



The Bonita Highlander

January 2022

From the President

We have overcome some significant administrative and physical challenges this past year, and I am looking forward to a fresh new year... with probably even more challenges to overcome. However, with our stellar Board and Staff members, I am confident that any challenge will be dealt with in an efficient, professional manner. We are blessed to have such outstanding volunteers and staff members overseeing our Association.

March will see Vice President Dave Schlesinger and me stepping away from the Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing new board members assuming the vacated positions. The candidates who have thrown their respective "hats into the ring" are more than qualified to "carry the baton" into the future.

The rains that we have been experiencing will undoubtedly allow our Bonita Highlands to blossom and bloom proudly this spring. Green hillsides will surround us, and we will be at the peak of beauty within our open spaces. That will be the time to get out and walk your trails and pause to reflect what a privilege it is to live in such a wonderful community. **Bonita Highlands...** more than a fine place to call home. ~ *Mike*

Meet the Candidates

All candidates for the BHHA Board of Directors were offered the opportunity to provide a short biography in the January newsletter, and we received inputs from two candidates (just below). Other candidates are identified below the biographical information.

I'm **David (Mike) Parnell** and have lived in the Highlands for the past 24 years. I served the Navy for 23 years retiring as Supply Corps Officer, providing logistics support both afloat and ashore from the east coast to the west coast and overseas. Duties included inventory management, financial management, and contracting. I had the opportunity to perform these services in various levels of management, supervising numerous teams of up to 100 sailors. After retirement from active duty, I worked for Commander Naval Air Forces in San Diego for 24 years. During this time, I performed logistics support for Naval Air Stations worldwide. I have a Bachelor's degree in marketing and a Master's degree in International Marketing. My wife Susan and I have enjoyed living in the Highlands and look forward to serving on the Board to maintain this beautiful community.

My name is **Steve Fox**, a retired Naval officer, and my wife, Shelley, and I have been residents of the Bonita Highlands since November of 1990. We raised our two children here and appreciate all that the BHHA does to keep the Highlands a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I would be honored to participate as a BHHA Board Member and continue its efforts to keep the Highlands the community of choice in the South Bay.

Additional candidates: **Daniel Cruz** **Sharon Clayton** (Incumbent)
Daniel Diaz (Incumbent) **Caroline Pierce** (Incumbent)

A REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS WALKING FURRY FRIENDS. We ask that you bag the dog "poop" when your "furry friends" relieve themselves on the trails, open space or a neighbor's yard. The second part of this equation is to carry the bag home with you or drop it in the nearest trash can if cans are out. We are 50% successful in the following of the request. Sadly some people are dropping the filled bags on the trails or throwing them in/or under the brow ditches. This defeats the purpose. Please bag and dispose of properly. Thanks. ~ *Ed.*



Holiday Decoration WINNERS!



First Place

3835 Wild Oats Ln.



Second Place (Photo Unavailable)

3727 Wild Oats Lane



Third Place

3601 Country Trails



Honorable mentions: 5949 Pathfinder, 3691 Country Trails; 4042 Corral Canyon; 3766 Wild Oats; 5819 Leadrope Way; 3726 Corral Canyon; 3642 Country Trails; 5624 Jockey Way; 3525 Wild Oats Lane; 5615 Jockey Way; 5957 Lazy Trails.

Thank you all for the beauty and joy you brought to our community this year.

Our Bonita Highlands really shined bright with holiday spirit and joy!

The Association's Board and Staff members hope you all have a happy and prosperous New Year in 2022! ~ Ed.

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.*



From the Financial Officer - It is Budget Time to determine 2022-23 Annual Assessment.

The last of the three budget "Readings" will be held at the January 11th monthly Association meeting. The 2022-2023 budget and Annual Assessment amount will be approved at this meeting. The details of the approved budget, Annual Assessment, the Reserve study, and more will be sent out later in the month. It is a hefty 30+ page packet, which is costly to print and mail.

Over the past few months, we have been encouraging our members to agree to receive this mailing by E-MAIL to cut down on the cost. If you would like to receive your copy by e-mail, please fill out an ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION CONSENT form (ETC form) no later than January 14, 2022.

To attend the monthly HOA meetings via ZOOM, send a request by e-mail to the Recording Secretary (RS) at our official e-mail address: bhighlander@cox.net. The link to the meeting will be sent out the Monday before the meeting. If you wish to attend a Zoom board meeting but don't have a computer, contact the RS and we will link you up with someone who can host you. ~ Sandra Jones



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



Until the Fire Department's Training Room is again opened for community use and the pandemic eases up a bit more, BHHA monthly meetings will continue to be held by way of Zoom video teleconference (VTC). Our next VTC meeting will be on [January 11, 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.

Help save a tree and some \$\$\$.

You Still Have Time... Homeowners are slowly but surely returning their **ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION CONSENT (ETC) Forms.**

Homeowners seem to be eager to comply but somehow forget to submit a necessary ETC form. I have the forms on the front seat of my car, and when I see homeowners out in the yard, I stop and ask them to complete the form while I wait. It is EASY! Just print your name, sign the form, and add your e-mail and property addresses. Please do consider this.

If you'd like the form, and I don't see you in the driveway, simply e-mail Bhighlander@cox.net and request the form.

~ Mary Ellen Phillips, Recording Secretary

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The next monthly BHHA HOA meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 11, 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, Pledge of Allegiance, Announcement of the 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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