

THE GRANT

Sandia Homeowners Association

October-November 2003

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF DETACHED STRUCTURES ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS WITHIN SANDIA HEIGHTS

The overall intent of these guidelines is not to discourage the construction of detached structures, but rather to encourage structures that are in complete compliance with the covenants, are consistent with the style and color of the primary residence, and do not detract from the value of the residence or adjoining properties. Detached structures should come under the same scrutiny as walls or any other structure...do they infringe on any setbacks?; do they block any views?; do they present an unsightly view to a neighbor?; etc. Acceptable size will be dependent upon the size of the residential lot, the overall size of the primary residential building, and location on the lot of the detached building. Overbuilding ones lot has a detrimental impact upon immediate neighbors as well as the overall surrounding area.

LOCATION:

- Must comply with setbacks specified within applicable restrictive covenants
- Smaller buildings (storage shed size) should be located inside of a walled in or fenced in area or as close to the primary building as reasonably possible so that they are generally screened from the view of neighbors and local vehicular traffic

SIZE:

- Storage sheds of up to 10x12
- Garage/workshop/studios of up to 24 x 28; should not exceed 20% of the size (heated floor space) of the primary residential building
- Buildings larger than a double car garage size are discouraged

ELEVATION / ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

- Single level on concrete slab is strongly encouraged
- Overall height should not exceed the height of primary residence or 18 feet maximum
- Except for storage sheds, match existing primary residential building in style

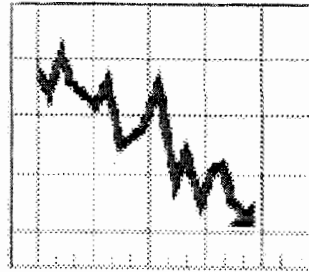
EXTERNAL FINISH AND COLOR:

- Finish and color must be compliant with applicable restrictive covenants
- Finish should be the same as or similar to/compatible with that of the primary residential building
- Highly reflective finishes will not be approved except for storage sheds completely screened from view
- Roofing material and color must be compliant with applicable restrictive covenants and should be similar to that contained on the primary residential building

INTERNAL FACILITIES:

- Most lots within Sandia Heights are specified as residential lots with the restriction that no structures shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any residential lot other than one detached single family dwelling and buildings related thereto. Based on the above, any outbuilding containing utilities and facilities which would suggest temporary or permanent residential use will be disapproved as not being compliant with the spirit and intent of the restrictive covenants. Half baths / mudrooms are acceptable. Kitchens facilities and tubs / showers are not.

Treasurers Report-Cheryl Iverson
CASH FLOW - August 2003



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ACC	\$305.00
Advertising	\$105.37
Members Dues	<u>\$11,470.75</u>
	\$11,881.12

EXPENSES

<u>Committee Expense</u>	
Communications	
Grit Mailing	\$335.98
Executive Committee	
Donation	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Committee Exp	<u>\$435.98</u>

Insurance - Liability (prop)	\$773.25
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Legal	
SHHA vs Cohn	\$1,232.13
Cohen vs. SHHA	<u>\$910.97</u>
Total Legal	<u>\$2,143.10</u>

Office Expense	
Appearance	\$49.74
Comcast	\$59.33
Computer Lease	\$105.22
Electricity	\$113.93
Misc	\$52.91
Office Lease	\$915.55
Postage Meter rental	\$121.42
Security	\$11.59
Supplies	\$354.95
Telephone	<u>\$175.12</u>
Total Office Expense	\$1,959.76

Office Staff	\$3,670.66
Sandia Services	\$1,084.00

Total Disbursed	\$10,066.75
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Received less Disbursed	\$1,814.37
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Condition August 31, 2003

Cash in Banks	
Checking	\$17,103.14
CD	\$31,872.74
Petty Cash	\$85.00
Total Cash in Bank	\$49,060.88

Other Assets (at Cost)

Computers & software	\$4,219.85
Due from Advertising Sold	\$0.00
Event Signs	\$164.54
Holiday Decorations	\$77.25
Inv Glass/Mugs	\$749.09
Office Accessories	\$1,207.06
Office Furniture	\$5,396.44
Postage in meter	\$162.00
Postage Bulk	\$373.73
Prepaid Expense	\$300.00
Prepaid Rent	\$991.10
Security Deposits	<u>\$1,075.75</u>
Total Other Assets	\$14,716.81

Total Assets	\$63,777.69
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Liabilities

Legal Reserve	\$20,000.00
Prepaid Advertising	\$4,025.50
Total Liabilities	\$24,025.50

Cash in Banks less liabilities	\$25,035.38
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This issue of the Grit was edited by Ralph Rudolph. Any comments should be sent to him via the office. A Little Grit will be produced in November. Please send any contributions by November 1.

Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Unification
Charter Review

The first thing that got my attention about the unification was the realization Albuquerque pays over 40% more in property taxes to run the city in addition to what we all pay to run the county. The proposed charter does defer this impact until new expenditures absorb the expanded tax base. However, after reading the charter, I believe this charter is not good for anyone in the city or county.

The first thought for us outside the city is would you like to be annexed by Albuquerque? The prime result of so called unification will be in effect the annexation of the rest of the county and its tax base into the city. Everyone outside the current city will lose most of their influence over the operation of the combined government. The details also remove much of the say of voters living in the city.

The proposed charter lets everyone vote on a mayor and their individual commissioner of the eleven. Then the mayor and Commission take complete control of almost the entire county and what was Albuquerque. The mayor nominates a unified government manager and after confirmation by the commission, the manager operates government for all of us. If the controlling faction of the commission changes within the manager's 2 year contract, we'll probably have a new manager. The Commission may create or eliminate by ordinance special districts and authorities to meet specific service needs or safeguard property of the residents of the County.

Starting the day after a charter is approved by a majority of voters in the entire county, the existing governments is authorized to expend moneys beyond their current budgets to pay for the transition. Everyone's taxes can be expected to increase continually throughout the several years of transition.

Someone previously has said, "I fear the forced annexation would be controlled by the

city". A careful reading of the charter makes it clear what little control of this government is in the hands of the people of Albuquerque.

There are few checks and balances in the charter. It reads as a "winner take all" control of local government. The manager will select his own Internal Auditor. The commission will select its own Ethics Board which is to serve without compensation. Both the Internal Auditor and the Ethics Board should be free of all influence by the manager and commission.

The manager will select his own Police department head. Will Sandia Heights expect better police coverage? Sandia Heights as the rest of non-city residents will have almost no influence on the selection of the Police Chief. Please read the proposed charter before you consider voting for it. When it starts getting to mundane to read, skim until you reach the parts on powers and taxation of the manager and commission to tax us all to pay for the city they want. On the internet go to www.abccucc.net

Sincerely,

Bill Cunningham
1931 Quail Run Loop NE
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Sandia Heights resident for ten years

Stuff to Ponder

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why is it people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?

What did cured ham originally have?

Since bread is square, why is so much sandwich meat round?

Why does round pizza come in a square box?

From the Covenant Support Committee

WE ARE NOT ALONE

By Wendy Wells

The New York Times (July 27 03) recently reported that approximately one out of every six people or 50 million residents in this country live in communities governed by homeowner associations. This was reported to be a 21% increase since 1998. Why? One reason may be that homeowner associations often benefit the city and county in which they reside. The building of new playgrounds and parks as well as services and maintenance responsibilities have been taken over and paid for by homeowner associations. This has defrayed costs for city and county governments. Therefore their growth has largely been encouraged. But there appears to also be a downside. The New York Times reports that the tensions between homeowners and their associations are also on the rise. This is apparently due to the fact that when conflicts occur between residents and their associations, the organizational procedures are such that no third party has been assigned to mediate conflicts. Therefore both residents and homeowners must depend on the courts as a first and last resort to settle differences. As the Times points out, small squabbles can end up in huge neighborhood battles which result in costly litigation that neither party can afford. Does this situation sound familiar? I think it is helpful to know that many homeowner

associations throughout the country are struggling to deal with the same problems inherent to their basic structures. Sandia Heights is not unique. We face many similar problems. However, we must work together so that these difficulties do not cast a negative shadow over our community. One step the covenant committee has taken in trying to address this issue is to introduce more lengthy procedures of mediation when conflicts emerge among homeowners. But this step is only a beginning. Board members and homeowners alike must become more aware of the complexities of our unique situation and work together to find more positive solutions to conflicts when and if they occur. Only an approach such as this will truly protect the quality of life within our community.

Community Service & Membership

By: Chuck McCleod

We are going forward with our plan to have SHHA membership cards which can be used for discounts we previously negotiated. We plan on a concert to be held in January, a softball game challenge from the Board, and the **Halloween Party** later this month at Futures for Children. We offer these events in the hope of building a sense of Community. As you can see, we're becoming far more proactive!

