

## PLAGUE CAN BE AVOIDED

Animals infected with plague have been found in Sandia Heights. In early June the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area was closed to the public when a dead rabbit was found to have died from the plague. More recently, one rock squirrel on Eagle Nest Drive, a second rock squirrel on Eagle Ridge Drive, a third in Elena

Gallegos area and, at last report, one domestic cat on Sandia Heights Drive all have been tested plague positive.

Plague season is commonly May through September, when rodents (and people!) are active outdoors. Animals of concern include rock squirrels, chipmunks, woodrats, prairie dogs, gophers,

mice, wild rabbits, and domestic dogs and cats. Plague is a naturally occurring, flea transmitted disease of rodents and rabbits caused by bacteria. Infected rodents usually die, leaving plague-infected fleas which then find new rodent or human hosts. Humans can contract plague in three ways: from the bite of a plague-infected flea, by handling plague-infected sick or dead animals, or by inhaling infected droplets from a pneumonic patient.

Symptoms of plague include feeling sick all over, headache, chills, high fever, and pain and swelling in the lymph nodes of the groin, armpit or neck area. Some or all of these symptoms may be present in the three different human forms of this disease: bubonic, septicemic, and pneumonic.

Here are some preventive measures to help guard against plague. Reduce the number of rodents by proper storage and disposal of food and garbage. Avoid flea bites by using insecticides and repellents. Avoid handling dead or sick rodents. Don't let pets roam. Dust dogs and cats with flea powder. (A dusting of insecticide to rodent burrows was conducted by the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Environmental Health Department throughout most of the North Sandia Heights area.)

Manager of the Environmental Services Division of the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Curt Montman, says that while the Division has tested many dead animals that proved not to be plague-infected, precautions still should be taken. If a dead animal is

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### SHHA ANNUAL MEETING

The 1993 Annual Members' Meeting was held on June 5 at the County's District #5 Fire Station with thirty-five members present. Committee Chairs gave brief reports on the past year's activities, and the 1992-93 Annual Report (see insert) was distributed to attendees.

Election of four new directors and five reelected directors to serve three-year terms on the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Board concluded the meeting. A list of the 1993-94 Board of Directors and their areas of responsibility appear on page 7.

The Spring Fling, immediately following the Annual Meeting, was once again a big success with over 250 people attending. A new 1993 edition of the SHHA T-shirt was introduced and well accepted, judging by the many that were sold. The shirts feature a hummingbird in the foreground with the Sandia Mountains and blooming cactus in the background. The shirts may be ordered through the SHHA office for \$8.50 by calling 899-8611.

New Board of Director officers were elected at the June 9 Board Meeting.



Bob Chenhall - Treasurer, Christie Kawal - Secretary, Lou Mande - President.  
Ed Whitten - Vice President not pictured.

*Sandia Heights Homeowners Association*

# THE Grit

The Grit is the official newsletter of the SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. Box 20300 Albuquerque, NM 87155-0300

### MEMBERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently received a letter from a homeowner in Sandia Heights who complained of a two-story house being built next to her son's home in Sandia Heights. The letter reflected outrage that a two-story house could be built which interfered with their son's views. I would have responded personally to this letter but I was not sure whether to write the mother who was complaining or the son who is having a house built next to his.

While the issue of covenants has been addressed previously in the Grit, this letter pointed out the issue further to again review the subject of covenants and the Association's responsibility to respond to similar incidents.

Upon the purchase of a home in Sandia Heights, the homeowner was given a copy of the covenants which restrict the use of the property. In addition, after moving into Sandia Heights, all owners' names were on the Sandia Heights Association's records and they were notified as to the covenants which they were purchasing. There are presently 34 separate covenants which are available for review and purchase. If you wish to take a personal review and copy of the covenants, please contact me.

Since the covenants have been addressed previously, the Association has reviewed all new developments in Sandia Heights and has found that many of the new developments are in violation of the covenants. The Association has been notified of these violations and has taken action to enforce the covenants. The Association has also been notified of these violations and has taken action to enforce the covenants.

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## "WANTED" - NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We all want to preserve Sandia Heights as a safe and secure place to live. With the increase in crime throughout the nation and in the Albuquerque area, it becomes very important to critically evaluate our security. If nothing is done, the situation could get completely out of control.

A good crime prevention system, such as the "Neighborhood Watch" program, can be very effective, with little individual effort. The "Neighborhood Watch" provides another level of security and is intended to complement other services, such as Sandia Heights Security Patrol and the Sheriff's Office, and not replace any of their responsibilities.

Most incidents occur between 10 am and 3 pm, usually through a front door or an open garage door. To help prevent these incidents, natural groupings of SH residents can form "Neighborhood Watches." These groups can be organized by area, by street(s), by courts, etc. Hopefully these natural neighborhood groups will surface and take the initiative to formally organize "Neighborhood Watches."

