

Forest Service Expands Foothills Trails

The new Sandia Foothills Trail #365 has now been flagged, staked, and measured, and construction on the first portion of the trail from Cedar Hill Rd. south to Simms Park Rd. is expected to begin in the near future.

This new trail is part of a comprehensive Foothills Trail System that is being developed in answer to demand from the Sandia Heights community, along with City and County residents, for a well developed and more accessible trail system in the national forest for hiking, horse use, and mountain bikes.

The trail's design and location are the culmination of a series of meetings beginning in June, 1990 with the Sandia Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service, Sandia Heights Homeowners Association, Sandia Peak Tram Co., and Sandia Heights residents whose property borders on national forest land. Two public meetings were held in August, 1990 to get input on the proposed trails -- one at the District 5 County Fire Department especially for Sandia Heights residents whose property borders on national forest land and one at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area for other Sandia Heights residents and the general public.

Input from Sandia Heights residents resulted in the trail being moved as far as possible from residences while still avoiding encroachment on the wilderness area. When completed in 1992, the trail will continue southward to the new Embudito Trailhead in Glenwood Hills. The Albuquerque Academy has agreed to grant public trail easements

from the trailhead to the Embudito Trail and north to the national forest.

Primary objectives of the new trail system include:

- Develop opportunities for trail uses such as hiking and mountain biking in non-wilderness areas.
- Encourage use of developed system trails to reduce environmental impacts on non-trailed areas.
- Reduce proliferation of unauthorized user trails and help eliminate illegal trespass across private property.
- Establish logical connections within existing trail networks.
- Distribute users among several entry points and trails to reduce impacts at any one trailhead or trail segment.

Access from South Sandia Heights to the new trail and to the national forest is provided only at the east end of Cedar Hill Rd. and at the east end of Simms Park Rd. No other possible entry points from Sandia Heights South into the national forest were platted on the Sandia Heights Master Plan which was filed with the County in 1976 (revised 1980 and 1988), and all lots bordering on the national forest have now been sold.

Sandia Heights residents are reminded that crossing private property to enter the

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Developers Revise Plans For Primrose Pointe

Primrose Pointe subdivision developers, S&S Associates, shared some of their revised plans for the development of a large chunk of North Albuquerque Acres with the North Albuquerque Sandia Heights Coalition (NASHC) of homeowners on July 19.

S&S's original plans called for 416 homes just west of Tennyson and the Los Altos de Sandia subdivision on the west side of Tramway. After the Bernalillo County Commission rejected the plan, S&S scaled back to 298 homes and changed other major pieces of the original plan.

Nevertheless, several aspects of the plan have yet to be finalized before S&S can go back to the County, according to Bob Williams, coalition member and former SHHA Director in charge of New Development who attended the meeting. Among those issues are the implications of Primrose Pointe being hooked up to the City sewer system and how the development is planning to handle flood requirements of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA).

The issue of what street lighting will be required by the County Sheriff is also unsettled, Williams says. Housing density, lighting, and the potential for road congestion were among the primary concerns the homeowners' expressed with the first plan.

A meeting between the developers and AMAFCA was scheduled for late July, and a coalition meeting is being planned for late August. Call Mary Beth Libbey, SHHA's newly-elected Director of New Development, at 298-8623 if you're interested in attending the coalition meeting tentatively scheduled for August 22.

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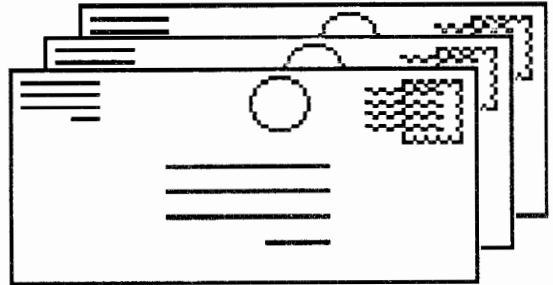
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Gritty Letters



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 published copy, if requested). The newsletter staff reserves the right to edit or condense any letter. Opinions expressed in "Gritty Letters" are the opinions of the letter writer(s) and are not necessarily shared by the SHHA Board or the newsletter staff.

Speed Limit Issues

I have read in The GRIT that the speed limit throughout Sandia Heights is 15 mph, and that the purpose of the speed limit is safety. It has been my observation that the residents of Sandia Heights uniformly ignore this speed limit. Why is this? I personally believe that it is because the speed limit is not reasonable. The only places outside of Sandia Heights that are marked with 15 mph speed limits are school zones, trailer courts, parking lots, dangerous curves, and some small residential areas that have many small children playing on and around the streets. The roads in Sandia Heights, taken as a whole, do not fit any of these descriptions.

There is a price to be paid for posting unreasonable speed limits (and then ignoring them) that goes beyond the price of an occasional speeding ticket. First the primary purpose of the law, safety, is defeated. Second, respect for the traffic laws of the community is lost. Third, and of equal concern to me, we begin teaching our youth at a very young age that not all laws need to be obeyed...

...It is time to reconsider the 15 mph speed limit and look at other options that might serve to make Sandia Heights a safer community. Let's set the speed limits so that the majority of the residents would agree that they are reasonable. My personal proposal is to set the overall speed limit at 25 mph and mark dangerous curves, intersections, and driveways with appropriate reduced speed limits and caution signs. Also, I would propose posting yield signs, where appropriate, instead of using stop signs everywhere.

Rance Edmunds

Message To Pet Owners

Something has to be done about this persistent problem: Animals pooping on private property and, in my case, around the perimeter of the townhouse.

