



Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

February 2005

Presidents Message by Ralph Rudolph

I'm pleased to announce that Tom Coyne has volunteered to be our new Vice President. And I'd like to thank Bob Francis for his excellent job of temporarily filling the job, working on tracking lawsuits and on negotiating a new Service Agreement with Sandia Heights Services.

We have appointed a Nominating Committee of Vicki Criel, Bob Francis and Frank Soper to find candidates to run for the Board at our Annual Meeting in June. If you are possibly interested, please contact one of them or the SHHA office. We also decided to delay voting on our Bylaws changes until the June meeting.

Our new budget has been approved by the Board. Anyone interested can pick up a copy at the office. Bob Francis conducted a procedural audit of our books and pronounced that all is well.

Lena has had a great recovery after her operation and has returned to work at the office earlier than anticipated. We are extremely pleased. Sheraz has completed work on the Directory and members will be receiving it shortly.

In general, we had a great 2004 and made progress in many areas. We look forward to doing even more in 2005, with many more exciting Membership Services under Vicki Criel's leadership.

Announcements & Notices:

- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 9th at 7pm at the William Sibrava Substation.
- Office Hours: 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.
- Notary public 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.
- **LOST & FOUND:** at Little Cloud Park on January 19 at 3pm a 35mm Japanese camera. Has photos of sentimental value, if found please contact Dick Desing at 856-0606.

TREASURER'S REPORT
By: Cheryl Iverson – Treasurer

CASH FLOW – Dec 2004	
RECEIVED	
ACC	\$235.00
2005 Advertising	\$2,862.64
Member Dues	\$12,628.36
Total Received	\$15,726.00
EXPENSES	
<u>Committee Expense</u>	
Community Service	
Halloween	\$105.41
Christmas	<u>\$125.19</u>
	\$230.60
Communications	
Publications	\$4,876.19
Domain Renewal	<u>\$238.32</u>
	\$5,114.51
EC	
CIA Membership	\$620.00
Total Committee Expenses	\$5,965.11
<u>D & O Liability Insurance</u>	\$5,335.00
<u>Legal</u>	
ACC	\$1,296.22
<u>Office Expense</u>	
Comcast	\$59.34
Computer supplies	\$173.89
Computer repairs	\$397.73
Electricity	\$54.19
Office Lease	\$952.54
Security	\$11.59
Telephone	\$104.05
Total Office Expense	\$1,753.33
Office Staff	\$2,653.30
Sandia Services	\$1,116.53
Total Disbursed	\$18,119.49
Received less disbursed	-\$2,393.49

Condition Dec 31, 2004	
Cash in Banks	
Checking	\$71,146.57
CD	\$33,994.83
Petty Cash	\$49.01
Total Cash in Bank	\$105,190.41
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	\$419.61
Postage Bulk	\$322.35
Prepaid Rent	\$991.10
Security Deposits	\$1,075.75
Total Other Assets	\$15,426.65
Total Assets	\$120,617.06
Liabilities	
Prepaid Advertising	\$25,283.17
Legal Reserve	\$20,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$45,283.17
Cash in Banks	\$59,907.24

COMMUNITY SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

-Vicki Criel

The membership committee is putting together packets of discounts and gifts for members of the SHHA. As a resident, if you provide a service or product, and you would like to see it promoted, please contact Vicki Criel, chairperson at vcriel@comcast.net or 615-3333. You do not need to be member to help with this promotion.

PARKS & NEW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Wendy Wells

We are seeking design proposals for placing a sign at the entrance of Sandia Heights North on the NE side of Tramway where it intersects with Juniper Hill Road. Members of that community have asked us to replace the one that was removed because of disrepair. The sign is intended to be directional marking a major entrance into the community.

Design proposals must include a detailed sketch or model of the design as well as a description of the materials used (rock, flagstone, metal, etc.) The material selected can vary but the choice must take into consideration the harsh exposure to the elements. We are looking for durability. The design should also reflect the unique environmental aspects of the community. Proposals must be submitted to the Parks and New Development Committee by April. If your design is selected, you will receive a cash payment of \$250.00. The design may also be used at other locations within Sandia Heights in the future. For further questions, please call the SHHA office at 797-7793.

