

THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

December 2006

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



President's Message:

As we work on various projects and issues within Sandia Heights, we are interested in hearing from our members. Your comments and ideas will help us improve our community. Contact me via the office or e-mail at shha@sandiahomeowners.org.

Here are some items that the board is working on for the upcoming year. The committees are finishing up their surveys and we will start with our first survey in the February GRIT. We are planning on meeting with our state and district representatives to ask for future capital improvement funds to be used for community projects.

All of our seven standing committees could use more volunteers to help with their projects. If you or someone you know could contribute, please contact anyone on the board. These committees can use people who want to get involved in community activities, or who have construction, communication, internet, and website experience. I would encourage anyone with an interest in these areas to volunteer.

Cell Phone Tower Update

Ed Whitten and Bill McCall

We hosted / facilitated the Town Hall Meeting on October 17, 2006 to discuss the proposed T-Mobile cell tower at Futures for Children. Approximately 25 residents attended, primarily from the Brushwood and surrounding area. The T-Mobile representative, Rick Ramirez, did not come prepared with a specific tower design but did show pictures of various other tower designs. He stated that T-Mobile would provide about any design the community would accept, but he also made it clear that T-Mobile is not willing to lower the height of any tower below 50 to 55 feet. The county instructed T-Mobile to submit a design to the County Planning Department by October 23, 2006 to support the December 6, County Commission Hearing. The SHHA Executive Committee (EC) recommended, and the SHHA Board of Directors voted unanimously at the November 8, 2006 meeting, to oppose the building of the T-Mobile cell tower. The letter from SHHA opposing this project has been hand delivered to the county planning office. The Executive Committee will attend the December 6, County Commission Meeting to ensure that the residents' position is clearly known.

PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

We had more than 63 photographs to choose from this year! Many thanks to all of you who participated. All your photos were beautiful. The variety was amazing and it was difficult to select just one for the cover. Nevertheless, we did make a selection. Look for it in early 2007.



SHHA Presents – Internationally Acclaimed Walt Michael in Concert!



Mark your calendar & save this notice. There will be no January GRIT to serve as a reminder! Saturday evening, January 20, hammered dulcimer virtuoso Walt Michael will fly in from Maryland to perform at the Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series, 7:30pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson NE. Take a break from the ordinary and enjoy an all-ages, alcohol-free evening with your friends and neighbors and enjoy great music, food, and conversation. You're welcome to bring along a favorite dessert to share.

Saturday January 20

"Walt Michael has established himself as one of the most innovative and expressive of traditional musicians..." Lincoln Center

About Walt Michael: Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Walt has appeared at the *White House*, the *Lincoln Center*, the *Kennedy Center*, and toured extensively throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. His music has been heard on ABC-TV, NBC's *Tonight Show*, Broadway, BBC, TNN, CBC, OLN and PBS. He has recorded 14 albums and instructional videos, and was musical producer, composer and musician for the Outdoor Living Network's 13-episode documentary series, *Cowboy 101*, which premiered in October 2004.

Considered to be a virtuoso of tremendous influence in the revival of the hammered dulcimer, Walt's wide repertoire ranges from old-time Southern Appalachian, to Celtic, to breath-taking original compositions. His career spans 35 years and has taken him from the coal camps of Appalachia to the Closing Ceremonies of the *13th Olympic Winter Games* at Lake Placid, NY.

Walt is the Artist-in-Residence at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, as well as the Founder and Executive Director of Common Ground on the Hill, an international arts organization which seeks to promote interracial and cultural harmony through traditional arts.

For more about Walt, see waltmichael.com and commongroundonthehill.org.

The Peak of Entertainment! The Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series presents an eclectic feast of entertainers drawn from all parts of the nation. Featured entertainers depend entirely on your donations and CD purchases for their compensation. Suggested donation: \$15, seniors & teens \$10, kids \$5, 6 & under free.

