

# Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Happy New Year to all. Your Homeowners Association opens 1986 with new plans and projects. Other articles in THE GRIT present survey results and the new dues collection plan. SHHA plans to serve you even better and more efficiently.

Of interest to us all are the following:

1) The Circle K was repainted an imperceptibly shade darker. When the building needs to be repainted within the next two years, the Circle K company assures us the color will become "buckskin." The lights will become downward projecting. We're working on that sign.

2) Tramway Blvd. will be getting reflectors in the spring after the snow season. We continue to keep attention on Tramway Blvd., but have no news.

3) The rustic, one-sided neighborhood street signs are being replaced with the reflective green and white two-sided kind at the rate with which the county supplies them.

4) With increased traffic on our neighborhood roads it behooves all of us to drive more carefully, keeping to the right side of the road and driving slowly. Our roads are great for hot-rodding; but our kids, neighbors, pets, and vehicles are more important.

5) Once again we sponsored a House Decoration Contest. Kelly Voris and Sara and Tony Warford were first and second in the luminaria division. Abby and Errol LeCesne won the "other" category. Thanks to all who entered and to our judges. There has been some discussion about having only a luminaria division. There have also been suggestions that all - or most - of Sandia Heights light up with luminarias - for our own pleasure - not tour buses! Any comments or reactions?

6) Covenant monitoring continues. We all received letters regarding solar collectors and panels needing to follow guidelines and to adhere to restrictions. The solar companies received the same letters. Again a reminder that following the covenants is in the best interests of each of us.

7) The Gas Company came to a recent board meeting. Their presentation was both poorly prepared and given. They did not have cost comparisons. They did get 8 to 10 names of homeowners to use to do some comparison studies. We assume the data will be available shortly. Information gleaned concluded that the more customers they could sign up, the less expensive the laying the gas line within the neighborhood would be.

8) Outpost Arena, our neighborhood ice rink, will be open shortly with public skating, ice hockey and hockey tournaments, aerobics, weight lifting, and a "fancy" snack bar. Memberships and per time admissions will be available; babysitting services and instruction will be offered. A flyer will be mailed to all residents.

9) The status of the cable TV is unknown. Albuquerque CTV was recently bought by a Colorado company.

10) The Board of Directors welcomes Sara Warford to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kathleen Lebeck. Sara's area of concentration will be "hospitality." It will be she who coordinates the neighborhood coffees and other activities. Welcome, Sara!

The board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend.

Rab Freeman, President SHHA, 296-2977

## HOMEOWNER SURVEY RESULTS

The homeowners survey had excellent response. We had 3 times the anticipated rate of return based on average survey return rates. So congratulations to Sandia Heights residents and thank you! The Board of Directors feels it now has a good basis for making decisions on your behalf in 1986.

For the more than 100 residents who volunteered to assist in neighborhood projects and events, thank you. We welcome you and your ideas. We will meet you all at one of two get-togethers in January. See the article in this issue, Neighbors Gather, for times and places.

Big Winner--The most interest was shown in the jogging and biking path along Tramway Blvd. An overwhelming majoring of respondents asked the Board of Directors to pursue this activity first. We look forward to working with the 36 residents who volunteered to assist. You will be called after the first of 1986.

Natural gas to the neighborhood was the second most favored activity to pursue in 1986. Thanks to the 30 residents who volunteered to assist. The Board will call you after the holidays.

Next in popularity were additional snow plowing, classified mailers, more GRIT editions, and tied were expanded triathlon and more get-togethers (in descending order of number of votes.)

We Hear You. The Board will follow your directions in order of popularity, to the best of its ability. Fund limitations keep us from doing everything at once, of course. Homeowner dues provide over 95% of our budget so the membership committee is campaigning hard to have every family know the benefits of membership in SHHA. Snow plowing is particularly expensive. As reported in the last GRIT, we have in the budget \$2500 for the 1985-1986 year. Soon we will have estimates as to the cost of the jogging and bicycle path. You can help us with these and all our projects by encouraging your neighbors to join SHHA.

