

2019 ANNUAL LETTER

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BONITA CREEK LAND AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION!

If you live up in Bonita Creek or come up regularly, you will have noticed that the community is changing. For sale signs have sprung up and been taken down at various places and construction is happening on several vacant lots.

I would like to welcome all newcomers to the community. Bonita Creek is a very special place: The weather has a goldilocks quality – not too cold in winter and not too hot in summer. The views are spectacular and people are friendly and helpful. It is a pleasure to see that many of our newcomers join the Bonita Creek Land and Homeowners Association. (BCLHOA) and we are glad you are joining us on this mission. **If you have not yet joined, we encourage you to become an active member of the community. Dues are only \$75.00/year.** While we cannot take credit for the weather and the views, we are committed to supporting the community and to keeping Bonita Creek as livable and friendly for the future as it has been in the past.

2018/2019 was far less exciting as the year before – and this is good. No fire and no major drought. We still have the occasional flash flood as a result of the Highline Fire but it seems they are less severe and/or we are used to dealing with them in a better way.

The most important business for the BCLHOA is to manage the water company. With Ken Nagy as the day to day water operator and Jack Helzer as the Water Director, we have two individuals who are committed and extraordinarily competent. Water quantity and quality in Bonita Creek has been safe, secure and cheap in large part due to their dedication. Thanks to Jack Helzer's expertise and resourcefulness and thanks to countless volunteers, we have not had a water rate increase since 2004. While we may have to file for a water rate increase in the future, this is not a subtle way to prepare you for the increase. Instead, it is a way to say a special thank you to Jack who is leaving the Board and the Water Director position.

We also continue to support endeavors to improve the community, keeping the trail to the spring cleared, financially helping maintain the Perley pit where slash can be dropped off, and a soon to be built fence along either side of the cattle guard. As supporters of the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District, we have several active Bonita Creek individuals working for the district and are excited to see progress on the new fire substation that is being built at the corner of Myrtle Point and Antelope. This could not have been possible without an extremely generous donation from a Bonita Creek resident.

Our bylaws allow two consecutive 2 year periods in any position as a Board member. Thus, Lorna Glaunsinger (Secretary), Jack Helzer (Water Director) and Bill Akins (at large) are leaving the boards. They have done a marvelous job keeping the association focused on its mission. In particular, Lorna has been instrumental in getting us certified as a Firewise Community and keeping us certified every year. I am certain she will continue to remind you in the future to make your property firewise.

We will have elections for new Board of Directors for the BCLHOA in the coming weeks. Election material will be sent out to members soon. Thank you to the three new individuals who have stepped up to run. Our bylaws call for a Board of 5 – 7 members and hence with Pat Nagy as treasurer, Mark Yarish (Vice President) and Tim Mattison (at large) we will comply.

Lorna and Bill Glaunsinger have graciously agreed to open their home again for the annual meeting and potluck on Aug. 31st beginning at 4:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This is my last newsletter. I have been on the Board for 6 years, 2 as a director and 4 as the President and hence I am also stepping down. It has been my pleasure to contribute in keeping Bonita Creek the wonderful place it is. For the Board of Directors of the Bonita Creek Land and Homeowners Association,

Dieter Armbruster,
President