Accident shows need for low speed

Mark Boslough -- Traffic, Safety, & Environment Chair

On August 16, a Sandia Heights resident was driving on Laurel Loop when she encountered a young bicyclist in her lane going the wrong direction. She attempted to stop, but was unable to avoid contact with the 12-year-old. The boy ended up getting an ambulance ride and treatment for a broken leg, cuts, and bruises.

If the speed limit had been higher --or if the driver had ignored the speed limit -- the outcome could have been much worse. Our 15 mph speed limits might seem too low to some residents. With our narrow, curving roads, limited visibility, and children on bicycles, 15 mph is appropriate.

Youngsters make occasional mistakes. We all did. In Sandia Heights, we love our kids. Please keep that in mind next time you think about speeding. It's not worth the risk.

Chamisa Trimming

Mark Boslough -- Traffic, Safety, & Environment Chair

This is the time of year when our chamisa are at their best. Also known as rabbit brush, their yellow blossoms rival the beauty of the colorful aspen of the high country and the golden cottonwoods of the bosque. Unfortunately, they have their drawbacks. In addition to smelling like sweaty gym socks, they block the view along some of our roadways when they get too bushy.

According to Bernalillo County Ordinance Code Section 66-225(c), adopted in 1988, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the setback area and all plantings therein, including chamisa. Nevertheless, the county has worked with the SHHA on a "courtesy mowing project" to keep about 3 feet of the roadside clear of shrubbery and vegetation. If you don't trust the county to do a good job, now is the time to make sure that the chamisa

along the road adjacent to your lot is not creating an unsafe obstacle for walkers or drivers. Please trim it back if you don't want the county to mow it.

Because we have lots of roads and limited resources, please submit requests for county mowing to the SHHA office and we will prioritize them with the county. Then we can all enjoy the fragrance of newly mown chamisa.


Dying Pinons

Wendy Wells -- Traffic, Safety & Environment

Many of the pinons within Sandia Heights have been badly damaged by the bark beetle. If your pinons or other pine trees have been damaged to the point of no return, please have them removed. They are a fire danger and infestation source. The bark beetle is transferred by wind, something we have plenty of. As the warm weather continues into Fall, bark beetle activity will continue. If you see beads of sap on the bark or white milky sap on limbs, the tree is probably infested but in a resistant phase. Rowland's Nursery says there is still time to spray using a High Yield 38 Plus solution. Please consider spraying to save still living trees.

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCT 31st

4 to 5:30 PM at Futures for Children. Treats and tricks! That is what awaits all kids from toddlers to teens at the SHHA sponsored party. **And it's FREE.** There will be lots of yummy candy to fill each trick-or-treat bag, a strolling magician, face painting, haunted places, a cupcake walk, bobbing for apples, a bean bag toss, and a "Mummy Wrap" game. "Mummies to be" will be provided -- or you can choose your own. Tell all your friends to come and join the fun. Parents are permitted if they behave!



Why Belong to SHHA?

By: Ralph Rudolph, VP

Sandia Heights is an unincorporated community, and is likely to remain unincorporated. The reasons are political. This means that we have no "government" to settle issues or plan for the future. All we have is the SHHA, acting as a pseudo-government, and various services provided by Sandia Services, such as Security. This is not uncommon; communities run by Homeowners Associations are increasing across America.

Let's face a few facts. For the first twenty years or so of SHHA's existence, it was primarily a construct to serve Sandia Service's purposes as "feel good". It had little power to do much, as all covenant activities were handled by Sandia Services. When they decided to gradually transfer responsibilities to SHHA, it took time to figure out how to handle these new responsibilities through a lot of trial and error. For instance, Covenant enforcement went from neighborhood patrols to hired contractors to our current committee methods which continue to be refined.

We had no office until recently, had no website, and our records, kept by an outside contractor, were in a jumble stored in a garage. Board members were often unaware of what past Boards had done. Many of these problems have been corrected and we are busy solving more now that we are operating with a better set of Bylaws. The Association is improving dramatically.

On our website, we have recently added three new links. The first is a

compilation of the past ten years of Board Motions now that records have been sorted. The second is a link to Board Procedures, the first of which covers the hiring and dismissal of staff employees. The third is an ACC link. Other procedures will soon be added. Another new link will be added, listing all Committee Charters and responsibilities so residents will become familiar with the Committees. We also hope to add dates when the various Committees meet so interested residents can attend them. We advise residents to occasionally log onto our website to stay up to date.

