



The Bonita Highlander

April 2022

From the New Board and Staff

Spring is again upon us and that means new beginnings.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, class of 2021-2022 and staff, we congratulate Caroline Pierce, Mike Parnell, Sharon Clayton, Dan Diaz, and Steve Fox on their election to the class of 2022-2023 Board of Directors of Bonita Highlands HOA. As the Board huddled together, they elected the directors among them. Caroline Pierce was selected as President, Mike Parnell as Vice President, Sharon Clayton as Treasurer, Steve Fox as Secretary, and Dan Diaz as member at large. Thank you to BHHA members for a successful election and a new beginning for fiscal year 2022-2023.

We also send a hearty thank you to our outgoing board members President and Chairman of the Board Mike Seiler, and Vice President Dave Schlesinger. A new beginning for these two knowledgeable and valuable board members is their retirement! Woo-hoo! Yet it is bittersweet to most of us who have worked with these two excellent members over the years.

Our outgoing President/Chairman of the Board, Mike Seiler, has volunteered his time and talents to Bonita Highlands for many years and his last run was from 2018-2022. Mike is a calm and collected mediator who had a way of getting his point across thoughtfully and respectfully. Whenever there were issues of importance to our community, Mike quietly led the way always looking out for our community like a doting father. Along with chairing our association, he also chaired the Sweetwater Valley Civic Association, was President of Sweetwater Authority Rate Payer's Association and more, but SVCCA and SARPA directly impacted the Bonita Highlands. That's how he showed he cared for our beautiful community.

Our outgoing Vice President of the Board, Dave Schlesinger has volunteered his time and talents to Bonita Highlands for the past three years plus "on call" as a consultant before that. If you believe in perfect timing, this was it. Dave's civil engineering acumen was exactly what was needed in his time of service to BHHA. We had a road to "build", slopes to repair, and *infrastructure projects to plan*. He was active in the open space, advising our new OS Chair on drafting an updated landscape contract, calling for bids, and hiring our new landscape contractor. Dave also is member of SARPA and is always looking out for the best interest of our Association. Dave's answer to the call to serve BHHA was timely and valuable. In closing, we give these two fine men and military vets a familiar farewell, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in your new beginning. From the BHHA Board and Staff we also thank your wives, the late Jackie Seiler and Marion Schlesinger for their support of your service to our community. We are grateful that you will still be around as counsel to the new board and staff members. In some cultures, good-bye is too final and so we say instead, until we meet again...

Thank you for helping to make the Bonita Highlands a great place to live!

Sandra Jones, Financial Officer.

All votes cast and received by March 7, 2022 were counted. ALL blue envelopes were filled out correctly—RS

APRIL SHOWERS?

I have heard, April showers bring May flowers. The exception may be Southern California. Our rainfall this year hasn't brought much in the way of flowers. All we can do is hope and pray for April to bring us a little more rain. Some of our native plants are blooming, but mostly weeds and non-native grasses are growing along the trails. Still, get out and take a walk.

Speaking of weeds and grasses, our landscape contractor, LandCare is working on getting the trails mowed and the trail entrances cleaned up. They have finished the horse rings and along the trail east of Corral Canyon. May is when we typically begin mowing the open space and cleaning brow ditches. Look for them to be out and about in the open space over the next couple of months. If you see them working, please don't ask them to complete any other work. The guys on the trails are not the guys who make the decisions about prioritizing work. Please contact the Association by email at bhighlander@cox.net with any questions you may have.

Our Bonita Highlands is a unique area. Please get out, explore, and enjoy it. We have two horse rings on the west side of Corral Canyon Road. Until I became the Open Space Chair, I had no idea where they were. They have both been mowed and are beautiful. Access the upper ring area from either Ring Road (between 3718 and 3726 Corral Canyon) by foot, bike, or horse anytime, or by the trail that runs next to the green space on Corral Canyon. The lower ring can be accessed from the Mirar Court cul-de-sac (off of Belle Bonnie Brae). Have a picnic under the beautiful trees. If there is a horse or two in the upper ring, please be respectful. If you want access to the upper ring by vehicle, contact us by email (bhighlander@cox.net), in advance, and we can arrange for the gates to be opened. Enjoy our neighborhood. Michelle Kriz, OS Chair

Upper Horse Ring

Lower Horse Ring

Eucalyptus Spathulate



*Drought tolerant succulents,
Turf, Cal. Gold DG, river rock*

Our Resident Egret

Terraced yard with Greenscape



If you are new to the "Highlands" or know of someone who just moved in, please contact **Ray Snider**, who will stop by to welcome you, or them, with a Bonita Highlands mug and some information about our HOA. Ray may be reached by electronic mail at rsnider742@cox.net or by phone at (619) 421-9384.

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 on page 3 of this newsletter. *Thanks! ~ Ed.*



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Annual Assessment of \$445 is due and payable on **Friday April 1, 2022.**

If you choose to mail your check using the drive up boxes at the Bonita Post Office, please do so before the last pick up at 5:00.

Over 250 homeowners have paid as of mid March!

DUE DATE 4/1/2022

**BONITA OPTIMIST CLUB
IN-PERSON BOOK SALE**



Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3



U.S. Postal address for the BHHA:
Bonita Highlands Homeowners' Association
PO Box 458
Bonita, CA. 91908-0458

E-mail address: bhighlander@cox.net

FAX only: (619) 479-2200 (24 hours)

You may also find documents, forms, meeting minutes, and notices on our **BHHA** web site: bonitahighlands.org

Saving a tree (\$) and Staying in Touch

Slow and steady saving trees and \$ as our number of ETC Homeowners steadily grows. We have reached 200 ETC forms!

As each new ETC is received, the emails are recorded and added to the list used for addresses for the newsletters. Although residents submit the form, they can request paper copies of the newsletter. Those owners who live outside of the Highlands automatically get a paper copy sent to the residence to keep renters abreast of Highlands' News. Thanks for your efforts to cut costs.

The FLASH—The Highlands offers homeowners the opportunity to be kept informed of happenings in the Highlands through the FLASH. When you sign up for the FLASH, should a road closure, road repair, crime spree or other event happen in the Highlands, email notification goes out on the FLASH. You can add or remove your name at any time by emailing Bhighlander@cox.net

BHHA monthly meetings will continue to be held by way of **Zoom** video teleconference (VTC). Our next **monthly** VTC meeting will be on **April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

All Bonita Highlands Homeowners are welcome to attend! Homeowners wishing to attend the VTC meeting must send an e-mail to our Recording Secretary requesting that they be included in the distribution of the e-mail, which will provide the meeting's VTC link: bhighlander@cox.net

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 and our Recording Secretary will contact them to provide a homeowner's address who has volunteered an outside VTC station at their residence within the Highlands. ~Ed.

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Submissions for publication should be sent to the editor, copy-ready, at bhighlander@cox.net. The deadline is the 15th of the month for publication the following month. The Association reserves the right to edit any copy submitted for publication.

Courtesy Reminder: A homeowner has requested that we remind people parking on the street, NOT to park in front of a mail box. Our postmen need to be able to access the boxes to deliver the mail daily. Your cooperation is appreciated. -Ed.



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The next monthly BHHA HOA meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 12, 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. If you do not have a computer or e-mail capability, please send a letter to our mailing address on page 3 of this newsletter, including your telephone number, and someone will contact you with a dial-in telephone number for the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introduction of Board members, Pledge of Allegiance, Announcement of the Next Meeting, Adoption of Minutes from 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. 6. New Business.
7. Community items of interest. 8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment. 10. A Board Executive session may be held if required.



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