

THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

www.sandiahomeowners.org

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

President's Message

~ Sy Caudill

21 Inches of Snow fall in Sandia Heights!

Well not yet-- but while I've got your attention let's discuss fall in our great community. If you are lucky you can see the Aspens changing color up on the mountain and a bit later the trees in the valley will be changing--which many of you can, I hope, see from your homes. Yes fall is a great time of year and our community is an exceptional place to live and enjoy the wonderful community that we all love. However, one continuing issue that frequently comes up in my discussions with members is the issue of views and blocked views.

As our ACC Chair has pointed out in earlier articles, this community once looked a great deal like the virgin land that lays just to our north on the Sandia Reservation. The next time you drive north on Tramway take a look as you pass the last stop sign and notice how far you can see and how wonderful the views are from the road. Once Sandia Heights had the same views from most of the lots. So what happened? Well some of it has to do with the homes but generally the developers established setbacks and view corridors that would maintain the views for all.

So what else has resulted in the complaints that I hear frequently? It is the trees that have been planted over the years that are not native to the community--they

are now reaching mature heights of 30-40 feet and more. We have evergreens, ponderosa pines, leafy trees that grow straight up, willows and the ever present Chinese Elms. Am I advocating doing clear cutting to restore the lost\disappearing views--no I'm not. What I'm asking each of you to do is take a look at your lot from the perspective of your neighbors--take a walk or drive and look at how your landscaping has impacted your fellow residents and how does your landscaping impact their ability to also enjoy the natural beauty of the neighborhood? I wouldn't ask any of you to do something that I have not done and that consists of considering having your tall trees trimmed\topped\removed.

Last year I had a professional tree service trim the biggest tree in my yard to the height of my home--not because any of my neighbors asked me to--just because it was the right thing to do. In many cases most of the trees add little to your enjoyment as a 40 foot tall tree adds little more than a 20 foot tree--well except maybe for the extra 16 bags of leaves that you have to clean up every fall. Would you like it if the neighbor below you topped their trees? Well just maybe the neighbor above you feels the same way about your trees. Each of us can make living in this great neighborhood more enjoyable if we are considerate of others and do what we can to improve the neighborhood for all. Enjoy the great fall weather and the snow that we all hope will eventually fall in Sandia Heights.

Disaster Preparedness and Fire Info ~ Alyson Clark

Title: At our August 23rd Meet and Greet a Fire Marshal from the Bernalillo County Fire Dept. spoke about planning for emergencies. I will paraphrase some of the highlights plus add additional information from their web page, bernco.gov.

When you call 911 from your landline telephone, the county gets a screen display with your name, address and phone number of record from the phone company. If you have completed a CARE Form (obtained from the web page and can include special medical instructions or particulars on directions to your home) then that info displays, too, along with a map and GPS coordinates. It does not have an On-Star type device.

You are welcome to personally call 911 to verify what information they have in your file.

If your street has a curbside, you may want to have reflective address numbers painted on it. They should be 4 inches in height. If necessary, clear vegetation from your driveway so that it is at least 12 feet wide for emergency response vehicles. Incidentally, chamisa is highly flammable.

In addition to the standard A,B,C fire extinguisher and smoke detectors, you should consider having a carbon monoxide (CO) detector because gas-burning furnaces & water heaters, wood-burning stoves & fireplaces, autos and gas-powered equipment can produce CO. Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and CO detectors are not expensive and are available at home-improvement type stores.

I also keep several gallons of water, canned food items, a flashlight, extra batteries, a hand-crank radio and a first aid kit which has hand sanitizer, gloves and masks.

Communications & Publications ~ Frances Desonier

ATTENTION all Homeowners! SHHA wants to encourage more of our homeowners to browse our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org. To this end our Communications and Publications Committee is asking for interested homeowners to submit pictures of general interest (travel, balloon fiesta, gardening, hobby, etc.) to be used in the SHHA website photo gallery. This is a great way to share your unique experiences with your neighbors!

Just bring in your camera chip and reader to the SHHA office and Sheraz or Betsy will download the photos for you. We just want your images straight from your camera, so that we have them at the same resolution as recorded by your camera.

So review your digital photo files for images you would like presented in a photo gallery format. We will all benefit from your experiences and praise you for your skill at photography! Hope to see your images soon in the SHHA website photo gallery.



Letters to the Editor is a feature where we provide a means of presenting relevant and topical issues\opinions within the community. However, we reserve the right to limit based on space and relevancy. When a topic has been fully explored, discussed and a decision made we will consider it no longer relevant and will cease publication of letters on that issue. Also, letters must be free of personal attacks, they must center just on the topic at hand. We encourage civil discourse on issues within the community and will continue to publish relevant letters.

