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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Bill Jackson on fireworks

The annual general meeting of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association was held June 1, 1985. The turnout of residents was small. Those present heard a presentation by Curt Montman from the Department of Environmental Health on the plague and how to avoid catching it: stay away from rodents, especially dead ones; dust household pets frequently with flea powder. There was a discussion of covenant monitoring and control; most covenant violations are corrected within a short time of notification. Another order of business was the election of one-third of the Board of Directors: elected to a three year term were Lynne Behnfield, Jerry Boucher, Judy Harris, Bill Jackson, and Don McBride. The new officers of the Association are President - Rab Freeman, Vice-president - Bill Jackson, Secretary - Jerry Boucher, and Treasurer - Harry Criel.

The Spring Fling, our neighborhood "Tiny Triathalon" was termed a success by those participating. It generated great interest in those who watched the participants go by and "hadn't heard about it." The triathalon was four lengths of the pool, three loops of the bicycle route, and four laps of the park. All who completed received a ribbon. It was organized by retiring director, Cindy Gorman, who deserves a big hand! The day continued with a feast of fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and pop and beer, all courtesy of SHHA and the Tram Company/Alvarado Realty. The triathalon, the open weekend at the pool, and the feast were enjoyed by all. And we invite you all to come next year!

The new fiscal year for your Homeowners Association started on July 1, which means that your \$30 dues are due once again. This money supports the Newsletters, the snow removal, the park, the covenant monitoring, the neighborhood directories, the Christmas house-decoration contest, and the triathalon and picnic to enumerate some. If you are paying your dues for the first time, you will receive a directory shortly thereafter; all current members in January, 1986 will receive the new, up-dated directory also. The "association" indicated on your billing from Sandia Heights Services is for the Four Seasons Club (pool and tennis courts), not the SHHA. We would appreciate your financial support of your Association even if you choose not to participate in its activities.

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+ WANTED - YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS +
+ (Starting compost pit.) Will +
+ pick up. Please call Lynne +
+ at 299-7100. +
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SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST AND RELATED MATTERS CONCERNING JULY 4, 1985
FROM W.B.M. JACKSON, VP - S.H.H.A. AND MEMBER OF B.C.F.D. DISTRICT
5 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

July 4, 1985 was a busy day for many of the members of District 5, your Volunteer Fire Department.

The Fire Station was manned all day on July 4, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, with adequate personnel to handle any emergency. After 5:00 pm all members were subject to call as required.

Things were reasonably quiet until approximately 8:30 pm when we received our first fire call. This was a big brush fire in the area of Eagle Rock and Elena. At its height the fire was almost a mile long.

About the time this fire was put down things began to warm up at a fast and furious rate and we were hard put to keep pace with it all. However we were successful in containing each fire as it was reported and culminating in one final large conflagration on Juniper Hill Road between Cedar Hill and Tramway Road.

There were nine major fires in our district, all caused by fireworks, most of which were of the illegal variety.

The Juniper Hill fire was very much a problem. Many residents seemingly viewed it as a spectator sport. Not only were cars parked in the immediate area of the fire, thus preventing ready access for our fire-fighting equipment, but pedestrians too packed the roadway and further impeded our actions. Many were quite resentful at being requested to move, almost hostile in fact, and several of the set had the gall to wonder aloud what took us so long to arrive at the fire scene! Many of their neighbors were already lending very material aid by joining a shovel brigade, ably demonstrating real "Good Neighbor" policy.

All-in-all it was a pretty sorry exhibition when one considers it a safe bet that the fireworks which caused the blaze must have come from one or other of the surrounding houses, and more than likely, fired off by teen-agers and/or adults living nearby. This at a time when each of the eight other blazes must have been readily discernible from the Juniper Hill site.

The really shabby low blow was that one or more of the gawkers gathered at the fire scene participated in an act of vandalism and thievery on the private vehicle of one of our firemen. The enlightened soul, or souls, cut the lead to the emergency red light on the cab of the pick-up and stole the light. As a matter of interest, you should know that in addition to many other items, we volunteers supply our own warning lights and siren at our own considerable expense. Such equipment is not only for our safety but for the safety of other highway users. The foregoing incident is not only extremely reprehensible but absolutely foolhardy, too.

