

THE GRIT
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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

WHAT/WHOM IS YOUR HOMEOWNERS' BOARD?

Sometimes, after our board meetings, I wonder if anyone knows or cares about the work accomplished by your Board. Interestingly, the people who serve on the Board are as diverse and dynamic as the constituency we serve. We have professionals, semi-retired and retirees, government workers, private industry employees and bosses, self-employed, and homemakers. Sound familiar? It is a wonder that such a varied group can agree on anything. But we do...we agree that Sandia Heights is a great place to live and we're dedicated to improving it. We have decided that one of the best ways to improve is to provide services and functions that are not available to simply a group of people living in the same geographic area. Therefore, we strive month after month to try to anticipate needs and fulfill them. In addition to the neighborhood coffees, we've organized a neighborhood wine tasting party to be held in October at the Anderson Winery. Our recent monitoring of the Fourth of July ended without a single adverse incident (although we had some help from above... rain). We've improved our public relations with new residents and city/county agencies. We've increased membership and resulting dues dramatically. We've put up park signs, and are near to completing a Sandia Heights Bulletin Board to better acquaint everyone interested with what's happening here. We've established committees to work on every facet of homeowner service. We also struggle with long-range goals for Sandia Heights. We're dedicated to continuing our great relationship with the Tram Company, and working on the ever present covenant control problems. We also want to implement new refreshing services for our residents. However, even though your Board is a great microcosm of Sandia Heights, we need input (ideas and suggestions) and output (organization and work) from all of you. So get on the stick and contact a board member with whom you're acquainted...and if you don't know any of us - we're listed in your directory - give us a call, remember we're just like you, and we won't bite, but we may put you to work!!

John Freeman, President, SHHA
292-3647

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For the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Newsletter

Nestled in the mouth of Pino Canyon is Albert G. Simms Park protecting this unique foothills habitat. Even though the park has attracted thousands of people, you can still find large herds of mule deer and signs of the elusive mountain lion. The focal point for Simms Park is the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area which is open daily at 8:00 a.m. for picnicking and trailhead parking. A small network of trails within the park will take you to the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service is planning to open a trail from the park to the Crest trail later this year. For more information about the park or becoming a volunteer call 823-4016, Monday through Friday.

Michael D. Smith, Park Conservation Officer
Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division

THE SANDIA HEIGHTS SWIM TEAM

The Sandia Heights Swim Team had a wonderful season! The team placed 5th overall in the Sundance League standings at the conclusion of the final competition. Given the fact that Sandia Heights was one of the smallest of the 14 teams, the coaches and swimmers feel that the 5th place finish is a remarkable accomplishment. The teams placing above Sandia Heights were larger and drew from a wider population base.

Each team was responsible for advertising to help defray the cost of the preliminaries and the finals. The following individuals or organizations supported the Sandia Heights team:

John Gabaldon--State Farm--San Rafael and Tramway Blvd.
Coronado Academy--#2 San Rafael
The County Line Restaurant--Tramway Blvd. and Tramway Road
Sandia Preparatory School--532 Osuna NE
Outpost Ice Arena--9530 Tramway Blvd.
Sam Jones--Christy's Food Factory--2301 Yale SE
Chapman's Tennis and Ski Shop--11040 Montgomery NE
John Hamilton--USX Telecenters--3451 Candelaria NE
Catherine Penick--The Party Barn--2230 Wyoming NE
Manzano Day School--1801 Central NW
The Video Junction--11072 Montgomery NE
Rab Freeman--Customized Silk Scarves--131 Big Horn Ridge Court NE

The team thanks those individuals and organizations. As a token of our appreciation, please patronize the above organizations whenever possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Sandia Heights swimmers who worked hard throughout the season and who worked together as a team.

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OPENING NIGHT AT THE OPERA

All neighbors are welcome at the Sandia Heights opera group potluck supper on Saturday, October 4th. *Tales of Hoffman* (in English) opens the Opera Southwest season that includes *La Boheme* and *Anne Boleyn*.

We each will bring a dish we are proud of and share a ride to the Kimo Theater. Conductor is Kurt Frederick who attended our last potluck and briefed us on the wonderful production we enjoyed that night - *Faust*.

Please call Lynne Behnfield by September and reserve a spot (and ticket). Daytime 299-7100, Evenings and Weekends 299-7578. Bravo!

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Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.
Sharon Walker, 299-7147
#6 Eagle Nest Court

The neighborhood coffees have been enjoyed by many. We will continue scheduling them as long as we have good participation. Thanks to Marianne Tregembo and Donna DeLue for the July and August Coffees.

Call your hostess if you would like to attend so she can plan accordingly.

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REFUSE COLLECTION

There is no refuse collection on the following holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If your pick-up falls on a holiday, your refuse will be collected on the following weekday.

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WINE TASTING PARTY

SHHA will sponsor a wine tasting party at the Anderson Valley Vineyards, Saturday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. Come meet the SHHA board members, neighbors and friends. We will tour the Winery and taste their wines, have cheese, fruits and bread.

