



# The Bonita Highlander

November 2020

## From the BHHA Board President

We had another successful open air meeting at our upper horse ring on Saturday, Oct. 10th at 4 p.m.. Good turnout and comfortable weather. **Our next meeting** will be at the horse ring site on Saturday, **Nov. 14th at 2:00 p.m.** (the sun sets at 4:47 p.m, as we'll be back on Standard Time then). At right are some pictures of our last, October 10th meeting.



I want to give a special shout out to **Ray and Bobbie Snider**. Bobbie has been very ill of late and husband Ray has been visiting our new residents for her. **Thank you Ray!** We keep you and especially Bobbie in our hearts and prayers. You are our favorite “muggers” (handing out BHHA coffee mugs, that is).

**Vile of Life.** This is a program that Ray Snider is working with. The “Vial” is a clear plastic pamphlet holder that is magnetically attached to your refrigerator. In the holder is a “VIAL OF LIFE: MEDICAL INFORMATION” sheet. You fill out the paper with your name, social security no. (last 4 digits only), Medicare no. (last 4 digits), other insurance information, whether you have a Health Care Directive, and/or a “Do Not Resuscitate” order, Emergency Contacts, Primary & Secondary Doctor, Height/Weight/Normal Blood Pressure/Allergies, Medications used, even pet information. The packet includes a sticker that you place on or near your front door so if Emergency Medical Team folks are called, they will see the sticker and know where to find your vital information when they arrive at your home. This is an outstanding program, so please contact **Ray Snider** if you would like to obtain a Vile of Life package at: [rsnider742@cox.net](mailto:rsnider742@cox.net) or call him at **(619) 421-9384**.



Kudos again to **Michelle Kriz**, our Open Space Chairwoman! Our open spaces are continuing to improve under her steady hand and discerning eye. We can't do everything this year, but things that are in need of emergent attention are being worked by Michelle and other, non-emergent items are being scheduled for next year.

**Mosquitoes and Standing Water.** One homeowner wrote us to call attention to breeding areas for mosquitoes: “These past couple of years we have seen much more mosquito activity than in previous years.” We need to remove all sources of standing water on our properties, even in catch trays under flower pots. Reportedly, County will even work with people to put fish in pools that aren't being maintained to solve the problem. Call **(858) 694-2888** or email [vector@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:vector@sdcounty.ca.gov) if you would like to consult with a vector technician or to report green pools, mosquito breeding, or dead birds. ~ **Mike Seiler**

**Need Access To The Open Space?** With all the work going on in Bonita Highlands right now, we have had several requests for contractors to utilize the trails to access a property from the back. Normally, access to the open space is limited to the HOA's landscape contractor. However, with permission, homeowners or their contractors may access the trails to get to the property from the rear. We do have some requirements, though. The homeowner must contact **Michelle Kriz**, the Open Space Chair, at [michellebhha@gmail.com](mailto:michellebhha@gmail.com) and let her know the scope of work to be completed as well as an estimated start and completion date. A \$1,000 security deposit from the homeowner, in the form of a Cashiers Check made payable to Bonita Highlands HOA is required. The deposit is held until work is completed and an inspection of the open space is made. If there is no damage and the site has been cleaned, the check is returned to the homeowner.

**“If You Give a Mouse a Cookie”** A children's book, “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by **Laura Numeroff** begins with a young boy who gives a mouse a cookie, the mouse then asks for a glass of milk, then a straw, and so the story goes

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until it comes full circle, when the mouse wants another glass of milk, then a cookie. The little boy quickly figures out the game the mouse is playing. If you see mice, rats, or squirrels at your house, you may see this as a work of fact, not fiction.

Many of our homeowners are experiencing rat, mouse, or squirrel (rodent) visitations this year, which I attribute to a couple of factors: a) two years of rains produced a huge amount of oats, and b) the oats were cut later in the year allowing more seeds to be spread and feed birds... and rats and mice. If you have bird feeders, try putting out only enough seed for one day. Rats and mice will still come and clean up the ground, but hopefully there will not be much left in the feeder for them to get into at night.



Please only use control methods that are safe to use around wildlife. If an owl eats a poisoned mouse or rat killed by regular rat poison, the poison can be transferred to the owl. We don't want to kill predatory birds, or even a coyote, because of a poisoned mouse. Look for poisons that are not transferred to a predator. Traps can be very affective, as well. If you set the trap and place it in a paper sack, then disposal is much easier.

