

THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Sep 2009

President's Message

~ Andy Anderson

It is hard to believe that summer is behind us, the kids are back in school and fall is fast approaching. With the days getting shorter, keep in mind the activity at our school bus stops and be watchful of folks out enjoying an evening walk through the neighborhood. For those of you who enjoy early morning or late evening walks, you might want to consider getting one of our reflective vests which are still available at the SHHA office.

The summer has been busy for the SHHA office and the Board and volunteers have remained active behind the scenes. The Tram and swim passes are an attractive benefit for our members and are being used frequently. We enjoyed a successful Meet 'n' Greet and have another Coffee House coming up on September 12th, thanks to the efforts of the Community Service & Membership Committee. You should have also received your SHHA Membership cards which will expedite signing in at SHHA activities and provide discounts at participating local establishments. Our other committees continue to do their jobs to keep Sandia Heights the unique and pristine community we all enjoy.

Your association has been working for some time with Sandia Heights Services

to provide the community with a recycling program. The efforts between SHHA and Sandia Heights Services have been fruitful and they have just announced the initiation of a recycling pilot program to begin this November. Please read the associated article in the GRIT for more details.

Our office has received some calls regarding the trimming of chamisa and other vegetation encroaching on our roads in the community. Our Parks and Safety Committee serve as our Association focal point for these complaints and have established an agreement with the County to trim them back and eliminate the safety hazard. If you need your curb trimmed or note a hazard in the community, please call our SHHA office and they will take it from there.

We continue to need more volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors and on our Committees, especially the Architectural Control Committee. If you would like to join in to serve your community please call the SHHA office or contact any of our Board members to sign up.



July 2009 Treasurer Report: Ed Tull, Treasurer

CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
INFLOW		Bank Accounts	
ACC Income	0.00	CD #2	38,010.66
CD Interest	1,018.44	CD #3	15,814.40
GRIT advertising	506.39	CD #5	107,011.56
Membership Dues	13,524.03	Checking	6,682.45
NM Gross Receipts Tax	30.00	Cash Accounts	2,706.59
TOTAL INFLOW	\$15,078.86	Money Market	11,626.49
		Total Bank & Cash	\$181,852.15
OUTFLOW		ASSET ACCOUNTS	
ACC	58.00	Miscellaneous	1,379.21
Community Service & Membership	416.63	Office Equipment	4,973.06
Communications & Publications	1,792.26	Office Furniture	5,651.99
Executive Committee	1,682.96	Software	932.34
New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax	259.24		
Parks and Safety Vests	-1.67	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$12,936.60
Office Expenses	8,847.91		
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$13,055.33	Liability Accounts	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	148,137.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$2,023.53	OVERALL TOTAL	\$46,651.75

Announcements & Notices:

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.
- SHHA Board meeting – Wed, September 9 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.
- The Contractor Evaluation Binder is a valuable tool for our members. If you have used a service in your home, please fill out a 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.

For Sale: 1998 25' COACHMAN 5th wheel trailer. Lite-weight, clean, low profile, low usage, has most of the features for comfortable RV'ing. \$9,000. Ask for Al @ 865-7139.

HORSESHOES ANYONE ? Contact Al @ 856-7139



*Sandia Heights Coffeehouse
Concert Series presents...*



Internationally-
renowned
Autoharpist &
Singer/Songwriter
Bryan Bowers
Church of the Good
Shepherd 7834
Tennyson NE
Saturday, Sept. 12,
7:30 p.m.

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. For nearly 3 decades he has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. He presents instrumental virtuosity combined with warmth, eloquence, expression, and professionalism. He is also well known as a singer-songwriter, and increasingly, as a storyteller. See 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

This will be an all-age, alcohol-free event, **free to all SHHA members**. General admission will be \$15/adults, \$10/teens and seniors 60+, \$5/12 & under, under 5 free. Doors to the **Lower Hall** will open at 6:45 p.m. Admission is at the door only--no advance tickets—come early for best seating. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100 or

nlightsmgt@aol.com.

From Paseo del Norte & Tramway Blvd., south on Tramway, right (west) onto Tramway Terrace at second light, then right (north) onto Tennyson, follow signs to the Church. If lower lot is full, park in upper lot and walk around to entrance in the lower lot. Handicapped parking is in lower lot.