Many very simple things can be done! Get to know your neighbors, know when they are away or on vacation, or when something just does not look right. Be on the alert for suspicious people. Look for things that do not appear normal and notify your Sandia Heights Security Patrol or the Sheriff's Office.

To learn how to organize a "Neighborhood Watch" in your area of Sandia Heights, contact your District Representative or Ted Griego of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department (768-4332) for more information. Remember--keep your doors and windows locked when you are away!

--Dick Stumph, Communications Chair

## SHHA COMMUNITY COFFEES

Meet your new neighbors and get reacquainted with your established neighbor-friends at the monthly 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 would like to host a coffee or if you need a ride. Everyone is welcome!

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

**Wednesday, August 18, 1993 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon**  
at the home of Carol Treat, 301 Spring Creek Place  
296-8124

**Wednesday September 15, 1993 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon**  
at the home of Ellen Cox, 516 Black Bear Loop  
299-3115

**Wednesday, October 13, 1993 - 10a.m. to 12 noon**  
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Special thanks to Pat Falconer, Bobi Chenhall and Frayda Oston who hosted our May, June and July coffees.



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\* Advertising Artwork and Layout Services Available - Call 247-4011

## Deadline for the November GRIT

The deadline for submitting information for the November issue of *The GRIT* is Friday, October 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

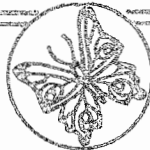
This issue of *The GRIT* was mailed to the 1096 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

### LOOK FOR THE NEW GRIT FORMAT

The November issue of the GRIT will don a new look! A tabloid format will be a big change for the Sandia Heights newsletter. It has been published in magazine format since about 1984, but due to an expansion of news and advertisements, the cost is rising rapidly. It is the Association's intent to continue a quality and informative newsletter in a more cost effective manner. The new format will save approximately \$1000 a year to publish. For information on how this decision was arrived at, turn to the Communications Report in the Annual Report insert of this issue.

New dimensions for ad sizes will change with our new format. For information on sizes call Lee Miner at 899-8611 after August 23, 1993.

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### SANDIA HEIGHTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Sandia Heights Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 17 at Sandia Heights Academy from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The first organizational meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Bensonhaver on September 1 at 7:30 p.m.

We welcome all artisans and crafters who have participated in the past PLUS

all other artisans in Sandia Heights who have an interest. Also, anyone interested in helping at this event is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Once again, we will have a bake sale, which was a great addition to the event last year.

We are looking for another successful Bazaar this year.

### SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES REFUSE COLLECTION

Reminder--There will be no refuse collection on Monday, September 6, 1993, Labor Day. Refuse will be collected the following day, Tuesday, September 7.

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAIR

This year's Spring Fling was a great success. Approximately 250 people enjoyed an afternoon of food, games and socializing. The egg toss was especially enjoyed by both parents and children.

Special thanks go to Lucy Russell, Christie Kawal, Dee Jelso, Rod Stewart, Mary Beth Parsons, Dwight Parsons, Mary Colton, Dick Stumph, Anne Yegge, Ed Whitten, Louise Byrd, Blake Etheridge and Lee Miner for all their help setting up, organizing, cleaning up, etc. Our cooks, Kip Nicely, Robin Otten and Don Kawal did an especially wonderful job. We had support from many businesses in our community. Thanks go out to County Line Restaurant, Outpost Ice Arena, The Tram, Sandia Shadows, Page One, Great Harvest Bread and Sandia Heights Academy. Please patronize our friends.

Now it's time to start organizing the Holiday Bazaar. It will be held on Sunday, October 17 at Sandia Heights Academy. An organizational meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1 for all persons interested in participating or helping. It will be at the home of Barbara Bensonhaver, 9110 Lynx Loop.

The neighborhood coffees are a great way to meet your neighbors throughout Sandia Heights. Mark your calendars and don't forget to go! If anyone is interested in organizing dates or having a coffee, please call me at 298-5770, Janey Brink at 291-8910 or Lee Miner at 899-8611.

--Barbara A. Bensonhaver

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## TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Most Sandia Heights residents are concerned, and in many cases upset, about the inconvenience and, for some, the expense the changing of telephone numbers will cause. The SHHA office and Board members have received numerous phone calls on this topic.

As a result, the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association asked U S WEST executives to address the Board of Directors on the telephone number changes that are slated for December 3, 1993. Jon Shumard, General Manager of New Mexico Network, presented the service changes and answered questions from those present. John Aragon, Ben Romero and Sam Martin of U S WEST also added their expertise and fielded questions.

Because of rapid growth and demand for telephone services in the Sandia Heights area, U S WEST is making major changes in the way our telephone service is provided. Shumard stated that our service is presently provided from the switching center located at Eubank and Menaul Boulevards and that it is rapidly approaching full capacity. The cable from there to Sandia Heights homes is longer than the optimum preferred distance for quality transmission. The need can be met by changing the service to the switching center located at Wyoming and Paseo Del Norte. Sandia Heights telephone service also will be provided through a shorter length of fiber optic cable with greater reliability and the capacity to provide new services that require high transmission volumes.