I live in 795-E Tramway Lane, an end unit that is easily accessible to anyone taking a short cut through our property. When I returned from my vacation in June...I was flabbergasted by the smell and large amount of animal poop around my townhouse -- the largest piles around the patio wall. I had the unpleasant task of cleaning the whole area -- a whole garbage bag full.

I love animals, but human beings have to accept responsibility for their animals' behavior. The least the (pet) owners should do is carry a bag and scooper to pick up after their pets.

Florentine Radziewicz

Solution For Pet Owners?

The problem of dog droppings along our streets is becoming very NASTY when you're out for a walk. Maybe pet owners should consider the following which I clipped recently from an Albuquerque newspaper:

Most of the world long ago learned its lessons about open sewers: They're nasty and can spread disease. But we still tolerate "open sewers" of a sort when we permit pets to unburden themselves out of doors.

A Santa Fe city councilor, Frank Montano, is looking at a way to get owners voluntarily to clean up after their pets. He's checking out a disposable biodegradable, self-contained and self-sealing product that can scoop up poop and help keep parks and streets clean...

Bernie Mechenbier

BULLETIN

BOARD

- Recycling Saturdays for the next three months are August 24, September 28, and October 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Quail Run Center, 12700 San Rafael (see recyclables list on page 14).
- There will be no refuse collection on Monday, September 2, 1991, Labor Day. Refuse will be collected the following day.
- On the topic of refuse, the dumpster behind the Circle K is the private property of the Circle K Corporation. Individuals caught using this dumpster can be fined up to \$250.
- Please observe the posted speed limits in Sandia Heights for the safety and protection of people and wildlife. Besides the usual proliferation of bikers, joggers, and wildlife, several deer have recently been spotted crossing the community's streets in the vicinity of Black Bear Rd.
- Due to space constraints in this issue of The GRIT, we were unable to publish Helen Moncure's Stargazers Guide. If you would like to receive a free copy of the Summer star chart, along with tips for August stargazing, call the SHHA office (275-9112). If the phone machine answers, simply state you want the Stargazers Guide and leave your name and address.
- Despite the seemingly unlimited supply of rock in Sandia Heights, it is unlawful to remove rocks from vacant lots, drainage easements/arroyos, and County rights of way. Even rocks are someone's property -- usually individual property owners, the County, or the Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority -- and frequently play an important role in control of soil erosion.
- The Sandia Peak Utility Co. recently was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) prestigious Environmental Excellence Award for their commitment to compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act throughout outstanding operations and maintenance practices. Congratulations to Manager Bill Baker, Operations Manager Cleve Matthews, and all the employees of the Sandia Peak Utility Co. Sandia Heights residents are the real winners as the recipients of clean, safe drinking water.
- The second annual County Volunteer Fire Department District 5 Garage Sale is scheduled for Fri.-Sat., Sept. 20-21 at the fire station on Paseo del Norte. Donations are now being accepted at the fire station. Or you may call Kathie Williams (275-0112) or the station's non-emergency number (293-4275) to arrange for a pickup at your residence.
- Newly elected Director of SHHA Parks & Recreation Ed Whitten reminds members that the SHHA has equipment for baseball, softball, soccer, basketball and horseshoes that can be checked out for use at Sandia Heights Park. Call Ed at 296-1884 to make arrangements to pick up the equipment or to discuss other park-related matters.
- Residents of Sandia Heights South-Unit 15 should mark their calendars on August 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a meeting with Jones Intercable to discuss options and possibilities for bringing cable service to this area of Sandia Heights. The meeting will be held at the County fire station on Paseo del Norte, 11700 Paseo del Norte NE. Unit 15 residents will receive further information in the mail in the near future.

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From The Desk Of Chief 5

Once again, there is an obvious need to emphasize the importance of prominently and properly displaying your address on your home.

As I travel around Sandia Heights, I see many homes where the house numbers are not easily visible and, in some cases, are even non-existent. If the time ever comes that the fire department or other emergency services are needed at your residence and the address can not be located, then valuable time will be lost -- time that could result in loss of property or a life.

House numbers should be displayed in

a very open area that is easily visible from the street. Numbers should be at least four inches (4") high and white or light in color so they can be read at night. If you use your mail box riser post, the house numbers should be placed on both sides of the post so identification can be made from either approach.

Residents who live back from the street a considerable distance and wish to have house numbers displayed only on the house itself, should utilize six inch (6") numbers.

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

Deadline for the November "Grit"

The deadline for submitting ads or information for the November issue of The GRIT is Tuesday, October 15, 1991. Please submit all materials to Sherry Lombana, 14201 Encantado Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, 275-9112.

"Grit" Circulation

This issue of *The Grit* was mailed to the 1088 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

Holiday Bazaar Offers Fun and Profit

The first organizational meeting for the 1991 SHHA Holiday Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Wed., August 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lucy Russell, 618 Cedar Hill Rd.

The bazaar, sponsored annually by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association, will be held on Sunday, November 10 at the fire station on Paseo del Norte. A percentage of the bazaar's proceeds is donated each year to the District 5 County Volunteer Fire Department.

Artists and crafters in all areas are urged to participate in this event, which will be publicized throughout the City. Participants must be residents of either Sandia Heights or North Albuquerque Acres and may sell only personally hand-crafted items. For the first time this year, the bazaar also will be selling home-baked goods such as cakes, pies, breads, preserves, etc.

