

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

January 2011

Give yourself a post-holidays break! Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series presents... The Chapmans in concert Saturday, January 15, 2011



This award-winning, internationallytouring 5-piece bluegrass band currently has the #1 hot single on the Bluegrass Music Profiles Chart and will be appearing at the *Church of the Good Shepherd* on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 7:30 p. m.

The Chapmans have been entertaining audiences worldwide for over 20 years and deliver some of best picking and singing to be found on the bluegrass circuit. Their CDs have climbed into the top 5 of the Bluegrass Unlimited National Bluegrass Survey. Listen to their music on <u>www.Chap-TV.com</u> or <u>www.reverbnation.com/thechapmans</u>.

This will be an all-age, alcohol free event, presented by your *SHHA Community Services and Membership Committee*. Come and enjoy some great food and entertainment. Doors will open for members at 6:45 and for nonmembers at 7:00. Admission for SHHA members and their houseguests will be free. Come early for the best seating. General admission will be \$15/adults, \$10/teens & seniors 60+, \$5/12 & under, free/under 5. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100, <u>nlightsmgt@aol.com</u>.

Directions: From Paseo del Norte, head south on Tramway Blvd., turn right on Tramway Terrace (2nd light), then right on Tennyson and follow signs to the Church.

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President's Message by Phyllis Moore

The holidays will be past when you read this, however, I am writing this message immediately after helping with our first Meet and Greet with Santa conducted by the SHHA board members and volunteers. Meet and Greet with Santa was a huge success which truly demonstrated all the heartfelt giving of our board members and volunteers working together to make this a success for our SHHA community. This too validates that our community demographics are changing and we welcome and embrace that change within our community.

A special thanks to Sandra Brown for the idea and Ana Acosta for stepping up and organizing and having a vision to create this special day. Despite the wind, nearly 70 children accompanied by their parents and grandparents attended the first Meet and Greet with Santa. A big thank you too is in order for Burt O'Neil and Kerney Bolton for taking all of the photos of the children with Santa. Oh yes, the Santa Elves and Santa Helpers were key in helping Santa visit with

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all the boys and girls. We also want to extend a special appreciation to Linda Bolton for the challenging task of scheduling Santa Claus to stop by our neighborhood during his busiest season. Again, a special thanks to all who helped and supported this effort. Also as a result of this day, our Roadrunner food bank containers are overflowing, again thanks to all of you. This is just another indication of our caring community.

The evening of December 7th we conducted a special meeting of Units South 6, 7, 27, 28 and North 1, 2 and 3 regarding the County Line outdoor concert noise issue and proposed noise ordinance change. It was extremely valuable to hear first hand from each of you regarding your experience with the outdoor concerts to date. Now we can take your ideas forward to our attorney as we work this issue. Again, thank you for your attendance and participation and we will continue to keep you informed as we work this issue in the near future. We will continue to update our website and notify you by mail and email of any future meetings and updates in the GRIT.

Another SHHA team also is working hard on the Waste water and Septic Tank project.

Several meetings have been conducted in December and we will be keeping you informed as details start to take form. Again watch our website and GRIT for future updates.



Happy New Year from your Board of Directors and the office staff.

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REYCYCLING IN SANDIA HEIGHTS:

Sandia Heights Services (SHS) is providing our community with curbside recycling. It started as a pilot program but due to enthusiastic



customer response, it is now part of the standard service waste management of all Sandia Heights customers. There is no separate fee because it is included in the Sandia Services monthly bill. To date there are hundreds of households participating and this has saved 30 truckloads (175,540 pounds) of recyclables from being dumped in the landfill.

Go to <u>http://sandiaheightsservices.com</u> and click on the "Sanitation" tab. At the bottom of that page you will find information on the program as well as links to the recycling calendar for your neighborhood. The site also tells you what items: plastics, papers, aluminum, and the like, are included and which are not: Styrofoam and glass, due to its sharp edges. You may put the recyclables in a clear plastic bag but SHS will also pick up any clearly marked regular plastic bag. Or, you can put items in a large plastic garbage gin marked for recyclables.

<u>More Helpful Information.</u> Hazardous waste disposal information is online at either the City of Albuquerque or bernco.gov home pages, A-Z Services, Hazardous Waste. Rinchem Company will take toxic waste. Address: 6133 Edith Blvd, NE. ph# 345-3655. For disposal of computer hardware contact Brian Fitzpatrick 440-6453. He refurbishes used computer hardware for donations.

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Reminder: Tennis Anyone?

Enjoy Your New SHHA Member Benefit: Swim and Tennis Passes at the Sandia Heights Four Seasons Club!



Beginning January 1, 2011, Sandia Heights Homeowners Association members may enjoy free passes to use the tennis and swimming facilities at the Sandia Heights Four Seasons Club. SHHA member-families are now eligible for up to 3 visits (free passes) during 2011. Each pass will be good for 4 family members and/or their houseguests per visit. Passes are available at the SHHA office and will be issued for a specific date on an as-available basis.

