

THE

GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Aug 2008

## President's Message by Sy Caudill

Well it's summer and a lot is going on in Sandia Heights. Those of you living in the Live Oak area have been dealing with paving of one of our main streets. There is paving going on in other areas, and we continue to work with the county to identify streets that need paving and with our representatives to let them know that funds are needed for street improvements. While funds are limited, we have been very successful in getting roads repaved and we will continue to work this issue. Speaking of roads, this brings up speed bumps (traffic calmers) and posted speed limits. We have had comments from both members and non-members on this issue. Let me clearly state that SHHA does not and will not take a position on speed bumps. That is an issue where the county has a process and procedure in place allowing residents on a given street to address the issue. We will continue to leave it to the county to implement their process. In the area of speed limits we have been working with the county through our Parks and Safety Committee to determine appropriate speed limits on our roads. Some have them posted, some don't. My street does not have a sign and the 'acceptable' speed seems to range from 15 to 45mph. You will find an article on this by the Chair of Parks and Safety elsewhere in this issue. On these two subjects there seems to be a perception that our Parks and Safety Committee is 'packed' with either pro-bumpers or anti-bumpers. I can assure you that I cannot tell you the position of a single member of this committee. I have been and will continue to ask for your support in volunteering for this organization. Members may serve on any committee or on the board; we do ask that members not be 'single issue' volunteers and that they keep an open mind in discussions. If you want to influence how SHHA is run--volunteer, we will welcome you.

On the subject of members and non-members, just because you are reading this does not mean you are a member. We send the GRIT to all addresses in the community as a public service. However, like all organizations, membership has its privileges. Members are welcome to attend any and all meetings of the Board or Committees, they have access to free Tram Passes, free admission to our Coffee House series, free ACC requests, action from the Covenant Support Committee for member-reported violations, free copy service (for limited copies), free notary service, access to our contractors' reference database and a myriad of other benefits. Like any organization we are supported by our members and in return we will continue to find ways to make membership have its benefits. On the flip side, we do not provide these services to non-members, with the exception of the Coffee House where non-members can attend for a fee. So even though we provide the GRIT to all, we would ask that you understand this is a membership organization and we will continue to monitor these activities and services to ensure that only members receive the benefits. We are seeking more ways that we can provide benefits to our members and we welcome suggestions. As always, if you are a member and have suggestions or comments on the SHHA please email us at [shha@sandiahomeowners.org](mailto:shha@sandiahomeowners.org) or call the office.

**Parks and Safety Committee ~**  
**Frances Desonier**

Hello, Neighbors: There has been a bit of a controversy generated recently by a few of our neighbors who are under the impression that our Parks and Safety Committee is diligently working toward increasing the speed limit on San Rafael and removing the current speed humps. One of the projects our committee is doing is continuing to work closely with the county as it determines whether the speed humps that have been installed have in fact made our community safer.

We have heard from a number of neighbors on this issue, some who are convinced that we must not allow the current speed limit to be raised and who believe the speed humps provide a safer environment for our neighborhood; and others, who are equally convinced that the current speed limit of 15 miles per hour is oppressive and that speed humps are dangerous on emergency feeder routes. There are good arguments on both sides.

The county has been very responsive to our neighborhood association and is working diligently to determine what a safe speed is on our roads via scientific studies and what is the best method of reducing speeds on our roads in ways that are not dangerous for those in true crisis, such as health or fire emergencies. SHHA and our Parks & Safety Committee have no part in the ultimate decision made by the county. The County is simply keeping us informed of its progress.

By the time you read this article in our next GRIT, the Parks & Safety Committee will have met at least twice, once to clarify our objectives for this current year, and a second meeting with David Mitchell and Robert Baker, our county contacts, to discuss the results of their most recent traffic studies completed in July 2008 and plans

they have for the future. These will be reported on in a future GRIT. They have also assured us that prior to any major changes, a town hall meeting would be held to discuss the proposed changes with all interested parties. We would publicize such a meeting via our GRIT, should that even be necessary.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer enjoying our very special neighborhood.

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**San Rafael**  
**Construction**

~ Sy Caudill



As those of you traversing San Rafael know, we have construction

occurring next to our office. We have received complaints on two areas. First is the visibility when exiting the parking lot. Second is the issue of no walkway on the south side of San Rafael due to the construction fence. This has been addressed with the property owner and a partial solution has been found. The fence has wind blockers on it which will be removed to allow improved visibility when exiting the parking lot.