Artists, craftsmen, bakers, etc. interested in selling their work and persons willing to donate a little time may contact one of the following persons to sign up or to get more information: Rab Freeman, General Chairman, 296-2977; Lucy Russell, Artists/Crafters, 294-3583; Jo Cheney, Baked Goods, 293-2516; Jaya Narayanamurti, Baked Goods, 299-8199; Jane Stabler, Hospitality, 298-8525.

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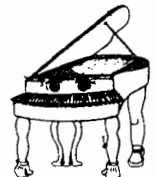
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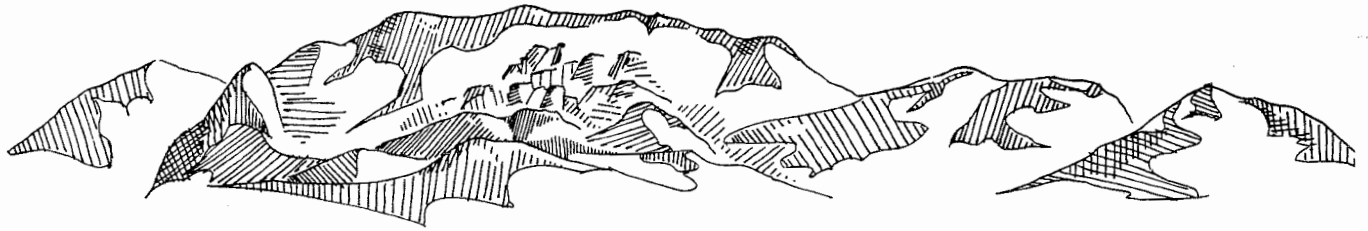


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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Rodney Stewart, Director & Committee Chair

The principal role of the Government Liaison Committee has been to keep the Board informed on City, County, and State governmental actions, hearings, and planning which might impact upon the quality of life in Sandia Heights.

High on the agenda of the Committee's priorities has been the monitoring of Tramway Blvd. development. Committee Member Jo Ann Zembiec arranged for Judith Phillips, noted expert on landscaping with native plants, to address the Committee on landscaping possibilities for Tramway Blvd. Ms Phillips is under contract to Bohannon-Huston to provide landscape design services for this roadway. The tremendous interest in this particular aspect of the Tramway Blvd. improvement project led to the involvement of the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club, including club officers Mary Colton and Bev Grady.

When County Commissioner Patricia Cassidy contacted the Government Liaison Committee to request Sandia Heights' participation on a Tramway Blvd. Landscaping Task Force, JoAnn Zembiec, Bev Grady, and Mary Colton

volunteered their time and energy to represent the interests of the Sandia Heights community. Mary has since become chairperson of this task force which is now pursuing grant monies to fund the Tramway Blvd. landscaping project.

Committee Member Norm Mayer has kept the Committee up-to-date on matters relating to the State Highway Department and City Council and Committee Member James Smuda represented Sandia Heights on the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments' Truck Route Task Force. Lenora Austin, member of the Government Liaison Committee and also Vice President of the SHHA Board, served as the community's representative with the National Park Service and organized a meeting with the park service and Sandia Heights residents regarding new foothills trails.

In his position as Director of New Development and Member of the Government Liaison Committee, Bob Williams has performed an invaluable service to the community by keeping the SHHA Board abreast of the planned

Primrose Pointe development on the west side of Tramway Blvd. Bob also has played a key role in lobbying for passage of a County Parks Ordinance that would lay the groundwork for creation of a much-needed County park in our area.

In short, no volunteer on this Committee has "leaned on his/her oars." They all deserve your thanks and support!

The Committee's final action this year has been to plan, draft, and present to the SHHA Board a concept and implementation plan for restructuring the Association's Board of Directors to afford representation by district. The objective of this restructuring plan is to enhance dialogue between the community and the Board thereby making the Board more responsive to the community and the community more aware of issues before the Board which may impact upon residents' quality of life.

The plan has been approved, and we now have 12 representative districts. With the cooperation of all our residents, I am confident it will be an overdue "squirt of oil on our rusty machinery." Thanks for your support.

RECYCLING

Bill Heflin, Director & Committee Chair

Research and deliberation culminated in the implementation of a Sandia Heights Recycling Program during 1990.

After telephone surveying Sandia Heights residents and considering various alternatives for recycling, the Committee arranged with the City of Albuquerque for pick up of recyclable materials by City truck with cash proceeds going to the Association. The City offered and the Committee accepted a pick up schedule of once a month on the

fourth Saturday, with collection hours from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Arrangements were made with Pat Nunn, the owner of Quail Run Center, to use the center's parking lot for collections. Recycling Saturdays started on the fourth Saturday of November, 1990. Since December was skipped because of inclement weather, seven successful recycling days were held during the 1990-91 fiscal year.

We have collected many truckloads of

aluminum cans; steel/tin cans; newspapers; kraft papers; class one and two plastic bottles; clear, green, and brown glass bottles. Total receipts were \$476.65 through June, '91; expenses for trailer rental and flyer printing were \$52 for a net income of \$424.65.

The Recycling Committee has gradually expanded throughout the months. By the end of June, the Committee had expanded to 22 official members and several spouse-assistants.

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

PARKS & RECREATION

Rainer Schelp, Director & Committee Chair

The SHHA Parks & Recreation Committee kicked off its activities during the summer of 1990 through the active participation of the following members: Rainer and Cathy Schelp, Rich and Jeanne Bando, Paul and Lisa Stewart, Ed Whitten, and Stephanie Brinker.

The accomplishments listed below are the result of the Committee's efforts over the past 12 months.

