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President's Message

~ Andy Anderson

Hopefully we have seen the last snowstorm and can now look forward to longer days and shorter nights. With spring upon us, there will be more folks out for early morning and late evening walks. For motorists, that means we need to be more vigilant for those walking along our winding roads. For those out getting their daily exercise we would ask that you are cautious of vehicles and use common sense, walking facing traffic. For a little extra visibility, SHHA still offers reflective vests to everyone in Sandia Heights and at a reduced rate for members. We hope you take advantage of the warmer weather and enjoy our beautiful community.

I know we have had several messages regarding mailbox theft and we all were hoping it would decline after the holidays. Unfortunately, it still remains a continuing problem in our community. We would ask you to be vigilant in getting your mail out of your mailbox as soon as possible after delivery. We also suggest that you do not put outgoing mail in your mailbox and, instead, use a drop box or drop it off at the Post Office. If you notice any suspicious vehicles in the neighborhood, please contact Sandia Heights security 263-4654 or the Sheriff's office 798-7000 relaying the circumstances and, if possible, a description of the vehicle.

Our annual meeting is approaching fast and we are still looking for volunteers to serve on your Association's Board or as Committee members. The pay is not the best in the community, however, the satisfaction

for serving your community is rewarding. For those interested in serving, please get in touch with the SHHA office or call Phyllis Moore, Chairperson of our Nominating Committee at 828-1639.



County Line

On 25 January, District 4 County Commissioner Michael Weiner, a Bernalillo County Environmental Health representative and the owner and president of the County Line Restaurant and affected residents conducted a neighborhood meeting regarding noise levels and parking issues for the proposed County Line music series outdoor summer 2010 concerts.

Differing views were aired at the meeting, ranging from support to opposition. The County of Bernalillo Office of Environment Health representative reported how they monitored the noise level for the residents and adjustments to the outdoor staging in order to have the least impact on the residents within the immediate community.

After all the discussion, the music series outdoor concerts will continue again this year. The Roadrunner Food Bank will again benefit from the individual food donations and monetary contributions from those attending the concerts.

This year there will be 13 outdoor concerts between May and August and will be held again on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm only. Three SHHA Board members attended the meeting: Robert Bower, Marsha Thole and Phyllis Moore.

MAIL THEFT

Sandia Heights Security says that mail theft is still a problem! We have had a number of mail thefts going back to Christmas.



Residents are advised not leave mail in mailboxes, either incoming or outgoing. If you cannot retrieve your mail promptly ask a trusted neighbor to get it for you. If you are leaving town suspend your mail delivery, have it held at the Post Office.

If you have mail that would be considered sensitive, you may want to mail it at a USPS office.

Another suggestion might be to replace your mailbox with either a heavy duty locking type or totally enclosing the box with acceptable construction and a lock to impede vandals as well as thieves.

The MO of the perpetrators has been early mornings, when folks are out walking. Please be alert to anyone in a vehicle checking mailboxes. A license number on a vehicle along with a vehicle description would go a long way to putting an end to this activity.

If you experience mail theft, notify the BCSO (798-7000), the USPS inspector (1-877-876-2455), and Sandia Heights Security (856-6347). If you witness a crime in progress notify BCSO and Security.



Odds & Ends from Parks & Safety Committee

Larry & Frances Desonier

As everyone who has read the GRIT over the last couple of years will know, we always end this article with the Pedestrian Safety Reminders. These are so very

important, especially walking against traffic and having light clothes and reflective material after dark. It is unfortunate that some folks just won't do this – it's baffling. Here is a quote from an email one of our concerned neighbors sent us. "We were coming home last night between 6:15 and 6:30pm - East on San Rafael, turning North onto Bobcat. Just before we started to turn, we saw a female jogging South on Bobcat, turning East onto San Rafael. Realize, it is ALMOST dark; our headlights are ON. As we started to make our turn, we had to literally SLAM on the brakes to avoid hitting two young males on bicycles following the female jogger. What terrified us was that we could have hit them. None of them were wearing any kind of reflective clothing; there were no lights or reflectors on the bicycles and no one was carrying a flashlight that was on. It frightened us terribly. We hope that Sandia Heights Grit will write up another article about walking, jogging, biking, etc - especially regarding safety rules while out in the dark."

