



The Bonita Highlander

September 2020

From the BHHA Board President

A couple of things worth noting this month: We have a board vacancy and are looking for someone who can fill in until our next election. Ideally, the candidate will be comfortable with e-mails as we pass a lot of background information, such as previous minutes and facts pertinent to issues for discussion at our meetings that way.

We have received some volunteer nominations, but we want to ensure that all homeowners have an opportunity to apply. If interested, please send us an e-mail as to why you'd like to be considered for the vacant position.

Secondly, on behalf of the Board, I want to again give our Open Space Chairwoman, **Michelle Kriz**, a pat on the back for her work to date. She is contacting homeowners when needed and really working well with our new landscape company, **LandCare**, which has been doing a fine job grooming our open spaces and clearing out dead trees.

For your information, we are also addressing some land slippage (subsidence) and trail erosion areas that have appeared because of last year's heavy rains. We hope to have things restored prior to this year's rainy period.

Hope you can attend our next outdoor meeting on September 12th. Bring a chair or blanket. Our last meeting was a success in our new outdoor venue by our upper horse ring. 4:30 p.m is the start time.

This meeting time should give us a cool evening breeze and enough sunlight for our meeting. You will also be able to park your car close to the meeting site, so you may easily return to your vehicle to take a call or check on something via cell phone.



Sincerely, **Mike Seiler**

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO LANDSCAPE MY SLOPE?

We have had some questions and concerns this month regarding the best way to care for a slope, a challenge for many of our homeowners. In researching this subject, I found the San Diego County Water Authority's **Sustainable Landscape SD Guide** (link on our website at **bonitahighlands.org** or **watersmartsd.org**) to be most helpful. This guidebook is put together for homeowners facing the challenge of landscaping in San Diego. Topics covered include everything from plant selection to irrigation. Online instruction, led by a professional landscape architect or designer, to help homeowners with landscaping their properties is available through the program at no cost. Visit the website to see if one of their classes fits your needs.

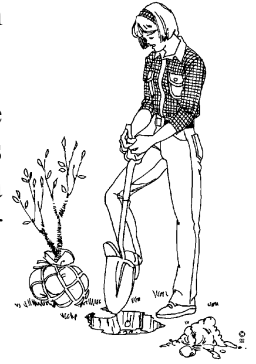
Another valuable website is **calscap.org**. This website is maintained by the **California Native Plant Society**. It is easy to use and offers an organized selection of native plants. Color photographs of each plant are posted as well as uses, sizes, and water requirements. The San Diego Chapter usually has a plant sale in Balboa Park. However, this year, they will offer an online pre-order sale starting September 1st (it will run until 180 orders are taken), with



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pickup in late October. Why October? It is the best time to plant natives. The soil is still warm, and the amount of watering is reduced by winter rains. Keep in mind though, a plant is only “drought tolerant” once established. This means, once you put them in the ground, they must be watered until they get used to being in the ground. After they are established, the water may be cut back.

If you have a slope that requires attention, please visit these websites before you try to tackle the slope on your own. Their recommendations for the best way to address a slope includes the use of specific plants of varying root structures and sizes, and by irrigating the slope in a specific manner. They will offer suggestions on terracing and materials that can be used for mulching.



~ Michelle Kriz, Open Space Chair

When you contact the HOA...
please include your **address** and **phone number**.

Open Space: **Michelle Kriz** at
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Structural Changes (ACC-A): **John Gilman** at
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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

Financial Officer. The mailing of the **Audited Financial Statements** for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be mailed the first of September. The packet will include the **Annual Notice for Request of Address, Representative and Rental Status** (this form is on the backside of the green cover sheet). Please update your personal information regarding your Highlands’ home if you have never filled out this form before or if anything has changed since last year. We ask that you return the form within 30 days.



If your home is a rental and it is managed by a property management company, you should request a third party agreement form from the HOA.



We appreciate your help in keeping our information current.

U.S. Postal Address for Correspondence

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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



The next monthly **BHHA Board & HOA meeting** is scheduled for **4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, at the upper Horse Ring**, which is located off Corral Canyon Road.

The meeting will be outside. Attendees should bring face masks or face shields and bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

See the map on page 3 for more details.

All Bonita Highlands Homeowners Are Welcome To Attend!



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From our Open Space Chair

BHHA HOMEOWNER FREE MULCH PICK-UP ~ TWO DAYS ~

Bring your truck or container and a shovel!

When: Friday, September 11th from 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, September 12th from 8-11 a.m.

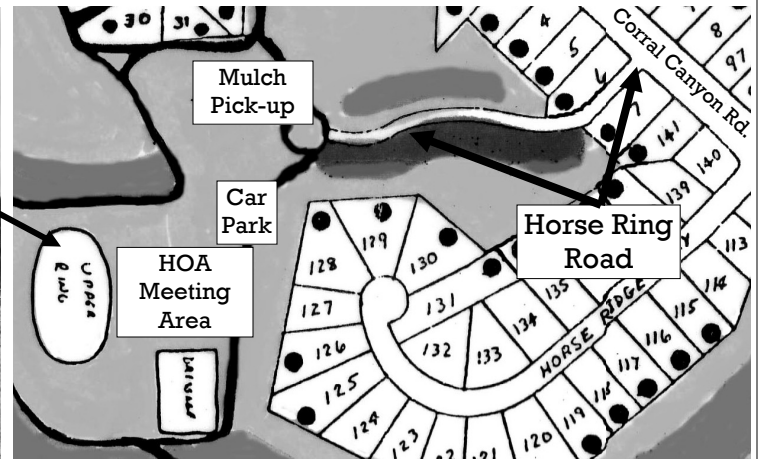
Where: At the top of Upper Horse Ring Road.

(Enter Ring Road between 3718 & 3726 Corral Canyon)

Note: Mulch must be stored out of sight on homeowner's property, and not in the open space behind or beside residences.

Below map shows mulch pick-up and monthly HOA meeting areas.

Also: We have some easily accessible wood available if a BHHA homeowner would like to come and get it. They are large pieces and will require further cuts to make them easier to handle. If interested contact our Open Space Chair, Michelle, at michellebhha@gmail.com



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 September BHHA HOA meeting will be held outdoors on Saturday, September 12th, at 4:30 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 or fines, requests for structural alteration.
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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