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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Aug 2009

Vice President's Message

~ Phyllis Moore

As your new vice president, I too want to echo my appreciation for the large turnout at our SHHA Annual Meeting and the Town Hall Meeting. We need you next year as well. The coffee will be hot!

We have assembled a great SHHA leadership team working together but we constantly need your support to ensure we are working toward the goals and issues that interest and, perhaps, concern you. I know I heard some great ideas for improvements at our recent annual meeting. I have passed them on but not sure all have been implemented to date. I encourage you to stop by at our future planned Meet 'n' Greet for further conversation and dialogue about other potential improvements for our SHHA community. Our last Meet and Greet was held Saturday, 25 July. Many of our SHHA leadership team were in attendance, and all of our newly relocated Sandia Heights residents (member and non-member) were invited as well. We try to schedule a speaker with a relevant topic for each session. The green chili stew is pretty good too! See www.sandiahomeowners.org for more details and the date for our next Meet 'n' Greet.

At this writing we are trying to nail down our committees and their chairs. We are very lean as we mentioned at our annual meeting. So I strongly encourage you to review the committees below and reflect and ponder your individual interest and concerns and take some time and consider joining our SHHA leadership team as a volunteer. We need your help and support. We need diversity of ideas, diversity of units within the community that each of us represents,

diversity of opinions, and we welcome your creative solutions to our unknown future challenges. I want to welcome our new board members Michele Munson and Dick Wavrik and the return of Larry Desonier who were confirmed at our June annual meeting. In addition, I am pleased to announce that at our July Board of Directors meeting, we confirmed two more SHHA members and volunteers to our SHHA Board of Directors. Bob Bowers and Kate Fry, currently serving on the ACC Committee, have both agreed to join the SHHA Board of Directors leadership team supporting the needs and services of the Sandia Heights residents. Again a warm welcome to Bob, Kate, Dick, Michele and Larry and I know each of you will bring valuable skills and talents to our Board of Directors. Note, I have room to add more names

Seriously, I request each of you to review the following committees and see if one may seem of interest to you and I strongly encourage you to step forward and learn more about your SHHA community by volunteering and in turn meet and work with your neighbors on projects improving our beautiful community.

The committees are:

Architectural Control Committee: Reviews and approves all plans for new construction, additions and other exterior modifications based on covenant provisions. Monitors construction for compliance IAW approved plans.

Covenant Support Committee: Oversees covenant enforcement process.

Community Service and Membership: Oversees membership related issues, and develops new ways to encourage more

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June 2009 Treasurer Report: Ed Tull, Treasurer

CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
INFLOW		Bank Accounts	
ACC Interest	75.00	CD #2	38,010.66
CD Interest	0.00	CD #3	15,734.77
GRIT advertising	487.13	CD #5	106,072.75
Membership Dues	13,138.85	Checking	362.06
NM Gross Receipts Tax	28.31	Cash Accounts	1,361.89
TOTAL INFLOW	\$13,729.29	Money Market	18,113.53
		Total Bank & Cash	\$179,655.66
OUTFLOW		ASSET ACCOUNTS	
Community Relations	13.16	Miscellaneous	1,379.21
Community Service & Membership	216.24	Office Equipment	4,973.06
Communications & Publications	2,026.58	Office Furniture	5,651.99
Executive Committee	15.19	Software	932.34
Insurance		TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$12,936.60
Parks and Safety Vests	-54.00		
Office Expenses	7,940.76		
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$10,157.93	Liability Accounts	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	147,977.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,571.36	OVERALL TOTAL	\$44,615.26

Announcements & Notices:

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.
- SHHA Board meeting – Wed, August 12 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Coffeehouse –Saturday, September 12 at 7:30pm., Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Notary public services are FREE to members. Please call to make an appointment.
- Tram Passes and Swim Passes are available for SHHA members. Get yours in advance!
- Safety Vests for sale in the office. \$2/vest for members, \$4/vest for non members.
- The Contractor Evaluation Binder is a valuable tool for our members. If you have used a service in your home, please fill out an contractor evaluation and send it to the office. We especially need evaluations for handy men, electricians and plumbers. Call the office and we can mail you an evaluation.
- Events, Classified ads, Board and Committee meeting dates and times, the GRIT are all posted on our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org.