As you may know, SHHA has been achieving other major improvements. Cedar Hill Park is one. Additional speed humps on some streets are another. Streamlining covenants so they are more understandable and enforceable is yet another. We will continue to improve and do more to better our community through your support. Please consider attending our Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, held at the Sheriff Sibrava substation near the NE corner of Paseo del Norte and Eubank to make your viewpoints known.

We frankly need your support through increased membership and interest in SHHA. SHHA is becoming run very well compared to other Homeowners Associations. It's our "government."

Jesus is coming. Look busy!

Worry, God knows all about you.

If a 911 operator has a heart attack, whom does she call?

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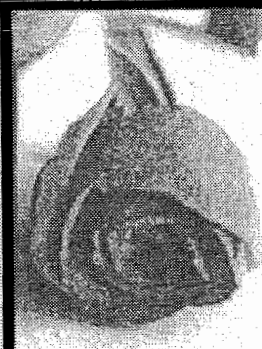
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Letters to the Editor:

My husband and I walk nearly every day on the streets of Sandia Heights. Like many, the reason we moved here 8 years ago was largely due to the beautiful setting and great reputation of the neighborhood.

Lately, however, we have noted a dramatic increase in speeding on the roads. In all three of the most flagrant cases over the last few months the drivers were teenage boys, and all were speeding in excess of 40 mph on Tramway Lane. I would guess that one was going over 50 mph. However, the one that riled me enough to actually write you (and call SH Security) is the one that happened today in front of the Outpost Ice Rink. A silver 4 door Toyota Camry, between 2 to 5 years old at best guess, was speeding down Tramway Lane as my husband I walked our dog. I yelled at the driver to slow down and was responded to with name calling, finger flipping, and acceleration. There was no permanent license plate, or I'd be providing you the number. The kids did not go far, choosing to hide out at the Outpost. We waited and when they slunk out we confronted them again. They were full of themselves and trying to be tough, but were too fearful to back the car up and let us see them more closely. There were 4 or 5 boys in the car, and the ones we saw were anglo, in their late teens, and had dark hair. The driver may not live in the area as he later cursed us as he passed us on Tramway heading South.

This is obviously not the behavior we'd like in our neighborhood, so I'm asking for the committee to consider some ideas on how to address this problem before it gets so out of hand that someone is hurt. One possibility is to encourage people to write down license plate numbers of egregiously speeding cars and report them in the Grit. (I plan on sending an email to the Grit with a description of the car because if I was a parent of one of the kids in the car I'd want to know what idiots my child was riding with.)

Deborah Griswold

Some Residents seem Angry

I was narrowly missed by a car while riding my bicycle, rounding a corner going up the hill just north of Lynx Loop on Tramway Ln. on Wednesday July 30 at approximately 11:00am. The car stopped and turned around as he saw a friend of his coming down the hill whom he apparently had some business with. I thought the driver was turning around to see if I was OK.

While he was stopped I approached him and asked him if he was aware of how fast he was going? He answered that he had no idea of his speed and indicated to me it did not matter, (the limit is 15mph and I suppose he was going over 30mph.) He said that I did not live up here and I had no right to be riding in the middle of the lane.

I informed him that I did live in this neighborhood, which has no bearing whatsoever, and that my choices were not many riding for riding my bicycle on Tramway Ln. As we know there are no bike paths or shoulders to either ride a bike, wheel a baby carriage, or other pedestrian uses of our roads in Sandia Heights.

As a resident of Sandia Heights and a member of SHHA for over 25 years, I have seen the civility of our neighborhood decline each year. Maybe because of the pressures of life or what ever cross that person may bear he may think he can live by his own rules. I have had people tell me that they will drive at any speed they want in Sandia Heights, and that is most apparent as time goes by.

Sandia Heights does not need residents who care little about their neighbors, the safety of those on our roads, such as speed limits, and their courtesy to others. The only solution is for those that behave in this manner need to become more aware of their surroundings and show civility to others around them.

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Swamp Cooler Upgrades Offer An Alternative
By Kerney Bolton, Assoc. MA

The Aug/Sept Grit article "Swamp Cooler Conversion?" provided some valuable information on replacing swamp coolers with refrigerated air conditioners. The article cites water savings and relief from juniper allergies as conversion advantages. To those, I would add reduced maintenance, relief from a wide range of outdoor allergens (not just juniper), and colder air during periods of high humidity and/or extremely high temperatures.

As the article points out, however, conversion and operating costs are significant so it is important to weigh the advantages carefully before deciding to switch. I would also add that upgrading your swamp cooler or replacing it with a single inlet evaporative cooler can make your system just as effective as air conditioning, and at a fraction of the cost.

