

## SHHA To Hold Annual Members' Meeting/Elections

Want a voice in the activities and priorities of your homeowner's association? How about a say in how the funds are spent?

Here's your annual opportunity to get actively involved in the decision-making body of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. The annual members' meeting and elections to the SHHA Board of Directors are scheduled for Sat., June 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Paseo del Norte Fire Station, 11700 Paseo del Norte NE.

The SHHA has a total of 15 members on the Board of Directors who are elected at-large from among the active members of the Association. All residents (homeowners, renters, vacant lot owners) whose membership dues are paid to date are active members. In

accordance with the by-laws of the Association, one vote is permitted per residence or property. However, no active member is entitled to cast more than one vote regardless of the number of properties owned.

Board members are elected for three-year terms by a plurality vote of the active members who attend the annual meeting. Five directors are elected to the Board each year, and a director may seek re-election when his/her term has expired. Officers of the Board -- consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer -- are elected by the Directors at their first meeting following the annual members' meeting.

Board members are required to attend monthly meetings of the Board of Directors on the second Wednesday of

every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Paseo del Norte Fire Station. Directors also are expected to serve on one of the Association's committees which are established by resolution of the Board of Directors. Current committees are Architectural Review, Communications, Covenant Support, Direct Services, Government Liaison, Legal, Parks and Recreation, Recycling, Roads and Safety.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving our community in this very important role, please contact the SHHA office (275-9112) by May 25. A brief summary of your personal/professional background will be needed so you can be appropriately introduced at the annual meeting. ■

## Roads Suffer Effects of Weather and Progress

A drive in Sandia Heights provides jolting proof that time, winter freezes, spring rains, and gas line installations have all left their mark on the community's roads.

Recent information passed along to Government Liaison Chair Rod Stewart that funds were available for paving so-called "collector" streets in some County neighborhoods left the committee hopeful that there would be smooth driving ahead. [Collector streets are the main arterial roads within a neighborhood into which the smaller streets feed. Collector streets in Sandia Heights include Juniper Hill, San Rafael, Live Oak, Spring Creek, and Tramway Lane.]

That hope was short-lived. A visit to County Public Works revealed that the funds have already been allocated to the South Valley.

Sandia Heights residents provide a sizable portion of the County's tax base. So it's not unreasonable to expect some of those tax funds to go toward road maintenance.

According to Cleve Matthews, Land Operations Manager for the Sandia Peak Tram Co., all of the roads in Sandia Heights were constructed and subsequently repaired by the Tram Co., starting with the development's inception in 1965 and continuing through January, 1988. Road maintenance functions -- including repair, street and traffic control signs, weed control, and snow removal -- were transferred from the Tram Co. to the County between January, 1988 and September, 1989. Since the transfer of responsibilities, only a portion of Tramway Lane has been re-paved at County expense.

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# THE **Grit**

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**Board of Directors  
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**2nd Wednesday  
of  
Each Month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Paseo del Norte  
Fire Station**

**Everyone Welcome!**

## Message From The President

-- Ed Bates, '89-'90 SHHA President

Spring arrives with new strength, new vigor and new resources across New Mexico and Sandia Heights. The natural vegetation is as green as it will ever be, and fresh seedlings and flowers are planted. So too, do people and organizations renew themselves this time of year, and the Homeowners Association is no exception.

As the current Board experiences its annual changing of the executive committee guard, I would like to express my gratitude to several of our neighbors who have contributed time and energy to the enterprise of improving the Sandia Heights community.

First, I would compliment the entire Board for its collective spirit of cooperation this past year -- keeping "loving tensions" to a minimum as differing opinions emerged and compromises were discovered. Each Board member gave to all of us through his/her energy, awareness, and participation. Some have been placed in more demanding positions than others in their exposure to risk-taking. They have willingly accepted responsibility for presenting a position at hearings and city/county meetings; for ably confronting builders and residents alike when architectural and covenant matters were violated or in dispute; and for accepting assignments that possessed little glamour or appeal. Their pay was nil and their contributions often went unrecognized.