On the second issue the construction crew will be digging and trenching not only on the lot but into San Rafael as well for utilities connections. The fence must enclose this area and therefore it goes to the edge of the street. In fact a temporary partial blockage of the street will occur when street connections are made. For safety the construction area will remain fenced. We encourage walkers to be aware of the construction and how the fence may temporarily impair walking in this area.

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## June 2008 Treasurer's Report ~ Ed Tull, Treasurer

<b>CASH FLOW</b>		<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	
		<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
<b>INFLOWS</b>		CD #2	\$36,643.16
ACC income	\$75.00	CD #3	\$15,310.64
Directory Sales	\$5.00	CD #4	\$103,050.19
GRIT Advertising	\$740.68	Money Market	\$12,886.76
Membership Dues	\$13,094.27	Checking	\$736.26
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$13,914.95</b>	Cash Accounts	\$1,338.61
		<b>Total Bank &amp; Cash</b>	<b>\$169,965.62</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
ACC	\$7.35	<b>ASSET ACCOUNTS</b>	
Community Service & Membership	\$491.09	Miscellaneous	\$1,379.21
Communications and Publications	\$996.90	Office Equipment	\$4,973.06
Executive Committee	\$150.00	Office Furniture	\$5,651.99
Insurance	\$233.89	Software	\$932.34
Office Expense	\$7,279.08	<b>TOTAL Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,936.60</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$9,158.31</b>	<b>Liability Accounts</b>	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	\$146,592.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,756.64</b>		
		<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,310.22</b>

Don't miss the next Sandia Heights **Coffeehouse Concert** on Saturday, September 13, at Church of the Good Shepherd--a special performance by internationally-known Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group (robinandlinda.com). Robin & Linda appear regularly on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, and are veterans of *Austin City Limits*, *The Grand Ole Opry*, and *The American Radio Company*. They have toured with Emmylou Harris, Mary Chapin Carpenter, The Seldom Scene, and many others.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m., COGS is at 7834 Tennyson, and the concert is **FREE to SHHA members!** Non-members are \$15, \$10/seniors(60+) & teens, \$5/children over 6. No reservations are needed, but come early for the best seating and to enjoy refreshments and visiting with friends and neighbors. Feel free to bring a favorite dessert to share.

Contact Linda Bolton to volunteer to help and/or to have your e-mail address added to our Coffeehouse alert list: 856-7100 or [nlightsmgt@aol.com](mailto:nlightsmgt@aol.com).



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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**

Month of June Call Type	# of calls	Month of June Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & Entering	1	Suspicious vehicle	14
Alarms	39	Suspicious person	8
Car accident	1	Theft	1
Fireworks complaint	6	Personal threat	1
Fire	2	Utility Co. assist	4
Loud music		Special request	3
Lost/Found item	1	Customer assist	7
Lost/Found pet	1	Salesman problem	7
Motorist assist	8	Noise complaints	1
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Parking problem	1
Open door/window	3	Vandalism	8
Neighbor dispute	1	Newspaper pickup	27
Pet nuisance	7	Homeowners on vacation	237
Snake call	9	Special patrol	15
Speeding vehicle	1	<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>415</b>

If you have questions regarding these stats, please call Security at 856-6347. Please call Security to confirm your membership with them.

**Statistics compiled by the Sandia Heights Security Patrol**

The statistics that you see published in the *GRIT* are compiled monthly by the Security patrol. When a call comes in to the patrol it is logged by name, address or phone number of the caller (name, address and phone are kept confidential). The call is entered into the database and assigned a code, e.g., “VAN” for vandalism, “AL” for alarms, etc. A monthly query is run at the end of each month; the coded calls are tallied and generate the statistics that you see in the *GRIT*. The database is then “cleaned out.” The last month’s calls are deleted along with any duplicate entries for any given address. The reports are faxed to the SHHA. We also report the month’s calls to the BCSO (Bernalillo County Sheriff Office) along with any other more specific information they might want that we might have. Hard copies are also kept of each month’s calls.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2008

## SHHA Office Meet 'n' Greet

Come join us from 11am to 3pm at our SHHA office, 2B San Rafael. This MEET 'n' GREET will feature the usual delicious hors d'oeuvres plus... We plan to have information about how to reduce the risk of fire in Sandia Heights. With the recent Trigo and Big Springs fires in the Manzano mountains, residents need to know how to protect themselves. Please come participate and exchange information.



