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SHHA Board Selects New Executive Assistant

"Lenore Lee Miner, former Technical Assistance Coordinator for the Hispanic Culture Foundation, has been contracted as the new Executive Assistant to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) starting February 1," announced Louis Mande, 1992-93 SHHA President.

Lee replaces Sherry Lombana who has served as the Association's Executive Assistant since November, 1989. Sherry recently resigned her contract with the SHHA to pursue opportunities in the writing and editing fields.

"With an educational background in business management and marketing, Lee has the expertise the Board of Directors was seeking for the Executive Assistant's position," Lou said. "Previous experience working with volunteer boards of directors and non-profit organizations, combined with skills in the area of newsletter production, made Lee an ideal candidate for this position."

From 1989 to 1991, Lee was the Managing Director of one of Albuquerque's performing arts companies, a position that required considerable organization and management skills and the ability to deal with diverse programs and personalities. "Those are the qualities that the Board looks for in the individual who's contracted as the Executive Assistant," Lou said. Lee already has attended a number of Board meetings, committee meetings, and several orientation sessions to assure a smooth transition.

Like the former SHHA Executive Assistant, Lee is not a Sandia Heights resident and will be working out of her home/ office, Loureported. Though the SHHA Board of Directors is convinced that it's preferable to have a non-resident serving as the Executive Assistant to the Association, not having an office location within the community occasionally presents some logistical problems. Several times over the past few years, the SHHA Board has considered opening on office in one of the commercial office spaces within the Sandia Heights community. However for the present, it's been decided to tolerate the inconveniences in order to keep the Association's overhead expenses at a minimum.

Lee Miner's mailing address is 7213 Carson Trail NW, Albuquerque, 87120; the new SHHA office number is 899-8611.



Louis Mande, 1992-93 SHHA President, and Lenore Lee Miner, newly contracted Executive Assistant

Board Examines Present & Future SHHA Services

A revised approach to handling covenant enforcement, the attempted acquisition of liability insurance for the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA), and a commitment to the maintenance and management of Sandia Heights Park only up to the expiration of the current lease in the fall of 1997 were the primary decisions from the SHHA's recent planning process.

Concerns over projected budget deficits and increasing costs associated with providing architectural review services were the impetus behind the SHHA Board of Directors' decision to appoint an SHHA Planning Task Force. The task force, appointed by SHHA President Louis Mande, was charged with examining the services currently provided by the Association to its members and recommending to the Board of Directors which of those services should be continued and how the services should be performed. Directors comprising the task force were Chair Tom Wray, Co-Chair Robin Otten, Jon Cashwell, Bob Chenhall, Bill Stabler, Andres Viamonte, and Lou Mande.

The task force met three times over a two-month period. The following recommendations were presented and approved at the SHHA Board of Directors meeting on November 11, 1992.

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IMPORTANT DIRECTORY CHANGES

There have been several recent changes in the IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS section of the Sandia Heights Directory. Please make a note of these new, frequently-used numbers on the inside back cover of your directory.

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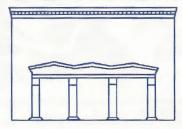
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Roundhouse Report



Santa Fe -- The sixty day legislative session is now underway. We expect it to be a very busy and hectic one, and hopefully a productive effort for the people we represent.

Among issues confronting the 112 members in the legislature (70-House; 42-Senate): DWI; increased funding for public education; public health reform; legislative ethics reform; auto insurance changes; retail electric wheeling; taxes on cigarettes, liquor, and natural gas; review of a \$2.2 billion state budget for the coming fiscal year; and many other equally important issues. Over 2,000 bills are likely to be introduced.

Please contact us via the legislative switchboard (986-4300) if you wish to discuss any issue important to you, or to arrange for committee testimony supporting or challenging passage of a particular bill. Our secretaries can also check on bill status on the daily Bill Locator, upon your inquiry.

If you have a son or daughter (ages seven through fourteen), who would like to be a <u>Legislative Page</u> for a day during the session, please contact one of us so we can make the arrangements. They will learn much about our legislative process, and pick up \$10 at the same time!

Finally, our sincere gratitude to outgoing SHHA Executive Assistant Sherry Lombana for her diligent work for our community. Her efforts have had much to do with both maintaining and improving the unique quality of life in the Sandia Heights area. She will be greatly missed.