~ Michelle Kriz, BHHA Open Space Chair

**When you contact the HOA...**  
please include your **address** and **phone number**.  
  
Open Space: **Michelle Kriz** at *michellebhha@gmail.com*  
  
Structural Changes (ACC-A): **John Gilman** at *bhha.acc.a@gmail.com*  
  
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*

**From The Financial Officer**

The annual Bonita Highlands Homeowners' Association budgeting process has begun.  
  
The first of three budget "Readings" will be held at the November Association meeting. The next two readings will take place at our December and January monthly Association meetings.  
  
The 2021-2022 BHHA Budget and the Annual Assessment amount will then be approved at the January meeting.



If you are interested in the budgeting process, please attend any or all of our monthly meetings. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for homeowners to review, ask questions about, and provide comment on to the Board of Directors and Financial Officer at all the meetings.

~ Sandra Jones

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**MEETING!**  
The next monthly **BHHA Board & HOA meeting** is scheduled for **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14th** at the **upper Horse Ring**, which is located off Corral Canyon Road (See page 3 for a map).  
  
**The meeting will be outside. Attendees should bring face masks or face shields and bring chairs or blankets to sit on.**  
  
**All Bonita Highlands Homeowners Are Welcome To Attend!**

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# Community Notes and Cautions

## **NEW BONITA OPTIMIST ON-LINE BOOK SALE**

**Book-Lovers! GOOD NEWS - We are GOING VIRTUAL**

**FROM JULY 2020 and continuing indefinitely! 9,000+ book collection!**

By going to our website [bonitaoptimist.org](http://bonitaoptimist.org) , you may:

**Request books by authors or by titles:** we'll check and let you know what we have or we'll put you on a wait list. Either way, we'll be in contact.

**Request by category** (CHILDREN'S / GENERAL FICTION... and many others as well.

We'll let you know the cost and arrange for a book hand-off that will be as convenient as possible for both of us. Given the pandemic situation we are in, we'd like you to pay either in cash or check (placing the payment in a small baggy), or by Venmo.

**Request DVDs: We have 700+ titles.** We can send you the list, or you request your favorites!

## **BONITA FARMERS' MARKET**

**The Bonita Farmers' Market** in the Chula Vista Golf Course Parking lot is BACK UP and running. Stopping by is a way of supporting our local growers.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CAUTIONS**

\* **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE.** Keep vehicles parked in your driveway locked at all times.

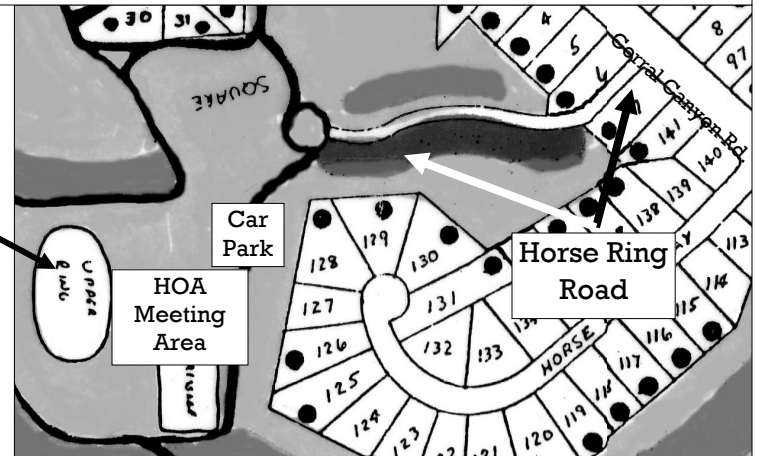
People have been seen roaming our neighborhood trying to open vehicle doors.

\* **USE SPARK ARRESTERS.** If you have an outdoor **fire place, Chiminea, or fire pit,** PLEASE make sure you have a screen or spark arrester installed.

A homeowner saw embers floating in the air recently and requested we put the word out.

## Monthly Homeowner Meeting at Upper Horse Ring

We will again meet at the upper horse ring for our monthly meeting on **Saturday November 14th at 2:00 p.m.** Bring your own chair or blanket and a mask. Kids are welcome. Hope to see you there.



**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 November BHHA HOA meeting will be held outdoors on Saturday, November 14th, at 2:00 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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