Four passes are available for each date. Unlike the Tram passes, there will be 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. See the SHHA website (sandiahomeowners.org) or visit the SHHA office for details.

Yet another great benefit of membership in the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association! Not yet a member? Sign up for immediate access to the many benefits of membership. If you enjoy your free passes to the Four Seasons Club why not buy an annual membership in the Club and enjoy unlimited use of this great facility?

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Your SHHA member benefits and services include: office and notary services, annual classified ads, Coffeehouse Concert Series, Sandia Tram passes, tree lottery, 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 (\$1 parking fee will be reimbursed with purchase of lunch) **Jade Enterprises** Massage Envy **The UPS Store Yoga with Marcy** To see the discounts offered by each merchant visit our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org.

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Your SHHA Board of Directors was very pleased with the overwhelming support expressed by you, our Members, for tree removal and for the Tree Lottery. The Board has once again voted to run a tree lottery for another year and raised the total winnings to \$7,500.00. Trees cut since this year's SHHA Annual Meeting, June 12th, 2010 are eligible for a drawing at next June's Annual Meeting.

Eighty-nine percent of our residents have stated that they were either very or somewhat concerned with undue obstruction of views by trees.* Now is the time to act on our convictions and do our part to curtail, reduce, and reverse the otherwise relentless advance of trees into our distant mountain and valley views.

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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.



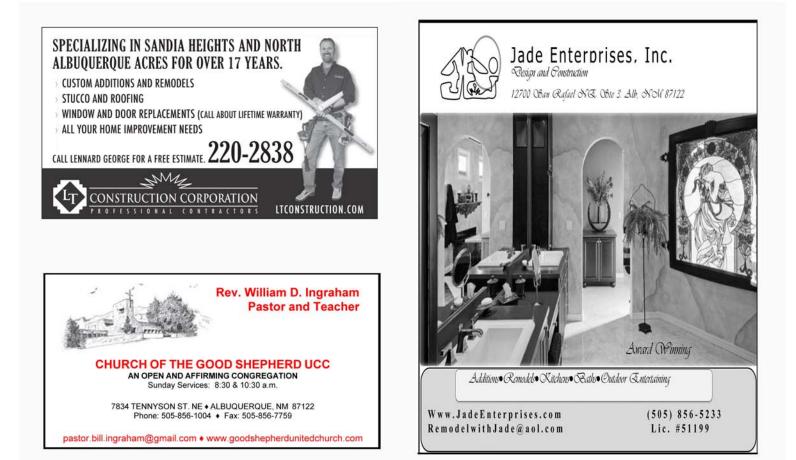
Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Month of November	# of	Month of November	# of
Call Type	calls	Call Type	calls
Alarms	13	Noise complaints	2
Animal control asst.	0	Open door/window	3
Breaking & entering	2	Parking problem	1
Assault/Battery	0	Pet nuisance	3
Car accident	0	Rescue assist	0
Customer assist	3	Salesman problem	5
Construction site	0	Snake Call	0
burglary			
Dumped/spilled	0	Special (extra patrol	11
material		or observation)	
Fire	2	S.O. assist	0
Fireworks complaint	0	Special request	4
Front office	2	Speeding vehicle	1
Loud music/party	0	Suspicious person	3
Lost/found pet	0	Suspicious vehicle	25
Lost/found item	0	Theft	0
Mailbox vandalism	0	Threat/personal	0
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Utility Co. assist	3
Motorist assist	2	Vandalism	4
Neighbor Dispute	0	Vehicle burglary	0
Newspaper pickup	40	Wildlife report	1
		Total Calls	131

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.

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 <u>sandiaheights@comcast.net</u>. Also, if you have changed your email address please notify us so that we can update the database. Thank you.

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Member Benefits

Copies, Faxes and Notary Services, Annual Resident Directory & Guide ACC applications at no charge, Tree Lottery Free Classified Ads, Sandia Peak Tram Passes Merchant Benefits Program, Great discounts with cooperating merchants Free Four Seasons Swim and Tennis Passes, Covenant and Architectural Control Free Admission to the Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series Only \$8 monthly dues, conveniently added to your water bill



The GRIT

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The SHHA Tree Lottery will once again provide an excellent chance for all Association Members to have all or most of their tree removal costs paid for by the Association!

Please see the SHHA website at *sandiahomeowners.org* or drop by the SHHA office for complete Lottery eligibility, entry, and rules.

Not a member of the SHHA? Join with your neighbors now to do your part to support Sandia Heights and enjoy the many benefits of membership, including the Tree Lottery. Drop by the Office to join! *Extrapolated from the January 2006 ACC Covenant Enforcement Survey ** Siberian Elms, often confused with Chinese Elm, are prohibited by the Covenants.

