Some Words From The SHHA President

By Richard Krumbeir

There is a message for all of us inside this issue of THE GRIT. A message about change and the possibility of that change impacting our community in a number of ways.

Albuquerque is growing rapidly. There are at least two factors associated with that growth which are relevant to our community. The first is that a lot of it is now happening in developing areas in our immediate neighborhood. The second is that growth on the other side of the Rio Grande is going to force traffic flow — particularly through traffic coming from the north and headed eastbound — to find ways to bypass the city center. Inside this issue, Ann Yegge reports on the deliberations of the Urban Transportation Planning & Policy Board in planning upgrades to Paseo del Norte, which will include major interchanges at both the I-25 and the Tramway junction. A large cloverleaf at Tramway and Paseo del Norte is a possibility. What can our community to do minimize the impact of these developments on our lifestyle?

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Our community roads are becoming less safe and in need of both maintenance and attention to other safety gonsiderations. The SHHA Board has now formed a special Road Traffic & Safety Committee to attempt to come to grips with this problem.

Covenant enforcement, as Sandia Heights continues to expand and it has become a much larger task. SHHA Covenant Support Chair Jim Nachbar has now been given three additional board members to work with him.

As the surrounding community becomes denser, the competition for all amenities is increasing. Through the efforts of our Government Liaison Co-Chairs, Senator Tom Wray, Robin Dozier Otten, and their committee, the SHHA Board is able to keep a careful eye on county/state initiatives in which Sandia Heights homeowners have an interest. The Board is able, as a result of this continuous oversight, to affect the end decision, through lobbying efforts with the appropriate governmental representatives. This is a very important Board activity. There are plenty of others.

The bottom line is that, currently, 61% of Sandia Heights homeowners foot the bill for the whole community. That's not enough! The Association would have more clout and financial strength if membership was closer to 100%!

The Board has just created a Membership Committee, chaired by long-time Sandia Heights resident and SHHA member, Michael Gross, with the aim to increase that 61% to something much closer to 100%. An article on Michael's task appears inside. Please give him all your support.

The SHHA can only contribute to our life style in some sort of reasonable proportion to the funds available to it. The Park is a case in point. We need your full support and commitment. Please call Michael Gross (856-7445) to offer your support.

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New Initiatives in Park Debate

Potential Exists For New Agreement — Money is the Key

By Andrew Patten

The Sandia Heights Park found a new breath of life at the SHHA Board meeting on Wednesday night, 13 July. The Board, concerned about rising maintenance and lease costs, and without substantial evidence of community demand for the facility, had twice (once in 1992 — once in 1994) decided to cease funding it. The need for the latest decision was hastened by the announcement by the Sandia Properties Ltd., Co. that the site would be required for its originally leased purpose (from the Sandia Pueblo) as a reservoir. A special July issue of *THE GRIT*, distributed to all residents, has the details of that plan.

The second decision was announced at the SHHA Annual General Meeting on 4 June. During the course of that

meeting, a group of about 12 residents, led by 8ob Morando, Juniper Hill Road, questioned this decision and volunteered to explore other park initiatives. The Board accepted the offer.

Morando and his team met with Bob Murphy, President of Sandia Properties, and issued a survey, via the Sandia

"You can never have too many parks," says Bob Morando. "If there's a sensible way to keep this one for our community, then let's find that way and do it. After talking with Sandia Properties, I think we can not only keep it but, with goodwill between us



Bob Murphy, President of Sandia Properties, talks to the SHIHA Board on Wednesday night, 13 July, to explain his company's position regarding the plan to install a reservoir system on the Sandia Heights Park site. Bob Morando, leader of a volunteer resident's committee to save the Park is on Murphy's left, while Richard Krumbein, President of the SHIHA listens at the far right. A cameraman from Channel 13 News records the exchange for the late night news.

Peak Tram Company utility bill, seeking input from all residents on their views of the park. The results of that survey, together with Morando's interpretation of it, are published elsewhere in this issue.

A report on the findings of this enquiry, together with a partial summary (70%) of the response, was presented to the Board at the 13 July meeting. Bob Murphy was also present to clarify Sandia Properties' position. Both the Board and interested SHHA Members present felt that, after the earlier debates — sometimes fuzzy — on the Park issues, the Wednesday night presentations put the problem in straightforward terms that could be quickly addressed.

The Board's basic concerns, as expressed by President Richard Krumbein, remain — Is the park affordable, within the financial constraints of a limited SHHA membership? Are the majority of the residents in favor of a significant recurring financial commitment to it? If the latter is the case, what will the costs be? After the tank installation, what will Sandia Properties' contribution be to the restoration of the park?

and some neighborhood team effort, make it a whole lot better.

"In just a couple of weeks, I've signed up over 40 residents who are prepared to contribute time, effort and money to this project, and I'm sure there's a lot more out there. I would also see it is a unifying program which would bring the Sandia Heights community closer together and increase substantially the membership in the Homeowners Association. The annual fees are less than many other like communities and, with increased membership, there would be funding for this and other desirable improvements. We need to stand up as a group and take the responsibility for maintaining and improving the quality of life in this unique and highly desirable Albuquerque community."

In concluding his remarks, Morando asked the Board to take an interim decision to

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Roundhouse Report

We are now in the legislative period known as "the interim". During the summer and fall months (ie. June through October), several interim committees meet regularly around the state to discuss issues ranging from crime, parole, incarceration to taxation, revenue stabilization to integrated resource planning, retail wheeling of electricity. Comprised of both voting members and advisory members from the House of Representatives and the Senate, these committees are the result of statutory creation or were organized by direction of the Legislative Council, which oversees all legislative activity. A sampling of some of these committees follow. Individuals interested in attending any meeting should first call the Legislative Council Service (505)986-4600 for current meeting information. The next scheduled meeting date is indicated (subject to change).