For all they have given to the Sandia Heights community, its Association, and to me personally, I am especially indebted to the following Board members with whom I've served:

- \* **Andy Anderson.** A steady influence all year long, he has set the standard for a professional approach to maintaining fiscal accountability.
- \* **Mike Cox, Bill Heflin, Brad Prince, and Ray Wood.** For taking on multiple assignments with good humor and enthusiastic competence.
- \* **Jane and Bill Stabler.** What remarkable and consistent support these two people have provided; the Board would not have been the same without them.
- \* **David Sullivan.** A brief line cannot express the depth and breadth of this man's creative and dynamic contribution to all phases of the Board's activity; his leadership gave us focus, clarification, and purpose during a year in which delayed changes and new challenges were confronted.
- \* **Jack Wirtz and Roger Hoppe.** Although Jack left the Board a couple of months ago, he gave much of his technical capability and personal stamina in defense of architectural standards throughout Sandia Heights. Roger, too, has given much of himself personally during the past several years toward the amicable resolution of covenant violation concerns -- he is truly a peacemaker!

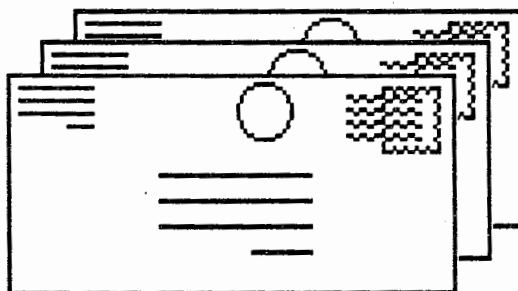
I also would like to recognize **Cleve Matthews** and **Sherry Lombana**. Though not Association members or residents of Sandia Heights, these individuals have contributed much to the improved structure and functioning of the Board, and through those efforts to the continued well-being of all of us in Sandia Heights.

It is not always politic to recognize a few and fail to mention so many others who also contributed so much. I take this risk knowing of others who, perhaps, should be mentioned as well. Clearly, the Board could not have functioned without them. The subjective listing above is presented as my way of personally saying thanks to some very special people.

Finally, I would express a word of gratitude to all of the residents of Sandia Heights. Thanks to the homeowners who exhibited forbearance when we confronted you for boats, trailers, fences, satellite dishes, house trim colors, and all

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# Gritty Letters



THE GRIT welcomes brief, original letters concerning current topics of interest to Sandia Heights residents. Letters must include full name and signature of the author, address, and telephone number (though these can be omitted from the printed copy, if requested). The Editor reserves the right to edit or condense any letter. Send letters to: THE GRIT, 14201 Encantado Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

**O**n Thursday, January 19, our house and its contents were destroyed by fire. It was a windy and snowy day, but the volunteers of District 5 Fire Department and the Red Cross were there immediately to help. They stayed, rescued our animals, and -- although fighting a losing battle -- bravely attempted to control the flames.

Since the fire, our neighbors on Rock Ridge Dr., the Sandia Peak Tram Co., and other residents and acquaintances in

the surrounding area have rallied to help us with clothing, furniture, food, and other donations which have helped us return to a semblance of normalcy until we can re-establish our home.

We wish to publicly thank these wonderful people for their thoughtful, kind gestures. It is a comfort to know that there are those who care and are willing to help in such a disaster. You make the term "neighbor" real.

*Betty & Wally Wendell*

## From The Desk Of Chief 5

### SMOKE DETECTORS

I frequently receive telephone calls asking me what type of smoke detector I recommend -- all electric or battery operated. A combination 120 volt electric with 9 volt battery back-up provides the most reliable service in case of power failure.

Regardless of the type of smoke detector you currently have in your home, the important question is, "When was the last time your detector was checked out?" I am willing to bet that many of you would have to answer, "Never!"

I recommend that you make it a point this week to ensure that your home's smoke detector is operating properly. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing. If the detector fails to function as it should, replace it immediately. If you have a battery operated detector, the battery should be tested/replaced on a regular basis.

### THOSE UGLY FIRE HYDRANTS!

Every year a number of Sandia Heights residents plant trees, flowers, and shrubs -- as well as using other inventive methods -- to hide the ugly yellow fire hydrants on their property.

I will be the first to agree with you. Fire hydrants are not pretty; that is, unless your home, or your neighbor's, is on fire. Time spent searching for a fire hydrant can make a significant difference in loss of property or, possibly, lives.

A County ordinance requires that fire hydrants be kept clearly visible and free of all obstructions within a six foot (6') radius around the hydrant. If the fire hydrant on your property is obscured or hidden, please do yourself and your neighbors a favor and clear the area around the hydrant for easy visibility and access by the fire department.

