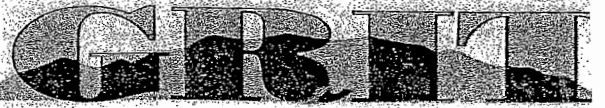




THE LITTLE



Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Little Grit

2003 Pre-Election Issue

SHHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JUNE 7th 10AM-NOON

WHERE: Church of the Good Shepherd (lower level meeting room) at north end of Tennyson. Take either San Rafael or Tramway Terrace west from Tramway, make a right onto Tennyson. Go to church at end.

WHY? First, we will vote on our new proposed Bylaws. If these are approved, we will conduct our election of new Directors according to their provisions. There are several changes: (1) in addition to candidates listed on the enclosed candidate sheet, nominations may be made from the floor if seconded by at least 20 members; (2) Renters will no longer be allowed to vote and multiple votes from those who own more than one property will not be allowed; (3) Absentee ballots will be allowed. (This is explained further inside this Little Grit). Just as a note, elections are community wide, and do not depend on the Unit or District you or the candidates live in.

Voting for Directors will occur next. Each candidate will be give several minutes to speak and answer questions.

We will listen to reports from the various SHHA Committees and Officers, hear presentations on the new Cedar Hill Park, and on City-County unification and how it may affect Sandia Heights.

Refreshments will be available, thanks to our Membership Services Committee.

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Edward I. Cohen – Unit 5

Ed is a full time realtor with the Vaughan Company Realtors, is owner of Sandia Realty and is a New Mexico Liquor License Broker. He is knowledgeable about City and County laws and understands property values. Ed was a former Block Captain for the Pueblo Alto Neighborhood. He has lived in Sandia Heights for five years, and is interested in contributing to the Parks, ACC or CSC committees.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

1. You may vote for up to 8 Directors. Write-in votes are not allowed and will be disregarded.
2. Ballots will be available at the SHHA office. You can pick up a ballot there, fill it out and deposit it in the ballot box once you register with the staff. This is necessary to determine that you have the right to vote and cannot vote twice. Names will be checked at the Annual Meeting.
3. All ballots **must be received by June 5th at 3 PM** to allow time to tabulate them on June 6th.
4. Do not mark any ballot with your signature.

WATER BILL RATE INCREASE

Residents will notice their water bills increase about 20% in their June billing. There have been no rate increases in the past 15 years, and this increase has been necessary to improve the water system infrastructure which is beginning to age. This rate increase and the reasons for it have been thoroughly discussed by the Board. Even with this rate increase, our water bills will still be less than those for Albuquerque, with the bonus that our water is of much higher quality (nearly zero arsenic).

NATURAL GAS AND COMCAST COMING TO NORTH SANDIA HTS?

Bob Francis, our President, has initiated inquiries into what is necessary to possibly bring both natural gas service and cable to North Sandia Heights. The process is a slow one as it involves Pueblo land and involves the Federal Government as well as the Pueblo and Utilities. At the present time it is not known whether this can be done or how long it would take, but at least the inquiries have been started.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON

Montessori education is coming to Quail Run Center, Tramway at San Rafael. The owners of Los Ninos Montessori and Old Orchard Montessori are opening Quail Run Montessori on August 1. The school will move into space vacated by Sandia Heights Academy.


Enrollment will be open to children from 6 weeks through kindergarten. The school will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Montessori is a teaching philosophy that allows children to develop at their own rate of interest and ability. This freedom to learn individually at the early ages, motivated by the child's own readiness for successful learning experiences, provides an excellent foundation for lifetime education.

Subjects will include science, geography, language arts, mathematics, computers, art, music, Spanish, dance and socialization skills. Montessori classrooms offer materials to enhance positive social exchange, communication skills, perceptual awareness, problem solving, motor coordination and an aesthetic appreciation of the arts.

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Announcement: The Board, in transitioning between the current and new Bylaws, has decided to pre-elect new officers who will assume office following the Annual Meeting. These will be:

President - Bob Francis (incumbent President)
VP - Ralph Rudolph (Board member)
Treasurer - Cheryl Iverson (past Asst. Treasurer)
Secretary - To be decided

Nominations for the Board of Directors, 2003

Please note that 8 new Directors are to be elected. There are 8 known declared candidates listed below. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor and may run if supported by at least 20 members. All candidates shall make a statement of their credentials and why they wish to serve on the Board. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected (including absentee ballots).

