

THE LAST HURRAH

This message will be the last I write as President of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. I have deliberated for many (at least a few) hours over what the content should be. I think the best manner in which to conclude this year is to recap the highlights and the people responsible for them.

First of all, let me state unequivocally that this year's Board has worked so hard that they all deserve promotions, raises, and salutations Judy Harris has for years endured the agony of of the highest order. publishing The Grit and has continued her tremendous efforts with this year's publication (especially her astute hounding of me to get my Bill Jackson has done article in - always the last item she waits for). a super job as my backup and also in his expertise of dealing with the various city/county agencies and keeping us advised on the Tramway Blvd. Don McBride is a true yeoman as Secretary, for he has taken copious notes at each meeting and then typed and distributed them to each Board member for review prior to the next meeting. Dennis Burt, as our Treasurer, is superlative. Not only was this his first year on the Board, but he stepped in and revamped our bookkeeping system, monthly reports, and made the whole billing transition work.

Hats off to the Membership Committee (Lynne Behnfield and Carolyn Hudson) who almost worked themselves out of a job with Association membership at an alltime high (1018 members and still growing). Additionally, Lynne was primarily responsible for the new Sandia Heights bulletin board and Carolyn is in charge of the upcoming Spring Fling. Roger Hoppe has provided valuable service in the area of Covenants Control and working on the Jogging Path along with Mike Cox. Mike has also been responsible for conjuring up the idea of implementing the new park tables and benches. Harry Ottinger has assisted in advising us with our street and highway problems and Jim Randall has completed the efforts in mobilizing the pro-gas movement in Sandia Heights.

Hospitality hasn't been the same since Ralph Tate and Sara Warford took over last year. Ralph has visited each new arrival to our neighborhood and Sara has done everything to deserve her title as the "workhorse of the Board." She has almost singlehandedly organized people to have coffees, New Year's Eve progressive parties, the Wine Tasting and Brunch at the Theater functions and in general done tons of behind the scene work and kept a great attitude all the while.

Jack Wirtz, as our newest Board member, has jumped in and agreed to be our first-ever Sandia Heights Board member on the Architectural Control Committee. He's a gread addition to the Board.

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THIRD ANNUAL SPRING FLING AND MINI TRIATHALON SPONSORED BY THE SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Our Spring Fling will be bigger and better than ever!!! Please mark your calendars so you can participate and join the fun. The date is Memoria. Day, May 25th. ALL SANDIA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ARE INVITED.

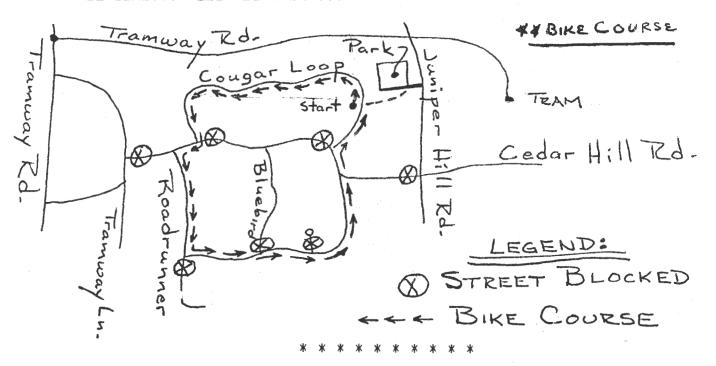
Come to the park for coffee and donuts at 10 a.m. Meet your neighbors, see our park improvements, get information on our new jogging trails, and cheer our triathalon participants.

The triathalon events will start at 10:30 at the park: running four laps around the park, biking one to three laps around the bike course** (depending on age), and then swimming laps at the Four Seasons Club Pool. We will have helium balloons to decorate the bikes, ribbons for all participants, and a free barbeque chicken lunch at the pool.

In order to help assure a safe bike course for all riders, we will restrict automobile traffic from the bike course for the rather brief period that it will be in use: starting at 10:40 for approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Barricades will be placed at the locations indicated on the diagram and will each be personed by an adult who will help direct the bikers. If you must drive near the park or near the biker route, please use extreme caution. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Remember, the chicken lunch is free for all Sandia Heights residents, not just triathalon participants. We'll have plenty of food, soft drinks, beer, soft ice cream (back by popular demand), and we'll begin serving at 12 Noon.