*Clark "Sparkie" Speakman  
Fire Chief, CVFD District #5*

## Roads

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"While the County has received a considerable amount of tax money from Sandia Heights over the past 23 years," Cleve said, "road maintenance has been minimal."

"The squeaky wheel rule applies here," said Rod. "The Association has already pointed out the need for road maintenance within Sandia Heights and expressed its displeasure on behalf of our community. Individual residents can have a much greater impact by contacting elected officials and letting them know their constituents have noted the drain of tax funds away from Sandia Heights."

Both the County and State play a role in the allocation of funds for road maintenance projects. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of our representatives are listed below:

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State Representative (District 31)  
Stuart Hill  
12715 Hugh Graham NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
298-3095

State Senator (District 21)  
Victor Marshall  
Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb  
20 First Plaza, Suite 700  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
765-5900

## President's Message

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the other confusing covenant concerns that present such love/hate dilemmas for us all. Thanks for the opportunities to know many of you, to learn and grow from many of you, and to participate these past three years in truly the premier community in all of New Mexico.

## "THE GRIT" ADVERTISING RATES

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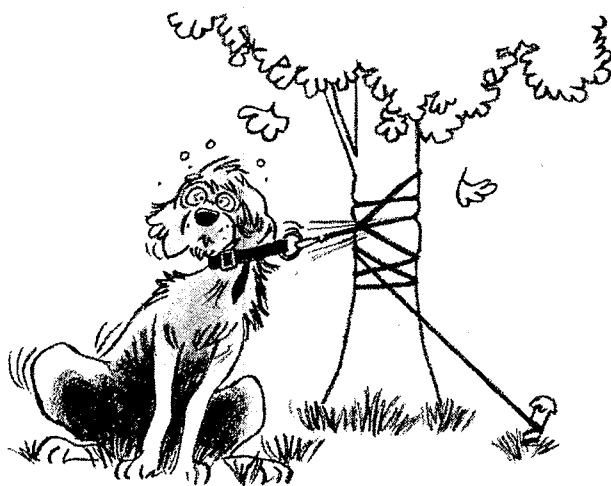
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## Deadline for the August "Grit"

The deadline for submitting ads or articles for the August GRIT is Monday, July 16, 1990. Please submit all materials to Sherry Lombana, 14201 Encantado NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, 275-9112.

## "Grit" Circulation

This issue of *The Grit* was mailed to 1087 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.



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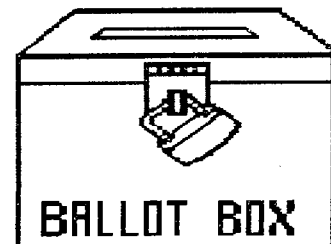
Saturday, June 2, 1990

10:00 a.m.

Paseo del Norte Fire Station  
11700 Paseo del Norte NE

All active SHHA members (membership dues paid to date) are invited to attend and to cast their votes. Nominations will be accepted in advance and from the floor to fill five vacancies on the Board of Directors. Reports/updates on all Association activities will be provided.

Please plan to attend!





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# BULLETIN

## BOARD

- A new 148-acre residential development, on the west side of Tennyson adjoining Sandia Heights, has been proposed by S & S Associates. The developer is requesting a special use permit for a planned residential development consisting of 418 lots. Concerns about the development primarily center around the proposed density (dwelling units per acre), the two-story home designs, and the street lights. If you want more information about this proposed new development, call the SHHA office at 275-9112 and leave your name and address. Information will be mailed to you.
- A number of Sandia Heights residents have complained about the litter problem created by the bags of advertising information that are distributed on a weekly basis (frequently hanging from, or left in the general vicinity of, your mail box) by several different direct marketing companies. The homeowners association has been informed that one of the companies, The Door Store, is very responsive to requests to stop delivering the material. If you no longer wish to receive information from The Door Store (their name and number are printed on their bags), simply call 345-1600 and ask them to stop delivering to your address. Efforts to find out the source of other direct marketing "bag" distributors have not been too successful. Persons with information should contact the SHHA office. If you do wish to receive this advertising, please retrieve it quickly so it doesn't blow into your neighbor's yard.
- While on the topic of litter, the Mile High Optimist Club is not just talking about the problem. They are taking some measures to become part of the solution. The club has adopted a portion of Tramway Blvd. to clean-up at regular intervals during the year. The Optimists will pick up trash along the roadway from San Rafael to the turn-off into Juan Tabo Canyon. You can help to make this volunteer project more successful by controlling your litter -- and by joining the Optimist Club. Call SHHA Board member Bill Stabler for more information (298-8525).
- Planning has begun for the annual November SHHA Holiday Crafts Bazaar -- a showing and sale of items by Sandia Heights' artists, craftsmen, stitchers, and bakers. Proceeds from the bazaar benefit our volunteer fire department. Call Lucy Russell (294-3583) for more information. Mark your calendar for the bazaar's first organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 1990 at the Russell's on 618 Cedar Hill Rd.
- A reminder from Sandia Heights Services: All brush and weeds collected during annual spring clean-up activities in your yard should be boxed, bagged, or bundled for refuse pick up. There will be no trash collection on Monday, May 28 or Wednesday, July 4. Refuse will be collected on the days immediately following these two holidays.
- The Association's Board of Directors has recently received complaints from members regarding propane prices and service. As a result of these complaints, Board Member Brad Prince is compiling both data and comments from members for a future report in the GRIT. If you are interested in contributing your own experiences with propane companies to this report, please contact Brad at 275-9824.



