



# The Bonita Highlander

November 2022

## A Note From the President—Mike Parnell

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer, which reminds me to discuss the warning that we all must be aware of the kids and adults in the Highlands walking and playing on our streets. Kids walking to and from school and playing in their front yards don't always pay close attention to cars traveling on the roads in the Highlands, so we as adult drivers need to be extra cautious as it gets dark earlier. We also have many walkers in the mornings and evenings and sometimes they are on their cell phones or are being pulled by their dog, so please slow down and be extra vigilant.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. We have received numerous emails complaining of loud music and music after hours. Everyone likes to party, but remember your neighbors might be tired and enjoying their quiet time after a long day. The BHHA Rules and Regs have guidelines regarding nuisances to neighbors, and violations can result in fines if your music or party becomes a nuisance to your neighbors.

A reminder to all homeowners, if you rent out your residence you are required to notify the HOA of the name of the renter. This assists the BHHA ACC-Compliance person to have the correct name of the folks living in your house. The Rules and Regs spell out all the information required to be provided to the Board. Non-compliance can and will result in an assessment.

We have also noticed a number of vehicles parked in the same spot for extended periods of time, which is a violation of the BHHA Rules and Regs. As a homeowner you can call the Highway Patrol with the information concerning the vehicle. Additionally, although we are not the parking police, please email [Bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:Bhighlander@cox.net) with the vehicle in question and the address in question, plus your name, and we will monitor the compliance with the Rules and Regs and take the required action.

Last but not least, we have a new BHHA ACC-Compliance staff member, Mr. John Wetter. Welcome aboard. John will begin the first of November and will be touring the Highlands on a periodic basis.

We all live in a wonderful community, well maintained after 40+ years. Be mindful of your neighbors, watch out for the kiddies, and keep us informed if you see an issue which needs to be addressed or corrected. We can't be everywhere and observe everything, so help us by being additional eyes and ears for your community and the BHHA.

Thanks!

Mike

## Notes and News Around the Highlands

### From the Financial Officer:

The annual budgeting process has started. The first of three budget “Readings” will be held at the November Association meeting. The next two will take place in December and January. The 2023-2024 budget and the annual Assessment amount will be approved at the January meeting. If you are interested in the budgeting process, please attend any or all the budget meetings.



### From Open Space Chair:

It is the time of year when LandCare begins the annual clearing of the brow ditches. These ditches weave throughout the Highlands, channeling rain water into storm drains, rather than into backyards. Some properties in the Highlands have brow ditches within their property lines. If that is the case with your property, it is YOUR Responsibility to keep the brow ditch free of debris. Some people have purposely fenced their backyards so that the brow ditch is outside the fence line. Please note, if that is your case, YOU are still Responsible to keep the brow ditch, which is actually on your property, clear. Please check your property/brow ditch to assure that rain water will flow freely. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the BHHA at Bhighlander@cox.net.

### Sweetwater Valley Civic Association:

#### ”Community Spotlight” — Mt Miguel Equestrian Center

Ruocco Equestrian Training and the MMEC facility provide horse boarding, lessons, and professional training for Western and English disciplines. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels of riders are all welcome to learn at this family-friendly location.

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The BHHA Board, Staff and community wish to send a sincere Thank You to Ray Snider as he leaves his post as the BHHA “Welcome Committee”. Ray carried on for his wife Bobbie who began “Welcoming” new residents into the neighborhood back in the mid 90s. Ray continued her efforts with many years of dedicated service to the BHHA and our many new residents. He is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

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 also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Highlands community and the BHHA. We are glad you are here and hope you love the Highlands as much as we do!

## BHHA Rules and Regs Review!

The BHHA needs the participation of homeowners to review and revise the Rules and Regs. These rules and regs affect all of us and your input is important. You can download the current Rules and Regs from the BHHA website: [www.bonitahighlands.org](http://www.bonitahighlands.org). Please send your comments for review and consideration to the Recording Secretary at [Bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:Bhighlander@cox.net). We hope you will get involved to help us maintain the beauty and amiability of the Bonita Highlands.

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:**  
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Association  
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Bonita, CA. 91908-0458

**E-mail address:** [bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:bhighlander@cox.net)

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

## The Time is Drawing Near!

### Remember To Vote!

**It's Your Civic Privilege and Responsibility!**

## 2023 BHHA Board of Directors — Election

The Board of Directors election is fast approaching. November is the month in which you must decide if you would like to “throw your hat into the ring” and run for our BHHA Board.

**Any homeowner interesting in running for the Board must complete a Candidate Qualification form, available from [Bhighlander@cox.net](mailto:Bhighlander@cox.net), beginning November 1, 2022, and return it by December 1, 2022.**

In the December newsletter, delivered the first week of December, will provide bios that candidates submit to introduce themselves to the community.

The election officials are also selected in December and the election materials are sent to the printer.

**Homeowners will be notified of voting procedures, in January as we vote by mail. If you choose to vote in person, at the Annual Meeting, homeowners will be notified where and how to vote at the Annual Meeting.**

## Optimist Book Sale Update

*On behalf of the Bonita Optimist Club, we would like to thank you once again for the support you gave us at our most recent sale.*

*With your participation, we were able to earn just shy of \$3,700 this time.*

Our next monthly BHHA meeting will be on **November 8, 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: a) Revised SCR & Approval Letter, b) Conflict and Ethics policy c) Rules and Regs Revision.
6. New Business: a) BOD Election Timeline, b) Annual Budget Timeline, c) Replacing unreadable street signs.
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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