



The Bonita Highlander

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A Note from the Board of Directors

Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association (BHHA) Annual Board of Director Elections

As noted in the October and November Newsletters, the BHHA solicited candidates for the upcoming term on the Board. Those interested in running for the Board were able to receive Candidate Qualifications Forms (CQF) from the BHHA Recording Secretary and submit them back to the BHHA by December 1, 2023. To date, the BHHA has received only five CQFs from the incumbent Board Members. Given these circumstances where there are five BoD positions and five qualified candidates, the BHHA BoD can conduct an Election by Acclamation. The five positions and qualified candidates are, President – Mike Parnell, Vice President – Caroline Pierce, Secretary – Steve Fox, Treasurer – Liz Witter, and Member-at-Large – Dan Diaz. Any homeowner that may have questions regarding the election by acclamation are welcome to voice their questions in person at the January 9, 2024 BHHA BoD Meeting, or by January 30, 2024 via email to the Recording Secretary at bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com. The current BoD will vote on the election by acclamation at the February 2024 BHHA Board Meeting.

Elder Fraud Information at the January SVCA Meeting

An agent from the FBI will present information on Elder Fraud at the upcoming special meeting of Sweetwater Valley Civic Association (SVCA) on January 3, 2024, at the Bonita Library Community Room. The SVCA meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors so we can all be better informed of the ways scammers want to part us from our financial resources.

SElderFraud.com has been updated to include a link to register for this meeting and will help the SVCA know how many folks may attend the meeting and be prepared with the proper number of chairs and any handouts that may be available.

If you are not a member of Sweetwater Valley Civic Association, you might want to consider joining for a small annual fee of \$25. This local organization has its finger on the pulse of Bonita and works to preserve the Sweetwater and Bonita Highlands communities as we know them.

The Annual BHHA Holiday Decoration Contest Winners Are? >>>>

The Top Three Winners are ...



First Place
4042
Corral Canyon

Second Place
3727
Wild Oats



Third Place
5615
Jockey Way

Honorable Mention goes to: 3601 Country Trails, 5811 Blacksmith Road, 3916 Rock River Lane, 5949 Pathfinder Way, 5409 Horse Ridge Way, and 5762 Good Karma!!! Thanks to all who put up Holiday displays. It was really fun to drive around the Highlands and see all the homes decorated!.

Financial Officer	Community Spotlight
<p>The January Board Meeting will be our third and final reading and review of the BHHA's April 1, 2024, thru March 31, 2025, Budget. The Board of Directors will vote to approve the budget at this meeting and set the BHHA Annual Assessment amount for 2024-2025. At the end of January Homeowners will receive the Budget Packet, Rules & Regulations, and Policy Statements. In early March, the BHHA will send a courtesy reminder to all members that their BHHA Annual Assessment is due April 1, 2024. Please help the Association save money on postage and paper by filling out an ETC form, which will allow BHHA to send you most mailings electronically.</p> <p>We Thank you!</p>	<p>Library Bookstore in Bonita!</p> <p>The Bonita-Sunnyside "Friends of the Library" was established in 1994 and has been operating out of the bookstore located in the new library since 2005. This organization is a 501c3 nonprofit with a goal to support the Bonita-Sunnyside Library in promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and a love for reading across our diverse community. Their collection available material includes a large array of books, including fiction hardcover and paperback books, nonfiction books in every genre, coffee table books, vintage books, large-print books, children's and young adult books, reference books, cookbooks, books in Spanish, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and much more!</p>
<p>The association may be contacted via the U.S. Postal Service and email at the information provided below.</p> <div data-bbox="126 835 311 991">  </div> <p>U.S. Postal address for the Bonita Highlands: Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association PO Box 458, Bonita CA. 91908-0458</p> <p>NEW Email: bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com</p> <p>Our Bonita Highlands documents, forms, meeting minutes, and notices may be found on our website: bonitahighlands.org</p>	<p>The Bonita-Sunnyside "Friends of the Library" supports the Bonita-Sunnyside Library by funding programs and buying books and supplies. They generate most of their funds from the Friends of the Library Bookstore but they also accept all types of donations. Be sure to stop by if you are in the area!</p> <p>4375 Bonita Rd, Bonita, CA, 91902 -or- Visit: bonitasunnysidefol.org</p>
<p>Our next Monthly meeting will be <u>January 9 2024</u>. It will be an in person meeting, at the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station. It will begin at <u>6:00 p.m.</u>, and is open to all homeowners.</p> <p>We are encouraging all homeowners to sign up for Electronic Transmission Consent (ETC) of HOA newsletters and state mandated mailings. We continue to reduce our number of mailed newsletters and packets and are down to 377 of 667 but still spend over \$700/month on printing and mailing costs. In January we will have our large annual mailing and hope many more homeowners will sign up for the electronic option to save the HOA money. With all costs going up, and our desire to keep our assessment at the current amount, it is important to cut costs where we can. These large mailing are certainly one of those costs. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to download the ETC from from our website, or request it the Recording Secretary at: bhighlanderhoa@gmail.com.</p> <p>Remember to clean up after your furry friends</p> <div data-bbox="1182 1906 1302 2011">  </div>	

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The next monthly BHHA meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, January 9, 2024***. This will be an in person-meeting, at the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Station.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is open to all homeowners

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 notices, fines, or requests for structural alterations.
3. Homeowner Open Communications.
4. Committee and Staff Reports.
5. Old Business. 3rd reading and adoption of the HOA budget.
6. New Business.
7. Community Items of Interest.
8. Board Member Comments.
9. Adjournment.
10. Board Executive Session (if required).



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