- *Planned and executed a successful Holiday lights contest.
- *Repaired, revamped, and relocated existing park equipment including installing new teeter-totter seats, repairing backstop and swings, relocating bench and picnic table, and coordinating replacement by the Sandia Peak Tram Co. of the broken park gate.
- *Researched, evaluated, purchased, and installed new playground equip-

ment for the park including all materials for site preparation. Coordinated approval of the new equipment with the Sandia Pueblo via the Sandia Peak Tram Co.

- *Maintained the park from February through April, 1991 following the termination of the Association's maintenance contract, resulting in a significant savings for the SHHA.
- *Made a commitment to the SHHA Board to save the Association 15% in water and maintenance costs during 1991. To date, the Park Committee has saved \$2,200 in water and maintenance costs, representing a 48% savings over this same time period last year.
- *Implemented a marketing program for the park including GRIT articles and personal contact.
- *Revised contract, accepted bids, and evaluated four maintenance contrac-

tors. Selected Heads Up maintenance company and initiated a maintenance contract on May 1, 1991.

- *Developed and implemented new park reservation and usage policies and a fee schedule for park usage by groups and teams.
- *Conducted park dedication and baseball games at 1991 SHHA Spring Fling.

The SHHA Parks & Recreation Committee faces many challenges ahead in such areas as park maintenance and improvements, security measures to reduce theft and vandalism, clarification of authorized hiking trails in Sandia Heights to increase community awareness and trail use and decrease illegal trespass across private property, lobbying for a County park in our area. Why not join us? We need your time, energy, and support.

LEGAL ISSUES

Louis R. Mande, Director & Legal Advisor

During the past 12 months, the main emphasis in the legal area of the SHHA's activities has been the re-organization of the Covenant Support Program in Sandia Heights.

For a number of years, the Association had been relying on the Sandia Peak Tram Co. to provide monitoring and clerical services on a paid contract basis for the SHHA's Covenant Support Program. The Tram Co.'s decision in January, 1991 to no longer provide these services made covenant support even more of a priority issue for the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

As everyone knows, the SHHA is a volunteer organization which depends on the community's residents for many things, including covenant enforcement. Through an active recruitment program in the area of covenant support, we now have a number of volunteers to assist with covenant inspections and have implemented a more efficient and effective procedure for covenant enforcement. In

the past several months, we have succeeded in correcting a number of long standing covenant violations. I anticipate that the new district representation system for the SHHA Board of Directors will make covenant monitoring more of a neighborhood program, with input provided by the Legal Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Legal Committee's major project for the coming year will be an attempt to simplify the existing and diverse Declarations of Restrictions (covenants) throughout the Sandia Heights community. Presently there is a different set of covenants for each subdivision (30 at present) in Sandia Heights. No two of them are exactly the same, and some are twenty years old. The result is that Sandia Heights' residents living across the street from each other may have entirely different covenants controlling their properties.

The Legal Committee will be preparing a set of covenants which we hope will include all of the best provisions that

presently appear in some of the covenants, and possibly some new provisions. If approved by the Board an attempt will be made, pursuant to the present covenants, to have the new covenants voted upon and incorporated into each subdivision in Sandia Heights. The result would be a uniform set of covenants in Sandia Heights which would help eliminate the current problems with ambiguous, vague, and outdated covenant provisions. Hopefully, this would contribute to more harmonious living in our neighborhood.

PLEASE NOTE

SHHA Directors and Committee Chairs who contributed to this Annual Report were responsible for the areas listed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. The newly elected Board members and their areas of responsibility will be listed in the soon-to-be-released 1991-92 Residents Directory. Or members may call the SHHA office (275-9112) for up to date information.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Bob Williams, Director & Committee Chair

The Sandia Heights-North Albuquerque Acres area is projected to have the largest growth rate for the entire Northeast heights over the next few years. For example, during the month of April some 344 new permits were granted for construction of single family residences in North Albuquerque Acres east of Eubank.

This trend is expected to continue and should pose no serious problems due to the low zoning density of one single family dwelling unit (DU) on one acre or larger lots. Problems are likely to arise, however, with higher density urban developments that can create concerns in the areas of public safety, noise/air pollution along Tramway Blvd., potential loss of views, over-crowded schools, etc.

One such proposed development, Primrose Pointe, created enough concern among residents that the North Albuquerque Sandia Heights Coalition (NASHC) was formed to represent the interests of both our communities. This coalition succeeded in getting a denial of the development's master plan when it came before the Bernalillo County Commission. However, the Primrose Pointe developer, S&S Associates, has

appealed the Commission's decision and the NASHC is expected to stand in opposition to the master plan as it currently is written.

Even though the North Albuquerque Acres Neighborhood Association has actively opposed the Primrose Pointe development, the SHHA Board of Directors voted to maintain a neutral position and to keep residents informed about the development as well as the activities of the NASHC. The Sandia Heights GRIT newsletter will continue to keep our residents informed on this and other proposed developments. SHHA members who wish to express their views on New Development issues should contact their district representative on the Association's Board of Directors, myself or another member of the NASHC, or the appropriate County office or official.

There are several Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, State, and Federal offices which have, and will continue to have, a direct impact on our lifestyles and pocket books. It's critical for Sandia Heights to actively monitor all government agencies to assure that our interests and concerns are fairly addressed.

Some ongoing concerns for the coming year are as follows: Use of Tramway Blvd. by heavy trucks; speed, noise and air pollution along Tramway Blvd.; commercial zoning and special use and zoning change requests for parcels of land on Tramway Blvd. and Paseo del Norte; flood control throughout our entire area; landscaping issues; groundwater protection; the specter of annexation by the City.