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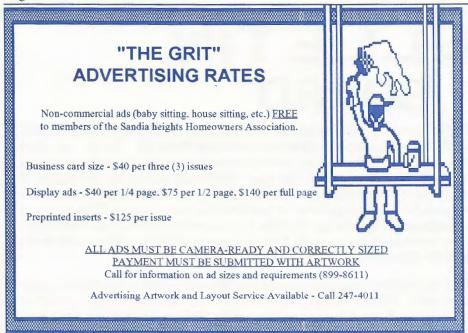
Tom Wray

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BULLETIN

- A public hearing on the final draft of the Ground-Water Protection Policy (GPPAP) will be held on Thur., Feb. 11, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council/County Commission Chambers, One Civic Plaza NW. The hearing will be held before a joint meeting of the City Environmental Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission. The most controversial part of the policy is the proposed action plan which would prevent the installation of conventional septic systems in Sandia Heights. In addition, septic systems needing repair would have to be replaced with alternative systems. Estimated costs for retrofitting a home for an alternative system start at \$7,500 and go up from there. With proper care and maintenance, the average "life" for a septic system is 15 to 20 years which puts many homes in Sandia Heights at that repair/replacement stage. Persons who would like more information on the GPPAP may call SHHA Director Robin Otten at 298-7244.
- PLEASE HELP! The Foothills Trails system is receiving extensive use (see Special Recreation Insert in this issue) and is in need of some routine maintenance. If you, your family members, or friends would be willing to volunteer for this worthwhile project, please call SHHA Parks & Recreation Director Ed Whitten (296-1884). A work party is planned for the February/March time frame. Jane Cropp with the U.S. Forest Service (281-3304) will be organizing the work project. Everyone who participated in the last work party in October had a wonderful time and great feeling of accomplishment.
- Bernalillo County and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) are considering construction of some low profile dams in the national forest area east of Sandia Heights. The dams would be constructed of natural materials and would help control erosion and regulate the flow of water for 15- to 20-year storms. For purposes of comparison, the South Domingo Baca and Pino Dams just west of Sandia Heights are designed to handle 200-year storms. Persons with questions or comments about the proposed dams may contact Darryl Millet, President of the North Albuquerque Acres Community Association, at 293-0105.
- The SHHA has received confirmation that AMAFCA has granted the County a license to build and maintain a small neighborhood park adjacent to the biking/hiking trail on the east side of Tramway Blvd. at the South Domingo Baca Channel (vicinity of San Bernadino). The park will be designed both as a rest stop for trail users and as a toddler park with equipment for small children. The County license for the park came as a result of some persuasive lobbying by SHHA Director Janey Brink and efforts by Patricia Cassidy, former County Commissioner for District 4. Thank you Janey and Pat! Persons with questions or comments about the park may contact Janey at 291-8910.
- Centex Homes has started grading for the new 86 home subdivision on the southwest corner of San Rafael and Tramway Blvd. The subdivision has been named Willow Bend, and construction on the models is expected to begin in March, 1993. SHHA members with questions about Willow Bend may call SHHA Director of New Development Andres Viamonte at 298-8418.
- SHHA Director Janey Brink has been appointed to serve on the Bernalillo County Arts Board which is responsible for making recommendations to the Bernalillo County Commission on the acquisition of works of art for county-owned facilities. Establishment of the Arts Board was part of the Art in Bernalillo County Public Places Ordinance adopted by the County Commission in August, 1992. The ordinance stipulates that projects in the Capital Improvement Program shall include an amount for works of art equal to one percent of the total cost of the project. Janey was appointed to the Arts Board in October, 1992 by Patricia Cassidy, former County Commissioner for District 4.
- Sandia Heights residents are reminded that the County Animal Control Ordinance requires animals (including cats) to be confined on their own premises. It is both inconsiderate and against County ordinance to allow animals to create a nuisance on someone else's property. This includes the "deposits" that your dog makes while you're out jogging, walking, or biking. Please take a bag along and "poop scoop" after your dog. This has become a particular problem in subdivisions where neighbors live in closer proximity to one another (like Tramway Terrace, Los Altos de Sandias, Habitat, Cedar Canyon, Brushwood, etc.).



Deadline for the May GRIT

The deadline for submitting information for the May issue of *The GRIT* is Thursday, April 15, 1993. Please submit all materials to Lee Miner, 7213 Carson Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, 899-8611. Advertisers should note that ad space is limited and is reserved on a first come, first served basis. Payment must accompany ad space reservation.

GRIT Circulation

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

SHHA Explores Recycling Options

The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) Recycling Committee is still active despite the City's cancellation of all neighborhood drop-off recycling programs.

All neighborhood recycling programs were discontinued in both the City and County in October, 1992 despite the fact that only the City of Albuquerque implemented curbside recycling. Gene Romo, Director of the City's Solid Waste Management Department, stated that the drivers, laborers, and trucks involved in neighborhood drop-off recycling would have to be transferred to the City's curbside pick up program. Besides the SHHA's program, there were two other recycling efforts in unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County that also were cancelled -- the South Valley Los Padillas Community Service Center and North Valley Alameda School.