Mr. Shumard apologized for the inconveniences residents will experience, and assured us that U S WEST will work with residents to minimize the difficulties that may occur during this transition. Changes in directory records will be made at no cost to you. U S West will extend the time that callers receive a recorded message informing them of your new number if you call and request it, and you may choose your phone number if that number is still available.

For these services you may contact Mary Lou Charlie, Service Representative, on 765-6737.

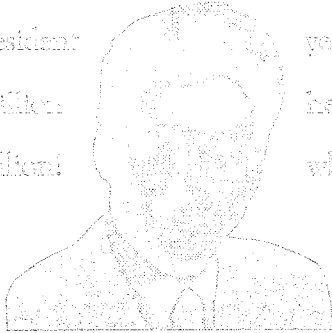
### CHANGES DELAY SHHA DIRECTORY

The Sandia Heights Residents' Directory will be published in January 1994 to reflect the telephone number changes. Our directory is usually published in August. However, in this case it would be of little or no value to publish numbers that will be obsolete in three or four months.

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Security Tips:

When leaving for a vacation, please leave your alarm reset code or an extra alarm key with a neighbor or a relative that the alarm company can reach. We have many alarms that do not reset, and when they go off for hours at a time, neighbors become angry.

Residents need to call the Sheriff's Department for complaints about speeders and stop sign runners. The security patrol has no authority to stop or warn offenders.

**Sandia Heights Security Patrol Responses  
Jan.-Jun., 1993**

Type of Call	#
Alarms .....	318
Motorist Assist .....	77
Breaking & Entering (B & E)* .....	8
Attempted B & E* .....	10
Construction Site Burglary** .....	1
Suspicious Vehicle .....	87
Suspicious Person .....	39
Barking Dog .....	5
Lost Pet .....	17
Found Pet .....	17
Snake .....	10
Family Dispute .....	5
Neighbor Dispute .....	2
Loud/Disruptive Party .....	15
Motorcycle Nuisance .....	7
Fire Works Complaint .....	5
Vandalism (General) .....	27
Mailbox Vandalism .....	17
Speeding Vehicle .....	9
Unusual Special Request .....	95
Salesman Problems .....	15
Phone Problems .....	4
Car Accident .....	9
Fire .....	29
Rescue .....	30
Utility Company Assist .....	31
Construction Sites .....	1
Vacant Houses (For Sale, etc.) .....	1
Specials (Extra Patrol/Observation) .....	67
Homeowners on Vacation .....	868
<b>TOTAL CALLS .....</b>	<b>1,826</b>


\* Recorded by APD Crime Analysis Unit as "Burglary."

\*\* Recorded by APD Crime Analysis Unit as "Larceny."

### 1993-94 SHHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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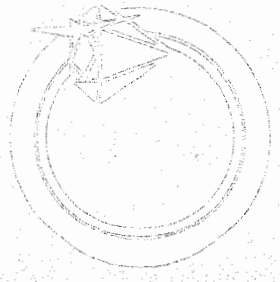




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# 1992-1993 ANNUAL REPORT

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## LEGAL ISSUES

Robin Dozier Otten, '92-'93, Director and Legal Advisor

During the last year, Sandia Heights Homeowners Association has been fortunate to be faced with few legal problems. We are currently involved in no lawsuits, so our legal expenses have been very low.

A number of residents of Unit 9 appeared before the Bernalillo County Zoning Officer to object to the location of a day care center in their portion of our neighborhood. The officer allowed the property to be used as requested by the owner, but only for one year and only after several stipulations sought by the

neighbors. The center may serve only six children, no signs may be displayed and parking on the street is prohibited. The neighbors decided not to appeal the decision and to try to work with the owner to minimize the impact on the residential atmosphere of the area.

The SHHA Board appointed a task force which met several times during the year and made recommendations to the board regarding the scope of the Association's mission. Architectural review and covenant enforcement were among the functions the task force re-

viewed. The board decided to continue to perform architectural review duties as we have in the past for the 24 units which have been transferred by the Sandia Peak Tram Company to the Association's jurisdiction. We will also enforce covenants throughout Sandia Heights whenever we become aware that a violation has occurred. The procedures in the area of covenant enforcement are similar to those of previous years: letters from the Association which are unheeded are followed by a letter from the Association's attorney and legal action if necessary.

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## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Senator Tom Wray, Norm Mayer, Robin Dozier Otten

During the past year your Government Liaison Committee was frequently involved at varying levels in city, county, and state government. We will highlight some of our activity in this brief report.

We were involved, and remain so today, in continuing the prohibition of heavy commercial truck traffic over Tramway Boulevard. Commercial trucking interests in New Mexico have sought for some time now to remove this prohibition to allow Tramway to become, in effect, a heavy truck traffic bypass from I-40 to I-25, via Tramway and Paseo del Norte. Thus far, working with elected officials at city, county, and state levels, we have prevailed in maintaining this prohibition. However, we expect this issue to continue to require our vigilance.