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SHHA memberships, i.e.: Tram Passes, Swim Passes and Coffee Concerts.
Bylaws Committee: Submits proposed changes of Association Bylaws as needed to conduct business in compliance with state regulations for non-profit corporations. (Still short on volunteers.)

Parks & Safety: Works with local and state officials on matters affecting Sandia Heights.

Communications and Publications: Responsible for telephone, fax, email, website, internet availability and hardware and software maintenance.

Now, I know you are saying, I do not have time, but time is one true equality that all of us share and that is, we all just have 24 hours a day. However, are we using our time to support our priorities and are we giving back to our community?

Furthermore, I still believe one of our biggest financial assets is our home and we need to protect and preserve that asset and we need your involvement to ensure that will happen.

If you would like to volunteer and serve on a committee, please contact Sheraz or Betsy at the SHHA office. I look forward to serving you in the coming year and my goal is to continue to make Sandia Heights the community of choice and to protect the natural setting we have come to love and enjoy.

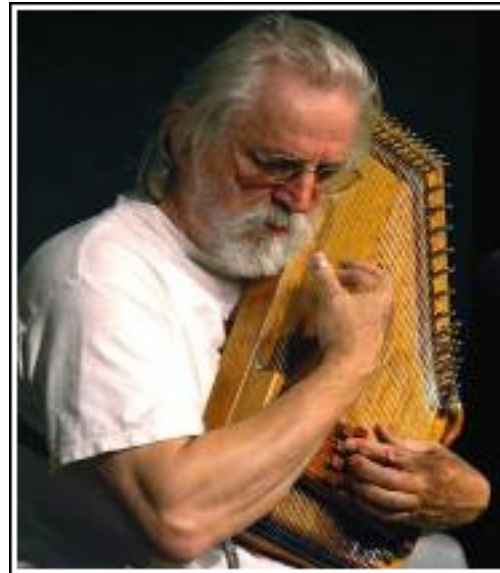
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NOTICE:

The County held a hearing regarding the granting of a liquor license to the new CVS pharmacy on Tramway. The hearing officer ruled in favor of the CVS liquor license over the objections of 15 Sandia Heights residents.

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*Sandia Heights
Coffeehouse Concert
Series Presents...*



A major artist on the traditional music circuit, Bryan Bowers is recognized worldwide as a master autoharpist. He was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame in 1993, and he stands only with Maybelle Carter, Kilby Snow and Sara Carter. He is also well known as a singer-songwriter, and increasingly also as a storyteller. Listen to music from his "Bristlecone Pine" CD on bryanbowers.com.

*"...This man makes more music from an Autoharp than you can imagine from a 12-string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory."
--The Washington Times*

**Saturday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.,
Church of the Good Shepherd.** For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100, nlightsmgt@aol.com.

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Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Executive Committee

President – Andy Anderson
Vice President – Phyllis Moore
Secretary – Frances Desonier
Treasurer – Ed Tull

Board Members

Phil Abshere
Bob Bower
Bruce Childs
Larry Desonier
Kate Fry
Pete Heinstein
Jim Irving
Michele Munson
Burt O’Neil
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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.

