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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

September 2007

## President's Message by Sy Caudill

We are now three months past the annual meeting and the SHHA and the Board of Directors are working a number of projects on behalf of the community. Of note, our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has received an unusually large number of projects to evaluate and the Covenant Support Committee (CSC) has under review a significant number of reports. In my view, the primary goals of "your" organization are to maintain the unique character of the community and keep close tabs on all projects that could impact the community. The most notable issues in these areas are making sure new remodeling/landscaping plans comply with the covenants, that homeowner reported covenant violations are addressed promptly, and that the community is made aware of, and involved in, rezoning issues for land surrounding our community.

Each member of the Board of Directors serves on at least two committees. As of the time I'm writing this article we have four less board members than we did at the annual meeting. While this has not impacted our ability to handle the key and essential elements of operating your association, it has placed an added workload on our volunteers. I understand the decision to become an elected member of the board of directors requires a commitment that many homeowners cannot make at this time. However, we also have several committees that could use part-time volunteers. I'm asking each of you to consider devoting a few hours per month to assist us in running your association. We can use additional volunteers on the ACC, the CSC and the Community Service and Membership Committee. If you have a minimum of 3-4 hours per month that you could volunteer to your community, we can use your assistance. Just call or stop by the SHHA Office or you can call me directly at 301-4508.

### *Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series Presents . . .*

#### **Movie & TV personality – Singer-songwriter Tim Grimm in Concert**



Join us for an extraordinary, all ages, alcohol-free evening of music and food, with your friends and neighbors! Please bring along a favorite dessert. Suggested donation \$15; seniors & teens, \$10, kids over 6, \$5.

Actor Tim Grimm spent several years in Los Angeles appearing in TV series and movies, including *Clear and Present Danger* opposite Harrison Ford. Tired of the LA scene, Tim and his wife moved to a farm in Indiana where they hay farm. His songs are rooted in his love of the land and small family farms. Sample Tim's music at [timgrimm.com](http://timgrimm.com) (click on CDBaby.com links)

Too numerous to list, Tim's awards include *Best Americana Album* in 2006 for *The Black Fields*, his latest album, selected out of 25,000 entries by *Just Plain Folks Music Awards*.

**Sat., September 29, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd**

7834 Tennyson NE, from Tramway Blvd., west on Tramway Terrace, right on Tennyson  
Doors to the Church Lower Hall open at 6:45 - For info or to volunteer, Linda Bolton, 856-7100/nlightsmgt@aol.com.

# July 2007 Treasurer Report

-Ed Whitten, Treasurer



CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
<b>INFLOW</b>		<b>Bank &amp; Cash Accounts</b>	
ACC Income	\$176.00	CD #1	\$73,642.56
GRIT Advertising	\$253.95	CD #2	\$35,004.77
CD Interest	\$767.80	Checking	\$29,082.37
Membership Dues	\$12,629.29	Cash Accounts	\$2,135.98
<b>TOTAL INFLOW</b>	<b>\$13,827.04</b>	<b>Total Bank &amp; Cash</b>	<b>\$139,865.68</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		<b>Asset Accounts</b>	
Committee Expenses	\$2,635.29	Miscellaneous	\$1,379.21
New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax	\$75.86	Office Equipment	\$4,973.06
Office Staff	\$5,037.60	Office Furniture	\$5,506.69
Sandia Heights Services	\$1,487.90	Software	\$932.34
Office Operations	\$1,762.44	<b>Total Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,791.30</b>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$10,999.09</b>	<b>Liability Accounts</b>	
		Improvements & Legal Reserves	\$86,421.96
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$2,827.95</b>	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$66,235.02</b>

*Below are two statutes regarding pedestrian right of ways, an issue that was raised at the Annual Town Hall Meeting:*

## **PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC: RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES**

NMSA § 66-7-339. Pedestrians on roadways.

- A. Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- B. Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

§ 66-7-335. Crossing at other than crosswalks.

- A. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- B. Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- C. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.



**Executive Committee**

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**GRIT Editorial Policy is:**

- 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:**

**Security Tips:** The safest place to park your vehicle is in your garage. Even

when a vehicle is parked in the garage, the doors should be locked and the alarm system (if so equipped) activated. The windows should be up and the vehicle locked and alarmed when a vehicle must be parked in a driveway or on the street.

Month of July Call Type	# of calls	call Type	# of calls
Alarms	28	Suspicious vehicle	12
Assault/Battery	1	Salesman problem	2
Car Accident	2	Theft	3
Fire	1	Threat/personal	1
Fireworks Complaint	12	Utility Co. Assist	3
Lost/Found item	1	Special request	6
Lost/Found Pet	7	Customer assist	3
Mailbox Vandalism	1	Dumped material	1
Motorist Assist	6	Noise complaints	2
Motorcycle nuisance	4	S.O. assist	1
Open door/window	13	Parking problem	2
Pet nuisance	1	Vandalism	8
Rescue assist	1	Newspaper pickup	26
Snake call	12	Special patrol	15
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	256
Suspicious person	10	<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>442</b>

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 the last GRIT.*

1 San Rafael – Medical office building, preliminary design. Incomplete application. No action taken.

2-B San Rafael – Install concealed cell tower. Received application from T Mobile. Neighborhood Review in process.

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92 Juniper Hill Road – Remodel with additions and walls. Neighborhood Review in process.

