budgeting process, please attend these meetings. ~ Sandra Jones

When you contact the HOA... please include your **address** and **phone number**.
Open Space: **Michelle Kriz** at michellebhha@gmail.com
Structural Changes (ACC-A): **John Gilman** at bhha.acc.a@gmail.com
Conformance Notices (ACC-C): **Sylvia Tucker** syltuck2002@hotmail.com
Finance Issues: **Sandra Jones** at bhighlanderfo@cox.net
Note: Please "Cc" our Recording Secretary **Mary Ellen Phillips** in e-mails to Staff, to include them in our communications log. bhighlander@cox.net

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FAX only: (619) 479-2200 (24 hours) You may also find documents, forms, meeting minutes, and notices on our **BHHA web site:** www.bonitahighlands.org

MEETING!
The next monthly **BHHA Board & HOA meeting** is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12th, Upper Horse Ring**, which is located off Corral Canyon Road. See page 3 for a map.

The meeting will be outside. Attendees should bring face masks and chairs to sit on. If inclement weather, we will shift to a video teleconference (VTC). The VTC information is on page 1.
All Bonita Highlands Homeowners Are Welcome To Attend!

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By going to our website bonitaoptimist.org , you can:

Request books by authors or by titles— Request by category (CHILDREN’S / GENERAL FICTION. . . and many others as well.

Once we have the books for you . . . we’ll let you know the cost and arrange for a book hand-off that will be as convenient as possible for both of us. Given the virus, we’d like you to pay either in cash or check (placing the payment in a small baggy) or by Venmo.

**** DVDs: We have 700+ titles.** We can send you the list, or you request your favorites!

To Brighten Your Holiday:

- **Del Mar Fairgrounds** - will once again have a “drive through” Christmas display - December 5 thru Jan. 2. Over one million lights! Go to: holidaysinyourcar.com
- **San Diego Bay Boat Parade of Lights** - (canceled due to the pandemic)
- **San Diego Botanical Gardens** - Outdoor light display - evenings December 2 - December 23. Check website for prices at: sdbgarden.org

Christmas/Holiday Decorations



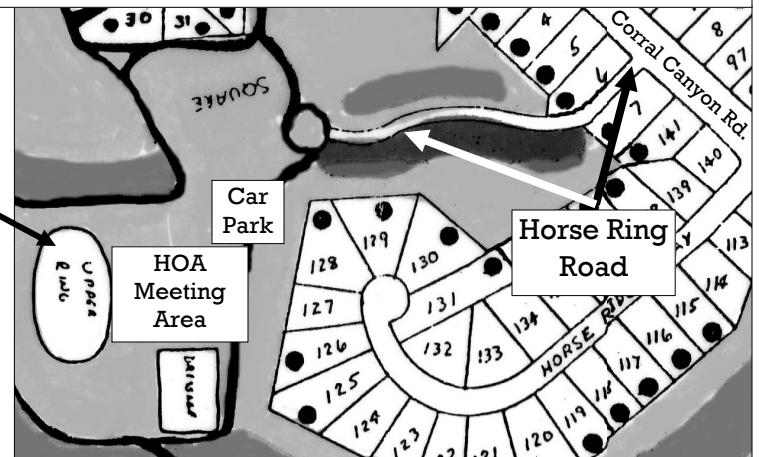
Just a reminder - Holiday decorations must be removed two weeks after the holiday, so please remove holiday decorations by January 16, 2021. Christmas trees may be placed in the yard waste bins to be picked up on trash day. You may cut it up or place it in the bin in one piece. There are also composting sites available, if you choose to have your tree used as mulch. Please do not toss your tree into the “natural areas” of our Open Space.



Monthly December Homeowner Meeting at Upper Horse Ring

Unless we see rain in the forecast, we meet again near the upper horse ring for our monthly meeting on **Saturday December 12 at 1:30 p.m.** Bring your own chair or blanket, and a mask. Kids are welcome.

If rain is in the weekly forecast that week, we’ll shift to a “Zoom” video teleconference (VTC). Information on joining the VTC may be found on page 1. You will need a PC or laptop computer to participate. As of now, we expect to be meeting via VTC in January and on, until we are out of the pandemic scenario. ~ Mike Seiler



New Neighbors: Call the Bonita Highland’s “Welcoming Committee” representatives **Bobbie and Ray Snider** and “get mugged” (a coffee mug, that is)! Call (619) 421-9384 to set up an appointment or ask questions.





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The October BHHA HOA meeting will be held outdoors on Saturday, December 12th, at 1:30 p.m. beside the upper Horse Ring. The meeting agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Announcement of Next Meeting, Adoption of Minutes from Last Meeting.
2. Homeowner Open Communications.
3. Homeowner appearances for appeals to violation notices, fines, requests for structural alterations.
4. Committee and staff reports.
5. Old Business. 6. New Business.
7. Community items of interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. An Executive session may be held.



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