Border Development Committee
Capital Outlay Committee
Roswell
September 19-20
Courts, Corrections & Criminal Justice Committee
DWI Oversight Committee
Clovis
September 15-16
Government Ethics Oversight Committee
Health Care Task Force
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Legislative Education Study Committee
Roswell
Santa Fe
September 26-27
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Integrated Resource Planning Committee
Roswell
September 7-8
Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee
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September 22-23
Revenue Stabilization & Tax-Committee
Ruidoso
August 15-17

These interim committees very often produce recommendations for legislation in the next session and dedicate some time collecting expert testimony on a range of issues. A new committee of particular importance to New Mexico is the "New Mexico Horizons Task Force". The principal objective of this group is that of developing a multi-year strategic plan for the state, that the legislature and executive branch can follow on a cooperative basis, and one that will yield much more efficiency and effectiveness in state government than is currently the case.

TAX REVENUE UPDATE

The Department of Finance and Administration recently issued its April report on the state's general fund. Some highlights follow:

Gross Receipts Tax ("GRT")

In April, \$50.1 million in GRT revenues were collected and transferred to the general fund, for a fiscal year-to-date total of \$708.9 million. (New Mexico's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th). Adding GRT revenues collected from governmental sources, compensating tax sources (ie. out of state) and "selective tax sources (ie. tobacco, alcohol, motor vehicle excise taxes, diesel and gasoline taxes), total revenues collected in April from all GRT was \$67.1 million, or year-to-date \$900.1 million. At this time last fiscal year, we had collected \$811.8 million. Thus, year-to-date, GRT collections are up over last year by 10.9%.

Income Taxes ("IT")

Personal income tax collections in April accounted for \$38.5 million, or \$389.1 million year-to-date. This is up 13.3% over the same time last year. Personal IT "final settlements" for April added another \$84.8 million, bringing year-to-date personal IT revenues to \$548.6 million, up 4.8% over last year. Accounting for certain transfers, and adding in corporate IT revenues, the latter of which is up over last year by 24.4%, total revenues collected from state income tax in April topped \$139.9 million, or \$546.4 million year-to-date — up 13.3% over last year.

Other Tax Revenues and State Earnings

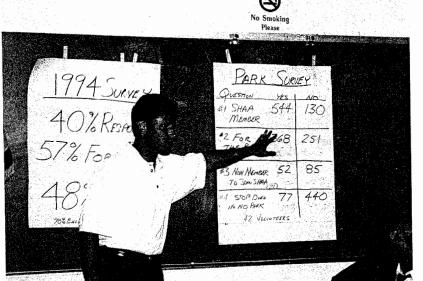
Adding license fees and severance tax revenues to the above, total tax revenues collected in April were \$220.4 million, or \$1.583 billion year-to-date — a 12.3% increase in tax revenue collections over last year. In addition, New Mexico collects revenues from interest earnings in the Permanent Fund and Severance Tax Fund receipts. Adding these to taxes collected, total revenues to the state in April amounted to \$262 million, or, year-to-date, \$2.030 billion, up 10.3% over the last fiscal year.

The legislature will be advised of the level of "surplus" revenues (ie. over-collected taxes) after the books close, as of June 30, 1994. Additionally, prediction of revenue availability for FY95 will be forthcoming. These estimates should be available by September. Undoubtedly, a surplus of "recurring revenues" will top \$400 million. There will, likewise, exist a surplus in "non-recurring revenues".

Tom Wray State Senator

Kip Nicely State Representative District 31 Mark Caruso

SHHA Board Briefing On Results of Ad Hoc Survey



Bob Morando, leader of an ad-hoc committee to keep the Sandia Heights Park in the community, explains the results of an informal survey his volunteer group had undertaken, to attempt to assess the community's support for this park, or an alternative plan. The survey, at press time, had not been fully returned, but the trend, as seen in the box below, appeared to show substantial support for a park.

Informal Survey Suggests Majority In Favor of Park Retention

Compiled by Bob Morando — Ad Hoc Park Committee Leader

At the June 4 Annual General Meeting of the SHHA, several members of the Association volunteered to gather input from the community at large and see what alternatives were available for continuing the existing park or evaluating other alternatives. The following data (results incomplete at press time) is derived from a July survey which solicited input to the decision of whether or not to continue the current Sandia Heights Park.

The survey was mailed to all residents, members and non members of the SHHA.

The data represents 70% of the returned reponses.

Of the returned responses, this represents a 48% response rate.

QUESTION	YES	%	NO	%
#1 - Current SHHA Member	544	(81)	130	(19)
#2 - For the existing Park	368	(60)	251	(40)
#3 - Would join as member	52	(38)	85	(62)
#4 - Stop paying dues if no park	77	(15)	440	(85)

Of the 52 who said they would join, 27 put their name and address

42 people volunteered to save the park by name and address.

Many cards supported continuing their membership in the SHHA regardless of the park, but questioned whether their dues would be reduced or how the money saved would be spent.

Overall the data suggests that there is a majority who favor continuing this current park. After meeting with Sandia Properties, we found that they were very encouraging about the potential for working with us to minimize the damage due to construction and at least repair the park to its current condition at their expense.

Our committee would like to thank the Board for allowing us to gather and present this information, the cooperation of Sandia Properties and the community for responding to the survey.

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Form a committee to negotiate with Sandia Properties to maintain the Park status (this has been done).

Water the park immediately to prevent

further damage to the grass (also to be done).

Bob Murphy made it clear that his development company was there for the long haul and always has been. "I've been a resident here for 22 years," he said, "I think it's a beautiful community, and we're proud of it. Our vision of the future is the same as the SHHA — to maintain the quality of life here and to improve it where we can."

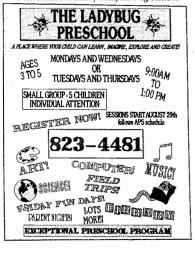
He pointed out that the Sandia Properties contract with the Sandia Pueblo leases the land for the construction of a reservoir and the time had arrived when that water system had to be installed.