Neighborhood Activity Groups--The most interest was shown in forming a hiking and backpacking group, followed quite closely by family block parties. ALL of the suggested activities received enough votes to warrant their formation. Others were written in on the survey and may or may not have enough support. For details read "Neighbor Gather" elsewhere in this issue. Your enthusiasm is contagious and a strong indication that traditional Sandia Heights neighborliness lives on.

Comments and Suggestions--There were scads of individual comments on your surveys. We very much appreciate your taking the time and having the caring to write to us. To some, we will be telephoning (or already have) because your concern was so specific. For all others, we value your opinions and concerns and will take this time to respond.

When are your meetings? Can anyone come? The Board meets the second Wednesday of every month, at the Fire Station, at 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

We need more information on good restaurants, medical facilities, lost and found items, the guard service, what's going on at the County Commission, etc. All of these ideas are being handed over to the GRIT chairperson, Judy Harris. She now has a nice group of volunteers to assist in getting this information into the GRIT.

We want to see the board do this: playground equipment for the park; hold yard clean-up days; erect a neighborhood bulletin board; sponsor a youth holiday, a fun run, a skating party, a sloppy slalom; put up volleyball court in the park. We will pursue all as interest and funds permit.

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Why doesn't the Board do these things: better street signs; pick up stray animals; erect "no soliciting" signs; improve road signs; build more tennis courts; publish a neighborhood map; give newcomer coffees; extend the guard service; landscape the entrances. Be aware that our roads are county roads. The neighborhood is open to the public so we cannot legally forbid soliciting. That is why the former signs came down. The good news is that you can display a sign that forbids soliciting on your own property. The Board works with Alvarado Realty that repairs the roads. We believe they are the best maintained roads in Bernalillo County. We are in constant touch with the County Commission that controls the Tramways (Road and Blvd.) We are lobbying on a continuing basis for such things as street lights and the widening of Tramway Blvd. The GRIT keeps you posted. The county also handles loose animals. Anyone may call the "dog catcher" if he chooses. Road and SH signs, and the Four Seasons Club (pool and tennis), landscaping and guard services are responsibilities of Alvarado Realty. We pass along wants and wishes on a regular basis (an Alvarado representative attends our monthly meetings.) They will receive a copy of the survey results. Feel free to call them directly, of course.

There is an excellent map of the neighborhood in your directory and the Board has sponsored newcomer coffees for many years. They are always announced in the GRIT well in advance. The guard service is administered by Alvarado Realty. More service will cost more money, of course.

We want more covenant enforcement. See the President's Report by Rab Freeman in this issue for the latest here. This is dear to many hearts as they see it as the strongest reason that Sandia Heights is Albuquerque's most desirable neighborhood (as voted by a local bank survey in 1985.)

Where are my parking stickers? Free parking passes for the Tram parking lot are given, one to a family, in your welcome packet as a gift from Alvarado Realty. Thereafter, every year SHHA members receive a pass inside their neighborhood directory as a privilege of membership. You may use the pass for any car you drive. New directories go to press as close to the first of the year as possible. 1986 passes for SHHA members will be enclosed when directories are delivered to you by a Board member (late Jan., early Feb.). Any problems? Look inside your directory, then call your president, Rab Freeman, 296-2977.

Thanks for responding to the survey. Let's keep in touch because-  
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## NEIGHBORS GATHER

For your convenience, SHHA is giving two get-togethers in January for all those who expressed interest in forming groups and clubs.

The following groups will be formed or expanded if enough folks come or call to express interest: hiking, backpacking, bridge, book club, golf, cooking (and eating), stitchery, opera, bird watching, nature club, family block parties, youth activities, camera club, bible study, softball team, ski club, preschool play group, dine and theater group, crafts, tennis, dancing, aerobics, musician groups, Spanish lessons, political club.

One gathering is on a weekday morning, the other on a weekend morning. Come to either and meet your neighbors with similar interests. Help get groups started. Meet the Board member in charge of neighborhood activities. You are welcome whether you answered the survey or not. After these gatherings, groups will meet individually only.

Wed., Jan. 15th, 10 a.m.  
Home of Carolyn Hudson, 699 Bluebird Lane  
294-2377

Sat., Jan. 18th, 10:30 a.m.  
Home of Lynne Behnfield, 228 Spring Creek Lane  
299-7878

If you are unable to attend either event but are interested in participating in any of the groups mentioned, please let Carolyn or Lynne know. They co-chair the Membership Committee and their numbers are listed above. Your name and number will be given to the group leaders selected at the get-togethers.

