## President's Message by Phyllis Moore

As your new president, I would like to express my thanks to all of you who attended our SHHA Annual Meeting and the Town Hall Meeting on June 12th. We had a good turnout and accomplished several objectives but most importantly we kept you informed about our association and what committees are working on behind the scenes to improve our community. All of our standing committees were very busy this past year and your SHHA Board of Directors and volunteers worked hard to provide you with an authentic review of our association and a professional meeting without any major glitches.

Four new directors for the SHHA Board of Directors were nominated and confirmed. The BOD welcomes Ana Acosta, Sandra Brown, George Connor and Sarah Pirkl. We are also pleased to report too that two nominees have agreed to stay on for a second term. They include our past president, Andy Anderson and our recent Architectural Control Committee Chair, Pete Heinstein. Your new officers are Kate Fry as Vice President, Ed Tull as Treasurer, and Michele Munson as Secretary--thanks to all for volunteering. As we expressed at our annual meeting, we are working with lean committees. However, we do anticipate additional new Board members to be confirmed at our upcoming July Board Meeting but we still need additional volunteers for our established committees.

We are especially short on the Community Service & Membership Committee, Covenant Support Committee and Communications & Publications Committee. If you have a few hours to spare and have an interest in serving on any of the committees, I encourage you to contact me or any current Board member or call the office and volunteer. We need you.

If you have an area of concern, please either contact us at the office (797-7793) or email us at <a href="mailto:shha@sandiahomeowners.org">shha@sandiahomeowners.org</a>, or call me at 828-1639. We continue to welcome your input and I look forward to working with the Board, the committees, the officers, and our residents to continue to improve and maintain our unique community.

The amended SHHA Bylaws that were approved at the 2010 Annual Meeting are now on the website.

### SHHA wishes everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

The Declaration of Independence



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

# Did you know that Bernalillo County has a noise ordinance?



For complaints regarding noise, (e.g., from homes, cars, motorcycles, restaurants and other businesses, etc.), you can call the Environmental Health Office at 314-0310 and County Commissioner Michael Wiener at 468-7010. For car/motorcycle racing up and down Tramway Blvd, also call the non-emergency number for the Sheriff at 768-4160. Often, when it is a neighbor who is causing the noise, it helps to make a polite request to that person to resolve the problem.

Subscribers to Sandia Heights Security can call the mobile patrol to check loud parties, but all other complaints need to go to the Sheriff's Office or as noted above. Barking dogs may also be handled by animal control.

# Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Are you planning a home improvement project soon? If it will change the exterior appearance of your property, you must submit an application to the ACC. Please make sure that your application is completely filled out and submitted in a timely manner so that the Committee can do its job for you as quickly as possible. An incomplete application will cause unnecessary delays in the approval process.

It is important that you understand the covenant restrictions applicable to your property before you plan a project. As a first step in planning your project, you need to read your covenants and the applicable ACC design guidelines. Both are available in hard copy at the SHHA Office or on the SHHA website at *sandiahomeowners.org*. Most disapprovals by the Committee could be avoided if these steps

were taken first. In addition, the ACC is willing to discuss the project with you before you incur the expenses associated with a detailed design.

The ACC processes between 300 and 400 applications per year. Approximately one-half of these applications are to replace roofing, windows and doors or to re-stucco. The ACC usually processes these within a few days. However, projects such as new house construction and additions, walls and fences, and landscaping sometimes take up to a month to process after all the required information is received. If your project is like one of these, please take extra care to see that the ACC gets the information it needs and that you will be available to meet with an ACC volunteer to walk your property and explain the project. These projects usually require a plot plan that shows the location of your house and project relative to your property lines and are either drawn to scale or carefully dimensioned. The plot plan that you received with your deed is a good starting point. The ACC cannot begin to process your application until these steps are completed.

Please do not ask the Committee to expedite your application so your contractor "can start your project next week." The Committee works very hard to handle your application in a fair and professional manner and needs adequate time to do its job. Starting a project before you receive the written approval of the ACC is a violation of your covenants and puts you and your contractor at risk if the Committee is unable to approve part or all of your project. With a little advance planning and the timely submittal of your application, you can avoid these difficulties.

Remember, the ACC encourages you to have the Committee look at your project in the early planning stages to check for covenant compliance. Please take advantage of this service if you have any doubts so you can avoid future problems. A little advance planning will go a long way to assist you through all phases of your project and to enhance your ultimate enjoyment of it!