Although no specific future arrangements had been worked out with the Pueblo, he was optimistic that the coexistence of a park with the reservoir would be acceptable. "I'm not here to tell the SHHA what to do." he said. "I'm here to ask them what they'd like to do and to try and work out the best arrangements between us, should the decision to keep the park be taken. We want to help, both as fellow residents, and as a company. Anything that benefits this community, benefits us. We are prepared, subject to formal negotiations taking place, to spend the extra \$50,000 to imbed the tank into the hillside, leaving the avail-able park area only slightly less than it currently occupies. The tank will be as unobtrusive as possible and painted to blend with the natural surroundings. We will also refurbish the park area, including the sprinkler system, to restore it to at least its current condition, after the water system work has been completed."

In order to justify this financial commitment, Murphy pointed out that it would be necessary to come to a reasonably long-term agreement with SHHA (say 10-15 years) that they would maintain the park facility.

A motion by Board member Robin Dozier Otten was carried to the effect that SHHA would reopen negotiations with Sandia Properties to precisely understand the terms of the new lease, be-fore making a final decision on a commitment to it. Board member Toni Seidel was appointed as Chair of a Parks Committee to specifically explore these park options and report to the Board. Bob Morando, with the advice of his volunteer mem bers group, would support her in this work.

Richard Krumbein reinforced the point that the SHHA Board had long supported the Park and remained strongly in favor of its existence. "It's still a question of affordability, " he told the Board. "We welcome both the initiatives of Bob Morando and the willingness of Bob Murphy and Sandia Properties to work with us on this and hope that we can reach a mutually acceptable agreement."



LETTERS

Letters to the Editor are accepted on any subject relevant to life in Sandia Heights. Unsigned letters will not be published, although the name may be witheld on request. THE GRIT reserves the right not to publish letters and may abridge letters due to space requirements, but will make every effort to retain the substance of the communication.

Sandia Heights Park Closure

Dear Editor

I am very sorry that the Sandia Heights Park will close. My children will miss it. Besides being quiet and private, there were no busy streets surrounding it, nor any unfenced arroyos found in so many city parks — clearly a hazard for very active young children. The site on Tramway Blvd and San Bernardino is not to my liking — too noisy and too close to high speed

Although the SHHA has a point in not wanting to continue supporting the park, perhaps alternative methods can be found to save it. Hence, let the new grassroots do what it can. They do not need "authorization" to conduct any poll — that is a constitutional right. I hope the SHHA will give its blessing to this effort and that the committee will, in turn, report their findings to the Homeowners Association and the rest of the community. (Ed. Note — see lead stories).

Sincerely

Marilyn Savitt-Kring 2732 Tramway Circle NE

Head-On Crash on Marigold

Dear Editor

"It can't happen here", I might have said, "not on out-of-the-way, quiet Marigold Drive in Sandia Heights. Surely no one could have a head on collision here — of all places." I could have said that, but I would have been wrong! Fortunately, I was not dead wrong, because there were no fatalities nor even apparently serious injuries when a young teenager drove his pick-up on the wrong side of the street and into the front of a van driven by a young mother, with her son as passenger. Thanks to seat belts in use in both vehicles plus an air bag in the van, everyone walked away from what could have been a fatal accident — right in front of my home on "quiet Marigold Drive".

I recount this sordid tale to make a point ... it's time we took back our streets with respect for safety. Our passive and permissive reaction to speeders and reckless drivers has only served to fuel their disregard for public safety.

Specifically, I am appealing to the SHHA Board of Directors to reinstate the former standing committee on Roads and Safety. I would hope this committee might actively pursue the review and updating of our road signage with respect to blind curves and hills and the ridiculous 15 MPH signs which should read at least 25 MPH. Also, we should pursue center-line striping for all our roads to encourage drivers to keep to the right. Moreover, I request all residents to get involved in arresting blatant speeding infractions by gesturing speeding drivers to slow down, reporting their license numbers, and even following them to their residences to get our point across ... Your driving freedom ends where our safety begins!

Must we wait until a child is killed or drivers lose their lives? I hope not. Like any other safeguard in civilized society, it will become effective only if all of us care enough.

Sincerely

Rod Stewart 1133 Marigold Drive

New Membership Drive Begins

Michael Gross To Head Aggressive SHHA Campaign

"The time has come for all Sandia Heights homeowners to join their homeowners association and make a viable commitment to their community."

These words were spoken at the June SHHA Board meeting and led the Board to create a new committee dedicated to increasing the membership of the SHHA. Currently, only 61% of Sandia Heights homeowners are members. The remainder of the homeowners benefit from the activities of the Association but pay no monthly dues. This inequity has handicapped the efforts of the Association to preserve the Sandia Heights Park and has limited the overall effectiveness of the Association. The SHHA Board has appointed Michael Gross, a fourteen-year Association member, Chairman of the new membership committee. The primary goal of the committee will be to increase the membership and makeSHHA stronger.

Michael has lived in Sandia Heights for fourteen years. He is a trial lawyer and a shareholder in Dines, Wilson & Gross P.C. He has been active in covenant control



Michael Gross

and development efforts in the community.

"I believe that a full membership in SHHA is critical to the future of the community. If all homeowners join SHHA, it will dramatically change the political and financial effectiveness of the Association. It is vital tha

"SHHA provides a number of very important community services, including government liaison, new development overview, covenant control, architectural review for new construction, and publishes THE GRIT and the annual RESIDENT'S DIRECTORY. These activities will improve dramatically and have more teeth as membership increases."

Starting 1 September, 1994 a new membership drive will be launched. If you are not now a member — it's very easy to join, just call Evelyn Patten at 296-1412 and tell her to sign you up. The \$3.50 per month fee will be included in your monthly utilities bill. If you are a member — talk to your neighbors and bring them on board.

If you want to participate in the membership drive as a recruiter and organizer, please call Michael Gross at 856-7445 (home). He will welcome your help.



Covenant Support Report

By Jim Nachhar - SHHA Covenant Support Chair

SHHA has sent 15 legal letters to chronic covenant violators since early June. This has resulted in the resolution of several long-standing violations. The Covenant Support Committee will soon do a follow-up inspection and make recommendations to the SHHA Board at the August meeting for enforcement of the covenants in court.