~ The Editors



September 2008 Treasurer's Report ~ Ed Tull, Treasurer

CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
		Bank Accounts	
INFLOWS		CD #2	\$37,042.21
ACC income	\$50.00	CD #3	\$15,364.33
Tram Pass Deposits	\$790.00	CD #4	\$103,845.77
Directory & GRIT Advertising	\$12,495.22	Money Market	\$6,902.57
Membership Dues	\$13,146.57	Checking	\$13,400.98
Safety Vests	\$28.00	Cash Accounts	\$2,231.74
NM Gross Receipts Tax	\$726.29	Total Bank & Cash	\$178,787.60
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$27,236.08		
OUTFLOWS		ASSET ACCOUNTS	
ACC	\$7.48	Miscellaneous	\$1,379.21
Bylaws	\$12.83	Office Equipment	\$4,973.06
Community Service & Membership	\$2,120.72	Office Furniture	\$5,651.99
Communications & Publications	\$1,684.04	Software	\$932.34
Executive Committee	\$373.62	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$12,936.60
Insurance	\$3,895.00		
Office Expense	\$9,249.26		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$17,342.95	Liability Accounts	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	\$146,592.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$9,893.13	OVERALL TOTAL	\$45,132.20

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. Notary services free to members. Please make an appointment.
- **Meet n Greet** scheduled for Saturday, November 8 from 11am to 3pm.
- The office will be closed for Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11 and Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 27.
- **SHHA Board Meeting** – Wednesday, November 12 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Committee meeting dates and times are posted on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org under the News and Information page.
- The **Tram** will be closed for maintenance from Friday, October 27 through Thursday, November 6. It reopens Friday, November 7 at noon.
- **Safety Vests for sale** in the SHHA office. \$2 per vest for members and \$4 per vest for non-members – come and get yours now!



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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

Month of September Call Type	# of calls	Month of September Call Type	# of calls
Attempted breaking & entering	1	Suspicious vehicle	7
Breaking & entering	1	Theft	2
Alarms	31	Personal threat	0
Car accident	1	Utility Co. assist	2
Fireworks complaint	1	Special request	1
Fire	1	Customer assist	8
Lost/Found pet	5	Noise complaints	1
Motorist assist	4	S.O. assist	0
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Parking problem	5
Open door/window	3	Vandalism	5
Pet nuisance	7	Wildlife report	1
Rescue assist	2	Vehicle burglary	3
Snake Call	8	Newspaper pickup	31
Salesman problem	2	Homeowners on vacation	219
Suspicious person	8	Special patrol	18
		Total Calls	379

If you have questions regarding these stats, please call Security at 856-6347. Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Security is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership. Membership in SHHA does not include SHS membership. You can call Security to confirm your membership with them.

TRAM CLOSURE

The Tram will be closed for maintenance from **Friday, October 27 through Thursday, November 6. It reopens Friday, November 7, at noon.**

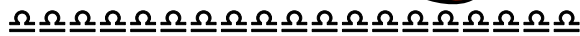


Fall/Winter Tram hours: September 1 to May 25 9am to 8pm, except Tuesday: 5pm to 8pm.

SHHA has tram passes available through mid-November of 2009! For details on how the tram passes work please go to the website: sandiahomeowners.org.

Parks & Safety Committee ~ Frances Desonier

A REMINDER TO ALL SHHA HOMEOWNERS: Please consider purchasing a safety vest from the SHHA office. Although these vests will make you and your loved ones easier to see when walking our roads, they are especially useful at night, as each one has reflective bands in front and back. Members can purchase them for less than cost, \$2 each, and nonmembers pay only \$4 per vest. Protect yourself and your loved ones. Buy and wear a safety vest today!



ACC Activity Log

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

- 7 Juniper Hill Road – Addition. Disapproved, partially in side set-back
- 9 Eagle Nest Drive – Re-stucco. Approved
- 19 Cedar Hill Road – Landscaping. Approved
- 78 Juniper Hill Road – Replace windows, replace trim, & landscaping. Approved with conditions
- 80 Juniper Hill Place – Garage addition & replace fence with a wall. Approved with conditions
- 92 Juniper Hill Road – Revised landscaping plan. Disapproved, structure in front set-back
- 220 Spring Creek Lane – Re-stucco, refinish trim. Approved
- 236 Spring Creek Court – Replace roof. Approved