150 Whitetail Road – Replace roof. Approved.

206 Spring Creek Drive – Awning. Approved.

236 Spring Creek Court – Replace roof, repair stucco & re-stucco. Approved.

364 Juniper Hill Road – Concrete slab & hot tub. Approved.

422 Live oak Court – Replace heating-cooling equipment. Approved.

426 Live Oak Lane – Re-stucco. Approved.

438 Live Oak Loop – Photo voltaic power system. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved with conditions.

452 Live Oak Lane – Addition. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

501 Black Bear Loop – Front entry wall improvement & rear entry slab. Approved.

513 Roadrunner Lane – Addition. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

684 Blackhawk Drive – Replace roof & repair parapets. Approved.

706-7 Tramway Lane – Repair & re-stucco wall. Approved.

726-28 Tramway Vista Loop – Re-stucco. Approved.

726-34 Tramway Vista Drive – Replace furnace with combined heating & cooling unit. Approved.

867-E Tramway Lane Court – Move & replace fence with wall. Neighborhood Review in process.

867-F Tramway Lane Court – Move & replace fence with wall. Neighborhood Review in process.

908 Tramway Lane – New house. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved with conditions.

1034 Red Oaks Loop – Install rain downspouts. Approved.

1038 Tramway Lane – Construct steps and mailbox. Approved.

1133 Marigold Drive – House remodel. Neighborhood Review in process.

1189 Laurel Loop – Replace roof. Approved.

1231 Goldenrod Drive – Replace roof, re-stucco, refinish trim. Approved.

1244 Rockrose Road – Replace windows & doors. Approved.

1477 Morning Glory Road – In-ground pool & spiral staircase. Installation started prior to receipt of ACC written approval. Work stopped. Neighborhood Review completed. Project approved.

1711 Quail Run Court – Relocate trash container screening-wall and enlarge window. Approved.

1921 Quail Run Drive – Front entrance repairs & replacement. Approved.

2125 Globe Willow Avenue – Replace garage door. Approved.

2434 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace window and install sun screens. Approved.

2717 Tramway Circle – Replace fence. Owner completed work without prior written approval from the ACC. Approved.

2806 Tramway Circle – Replace windows. Approved.

2833 Tramway Circle – Replace roof, refinish trim. Approved.

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

## Community Event Bulletin Board:

### SOSH - SINGLES OF SANDIA HEIGHTS

It is never too late to join the social club of Sandia Heights. Since forming this past May, members of our group have participated in 20 events, in town and out of town. And we are already lining up some neat activities for this fall. Men and women are welcome. Our group is growing, and we have more than 30 sociable folks, who all 'just wanna have fun.' We range in age from the 40s to the 80s--single, divorced, widowed, geographically separated from spouse, whatever. SOSH is not Match.com--just a nice bunch of people who like to socialize. If you are interested in joining (no dues, no meetings), call Marsha Thole (856-3352). Get out of your rut. Make that call--it will be good for your mental health. The Doctor says so (and so does Oprah).



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Studio Tour on Sunday, September 23 1-5 pm. See the new work by 11 Sandia Heights artists in their homes and studios. Maps may be picked up at SHHA office 2 weeks in advance and at the courtyard of the office on the day of the show. For more information please contact Judi Foster at 856-6545 or 249-7167.**

**ACE HARDWARE:** The Rio Grande Ace Hardware on Tramway is under new ownership and will be having a Grand Opening during the Labor Day weekend. The store will be managed by Sharon Alire. The owners, managers and employees are ready to serve you will all your hardware needs and invite you to come in today and meet your helpful hardware folks!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the woman with three small children on bicycles who darted across Tramway through a red light at 12:50 pm on Thursday, Aug 9--what WERE you thinking? Tramway traffic had a green light, and there were cars coming in both directions on Tramway at 50 mph or greater (I was right at 50 mph). One driver had to swerve around all four bikes. My ABS system brought my car to a safe stop (afraid the car behind me was going to plow into me), and I still had the green light. I slowed down when I first saw the children. It looked at first like you were going to wait at the corner, since you had the red light. Then, to my horror, you and the kids proceeded into the intersection, hesitating at the median divider, looking as if you were actually going to wait there until the southbound cars had passed, and I slowed down even more. Then, the little kids started peddling like heck to get across, all the time hearing the horns blasting from at least two cars. I felt so sorry for them. Not once did you, the adult, look in either direction as you crossed from the east to the west side. Those little children must have been scared to death--I certainly was. What part of a red light don't you understand? Whether you are a driver, a bicyclist, or a pedestrian, the red light means STOP. It is bad enough we have adults by the thousands running red lights in this town. But now we have adults teaching children that it is okay to ride their bike across a street against a red light. I hope you NEVER do that again. You have no idea how close you came to being wiped out.

Marsha Thole, resident

In reference to a letter from a Marigold Drive Resident I would like to say that we too have found many dead rabbits! Recently, an article in the tribune addressed Rabbit fever, a disease that is seasonal and spreads in the same manner as the plague. Tularemia, as it is called scientifically, is big in this area this summer and is the culprit in the case of the dead bunnies. Anyone who is interested in learning more can research information on the internet or can call the Environmental Health.

Debra Speck, Jade Enterprises, Inc



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## Announcements & Notices:

- **OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.
- The office will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.
- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 12 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Notary public services are free to members only. Please call to make an appointment.
- The Contractor Evaluation binder is a valuable tool for our members. The association would much appreciate your references for people or companies you use. Please fill out a contractor evaluation form and either mail or email it to our office. Thank you.
- Check out the SHHA website at: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org) for updates, neighborhood resources and classified ads from homeowners.