The SHHA Board understands that covenant support and prservation of the unique character of our neighborhood are among the most important concerns of our members. We will devote whatever resources are necessary to enforce the covenants. SHHA members with concerns about violations should send written, signed complaints to the SHHA Executive Assistant, Evelyn Patten, POB 20021, Albuquerque NM 87154-0021.

A warm welcome to the Covenant Enforcement Committee to Ed Mehne, Paul Stevens, and Don Hooper. We need your help.



Drainage Questions Answered

By Toni Seidel - SHHA Architectural Review Committee Chair

We have received a lot of questions recently concerning drainage studies and why we require them as part of your submittal to the Architectural Review Committee. A drainage study done by a qualified engineer is a county law, not a Sandia Heights requirement. However, we do require an approved study as part of your submission so that we have the most complete set of information possible.

One of the most often asked questions at a neighborhood review is . . . "Why does the house have to be so high on the lot?" Often, the drainage study provides the answer to that question. Many of the lots left in Sandia Heights are extremely difficult to build on and provide lots of challenges. The last lot developed in an area is faced with the additional challenge of the surrounding houses and the site constraints. The solution to this problem seldom pleases everybody.

I would also like to address the question of drainage on existing house sites. If you are having a drainage problem on your site and are trying to correct it remember, whatever you do may affect your neighbor. The general rule of thumb is that you may do whatever The general rule of thumb is that you may do whatever you want on your own lot, however you cannot change the flow as it exits your lot. If the problem exists along a property line, both parties must agree to the solution. The best thing to do when you have a question concerning arroyos is to call Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority (AMFCA) at 884-2215. This is the group that oversees all of the arroyos in this area and can best answer your questions.

I hope I have answered a few of your questions concerning the Architectural Review Committee. If not, please feel free to call me.

New Developments Committee Signs Up More Reinforcements

By Bob Kemble - SHHA New Development Committee

With the election of eleven new board members at the Annual General Meeting in June, the New Development Committee has been increased from three to six members. Those are welcome reinforcements for a small team tracking a wide range of projects and community interests while also seeking to interface more effectively with government entities and with neighboring homeowners associations. You can help too. If you are not yet a member of SHHA, join, and add your constructive ideas.

At their organization meeting on June 23rd, the Albuquerque District 8 Coalition of Neighborhoods Abdulerque District of Coalition of Registrointovices approved (with both ours and Councilwoman Lattimore's endorsement) an amendment which invites SHHA to participate as a non-voting Associate Member. The coalition includes some twenty neighborhood associations. We look forward to working with them on matters of mutual interest. These will include future developments of, and traffic control on Tramway and Paseo del Norte; water sewerage and drainage issues; the impact of the High Desert development, which is in District 8; and other matters.

For other important news on the New Develop Committee's slate, please read Ann Yegge's article on the Paseo del Norte study elesewhere in this issue.



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Paseo del Norte Highway/Freeway Options

UTPPB To Contract Study on Alternative Routes — I-25 to Tramway Upgrade Reviewed

By Ann Yegge - New Development Committee

The Urban Transportation Planning & Policy Board (UTPPB) of the middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG) has recently been considering actions relative to Paseo del Norte which could ultimately have great impact on the Sandia Heights community. The New Development committee has been closely monitoring these deliberations on behalf of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and has also made contact with the newly formed District 8 Coalition which consists of neighborhood associations in City Council District 8 (these are located to the south and east of Sandia Heights), so that we can coordinate our positions on issues of mutual concern such as Paseo del Norte.

UTPPB, in 1986, adopted little known resolutions specifying access points on Paseo del Norte and requesting the City, County, and State Highway Department to acquire the necessary right-of-way to accommodate a "future freeway-type facility in the Paseo del Norte Corridor between Paseo del Volcan and Tramway Boulevard." In May and June of this year, the UTPPB considered a resolution which would have mandated a study to consider the "... feasibility of constructing Paseo del Norte from Paseo del Volcan to Tramway Boulevard as a controlled access, freeway-type facility in its ultimate construction." and the access points to Paseo del Norte which included full interchanges at Tramway Boulevard, Eubank, Ventura, Wyoming between I-25 and Tramway and a freeway to freeway to freeway interchange at I-25. Upon learning of the issue.

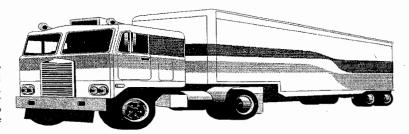
at Tramway Boulevard, Eubank, Ventura, Wyoming between I-25 sand Tramway and a freeway to freeway interchange at I-25. Upon learning of the issue, members of the New Development Committee spoke with elected officials, city and county staff and other affected neighborhood associations.

"We also noted concerns that the upgrading of Paseo del Norte to freeway status could logically suggest a similar upgrading of Tramway Boulevard to freeway status, with the potential to become a (truck and car) bypass between I-40 and I-25."

County Commissioner Barbara Seward shared the ttee's concerns relative to the feasibility and desirability of Paseo del Norte potentially becoming a freeway. She drafted a substitute resolution which replaces references to Paseo del Norte as a freeway with the same designation as Tramway Boulevard, and changes the interchanges to urban design interchanges. Commissioner Seward also added changes, at our request, which would direct responsible agencies to continue with current plans and activities leading to the

Members of the committee, as well as other Board and association members attended the July 12 UTPPB meeting to demonstrate Sandia Heights' interest in this important traffic issue. Our testimony was directed to the current need for Paseo del Norte expansion, concern that progress toward that end continue and support for the substitute bill as far preferable to the support for the substitute bill as far preferable to the original bill. We also noted concerns that the upgrading of Paseo del Norte to freeway status could logically suggest a similar upgrading of Tramway Boulevard to freeway status, with the potential to

After considerable discussion and minor amendment, Commissioner Seward's bill was passed and activities will now begin toward a study of Paseo del Norte between Wyoming and 2nd Street, with particular emphasis on the Interchange at I-25. Both of the resolutions considered require coordination with property owners and neighborhoods — a requirement for federal funding. The New Development Committee will continue to monitor this issue and provide additional information as it becomes available.