High on the list of concerns and priorities is the extreme demand and need for a County park and public playing field in our area. It's a paradox that the Sandia Heights community, with one of the highest incomes per capita in the entire State, lacks adequate facilities for its adults and youth to practice and play soccer and baseball and participate in other family and recreational activities. It seems our community must send its children off to play at the City's parks like a bunch of gypsies while our tax dollars are spent in other areas of the County.

The New Development Committee will continue to monitor these and other areas of concern. It's a rewarding but very challenging job in need of volunteers. Why not get involved!

COVENANT SUPPORT

Lenora Austin, SHHA Board Vice President & Covenant Committee Chair

For many years, the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association has accepted the very difficult task and responsibility for covenant enforcement in Sandia Heights and with varying degrees of success. Historically, the success of the Association's covenant program has been determined by a homeowner's or tenant's willingness to voluntarily comply with the covenants.

However, in January, 1991 the Board of Directors approved and implemented a new proactive procedure to encourage and attain covenant compliance. The procedure begins with a letter from the Covenant Support Chair notifying the resident that a possible covenant violation exists and culminates with the referral of long term violations to the SHHA attorney for possible legal action. To date, the new procedure has achieved

compliance in a number of cases, some which had been receiving violation notices for five years.

Covenant inspection tours of the various subdivisions are a new and primary function of the Covenant Support Committee. Six volunteers comprising the Committee have been performing monthly inspection tours throughout the community and submitting reports for possible implementation of the violation-notification process. But the sheer quantity of units and different versions of the Declarations of Restrictions (30 at present) make the entire process of covenant monitoring and compliance more complicated and confusing.

We have high hopes that the recently approved Board restructuring into representative districts will help improve this

covenant enforcement process. The Board has felt for some time that many covenant problems are linked to a lack of information and communication regarding covenant issues. By creating Board representation districts, the residents in each subdivision will have a personal contact on the SHHA Board to further discuss and clarify any covenant problems and issues.

Copies of the applicable Declaration of Restrictions (covenants) are now mailed out to each new Sandia Heights resident in their official New Resident's Packet. However, residents who moved in during the time period when covenants were not mailed out or who lost their covenants may contact the SHHA office to receive another copy (\$1 charge to cover copying and postage).

**ARCHITECTURAL
REVIEW**

Andres Viamonte, Director &
Committee Chair
Evelyn Nicely, Director
Ray Wood, Director
Rab Freeman, Director

Besides the usual proliferation of fences and walls, swimming pools, additions, and patios, the SHHA Architectural Review Committee reviewed and approved the plans for 13 new homes in Sandia Heights during the past 12 months.

The clerical and administrative assistance of Sherry Lombana, the SHHA Executive Assistant, enabled the Committee to revise a number of forms and develop a set of instructions to clarify the review and approval process for contractors and Sandia Heights residents. The Committee also developed and implemented a new fee schedule that better reflects and compensates the SHHA for the review and approval time required for each proposed construction or renovation project.

Based upon the recommendation of the SHHA Legal Advisor, Lou Mandc, the Committee also revised a number of policies and procedures and formalized the procedures relating to review and approval, compliance inspections, variances, and an official course of action for handling covenant violations.

Even with the best of forms, policies, and procedures, the true success of the Architectural Review Committee still depends on the residents and "would be" residents of Sandia Heights; their sense of community pride and cooperation; and their willingness to compromise and comply with the spirit and intent of the covenants in each particular subdivision.

Special thanks to Evelyn Martin who served on the Board of Directors and the Architectural Committee during part of this fiscal year and all of the residents who made this difficult but necessary task easier through their cooperation and willing compliance with the covenants.

FINANCIAL REPORT

C. Andy Anderson, SHHA Treasurer 1989-91

The SHHA ends the year much like last year -- solidly in the black. With the 1990-91 fiscal year now history, we close out the year with a \$17,000 balance.

Even though last year we added \$6,000 to our balance; this year sees us taking more than \$10,000 out of the treasury. While income has maintained last year's pace, expenses have been considerably higher.

Contributing to the year's higher expense level are the following: New park equipment which was offset somewhat by lower park maintenance costs; higher lawyer fees reflecting a more consistent approach to covenant enforcement; 12 full months of service and increased hours on the part of the SHHA Executive Assistant; purchase of a computer, printer, and software for the Association.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your treasurer and member of the Board of Directors for the past three years. I have enjoyed working with a great team of volunteer professionals who care enough about our unique community to generously donate their time and effort.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Cash At Beginning Of Period (7/1/90)	\$27,679.67
<u>Income/Expenses (7/90-6/91)</u>	
Total Income	\$ 55,414.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 66,087.08</u>
Net For Period	\$(10,672.41)
Cash At End Of Period (6/30/91)	\$ 17,007.26

DUES ALLOCATION (Percentage of SHHA dues spent over income received in each cost center):

<u>Cost Centers</u>	<u>Net %</u>
Parks & Recreation (Sandia Heights Park)	50.5%
Communications (GRIT Newsletter, Residents Directory)	14.4%
Covenant Enforcement (Covenant Violation Letters, Legal Fees, Architectural Review)	29.5%
Direct Services (New Member Recruitment, Spring Fling, Holiday Bazaar)	13.3%
Administrative (Office Supplies/Equipment, Photocopies, Postage, Phone, Taxes)	<u>23.1%</u>
	130.8%*

* Amount spent over income received was covered by the cash reserve from the 1989-90 fiscal year.