SANDIA HEIGHTS. WE'RE WORTH IT!

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## MORE EFFICIENT BILLING

Sandia Heights is growing--and growing up!

Some jobs have overstressed the abilities of your volunteer, elected board. Sending association bills is one of them.

We are joining the electronic age and will be sending computerized bills after the first of the year. It will save us money, LOTS of volunteer hours, and surely be more efficient. We will be using the Alvarado Realty computers and will bill residents by the month instead of annually (\$30 annual membership fee divided by 12 months = \$2.50 per month.)

If you are now a paid member in good standing (an asterisk on your address label), you won't see an association figure on your monthly water and garbage bill until July 1986. That is the end of our fiscal year.

We are doing our best to have a smooth transition but we are human and MAY make a mistake or two. Be kind to your volunteer Board members when you call to report trouble: Carolyn Hudson, 294-2377; or Lynne Behnfield, 299-7878 (eves.); or John Freeman, 292-3647. Thanks!

ARE YOU A PERFECT ASTERISK \* \* \* \* ?

What will an asterisk get you? All the rights and privileges of full membership in the Sandia Heights Home Owners Association (SHHA).

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What'll it get you?

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Contests and coffees, pentathlon  
Covenants, making the uglies all gone

Spiffy directory tells all it should  
Names, maps and numbers the neighborhood

Board members go to commission meets  
Picnics and fireworks, countless treats

Gas lines and jog trails and groups convene  
Gourmet, bridge, sewing, golf, birds are keen

Opera, books, block parties, hiking group  
Backpacking Sandia makes tongues droop


Don't miss the fun, be an asterisk  
Joining SHHA ain't no risk.

Now that you have the complete story, try pronouncing "asterisk" three times rapidly. No cheating: it's ass-ter-isk not ass-ter-ick. BE ONE!

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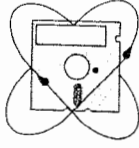
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Thank You for Your Assistance....

Winter is the time of year when birds most often fly into the large windows of Sandia Heights homes. Many die after doing so. Certain measures can be taken to reduce the number of collisions, but no doubt they will continue to occur.

Some good can be derived from this tragedy as the Museum of Southwestern Biology at UNM can add these specimens to their collection. If you wish to contribute to science in this way, please do the following:

- 1) Place the dead bird in a plastic bag.
- 2) Record the date and your address on a small piece of paper.
- 3) Place the paper in the bag with the bird.
- 4) Seal the bag.
- 5) Place the bag in a freezer as soon as possible.
- 6) Deliver the specimen to the museum in the basement of the biology building at UNM, OR
- 7) Call 299-1768 to have it picked up.

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HELP US FIND YOU!

We have a major problem with which only you can help us. Too often our response to your call for help is delayed by the simple fact we cannot find YOU! We resort to reading mail box numbers, watching for upset people, or house lights late at night. Frequently we have to ask our dispatcher to call you back for directions and description of your home, thus delaying us even more by waiting for an answer. There are those times when a rapid response is vital to saving a life or a home.

By doing some basic things, YOU can help us serve you better. First, check the outside of your home. Can your house numbers be easily read from the street, especially at night? Plain or reflective numbers from 4 to 6 inches tall would help enormously. Should you live down a lane or a dead-end road it would help if you and your neighbors could also post your house numbers at the main road turn-off into your location.

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TRY TO REMAIN CALM and have the following information ready for the 911 operator and/or fire-rescue dispatcher:

- A) Type of problem - illness, accident or fire.
- B) Your name and the number of the phone from which you are calling.
- C) The house number, street name and nearest cross street. Also a description of house or vehicle involved. If possible, have someone wait outside, at streetside or in driveway to signal emergency vehicle. If at night, use a flashlight or a white cloth.
- D) DO NOT HANG-UP until the dispatcher is sure of all the correct information and so indicates.

A suggestion is to post your vital information by your telephone to help reduce confusion when you call. Under stress, people have been known to forget their own names, etc.

REMEMBER, we are here and ready to serve you, BUT we need your help, too.

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