From the Desk of Barbara Seward

By Barbara Seward — County Commissioner, District 4

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, I will be out of state and unable to attend.

You might be interested in hearing about some of our ongoing initiatives . .

We are close to selecting a site for the Sheriff's Command Center. The funding should be available in late summer or early autumn. We will be positioned to go out with an RFP (Request for Proposal) for design as soon as we receive the money from the state. It is my desire to have a representative from Sandia Heights and one from North Albuquerque Acres serve on the design team. Once again, we are most grateful to Senator Wray and Senator Paster for all their help in making this dream a reality.

Parks are very much a concern in our area. I only wish this office had the authority to preserve the existing park, but that is not the case, since the current lease agreement is between the Sandia Pueblo and the developers. Checking our balance in the county parks, we are getting close to having enough money to develop a small park if we don't have to expend a great deal of money to purchase a site. We are now speaking with APS about the possibility of developing a park adjacent to the new elementary school [Eagle Rock & Lowell]...

When Tramway Blvd enters Phase three, two contracts will be let: one will be for sidewalks and irrigation systems, and the second will be for landscaping. At that time, the trailhead park at San Bernardino will be developed. This is a unique situation in that county public works will develop the park and federal funds will be involved. The County Parks and Recreation Department will maintain the park, once it is developed.

We have money budgeted for two soccer fields; however we are having an extremely difficult time locating a site. It seems that everyone is anxious for fields to be developed but no one wants them near their home.

We view the new elementary school as an opportunity to maximize our available dollars. In addition to the dialog concerning a possible park, we are also talking about increasing [using county funds] the cafeteria to full gymnasium size The County would contribute funds and we could run before and after school programs in the "cafetorium".

Another idea being discussed is placing in the school a computer terminal linked to the main library. Our area residents could make selections, place an order and the books would be delivered to the school the next day. The City and County library administration is enthusiastic about this idea.

Please feel free to call my office with your concerns and

New Local Elementary School To Start Construction Soon

by Marilyn Savitt-Kring

Ground-breaking for the new elementary school at Lowell and Eagle Rock (about 3/4 mile west of Tramway Blvd) will likely begin this Fall, an APS spokesman said. Although completion is expected by January, 1996, the school may not become operational until the following Fall.

The first phase will contain a permanent core facility and portable classrooms designed to hold 500-600 students. Phase II will require an additional bond issue for it to be built. If passed, permanent classrooms will replace the portables and the capacity will be increased to 750 students. The election is scheduled for February, 1995. There will be three 1/2-day kindergarten classes which will be housed in the core facility. The other grades will be initially placed in the partables.

A "cafetorium" is also expected to be built which will allow for expanded programs such as before and after school care for working parents. The county will help finance this project. Other activities may be implemented depending on the principal and the needs of the region.

A water tank will be built at the lower end of the site to provide fire protection. This structure is necessary because the gallons-per-minute rate required by city code cannot be met by Alvarado Realty Co, who will be providing the rest of the school's water needs. The tank will be low profile, blending in with the environment.

Oakland Avenue, which presently cuts through the site, will dead-end at the western end of the school grounds. A *cul-de-sac* will be constructed in its place. Streets will be paved to allow for the increased traffic and school buses.

Boundaries have not been determined, although the new school is expected to relieve Georgia O'Keefe, Hubert Humphrey, and Dennis Chavez elementary schools.

The school has not yet been named.

Public meetings will be announced, and committees will be formed representing various groups, so interested persons will be able to participate in the decision making process.

Sandia Heights Security Patrol Responses Jan - June, 1994

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER
Alarms	446
Motorist assist	82
Breaking & entering	4
Attempted breaking & entering	4
Construction site burglary	3
Suspicious vehicle	178
Suspicious person	60
Animal control assist	5
Lost &/or found pet	5
Snake	12
Family dispute	6
Neighbor dispute	5
Loud/disruptive party	6
Fireworks complaint	6
Vandalism (general)	35
Vandalism (mailbox)	66
Speeding vehicle	10
Unusual special request	73
Salesman problems	42
Phone problems	5
Car accident	18
Fire	
Rescue	35
Utility company assist	
Construction sites	9
Vacant houses (for sale, etc.)	
Specials (extra patrols or obser	
Homeowners on vacation	

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Road Safety Becoming a Problem In "Quiet" Sandia Heights

By Dick Stumph — SHHA Communications Chair

In today's fast-moving society the news media is constantly reminding us of the motor vehicle related accidents, along with the resulting injuries and fatalities that are occurring every day. Our first reaction is normally that it won't happen to me — it always happens to the other person. Not so!! Most of our accidents happen within a very few miles of where we live. Case in point, is the accident referred to in Rod Stewart's letter on Page 4 of this issue. How close can we come?

Our roads in Sandia Heights are beautiful and blend environmentally; however, they can also be hazardous if we are not adhering to the traffic regulations and diving defensively at all times

Year to date through June, we have experienced a total of 18 motor vehicle accidents in Sandia Heights, compared with 24 for all of 1993 and 27 for all of 1992. This alarming trend should be of great concern to all of us in Sandia Heights. Accidents do not just happen, they are usually the result of a human error or a traffic violation. The human factor, not the mechanical failure, is by far the leading contributor to the root cause of most motor vehicle accidents.

Construction activity has been extremely high in Sandia Heights during the past few years, which obviously places more vehicles on our roads and presents a higher probability of traffic incidents. This is all the more reason to stamp out traffic violations and to practice defensive driving techniques at all times.

When you stop to consider, it is a small wonder that we do not have more serious accidents in Sandia Heights than we currently experience. Reflect back for a few minutes. How many times have you witnessed, or had somebody relate to you a first hand experience with some common traffic violation in Sandia Heights? You probably won't have to reflect very long!! Maybe some of these violations will sound familiar:

- Failure to come to a complete stop at stop
- sing other vehicles on blind curves or hills. Driving on the left of center, even when

visibility is restricted.

- Stopping on hills or curves in the middle of the road sightseeing
- Passing on double yellow lines (Tramway
- Running through red traffic signals after they
- have changed from caution.