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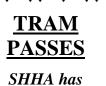
# SHHA Membership Cards & Merchant Benefit Program

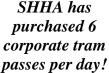
Your SHHA member benefits and services include: office and notary services, annual classified ads, Coffeehouse Concert Series, Sandia Tram Passes, covenant enforcement, no-fee ACC applications, and discounted safety vests.

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

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







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## The Sandia Heights

## **Coffeehouse Concert Series**

will present a spirited evening of bluegrass with Steve Smith and Chris Sanders on Sat., Sept. 18.

Steve Smith (mandolin, vocals, guitar) and Chris Sanders (guitar, vocals) have been performing together for 5 years as a duo and in the Las-Cruces-based group Steve Smith and Hard Road. Their award-winning songwriting has landed them both best gospel and best instrumental at the New Mexico Music Awards. Check them out at desertnight.com. They will be joined by bassist Anne Luna.

The concert will be at Church of the Good Shepherd at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open for members at 6:45 and for non-members at 7. Admission for SHHA members and their houseguests will be free, and general admission will be \$15/adults, \$10/teens & seniors 60+, \$5/12 & under, under 5 free. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100, 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 March	# of	Month of March	# of
Call Type	calls	Call Type	calls
Alarms	38	Noise complaints	2
		/suspicious noises	
Animal control asst.	2	Open door/window	5
Breaking & entering	4	Parking problem	2
Assault/Battery	1	Pet nuisance	4
Car accident	1	Salesman problem	0
Customer assist	3	Snake Call	16
Dumped/spilled	1	Special (extra patrol	14
material		or observation)	
Fire	2	Special request	0
Fireworks complaint	0	Speeding vehicle	1
Front office	8	Suspicious person	10
Lost/found pet	6	Suspicious vehicle	31
Lost/found item	0	Theft	5
Mailbox vandalism	0	Threat/personal	0
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Utility Co. assist	8
Motorist assist	5	Vandalism	7
Neighbor dispute	0	Vehicle burglary	5
Newspaper pickup	18	Wildlife report	0
		Total Calls	200

### **Security Reminder:**

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.

It is vacation season. We urge our subscribers to please call us before leaving town so that we may add your residence to our vacation watch list. For those of you who are not subscribers, now is a good time to subscribe. Please feel free to visit our website at www.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

- Office hours: Monday Friday
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- Office closed: Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.
- **Notary free** to members.
- Office services (faxes copies) free to members.
- **Tram passes** free to members.
- Contractor Evaluation binder free to members.
- Classified ads, free for members, can be found on the website under the News and Information page.
- Safety Vests for sale

## **SECURTY ALERT**

The office has a security email alert that can be emailed to all of those people whose email addresses are in our database. If you would like to receive such an email please call the office at 797-7793 or email us at sandiaheights@comcast.net.

Also, if you have changed your email address please notify us so that we can update the database. Thank you.

WEBSITE We have made some changes to the SHHA website. Go to www.sandiahomeowners.org and you will find drop down menus to help you locate things more easily. Under the ACC tab you can find the project log, forms, and guidelines. Under the News & Information tab you can find the Calendar, Events, Member Benefits, Resident Guide and Sandia Heights Map. Check it out!

## **BEARWATCH**

Early and mid-summer is the time the bears have come out of hibernation, and they're hungry. This is also when the mama bears kick out the two-year-olds, who then have to find their own territory. These young



bears often wander into our neighborhood because they remember where they have found easy food. Here's what you can do to keep bears from becoming habituated and thus becoming problem bears:

- Keep all garbage in your garage or a sturdy shed.
- > Put garbage out only on the morning of your trash pickup day.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- ➤ Bring hummingbird feeders inside at dusk (and take them inside for the winter in October).
- Fill bird feeders with only enough seed to last half the day (better yet, don't feed the birds at all for a while).
- ➤ If you have fruit trees: pick fruit as it ripens, and keep fallen fruit picked up.

Bears are very intelligent. They remember any place they have ever found food and return unerringly to it. They know what trash cans and bird feeders are and will always investigate them for food. We're asking all Sandia Heights residents to be tolerant, understanding, and proactive. Enjoy the sight of a bear if you happen to see one, but please don't do anything to unintentionally feed them or injure them.

Please feel free to call your BearWatch Sandia Heights Wildlife Steward (Kate Fry, 828-9618) or BearWatch (Jan Hayes, 281-9282) at any time if you have questions.