** SHHA members who would like to receive a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the full fiscal year may call the SHHA office (275-9112). One will be mailed to you free of charge.

DIRECT SERVICES

Sara Warford, Director & Committee Chair

Twelve neighborhood coffees were organized and publicized by the SHHA this year under the leadership of Connie Krelle. The coffees are a traditional favorite among the community's residents (SHHA members and nonmembers alike) as a time to meet and greet new residents in the community and visit with "old" friends.

Lucy Russell served as General Chair of the annual SHHA Holiday Bazaar to benefit the District 5 County Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks to the contributions of the participating artists -- along with the efforts of Lucy and many volunteers -- the bazaar raised \$476.76 for the fire department.

Beautiful weather and the newly installed park equipment contributed to the success of the annual SHHA Spring Fling Picnic on Memorial Day. Some 200 attendees enjoyed the games, pinatas, and delicious charcoal broiled hamburgers and hotdogs.



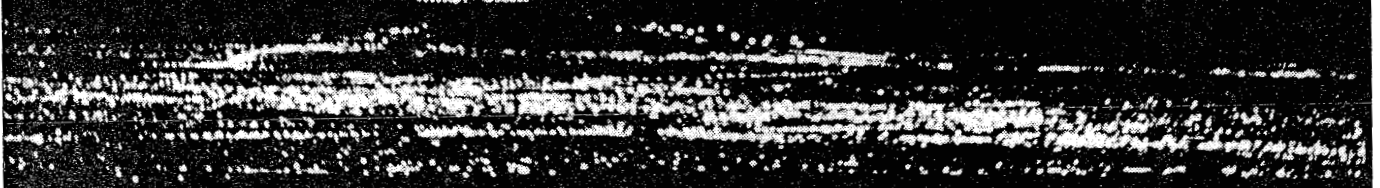
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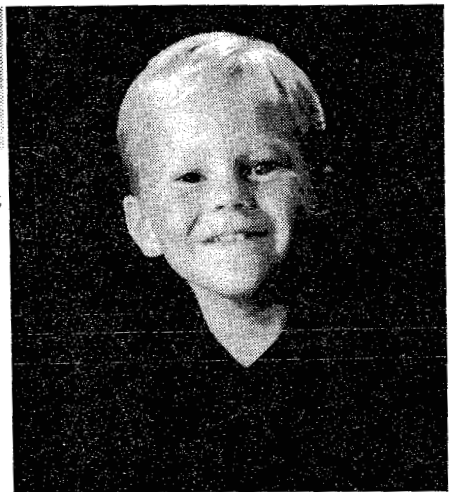
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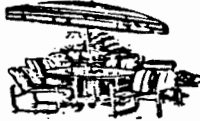
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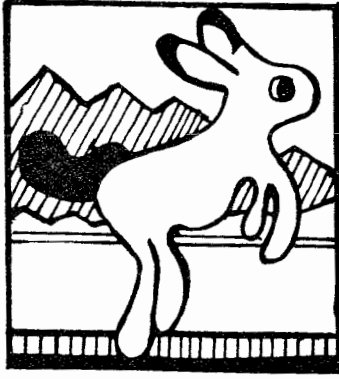
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Living With The Natives

A number of people have asked me about Plants vs. Rabbits. Since I've been engaged in this trial for several years, I'll stick my neck out and submit this article in the hope it may be helpful to others with rabbit problems.

In New Mexico, we have some wonderful natives, but it takes a lot of doing to both grow native plants and invite the native animals in, as well. In our dry country, they're hungry and thirsty, and our garden plants, native or not, look like a wonderful lunch to them. Here in the foothills of Albuquerque we engage in a constant battle of wits with our most frequent wild visitors, the cottontails and jack rabbits.

My friends who know about these things say there is NOTHING rabbits won't eat when they are hungry enough. Periods of drought are especially tough. To discourage the little darlin's, protect new plants 'til they grow up and toughen up. (Chicken wire will do the job, but it can only be used on a short term basis while plants are toughening up due to the covenant restriction prohibiting all types of wire fences.) Young and tender means salad for all creatures, especially when you're watering a lot to make them grow.

In spite of the attack of the long ears, there are some things that seem to go on flourishing outside our fenced areas, which mean they are (1) drought resistant and (2) low on the rabbit consumption list. You will notice that for the most part the list consists of plants with spines or bitter taste. Most of these plants are relatively easy to obtain now, particularly

THE VIEW FROM JACKRABBIT HILL

from the native plant nurseries. (N indicates New Mexico native.)

SHRUBS

Rhus trilobata (N) Lemonade bush. Nice fall color.
Rhus glabra (N) Smooth sumac, good fall color. Try for laceleaf variety, especially nice.
 Sages (N) Artemisia filifolia, artemisia frigida, artemisia tridentata
Fallugia paradoxia (N) Apache plume.
Dalea scoparia (N) Broom dalea, for sand.
 Junipers
 Lilacs
 Barberries
 Hollies

PERENNIALS

Penstemons, desert varieties: P. angustifolius, p. palmeri, P. pseudo-spectabilis, P. pinifolius, P. ambiguus (for sand). P. strictus and P. whippleanus, rabbits cut back but not out.
 Bearded iris

Maxmillian daisies (N) Fall bloomer, give LOTS of room.
Salvia azurea (N) Big blue sage.
 Red hot pokers
 Yuccas
 Hesperaloe - Texas red aloe
Poliomenantha incana (N) Rosemary or bush mint, blue flowers.
Berlandia lyrata (N) Chocolate flower.
 Spurge. This seeds itself; be prepared.
Baileya multiradiata (N) Desert marigold.
Zinnia grandiflora (N) Desert zinnia.
Liatris punctata (N) Gayfeather.
Psilostrophe tagetina (N) Paperflower.
 Daylilies. They eat them when emerging in early spring but tend to leave them alone afterwards.