Even after the Juniper Hill fire was completely extinguished there were some none-to-bright individuals on Tramway Lane still setting off illegal fireworks. Several nearby residents attempted to remonstrate with these people. The reply that one received was to the effect that he lacked the Spirit of July 4. It occurs to us that the only spirit these people had came out of a bottle.

You should all be aware that the setting-off of illegal fireworks is by existing laws a punishable offense with a fine of \$1,500 and/or a prison sentence.

Sandia Heights is far too vulnerable to justify the use of any type of fireworks. Lives and valuable properties are at stake. It is hoped that the use of such dangerous "playthings" be banned entirely in this community and that the residents look for their pleasure from this form of insanity at the organized and controlled exhibitions that are put on in safe areas.

COUNTY LOOKING INTO TRAMWAY
BOULEVARD TRAFFIC, IMPROVEMENTS

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association is pursuing the matter of traffic and safety on Tramway Boulevard with the Bernalillo County government.

The petition asking for the County Commission's attention to Tramway Boulevard has been submitted to the County Government along with the request for a discussion with the County Commission at an early date. The petition contains 512 signatures of Sandia Heights residents. It asks for traffic lights, street lights, and left-hand turn lanes at the major intersections along Tramway Blvd. and for a speed-up of long-range plans to convert Tramway Blvd. to a separated four-lane thoroughfare.

Our County Commissioner, Patricia Cassidy, and the County Road Superintendent, John Ramsey, are investigating the requests of the petition. They have asked the Transportation Department of the City of Albuquerque to consider the matter as it applies to the intersections with Manitoba, Spain, and Academy, which are the City's responsibility. They have asked the State Highway Department to conduct "warrant studies" at the intersections north of Academy to determine if transportation signals are justified. They are looking into the feasibility of installing street lights along Tramway Blvd.

It is anticipated that replies from the city and state agencies will be available in time to allow a presentation before the County Commission by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association probably in August. The Board members of the SHHA plan to phone Sandia Heights residents to urge their attendance at that presentation in order to demonstrate substantial vigorous support for the improvements.

A note from Patricia Cassidy, our County Commissioner, tells me that the following have been approved:

- 1) Installation of street lights (illumination - not signals) at the intersections of Tramway Blvd. and Tramway, Modesto, Cedar Hill, Los Angeles, and San Rafael.
- 2) Addition of left turn lanes and appropriate shoulder work at the intersections of Tramway Blvd. and Cedar Hill, Live Oak, and Tramway Terrace.

We await the traffic counter to determine the amount of traffic for additional improvements.

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FOUND - a gold pierced earring	+	Experienced, capable 14½ year
on Tramway Lane between Lynx	+	old willing to work odd jobs or
and Antelope. Call Claude R.	+	babysit. Call Matthew Neal at
Lewis at 294-6232 and identify	+	292-7629 (979 Antelope Avenue)

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* AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION *

Take precaution to be certain your boat is properly equipped and meets legal safety regulations.

Let the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary help you enjoy safer boating by allowing a COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATION. It is free and there is no obligation. A decal is issued if safety standards are met - if not, no report is made.

Call your neighbor, Tom Reed, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist, 299-31-91.

SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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AUNT LINDA'S PRALINE COOKIES

Mix in a food processor: $\frac{1}{2}$ C. light brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ C. dark brown sugar, 2 T. flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt. Beat 1 egg white until stiff; fold in the sugar mixture and 1t. vanilla. Gently mix in 2 C. whole pecan halves and coat with batter. Drop by small teaspoon on heavily greased cookie sheets. Bake at 275° for 35 minutes. Makes 4 - 5 dozen cookies.

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WELCOMES ALL TO
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9:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
1 BLK. N. OF LOS ANGELES
1 BLK. W. OF TRAMWAY

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+ The Sandia Heights Babysitting Co-op +
+ offers mothers in the neighborhood +
+ opportunity to exchange babysitting. +
+ For more information call Marie +
+ Rundle at 299-7900. +
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