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## SHHA Membership

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Because you are receiving this GRIT does not mean that you are a member of Sandia Heights Homeowner Association. The GRIT is mailed to each residence in Sandia Heights. The dues are \$10 per month. Sandia Heights Homeowners Association is often mistaken for Sandia Heights Services, the water, trash, recycling and security Company.

## **Outgoing President's Message**

- Kate Fry

Many thanks to all of you who came to the Annual Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout for the meeting and for the Town Hall Meeting that followed, with 59 households attending. Your Board of Directors and committee volunteers worked hard to put the meeting together, and everything went off without a hitch. I think everyone was impressed by the hard work of the dedicated Board and committee volunteers and by how much we have accomplished this year. We really appreciate your concern and support for our community that you demonstrated by attending the meeting. Special thanks go to our incredible office staff, Betsy and Sheraz, who organized the Annual Meeting and made sure everything went smoothly. Their professionalism and dedication are unmatched, and we would be lost without them. They are the "face" of SHHA, and I'm sure you know they are happy to assist you in any way they can and to answer your questions.

I am pleased to introduce your new officers and Board of Directors for 2012-2013. Ann Zimmerman will serve as President, and Joe Pappe will serve as your Vice President. Joe is also the new chair of the Covenant Support Committee (CSC). George Connor has agreed to serve as Secretary. Ann Marie Caffrey has

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agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. We welcomed five new Board members at the Annual Meeting: Anderson Kressy, Patrick Lancione, Meeko Oishi, Josephine Porter, and Ed Stretanski. Each new member brings outstanding experience and skills to SHHA.

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As you know, I stepped down from the Board and as President, and we are losing four other Board members this year. Burt O'Neil served on the Board for six years and was the chair of the Communications and Publications Committee. Burt also chaired the ad hoc Website Redesign Committee that was responsible for our outstanding new website. Andy Anderson was a member of the Board for five years. He has ably served as President. Vice President, chair of the Finance Committee and chair of the CSC. Ana Acosta joined the Board in 2010 and was chair of the Community Service and Membership Committee. Sarah Pirkl became a Board member in 2010 and has served as Secretary. We will miss all of them, and I extend my sincere thanks for their service to SHHA and to the Sandia Heights community.

Your Association exists to support you, the members, and to uphold the standards that make Sandia Heights such a unique and beautiful community. But we need your help! Please consider volunteering for one of our committees or for the Board. Two committees that really need members are Community Service and Membership (CS&M) and Covenant Support (CSC), but we'll gladly accept volunteers for any of our committees.

We welcome your calls and emails expressing your concerns. You may call the SHHA office at 797-7793 or send us an e-mail at shha@sandiahomeowners.org.



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#### **GRIT Editorial Policy is:**

- Provide information on subjects of interest to the community.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.

## A Perfect Way To Start A Day

As the sun comes up over the beautiful Sandia Mountain, the morning dawn begins to lighten. There is a constant in my life as I awake with morning coffee in my hand. However this morning my routine is broken, actually shattered. There is no light in the sky at 4:00 A.M., and it is two hours earlier than I would usually greet, and welcome a new day. Why am I up at this hour? A plane to catch, baggage to check, lines to stand in, and check points to pass through.

On this morning my thoughts take me back to a large segment of my life when this was my normal routine...planes, baggage, masses of people, taxies, hotels, conferences, and corporate retreats. Hurry, hurry, rush, rush, the goal was to get to the airport with a minimum of 30 minutes to spare. My inner self would say "Ann, sit down, catch your breath, find a cup of coffee, finish your expense report, and respond to the last nights memo on sales figures for the month. Again, a small voice would emerge from within, and say "When I retire, life will not present itself with these intensities, responsibilities, and time restraints. Life will be simple, yes simple. Simplicity in everything I do will be my goal."

As I have now discovered, retirement is NOT as I anticipated...slow, peaceful, and without pressures or responsibilities. Life, for me, is as full or fuller than it has ever been. I am now convinced that what I perceived as retirement is really not retirement at all, but "end of life." Well, end of life will have to wait. I am very busy. I have a new, non-paying job as SHHA President, and I have on the horizon exciting adventures and challenges. I will keep my goal of simplicity in mind, knowing that this is not a task, that is, in any way, simple. However, as all of you know that attended the Annual Meeting, the question Kate Fry had to answer was "Where is our new President, Ann Zimmerman?"

When my holiday has ended, I will return to my routine of A Perfect Way to Start A Day.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:**

- Office hours: Monday Friday 9am 4pm.
- **Board Meeting** Wed, July 11 at the SHHA office, 7pm
- Notary, copies and faxes, tram passes, and contractor evaluation binder free to members.
- **Committee meetings** are posted on our website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u>.
- **Classified ads** can be found on the website on the top bar menu under Classifieds.
- Safety Vests for sale in the SHHA office. \$2 per vest for members.

## SHHA Special Event

On Saturday, July 14, 2012 SHHA will present a very special event reserved for SHHA members, and their



guests. This event will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson NE. The doors will open at 6:30pm and the concert will start at 7:30pm. This is an RSVP event and limited to the first 125 members and their guests. Those attending will be entertained with the warm and liquid music of Jazz Guitarist, Greg Ruggiero. Gregg was once a New Mexican, and now resides in New York City. His travels have taken him across this country, as well as internationally. Gregg recently returned from a tour in Japan and London where he received rave reviews. If you are an SHHA member, get your reservations in ASAP by calling the office at 797-7793.

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#### **Tram Passes**

*There are 6 corporate tram passes per day!* Please call the SHHA office at 797-7793 or visit our website for details: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u>.