Kerney W. Bolton – Unit 4

Kerney is an architect engaged in residential design, a Master of Architecture graduate of UNM. He has been a resident of Sandia Heights since 1997. He is strongly interested in helping to update and unify Unit covenants to enhance their original intent while clarifying their content and improving their legal standing. He'd also like to work towards increasing safety and security.

James R. Erspamer – Unit 5

James recently retired as Vice President of Engineering at Honeywell Defense Avionics Systems, where he had major responsibilities in strategic planning, new business development, and supervision of over 1000 personnel at two sites. He offers strong leadership, planning and communication skills. He wishes to help the homeowners/Board to maintain the "quality of life" in Sandia Heights and to help represent Unit 5 owners. Jim has been a resident for 18 years.

Bob Francis – Unit 11

Bob worked for IBM, Memorex and Varian Associates and has an MBA. He retired in the late 90's and moved to Sandia Heights from Campbell, CA where he was deeply involved in many community and county affairs. As an example, he was Chairman of the city of Campbell Community Development Block Grant Committee. Bob is our incumbent President and wishes to continue serving Sandia Heights in that capacity for another year.

Frank Gilfeather – Unit 12

Professor Gilfeather is Interim Associate Vice Provost for Research at UNM, with responsibilities involving campus wide research initiatives and planning. He was Executive Director of High Performance Computing Education and Research Center, and has over 34 years experience in teaching mathematics and planning research, and has served on NRC, and NSF and advised DOD and DOE.

Anton (Tony) Salem – Unit 15

Tony retired in 1991 as a Vice President of McDermott International with responsibility for evaluating venture capital investments, managing of corporate planning, providing international perspective, negotiating licenses, and reviewing all product development plans. Prior to that he was Vice President of worldwide marketing, and is fluent in many languages including Spanish, Arabic, Portugese, Italian and Tagalog. He is a long-time resident of Sandia Heights and wishes to contribute to the community.

Mona Lee Schilling – Unit 25

Mona was the Agent-Owner of Carlos Alvarado Talent Agency, the oldest family-owned franchised agency. Her background is in journalism and creative writing. Mona was appointed to the Board in 2002 and has enjoyed being a member. She wishes to continue to serve in any capacity to help preserve the character and integrity of our unique area.

Heinz W. Schmitt – Unit 15

Heinz retired from Sandia National Laboratories in 1998, where he was responsible for managing large projects, strategic planning and personnel management. He also served on numerous industrial and technical society BOD's. He has served as a volunteer on the Covenant Support Committee and filled a BOD vacancy when that became available this past year, continuing to serve of the Covenant Support Committee and Membership Services Committees. He has been a resident for 14 years and wishes to continue to contribute to SHHA to help improve our unique environment and atmosphere.

Edward E. Whitten – Unit 3

Edward recently retired from Honeywell, where he was an Engineering Manager. He has previously served on the SHHA Board from 1990-1994 and was Vice President for a short time. He served as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and on covenants, membership, the Spring Fling, and Christmas Lights contests. He is quite concerned about National Forest access. He has been a resident for 21 years.

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*****UPCOMING EVENTS*****



The **Annual Garden Walk** is scheduled for Saturday June 14. The first garden on the walk is at the home of Don and Jan Hooper, 2886 Tramway Place. Information for all gardens on the walk will be available at this location. All residents of Sandia Heights are welcome to visit the gardens on the walk. Please remember that the homes are not open during the walk and to leave your pets at home.

The **Summer Field Trip** will be a guided tour featuring the wildflowers of Sandia Mountain. Final plans will be in place in July, but will be too late for the next issue of the Grit. All interested Sandia Heights residents are welcome to join the club members for this activity. Please contact Khondeh Payne at 797-4306 in July for starting point, date, and time.

To become a member, please send a check for the annual membership fee of \$8.00/person or \$10.00/couple payable to the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club to: Susan Cook, 1842 Tramway Terrace Loop NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122.