*"Drop that broom and join us for bridge!"*

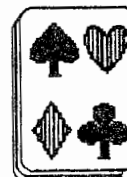
### SANDIA HEIGHTS BRIDGE CLUB

#### Ladies Daytime Bridge

3rd Monday  
4th Wednesday  
2nd Thursday  
2nd Friday

#### Couples Evening Bridge

1st Saturday  
2nd Saturday  
4th Saturday  
1st Monday  
3rd Wednesday



There are new groups forming each week; if you would like to play in any group or join a new group, call Sara Warford at 293-4367.

# SHHA To Publish Directory

The Homeowners Association will be publishing the 1990-1991 Sandia Heights Directory in early July. The Directory will be distributed, free of charge, to all SHHA members.

The information to be contained in the Directory is shown on the mailing label of this issue of the *Grit*. Please take a moment to look at your mailing label and verify that the information is correct. Any changes or corrections should be sent to SHHA, 14201 Encantado NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, no later than May 31, 1990.

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## Board Welcomes New Director

"We moved into Sandia Heights for the same reasons so many of the residents here did," says Lenora Austin, "...peace, tranquility, and quality of life."

Lenora, the newest member of the SHHA Board of Directors, became involved in the Homeowners Association through the activities of the Government Liaison Committee.

"When I found out about the commercial zoning request for the corner of San Bernadino and Tramway Rd., I was really concerned that the reasons why we had selected this community were being threatened. It was then I decided to get personally involved."

Besides serving on the Board, Lenora

continues to work with other members of the Government Liaison Committee to stay abreast of activities at the County level -- including the County Commission, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation.

Lenora has a B.S. in physical education with a minor in Spanish and a masters degree in exercise physiology. She taught Spanish and physical education for over six years and is currently working as full-time Mom for 2 1/2 year old son, William. Lenora and her husband, Larry -- a manager with Shearson, Lehman, Hutton, Inc. -- came to Albuquerque from Tucson and moved into their Sandia Heights home on Halloween, 1988.

## Keep Those Rating Forms Comin' In

It's Spring clean-up and fix-up time - time to give serious thought not only to utilizing but also to contributing to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Service Referral Program.

Thanks to a number of community-minded members, the referral file now has a total of 33 rating forms on contractors in the following service categories:

- \*Air Conditioning/Heating
- \*Appliance Repair
- \*Cabinet Work
- \*Building Contractors
- \*Carpenters
- \*Carpet Cleaning
- \*Chimney Cleaning
- \*Concrete
- \*Drywall Repair
- \*Electricians
- \*Exterminators
- \*Garage Door Opener Service
- \*General Handyman
- \*Glass
- \*Landscaping
- \*Maid Service
- \*Painting
- \*Plumbers
- \*Roofing
- \*Septic Tank Installation/Service
- \*Stucco Work
- \*Window Coverings/Tinting