*Hosted by the SHHA Community Service and Membership Committee.*

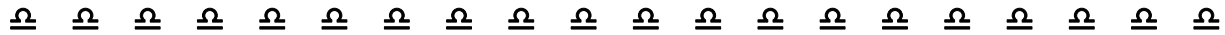


## Random Garden Tips

~ Bob Francis, Happy Gardner



- Keep your yard bird friendly. Birds help keep the bugs down. A dish or pail of water in your garden will attract birds.
- Keep suckers from growing. Remove suckers from the base of trees or bushes. Also cut off suckers from low hanging limbs. This accomplishes the same thing as deadheading.
- By deadheading and removing suckers, you are sending the nutrients to the rest of the plant.



Sandia Heights 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Artist Studio Tour Saturday, October 25, 1-5pm, and Sunday, October 26, 1-5 pm. All Sandia Heights residents and their guests are welcome.

Lynda Burch, 369 Big Horn Drive – Lynda is a mixed media artist who loves experimenting with techniques in water color, acrylics and collage.

Marta Burckley, 823 Tramway Lane – Marta delights in unexpected combinations of materials and textures. Her mixed media approach includes works in gourds, fabric baskets, quilts and flower pounding.

Judi Foster, 28 Juniper Hill Court – Judi's paintings project the spirit and energy of the southwest. She hopes to connect her feelings with those of the viewer in an emotional manner.

George Hight, 1202 Marigold Drive – George is a New Mexico native and Sandia Heights resident since 1991. George paints Southwest landscapes and miniature oils.

Carol Kaleko, 2153 Black Willow Drive – Carol is a potter working in hand built pieces, her work is sculptural and imaginatively glazed.

Terry Matthews, 94 Juniper Hill Road – Terry is an impressionist painter working in acrylics who receives his inspiration from the Southwest - - its land and people.

Barbara Naylor, 1202 Marigold Drive – Barb likes to manipulate the canvas before starting to paint. Abstractions are her favorite way of expression in oils although she has begun painting mesas and pueblos.

Frances Schmidt, 656 Roadrunner Lane – Frances creates copperfoil stained glass of her own design. Her pieces are a mostly abstract, colored working flow of air and water which vary in size.

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The process then starts over with the beginning of each new month with year-to-date totals accumulating throughout the year.

We do count “calls” that are not called in to us. If an officer notices a mailbox knocked over, for instance, and either the resident is not a subscriber to the service, or does not call the incident in, these are also entered and compiled as calls.

\* Note: It is important for residents to impart as much information to the patrol as possible, especially with respect to suspicious vehicles (type, color, make & model, license number) and persons (male or female, height, weight, clothing, approximate age and ethnicity). These are of particular interest to the BCSO when we make our reports to them.

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### **ACC Activity Log**

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

1 Juniper Hill Road – Refinish doors & trim, repair fence. Approved

22 Cedar Hill Road – Replace roof. Approved

44 Rock Ridge Court – New construction, roofing material color. Approved

47 Pinon Hill Place – re-stucco. Approved

61 Juniper Hill Place – Refinish trim. Approved

154 Juniper Hill Road – Roof & stucco repair, add HVAC equipment. Approved

177 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Relocate canale, replace roof. Approved