Some plants that are in early trial stages but so good so far: Buddleia carapteris (blue spirea) and potentilla fructicosa. Please let me know if you have plants to add or subtract!

-- Jean Heflin

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club



On July 16, Wildflower Club members went on a herb and medicinal plant tour in the Zuni Mountains near Ramah, New Mexico. The group was led by Micque Hendrix of Ramah, a noted herbalist and instructor in identifying native medicinal plants. Club members learned that many of these medicinal herbs grow right in our own backyards.

A family picnic on August 17 in the Manzano Mountains is the next scheduled activity. Club members have been invited to a private, 80-acre mountain retreat complete with two waterfalls.

For more information on club activities, call Bev Grady at 275-0798. Membership is \$5 per family per year.

Foothills Trail

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national forest is both illegal and inconsiderate of the rights of your neighbors. However since the main purpose for entering the national forest is exercise and recreation, why not put on your tennis shoes and really give yourself a workout by walking or biking to Cedar Hill Rd. or Simms Park Rd.

If this is simply more exercise than your body can tolerate, you can drive and park your car at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, Sandia Heights Park, or the Sandia Peak Tram terminal. NO parking will be permitted at the end of Cedar Hill Rd. or on Honeysuckle.

Both the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and the Sandia Ranger District are in the process of updating the trail maps to show both new and existing trails and to obliterate undesirable and illegal user paths. The new Sandia Heights map should be available in the near future and the ranger's map hopefully will be ready this fall.

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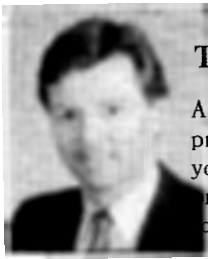
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COMMITTEE REVISES RECYCLABLES LIST

"With seven months' experience handling materials for recycling, Recycling Saturdays have become the modern equivalent of the "village well," reports Bill Heflin, SHHA's Recycling Program Director. "It's a great chance to meet, speak to our neighbors and visit, no matter how briefly."

After several attempts to broaden the list of recyclables, the Recycling Committee had to drop tin/steel cans and colored glass and is now collecting only those materials that the City will take. Following is a list of currently acceptable recyclables:

- Aluminum Cans. Please crush them flat to reduce the bulk.
- Newspapers. Please bundle them or insert them into paper sacks and discard the advertising inserts on coated papers.
- Kraft Paper Boxes. Please bundle them flat. Cereal boxes or boxes with coated paper covers are not accepted.
- Clear Glass Bottles or Jars. Please rinse them and remove tops or rings. You need not remove paper labels.
- Types One and Two Plastic Bottles. Rinse and remove tops and rings. If in doubt, look inside the "recycling triangle" on the bottom of the bottle. If it has a one or two inside, we'll take it.

Residents are requested not to leave recyclables at the recycling collection point at Quail Run Center if the City trucks are not there or if a member of the Recycling Committee is not present. It's imperative that the appearance and cleanliness of Quail Run Center be maintained at all times.

Janey Brink, member of the SHHA Board of Directors, has agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the Recycling Committee along with Bill Heflin. Residents are urged to call Janey at 291-8910 if interested in joining this hard-working group of volunteers.

Sandia Heights Reaffirms Truck Route Agreement

The interests of the Sandia Heights community were well represented at a July 17 meeting of the Urban Area Truck Route Task Group by Cleve Matthews, Land Operations Manager with the Sandia Peak Tram Co., along with a number of individual Sandia Heights residents.

As Matthews stated at the meeting, since 1976 the development of Sandia Heights by the Sandia Peak Tram Co. has been predicated on the fact there would be no through truck traffic on Tramway Blvd. This was based on the 1976 approval by the Bernalillo Board of County Commissioners of the Sandia Heights Master Plan which included the dedication of 44 feet of additional right of way on the west side of Tramway Blvd. from San Antonio St. north to the Sandia Pueblo boundary.

The Sandia Peak Tram Co. dedicated the additional right of way -- which amounted to approximately 10 acres -- without compensation under an agreement with the County that the additional 44 feet would be used to create a hiking, bicycling, and pedestrian path. A second condition was that Tramway Blvd. north of Montgomery would be signed "No Through Truck Traffic". In the event these conditions were not honored, then the 44 feet of right of way would revert back to the Tram Co.

The design of Tramway Blvd. improvements (currently under construction) from Montgomery north to Paseo del Norte has incorporated the hiking, biking, and pedestrian path. The SHHA Board of Directors has high hopes that Tramway Blvd. north of Montgomery will be designated "No Through Truck Traffic" in accordance with the 1976 agreement and that this portion of Tramway has finally and permanently been removed from the list of possible alternative truck routes.

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Wednesday, September 11
10 a.m. - 12 noon
at the home of Alice Filteau
9104 Lynx Loop
293-8381

Wednesday, October 16
10 a.m. - 12 noon
at the home of Lisa Stewart
2 Juniper Hill Rd.
296-9730

Wednesday, November 20
10 a.m. - 12 noon
at the home of Rab Freeman
131 Big Horn Ridge Ct.
296-2977

Special thanks to Eileen Ryan and Jane Stabler who hosted our coffees in June and July.