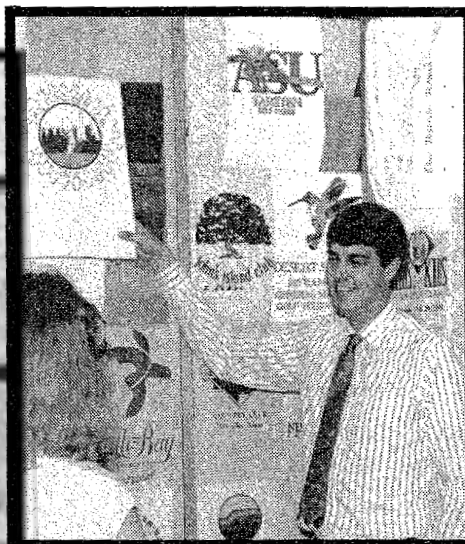
While there has been a great deal of interest among Association members regarding ratings on various contractors and service providers, some service categories still have no rating forms; many categories have only one or two. Please take the time to fill out a form and return it to the SHHA office, 14201 Encantado Rd. NE, Albuquerque 87123. Copies of the form and information about the referral service can be obtained by calling the office (275-9112).

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# Spring Showers, May Flowers, And Construction

Spring not only brings showers and flowers but also an increase in home construction, renovations, and improvements.

## NEW HOUSING STARTS

Plans recently were submitted and approved for new home construction at the following addresses. Construction at these locations has already started or will begin in the near future:

330 Paintbrush (Unit 3-South)  
Parkwest Construction, Inc.  
292-9758

366 Juniper Hill Rd. (Unit 3-South)  
Norwood Construction Co.  
293-3802

220 Spring Creek Ln. (Unit 2-North)  
Greg Baczek, General Contractor  
255-0397

215 Spring Creek Pl. (Unit 2-North)  
Foy Curry, General Contractor  
296-8502

143 Big Horn Ridge Ct.  
(Unit 2-South)  
Lewton Construction Co.  
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Plans have been submitted and currently are under review for new home construction at the following address:

2808 Tramway Circle  
(Unit 28A-South)  
Eagle Crest Construction  
888-0234

As part of the plan approval process, contractors are requested to have a trash receptacle on site to keep the building site free of litter. In addition, contractors are responsible for insuring that there is no driving, parking, or other encroachment on adjoining lots during construction and

for completely clearing the site of construction materials and debris within 30 days after completion of construction. All homes must be completed according to the approved set of plans within 12 months after the start of construction.

## ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS

Spring also is a particularly appropriate time of the year to remind homeowners, renters, and contractors regarding the provision in the Sandia Heights Declaration of Restrictions requiring submission of plans to the Architectural Review Committee for review and approval.

**"...no structure or improvement of any kind shall be erected, altered, placed or maintained upon any lot unless and until the final plans, elevations and specifications therefor have received written approval . . ."**

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# Cathy Conn

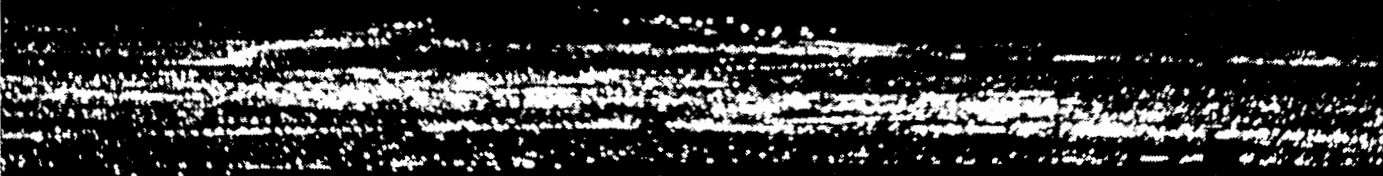
*Sells City Lights from Sandia Heights!*

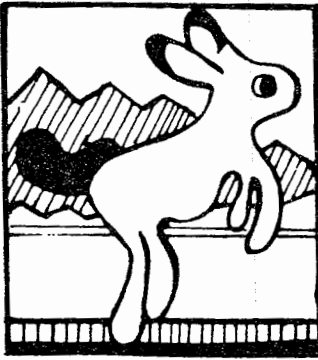
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The beautiful Convento de la Santa Cruz, one of the largest monasteries in Mexico, still serves as a very active school and seminary. What fortunate students study in such a graceful and historic building! Fray Junipero Serra made this convent his starting place when he set off to found the long string of missions as the Spanish settled northern Mexico and California. Poor Maximilian was imprisoned here.

We were charmed by the architecture, but the roof particularly caught our attention. The young seminarian guide explained that these roof-top channels took rainwater to the cistern that watered the orchard. Since it is a huge building (as many as 200 monks could live there), many gallons of water are gathered in each rainstorm, and the orchard still flourishes.

