

1981

SANDIA GRIT

NEWS OF SANDIA HEIGHTS AND ITS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FROM THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT:

On October 29th the Sandia Heights Homeowners met with County and State Officials at the firehouse. Between 80 and 90 residents attended the meeting. Representatives for the County and State were:

Wray Simmons - County Commissioner
Stu Hill - State Representative
Paul Becht - State Senator
Norm McNew - Road Department
Mr. Diaz - County Council

There was a great deal of discussion as to the needs of Sandia Heights and the financial state of the County. It was agreed that if Sandia Heights is to get its fair share, it must become politically active in the County Commission structure. The Homeowners Association will be putting their effort in this area. We will need all the Sandia Heights residents' support, so don't just grumble, let the County know your needs.

In response to our questionnaire the Association has:

- 1) Set up a park activities committee under Sam Puma (296-1162). We will concentrate on this area for adult and children physical activities. Sam will need everyone's help in this project so please call him if you could offer some assistance or ideas.
2. Covenant Enforcement - The Association is becoming more active with the Tram Company in this area. If you have a problem, let us know and also contact the neighbor. This is mandatory if the covenants, which are agreements between the homeowners, not the Tram Co., are to be enforced. Most residents cheerfully comply with our covenants. The small minority who consistently ignore requests to correct violations need strong input from their neighbors. We all value good neighbors.
3. Animal Control - We have a commitment from Mike Chavez that we will have an animal control officer visiting Sandia Heights on a regular basis. This should solve the loose dog problem in 60 days.

FROM THE SANDIA PEAK TRAM COMPANY:

With one exception, the Tram Company had completed repairs on the roads and culverts of the Sandia Heights area caused by the August rains. As many of you know, we saw very little participation in the repairs by the County despite the fact that the roads belong to the County and we all pay taxes. The Tram Company spent in excess of \$25,000 to do the repairs; had we waited for the County, they may have never been done. Regardless, the roads are generally back in shape again.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Sandia Peak Utility Company has filed for a water rate increase to take effect sometime in 1981. The cost of power to pump the water has increased dramatically over the last two years to a degree that the water company is losing money on water sales. Obviously, in order to continue to provide adequate service and keep the system in good condition, the rates must increase. Each customer will be notified as to the proposed rates in the near future.

Bob Murphy
Sandia Peak Tram Company

SECURITY AND SAFETY NOTES

The Sandia Heights Security Patrol would like to remind all subscribers that to reach the mobil patrol directly requires that you let the phone ring a least 6 times. This allows the switching circuit to route the call to the truck; it does not switch until after 2 rings to you; if you still have trouble reaching the guard, please try again in a couple of minutes. It's very likely that he was out of the truck on a call, and you just missed him. A guard on patrol can usually respond to your call in less than five minutes, and he has radio access to the local law enforcement agencies. Please feel free to call them- they are here for your protection and safety.

A reminder to everyone who is planning on burning dried weeds this Fall or Winter: please call the Sandia Heights Fire Department or if you can't reach them, the Tram Company. An unannounced billowing column of smoke will probably bring a fire truck, the security guard and several volunteer firemen to your house. To keep fires under control, have some helpers with shovels to assist in the weed burning and keep a ready supply of water nearby. Dry weeds should never be burned during windy conditions and only in a cleared area. The best solution to weed disposal is to take them to the dump or have them bagged for the local collection.

With the onslaught of cold weather many homes will be burning fires on a regular basis. Before starting to load all the seasoned firewood you have stacked, make sure your wood pile is clear of any unwanted visitors. Many field animals use these piles as homes and can become unwanted house guests if not promptly accounted for. Early in the Fall snakes or other reptiles can also be found in your favorite piñon or oak pile. The chances of this happening now are slim with the below freezing nights, but better safe than surprized.