So please, please, please follow the safety reminders below.

Pedestrian Safety Reminders

- Walk **Facing** Traffic; make eye contact with drivers approaching you.
- Wear reflective vest or brightly-colored clothing, particularly in the evening.
- If you are walking a dog, keep the dog to your **left**.
- Whenever cars approach, a group of pedestrians should walk in **single file**.

Safety Vests for sale in the SHHA office. \$2 per vest for members and \$4 per vest for non-members.





SHHA Tree Removal Lottery Update

You have been complaining, your Community Services & Membership Committee (CS&MC) has listened, and now we are taking action!

Obstruction of views by trees has been one of the more frequent homeowner concerns received by the Association over the years. Now several homeowners have picked up a SHHA Tree Removal Lottery Application from the SHHA Office and are working to have their trees removed. Should they be one of the several that will win the lottery in June, it will have cost them nothing to have their tree(s) removed!

Please see the SHHA website at sandiahomeowners.org or drop by the SHHA office for complete information on Lottery eligibility, entry, and rules. **All applications must be submitted by May 15 for Annual Meeting Drawing.**

The lottery is open to SHHA members only. Not a member of the SHHA? Join with your neighbors now and do your part to support Sandia Heights and enjoy the many benefits of membership, including the Tree Lottery. Drop by the Office to join!



SHHA Membership Cards & Merchant Benefit Program

SHHA members, you should have received your personal *SHHA membership card* and *key-ring tag*. If you have not received your membership card, please call or come by the office. The membership cards and tags can be used to expedite: admission to SHHA sponsored events, picking up Sandia Peak Tram Passes, access to SHHA Office benefits & services, and for claiming SHHA Merchant Benefits.

Current SHHA member benefits and services include: office and notary services, annual classified ads, Coffeehouse Concert Series, Sandia Tram Passes, Swim Passes, covenant enforcement, no-fee ACC applications, and discounted safety vests.

The SHHA Merchant Benefits Program includes the following current participating merchants:

Bair Medical Spa - Best Way Carpet - Black Diamond Taekwondo - Bob's Painting - Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC - County Line of Albuquerque - Curves-Granite Transformations - High Finance Restaurant & Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the Tram - Jade Enterprises - Massage Envy

To see the discounts offered by each merchant visit our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org.



Volunteers Needed!

It is hard to believe we are planning for our upcoming SHHA Annual meeting on 12 June. (Mark your calendars!) However, your current Board members are starting to think, prepare and plan for that meeting. As we plan we are very cognizant that we will be losing five Board Members effective in June. We need Sandia Heights residents to volunteer to replace these Board Member positions and/or volunteers to serve on a committee.

As your current Vice President, it is my responsibility to recruit volunteers. Please give me a call if you are willing to serve our Sandia Heights community. You will learn more about the area in which you live, you will get to know additional residents who are also volunteering and care about our community. Please drop me an email: pamoore367@msn.com or give me a phone call at 828-1639. We certainly hope we can count on you to serve.



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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 January Call Type	# of calls	Month of January Call Type	# of calls
Alarms	29	Newspaper pickup	28
Animal control asst.	0	Noise complaints	0
Attempted breaking & entering	0	Open door/window	6
Assault/Battery	1	Parking problem	
Breaking & Entering	1	Pet nuisance	11
Car accident	2	Rescue assist	1
Customer assist	2	Salesman problem	5
Dumped/spilled material	1	Special patrol	21
Family dispute	1	Special request	5
Fire	1	Speeding vehicle	1
Fireworks complaint	1	Suspicious person	14
Front office	14	Suspicious vehicle	31
Lost/found item	1	Theft	4
Lost/found pet	0	Threat/personal	0
Mailbox vandalism	0	Utility Co. assist	7
Motorcycle nuisance	0	Vandalism	16
Motorist assist	5	Vehicle burglary	4
Neighbor dispute	0	Wildlife report	1
		Total Calls	214

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.