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Ace Hardware Accepting Christmas Lights for Recycling

Ace Hardware 8201 Golf Course Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 (505) 792-8600

For the third consecutive year, Ace Hardware stores are accepting stands of holiday lights for recycling to benefit Lights For Life. Lights For Life is a nonprofit organization that strives to make life easier for kids with cancer and their families.

Lights For Life sells the donated light strands to a recycling company for the copper and PVC they contain. The money raised is used to help children with cancer and their families cover the cost of medical bills and other expenses not covered by insurance, as well as to fund kids' camps and childhood cancer research.

Last year, Ace Hardware customers across Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico donated 14 tons of holiday lights to the campaign, raising \$14,000 for families of children diagnosed with cancer. This year, Ace Hardware's goal is to increase the number of lights collected by 50 percent, for a total of 21 tons of lights.

According to Consumer Reports, a typical homeowner spends approximately \$11 in energy costs to burn 50 feet of traditional lights for 300 hours, while the same use of LED lights costs less than 15 cents. LED lights are also more durable than incandescent lights, often lasting as much as ten times longer than traditional lights, and because LED lights burn cooler they are safer to use and reduce the risk of fire.

"Each year, more than 200 million strings of incandescent lights are sold in the U.S., and most of them end up in the landfill," said Linda Worthington, marketing director Lights For Life. "All we ask is that you drop your broken or old lights in a collection bin at an Ace Hardware rather than in the Dumpster. This small effort can make a big difference to kids with cancer."

The holiday light recycling program adds to the growing list recycling programs offered by area Ace Hardware stores. Many Ace Hardware stores also accept used compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), mercury-containing thermostats, used cell phones and rechargeable batteries for recycling

Holiday string lights can be donated to participating **Ace Hardwares** in **Colorado**, **Wyoming, and New Mexico** between November 1st and February 15th.

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TRAM Passes

SHHA has purchased 6 corporate tram

passes per day! We cannot make your reservations over the phone but you can call the office and find out if passes are available for the day you want.



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The following is a summary of activity since the last GRIT.

Approved Projects:

13 Eagle Nest Drive – Detached 2 car garage

70 Pinon Hill Place – Replace Driveway and Retaining Wall

528 Live Oak Place – Restucco

572 Black Bear Road - Landscaping

649 Black Hawk Drive – Restucco

725-9 Tramway Lane – Landscaping

725-18 Tramway Vista Drive – Reseal Driveway

748 Tramway Lane – Driveway Repair

753 Tramway Lane – ATF picket replacement

785-12 Tramway Lane – Garage Door Replacement and Window Finish

1188 Laurel Loop - Addition

1197 Bobcat Blvd. – Concrete, gate and stucco repair

1198 Bobcat Blvd. Photovoltaic Panels

1215 Rockrose Rd. - Landscaping

1231 Goldenrod Drive - Patio Repair

1862 Tramway Terrace Loop – Wall & Landscaping

2034 Quai Run Drive - Door Replacement

2804 Tramway Circle - Kiva Fireplace

2827 Tramway Circle - Window Replacement

2878 Brushwood Street – Install Storm Doors

7706 Cedar Canyon Place - Restucco

8209 Indigo Court - Window Replacement

8248 Raintree – Window Replacement

12621 Colony Place - Window Replacement

Check the ACC Project Log at the website sandiahomeowners.org. Click on <u>THE A.C.C.</u> then on Architectural Control Committee <u>Project Log</u> and read about all projects currently under ACC management.

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SUMMARY OF ACC ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN 2010:

The following articles, briefly summarized, were written for your information during 2010. Please refer to the original articles if you need additional information.

Jan: "White Roofs in Sandia Heights". What are the ACC guidelines for approving the use of white roofing materials?

Feb: "Radon". What is this gas, what are its health effects, and how can you test your home for its presence?

Jul: "The ACC Application Process". Why this process is necessary in order to maintain reasonable architectural standards for new construction and for home improvement projects here in Sandia Heights.

Aug: "Solar Panels". A brief review of ACC guidelines related to the installation of photovoltaic panels for residential use.

Sep: "A Short Reminder on Project Applications". The article includes recommendations on how to handle emergency repairs and when to notify the ACC and/or the SHHA office staff.

Oct: "The Neighborhood Review Process". How does the ACC decide when a project warrants a neighborhood review and how does the review process work?

Nov: "Covenant Enforcement". A joint Covenant support Committee (CSC) and ACC article citing issues encountered when dealing with covenant violations and some possible solutions.

Dec: "Hire Licensed and Insured Contractors". An excellent and timely article on the importance of choosing a contractor for your home improvement project.

