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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

November 2004

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PHOTO CONTEST!

The SHHA is having its annual photo contest for the 2005 Sandia Heights Resident Directory. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 19. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2005 Directory, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer. Submission criteria:

- Photos (a maximum of two per resident) must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2004 Directory).
- Photos must be able to fit reasonably on the cover of the directory without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally or as a hard copy.
- You must be a member of SHHA to enter, and you must be an amateur photographer.
- The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that he/she is not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer), and that you grant permission to SHHA to use the photo.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published. Be creative and good luck!

From the President

Town Hall: The Town Hall meeting on October 17th was a disappointment because only about 25 Association members attended, too few to have a quorum to vote on the Bylaws. We will have to schedule another meeting or delay the voting until the Annual Meeting next June.

Minutes of the Town Hall portion are available at the office for anyone interested. In brief, our newest Board member, Vicki Criel, was introduced. As our new head of Membership Services, she gave a pep talk on how she would like to develop a better sense of community.

Frank Soper reported that the new Unified Covenants will be presented to the Board for its review in November before being presented to Association members for voting.

The “traffic chokers” installed on San Rafael were a major point of discussion. Over 70 written complaints have been received. Mark Boslough, our Traffic & Safety chairman, explained that the county is “evaluating” them for 90 days and will meet with us at the end of that period. We can hope there are no serious accidents while they remain in place, but I know a few folks who have bent wheels or misaligned suspensions from hitting them.

Other comments called for more openness in the newsletter and on reporting what happens in committees, such as the ACC. It was pointed out that SHHA has undergone major changes in the past few years and is much more open than it has ever been. We will expand GRIT coverage.

Arts View: The inaugural Arts View event went very well, with many residents visiting the artists’ homes, chatting and getting to know each other. Participants seemed very pleased that we started this new event. We will be starting other new events, such as music under the stars.

TREASURER'S REPORT By: Cheryl Iverson – Treasurer

CASH FLOW - September 2004	
RECEIVED	
ACC	\$175.00
2005 Advertising	\$1,529.42
Members Dues	\$12,298.08
Security Refund	\$64.59
	\$14,067.09
EXPENSES	
Committee Expense	
Community Service	\$100.00
Communications	
Little Grit costs	\$359.82
Total Committee Expense	\$459.82
Insurance	
Liability/Property	\$14,080.00
Legal	
New Covenant Review	\$628.85
Office Expense	
Comcast	\$59.34
Computer Repairs	\$258.53
Copier Cost	\$392.43
Electricity	\$80.85
Office Lease	\$933.86
Telephone	\$104.05
Total Office Expense	\$1,829.06
Office Staff	\$2,662.74
Sandia Services	\$1,116.53
Total Disbursed	\$20,777.00
Received less Disbursed	-\$6,709.91

Condition September 30, 2004	
Cash in Banks	
Checking	\$43,601.76
CD	\$33,994.83
Petty Cash	\$71.71
Total Cash in Bank	\$77,668.30
Other Assets (at Cost)	
Computers & software	\$5,023.46
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	\$186.96
Postage Bulk	\$904.68
Prepaid Rent	\$991.10
Security Deposits	\$1,075.75
Total Other Assets	\$15,776.33
Total Assets	\$93,444.63
Liabilities	
Prepaid Advertising	\$8,758.42
Legal Reserve	\$20,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$28,758.42
Cash in Banks less liabilities	\$48,909.88

Notes from the Editor:

- ✓ We do apologize that the last couple of Grit issues have taken a while to get to you. Even though last month the issue was at the printer by Oct 1st, some of you didn't receive your issue until mid-month. The Post Office has stated that because this is an election year, it is inundated with bulk mail. At this time, there is nothing we can do to get the bulk mail processed faster by the post office. Once election season is over, we can expect the newsletter to arrive sooner. Thank you for your understanding.
- ✓ Although the Town Hall meeting was announced on the front page of the September issue and on our website, it seems that several people forgot about it. It was mentioned again in the October Grit but, unfortunately, those issues were received after the date had already passed. In the future, we will make an effort to send out a flyer or a utility bill stuffer to promote SHHA member awareness.
- ✓ There is a wealth of information on our website www.sandiahomeowners.org. The site is updated regularly. You can find copies of your covenants, ACC forms, board minutes, notices and much more. Check it out!
- ✓ Trash pick-up reminder: Please make sure that you are putting out the trash no earlier than 5pm the day before trash pickup and no later than 7am the day of trash pickup. Thank you for your efforts in keeping Sandia Heights beautiful.