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, etc. Please contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100 or nlightsmgt@aol.com. The Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series is an all-volunteer production of your SHHA Community Services and Membership Committee.



Mark Your Calendar Now! Dispose of your Holiday wrappings, boxes and party containers in an environmentally friendly way!



Resolve to RECYCLE



When: Saturday, January 6, 2007
Where: Sandia Heights Services Office on Tramway Road
(East on Tramway at the 3-way stop -- half-way up to the base of the Tram on the right -- look for signs!)
Time: 8am – 12pm
What: Plastics #1 & #2, Newspaper, Junk Mail, Cardboard, Holiday wrapping paper, Aluminum, Steel (Sorry, NO glass)

Volunteers needed. Please contact Cheryl Ferguson @ 505-856-1403 or cheryl@nmpolicymatters.com to help

TREASURER'S NOTE:

-Ed Whitten, Treasurer
Several people have asked why we no longer include the SHHA Financial summary (Treasurer's Report) in the GRIT. This practice was deleted some time ago based on inputs from many who felt the information was not of value to most residents. We would be happy to provide this report (or a brief financial summary) if we get enough interest. In the meantime, anyone (SHHA member) may obtain a copy of the most recent Treasurers Report from the SHHA office.



The Noise Level in Sandia Heights Should Get Quieter – Tom Coyne

The noise level along Tramway Blvd. should get quieter when the New Mexico State Dept. of Transportation (NMDOT) resurfaces that road using a noise reducing asphalt material. The resurfacing is scheduled to be complete by 30 June 2007. The NMDOT has already filled the cracks on Tramway Blvd. in preparation for the resurfacing.

The resurfacing is directly the result of several requests that SHHA made to the NMDOT approximately two years ago. We suggested that the District Engineer consider using a resurfacing material such as rubberized asphalt to reduce the tire/road interaction noise, the primary noise source for most vehicles. We requested that our State Representatives obtain funds for this project approximately one year ago and funds have since been allocated.

Here is an example of how effective this type of resurfacing is: The vehicle road noise that is heard at a residence that is 100 feet from Tramway should be reduced to that heard at a residence that is 400 feet from that road, that is, multiply the distance of the residence from the noise source by a factor of 4 to determine the apparent noise reduction when the noise source is

resurfaced with this type of material. The cost, wear ability and drivability of the noise-reducing surface are comparable to that of a standard asphalt surface. This type of noise reduction surface has been used in Arizona and California with excellent results. This material will not reduce the noise of vehicles with loud exhaust systems or that from speeding vehicles.

ROAD MAINTNENANCE

If your street is in need of cleanup, please contact the Bernalillo County Road Maintenance Department at 848-1503.

SANDIA HEIGHTS PULVERIZING & REPAVING PROJECTS

The following streets will be pulverized and repaved according to the Bernalillo County Road Maintenance Engineer:

Juniper Hill Ct - Juniper Hill Loop to end of road.

Big Horn Ridge Circle-Big Horn Ridge Drive to end of road

Live Oak Court-Begin Road to Live Oak Loop

Tramway Lane Court-Begin road to Tramway Lane

Rock Ridge Court-Rock Ridge Drive to end of road

Eagle Nest Court-Begin road to Juniper Hill Road

Big Horn Ridge Court-Begin road to Big Horn Ridge Road

Juniper Hill Road-Live Oak to end of road

Eagle Nest Drive-Juniper Hill Loop to Juniper Hill Road

Quail Run Court #1-Begin road to Quail Run Court

Quail Run Court #2-Begin road to Quail Run Court

Rock Ridge Drive-Juniper Hill Loop to Juniper Hill Road

Black Bear Loop-Live Oak East to Live Oak West

Big Horn Ridge Place-Begin road to Big Horn Ridge Road



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- Attempt to publish both sides of every issue, including constructive criticism; no abusive or insulting remarks.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.



Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Introducing this month’s featured security officer: J. E. Saenz. Jim has worked for Sandia Heights Security since last June. Jim is single, an avid hunter and fisherman, and is a former Mora County Deputy Sheriff.

Call Type	# of calls	Call type	# of calls
Attempted breaking and entering	3	Theft	4
Breaking & Entering	2	Utility Co. assist	5
Alarms	33	Special request	2
Car accident	1	Customer assist	23
Lost/found Item	1	Dumped/spilled material	4
Lost/Found pet	8	Noise complaints	4
Motorist assist	5	S.O. Assist	2
Open door/window	5	Parking problem	8
Pet nuisance	3	Vandalism	7
Rescue assist	1	Vehicle burglary	1
Snake call	1	Newspaper pickup	12
Speeding vehicle	1	Special patrol	9
Suspicious person	10	Homeowners on vacation	177
Suspicious vehicle	8	Total Calls	343
Salesman Problem	3		

If you have any questions regarding these stats, please call Sandia Heights Security at 856-6347.



ACC ACTIVITY LOG

The following is a summary of your Architectural Control Committee’s activity since last month’s GRIT.

- 10 Eagle Nest Drive – Repair roof, skylight and window leaks. Approved.
- 12 Eagle Nest Drive – Replace roof. Approved.
- 31 Juniper Hill Loop – Re-stucco, replace roof, repair deck. Approved.
- 30 Cedar Hill Place – Re-stucco, replace windows & doors. Approved.
- 168 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Replace windows. Approved.

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166 Juniper Hill Road – Storage shed. Shed placed on property without application to ACC. Committee conducted photographic study of the shed. Disapproved. Not in harmony with adjacent structure, not screened from view. Shed must be removed.

185 Big Horn Ridge Circle – Patio cover. Approved.

189 Big Horn Ridge Circle – Enclose second floor balcony. Neighborhood Review held. Approved.

224 Spring Creek Lane – Re-stucco. Approved.

313 Big Horn Ridge – Changes to previously approved addition. Neighborhood Review held. Approved.

345 Big Horn Ridge – Addition. Approved.

365 Big Horn Ridge Road – Replace windows. Approved.

417 Live Oak Court – Extend patio and cover. Approved.

418 Live Oak Court – Re-stucco. Approved.

427 Live Oak Lane – Replace windows. Approved.

507 Black Bear Loop – Replace pitched roof. Approved.

517 Black Bear Loop – Re-stucco. Repairs started prior to submitting application to the ACC. Approved.

569 Black Bear Road – Repair deck. Approved.

640 Cougar Loop – Exterior light, door and front yard wall. Exterior light, owner to provide cut sheet for compliance with light pollution ordinance. Door approved. Front yard wall disapproved. Located in front setback.

640 Cougar Loop – Side yard wall and front deck. Wall approved. Deck disapproved. Deck partially in front setback.

645 Cougar Loop – Replace roof. Approved.

683 Black Hawk Drive – Re-stucco. Approved.

726-18 Tramway Vista Drive – Addition. Disapproved. Partially in side setback.

785-3 Tramway Lane – Repair deck, replace windows & doors, replace roof. Approved.

785-17 tramway Lane – re-stucco,

937 Bobcat Boulevard – Replace roof. Approved.

990 Lynx Loop – Re-stucco. Approved.

1006 Tramway Lane – Replace windows and doors, re-stucco. Approved.

1012 Tramway Lane – Landscaping. Disapproved. Wall partially in front setback. Area of enclosure exceeds ACC design guideline.

1018 Tramway Lane – Re-stucco, replace roof. Approved.

1018 Tramway Lane – Replace windows. Approved.

1053 Red Oaks Loop – Replace windows. Approved.

1157 Laurel Loop – Wall. Constructed without ACC written approval. Approved. Meets covenant restrictions.

1170 Laurel Loop – Replace fence with stucco finish masonry wall and replace roof. Approved.

1207 Marigold Drive – Re-stucco. Approved.

1209 Marigold Drive – Walls and landscaping. Neighborhood Review held. Approved.

1232 Goldenrod Drive – Roof mounted photo voltaic panel electric power system. Neighborhood Review in process.

1411 Bluebell Place – Re-stucco, replace windows. Approved.

1413 San Rafael – Addition. Neighborhood Review in process.

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1470 Morning Glory Road – Install new window. Approved.