- 373 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Re-finish deck. Approved
 - 453 Live Oak Lane – Re-stucco. Approved
 - 684 Blackhawk Drive – Landscaping. Approved
 - 727-8 Cedar Hill Lane – Replace windows & doors. Approved
 - 748 Tramway Lane – Replace windows. Approved
 - 760-12 Tramway Lane – Landscaping. Approved
 - 787 Tramway Place – Carport. Approved
 - 793-795 Tramway Lane – Replace entrance signage. Approved
 - 887 Tramway Lane – Replace fence. Approved with condition
 - 887 Tramway Lane – Replace evaporative cooler. Approved
 - 981 Antelope Avenue – Re-stucco. Approved
 - 1055 Red Oaks Loop – Landscaping. Approved
 - 1475 Morning Glory Road – Replace roof. Approved
 - 1558 Eagle Ridge Road – Add & replace windows & doors. Approved
 - 1608 Quailwood Road – Landscaping. Approved
 - 1917 Quail Run Drive – Replace evaporative cooler with refrigerated air. Approved
 - 1920 Quail Run Drive – Landscaping. Approved
 - 1925 Quail Run Drive – Raise patio wall height by 8 inches. Approved
 - 1950 Quail Run Loop – Addition. Preliminary approval for exterior envelope
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1937 Quail Run Loop – Landscaping.
Approved

2015 Quail Run Drive – Replace
evaporative cooler with refrigerated air.
Approved

2016 Quail Run Drive – Refinish trim.
Approved

2035 Quail Run Drive – 2-story addition.
Disapproved, undue obstruction of views,
not in harmony with surroundings

2033 Quail Run Drive – Replace windows.
Approved

2169 Black Willow Drive – Re-stucco,
replace surface of driveway & walkway.
Approved.

2179 Cattail Willow Drive – Replace doors.
Approved

2736 Tramway Circle – Repair & refinish
stucco, refinish trim. Approved

Casa Verde (northeast corner of Tramway
Boulevard and San Rafael) The Bernalillo
County Planning Commission, at a public
meeting held on October 1, 2008, approved
a preliminary plat for 8 lots, Unit 1, on Tract
A, Sandia Heights South, Unit 16, zoned A-
1 with at Special Use Permit for a Planned
Development Area.

This was a follow-up action by the County
on the Special Use Permit that it previously
granted for 8 residential lots and a street
right of way on the property.

*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.*

Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series - News



A “sell-out” crowd enjoyed the music of
Robin & Linda Williams and Their Fine
Group at September’s Coffeehouse Concert.



Peter Heinsteins and Ed Tull sign up a new
member of the SHHA. All Coffeehouse
concerts are free to Association Members
and their guests.



Bonnie Hight admires the work of Sandia
Heights artists who displayed their work at
September’s concert. Refreshments and
conversation are enjoyed by all at
Coffeehouse events.

**Next Coffeehouse Concert -
January 17th - Acoustic Eidolon
(acousticeidolon.com)**

Community Event Bulletin Board

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

The Church of the Good Shepherd Since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Church of the Good Shepherd (7834 Tennyson St NE) has supported and gone on trips to New Orleans to rebuild several homes. Join us for the New Orleans Jambalaya and Jazz Fund-Raising Dinner and entertainment by the Dixieland Band on Saturday November 8th in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25/person or \$40/couple; 12 and under are free. Call the church office to make a reservation—856-1004.

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

The Sandia Heights Wildflower Club cordially invites you to attend the November 19, 2008 meeting featuring Tish Resnik as the guest speaker. Tish is the new owner of Great Outdoors Nursery, 10408 2nd St. NW. She will speak on special features and services of the Nursery, including living Christmas trees, fountain rocks, native and unusual plants, gift shop. The meeting will be held at SHWC President Dan and Jacqué Caudillo's home at 2744 Tramway Circle NE (tel. 856-6617) at 7:30 pm. Prospective members and guests are always welcome.

Future events for the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club:

January 21, 2009	Meeting
March 18, 2009	Meeting
May 16, 2009	Progressive Dinner
June 13, 2009	Garden Walk

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, SHHA Office *Meet n Greet* 11am to 3pm

Join with your friends and neighbors at the SHHA office, 2B San Rafael.



Enjoy our delicious hors d'oeuvres, learn more about SHHA and . . . meet local expert and Sandia Heights resident, Ken Jerkatis, who will explain how to save money and generate your own pollution-free electric power using solar photo-voltaic electric power systems.

(Ken will answer your questions between 12 noon and 1 pm)

Hosted by your SHHA Community Service and Membership Committee.



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PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHING!!!!

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.
- 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!