We have been working with County Commissioner Barbara Steward and officials from Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, County Public Works, and the North Albuquerque Acres Homeowners' Association, among others, to assist in the development of a jointly-funded drainage and transportation plan for portions of North Albuquerque Acres and the area east of Sandia

Heights North and South. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, under the proposal, would jointly fund the revision of floodplain maps, with AMAFCA. Much of the flooding in the far northeast heights of the county originates from native arroyos and man-made drainage structures east of our community. To effectively plan mitigation of a future disastrous flood originating in the foothills, it is imperative the existing topographical floodplain maps be revised. Your Association will continue to accord this issue top priority.

Your Committee was also very involved in the development of new regulations concerning the county's move from a volunteer to full-time paid fire department. Many sessions were held among former County Commissioner Patricia "Pat" Cassidy, Fire Chief Jerry Lambert, County Manager Juan Vigil, County Attorney Tito Chavez, and members of our District 5 volunteer group. We provided numerous rule change recommendations to the county fire department and, through a series of negotiations, were successful at having them incorporated into the final rules and ordinance. The Association will continue to involve itself in what is an apparent transition by the county away from the volunteer fire department in our

community, that has served us so well for so many years.

Another developing issue before the Association is the County's groundwater protection regulation and its effect on septic tanks on Sandia Heights properties. We will continue to monitor and try to influence the promulgation of rules under this new county law, to protect homeowners' rights in our community.

We were also quite involved in the successful passage by the County Commission of the Parkland Dedication and Development Ordinance (#TCZ-91-1). This provides a mechanism for setting aside parkland for public use or, in the alternative, provide a fee assessment to the land developer for subsequent purchase of parkland. The absence of such a law, among other things, is one reason there is no county-dedicated and maintained park in the unincorporated Northeast Heights, including Sandia Heights.

As our community continues to be subjugated to the collateral effects of growth and increasing densities proximate to Sandia Heights, the need for the Association to be directly involved in the formation of public policy, rule, and law, will only increase. Your Association is aware of this need and, as always, invites your input and participation.

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*Sandia Heights Homeowners Association*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Barbara Bensonhaver, '92-'93, Committee Chair

The primary work of Community Services is to welcome and acclimate new residents and to promote community spirit. Monthly neighborhood coffees have been held throughout Sandia Heights. This has been a successful event that has enabled residents to meet their neighbors. Thanks to all who have opened their homes.

The annual SHHA Spring Fling will once again be held following the annual meeting. It promises to be a memorable event with more activities planned for all

ages. Special thanks to Christie Kawai, Lucy Russell, Louise Byrd and Lee Minor for helping to organize this fun filled day. Also thanks to all those who helped during the day.

The 1992 Holiday Bazaar was a great success. Since it was held in a Roger Smith model home, it took on a different flavor than most bazaars. Thanks to Lucy Russell for organizing the event and to Barbara Nielsen for all her help. The SHHA Welcome letters and new members packets are being sent out frequently.

New residents have found these informative and helpful.

The referral program for contractors and services continues to be used this year. Some residents have completed rating sheets, which has been of great help. In order to keep the file updated and accurate, we need to have as many people as possible rate the services.

T-shirts will once again be sold at the Spring Fling and throughout the year at the SHHA office. This year a new design will be offered along with some shirts of the original design.

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## TRAMWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mary Colton, '92-'93 Tramway Landscape Task Force and Tramway Improvement Committee Chair

A year ago Tramway landscaping was a well designed plan with no funding for its implementation. Then in early summer county officials learned that federal highway enhancement funds might become available. Because the landscape design process was well advanced, the county was able to act in time to secure those funds. County Commissioner Pat Cassidy worked with City Councilor Deborah Lattimore to be sure that both city and county would appropriate the 20% matching funds required for their parts of the roadway. The application process included several stages of review at the local and state levels, a process that was barely completed in time for the end of the federal fiscal year. Through the process, members of the Tramway Landscape Task Force worked to review plans and monitor progress.

The landscaping, including irrigation systems, from Montgomery north to Paseo del Norte has a project budget of close to \$500,000. In late fall Baca's Trees was awarded the contract; they have 180 working days from mid-January to complete their job. Both Bohannon-Huston, the landscape designer, and county engineers are supervising the work.

Janey Brink was instrumental in urging the county planners to provide a positive use for the small parcel of land left between San Bernadino and the arroyo when the Tramway-San Bernadino intersection was moved north. Designs now include a children's play park and a rest area with water and shade for hikers and bikers as well as a safer, off-road connection to the Tramway bike trail. Task Force members and the SHHA Board

have reviewed the designs for the park which is expected to be built as the roadway landscaping is completed.

Yet to come is the widening of Tramway Boulevard from Paseo del Norte north to Tramway Road; construction is expected to begin this summer. Again there is no money for landscaping, and this road does not qualify for the same kind of funds. However, the county has authorized the development of landscape designs. The Task Force will be watching for possible funds and reminding officials of the need for landscaping as the job progresses.