All possible avenues for funding a new recycling effort are being explored, reports Janey Brink, SHHA Recycling Chair. Janey recently visited with Jimi Gadzia, Manager of the Southwest Public Recycling Association (SPRA). The SPRA recently received a grant from the

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department to develop a Cooperative Marketing and Transportation Program in New Mexico to serve both rural and urban recycling programs. Though recycling prospects through the SPRA program look promising, Janey stated that the benefits probably would not be realized for some time to come and would require support and participation by Bernalillo County. SHHA members with ideas or suggestions on recycling can reach Janey at 291-8910.

The Association's Recycling Committee urges Sandia Heights homeowners to do whatever their time and financial resources will allow during this period to support recycling and source reduction. Following is a list of possible outlets for recyclable materials.

S.T.E.P. One Recycling. This company will pick up recyclables at your home twice a month for a \$5 monthly fee. As an added benefit, they also pick up many items for recycling that the City of Albuquerque would not accept. Call 898-0585 for information on acceptable recyclables.

Recycle America. This company does

not offer home pick up, and they have no drop-off locations. All recyclables must be brought to 2330 South 2nd St. SW (one mile south of the Stadium Bridge overpass). For information on acceptable recyclables, call 247-0117 or 247-0118.

Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Centers. Contact person is Mike Padilla (345-2405). The plant is located at 4300 Ellison NE (345-2404) and accepts aluminum from Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All other drop-off points accept aluminum Tuesdays through Saturdays, and specific times are listed for each location. In some cases, there also are bins for newspapers at these locations. However the bins do seem to move around, so a definitive list of newspaper outlets was not available. Juan Tabo & Central at Furrs, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Juan Tabo & Candelaria at Furrs, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wyoming & Menaul near House of Fabrics, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Constitution & Carlisle at Furrs, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Las Tiendas Shopping Center (west side), 1:30-5 p.m.; 111 Coors NW at Furrs, 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; San Mateo & Bell (1 block south of Zuni) at Check Exchange, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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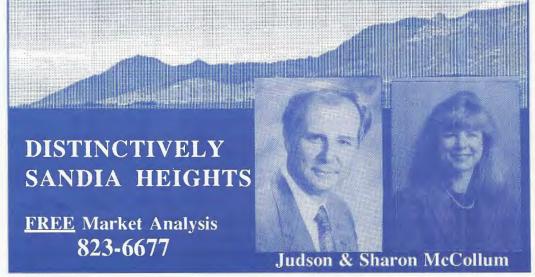
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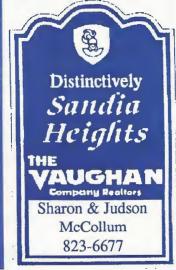
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I'm pleased to have this opportunity to thank all of you who gave me your support during my election campaign. I am excited to be here and hope that you will feel free to contact me at 768-4001 if I can be of assistance.

Currently, I am continuing to monitor the status of Tramway Blvd. as it relates to limited access and truck traffic. The Commercial Vehicle Network For The Albuquerque Urban Area submitted by the Urban Area Truck Route Task Group, a subcommittee of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, does not designate Tramway Blvd. as a truck route. While I do not anticipate that such a designation will be made, I will keep you apprised of any and all developments on this matter. The first public hearing on truck routes is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 12 at Sandia High School.

On another matter, I recently met with representatives of AMAFCA, the U.S. Forest Service, Open Space Task Force, Soil Conservation, and others, to discuss drainage problems in Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres. I've been informed that the long-awaited FEMA Report will be available this year. Future meetings, to include neighborhood participation, are being scheduled, and I assure you that this issue will be a top priority during my administration.

County Commission Chairman Patrick Baca has made committee assignments for 1993, and I will be serving on the following boards and/or committees: Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments Executive Committee and Finance Committee; Urban Transportation Policy Planning Board; the Legislative Committee which prioritizes the County's "wish list" before each legislative session; the Investment Committee which reviews the County's investment policies and practices; the Corrections/Detention Conference Committee which, with City Council members, works out the budget for the jail and reviews other jail-related issues; the Intergovernmental Committee, a joint City-County board which acts as a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues of mutual interest and benefit to the residents of Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque.

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Sandia Heights Security Report

Do your part to preserve and maintain Sandia Heights as a safe and secure place to live by subscribing to the Sandia Heights Security Patrol. Call the Sandia Peak Tram Co. (296-9585) for information on security services and subscription rates.