Month of June Call Type	# of calls	Month of June Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & entering	4	Suspicious person	9
Animal Control Assist	1	Suspicious vehicle	14
Alarms	29	Theft	3
Car accident	0	Threat/personal	0
Fire	1	Utility Co. assist	0
Fireworks	1	Special request	9
Front office	1	Dumped/spilled material	2
Lost/found item	3	Noise complaints	3
Lost/found pet	6	S. O. assist	0
Motorist assist	5	Parking problem	1
Motorcycle nuisance	2	Vandalism	15
Open door/window	11	Vehicle burglary	3
Pet nuisance	7	Newspaper pickup	16
Snake call	10	Special patrol	18
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	243
Salesman problem	2	Total Calls	420

Testimonials:

“Sandia Heights Security provides an essential component of the community it serves. Without question, the personnel of the force are a highly responsive and personally committed element of our unique community. Our very low incidence of crime, vandalism, and solicitation reflects their diligent attention to the welfare of Sandia Heights and its’ homeowners.” Harrison Schmitt

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.



Notice to parents The office received a phone call from a resident who had their home painted with oil based paint by paint guns. Parents, please make sure to be on the look out for paint guns!

Are solicitors bothering you?



Solicitors in Albuquerque are forbidden by law to knock on any door where a sign is posted, clearly stating that solicitors are not welcome. Such signs should include the words: "No Trespassing," or "No Peddlers," or "No advertisements" or "No Soliciting."

The "no trespassing" is especially important in addition to the "no solicitation," security officers can then ask the solicitor to leave private property. Remember virtually all of Sandia Heights is County roadways and there is no County ordinance that can keep them off of the roadways. Signs should be posted where they can be seen from the roadway.

You can help to keep your neighborhood safe by doing the following:

- 1) Neighbors should look out for each other and be aware of strangers on their street.
- 2) Always look through the 'peep-hole' before opening your door, even if you are expecting company, and NEVER OPEN THE DOOR late at night unless you know who it is.
- 3) Be on the watch for 'solicitors' going door-to-door, perhaps looking for homes where no one is home.
- 4) It is important to note that a knock at the door should not go unanswered in some manner, whether through the screen door or that main door. Criminals posing as a legitimate solicitor are looking for an empty house where they can eventually commit residential burglary.
- 5) Always be wary about buying services or items from someone selling door-to-door.
- 6) If a person's behavior is deemed to be abnormal or suspicious, citizens should call the non-emergency number 798-7000. In case of emergency, or if

someone witnesses a crime in progress, dial 911.

News about the downturn in the economy has been everywhere lately, and with it is news that property crimes are also on the rise. In one section of Albuquerque alone, it has been reported that there has been a 20% increase in burglary, vehicle thefts and larceny. By accessing and putting in your address at www.crimereports.com you can get a graphical depiction of reported crimes in your neighborhood that includes the type of crime, date and time so you can know when and what to be on the lookout for.



Community Service & Membership ~

Swim Passes

Each SHHA member family is allowed three (3) visits (free passes) for the summer. Each pass is good for four (4) family members or guests each visit. Passes are available at the SHHA office and available on a requested date, you may request days in advance. A limit of 10 passes could be issued on any one day (40 people.)



Unlike the Tram passes, there is no deposit required; however, members are reminded that an unused pass will count as one of the three allowed per family and might also deny someone else a pass for that day.

Tram passes

Tram Passes, free of charge are available for SHHA Members! You must reserve for a specific day and **you can reserve your passes in advance** by making a deposit at the office. **Once booked, the passes cannot be returned to the office.** You can call the office ahead of time to make sure we have passes available on the desired day.



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ACC Activity Log

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

- 102 Juniper Hill – Re-roof. Approved
- 184 Big Horn Ridge – Re-stucco. Approved
- 367 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Driveway. Approved
- 558 Black Bear Place – Re-roof. Approved
- 660 Roadrunner Lane – Re-roof Tan color. Approved
- 711-40 Tramway Place – After the fact Wall. Disapproved
- 726-12 Tramway Vista Drive – Replace Windows. Approved
- 748 Tramway Lane – Re-stucco. Approved
- 999 Lynx Loop – Driveway. Approved
- 1114 San Rafael Ave – Driveway. Approved
- 1173 Laurel Loop – Re-roof. Approved
- 1482 Morning Glory Road – Driveway. Approved
- 1530 Eagle Ridge Drive – Re-roof. Approved with conditions
- 1859 Tramway Terrace Loop – Replace Window. Approved
- 1917 Quail Run Drive – Paint Stucco. Approved
- 2531 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace Windows. Approved
- 9108 Lynx Loop – Doors.