Still in storage are the 60 pounds of wildflower seed which the Task Force expects to invite Sandia Heights residents to plant as the present landscaping is being finished.

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## RECYCLING

Janey Brink/Kristy Kawai, '92-'93 Co-Chairs

The Sandia Heights Community has been a leader in the area of recycling. Over 20 years ago the volunteers would go to individual homes and pick up items to be recycled. There was support and a level of community pride that this community was actively participating in efforts that would make a difference for the future. The recycling efforts have gone through up and down cycles and currently are experiencing a lull due to a change in the program that SHHA had with the City of Albuquerque. The City provided a pick-up for Sandia Heights once a month, staffed by volunteers of the Asso-

ciation, which was in effect for over two years. Tons of materials were recycled and did not go into area landfills. The committee still needs the support of the neighborhood and the Northeast Heights Bernalillo County Community. The efforts that will help us include: 1) Contact our County Commissioner-Barbara Seward, and seek her support to work with the county residents for a solution for us. 2) Contact your state legislators and find out if the New Mexico Minerals and Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD) is working with the local officials to develop a plan that will include

those areas outside the City of Albuquerque to Recycle/Renew/Reuse. 3) Continue to recycle using the local options that are available, i.e. the drop off locations for paper, glass, aluminum.

We will continue to seek a local solution and hope for a renewal of recycling services soon. We thank all those residents who have contributed in the past, and believe that we will again return in a new form with the same objective: Recycle Now for the Future! We hope to say soon with your help, "We're Back!!!"

## PARKS & RECREATION

Ed E. Whitten, '92-'93, Director and Committee Chair

A significant amount of visibility/awareness was created by last spring's park survey and many inquiries on multiple subjects have been received this year. Activity has correspondingly been higher this year, but the park is still slightly underutilized. This year started out very much like last year with a water leak. However, we were luckier this time with repair cost under \$200 and water loss relatively low. Heavy rains in July allowed us to turn the water off long enough to offset the cost. Costs this year have been controlled quite well by manually shutting off the water during wet weather and by terminating the maintenance contract in early Fall after the growing season. This, combined with the water savings and other austere measures, has allowed us to reduce the annual budget by approximately \$4,000.

Some minor equipment maintenance was conducted throughout the year. A much needed new basketball goal, do-

nated by Floyd Williams, was installed late last summer. The removed goal was recently rewelded, painted and installed on the other end of the court last month.

The SHHA bulletin board that had been located at the Outpost Ice Arena for several years has recently been relocated to the park. This board is being refurbished and will be used for park notices, reservations, ball practice schedules, and other community information. Our thanks to Sherry Lombana for her assistance.

It is unfortunate that all news from the park cannot be good. In September our parks suffered significant graffiti damage. Many volunteers worked very hard to clean up the damage. Most of the more visible graffiti was eliminated, but some still remains on the orange slide. The Tram Company was quite helpful on this effort and installed a chain and lock to the entrance of the park. This barrier is up from 10 pm until 8 am and has been a big

help to park security. In addition the SHHA has signed up for the Security Service at the park. This system seems to be working well.

Other activities by the Parks and Recreation Committee included our annual Christmas Lights Contest. This year's activity was led by Sue Jourdan. Participation was lower this year, partially due to the timing of the Grit and partially due to the very cold weather in December. Despite the low participation we gave out \$260 worth of prizes.

Another activity of the committee this year was the publication of an integrated trail and neighborhood map. Thanks to Kenn Comer and the support of the Forest Service we were able to provide a nice trail map insert for the February Grit. In addition to the published trail map, two trail work parties were organized. Although the participation was disappointing, some much needed maintenance was performed.

## COMMUNICATIONS

A Grit Task Force was appointed by SHHA President Lou Mande to evaluate the demand for advertising space and the current costs of publication of the quarterly newsletter. Directors comprising the task force were Chair Robin Otten, Janey Brink, Dick Stumph, Publisher Harry Criel, and SHHA Executive Assistant Lee Miner.

The task force met in March and April. Quotations of printing and publishing costs for two different formats from four companies were gathered for comparison purposes. It was recommended that either the present magazine format be increased from 16 to 20 pages, or that a 6-8 page tabloid format be introduced. The tabloid format will save

approximately \$1000 a year to publish, while the increase in pages of the original format would cost an additional \$500 a year. The Board of Directors voted to publish the tabloid format, beginning with the November issue of the Grit.

It was further recommended that advertising rates be increased as follows:

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The Board approved the rate increase effective with the August issue.

The annual Sandia Heights Residence Directory is usually published in August or September of each year, however, the telephone number changes being made by US WEST are slated for an effective date of December 3 and it seems logical to delay the printing of the 1993-1994 Directory until January. This will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Other communication services provided to new residents and prospective members continue in the form of new residence packets and "welcome" letters. The line of communication is always open and calls are welcome at the SHHA office, 899-8611.