Security Tips:

* Use reflective numbers a minimum of two inches in height (four inches are optimum) to put your address on <u>both</u> sides of your mailbox. On Sandia Heights' dark and winding streets, this can make a critical difference in how quickly the County Sheriff, security patrol, fire, and rescue locate your house in an emergency.

* Be certain your security system is operating properly. Leave information on how to reset your security alarm with a neighbor. Alarms that go off frequently and for long periods not only are bothersome to your neighbors but also can cause complacency in the event of a real emergency.

Sandia Heights Security Patrol Responses Jan.-Dec., 1992

(1991 Responses Shown For Comparison)

Type of Call Number	Number		
1991	1992		
Alarms	573		
Motorist Assist			
Breaking & Entering (B&E)*	10		
Attempted B&E*	6		
Construction Site Burglary**	8		
Suspicious Vehicle	145		
Suspicious Person44	56		
Barking Dog 24	30		
Lost Pet39	49		
Found Pet	65		
Snake			
Family Dispute 4	6		
Neighbor Dispute5			
Loud/Disruptive Party 48			
Motorcycle Nuisance	15		
Fire Works Complaint14	11		
Vandalism (General)57	72		
Mailbox Vandalism	45		
Speeding Vehicle	16		
Unusual Special Request	183		
Salesman Problems	15		
Phone Problems	5		
Car Accident	27		
Fire	46		
Rescue42	40		
Utility Co. Assist	75		
Construction Sites			
Vacant Houses (For Sale, etc.)			
Specials (Extra Patrol/Observation)89			
Homeowners on Vacation			
TOTAL CALLS	2 250		

^{*} Recorded by APD Crime Analysis Unit as "Burglary."

Tramway Project Begins Phase III

Contract bidding for Phase III of the Tramway Improvement Project is expected to begin in February, with construction starting as early as March or April, 1993.

Phase III encompasses the road improvements from Paseo del Norte north to the 3-way stop sign at Tramway Rd. The project also includes the continuation of the jogging/biking path -- now terminating at Paseo del Norte -- all the way to Tramway Rd.

Carl Lovato, who served as the Project Engineer for Phases I and II of Tramway Blvd. improvement, is expected to continue in that capacity throughout Phase III. Persons with questions about the road construction can reach Lovato at 843-6120. Grant Snyder also is expected to continue as Construction Manager for the project. Snyder can be reached at 299-7016.

The contract for landscaping Phase II of the Tramway Blvd. project (from Montgomery north to Paseo del Norte) has been awarded to Baca's Trees. Installation of the irrigation system will begin in the spring, followed by planting in the late spring and summer. Funds for landscape installation from Montgomery to Paseo del Norte were secured through a grant from the Federal Highway Enhancement Program.

AVID Engineering, design firm for this phase of the Tramway Project, also is responsible for the landscaping design for Phase III. However Lovato reports that, like Phase II, no funds were allotted in the construction budget for landscape planting. And since this section of the road does not terminate at a major arterial street, it's ineligible for Federal Highway Enhancement funds.

Mary Colton, SHHA Director in charge of the Tramway Improvement Project and Chair of the Tramway Beautification Committee, reports that the committee will, once again, seek grant monies from various sources to complete Tramway landscaping and beautification.

^{**} Recorded by APD Crime Analysis Unit as "Larceny."

Holiday Lights Shone Brightly

The 1992 holiday lights in Sandia Heights were beautiful this year!

Though quite a few SHHA members created some lovely lights' displays, many didn't take the time to fill out an entry form for the annual Holiday Lights Contest. Sue Jourdan, member of the SHHA Board of Directors and organizer of this year's contest, said the Parks & Recreation Committee hopes more people will become official contest entrants in 1993.

Entrants were judged for creativity, novelty, effort, and presentation. The cash prize winners were:

1st Place

Gary and Kathi Williams 569 Black Bear Rd. Traditional Display

Stephen & Maureen Baca 977 Antelope Ave. Luminaria Display

2nd Place

Don & Barbara Robertson 1455 Bluebell Dr. Traditional Display

3rd Place

David & Norma Leeper 801 Tramway Ln. Traditional Display

4th Place

James Smuda 955 Antelope Ave. Traditional Display

The following displays earned honorable mentions: Leonard & Donna DeLue, 30 Sandia Heights Dr.; Don & Peggy DeGasperi, 975 Antelope Ave.; Barney Doyle, 973 Antelope Ave.

Thanks to all residents who took time from their busy schedules to decorate their homes. The displays added so much to the holiday spirit and were greatly appreciated by all. A special thanks to SHHA Director Sue Jourdan for her time spent organizing this year's contest.