Reservations must be made by October 8th by calling Sara Warford, 293-4367 or Ralph Tate, 291-8912.

The party is free to SHHA members only; if you wish to bring a guest the cost will be \$2.00.

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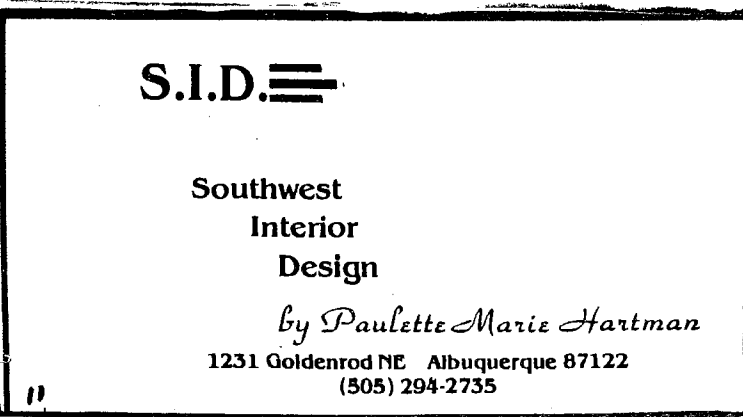




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Mike Cox was elected to the SHHA board in June. He is a graduate of UNM, with a BS in Civil Engineering. He also attended UNM Law School. He spent 6 years in the Air Force as a fighter pilot and is now a pilot for Delta (commuting to DFW). He serves as treasurer of the Greater Albuquerque Exchange Club. Mike's wife is Ellen and they have a 19-month old son, Donnie. In his spare time, Mike is also a general contractor. Mike's job on the SHHA board is Parks and Recreation Chairman.

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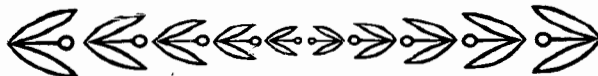
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Judy Harris, 318 Big Horn Ridge Road
NE, 299-8803.

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ADVERTISING POLICY

Non-commercial ads (baby sitting, house sitters, situations wanted, etc.) FREE.

Commercial ads - minimum \$25 per 1/4 page.

Business card size - \$25 per , at (4 issues).

All commercial ads must be camera ready and correctly sized.

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THANKS FOR A SAFE FOURTH!

Thanks to those neighbors who donated their time and energies seeing to it that we were all safe and sound on the Fourth of July. had NOT ONE fire this year.

Special thanks to the diligent members of our Fire Department who stood by, as always, on the ready to protect us and our property. Our thanks, too, to Mother Nature for the fine rain storm that assisted our efforts.

Neighbors serving as volunteer "Fire Watchers" met at the fire station on the Fourth Eve to map strategy and assign areas. Fliers were sent to households telling of the need for caution and a GRIT article told neighbors how to recognize illegal and dangerous fire works.

The effort was organized by Board of Directors members Carolyn Hudson, Lynne Behnfield and Bill Jackson. Telephoning committee help came from Lois Dittmer and Michele Munson. "Fire Watchers" touring their areas from 6 p.m. to midnight were Don McBride, Kathy Riedy, Gary Tiblejas, J. D. Eiland, Ed Bates, Bill Kappes, Lynne Behnfield, Anne McKinney, Leroy Wheelock, Walter Hill and Roger Hoppe. THANKS from us all for a safe Fourth!

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GAS SERVICE SURVEY

The Homeowners Association is currently conducting a telephone survey of all Sandia Heights residents to see who is interested in obtaining natural gas service. The results of the survey will help determine if and where the Gas Company will provide gas service in a neighborhood. Twenty-five volunteers have been calling all homes in Sandia Heights that have a listed telephone number in the current Sandia Heights Directory. If you have not been called yet, it's probably because you are either difficult to catch at home or don't have a listed number. In any event, if you are interested in receiving natural gas service, but haven't been surveyed yet, give Jim Randall a call at 298-2695 and register your preference. Installation of gas lines yet this fall is still feasible, depending on how much interest is indicated for the various areas, how concentrated that interest is, and how much it may cost for the installation of street gas mains in the various areas. Without specific numbers and locations of potential gas users, it is not possible for the Gas Company to give us meaningful cost figures. So give us a hand, let us know your preference, whether pro or con, so that the Homeowners Association can better serve you. Your input is essential!

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SAFETY TIP

The discharge of fire arms within the Sandia Heights Communities is prohibited. Even air guns and BB guns can be dangerous. Security has responded to several calls for windows being broken by an air gun and/or BB gun.

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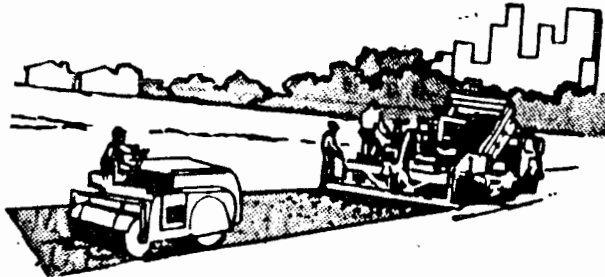


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