## COVENANT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

James Nachbar, '92 - '93, Committee Chair

During the 1992-1993 year, as a result of the Sandia Peak Tram Company's decision to stop doing covenant inspection in Sandia heights, the Covenant Support Committee changed its method of operation at the recommendation of the SHHA Planning Task Force. These recommendations were based on the understanding that the covenants represent a set of agreements AMONG the homeowners, rather than the dictates of a central organization TO the homeowners.

Rather than SHHA doing inspections to look for violations, SHHA is now

acting to assist those homeowners who have complaints.

Since January 1993, the Covenant Support Committee has been acting only when it has received a signed complaint from a homeowner. Following verification of the violation, SHHA sends a letter to the homeowner who appears to be in violation; this letter includes the name of the complainant. If the violation continues, the Covenant Support Committee takes action according to the Covenant Enforcement Procedures approved by the SHHA Board in January 1991. By

acting as a mediator among neighbors, SHHA Covenant Support can avoid the "big brother" image while facilitating the preservation of our unique neighborhood.

In the first five months of using this system, community response has generally been positive. However, one homeowner expressed concern that this may hurt enforcement of even clear violations, because homeowners may be reluctant to put their names on a complaint. SHHA will continue to monitor this situation and make changes as appropriate.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**  
Jon Cashwell, '92-'93, Committee Chair

The May issue of the GRIT gave a brief overview of the operation of the Committee and a brief description of how proposed property improvements are addressed by the Architectural Committee. The Committee is composed entirely of volunteers who are members of the Board of Directors. Since some of the rulings of the Committee are subject to challenge in the courts, this rule is strictly adhered to in order to provide protection for the individual members of the Committee. The Committee is ably assisted by Lee Miner, Executive Assistant for the Homeowners Association. In fact, assistance to this Committee and existing and proposed property owners dealing with the Committee constitutes the major commitment of Lee's time. Often, Lee has the dubious honor of being the interface between the Committee and the prospective homeowner or representative. The Committee also receives assistance from Debbie Mandy, Legal Advisor to the Homeowner's Association. These two individuals' assistance and advice are essential to the operations of the Committee, often in rather emotional discussions with the affected property owners or representatives.

As discussed in the GRIT, current problems encountered by the Committee are the large number of plans currently proposed and being monitored (currently over 60 sets of plans) and the number of infill and "architecturally challenging" lots. Changes to the County drainage setback requirements and increasing average house size has reduced the potential available footprint for much of the new construction and necessitates more requests for variances to the covenants. For each proposed variance, all Committee members are requested to view the property prior to voting on the request.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Bill Stabler for his support and involvement with the Board and, particularly, the Architectural Review Committee. Bill's support of the Committee has truly been exemplary and appreciated by all of us on the Committee. Bill has dedicated much of his time to ensuring the success of the Committee and his assistance, advice, and counsel will be sorely missed. The volunteers currently donating their time to the Architectural Review Committee are Janey Brink, Scott Collins and Toni Seidel.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
Bob Chenhall, '92-'93 Treasurer

Income and expenses of the Association, annualized to show the full year, indicate that our income is very close to the amount budgeted. However, expenses are substantially below the amounts anticipated to be spent, due primarily to changes in the board's policies concerning maintenance of the park and enforcement of covenants in the several districts within Sandia Heights.

A summary of the actual and budgeted amounts for the year are as follows:

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$59,858	\$58,559
Total Expense	<u>55,454</u>	<u>63,826</u>
Net for the Period	\$ 4,404	\$(5,267)

With the addition of the cash that was on hand July 1, 1992, the cash available to begin the new year July 1, 1993 will be approximately \$18,000.

As can be seen from the graphs below, by far the largest source of income to the Association continues to be from Membership Dues (76%), although substantial sums are also received from fees for Architectural Review, and from advertising in the GRIT and the Annual Directory. Expenses are fairly evenly divided among the seven activities shown on the chart.

A year ago, then-Treasurer Ann Marie Cole implemented a procedure whereby, for the first time, expenses were budgeted for each separate activity or function (post concert) of the Association. In the coming year, we plan to carry this process a step further. Board members will be organized around a re-defined number of major categories of activities, and the creation of budgets and approval of all controllable expenditures will be the responsibility of the board member in charge of each area. Using the budgets and new reporting methods, the Association's Board will be in a much better position to focus its resources on the activities that best serve the mission of the SHHA.