 Failure to stop at the three-way stop at Tramway Blvd and Tramway Rd.

How often have you notice done or more of the above in the past month when you have been out and about in Sandia Heights? Perhaps you are a little bit guilty? . . . Maybe a close family member? A neighbor? A

complete stranger?

Chances are you can have an influence on someone. If the opportunity presents itself, please take the appropriate action for the safety of all Sandia Heights residents. The roads here do indeed present some driving hazards. We must all drive defensively and adhere to traffic regulations, influence directly those folks that you can and finally report violations to the folks that you can, and finally report violations to the Sheriff's Department.

With the new Board of Directors for SHHA now installed, a Traffic & Road Safety/Security Subcommittee, chaired by Bob Kemble, has been appointed. Hopefully, they will be able to address some of those traffic safety issues in Sandia Heights. However, they cannot do the job alone. It will take the participation of each and every Sandia Heights resident to achieve the degree of traffic and road safety that we all want in our community and owe our children.

Some other thought starters to improve traffic and road safety include:

- Yellow road center lines should be painted or repainted throughout Sandia Heights.

Replace the three-way stop with a traffic signal light at the intersection of Tramway Blvd and Tramway Rd. Currently, no plans exist, or no money is available to install a traffic light at this very dangerous intersection even after all of the road work that has been going on for the past two years.







New SHHA Board Members

Please welcome the following new and reelected members of the Sandia Homeowners Association Board. They were elected at the 4 June, 1994 Annual General Meeting and will serve for a period of three years. Specific committee and office assignments can be found on Page 6.

Linda Caldwell — 234 Spring Creek Lane, Graduate of Columbia College and the University of New Mexico. Formerly a teacher at Rio Grande High School, now a full-time real estate agent with 15 years selling Sandia Heights properties (G.R.L., C.R.S.) and a broker associate with Metro 100 Realtors. Chairman of the Board Award — Executive Club Award — Presidents Club for Outstanding Achievement.

Duke Colket — 1523 Eagle Ridge. Duke and his wife, Pat, have just moved into their new home, although they have lived in Albuquerque for 15 years. In 1987, Duke retired from the US Army, after serving more than 30 years. He received a B.S. from Colorado State University. He is active in church activities, is a board member and past president of a time-share condo association in Colorado and trustee of the Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs. He is anxious to ensure that the quality of life is maintained in Sandia Heights.

Robin Dozier Otten (Re-election) — 64 Pinon Hill Place. Robin earned both her bachelors and law degrees from the University of New Mexico. She is currently practicing law with Otten and Vogel in the areas of general real estate and business. Robin has also worked as an associate attorney with Johnson and Lanphere and as Vice President of Southwest Mortgage Company. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of New Mexico, and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Albuquerque Bar Association. Robin is also a current member of the Planning Council for the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.

Ben Feallock (Re-election) — 785-3 Tramway Lane. Two-year resident of Sandia Heights. Five-year resident of Albuquerque. Current SHHA Director (1½-years). Before retirement, an environmental psychologist, faculty member at Ohio University and consultant to builders and developers of residential housing. Now an avid cyclist and cycling activist, computer photogrsaphics hobbyist, outdoor adventurer and traveler, enjoying the quality of life in Sandia Heights immensely. Single, with grown children who envy his lifestyle.

Jane Goins — 1111 San Rafael . Two daughters, one working in Colorado, another a student at the University of Oklahoma. Works part time for the Albuquerque Public Schools at Apache Elementary School and does volunteer work at the Albuquerque Children's Museum. With husband, James, likes camping, hiking and exploring the State of New Mexico. A fan of the Dukes and Lobos.

Michael Gross — 725-6 Tramway Vista Loop. Michael and his wife Kathryn have lived in Sandia Heights for 14 years. He is a trial lawyer and a shareholder in Dines, Wilson, and Gross, P.C. Has been very active in covenant control and development efforts in the community.

Don Hooper — 2886 Tramway Place. Don has been a Sandia Heights resident with wife, Janice, since July, 1993. They have two sons in out-of-state graduate schools. He is a retired civil engineer, holder of B.S. and M.S., degrees from University of California (Berkeley). He was employed for 33 years by Kaiser Engineers, Inc. (Oakland, CA) and involved in project management of hydroelectric developments with overseas assignments in London, West Africa, Brazil and Chile. Most recently resident of Albany, California. U.S. Army service in Germany 1956/57. Major activities include tennis, golf, gardening and some consulting. Age 60.

Ed Mehne - 2863 Transway Ct. Ed was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Houghton College (NY) and Temple University and has had a career as a General Surgeon. He is now semi-retired and affiliated with the Lovelace Group. Ed and his wife, Natalie, have lived in the Southwest for 25 years ... in Albuqueque for the past five years. They have two married children and four grandchildren.

Doug Nielsen — 2772 Wolfberry. Retired thirty-six-year Air Force civilian, and resident of Albuquerque since 1991. Two years in Sandia Heights. Trained as an engineer but worked mostly in the operations research field. He is an avid photographer and regular participant in local camera club activities. Wife, Barbara, is outgoing president of the Albuquerque Newcomers Club and is active as a Zoo Docent and in the Albuquerque Aquarium Association. The Nielsen's have three children ... one in Los Angeles, one in Hawaii, and one in Paris.

Arlene Riddiford —2310 Calle de Rafael NE. Moved to Albuquerque in 1991 from St Louis, where she was the Administrative Assistant for the Sisters of Mercy Health System. With husband, Denis, moved to Sandia Heights in November, 1993. Two grown children, three step-children and one grandson. Hobbies are cooking, gardening, reading, and traveling.

Paul Stephens — 2712 Tramway Ct. Retired from U.S. Government service eight years ago, and has been involved in sales, real estate, and purchasing in the Government and the Armed Forces. He and his wife, Naomi, have traveled most of the United States but find Albuquerque ideal.

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The SHHA needs strength. This strength comes from a united community and full membership.

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Our Community — Coming Together -**Working For You**

By Janey Brink — SHHA Vice President

The Sandia Heights community is made up of some very talented, creative, committed and caring people. Many have worked over the years to bring this community to where it is today and are still committed and caring people.