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

- 78 Juniper Hill – Re-roof. Approved
- 191 Big Horn Ridge Circle – Resurface driveway and courtyard wall. Approve
- 358 Big Horn Ridge – garage addition. Approved.
- 549 Black Bear Road – Remodel and garage addition. Approved
- 746 Tramway Lane – Re-roof. Approved
- 998 Lynx Loop - Re-roof. Approved
- 1011 Tramway Lane – Solar panel installation. Approved
- 1035 Red Oaks Loop – Remodel and Addition. Approved
- 1051 Red Oaks Loop – Garage Door Replacement. Re-roof and Solar panels. Approved
- 1159 Laurel Loop – Window Replacement. Approved
- 1188 Laurel Loop – Garage addition. Approved
- 1216 Rockrose Road – Landscaping and second story addition. Approved
- 1509 Eagle Ridge Road - Re-roof. Approved
- 1835 Tramway Terrace Loop – Replace Heating Unit. Approved
- 1863 Tramway Terrace Loop – Window Replacement. Approved
- 1936 Quail Run Loop – Re-roof. Approved
- 2746 Tramway Circle – Resurface driveway. Approved

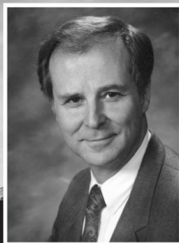
Check the ACC Project Log at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website

sandiahomeowners.org. Click on THE A.C.C. then on Architectural Control Committee Project Log and read about all projects currently under ACC management.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.
- **Notary and office services** (faxes – copies) free to members.
- **Tram passes** free to members, please check with the office for your pass.
- **Contractor Evaluation binder** free to members. **We are in need of evaluations for Pesticide companies and Septic Tank companies.** If you have used someone and would like to write an evaluation, please download the contractor evaluation form from the website or contact the office and we can email you one.
- **SHHA Board Meeting** – Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- **Committee meeting** dates and times are posted in the monthly calendar found on our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org.
- **Classified ads**, free for members, can be found on the website under the News and Information page.
- **Safety Vests for sale** in the SHHA office. \$2 per vest for members and \$4 per vest for non-members.

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MasterWorks of New Mexico: Several Sandia Heights wall artists will be participating in the 12th Annual MasterWorks of New Mexico Exhibit being hosted at the Hispanic Arts Building on the Expo NM Grounds Tuesday through Sunday 10am – 5pm April 9 - 30, 2010. We invite you to view the highly juried large and small scale work by members of the Pastel, Watercolor, Oil and Miniature Societies of New Mexico. The Opening Reception will be held Friday, April 9 from 5-8pm (Awards announced at 7pm) with an Open House/Paint In being held April 18 from noon-4:00pm. For more information please call Judi Foster at 856-6545 or 249-7167.

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

Will be having a **Down to Earth Discussion about Overcoming Soil Challenges in Sandia Heights** Gardens at the March 17 meeting. Cheryl Rosel, Agricultural Agent/Horticulturalist for the Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service has agreed to facilitate this discussion and share her knowledge of how to successfully prepare soil and maintain the conditions that will promote beautiful flowers and bountiful harvests. Our hosts will be Connie and Charlie McDonald and the meeting will begin at 7:30PM. We will also be planning and signing-up for future activities including the spring progressive dinner, the summer garden tour, neighborhood wildflower walks, and the fall potluck. Anyone who is interested in joining the Wildflower Club or who would like information about our meetings or activities may call Connie and Charlie McDonald at 797-2620.

Sandia Heights Artists News... Our 2010 organizing meeting was held in mid January. The consensus of our members is that the holiday show was very successful and we plan to do it again this year. Thank you, Church of the Good Shepherd for a wonderful venue. The much-anticipated 7th Annual Sandia Heights Studio tour will be held in September—date TBA. Some of us will continue seeing you in the SHHA office courtyard during the scheduled Meet and Greets. Our group is growing! There is so much talent in our community. If you are an artist living in Sandia Heights, come join us. If you love art but aren't an artist, be an art angel and help with planned events (greeters, sign makers, etc.). We will next meet Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm at the studio of member Terry Matthews, 12700 Sand Rafael Rd. NE, Quail Run Center Suite 6C (corner of Tramway and San Rafael). We hope to see you there.



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