The SHHA Board of Directors is planning a fun day for everyone. PLEASE COME!!! SEE YOU THERE!!!



SWIM TEAM STARTS AGAIN

The organizational meeting for this summer's swim team is <u>May 4th</u> at the Four Seasons Club Pool at 7 p.m.(or in case of rain or snow, at the new fire station). Coach Guy Seiler returns and will have swim team, meets, and suit information. This year brings a new team suit, a zipp red and white. A couple of swim team parents will be at the meeting site at 6 p.m. for those interested in trying on the suit for ordering the correct size.

Come and join in the excitement of the Sandia Heights Swim Team!

... President's Message: "The Last Hurrah"... continued from Page 1...

One of the most progressive goals of this year, and at times seemingly impossible, was the effort to begin establishing Long Range Goals. Enter Rod Stewart with his innate ability to motivate, educate and obligate. Rod has prepared the first draft of these Goals with which the Board is now wrestling. This committment to Long Range Planning is a prerequisite to a successful Association and the future for our way of life in Sandia Heights. He has even agreed to remain in contact and assist next year's Board with the all-important task of implementation of this Plan. We will discuss this further at the Annual Meeting to be held May 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the new Fire Station on Paseo del Norte.

I hope it's rather obvious that this year has been one of great accomplishment and purpose. But there's always much more to be done. I think it's important to realize how hard all of your Board members have been working on your behalf. Next year should be another banner year in Sandia Heights, but we need your continued help and support. It's time to close this epistle, and personally, I'm going to enjoy the ensuing year as these great people "do their thing" to better Sandia Heights. My sincere thanks to everyone on the Board, Cleve Matthews of the Tram Company, and even though this is my last hurrah, Sandia Heights is just beginning to cheer!

Don't forget to attend the Annual Meeting (Saturday, May 30) and the Spring Fling (Monday, May 25).

John Freeman, President, SHHA

(Editor's Note: The Board of Directors gives a rousing round of applause to John for his quidance this year - THANKS, JOHN!)

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ASSOCIATION

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PARKS AND JOGGING TRAIL

The unseasonably warm weather that we've been having has made me feel guilty about the jogging that I haven't been doing — somehow it seems that the guilt should be erased by reflecting on all the skiing that I didn't do during the best ski season we've had in years. Ah! Spring! — time to wake up and get this project on the road!

First, thanks to all of you who took the time to contact me about the park or volunteer to help on the jogging trails. If you called while I was out of town, your call didn't go unnoticed. If you haven't called but think that now you may have the time to help on this project, please let me know.

Weather permitting, we plan to have our first work day on Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. If you can spare a couple of hours that day, please call em. I need people who have experience operating a can of spray paint to mark off the increments on the trails. We will also be cutting and routing out the numbers on the trail markers, so skill with a router will help me. At the next workday we will set the markers in concrete, hopefully completing the first of four planned loops in the area. After I have enough volunteers familiar with the plan that the SHHA Board has approved, further worker on the system can be made whenever a volunteer has time, rather than at formal work days.

If you haven't been out to see our park and the new equipment, stop by some warm afternoon. Let me know what you think we could do to make the park fit your needs. Don't forget that for large groups such as family reunions, company picnics and sports team practices you must make reservations to preclude a conflict at the park.

Have a great summer and we'll see you at the Spring Fling.

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Tan keycase with a large number of keys. Corner of Tramway Lane and Antelope Ave. Found in March. Call 294-5249 to identify.

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FOUND

Exposed roll of 35 mm pring (200 speed, 24 exposure). Close to San Rafael and Bobcat - January '87. Call C. R. Lewis (294-6232).

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BABY SITTING Plants watered Pet care Melissa Bova (age 12) 292-5246

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FROM B.C.F.D. DISTRICT #5

If there is a fire hydrant on or adjacent to your property, you are hereby advised a County Ordinance is in effect, which states that ready access to all outlets of a hydrant must be available to your Fire Department at all times.