The Board of Sandia Heights Homeowners Association is made up of those special volunteers who are giving that little extra to their community. The Sandia Heights community enjoyed a quiet and managed growth through the 70's . . . a steady, deliberate growth in the 80's . . . and the 90's will bring growth to this community that is in support of the original vision of Sandia Heights.

The issues that were facing the volunteer Board in the 1970's were sometimes as simple as communicating to the members with mimeographed copies of THE GRIT hand delivered, to snow removal for homes that were snowbound and creation of a grassed area for use as a park...

The 1980's was a period of transition for the volunteer Board. It involved keeping up with the growing and changing community. The Board assumed more responsibility for Architectural Review and Covenant Enforcement, legal issues involving water rates, and working with the county on Tramway landscaping. It meant find-ing solutions for the current and future park, safety issues, and the contracting for administrative assis-tance to serve the Sandia Heights Community and

The common denominator that the Sandia Heights community has always enjoyed is that of a *volunteer* Board, willing to make a commitment to work hard and willing to respond to the needs of the commu-

The 1990's will continue with some old issues that still need to be solved, such as finding adequate park space and the *volunteer* Board will prepare for the new problems that will surface in the future. Our cominity will always need good people to get involved willing to give of their time and talent.

The members elected to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Board are serving three-

year terms and are all given assignments to serve their community. When assistance is needed, call your district representative or look up the right director by committee assignment are for special interest questions. These assignments are carried quarterly in *THE*

The volunteer Board is elected at the annual SHHA meeting in June. Excepting resignations, this means that normally one third of the Board is new, and twothirds are part way through their terms. Board training is very important. All Board members will attend a SHHA Board seminar on Thursday, August 25, from 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM. Any interested SHHA members are invited to attend and learn something about your community. Each SHHA Board members is provided with information, specific to the district in which they reside and a general overview of Sandia Heights.

If a volunteer Board member is unable to answer your question, then the SHHA Administrative Assistant, Evelyn Patten will assist you with finding an answer

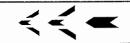
or solution for whatever question you may have. Our goal is to support each other and to work together as a *TEAM*. Our SHHA membership is why we are able to survive and work towards effective solutions.

The reasons why this community is so desirable is The reasons why this community is so desirable is because so many have come together for the good of that community. We ask that you all find a reason to be proud of where you live and be proud of your membership support. If you are not now a member, we would welcome you with open arms at any time. If you are a member, spread the word among your neighbors. We need the strength of numbers to conneighbors. We need the strength of numbers to continue to succeed in bringing this community to even higher standards than we now enjoy.

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A View From the Ranger's Office

By District Ranger Floyd Thompson

It has been a hot, busy summer thus far. I thank you for your patience and cooperation with our necessary fire restrictions. Our crews have been guite extended and every ounce of help from you makes our job of protecting this mountain easier.

Our agency is deeply involved in an intensive effort of reinventing itself to be more efficient and effective in managing this vast domain of our National Forests and Grasslands. The unifying theme continues to be a strong commitment to ecosystem management focused on maintaining or restoring healthy forest communi-

We are starting to get our picnic areas open that have been under construction or rehabilitation contracts. We hope you like their facelifts and would enjoy hearing your first impressions.

We recently opened Doc Long except for the area where two shelters are under construction. The shelters will be available for the daily reservation cost of \$60 on Saturday-Sunday and \$40 Monday-Friday. Use on the rest of the site is still free. The site now has three composting toilets, new picnic tables and grills and a redesigned site complete with an Information Host Pad. Say hello to our Host, Chuck, when you're there. Another innovation we've done in Doc Long is the use of solar power technology on the site.

We expect that Balsam Glade will be open by the end of August. This site will also have a shelter available for reservation for the same prices as Doc Long. Use of the rest of the site will be free. There will also be new tables and grills and two composting toilets.

Upper Las Huertas is now open as well. We are still having problems with the toilets but expect to correct this problem by the end of July. This area boasts a new group shelter that's available for reservations. Be sure to check out the scenic boardwalk over Las Heurtas Creek while you're enjoying your picnic outing.

Cienaga Picnic Area will be closed late this summer

If you wish to reserve a shelter or group area, call Carly at 281-3304. All groups over 30 people require a permit.

Trails

fecelote Trail has been started, with special efforts from New Mexico volunteers. It should be completed before September 30.

Numerous volunteers (Adopt-a-Trail and Wilderness Information Specialists) are doing putting gargantuan efforts into completing the accessible ramp for the Crest Nature Trail. Our short term goal is to have this trail completed to the geology overlook by season's end. This is part of an ambitious project with the Albuquer-que Kiwanis Club to upgrade facilities on the Crest, including the Crest Nature Trail and restoration of the Kiwanis cabin.

Final signing is imminent for the long-awaited trail easement crossing High Desert development east of the last leg of the Foothills Trail (#365) near Embudito Trailhead.

Interpretive Services

With the recent opening of the Sandia Crest Information outlet, we now have three centers offering pub-lic information and interpretive programs and services. Though not fully completed, the Sandia Crest outlet opened in June. The 4 Seasons is open and the Sandia Ranger Station outlet offers information along with a ety of books and maps.

Tijeras Pueblo

The Tijeras Pueblo activities are going strong. Week-end tours, Saturday noon-time talks and demonstrations, Jacturedy hoof-inter talks and definished tions, lectures, story telling and astronomy programs are among the fun happenings. Dana Howlett, who heads up interpretive services for Sandia District, has launched another exciting activity — a summer series of wildflower hikes — as part of an initiative to bring awareness and appreciation of the diversity and importance of plants, called *Celebrating Wildflow*-

The Human Dimension will continue to be a large part of our planning. We need you to let us know your needs in relation to the land we manage. Our final decision will reflect those needs as long as the environmental impacts can be minimized. Since we are in the process of revising our Forest Plan, the next two years will be very important for you to be in-volved. We will keep you informed about public meetings as they are scheduled. Just remember, that we cannot meet all of the needs of all of the people. The final decision still rests with us — the managers of the land.