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SPECIAL RECREATION INSERT

Spring and Summer are almost upon us, once again. With the Sandia Mountains and Cibola National Forest right at our doorsteps, it's a time when thoughts turn to getting in shape while enjoying all the recreational amenities Sandia Heights has to offer.

GRIT readers will find a map in the center showing the recreational trails and parks both within and adjacent to Sandia Heights. The insert also features important details about trail use and mountain biking along with information on recreational facilities in, and around, the community.

Foothills Trails

The Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District and the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division have worked cooperatively in developing the Foothills Trails.

The Foothills Trails System is accessible from four parking areas either within or adjacent to Sandia Heights. The northern end is accessed from the northern Sandia Peak Tramway parking lot. Entry fee for the Tramway parking area is \$1 annually. Trail users in North Sandia Heights may park free at the Spring Creek Trailhead and hike up Jaral Trail (#208) to reach the Tram Trail (#82). Trail users also may park free at Sandia Heights Park and either bike or hike south on Juniper Hill Rd, and east on Cedar Hill Rd. to reach Trail 365 and Misty Trail. The fourth parking area is located at the end of Simms Park Rd. in the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. Entrance fees for Elena Gallegos are \$1 on weekdays and \$2 on weekends. Annual entrance fees are \$10 for weekday entry and \$15 annually for weekend entry.

Some of the trails are multi-use for both biking and hiking, while others are limited only to hikers. Sandia Mountain wilderness areas are protected by federal law from use by all mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes.

Some trails may begin in an area where bikes are permissible and then run into the wilderness area. Please watch for signs and fences indicating wilderness boundaries.

Numerous old trails are scattered throughout Sandia Heights which are not shown on this map. A number of them continue up through the National Forest and into the Wilderness Area. Some of these trails now are located on private property and are closed to public use; others are non-system trails created by wildlife or careless (thoughtless) people.

Reclamation of these old roads and paths is a top priority of the U.S. Forest Service and Sandia Heights property owners. Once plant life has been trampled and soil compacted, it takes years for revegetation to occur. Please respect the privacy and property rights of others and help preserve our valuable forest resources by staying on the official trails and by parking only in designated areas.

Within the boundaries of the Sandia Heights community, there are only three official and legal trails or easements for public use: The new Tramway Blvd. Hiking/Biking Trail which runs parallel to and on the east side of Tramway Blvd.; Jaral Trail (#208) that begins directly east of Spring Creek Trailhead, continues through Sandia Heights North, and connects to the Tram Hiking/Biking Trail (#82) in the national forest; Hiking Trail (#82A which meanders through Sandia Heights North and also connects to Tram Trail (#82).

Mountain Biking

The U.S. Forest Service has prepared an excellent brochure, entitled "Mountain Bicycling in the Sandias", that contains safety tips and maps with complete information on the forest service bike trail system, including the Foothills Trails and the Cedro Peak Trails in Tijeras Canyon. The brochure is available at the gate booth at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, from the Sandia Ranger District office (281-3304), or the Cibola National Forest office (761-4650).

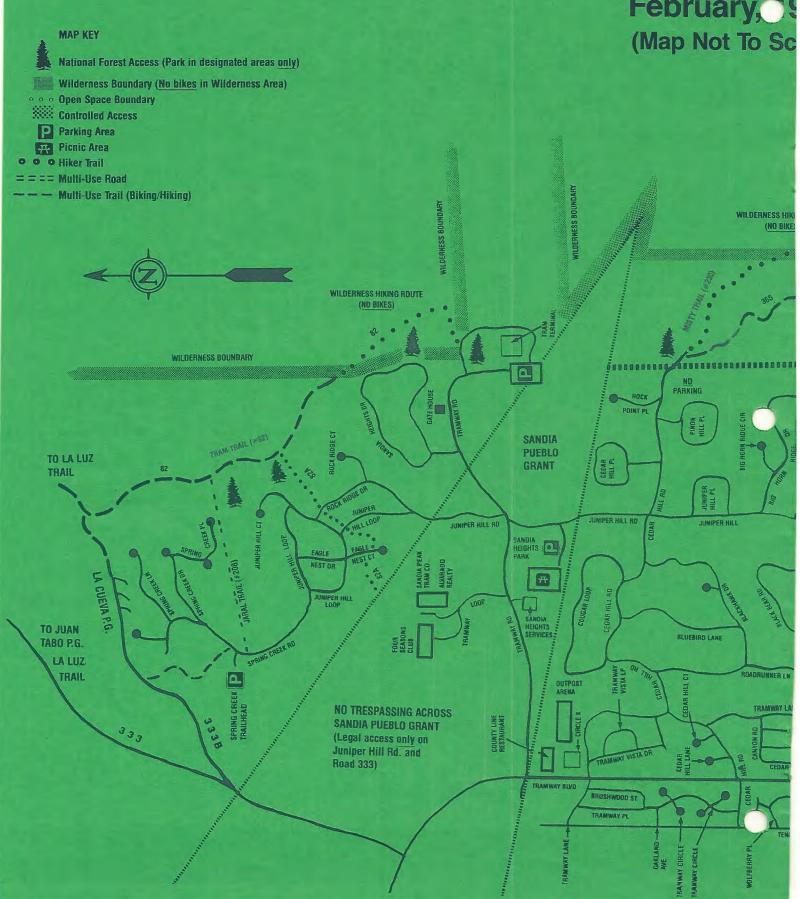
One of the most exciting new opportunities for summer mountain biking is provided by the Sandia Peak Tramway and Ski Area which offers over 22 miles of uphill, downhill, and flat riding trails. Races and special mountain biking events are hosted by the ski area from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Sandia Heights residents can ride the tram and then rent a mountain bike at the top of Chairlift #1 (just below the High Finance Restaurant).