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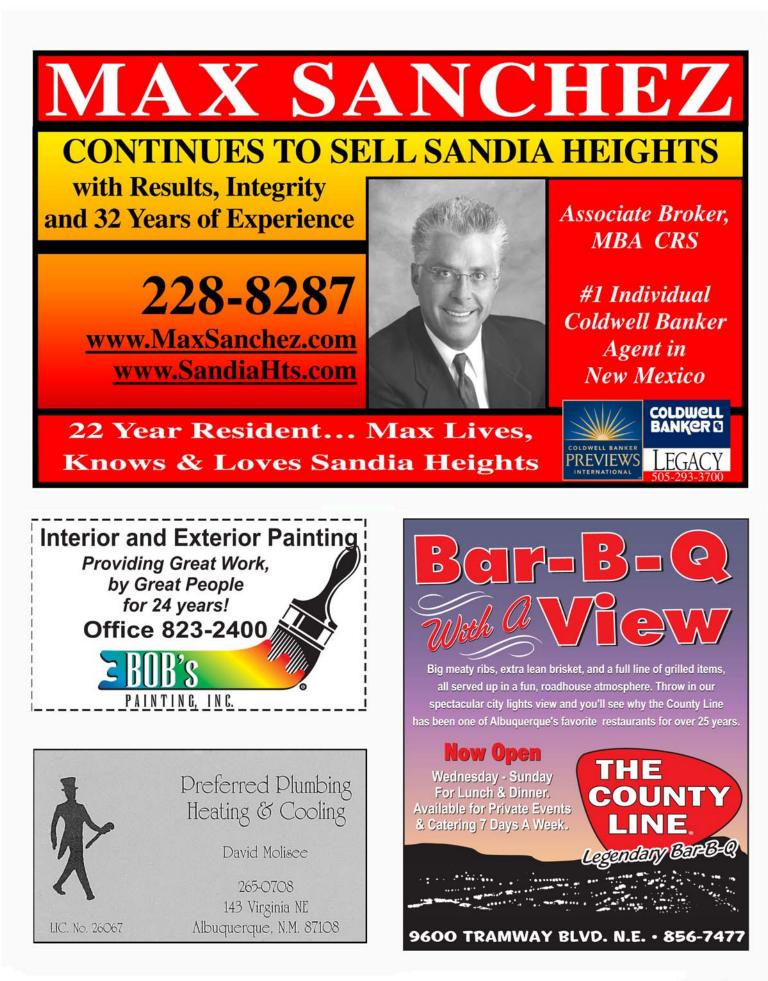
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Community Event Bulletin Board

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

Church of the Good Shepherd: All youth ages 13 to 19 are welcome

to join the FUN at Church of the Good Shepherd's teen program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This program is designed to provide encouragement and help the teens in our community make healthy choices while feeling support in a caring environment. Visit <u>www.goodshepherdunitedchurch.com</u>, stop by the church at 7834 Tennyson NE, or call the office @ 856-1004 for more information.

Sandia Heights Artists News...

Calling all Sandia Heights artists! We will meet in January to share stories of tours and holiday sales of years past. Everyone is welcome!! A very short business meeting will be called to collect names and get organized for the 2011 September Art Tour. If you would like to join us, contact Kathryn Lazier at <u>Kalazier@gmail.com</u> or 797-0974 to be put on our artist e-mailing/phone list for further information.

What to do with that Christmas tree?

You may take it to the Eagle Rock Landfill Transfer station (857-8318) where the city mulches it, or you can just put it out with your regular trash, but the trees must be cut in half if taller than 6 feet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

- **Office hours:** Monday Friday 9am 4pm.
- Notary, copies and faxes free to members.
- **Tram passes** free to members, please check with the office for your reservation.
- Swim and Tennis passes see page 3 for details.
- **Contractor Evaluation binder** free to members. We are in need of evaluations for Handy Men and Septic Tank Contractors. You may download the form from the website or contact our office and we can email you one.
- SHHA Board Meeting Wednesday, January 12 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Committee meeting dates and times are posted in the monthly calendar found on our website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u>.
- **Classified ads and lost and found notices** can be found on the website under the News and Information page. Classified ads are free for members.
- Safety Vests for sale in the SHHA office. \$2 per vest for members.
- Septic Tank information: you may view the slide presentation and partial list of contractors on our website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u>.
- **Tree Lottery** go to our website for details.
- **SHHA membership cards:** do not forget to go to the website to get a full listing of the companies that offer a discount!





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Thank you to everyone who submitted a photo for the 2011 Directory. The photo chosen for the cover is by Kate Fry. Her photo along with other photo submissions are featured on our website. We encourage you to go to the website: sandiahomeowners.org and take a moment to enjoy all of the beautiful photographs!

Just a note of clarification, we mail the GRIT to both members and non-members as a courtesy to those who are non-members to encourage them to join. However, the services and benefits of membership are limited to members of the association. If you are a non-member we encourage you to join.