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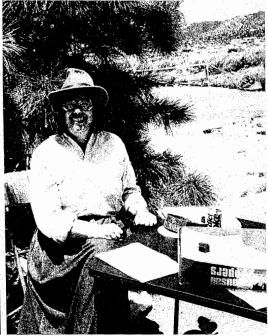
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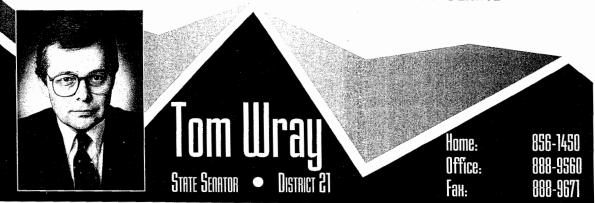
Spring Fling a Big Success — Carl Cooks — Ann Sells





The Spring Fling, held at Sandia Park on 14 May, was generally judged to have been the best so far. More than 300 people attended and had a great time. Above, Carl Bottenus, Circle K Corporation Manager for Albuquerque, cooks hamburgers supplied by his company, while some face painting goes on in the background. Above right, Ann Yegge, SHHA Treasurer waits for customers.

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The Story of Skip - A Navajo Sheepdog

By Janey Brink

The days in Sandia Heights are considered the best possible for members of the K-9 family. The early morning sun peaks over the Sandias and wakes up the slumbering pups of our household. Our small pups think they are big dogs and have even given a howl or two back to the wandering coyotes in the arroyos on a dark night.

Last November, a friend called with a sad story about a small puppy that had been run over. Her sister (who found the pup) was just looking for someone to give it a good home. Well . . . what is a family to do but quietly say "yes",

and hope the details will work out later. He had to be saved by the vet, recover in the vet hospital and then be brought home to be introduced to those he would come to know as his new family. His injury was severe.

now, because he comes from the Navajo — Dine — reservation where sheepherding is common.

His hips and back legs were run over and his first few steps in the foothills of the Sandias were very awkward. That is how he got his name...he had to skip.

Now he is able to run and jump onto Lookout Rock. He is either in constant motion or napping in a sunbeam with little Cloud and Tippy. They all live a wonderful life and our little puppy — Skip — has grown into what we think is part sheepdog. This only makes sense to us

My friend is so happy that our home became a home for Skip and his life is now secure. Her ability to save all the animals that need homes is limited, so I thought I could help by telling others about our Skip and if someone in Sandia Heights would like a future Skip in their home and we will match you with a very lucky dog from the Navajo reservation.

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Spring Fling A Success — Bazaar Next

By Barbara Bensonhaver — SHHA Community Services Chair

The annual SHHA Spring Fling was held on May 14th this year. This was earlier than in the past year, and seemed to be a convenient time for everyone. We had a record crowd of approximately 300 people. It was a memorable event with more activities for all ages. Special thanks to Circle K for not only providing most of the food, but also doing all of the cooking! Senator Tom Wray provided the remaining items. Thanks Tom! Evelyn Patten did a wonderful job of getting people signed in. Once again, Sandia Heights Academy painted faces, and the Fire and Sheriff departments were on hand to answer questions.

I would also like to thank my committee for helping to organize this fun-filled day: Jan Stumph, Dee Jelso, Charlotte Zeroff, Lorraine Viamonte, and Tom Wray. Also, thanks to those who helped during the day. Last, thanks to all the businesses which donated door prizes: The Tram, Yogis, County Line, The Outpost, Sandia Shadows, Subway, and Gardenswartz Sportz.



The annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be once again be held at Sandia Heights Academy. This proved to be a wonderful location last year. The bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 16, 1994, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We are looking for all Sandia Heights artists or crafters, whether you have joined us in the past or not. We will also have a bake sale table, if you are interested in participating in that way.

An organizational meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Bensonhaver, 9110 Lynx Loop, on Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30 PM. This is for all people interested in participating or helping. Helpers are needed for greeting, serving refreshments and general organization. Participants, old and new, are encouraged to attend. Any one who cannot attend this meeting, but is interested, please call me at 856-9110.

Of course, everyone is invited to attend the bazaar. Mark your calendars, tell your friends and relatives, and plan on shopping. As in the past, we'll have a wide assortment from which to choose. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget the neighborhood coffees! They occur year round and are attended by a wide variety of residents. Look for the Coffee Corner on Page 2 for the dates and locations.

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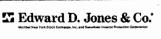
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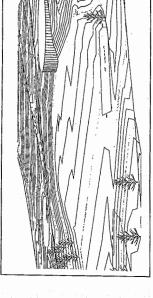
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The Park May Live

New Initiatives Keep Debate Running

In an often lively Board Meeting on Wednesday night, 13 July, 1994, presentations from Bob Morando, leader of an ad hoc park committee, and from Bob Murphy, President of Sandia Properties, reopened the issue of whether or not SHHA funds should continue to be used to fund the park. The debate, which was taped and later



Drainage Questions Answered New Developments Report

New Membership Drive

facilities among residents. The results of an informal survey were presented and Murphy made it clear that Sandia Properties would cooperate with the SHHA in a number of ways, should they decide to continue the park's maintenance. See inaired on Channel 13 News, focused on it's affordability versus the demand for its Tied very closely to the park issue, and many others, is the subject of increasing the membership in the SHHA well beyond the present 61% of all residences. This issue installed in the Northeast comer. Sandia Properties, who will develop the park land as a reservoir, has offered to imbed the tank in the NE comer and refurbish of THE GRIT is again being distributed to all residents to give the whole community an insight into some of the issues confronting Sandia Heights today, and to encourage active participation in confronting those issues. This Issue Distributed to All Residents Increased Membership Is Key to SHHA Strength An artist's rendition of the Sandia Heights Park after the water tank has been the park to at least its present condition, provided SHHA agrees to a maintenance/lease contract, yet to be negotiated 7 Commissioner Barbara Seward .. 7 13 7 Is in SH

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