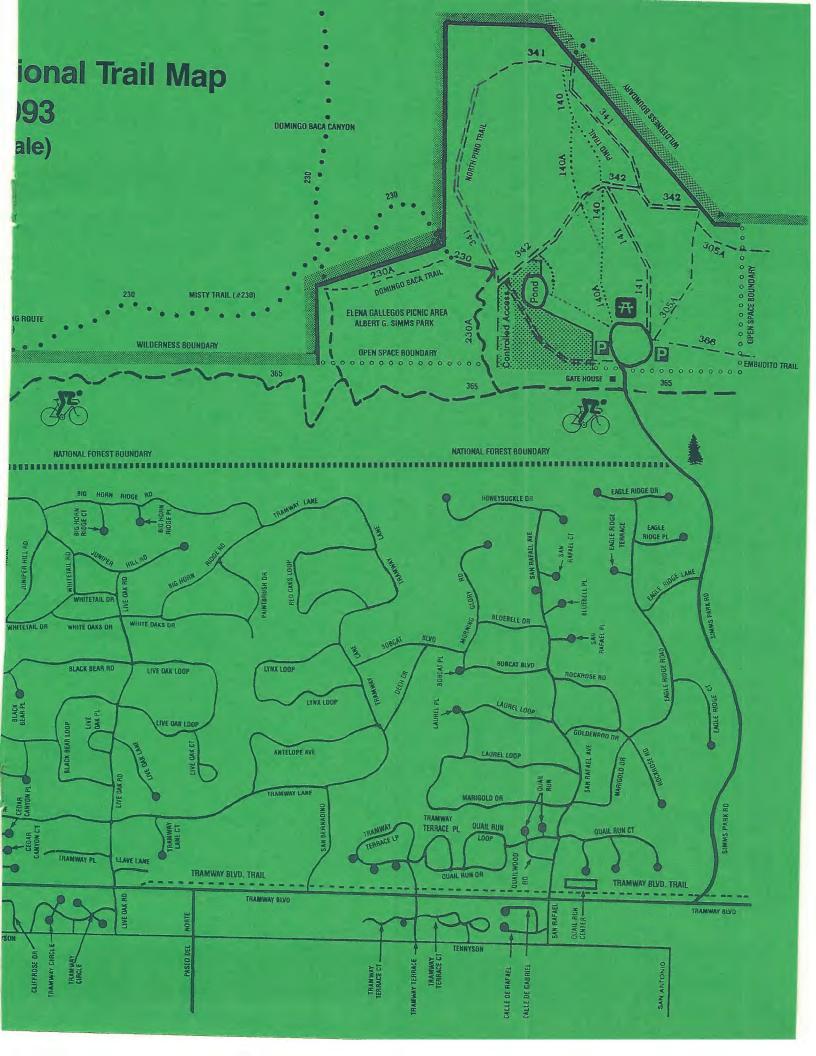
No bikes are allowed on the Tram. Residents who own mountain bikes can drive around to the base facility on the east side of the mountain and use the chair/bike lift to get to the top. Helmets are mandatory. For more information call 298-8518.

Public Recreational Facilities

Sandia Heights Park -- along with Elena Gallegos, La Cueva, and Juan Tabo Picnic Areas -- are all available for public use. Elena Gallegos Picnic Area is under the jurisdiction of the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, while La Cueva and Juan Tabo Picnic Grounds are managed by the Cibola National Forest. Sandia Heights Park is located on land belonging to Sandia Pueblo which is leased by the

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Sandia Peak Tram Co. The park is managed by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA), and the Association pays for park maintenance expenses and improvements.