Ready access is defined as being a cleared area to a radius of 3-feet from the center point of the hydrant and to be clear for a distance of 18-inches from the hydrant base to the bottom of the large center cap.

A recent survey has shown a number of hydrants to be "decorated" or hidden behind large clumps of chamisa or be surrounded by an "arty" collection of rocks. Some hydrants are trapped in a corner of a wall inset, obviously a builder's concession to the nicety of a misplaced concept of aesthetic requirements.

In all instances these infringements must go and steps will be taken to ensure this is done. It is a must, both for your safety and that of your neighbors. If you have one of these aberrations, your cooperation is earnestly requested. Please call us at 293-4275.



The Albuquerque Environmental Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control Plague Lab in Fort Collins, Colorado, are planning a cooperative study to test a new rodenticide and insecticide. We would like to test these products on rock squirrels and their fleas in hopes of providing long term rodent and/or flea control, thus reducing the risk of plague to residents of areas such as Sandia Heights. Rock squirrels and their fleas have been responsible for a majority of the human plague cases in New Mexico and also have accounted for over 60% of the plague infected specimens collected in Bernalillo County. Plague infected rodents have been found in Sandia Heights three of the last six years.

Briefly, the rodenticide is cholecalciferol (vitamin D_3) and the insecticide is permethrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. Both products can be obtained by the homeowner for use around the home but are not currently registered for use against wild rodents or fleas. The insecticide has demonstrated flea control in the lab for eight months after one application. The material we use now, carbaryl, provides flea control for 2-3 weeks. We have tested the rodenticide against rock squirrels and it has shown excellent results. Both products are relatively safe in terms of toxicity to non-targets, such as dogs, cats, and birds.

In order to test these products we need the cooperation of you, the residents of Sandia Heights. If you have numerous rock squirrels (large grey to brown squirrels that prefer the rocky areas) on your property or you and your neighbors have rock squirrel problems we would like to conduct tests. We do not want to eliminate the rock squirrel population on everyone's property. We need to test three to four different methods of applying the insecticide to live squirrels and will use the rodenticide only in instances where homeowners wish that this be done.

The ultimate goal of this study is to provide to individuals living in plague endemic areas tools which they may use to reduce their risk of contracting plague around the home. This applies not only here but in the rest of the western United States.

We would like to start the study in early May. It would involve one pesticide application and visits to your property 2-3 days a month to conduct live trapping and the counting of rodents and their fleas. If you would like to help by participating in any aspect of this study please contact Curt Montman at 768-2600 for further details.



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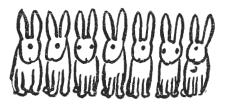


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When you observe a loose animal, please call the County Animal Control office at 843-7895.

REFUSE COLLECTION

There is no refuse collection on Memorial Day, May 25, 1987. If your pick-up falls on this date, your refuse will be collected on May 26, 1987.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Now that spring has finally arrived, here is a list of projects that should be paid attention to during the good weather:

- --Repair or replace fencing, air conditioner and propane tank screens.
- --Install screens around air conditioners, solar collectors and propane tanks.
- --Repaint trim and/or restucco. Remember, white paint or white materials are not permitted.
- --Lightest stucco color is El Rey's "Cameo".
- --Paint the white portions of basketball backboards an earthtone color.
- --Cleaning out the garage or removing dead plants and shrubs call Lea at 296-9585 for a special pick up only \$7.50.

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A number of complaints have been received about children "short-cutting" through other residents' property, usually on their way to or from their school bus pick-up point.

This is a bad habit and a source of great annoyance to the property owners involved. Expensive and prized plantings are being destroyed and in numerous instances very obvious trails are being blazed.

<u>Please</u>, caution your child or children and have them refrain from continuing with this objectionable practice. Be a good neighbor, not a nuisance. Thank you!

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Some residents have evinced concern about the increasing number of door-to-door solicitors now appearing in Sandia Heights.

For a period of time protection from these unwanted itinerants was afforded by the display of a notice at various entry roads into the community stating that such soliciting was forbidden - protection being afforded by the Green River Ordinance. Some time ago the ordinance was declared unconstitutional and the signs were ordered removed.