**SANDIA HEIGHTS
SERVICES BRINGS
CURBSIDE
RECYCLING PILOT
PROGRAM TO
SANDIA HEIGHTS:**



Your SHHA Community Services & Membership Committee (CS&MC) is happy to announce that Sandia Heights Services (SHS), who provides our solid waste collection services, will begin a curbside recycling pilot program for collection of mixed plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin on your regular trash collection day **every other week** starting on November 2, 2009. Participation is voluntary, and all you have to do is sign up for the service by calling Sandia Heights Services at 857-8924 or sending in the coupon that will be inserted in your next billing statement.

Simply place your recyclables in clear plastic trash bags or plastic grocery store bags, and put them out for pickup on your recycle collection day by 7 a.m. Cardboard must be flattened and bundled and tied with twine or rope into bundles weighing less than 40 lbs. Styrofoam and glass are not allowed. All recyclables will be collected by a dedicated truck that will collect only materials for recycling.

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Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Executive Committee

President – Andy Anderson
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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 July Call Type	# of calls	Month of July Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & entering	3	Suspicious person	11
Assault/battery	1	Suspicious vehicle	16
Alarms	31	Theft	16
Car accident	3	Threat/personal	0
Fire	1	Utility Co. assist	6
Fireworks	15	Special request	5
Front office	3	Customer assist	9
Lost/found item	2	Dumped/spilled material	1
Lost/found pet	3	Noise complaints	2
Motorist assist	7	S. O. assist	0
Motorcycle nuisance	2	Parking problem	1
Open door/window	12	Vandalism	25
Pet nuisance	4	Vehicle burglary	1
Loud disruptive party	1	Newspaper pickup	20
Snake call	14	Special patrol	30
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	244
Salesman problem	1	Total Calls	491



SHHA membership cards

Hopefully, all of you have received your personal **SHHA membership card** and **key-ring tag** by now. The membership cards and tags can be used to expedite: admission to SHHA sponsored events, picking up Sandia Peak Tram Passes & Four Seasons Swim Passes, access to SHHA Office benefits & services, and for claiming SHHA Merchant Benefits.

Current SHHA member benefits and services include: Sandia Peak Tram Passes & Four Seasons Swim Passes, Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series, office and notary services, annual Directory of Residents, Contractor Evaluation Sheets, No-Fee ACC applications, covenant enforcement, GRIT classified ads, and discounted safety vests.

The SHHA Merchant Benefits Program can best be understood by visiting the SHHA Website (www.sandiahomeowners.org) for complete terms of merchant offers. The following are our current participating merchants: Bair Medical Spa, Best Way Carpet Care, Black Diamond Taekwondo, Bob’s Painting, County Line of Albuquerque, Curves, Dr. Mark Schwartz - Chiropractor, Granite Transformations, Jade Enterprises, and Massage Envy.

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There will be a nominal fee of \$4.50 per month added to your SHS bill to cover the cost of pickup, transportation and processing. The pricing is such that the customer will provide their own clear plastic bags, or you may also use the plastic grocery store bags for containing the recycling materials. Your recyclables will be delivered to Durango McKinley Paper where they will be separated and shipped to end users. SHS will pay a tipping fee and receive no money for recyclables delivered to Durango McKinley, they in fact have to pay them to take them!

SHHA CS&MC is excited about this new program and encourages all residents of Sandia Heights to sign up. The success of the pilot program depends upon residents' participation! We hope that participation will be such that this service will be implemented as part of SHS's normal solid waste collection services in the future. The Committee, primarily through the dedicated work of its Volunteers, has been hard at work for nearly a year to bring curbside recycling to our community. The more who sign up, the more we will recycle, and the result will be less solid waste going to the landfill. For more details watch for your SHS bill insert notices enclosed with your monthly SHS bill, the SHHA website at sandiahomeowners.org, and the SHS website at sandiaheightsservices.com.



Plague in our neighborhood?

Larry Desonier, Chair Parks & Safety Committee

Have you noticed any dead animals around your house lately? There have been several reports recently of dead animals in our neighborhood. Remember these dead

animals should never, ever be handled because of the possibility of plague. Plague is a naturally occurring, flea transmitted disease of rodents and rabbits. Infected rodents usually die, leaving plague-infected fleas, which then find new rodent or human hosts.

Plague infected animals and human cases have occurred mainly in mountainous eastern Bernalillo County and in the western foothills of the Sandias. Humans can contract plague in three ways: (1) By the bite of plague infected fleas, (2) by handling plague infected tissues of sick or dead animals, or (3) by inhaling infected droplets from pneumonic patients.