Picnic tables for use by the public are available at Sandia Heights Park as well as Elena Gallegos, La Cueva, and Juan Tabo Picnie Areas. Sandia Heights Park is the only park in the area that offers a grass area, baseball backstop, basketball goals, and children's play equipment including swings and a slide. Bathroom facilities are provided at Elena Gallegos, La Cueva, and Juan Tabo, but there are no bathrooms at Sandia Heights Park,

SHHA members may reserve Sandia Heights Park for private parties and regular team practices by calling the Association office at 899-8611. Fees for reserving the park range from zero to \$25 depending on the nature of the function and the percentage of SHHA member-participants. The Association also has sports equipment available for use by SHHA members including softball and baseball gear, soccer ball, basketball, and horse-shoes. Call the SHHA office for information on reserving the sports equipment. Elena Gallegos Picnic Area also has two separate areas which can be reserved for group functions. Call 873-6620 for more information.

Private Recreational Facilities

The private Four Seasons Club in Sandia Heights is owned and operated by the Sandia Peak Tram Co. The club is located on Sandia Pueblo land that is leased by the Tram Co.

Membership is open to all Sandia Heights property owners and residents. Both family and single memberships are available, and club members can reserve the pool for private parties.

The club offers a swimming pool, wading pool, locker rooms and shower facilities, and two tennis courts. The outdoor pools are open from mid May to mid September, and the tennis courts are available year 'round.

Club services and activities include lessons in swimming and tennis as well as swim team for members up to age 18, junior team tennis, tennis leagues, and a club tennis pro.

Call 296-0736 for information on initiation fees, monthly dues, and club activities

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

	Sandia Hts. Park	Four Seasons Club	Elena Gallegos P.G.	La Cueva P.G.	Juan Tabo P.G.
Public	X		X	X	X
Private (membership req'd)		X			
Entrance Fee			X		
Hours/Curfew	X	X	X	X	X
Bathrooms		X	X	Х	X
Electricity		X	X		1
Picnic Tables	X	X	X	X	X
Grills			X	X	X
Drinking Water		X	X		
Swimming Pool		X			
Tennis		X			
Baseball	X				
Basketball	X	1			
Volleyball			X		
Horsehoe Pits			X		
Amphitheater			X		
Grass Area	X				
Swings/Slide	X				
Reservations Accepted	X	X	X		

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A Second Look

There was a time when we thought many of the world's problems would be solved by chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides. Now after decades of experience, we are taking a second look at chemicals and rethinking their use. We fear that to solve some of our problems, we create others we cannot control.

An exciting "second look" is taking place in our area to consider the effects and kinds of home landscape pest management. Funded by the US Department

of Agriculture, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service has implemented a three year study called Urban Integrated Pest Management Project (IPM). It will study means of controlling pests (insects, weeds, disease and others such as snails, deer, rabbits) without FIRST resorting to toxic chemicals. The aim is not to eliminate chemical controls but to use the least toxic effective means before resorting to chemicals. Alternative controls range from cultural and biological to hand picking pests and the use of less toxic chemicals. This concept has proven very successful in our national forests and parks and in agricultural areas; it should work well in urban areas too.

Headed by Dr. Charles Ward, urban entomologist, the project will determine (1) the most serious pest problems in urban landscape plantings; (2) at what point does the homeowner decide that action is necessary to combat the pest; (3) at what point does the homeowner believe the plant aesthetics are compromised by the pest; (4) what workable and reliable alternatives to chemical controls for these

pests can be developed; (5) if an Integrated Pest Management program would be profitable as a commercial business, provided public demand develops.

The project will identify existing landscape pests in our area, find out who maintains the landscape, including pest control, and where the maintainer gets his (or her) information. Urban Albuquerque landscapes will be monitored on a weekly basis for 1, 2 or 3 years. Also, an IPM education program will be developed to inform the public about its ability to reduce toxic chemical applications, reduce soil and water contamination, and to train individuals in IPM techniques.

Probably, the name IPM will be changed in the future to Plant Health Care as methods are developed for pest problem prevention through proper horticultural practices: Proper site, proper plants, proper planting and cultivations. If you would like to know more about the program and, possibly, to participate, call Susan Wachter at 275-2576.

-- Jean Heflin

SHHA Community Coffees

Meet new neighbors and see "old" friends at the community coffees. Mark your calendar and notify your hostess if you plan to attend so that she can plan accordingly. Call Barbara Bensonhaver (298-5770) or Janey Brink (291-8910) if you you'd like to have a coffee or it you need a ride. Everyone is welcome!