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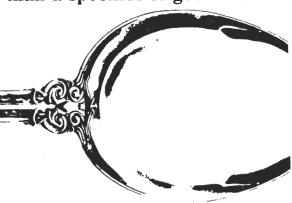
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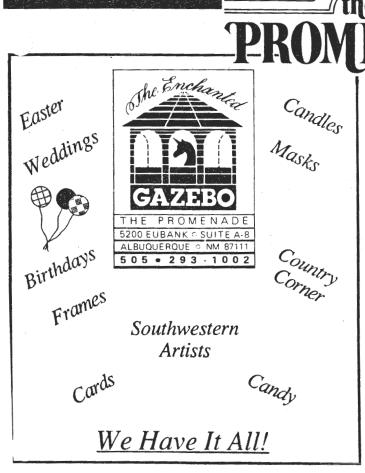


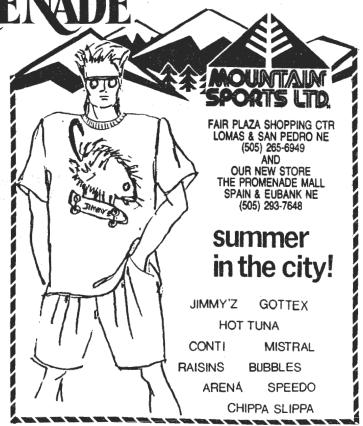
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Fortunately no loss of life or injuries occurred but property damage was in the range of many thousands of dollars. Be aware that this incident took place weeks before the usual onslaught that one expects on July 4th. Regardless of the time factor, the use of fireworks is forbidden by law at any time. It is an offense punishable by a very heavy fine and/or prison.

In this instance the culprits freely admitted their responsibility. However, there is little doubt this matter will be pursued by the insurance companies involved which will represent a very costly item to the parents of the youngsters who caused this fire by their senseless action.

A repetition of such an incident can happen to you. <u>Please</u>, <u>please</u> make the possession of fireworks in your household a most positive <u>NO</u>.

In closing, a word on the procedure to be observed when notifying us of a fire, a medical emergency or an auto accident. For immediate response call:

Fire District #5 - Emergency # 294-4011

The use of the 911 number causes an unnecessary delay since it is relayed to City of Albuquerque units only. All too frequently your call is not immediately passed to District #5 and the ensuing delay could be costly.

Remember, your emergency need is important to us too - we care - and a delay of even a few minutes could be life-threatening.

This is also an opportune time to suggest and request your cooperation in securing the services of an additional paid firefighter for District #5, in order that our station be manned night and day, a full 24 hours.

Call or write your County Commissioner and let this need be known. Such added protection is a vital necessity all too long ignored.

A REMINDER --FIREMEN STILL MAKE HOUSECALLS1



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Your Sandia Heights Homeowners Association now has a bulletin board located between the Circle K and the Outpost Arena. All members of SHHA are invited to use the bulletin board to post any messages or notices that are non-commercial in nature. To have your notice posted, contact Lynne Behnfield (299-7878) or Carolyn Hudson (294-2377).

Our enthusiastic thanks go to Bob and Pat Martin, owners of the Outpost Arena, for graciously donating the land and supplying the electricity for our bulletin board. Thanks, neighbors!

-The Membership Committee-



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On February 27th, the Sandia Heights Opera Club gathered at Tom and Susan Carlow's home for a gourmet potluck, then off to La Boheme.

About twenty gathered for dinner, couples and singles, in what has been a Sandia Heights tradition since the early seventies. This year's chairperson, Susan Carlow, has arranged for tickets to Opera Southwest at the Kimo Theater, and scheduled dinner parties at different neighbors' homes throughout the season.

As always, everyone brought his or her favorite dish which was served with wine and some outrageous desserts. Then about half the cars were left behind as revelers shared company and rides to the theater.

The next opera night will be Saturday, May 2nd, for Anne Boleyn by Donizetti. A long-time leading lady for Opera Southwest, Donna McRae, will sing the title roll.

Pleases call Susan Carlow at 293-2963 if you would like to join us. All neighbors are welcome.

Next season, the chairperson is Jean Heflin. Our thanks to Susan for a job well done!

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