News from Your ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

- Kerney Bolton

The ACC needs your help! Whenever the ACC receives an application for new construction, major additions and remodels, it calls for a Neighborhood Review. If you are in the vicinity of the project, you will receive a letter request to participate. *The ACC needs your participation!*

The Neighborhood Review letter will contain a brief description of the project and if, applicable, any concerns that the ACC might have with it, and whether a variance has been requested or is being considered. Please come to the SHHA office to take a look at the drawings and specifications for the project and use the Comments Sheet that will come with your Neighborhood Review letter to let us know what you think. If you and your neighbors have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss the project with others, the ACC will schedule a Neighborhood Review meeting. Usually the meeting will include a presentation of the project, a question and answer and discussion period, and a site visit.

“The buck stops here.” The ACC accepts full responsibility for the approval or disapproval of all applications submitted to it and is committed to enforcing covenant restrictions in a thoughtful and humane manner that is consistent with the best interests of the homeowners of Sandia Heights.

Most applicants are very concerned and sympathetic to their neighborhood’s opinions and are willing to respond. There is a long history of accommodation to neighborhood concerns. Bear in mind, however, that not all concerns can be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Homeowners are free to develop their property subject to the restrictions contained in their unit covenant, which in some cases are not sufficient to address all issues.

The system is not perfect, but when we all work together we can produce some amazing results.

Don’t forget: The ACC Project Log is available at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website sandiahomeowners.org. Click on THE A.C.C. then on Architectural Control Committee Project Log.



The 1st ArtsView@Sandia Heights was held on October 24th, a wonderful sunny fall day. Many of the Sandia Heights residents enjoyed visiting seven artists' homes in the afternoon. This was a wonderful community-building event, which is planned to be repeated on an annual basis. The organizing

committee extends the community's gratitude to the artists who exhibited their artwork in this event and welcomed the art lovers in our community to their homes and studios. Visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the artists and appreciated their eagerness to provide information about their artwork. The exhibiting artists were: Don DeGasperi, Lynda Burch, Stanley Schmidt, Linda Manion, Terry Lee Heller, R. Peter Buttner, and Ralph Rudolph.

The 2nd Arts View will be October 16th 2005. The organizing committee is starting to collect information from the interested artists. Please contact Rudy Rudolph if you are interested in participating: Address: 1044 Red Oaks Lp. Albuquerque, NM 87122, Phone: 828-3938 Email: rudy11@comcast.net.

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Wildflower Club

The 1st meeting of 2005 was on January 19th. Mr. Jim Sais of Rowland's presented "Remedios - Mexican Medicinal Herbs & Medicinal Plants." His talk and slide show included some history of the original settlers in New Mexico and their healing methods using native plants. Mr Sais will be conducting a series of seminars at Rowland's, the first of which is "Pruning Fruit Trees and Shrubs" at the San Mateo store on Jan 22nd at 10:00 am, at the Menaul store on Jan 26th at 10:00 am, and at the Montgomery Store on Jan 29th at 1:30 pm. February topics are "Growing Fruit Trees," "Growing Herbs," "Vegetable Gardening," and Growing Grapes and Berries," followed by "Pruning And Growing Roses" in March. A complete seminar schedule is available at any Rowland's store. Many thanks to Jenison Klinger and William Dawes for hosting this meeting.



Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be on March 16th. The details of the program will be mailed to all members.

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: Khondeh Payne, 1232 Goldenrod NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122.

Covenant Support Committee

- Frank Soper

Many residents have contacted the SHHA office by phone or email with a complaint regarding what is perceived to be a covenant violation. When advised by the office staff that they must file a written complaint using the established complaint form in order to initiate an investigation by the Covenant Support Committee, we do not receive a completed form so no action is taken and the situation is unresolved.

We ask that in order for CSC to perform its service to the residents, the complainant follow the procedures, i.e. a written complaint form which can either be emailed to www.sandiahomeowners.org or brought to the SHHA office. The complaint form is available on the above website.

The CSC wants to sincerely thank each resident who, during 2004, fully cooperated with the committee to correct covenant violations upon receiving notice of a violation. Your cooperative attitude convinces us that most Sandia Heights residents want to abide by our covenants and have a concern for the neighbor's welfare.