The practice of harvesting the water from buildings and pavements is as old as cities but seems to have gone into decline in much of American building of today. However, people who have made a study of the water needs of our country have begun to remind people that this is an important water resource for our Southwestern climate. Some new names (xeriscape, permaculture, and others) have been applied to old ideas. The idea is simple: Catch the water that falls, and store it in the soil.

In this year's Plants of the Southwest catalog, it's calculated this way for their

## THE VIEW FROM JACKRABBIT HILL

house of approximately 1200 sq. ft.: "With our average annual rainfall of 1 foot, here's the calculation -- 1200 sq. ft. (172,800 sq. in.) X 1 ft. (12 in.) = 2,073,600 cu. in.; divided by the cubic inches in 1 gallon (231) = 8977 gallons, our annual roof yield." One sensitive developer on the "west side" has developed his large project (92 condos on 29 acres) to retain roof and pavement runoff into a system of ponds, and says he has been able to raise the normal 8 inches of rainfall to the equivalent of about 80 inches. If homeowners could do as well in a drought year, this would make a tremendous difference in the survival rate of their plants.

Because a lot of our rains here come in heavy downpours, we may want to find ways to store some of that water. Cisterns, catch basins, even plastic garbage cans under the downspouts can save many gallons. These practices were common in our parents' time before we got used to every house having unlimited "water on demand" from the tap. Remember when every house had a rain

barrel? They still are common on many dry-land farms, but American urban dwellers may need to be reminded of them.

We also need to SLOW THAT WATER DOWN. How? We can contour our slopes to let water soak in, rather than run straight down and erode the slope. (I have a sense of *deja vu*. Is there anyone else around who recalls the days when the AAA didn't mean the Automobile Association but rather the Agricultural Adjustment Administration? The AAA was pleading with American farmers to contour their land to control erosion and help keep it from blowing away in dust storms. Did we transfer enough of that thinking into our urban planning?) We can divert water from driveways into garden beds where it can soak in and do some good instead of running down the arroyos (and on to Texas?).

Let's start with the Sandias and consider some ways to harvest our water and keep it here!! It may be our most important crop in the water-hungry Southwest.

-- Jean Heflin

### SANDIA HEIGHTS WILDFLOWER CLUB



Flowering plants and grasses suitable for planting in the yards and gardens of Sandia Heights was the topic of a presentation by Bryce Romig, seedsman with Plants of the Southwest in Santa Fe, at the April Wildflower Club meeting.

The second annual Sandia Heights garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to see some of our community's most interesting and successful gardens. Tour maps and coffee will be available at 939 Bobcat.

For more information on the garden tour or other garden club activities, please call Mary Colton (294-5510) or Bev Grady (275-0798).

### Wildlife Federation Certifies Hoppe Habitat

A natural wildlife habitat can be as close as your own backyard, literally.

Ask Roger Hoppe, member of the SHHA Board of Directors and wildlife enthusiast, whose yard in Sandia Heights was recently certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

"I started out in 1986 with just one feeder and some water," Roger says. "Having come to Sandia Heights from the city, I didn't anticipate the tremendous response that I would get from such minimal effort."

Roger reports that the great initial response and his own discovery about the rewards of observing birds and other wildlife provided the incentive to research and cultivate different types of vegetation that would attract specific bird species. "Lately, I've been cultivating vegetation to attract hummingbirds."

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## Sister Cities Brings World To Albuquerque

The Sister Cities program makes a phrase like "the brotherhood of man" come to life in a very real and personal way through the promotion of cultural sharing, economic development, and social fellowship among people and nations.

Some 1,200 international delegates will come to Albuquerque July 25-28 for the 1990 Annual Sister Cities International (SCI) Conference. Rod Stewart, long-time participant on the SHHA Board and

President of the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation, invites his fellow Sandia Heights residents to get involved in this valuable international cultural and commercial exchange.

The conference is expected to attract delegates to Albuquerque from throughout the U.S. and the world including Australia, Japan, Republic of China, Spain, Mexico, New Zealand, and the Soviet Union. These international visitors not only will provide a boost to our

economy while they are here, but they also are potential goodwill ambassadors, investors, and new market sources for the state's goods and services.

As host to this year's conference, the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation hopes to show attendees the best of everything about our city and state. But our needs are many, Rod reports, in the areas of both manpower and money.