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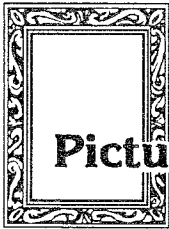


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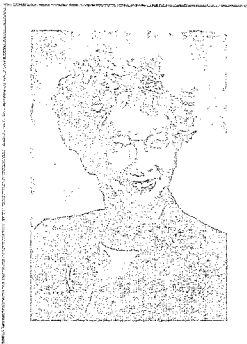
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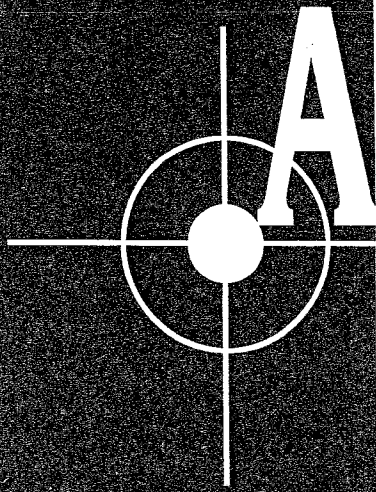
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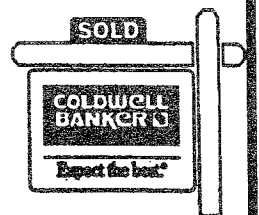
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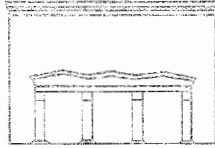
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# Roundhouse Report



Since our last update, much controversy has surrounded the largesse of tax increases foisted upon New Mexicans by the state legislature. In the face of looming general fund surpluses, the governor and the tax-and-spend liberal majority in the House and Senate have steadfastly refused to call a special session to repeal the totally unnecessary 6 cent gasoline tax. If readers of this newsletter agree the gasoline tax is unneeded and confiscatory, call the governor at 1-827-3000, not the undersigned. We all voted against it and support its repeal. Your phone calls do help, so let Governor King hear from you.

In other news, it is the season of "interim legislative committees." These are committees established by legislative action and the Legislative Council to review many areas and issues affecting New Mexico. Some examples: Border Development Committee (NAFTA and other border issues); Integrated Resource Planning (Retail Wheeling and your electric bills); Science, Technology, Energy and Defense Conversion (WIPP and WIPP road); Health Care Task Force (health care "reform"); etc. We are participating as members on some of these committees (staffed by members from both the House and the Senate), and invite you to attend any of the scheduled meetings. For more information on Committee meetings dates and locations, call the Legislative Council Service at 1-986-4600.

Finally, we have (once again) made it clear to the Motor Transportation Department that the prohibition of heavy commercial through-truck traffic over Tramway Boulevard is routinely ignored. Lieutenant Warfield of MDT has assured us that his enforcement unit will step up patrol and cite violators.

The three of us appreciate the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and their diligent effort to maintain and improve on our unique quality of life in Sandia Heights. Association members are encouraged to communicate with your Board and offer your help where you can. We are particularly appreciative of the inclusion of the Roundhouse Report in each issue of the GHR, and hope you find it to be informative.

Tom Wray  
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## FROM THE DESK OF BARBARA SEWARD

With the extension of Tramway Boulevard north of Paseo del Norte underway, the temporary earth berm had to be removed in order to make room for the roadway, and I know that the noise levels have increased. I have been informed that sound walls will be placed on both the east and west sides as the project proceeds. Although they will be somewhat different in design than those used in previous stages of construction, they will accomplish the same noise reduction.

The City of Albuquerque Planning Department has begun a Community and Streetscape Identity project "which is intended to reinforce the unique character of various parts of the metropolitan area and improve governmental coordination of planning and service delivery to subareas." The City, with the support of the Shared Vision Community Planning Caucus, will be conducting four workshops designed to allow neighborhoods to identify special features of their specific areas. This will give you an opportunity to meet with business people and planners and give them your input on how to best "promote the unique identities of (your) community." For additional information, call Joel Woodridge at 768-8860.

The County's Arts Board is now meeting, and has recommended that the Commission fund, along with community donations, a work of sculpture by a local artist. Ultimately, all of Bernalillo County will benefit from this 1% designation of bond monies for the promotion of the arts. I might remind you that for purposes of this ordinance "art" may include "a combination of landscaping and landscape design." Please keep Robin McCoy and Janey Brink, District 4 members, informed of your thoughts for possible projects.

Security concerns in Sandia Heights have been brought to my attention in recent weeks. I have been in contact with Undersheriff Quintana who agrees that with the limited number of officers available, the priority should be patrolling the area (as opposed to perhaps monitoring for traffic violations). He will instruct his officers to make themselves more visible to residents as well.

As always contact either Chris or myself at 768-4001 with questions or comments.

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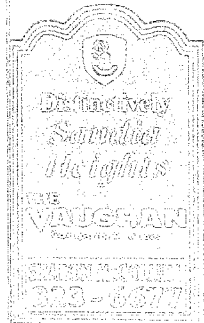
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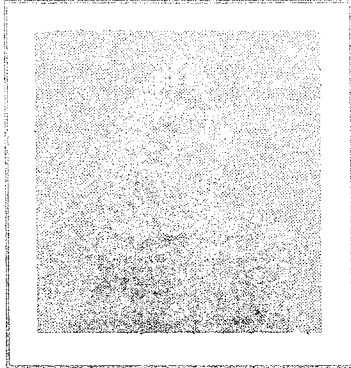
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**BABY SITTER** for children, pets, or plants. Experienced, responsible 14 yr. old with references. Please call Elisabeth (Izzy) Brown at 299-5560.