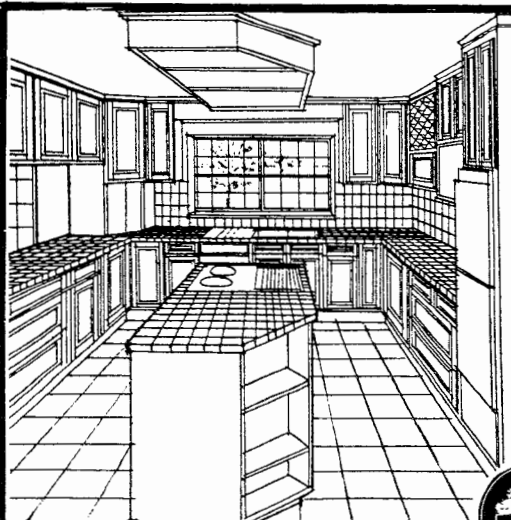
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Please allow me to reintroduce myself to those of you who I currently serve but may not know personally. My name is Kip Nicely, and I am in my 1st term as your State Representative (District 31). In an effort to reach out to and with you, this will be my first of a regular series of legislative updates to keep you abreast of how our tax dollars are being spent up at the "Merry Roundhouse" in Sante Fe.

Also, I will be providing a commentary on topical issues, and explain how your involvement can make a difference. Our District is and should be one of the leaders in our community. I am personally proud of the many citizens who have donated their time, earnings, and goodwill to community programs ranging from elderly care to economic development/recruitment to open space preservation to the local PTA groups. You are the catalyst of our society's daily improvement.

Before I begin on the State level, a few comments on the Tramway Improvement/Expansion Project may help. I have received a lot of calls in regards to the detour through Sandia Heights South enroute to the Elena Gallegos Park. The reason that many of you may have had a difficult time finding which agency to reach regarding the project is that it "is a city municipal effort being funded with federal dollars, using state workers and administered through the county!" Folks, we can't get too many more layers than that!! I have had numerous discussions with not only the project engineer (to ensure more speed limit, slow, and caution signs are posted), but also the law enforcement staffs (to provide increased security) in an attempt to make this transition as smooth as possible. This detour is anticipated to last thru Jan-Feb 1992.

OK, back to the Merry Roundhouse. The 1991 Legislative Session (60 days) ended in a most serendipitous fashion, but the taxpayers still ended up with the short end of the stick (again, naturally). The good news is that (1) we could have been hurt much worse than we were (2) let's count our lucky stars that our State mandates a balanced budget, and we are not spending beyond our means and ending up with huge deficits like most States (Texas, \$5.5 billion, California, \$12 billion, the list goes on and on), or the epitome of fiscal foolishness, our federal budget deficit. New taxes and fees (to the tune of \$17 million) were imposed on local government, horsemen, insurance, and the biggest stinker of them all--taxes on out-of-state municipal bonds. Also, we saw the implementation of new social programs which sent the welfare load to a new high from an already all-time high, anti-business measures continually introduced, and the regional fat hangs in on House Bill 2 with nine (9) pork projects headed by the monument to Oate at a cost of \$750,000 (this is economic development???)

There appeared to be a feeling in the majority camp that any programs put in place by the former Republican administration had to go. As a result, the whole 21st Century initiative went down the tubes. This was the only truly innovative program in education that this state has tried in decades.

Finally, I'd like to ask, if you have not already, to please become involved with our community at some level, and we can solve problems with a collective effort. Please feel free to call me anytime (292-5577) if you need state or legislative help, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in our District.

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Services				
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<p>EXPERIENCED AND RELIABLE BABY SITTER and house sitter when you are out of town. I do plants, animals, walk dogs, and other jobs, and I'm experienced with babies. Call Karen Truesdell (age 15) at 293-5451.</p>	<p>NEED A BABY SITTER? Call Jenny Fisher (age 14) at 294-0264. Experienced and reliable! Are you going out of town? I can take care of your pets and house.</p>	<p>ZZZZ TERRIFIC TEENAGE TWOSOME available for baby sitting bambinas. Call Pamela (age 17) or Naomi (age 15) Havien at 293-9253.</p>		
<p>EXPERIENCED BABY SITTERS. plant waterers, etc. Tamara Eyer, age 17, and Jamie Eyer, age 15. Call 298-4288.</p>	<p>NEED AN EXPERIENCED BABY SITTER? Call Jennifer Kosse (age 15) at 293-5096. Will water plants, take care of dogs, take in mail, etc. Have worked as councilor-in-training at the YMCA.</p>	<th data-bbox="1044 1225 1503 1266">Wanted</th>	Wanted	
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<p>EXPERIENCED BABY SITTER. Enjoys infants and young children. If you're looking for a fun baby sitter that your children will ask for again and again, call Shanna McGee (age 13) at 299-0661. References available.</p>	<p>HELP WITH IRONING WANTED. Working lady needs occasional help with personal ironing. Call 299-7878.</p>			
<p>GOING AWAY FROM HOME? I will water your plants, take care of your animals, and let you leave worry free. I am a responsible Albuquerque Academy senior and Sandia Heights resident. Call Aaron at 294-8464.</p>	<th data-bbox="573 1548 1036 1588">SANDIA HEIGHTS BRIDGE CLUB</th>	SANDIA HEIGHTS BRIDGE CLUB	<th data-bbox="1044 1548 1503 1588">Wanted</th>	Wanted
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