The foundation is looking for volunteers to staff the Sister Cities office in the old airport building -- starting now! Help also is needed during the week of the conference to greet delegates at the airport, to assist with conference registration at the Hilton Hotel, and to staff the information booth at the Holiday Inn Midtown.

Due to municipal funding austerity, the Foundation also must raise \$100,000 to underwrite conference expenses. In other words if you can't afford the time, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated!

Persons who want to take advantage of this exciting opportunity should contact either Rod Stewart (345-8591), Volunteer Coordinator Chris Loss (765-2205), or the Sister Cities office (764-1504).

The Sister Cities Program began in 1956 as a creative force for international cooperation and goodwill through community action. Albuquerque's participation in the program started in 1965 with the Albuquerque Sister Cities Committee. The Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation was formed in 1983 as a non-profit corporation to stimulate financial support. The Foundation interacts with city government through the Albuquerque Sister City Board which serves to implement the city ordinance requiring "the promotion and encouragement of private and public programs to further the development of greater friendship and understanding between the people of Albuquerque and cities of other nations."

Albuquerque currently has seven Sister cities: Sasebo, Japan; Chihuahua and Guadalajara, Mexico; Helmstedt, Federal Republic of Germany; Hualien, Taiwan, Republic of China; Gijon, Spain; Ashkhabad, Turkmenia, USSR. ■

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The Declaration of Restrictions permits the Architectural Review Committee to charge a fee to cover expenses incurred in the plan review, site inspection, approval, and enforcement process. A portion of the money paid to the committee is set aside to assist individual homeowners and groups of homeowners who wish to pursue enforcement of the covenants in their unit through litigation.

The SHHA Architectural Review Committee has set the following fees for plan review, site inspection, and the approval process:

### New Home Construction

\$250 Fee -- Units 15, 25, 27, 28

\$100 Fee -- All Other Units

### Home Additions:

\$125 Fee -- Units 15, 25, 27, 28

\$ 50 Fee -- All Other Units

### All Units:

Walls/Fences -- \$25

Satellite Discs/Antennas -- \$25

Swimming Pools -- \$100

Storage Sheds/Greenhouses -- \$25

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Cooling Equipment -- \$50

Patios/Patio Covers/

Decks/Porches/Slabs -- \$25

Landscaping -- No Charge

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To receive forms and instructions for submitting plans to the Architectural Review Committee for approval, please contact the SHHA office at 275-9112. The drop box for submission of plans is located on the porch of the Sandia Heights Services office (a dark brown, wood-sided building on the south side of Tramway Rd., just west of Juniper Hill).

The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association office maintains a file on all plans that have been submitted to and ap-

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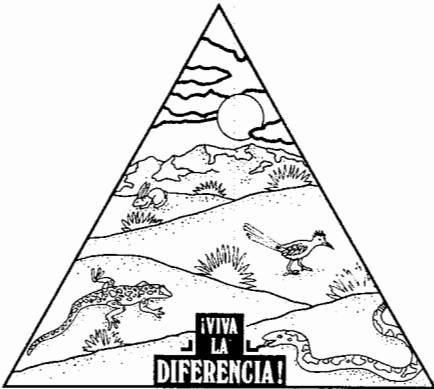
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## Wildlife Federation

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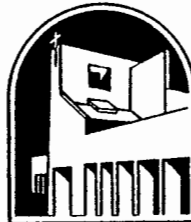
Since he began in 1986, Roger has observed 90 different kinds of species of birds in his yard. Birds aren't the only wildlife attracted to the Hoppe habitat. For the first time several months ago, Roger observed a cacomistle (ring-tailed cat) in his yard. This member of the raccoon family is a nocturnal animal that feeds on small rodents.

The four key elements to take into consideration as you plan your yard, Roger reports, are food, water, cover, and areas for the wildlife to reproduce and raise young. "If you plan the vegetation and layout carefully," Roger says, "not only can you provide a habitat for the wildlife you want to attract, but you can reduce your water usage in the process."

Roger recommends to people who are interested in creating a wildlife habitat in their yard to write the National Wildlife Federation, 1400 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-2266, and ask for their pamphlet entitled "Backyard Wildlife Habitat." A suggested reading list on the same topic also is available upon request from the Wildlife Federation. Once you have worked out a plan for your habitat, you can apply for certification.

"Taking steps to attract wildlife to your yard, even something as simple as putting in a bird feeder, is a great family activity," Roger says, "and the rewards are phenomenal." ■

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