Traffic & Safety Committee:

The county is planning to hold a meeting regarding the chokers but as of press time, the meeting had not been scheduled. Please call the office or check our website for further information.
- Mark Boslough

Neighborhood Announcements:

- Office Hours are from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.
- SHHA Board Meeting Wednesday, November 10 at 7 pm.
- The office will be closed November 25 & 26.
- We now have a notary public in our office. These services are free to members only. Please call to make an appointment.
- Check out the SHHA website at: www.sandiahomeowners.org for updates and neighborhood resources.



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Property Owner Responsibilities in Bernalillo County Rights of Way

In an effort to maintain clean and debris-free thoroughfares in our community, the Bernalillo County Public Works Operation and Maintenance Department reminds property owners that they have a responsibility for the “**setback area.**”

The **setback area** is that portion of public land along the road between the private property line and the curb, or pavement, or edge of the dirt or gravel lane that is driven by automotive traffic. Bernalillo County Code Section 66-225 (c) states:

66-225 (c) “The setback area and all plantings therein shall be maintained by the owner, occupant or agents in charge of the adjoining property”.

The Operations and Maintenance Department will respond to requests for functional, shoulder, **drainage ditch or borrow ditch mowing, grading, and/or clearing both up and down stream from private driveways, but not including private driveways. Please call 848-1503 if you would like to report any of these problems. The width of this service ranges from 0 feet to 7 feet from the edge of the road depending on the posted speed limit, pursuant to AASHTO Standards providing for a “Clear Zone” for traffic safety. Only certain items are allowed in the clear zone, such as mail boxes, break-away fire hydrants, and break-away street signs, which do not interfere with traffic safety.**

Maintenance of decorative landscaping or removal of weeds or trash against a property fence, or maintenance of the driveway condition, or private tree limbs hanging within the right of way is the adjoining property owner’s duty and responsibility.

In addition, the throwing of greenwaste or other debris into the setback area is technically defined as illegal dumping and carries a possible \$1000 fine and/or imprisonment. Yard waste and refuse must be disposed of properly. The Solid Waste Department (224-1639) can give information about free and low cost refuse deposit locations and free curbside appliance removal services.

For more detailed information on what is allowed in the setback area by property owners, call 848-1503.

Gardener's Calendar By Dan Caudillo

Mid November

- ❖ Begin to force indoor bulbs such as paper whites, narcissus and amaryllis for Christmas blooms!
- ❖ Prep vegetable beds for the 2005 planting season by rototilling organic mulches and fertilizers into the soil. If you do this early, 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 am.

Late November

- ❖ Place a log in your pond so that fish can get oxygen. 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.

Early December

- ❖ December is the least windy month, has the highest relative humidity, receives the most snow, and is the second coldest month of the year.
- ❖ Bulbs forced indoors (for holiday color and fragrance) should be placed in a bright sunny window now.
- ❖ Continue feeding birds throughout the winter.
- ❖ Select an ice melt that is safe to use around plants or just use sand.
- ❖ There are two main types of Christmas trees: Douglas fir and Noble fir. To check whether your tree is fresh, grasp a branch and pull along the stem. Needles should remain on the tree and not in your hand.
- ❖ Use a humidifier to add moisture to indoor air; doing so will eliminate sore/scratch noses and throats.

SHHA MEMBER CLASSIFIED *(free for SHHA members as space allows)*

<p>Excellent Housekeeper: Has some days available. Dependable and hard worker. Call Maria at 831-5358</p>	<p>Responsible Sitter Red Cross Certified Call Hilary: 856-7023</p>	<p>Free to good home We are 2 affectionate, spayed, de-clawed housecats in allergic household. Can you help?? Call Nancy at 856-6737</p>	<p>Lights in the Heights Electric Luminaria set available at wholesale price of \$13.25/set. To order call Kit at 856-3667</p>
<p>Retired Hospice Nurse. Available for pet care. Call Anne @ 856-6896</p>	<p>Call Heather for Babysitting Reliable, have transportation & references. 796-0601</p>	<p>Experienced 17 yr. Old Babysitter Nights and weekends Call Becky: 821-0482</p>	<p>Housecleaning The holidays are coming! For house cleaning and ironing call Dora 332-3571. References available upon request</p>
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		<p>Experienced Pet Sitter: Hardworking, positive attitude, 15 yr. old. Loves pet sitting & odd jobs. Call Andy @ 821-0482</p>	



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2005 Residents Directory

Is your listing correct?

The 2005 Directory will be coming out in January
and we need your help.

Take a look at the address label on your Grit.
Unless you have requested to be listed as 'Resident'
this name information is what we will
use to print the directory.

Please check the label and contact the
office if there are any corrections needed.

You may contact us at 797-7793 or
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