The SHHA Board of Directors is looking for an enthusiastic, outgoing person to coordinate the community coffees. This is an important Association service and opportunity for newcomers to get acquainted with their fellow Sandia Heights residents. If you'd like more information, call the SHHA office (899-8611).

Wed., Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Billye Gamsby,412 Live Oak Loop 298-2189

Wed., Mar. 10, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Ardis Asbell,1726 Quail Run Ct. 299-0668

Wed., Apr. 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Sally Machacek,1714 Quail Run Ct. 271-2123

Special thanks to Dot Engberg, Beth Stoll, and Lucy Russell who hosted our coffees in November, December, and January.

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club



"Plants that Pioneer Women Brought to the West," a highly entertaining and informative presentation by Phyllis Scott, will be featured at the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club meeting on Wednesday, March 17. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn Zembiec (293-8251) or Bev Grady (275-0798) for information on the meeting's location.

For more information on club activities, call Bev Grady at 275-0798. Annual club dues are just \$5, and everyone is welcome to join.

Future Plans

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Covenant Support

The SHHA should only respond and take action on written complaints submitted to the Association regarding alleged covenant violations. The name and address of the complainant must appear on the letter, and guarantees of anonymity should not be made. The SHHA Executive Assistant, or other Board designee, will ascertain the validity of the complaint based on the covenants for that particular unit. In cases where the covenants are vague, alleged violations will be referred to the Architectural Review Committee and/or the Legal Advisor for a decision,

Valid covenant complaints will be turned over to the Covenant Support Committee for site inspection and verification. Following verification of a violation, a letter will be prepared on SHHA letterhead by the Executive Assistant, or other Board designee, and will go out over the signature of the current Covenant Support Chair. Follow-up activities on covenant violations will comply with the Covenant Enforcement Procedures approved by the SHHA Board in January, 1991 which call for long-term violations to be turned over to the SHHA attorney.

Architectural Review

The SHHA should continue to provide architectural review services in accordance with current SHHA-approved policies and procedures for the twenty-four (24) subdivisions now under the purview of the SHHA Architectural Review Committee, provided that adequate insurance can be obtained and afforded by the Association to cover legal expenses if the SHHA, the Committee, and/or persons under contract by the SHHA or the Committee are named in a lawsuit arising from, or relating to, architectural review actions that they may take or fail to take.

Sandia Heights Park

The SHHA should continue to maintain Sandia Heights Park for daytime use; control access to the park to curtail graffiti and other unacceptable/illegal activities; schedule group use of the park and collect appropriate fees; support the acquisition and development of an area where the SHHA's recently purchased children's play equipment can be moved; support and promote the development of nearby day-use parks and playing fields to meet the community's recreational needs.

The SHHA should not lobby any person, company, or government entity for extension or renewal of the lease for the Sandia Heights Park site. The SHHA should get out of the park business no later than the expiration date (September, 1997) on the current lease agreement between Sandia Pueblo and the Sandia Peak Tram Co. for the Sandia Heights Park site.

Community Representation

The SHHA should continue to be vigilant of city, county, and state governmental activities that may affect the quality of life in the community. The Association should provide direct representation of the SHHA through memoranda, letters, reports, testimony, and appearances before the appropriate governmental entities and through contact with other neighborhood associations, developers, businesses, and individuals.

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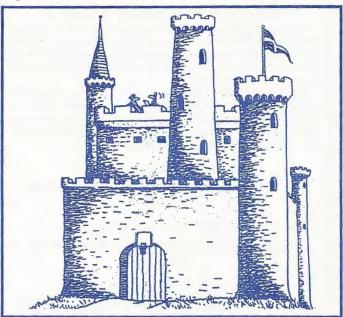
The SHHA should continue to provide communication services to its members as well as to new residents and prospective members. Such services should include new residents packets and "welcome" letters; the quarterly GRIT newsletter; the annual Sandia Heights Residents Directory; other communications, as needed, to inform and alert the membership about specific events or developments (i.e., political forums, public meetings, etc.).

Community Projects & Social Activities

The SHHA should continue to sponsor and assist with specific projects of interest to the Sandia Heights community. These would include sponsorship of neighborhood recycling, community coffees, Spring Fling, Holiday Crafts Bazaar, Holiday Lights Contest, community beautification, etc.

Homeowners Referral Program

The SHHA should continue to maintain, update, and expand the file of referral forms and information provided by Sandia Heights residents on contractors and service providers, and to make that information available to SHHA members upon request.



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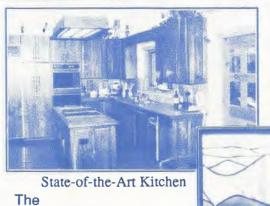
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