

# SANDIA GRIT

1980

"NEWS OF SANDIA HEIGHTS"

February 1, 1980

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

## RESULTS OF MEETING

On Nov 13, 1979, there was a homeowner's board meeting. It was attended by 90-100 people who are interested in what happens to Sandia Heights. The guest speaker was Wray Simmons, our County Representative. He answered questions regarding the condition of Tramway Blvd. and other services which the county should provide to us, but very seldom does. He stated the people in the North and South Valley seem to get most of the attention. As the saying goes and I quote Mr. Simmons, "He who squeaks the loudest gets the grease".

We have approximately 650 families in Sandia Heights. If everyone would write or phone their complaints (roads, dogs, police protection etc.) to the commissioners, things in Sandia Heights might improve! Speak up for the way your tax money is being spent.

Through the diligent work of our Homeowners Association, especially John Warner, the Bernalillo County Commission has approved funds to resurface Tramway Blvd. this summer. This road has been a dangerous problem for all Sandia Heights residents. Many thanks to Wray Simmons, for his assistance in this project.

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## GUARD SERVICE

The guard service is now operating between 70 and 72 hours a week. It has been noted that some Sandia Heights residents have not supported this service. This puts a burden on residents who do financially support the service. Everyone in Sandia Heights is covered by the guard service. They are our only source of dependable security. Comparable guard service runs as high as \$18 a month. Sandia Heights is a pleasant place to live and our guard service is a very tangible asset. Let's not lose it, which will happen if we all don't support it.

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## LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS

During the past few months, the GRIT has received the following letters:

"It's really getting bad down here on Marigold regarding dogs tearing up the trash. I've been coming home at 1 o'clock to get it out for the 2 o'clock pick up. Can't leave it out anymore before I leave at 8 am. The last two weeks I've had to stand guard for an hour by chasing dogs away and keeping an eye out, which is really a pain. Can a notice be put into the next newsletter to remind people to please keep their dogs in on Tuesdays??"

Thanks,

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, WANT ADS

The Sierra Vista Swim & Tennis Club is sponsoring a 4-5 day trip to Alta. We leave by Frontier Airlines the afternoon of March 13, fly to Salt Lake, limousine to Alta where we stay at the ALTA PERUVIAN lodge with two meals a day and lift ticket included ....Total price for 5 days is \$410, for four days \$370. Snowbird is 2 miles down the road by free shuttlebus. Ski the Greatest Snow on Earth! For further information, please call: Joan Granger at 299-8000 before Feb. 10, if possible.

Amway Products - Biodegradable septic tank aids, drainmate, safe for P.V.C. and A.B.C. plastic pipes. Low in phosphate soap, concentrated for economy. A fine and complete line of household items, vitamins and cosmetics. Call M. Harris at 294-0183.

WANTED: Scrabble players, call C.D. & Maimie Carter at 299-5503.

FOR SALE: Entire collection Italian sterling silver, tea set, trays, dishes, all one of a kind pieces, call Mirian Lubow at 299-2364.

FOR SALE: Many hand embroidered tablecloths and odd lace hand made pieces, call Mirian Lubow at 299-2364.

BABYSITTING: Yvonne Lubow, age 13, call 299-2364.

FOR SALE: Sheltie puppies, miniature collies, AKC registered, shots, super with children, call 293-3917.

CLEAN WINDOWS: Classical Glass, free estimates, Ken Mager 821-6640.

CLEAN WINDOWS: Danny's Window Cleaning Co, free estimates, 883-3681.

In the next issue of the GRIT, we would like to list the babysitters in the area, so please send your name and age and phone number to us by May 1, 1980. Also children willing to work this summer doing odd jobs around the area. Lets here from you.

Also next issue, Swim Team News. Swimmers start working out!!!!

Don't forget Sandia Peak Ski School will be having a second semester Alpine program starting in February. Come up and ski with us while the snow and weather is best. Call 296-9585 or 291-5958.

LETTERS, cont.

"I do not think it would be amiss to remind some of our residents that due to the hilly and low visibility nature of the roads in Sandia Heights and despite the fact that there are no center lines on these roads; it is extremely important that people hug their own side of the road. It is not so bad at night because at least then you can see the oncoming headlights. I drive a very small car, and three days ago, I had to quickly leave the road completely or I would have had a rather severe accident with a Mercedes which was eating up the entire road and which would have totally demolished me. This is getting to be a very serious condition."

Concerned,

If you have a complaint or a recommendation or some "good news" about Sandia Heights, please briefly write them down and send them to us at 455 Live Oak Rd. NE, Alb. NM 87122. We appreciate hearing from you.

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#### CAUTION

Check sliding glass doors for latching tension, on some models there is one adjusting screw on the flush face plate. Simply by turning this screw four to five turns, the tension adjusts to tighten door. Turning the screw the opposite direction causes the latch not to lock into the door frame, though the mechanism sounds and feels as if it works, it will not lock. Any questions regarding the above, please contact Bullet, at the Guard Service.

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#### SANDIA HEIGHTS - IT'S CONCEPTS AND DEVELOPMENT by Ben Abruzzo

As those of us who live here recognize, Sandia Heights is a unique place to live with qualities in life style not easily obtainable in most areas of the country, or in fact in the world. The concept of Sandia Heights developed almost simultaneously with Sandia Peak Tramway with the first homes in Sandia Heights original subdivision being completed roughly a year prior to the opening of the tramway. The entire area was very carefully master planned and carefully restricted to provide the unusual and pleasant surroundings which residents today enjoy. A great deal of planning in all phases of the various sub-divisions occurred many years prior to the offering of home sites in the individual units.

We are very proud of the fact that our community is essentially self contained providing our own water service, solid refuse disposal system, and with the developers providing the bulk of the roadway maintenance in the area. Our Fire District is one of the finest volunteer districts in the entire State of New Mexico and our response to emergencies in the area is indeed excellent in every respect.

At this writing there are approximately 650 residences completed and another 50 under construction. Sandia Heights Subdivisions are owned and have been developed by a Tri Venture consisting of ownership by Alvarado Realty Company, Sandia Peak Tram Company, and Sandia Peak Ski Company. The Tri Venture provided funds for the improvements in the subdivisions as well as facilities such as the Fire District #5 Volunteer Fire Station which was constructed by the companies and subsequently sold to Bernalillo County. The Company also is responsible for the improved and expanded Guard Service presently offered.

Prime in the plans for development were complete recreational facilities immediately available to the residents of Sandia Heights. The Four Seasons Club was constructed to provide availability of swimming and tennis courts to residents. Stables were developed to provide riding facilities, horse rentals, boarding facilities for those owning horses, and planned activities such as hay rides, steak rides, hamburger cook-out rides, and breakfast rides. Sandia Peak Tramway opens the "backyards" of residents to enjoyment of the entire range of activities available in the Sandia Mountains, including skiing, hiking, snow shoeing, hang gliding, picnicking and year round outdoor activity. In addition, residents are afforded convenience to two fine restaurants. The Firehouse is located at the base of the tramway and High Finance is located at the top of the mountain.

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