1523 Eagle Ridge – Re-stucco. Approved.

1536 Eagle Ridge Road – Outdoor kitchen, gas grill. Neighborhood Review held. Approved.

1709 Quail Run Court – Mailbox pedestal, masonry & stucco. Approved.

1725 Quail Run Court – Replace small tile-roof section with metal roof. Material marginally exceeds design guideline for specular gloss. Deviation to specification granted. Approved. No light nuisance will occur considering location, orientation and roof area.

1903 Quail Run Road – Replace garage door. Approved.

1919 Quail Run Loop – Add downspouts to canales. Approved.

1950 Quail Run Loop – Fence and landscaping. Fence approved. Trees disapproved. Trees not adjacent to the house and constitute a screen.

2117 Black Willow – Patio cover. Approved.

2125 Globe Mallow Ave. – Re-coat stucco and paint trim. Approved.

2179 Cattail Willow Drive – Patio cover. Approved.

2308 Calle De Rafael – Paint door. Approved.

2728 Tramway Circle – Replace roof. Approved.

2833 Tramway Circle – Replace windows. Approved.

2865 Tramway Circle – Convert existing patio cover to enclosed sunroom. Disapproved. Unit covenant prohibits room additions to existing houses.

2871 Tramway Circle – Landscaping. Work started without prior ACC written approval. Owner submitted application. Under ACC review.

2882 Tramway Place – Backyard fence. Owner built fence before receiving notification of ACC action. Disapproved. Fence not in harmony with the adjacent structure. Fence must be rebuilt to match style of other fences in the unit.

2882 Tramway Place – Replace windows. Approved.

8212 Indigo Court – Replace roof. Approved.

8232 Raintree Drive – New house. Previously disapproved, exceeds height limit, front setback not in harmony with adjacent structures. Application revised, height reduced, position on lot staked. Approved. Now meets height and front setback restrictions.

9110 Lynx Loop – Stucco color change. Approved.

12609 Colony Place – Refrigerated air unit installed without ACC approval. Potential noise nuisance. Owner immediately submitted an application for approval. Sound level measurements taken by the ACC. Neighborhood review in process.

12709 Colony Place – Refrigerated air unit installed without ACC approval. Potential noise nuisance. Neighborhood review in process.

Check the ACC Project Log at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website sandiahomeowners.org. Click on [THE A.C.C.](#) then on [Architectural Control Committee Project Log](#) and read about all projects currently under ACC management.

PLEASE NOTE:

Office Hours,

- The office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 23 & 24.
- Office Hours are 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday until December 13.
- From December 14 to 22 the office will be open from noon to 4pm.
- The office will be closed for Christmas from Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1.

Community Event Bulletin Board:

(This group is not sponsored by SHHA)

Sandia Cork & Fork Update: The Sandia Heights Cork and Fork dining activity is off to a good start in its second season. We currently have 23 couples as regular members and 3 couples as alternates. The season opened with a cocktail party on September 17, followed by the first of our small group dinners on November 11, 2006. The remaining small group dinners are scheduled for January 13, March 10 and May 12, 2007, and consist of four or five couples getting together in the host's home to share food, drink and lively conversation. To learn more about our activities, call Larry Anderson at 821-3158, drop him an email at andersnm@aol.com.

Sandia Heights Resident Receives National Distinguished Service Award from American Association of Diabetes Educators

Virginia Valentine, CEO and co-owner of Diabetes Network, Inc., has been honored with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). Ms. Valentine received the award at AADE's annual meeting and exposition in Los Angeles on August 11, 2006.