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## ACC Activity Log

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

3 Sandia Heights Drive – Window & Door Replacement. Approved

6 Eagle Nest Court – Refinish Trim. Approved

12 Juniper Hill Road – Re-stucco & Refinish Trim. Approved

15 Sandia Heights Drive – HVAC Replacement. Approved

29 Rock Ridge Drive – PV Panels, Re-roof & Refinish Trim. Approved

31 Cedar Hill Place – Re-roof. Approved

53 Rock Point Place – Re-roof. Approved

90 Juniper Hill Road – Re-stucco. Approved

180 Big Horn Ridge – Remodel. Approved

216 Spring Creek Place – New Fence. Approved

306 Big Horn Ridge Place – Re-stucco. Approved

413 Live Oak Loop – Driveway & Landscaping. Approved

508 Black Bear Road – Driveway. Approved

519 Black Bear Loop – Re-stucco & Reroof. Approved

619 Cedar Hill Road – Cooling/Heating Equipment Replacement. Approved

726-33 Tramway Vista Drive – Replace Awnings. Approved

867-E Tramway Lane – Re-stucco. Approved

888 Tramway Lane – Replace Fence. Approved

933 Bobcat Blvd. – Remodel & Addition. Approved

945 Deer Drive – Additions and Pool. Approved

992 Lynx Loop – Re-stucco. Approved

1012 Tramway Lane – Re-stucco. Approved

1193 Bobcat Blvd. Re-roof, Landscaping. Approved

1483 Morning Glory – PV Panels. Approved

1526 Eagle Ridge Drive – Re-roof. Approved

1570 Eagle Ridge Court – Re-roof. Approved

1719 Quail Run Court – Window Replacement. Approved

1843 Tramway Terrace Loop – Paint Doors. Approved

1860 Tramway Terrace Loop – New Wall. Approved

2161 Black Willow – Landscaping. Approved

2419 Tramway Terrace Court – Door. Approved

2442 Tramway Terrace Court – Stucco Repair. Approved

2709 Tramway Circle – Repaint Garage Door & Trim. Approved

2818 Tramway Circle – Landscaping. Approved

8221 Raintree – Re-stucco. Approved

8245 Raintree Drive – New Window. Approved

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

sandiahomeowners.org. Click on <u>THE</u>
<u>A.C.C.</u> then on <u>Architectural Control</u>
<u>Committee Project Log</u> and read about all
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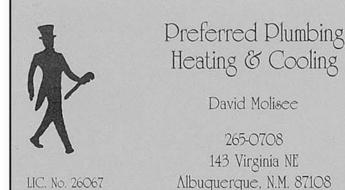
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## **Community Event Bulletin Board**

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

### Church of the Good Shepherd

**Vacation Bible School** -- The Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC, 7834 Tennyson St. NE (S of Tramway/Paseo) will be hosting **"A Journey to India"** on July 19-23 from 9AM -11:30AM for classes from preschool through grade 8. Registration is between June 13 - July 15 on Sundays or by calling the church office @ 856-1004.

# **Sandia Heights Wildflower Club**

The Sandia Heights Wildflower Club is planning some interesting and fun activities this summer that we would like the Sandia Heights community to know about. This year we are holding our annual Garden Tour on Saturday, July 24. This is later in the summer than the tour has been held in the past, but we thought that this year it would be interesting to see how our gardens look as we get a little further into summer. We will begin our tour at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Kathryn Lazier, 7715 Cedar Canyon Court. The locations for the other gardens on the tour will be provided at the first home. Charlie McDonald will also be leading interested residents on weekly evening strolls to look for and identify wildflowers and other native plants in the Sandia Heights community. These leisurely wildflower walks will be conducted on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during the months of June, July and August. Interested Sandia Heights residents should plan to meet Connie and Charlie McDonald at their house which is located at 1405 San Rafael Place. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. We promise not to walk too fast or to venture too far. We have changed the date of our annual Potluck from September 18 to September 25. Members are also reminded to check their email for periodic updates about Wildflower Club activities. Connie and Charlie McDonald can be reached at 797-2620.

### Sandia Heights Artists News...

It's been hot and we've been hard at work. The summer's rolling along and everyone's been busy, BUT, clear your calendar, save these dates – Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26. Why? Well, for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandia Heights Studio Tour, of course. Beautiful art made for you by your Sandia Heights friends and neighbors, snacks and fun for everyone.

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### PHOTO CONTEST!

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2011 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, November 5. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2011 Directory, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer. Submission criteria:

- O You must be a member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and you must be an amateur photographer.
- o Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2010 Directory).
- o Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- O Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally, as a hardcopy or by email to sandiaheights@comcast.net.
- o 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.