**BABY SITTER.** Experienced fifteen year old who loves children. Call Laura Christopher at 293-7232.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE** for your Georgia O'Keeffe child(ren) in my home. Call 298-7420.

**CARING AND EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER.** I am responsible and caring and have references. Took Red Cross baby sitting course. Call Meredith Goodman (age 15) at 294-8222.

**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 17) at 293-5451.

**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 15) at 299-0661. Can drive occasionally. References available.

**EXPERIENCED BABY SITTER & HOUSESITTER.** I have references and can drive. Call Tamara Eyer, age 19, at 298-4288.

**EXPERT HOT TUB AND SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE.** Call Ben Wright (age 16) at 298-3361. Quality work based on 5 years of noteworthy experience. Babysitting, house care, pet care and yard work also available. References provided upon request.

**GOING OUT OF TOWN** and need a house sitter? Someone to pull your weeds? Mow your lawn? Take care of your dogs? Call Richard Truesdell, age 15, at 293-5451 (reliable and caring).

**HEY PET LOVERS.** Need someone to help with your pet? Just call Keeley Sigel at 293-3866.

**HOUSE AND PET SITTER.** Responsible 13-year old will take care of your house and/or pets while you are on vacation. Will water plants, mow lawn, feed and walk pets. Just call 292-3666 and ask for Jesse.

**HOUSE SITTER.** Responsible UNM student will take care of your home, pets, plants, etc. Sandia Heights house sitting references available. Christel Foster 296-4567.

**HOUSE SITTING.** College student, resident of Sandia Heights. Reliable, references. Call Ann Piasecki at 296-1342.

**PET AND CHILD LOVER** will take care of your pets and kids. I will walk and wash or feed and water your furry, feathered, and finned friends. Or baby sit. I have lots of experience in both and have taken the Red Cross baby sitting course. Call Jennifer Atkins (age 14) at 292-0621.

**ZZZZ TERRIFIC TEENAGER.** Available for babysitting. Call Naomi Havlen (age 17) at 293-9253.

## Wanted

**AUDUBON ADVENTURES.** This is an active interdisciplinary environmental education supplement for grades 3-6. For only \$30 a year this program can be available for a child's classroom from the National Audubon Society. Call 299-1768 for more information.

**BRIDE TO BE?** New parent? New citizen? Just moved? Having a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary? Welcome Wagon has a basket full of useful gifts for you. Call Karrie at 275-3366.

**BRIDGE PLAYERS.** Persons interested in ladies' daytime bridge or couples' evening bridge. 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 or June Prince at 275-9824.

**FULL-TIME BABYSITTER.** 8:30-5:30 pm. Your house if you live in the O'Keeffe school district or my home. Children ages 2, 5, & 8. Starting in late June. Call Kathy 298-4047 after 7:00 pm or leave a message.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County NE Heights Unit meets 2nd Wednesday at 9:15 am at Montebello, 10500 Academy NE. One more unit will be held on May 12th before summer break. Clara Levy at 299-2715, unit membership chairman submitted by Charlotte Zerof 275-7547.

**PIANO.** Used, upright, spinet, console. For youngsters wanting to start. Call Art Jarvis at 275-7122.

**VOLUNTEER ADULT READERS** desperately needed to read the Albuquerque Journal two hours per week in the A.M. for Newline for the Blind. For information call Susan Moss at 841-8862.

**VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!** Wanted women 21-44. Call the Junior League of Albuquerque 247-1800 ASAP. New to the area or want to get involved? Call the JLA.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Nice used swing set, preferably metal. Call 294-9010

## Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

On the June 5 garden tour, members of the Wildflower Club opened gardens on Bighorn Circle, Black Bear Road, Eagle Ridge Trail, Honeysuckle Drive, Juniper Hill Road, Live Oak Court, and Wolfberry to their neighbors. They demonstrated a wide variety of possibilities using or blending native plants in the landscape.

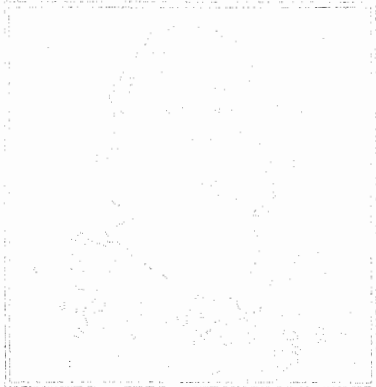
Judith Phillips, native plant specialist, opened her farm at Bernardo Beach near Belen, for a club potluck picnic on July 25.



Next meeting will be a potluck on September 15, at 6 p.m., at the Ryans, 550 Black Bear Road. Dues (\$5 per family) are now payable to Mary Ann Syroid, treasurer, 11108 Bobcat Place NE, 299-8256. Meetings are held every other month. Members are notified in advance. If you have questions, contact Maxine Jackson, President, at 294-3063.



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