



The Bonita Highlander

May 2022

Happy Trails, Bonita Highlands—From Open Space Chair

If you are a part of Bonita Highlands email alert system, you would have received a notification that the Board of Directors is seeking a new Open Space Chair (OSC). If you have not signed up to receive alerts from the Bonita Highlands HOA, then this is news to you. Yes, I am stepping down from my position on the staff of the HOA as OSC. It has been an incredible journey serving you these last two years.

I thought I would take this space to give you a little more information about the open position. The Bonita Highlands OSC acts as the liaison between the contracted landscape maintenance company and the Board of Directors (BOD). Information is presented to the BOD through email, monthly reports and by attending the monthly HOA meetings. During the meetings, any work outside of the maintenance contract needing to be completed by outside vendors is presented to the BOD and voted on by them. Every 2 years, the OSC along with a committee of BOD members is responsible for securing the landscape maintenance contract bids and presenting them to the BOD for approval.

The OSC works closely with the Supervisor for the landscape contractor to assess all maintenance issues within the 106 acres of open space and 7 miles of trails. Scheduled maintenance includes the annual mowing of the Highlands, as well as scheduled green space, trail, trail entrance, cul-de-sac grooming, and brow ditch maintenance. Ongoing assessment of trees and shrubs for maintenance is a large part of the Open Space Chair responsibilities, and any special projects that may arise. It goes without saying that this position requires the OSC be able to get out in the open space, to occasionally meet with homeowners and to see firsthand issues and projects with the landscape supervisor.

This position has some fiscal responsibilities, as well. Since the open space maintenance is the largest portion of Bonita Highlands budget, the OSC works closely with the Financial Officer to develop the annual budget of open space expenses and approving monthly maintenance invoices from all vendors. Don't worry, you will be trained. This position also works with the County of San Diego Parks and Rec as well as the City of Chula Vista. Both have some maintenance responsibilities in Bonita Highlands.

The HOA is moving forward in utilizing technology to make our work more effective and efficient. In this digital age, much of the OSC's time is spent answering emails from homeowners, vendors... A computer and printer come with the job as well as a walking stick.

If you like to walk the trails and desire a part time job serving the community where you live, please send your contact information and list of qualifications to our secretary at bhighlander@cox.net.

Michelle Kriz, Open Space Chair

Daniel and Barbara Diaz part of the Open Space Team



Help Wanted—Senior Gleaners

Do you have an abundance of fruit or vegetables growing in your yard?

SENIORS NEEDED TO HARVEST FRUIT

Seniors who pick surplus fruit throughout the county need help immediately to prevent fruit from hundreds of trees from going to waste. The group has more requests for picking citrus trees than current volunteer crews can handle. There are several reasons volunteers ages 55 and over have joined Senior Gleaners of San Diego:

- They like getting outdoors in the sunshine
- Many have made new friends
- All want to keep active by bending, stretching and lifting as they pick
- They want to prevent food waste and feed hungry people
- They can improve air quality by keeping organics out of landfills where it generates toxic methane
- They want to give back to their community in meaningful ways

Please register as a volunteer or call 619-633-9180. There are no required minimum commitments. Volunteers join crews working near where they live. Some volunteers form small groups that work independently.

The HIGHLANDS IN BLOOM



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 : BHHA PO BOX 458, Bonita, CA 91908 . Thanks! ~ Ed.

Friendly Reminders from Homeowners

Reminders from homeowners:

In addition to not parking in front of mailboxes, perhaps people could also be reminded not to block their mailboxes on trash days with their garbage bins. It makes mail delivery a challenge for mail men and women to have smelly oversized bins blocking the mailboxes. We are so very fortunate to have the privilege of individual mailboxes instead of the community boxed ones the newer neighborhoods have.

We also need to remind neighbors to bring their bins in. in a timely fashion and not leave them curbside for days on end after the pickup day.

Reminder...**no motorized bikes** on the trails. Motorized bikes are a fire hazard and have never been allowed.



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

From Our Financial Officer

AS of 4/25/2022 96% of BHHA Members have paid their annual assessment. Thank you! If your Annual Assessment is not received in our mailbox by **May 1, 2022, please pay \$493.17** according to the schedule below.

Legal and/or Late Fee Schedule		
If paid/postmark between:		Amount Due
04/16/22 ..and.. 04/30/22		\$489.50
05/01/22 ..and.. 05/15/22		\$493.17
05/16/22 ..and.. 05/31/22		\$743.17
06/01/22 ..and.. 06/15/22		\$748.75
06/16/22 ..and.. 06/30/22		\$848.75
07/01/22 ..and.. 07/15/22		\$855.11
07/16/22 ..and.. 07/31/22		\$1,775.11 *

*Varies with legal fees, collection costs and recording charges. For more detailed information see our collection policy in BHHA Rules & Regulations. If you have any questions, please email us at bhighlander@cox.net our DESIGNATED AGENT FOR RECEIPT OF ASSOCIATION MAIL [CIV. CODE SECTION §4035]. Thank you, - Financial Officer

SUBMIT YOUR SUMMER PROJECT SCR

IF you are planning a summer project, please submit your **SCR** by June 1st, so that it can be approved at the June HOA meeting, The HOA is “dark” in July and no projects can be approved before the August meeting. Thank You!

BHHA monthly meetings will continue to be held by way of **Zoom** video teleconference (VTC). Our next **monthly** VTC meeting will be on **May10, 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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Remember to carry your “poop” bags when walking your four legged friends. Please carry the waste home with you to go in your trash bin as opposed to leaving in on the trail or sidewalk. Ours is a dog friendly community with lots of places to walk. Enjoy!



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The next monthly BHHA HOA meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 10 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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