Volunteers Needed: The Bylaws Committee is looking for 2 volunteers from the community (SHHA members) to serve on the committee. The committee currently meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, and could meet during the day if all members agreed to that. You do not have to be a member of the Board to serve on this committee. Please call Marsha Thole at 856-3352 if you are interested.

Nature Lovers Reminder

-Marsha Thole

Sandia Heights residents are very fortunate to be so close to national forestland. We can enjoy any number of trails in the Sandias within minutes of our homes. While it may be tempting to take a shortcut through private property to reach your favorite trail, we would like to remind you that doing so is trespassing, which is illegal. Unless there is a posted sign that designates a public access entrance to a trailhead, you may not traverse through private property to reach the forestland, whether on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horseback. Please respect the privacy of neighbors whose property backs up to forestland, and use the designated trail entrances.

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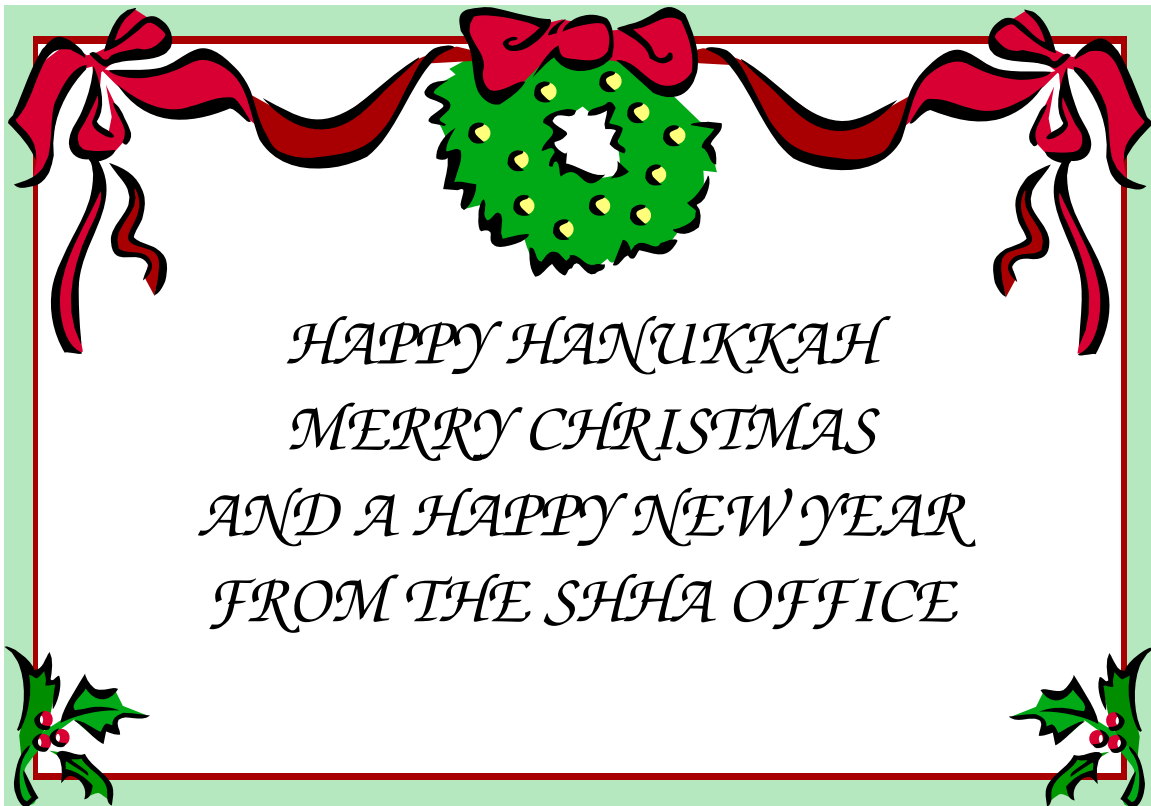
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