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.

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Award Winning Builder Jade Enterprises, Inc. invites you to the 2009 Green Remodeling Seminar



Learn ways to improve the indoor air quality and energy efficiency of your home.

- ❖ See how the construction industry and manufacturers are using renewable and recycled products to help conserve resources & save the environment.
- ❖ Talk with a tax accountant regarding energy tax credits.
- ❖ See what you can do at little or no cost to reduce water and energy usage.

Jade Enterprises specializes in the Design & Construction of residential remodel and building projects. Jade Enterprises has been recognized for excellence in the industry and has received numerous awards for projects in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Jade Enterprises is celebrating its 25th year and is proud to have its offices located in Sandia Heights. Members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association will receive a special gift when they attend as part of our support for the organization. Everyone will receive a free Jade gift bag for attending & will be eligible for door prizes.

Please plan to attend: Saturday, August 22, 2009, 9am-11am, Jade Enterprises, Inc., Tramway & San Rafael in the Quail Run Shopping Center. There is no charge to attend - however attendance is limited to 50. Please RSVP by August 19 to 856-5233. Continental Breakfast, Juice, and Coffee will be served. For more information on Jade Enterprises, Inc. go to www.jadeenterprises.com
Jade Enterprises, Inc is a member of the Better Business Bureau.

Community Event Bulletin Board

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

Church of the Good Shepherd:

Have you wondered who the United Church of Christ is? Join us on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month at 11:30 a.m. at 7834 Tennyson to learn more about the UCC and the Church of the Good Shepherd. The ministers hold informal conversations about who we are and it's a time to answer your questions. Feel free to call 856-1004 for more information. Come check us out.

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club members, guests, and prospective members are welcome to tour Shady Lakes Water Lily Gardens on Saturday, August 22nd, on the second Summer Field Trip for 2009, and participate (or not) in a "brown bag" lunch there, for a (discounted) visitor's fee of \$4.95 each, according to Jan Phillips, Director. The group will meet around 11:00 a.m. The address is 11033 Highway 85 (NM 313), tel. 505.898.2568. The group's first 2009 Summer Field Trip was a tour of The Great Outdoors Nursery on July 18th, hosted by Tish Resnik, Owner. In September, incoming President Charlie McDonald will lead a Wildflower Hike at a date tba. The Annual Potluck Dinner and Installation of Officers will be held September 19th at the home of Phil and Beverley Abshere.

Sandia Heights Artists News ...

It's almost here!!! The 6th Annual Sandia Heights Artists Studio Tour will be held Sat. & Sun., Sept. 26 & 27, 1-5pm. A record of 19 artists will be participating: Jack Atkins – oil painting, John Beeder – oil painting, Barb Boedeker – acrylic painting, Lynda Burch – water media and collage, Marta Burckley – fabric baskets and gourds, Bruce Childs – printmaking and drawing, Cathy Dunbar – jewelry, Carol Erickson – hand bound books and journals, Judy Foster – oil, watercolor, and multi-media painting, Maryann Gerst – hand built ceramics, George Hight – miniature oil paintings, Linda Hayon – hand built pottery, Carol Kalecko – clay art, Terry Matthews – acrylic, impressionist Southwest painting, Ken Miller – pastels and oil painting, Barbara Nahler – oil and colored pencil, Gloria Reitmann – water media and collage, Frances Schmidt – stained glass, and Paul Steinberg – ceramics. All Sandia Heights residents and their guests are cordially invited to tour these artists' studios. Check out our website: <http://sandiaheightsart.com> where you can find examples of participating artists' work and a map of the tour.



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PHOTO CONTEST!

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2010 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 6. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2010 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 2009 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 your photo(s) in the Directory or on our website.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published.

Be creative and good luck!