Those who are allergic to indoor pollution, such as out-gassing from building materials and home furnishings, will probably not benefit from an air conditioner since it tends to recirculate pollutants, allowing them to build up over time. Be sure you know what you are allergic to before you decide to convert.

If you are feeling guilty about using "all that water" in your swamp cooler don't be. Granted, swamp coolers use 2 to 3 times as much water as equivalent air conditioners but air conditioners use a whopping 3 to 5 times as much energy! In Albuquerque, we have tended to focus on the need to save water but we also face energy shortages. Water is renewable, but fossil fuels are not and burning them contributes heavily to global warming and air quality problems.

Take the following steps to be sure that your swamp cooler is not wasting water:

- Adjust the float so that water doesn't flow out of the overflow tube.
- If your swamp cooler has a bleed-off or dump pump, disconnect it.
- Replace the manual on-off water and fan speed control switch with a thermostat kit.

- For higher efficiency and colder air, replace a four sided swamp cooler with a single inlet evaporative cooler equipped with a thermostat.

Our water quality is such that bleed-off and dump pump systems are not needed on swamp coolers and they can waste oceans of water. Washing down your pads once in the spring is enough to maintain efficiency. For single inlet units, however, the dump pump is probably justified to extend the life of the more expensive thick pad. Eliminating bleeders can cut water use up to 60-70%. Dump pump removal can save 5-10%.

A thermostat kit will allow your swamp cooler to cycle on and off and change speeds to meet cooling needs in much the same way as air conditioners do. Local building supply stores sell them for under \$100. Adding a thermostat kit can cut energy use by perhaps 10-15% or more depending on how you have been using your manual control.

Our climate is just about ideal for evaporative cooling. But when temperatures hit triple digits the traditional swamp cooler might not cut it. If this is a problem, converting to a single inlet evaporative cooler will produce colder air and do the trick at a fraction of the cost of air conditioning.

When humidity goes up so does the temperature of the air coming out of your swamp cooler. Fortunately, our humidity is lowest during the heat of the day except when it rains. And when it rains, nature's own evaporative cooler cools us off

Unless you have special needs, such as allergies to pollen, why not hire someone to do the seasonal maintenance on your trusty swamp cooler and save the air conditioning big bucks while doing your part to help conserve energy?

I'd be happy to answer any of your questions. I can be reached at 856-7120 or at kernarch@aol.com.

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Holiday Lights in the Heights

The third annual *Lights in the Heights* is getting under way. This project celebrates the holiday season in Sandia Heights with electric luminaria. Electric luminaria sets that you see elsewhere at the retail price of \$20/set. or more will be available to SH residents at the wholesale price of \$13.25/set (plus tax for a total of \$13.96/set).

There are ten luminaria in a set, covering thirty feet. Made in New Mexico, they have plastic unframes, all-weather plastic bags, and 7-watt candle-shaped bulbs. They come with instructions and diagrams. We will also include a few hints about attaching them to stucco, since that is not always obvious. Do you have a hint that you'd be willing to share? Send it to us and we'll include it.

Sandia Heights resident Kit Anderson, a professional organizer, has volunteered again to head this project. She will purchase electric luminaria sets through her company, Anderson Organizing Systems, passing along the wholesale price to SH residents (adding only the required tax). Her husband Larry will compile the information on attaching and displaying the luminaria. The Andersons and other volunteers will pick up the pre-ordered and pre-paid luminaria sets and have them available for pick-up at their home, 150 Whitetail Road, from 9:00am to 1:00pm on two Saturdays, November 29th and December 6th.

Questions? Call Kit at 856-3667.

To order electric luminaria at the wholesale price, **clip and mail to Anderson Organizing Systems, 150 Whitetail Road, NE, Albuquerque 87122-1921. Deadline for receipt of order and check is October 31, 2003.** If you miss the deadline, try again next year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number (in case there is a question) _____

I would like to order _____ sets of luminaria @ \$13.96/set which includes tax.

____ My check # _____, made out to Anderson Organizing Systems, for \$ _____ (\$13.96 x the number of sets) is enclosed.

____ I've enclosed ideas or experience for attaching or displaying electric luminaria.

____ I have a truck, SUV or other similar vehicle, and would be willing to help pick up cases of luminaria sets during business hours on the week of November 24th. Please call me.