Plague season usually runs from May through September when rodents, fleas, and people are most active outdoors. Some of the animals that are carriers of the plague include rock squirrels, wood rats, prairie dogs, mice, gophers, wild rabbits, and domestic dogs and cats. To prevent plague around your house make it rodent proof by elevating woodpiles 6 inches off the ground, clean-up garbage, clean-up scattered pet food, clean-up rock piles, and clean-up brush. Also, keep your pets confined and dust pets weekly with approved flea powder.

Contact the City/County Vector Control Office at 873-6613, for flea or rodent control procedures if you find dead rodents or the sudden disappearance of rodents on your property.

Remember - always walk on the left side of the street against on-coming traffic.



ACC Activity Log

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

15 Sandia Heights Drive – Replace deck railing. Approved
25 Sandia Heights Drive – Replace windows. Approved
65 Pinon Hill Place – Re-stucco. Approved
316 Big Horn Ridge – Replace windows. Approved
359 Big Horn Ridge - Stucco and Trim. Approved
413 Live Oak Loop – Replace doors. Approved
613 Cedar Hill Road - Replace Garage Door. Approved
679 Black Hawk Drive - Replace windows. Approved
725-9 Tramway Lane - Conversion to swamp cooler. Approved
726-2 Tramway Vista Court – Replace doors. Approved
726-12 Tramway Vista Drive – Re-stucco. Approved. Fence approved with conditions.
760-8 Tramway Lane – Replace garage door. Approved
760-12 Tramway Lane – Deck. Approved
956 Antelope Ave. – Resurface driveway. Approved
987 Lynx Loop – Replace windows and doors. Approved
994 Lynx Loop – Refinish trim, paint fence, reseal driveway. Approved
1015 Tramway Lane - Trim and Stucco Repair. Approved
1114 San Rafael Ave – Re-roof. Approved
1161 Laurel Loop - Re-roof. Approved
1162 Laurel Loop - Re-roof and AC unit. Approved
1185 Laurel Loop - Re-stucco. Approved
1401 San Rafael Place - Re-roof. Approved
1403 San Rafael Place - Re-roof Approved
1702 Quail Run Court – Replace windows. Approved
1912 Quail Run Drive - Landscaping. Approved
2121 Black Willow Drive - Approved
2418 Tramway Terrace Court – Landscaping. Approved

2437 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace garage door. Approved
2821 Tramway Circle – Replace windows. Approved
2825 Tramway Circle – Re-roof. Approved
2844 Raintree – Re-roof. Approved
2899 Tramway Place – Replace gate. Approved
7709 Cedar Canyon Road - Replace windows. Approved
2121 Black Willow Drive – Replace windows. Approved
12700 Carmel Court - Addition. Approved
7742 Cedar Canyon - Gates, AC, Hot tub. Approved with conditions

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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Walking dogs along the Domingo Baca Arroyo

Many residents utilize the unofficial trail along Domingo Baca Arroyo every day to exercise their bodies and their dogs. Domingo Baca is a very wide arroyo with a portion of it running between Morning Glory Road and Tramway Lane East of Bobcat Blvd. Some residents might mistake this area as “Open Space” when in fact it is entirely private property.

When dog owners walk their pets along the roadways they are normally leashed and orderly. But when they enter the arroyo some feel that a leash is not required. A few dogs go ballistic when unleashed and knock over our bird feeders and trample our landscape. The owners of these animals have allowed their pets to get out of their sight and aren't aware of the destruction they are causing.

Please respect this private property and keep your dogs leashed per the Bernalillo County Ordinance.

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. It's a time of informal conversations about who we are and to answer your questions. Feel free to call 856-1004 for more information. Come check us out; we're the friendliest gang in town!

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club will hold its Annual Potluck Dinner and installation of new Officers on Saturday, September 19th at 5:30pm at the home of Phil and Beverley Abshere. The new officers are Charlie McDonald, president; Connie McDonald, vice president; Sharon Chism, secretary; and Margaret Samuelson, treasurer. In August, members and guests enjoyed a field trip to Shady Lakes Water Lily Gardens and a Wildflower Hike. Annual dues are \$8 p/individual and \$10 p/couple. Interested parties may contact Carolyn Moran at 974-0799 through September.

Sandia Heights Artists News ...

Some of the artists participating in the September 26-27 Sandia Heights Studio Tour will be displaying works for sale at the Coffeehouse Concert, Saturday, September 12, 7:30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd we hope to see you there.

The wait is over—It's here! Sandia Heights 6th Annual Artists Studio Tour 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 Naylor – 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!