One last note has to do with the avoiding trouble with snow or ice on the roads. As most of you are aware, the Homeowners Association provides, through the Tram Company, snow removal service for the Sandia Heights area. After a heavy snow fall, crews will be out clearing the main roads first. If your particular street isn't cleared when you get up please be patient- they will be by as soon as they take care of the busier streets. A set of snow chains or tires might be a wise investment for those of you who absolutely need to leave Sandia Heights early. You might also talk to a neighbor who has easy access to flat roads, or one of the main arteries, and see if you can leave a car in his driveway in case of an expected heavy snowfall. Another solution is to make a pot of hot chocolate and take a mini-vacation!

L. J. OTTEN

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Sandia Peak will offer a special Alpine Program for Sandia Heights residents. Class will start on top of the mountain one weekend after the ski area opens. Fill out an Alpine application and mark it "resident", or stop by the Realty office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, INQUIRIES AND ADVERTISEMENTS:

Watch for SANTA in his balloon the weekend before Christmas (weather permitting!).

NAVAJO SANDPAINTINGS - Mark and Troy McGee, neighborhood boys, are selling high quality Navajo-made sandpaintings at 30% below retail. Each sandpainting is signed by its Indian artist. The boys will bring a nice selection to your home. Sizes of sandpaintings include 4" x 8", 5" x 9", 6" x 12" and 12" x 12". Please call 299-0661 if interested.

FOREIGN STUDENT - If anyone is considering taking a foreign student for the '81- '82 school year, Muffy Conrad knows a fifteen year old German boy who is looking for a family. For more information call her at 294-8904.

WILDLIFE RESCUE - Each year hundreds of wild creatures die because they are unable to survive injury, or abandonment. Many animals find themselves in this predicament because of the influence of man in their natural habitat. Volunteers are needed for Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico, an Organization whose goal is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured and abandoned wildlife. Workshops for training are planned for the Spring. For more information call Anna Harris 293-1549.

BABYSITTING - Stephanie Lubow, 16, 296-6805 Yvonne Lubow, 14, 296-6805

ODD JOBS - Warren Lubow, 13, 296-6805

BABYSITTING, dog sitting, plant sitting. Call Judy or Beth Hendricks 292-3966

MATH TUTORING - All levels - by math teacher with nine (9) years experience. reasonable rates. Call Lyn Shillito 292-6747

COME FLY WITH ME! - From a bus ride to Gallup to a round the world cruise, let me help you with all your travel needs. Never a charge for services. Call Joan Granger at Custom Travel, Ltd. at 299-8000. Tickets delivered to your home.

CLAIROL - (1) True to lighted make-up mirror by Clairol. Day and night lighting, magnification, etc. model number LM-1. \$15. (2) Kindness 20 Instant Hairsetter by Clairol. \$10. Call 299- 6071.

1978 CHEROKEE - Anyone interested in a 1978 4-door Cherokee? Good buy: 21,000 miles, \$5200. Call Muffy Conrad, 294-8904.

HOUSE CLEANING - Did you know there is a quality housecleaning service for the Tramway area? We also do carpet cleaning. Call Bobby at 299-5334. Neighborhood recommendations.

WINDOW CLEANING - Sandia Heights Window Washers. Free estimates. Nick 298-5021 or Shawn 296-1162.

MORE WINDOW CLEANING - Danny's Window Cleaning 883-3681.

TUMBLE TUMBLEWEED RESOURCES-residential, commercial tumbleweed removal, free estimates. Call 265-3795, 1919 San Mateo NE
EDITOR'S COMMENT: The last issue of the Grit stated that there were 166 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. This is incorrect. All residents of Sandia Heights are members of SHHA; only 166 elected to pay the voluntary dues. Others, of course, are more than welcome.

The editor will be happy to accept articles, comments and complaints as well as the many announcements, advertisements and inquiries. Call Rab Freeman 296-2977. My thanks to Miriam Lubow for her typing of this issue.

REMINDERS:

Drive carefully
Watch for children
Contain your dog
Best wishes for a happy holiday season

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