____ I have a way to add something to this project. Please call me to talk about it.

GARDENER'S CALENDAR
by Dan Caudillo

EARLY OCTOBER

- October receives the the third most rainfall.
- Ballon Fiesta time is here.
- Last chance to complete landscape installations.
- Hummingbirds begin their Fall (southern) migration. But keep those hummingbird feeders full for any stragglers.
- Time to change swamp coolers over to furnace heat.
- Check out the selection of cool season annuals to plant now which includes pansies, mums, primroses, snapdragons, ornamental kale and more.

MID-OCTOBER

- Plan a day trip to see the Aspens turning yellow in the mountains and Maples turning red in the Manzanos.
- Harvest tomatoes before they freeze. Put green tomatoes in a sunny window to ripen or place in paper bag.
- Last chance to plant peony.
- Dig up tuberous dahlias, gladiolus corms, and canna rhizomes and store in the garage until next spring.
- This is an optimum time to plant bulbs before the ground freezes and selection becomes poor with time. Plant tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinths and paper whites.
- Begin Fall/Winter clean-up.

LATE OCTOBER

- Daylight Saving Time ends October 26. So relax, set that clock back one hour, and get some extra sleep.
- The first killing frosts usually arrive by now. If it has, cut back on the watering frequency and water later in the day such as 11 o'clock.
- Disconnect outside garden hose from bib and cover bib with syrofoam protector from freezing temperatures.
- Fertilize trees, shrubs, and lawns with winter fertilizer up until March.
- If you have a outdoor pond, shut off pump and remove so that freeze does not damage it.
- Halloween is Friday, October 31st. For a really spooky experience, visit 2744 Tramway Circle for the best Halloween set-up.
- What's blooming in October? Abelia, roses, and russian sage (shrubs); Cherry sage, coral bells, hummingbird trumpet, maximillian sunflower, mountain aster, bedding asters, red valerian, pampas grass, 'regal mist' deer grass, and mexican evening primrose (perennials); Liatris and canna lily (bulbs); Dianthus, snapdragons, pansy, ornamental kale, and english primrose.

EARLY NOVEMBER

- November is the driest and second least windy month.
- This is a great time to begin Fall/Winter clean-up in the garden. Cut perennials to the ground, shape up evergreen and deciduous shrubs, and rake fallen debris.
- Cut a fire break around your house by trimming dormant grasses to the ground and removing flammable materials 20 feet away from the house or other structures.
- Time to feed lawn and other outdoor plants with a winterizer fertilizer.
- Set water lilies to the depest part of the pond to prevent them from freezing.

MID-NOVEMBER

- Hose off evergreens to dislodge aphids.
- Begin to force indoor bulbs such as paper whites, narcissus, and amaryllis for Christmas blooms!
- Prepare vegetable beds for the 2004 planting season by rototilling organic mulches and fertilizers into the soil. If you do this early, the mulches have several months to compost.
- We are entering the coldest part of the year, so set irrigation timers to water once a week or less and be sure to begin watering about 11:00 A.M.

LATE NOVEMBER

- Thanksgiving is November 27!
- Place a log into your pond so that the fish can get oxygen. It is better to thaw a spot your fish pond than to break the ice. Stop feeding fish until warmer weather.
- Fill your birdbath daily so that birds have a constant source of water.
- This is a great time to begin your Christmas shopping to avoid the crowds.
- What's blooming in (early) November? 'Regal mist' deer grass, pampas grass, lavender spice, and cherry sage (perennials); Chamisa and roses (shrubs); Dianthus, snapdragons, pansy, ornamental kale, and english primrose (annuals).

Recent Activities

Ms. Pearl Burns guided our Summer Field Trip on August 16th at the Sandia mountain. Although the drought had hampered the abundance of wildflower, Ms. Burns was able to point out quite a variety of wildflowers to us on a beautiful and cool day.



Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

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.

The Fall Patio Supper was at home of Liz and Bob Crain and the gathering had to be moved indoors. Many thanks to our hosts who accommodated everyone inside. Also many thanks to Dan Caudillo who gave a short talk on gardening tips for September and October.

Future Events:

Wednesday Nov. 19th at 7:00 PM at home of Jenison Klinger and William Dawes at 112 White Oaks Dr. In this meeting, Dan Caudillo will have a presentation on "Fall Cleanup". Dan will demonstrate "Fall Cleanup" techniques on Saturday Nov. 22nd at 10:30 AM at the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Hight at 434 Live Oak Loop. All Sandia Heights Residents are welcome to join the members for these two events.



PARTY TREATS!!



Toddlers to Teens!

FOOD!



BOO!



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