207 Live Oak Road – Place roof on existing ramada. Approved

333 White Oaks Drive – Resurface driveway. Approved

335 White Oaks Drive – Replace wood siding with stucco. Approved

365 Big Horn Ridge – Replace windows. Approved

433 Live Oak Loop – Repair fence. Approved

526 Live Oak Place – Replace window with French door. Approved

552 Black Bear Road – Replace evaporative coolers and enclosure walls. Approved

711-31 Tramway Lane – Enclose covered patio. Approved

727-9 Cedar Hill Lane – Replace roof. Approved

748 Tramway Lane – Refinish Trim. Approved

785-3 Tramway Lane – Replace roof & garage door and landscaping. Approved

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

954 Deer Drive – Replace roof. Approved

959 Antelope Avenue – Re-stucco. Approved

1024 Tramway Lane – Resurface driveway. Approved

1027 Tramway Lane – Addition. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved

1114 San Rafael – Replace roof and deck. Approved

1187 Laurel Loop – Replace evaporative cooler with HVAC system. Approved

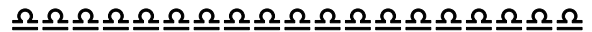
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- 1197 Bobcat Boulevard – Replace deck & resurface driveway. Approved
- 1412 Bluebell Place – Retaining wall and drainage. Approved
- 1414 San Rafael – Replace windows. Approved
- 1420 San Rafael Court – Replace roof & re-stucco. Approved
- 1934 Quail Run Loop – Replace windows. Approved
- 2028 Quail Run Drive - Refinish garage door & trim. Approved
- 2301 Calle de Rafael – Replace garage door. Approved
- 2319 Calle de Gabriel – Replace roof. Approved
- 2326 Calle de Gabriel – Perimeter fence to meet code. Approved
- 2435 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace garage door. Approved
- 2438 Tramway Terrace Court – Paint stucco. Approved
- 2535 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace evaporative cooler with HVAC equipment. Approved
- 2717 Tramway Circle – Replace mailbox. Approved
- 2899 Tramway Place – Landscaping. Approved
- 9102 Lynx Loop – re-stucco. Approved
- 12621 Colony Place – Repair stucco & replace windows. Approved
- 12705 Colony Place – Refinish garage door. 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](#) and read about all projects currently under ACC management.



## Community Services and Membership Committee News

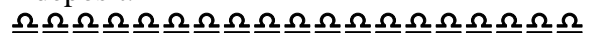


~ Kerney Bolton, Chair

Many of you have already used this free service which is available for SHHA Members. We encourage you to come and get your tram pass today. The tickets are now being reserved two to three weeks ahead of time. The office has a corporate pass and can distribute up to four passes a day.

Here is how it works:

- First come, first served.
- Pick a date you want to ride the tram. Passes will be issued for a particular date and may be used for that date only. If you don't use the pass then you will lose your deposit.
- When you provide a deposit of \$5.00 per pass (check or cash - no credit cards accepted) the office will give you a letter stating how many passes you have for that day.
- On the day of your reservation you will take this letter to the tram and they will give you the actual tram passes.
- When you return to the office to turn in your used ticket stub(s) you will receive a full refund of your deposit. **No stubs – no refund. All deposits are non-refundable after thirty days.**
- Passes are available only during days and hours that the Tram is available to the public.
- You must come into the office to reserve your date by bringing your cash or check deposit.



## Community Event Bulletin Board

*Not all of these groups are sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed*

### **SINGLES OF SANDIA HEIGHTS (SOSH)**

By the time you read this SOSH members will have gone to the Santa Fe Opera, met for brunch again, celebrated the Fourth of July with music at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and toured the GOK-Ansel Adams exhibit, had dinner at the Coyote Cafe rooftop cantina, eaten lavender ice cream and toured the historic homes at the Lavender Festival at Los Poblanos in Los Ranchos, toured and tasted wine at Casa Rondena, and more! And, there are other upcoming events. If you would like to be part of our social group, call Marsha (856-3352). You need to be a resident of Sandia Heights (and you can invite your friends to join you for these events) and have email, as that is how we communicate.

**Sandia Presbyterian Church** Many today are seeking answers and fulfillment in their lives. *Alpha* is a nondenominational, international course that addresses such basic questions in a friendly setting. *Alpha* is an earnest yet frequently humorous exploration of key issues and beliefs in the Christian faith. Participants get to know each other over dinner, watch video presentations, and meet in small discussion groups. Join us at Sandia Presbyterian Church August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 to 8:30 pm for a preview dinner and video. The course meets Tuesdays from September 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>, with dinner, snacks and childcare provided. Please RSVP via [www.sandiaprs.org](http://www.sandiaprs.org) and click on "sign up" tab or call 856-5040, so we can plan meals and seating.

### **Sandia Heights 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Artist Studio Tour**

Save these dates! Saturday October 25 and Sunday October 26, 1-5pm. Featuring works in watercolor, acrylics, oils, stained glass, gourds, fabric and mixed media. All Sandia Heights residents and their guests are welcome. Maps of the tour route will be available in October at the Sandia Heights Homeowner's Association office.

### **Sandia Heights Wildflower Club**

If you missed the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club's annual Garden Walk on June 14<sup>th</sup>, you can enjoy it via the internet on the SHHA website, [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org). You'll get a sense of what great gardens we have in our neighborhood. We had approximately 150 people who enjoyed this leisurely stroll through these four beautiful gardens.







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## **PHOTO CONTEST!**

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2009 Sandia Heights Resident Directory. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 15. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2009 Directory, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer. Submission criteria:

- You must be a member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and you must be an amateur photographer.
- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2008 Directory).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally, as a hardcopy or by email to [sandiaheights@comcast.net](mailto:sandiaheights@comcast.net).
- 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!