Introductions

In addition to being president of SHHA, Ralph Rudolph is also a contributing artist and Publicity Director for the Nob Hill Gallery, 3015 Monte Vista. His wife Penny is a novelist and her latest novel, "Listen to the Mockingbird" won the international EPPIE award as one of the best novels of 2002. Her latest novel, "Thicker than Blood" will be issued by the prestigious Poisoned Pen Press this June, and they have optioned a third novel. She would like to meet other novelists living in Sandia Heights. Call her at 828-3938.



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- Attempt to publish both sides of every issue, including constructive criticism, but not abuse nor insulting remarks.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.

Letter to the Editor

The comments and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the SHHA

Every weekend since Thanksgiving, on Friday and Saturday nights, starting at about 10:30, drag racing occurs on Tramway between Paseo and San Rafael. For those of us near Tramway, this is a huge noise problem. I've called the Bernalillo County Dept. of Communications each night and eventually they send a police car, with its roof lights flashing, which quickly disperses the offenders. Sometimes, though, it can take 30 minutes for their arrival.

Sandia Heights Security has no interest in helping out here ... they just tell me that I should make the calls. "The Sheriff's Department prefers calls from residents." Hogwash, but I won't argue with them.

I would like to ask SH residents/neighbors that if you hear the noise, please call 768-4160 to report the drag racing. What I'm hoping is that if there are numerous calls, the patrol car response time might decrease.

-Ronnie Sklarin

SHHA MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

These ads are also published on our website (free for SHHA members as space allows)

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Message from House District Representative Kathy McCoy

The 2005 Legislative session has opened and it will have an impact on your lives. You elected me to represent your interests and values, but to do that thoughtfully and appropriately, I'll need your participation.

The state's budget is the priority during the session, and currently, nearly half of it goes to K-12 education. New Mexico is not a wealthy state—that requires using the resources we do have in a judicious manner. I believe that charter schools and vouchers hold great promise. New Mexico is only about \$500 below the national average (\$7,557) in per student cost, but we are rated “F” for preparing our students for college. Is it any wonder we have such a difficult time drawing high end business when we can't seem to educate our workforce? Clearly, we have some work to do.

Because of expanded eligibility and benefits that often exceed the average commercial program, Medicaid is the fastest growing program in the state. It represents about 21 percent of our budget. One interesting proposal is a hybrid in which public, private and government entities share the premiums. We must find a solution that balances our limited revenues with the responsibility to take care of our neediest residents,

Water-related issues will be on the table this year and that means vigorous clashes between competing interests. The combination of agricultural water rights and evaporation from the Elephant Butte reservoir represents about 85 percent of New Mexico's water. That leaves little for everything else. Rather than forcing owners of water rights to pour water on the ground to protect their water rights, we need to seriously consider mechanisms such as “water banking” so that we can guarantee water for potential business and residential concerns. It makes sense, not only economically, but also environmentally.

Other proposed legislation that will undoubtedly surface will be DWI, Voter ID, and yes, Virginia—the cockfighting bill will rise again. I will personally be sponsoring the Scooby Bill which will mandate a bittering agent in all anti-freeze sold in the state. The passage of this bill will not only protect our children and pets, but it will also put us near the top of a “good” list.

I will also be pushing and strongly supporting an effort to repeal the provision that removed the veto power from the unincorporated part of Bernalillo County. As you know, this is what allowed the city/county unification advocates to ignore our concerns—twice! At the very least, let them “sell” it to us on its merits rather than the fact that we have no voting power and could be disregarded. If the legislature passes this repeal, we will not have to go through yet another vote in two years.

In addition to my unincorporated part of Bernalillo County, I also represent a portion of Sandoval County--La Madera, San Pedro Creek and Placitas. I've been extremely impressed by the Placitas residents who have committed huge amounts of time and energy to better their community. Their enthusiasm is contagious and I applaud their efforts. Edgewood represents my portion of Santa Fe County, which thanks to forward-thinking leadership, is on its way to a viable and productive economy. Here too, I've met many people who care deeply about its future and are willing to walk the walk.

Finally, you can beg and plead, but I don't intend to support any new tax increases. Simply put, we need to do a better job with the revenue we get, not tax more to cover deficiencies in our system.

I encourage you to come visit me at the Roundhouse (Office 201B), my phone number is (505) 281-9540, but if that's not possible, my email is Katrina@swcp.com. Santa Fe phone # is not yet available.



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