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#### SHHA membership Cards

Check out the entire SHHA Member Benefits Program at sandiahomeowners.org and enjoy discounts at our supporting local merchants. The SHHA Merchant Benefits Program includes the following current participating merchants: Asian Café - Bair Medical Spa - Best Way Carpet - Bob's Painting - Black Diamond Taekwondo - Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC - County Line of Albuquerque - Curves -Dance Fitness Party - Granite Transformations – Hairstyling by Carlos - Herbalife Independent Distributer - High Finance Restaurant - Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the Tram - Jade Enterprises - Los Equipales Massage Envy - New Mexico School of Music -Ready Blinds & Shutters - The UPS Store - 3B Yoga

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#### **Renters and Membership Benefits**

Did you know that people renting houses in Sandia Heights can participate in many of the benefits of SHHA membership? All that is needed is for the property owner to maintain membership in SHHA. Many property owners mistakenly believe that if they move from Sandia Heights and rent their house to another family, they must cancel their membership in SHHA. Not true! Membership dues will continue to be collected as part of the monthly utility bill for that address, whether the property owner pays the bill or the tenant pays the bill. If you as a property owner pay the bill, you are free to pass along the cost of membership to the tenant if you choose. Renters are eligible for all SHHA membership benefits except voting privileges and filing covenant violation complaints. Tram passes are among the most popular member benefits, so be sure you maintain your membership so your tenants can experience some of the great "perks" of living in Sandia Heights!

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**Next Coffeehouse Concert** 

Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen perform on Saturday, September 8, at Church of the Good Shepherd Lower Hall at 7:30 pm. Steve and Cindy have been performing together for over 20 years, bringing together their love of traditional music and their wealth of original songs. Accompanying themselves with guitars and concertinas, their live performances are known for rich harmony, compelling songs and a good dose of humor. Steve's songs have been covered by Ian and Sylvia, John Denver, Garth Brooks, Linda Ronstadt, Tammy Wynette, and many others. Read more and listen to their music on www.compassrosemusic.com. For more info or to volunteer to help, contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100, nlightsmgt@aol.com.

## SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES (SHS) 10 Tramway Loop:

Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Services (they provide water, trash and recycle collection, and security services) is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership. Also, Membership in SHHA does not include Sandia Heights Security membership. You can call Security to confirm your membership with them. If you have questions regarding the following stats, please call Security 856-6347, mobile 263-4654.

Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of
	calls		calls		calls
Alarms	38	Lost/found item	1	Snake Call	9
Animal control asst.	1	Mailbox vandalism	2	Special request	5
Attempted breaking &	1	Motorcycle nuisance	2	Special (extra patrol)	13
entering					
Breaking & entering	3	Motorist assist	2	Speeding vehicle	0
Car accident	0	Neighbor dispute	0	Suspicious person	1
Construction site	0	Newspaper pickup	20	Suspicious vehicle	21
burglary					
Customer assist	3	Noise complaints	0	Theft	5
Dumped/spilled	0	Open door/window	7	Threat/Personal	0
material		-			
Fire	2	Parking problem	0	Utility Co. assist	8
Fireworks complaint	0	Pet nuisance	0	Vandalism	4
Front office	1	Rescue assist	0	Vehicle burglary	1
Loud music/party	6	Salesman problem	7	Wildlife report	0
Lost/found pet	4	Sheriff office assist	0	Total Calls	167

## Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

## UPDATE-

## SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES NEW TRASH AND RECYCLE BIN SERVICE

Sandia Heights Services has announced some upcoming improvements to your solid waste collection and recycling services. Beginning in the summer of 2012, all Sandia Heights Services sanitation customers will be receiving new collection bins for the removal of all solid waste materials at no cost to our customers.

Additionally, we will make available at no cost to our customers new recycle bins for those residents who wish to participate in our curbside recycling program. Sandia Heights customers were mailed an informational letter in the May and June billing statements which included an order form with options to choose from. We received an overwhelmingly positive response to the new service, and we appreciate all of the positive feedback from our customers! Look for upcoming articles with more information on delivery and implementation of the new service, as well as on our website at www.sandiaheightsservices.com.

Sandia Heights Services is proud of this investment and initiative to improve our neighborhood and is committed to providing services that exceed your expectations! Please visit our website for additional information at www.sandiaheightservices.com.

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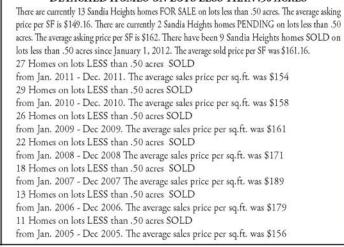
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#### Sandia Heights Market Activity • 2005 - 2012 How is the Sandia Heights Market? Compare the Past 7 years.

#### 2005 - 2012 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS DETACHED HOMES ON LOTS GREATER THAN .50 ACRES

There are currently 21 Sandia Heights homes FOR SALE on lots greater than .50 acres. The average asking price per SF is \$178. There are currently 6 Sandia Heights homes PENDING on lots greater than .50 acres. The average asking price per SF is \$167.59. There have been 18 Sandia Heights homes SOLD on lots greater than .50 acres since January 1, 2012. The average sold price per SF was \$150. 40 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2011 - Dec 2011. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$161 26 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2010 - Dec 2010. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$165 25 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2009 - Dec 2009 The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$169 14 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2008 - Dec 2008. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$193 30 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2007 - Dec 2007. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$202 39 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2006 - Dec 2006 The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$205 35 Homes on lots greater than .50 acres SOLD from Jan. 2005 - Dec 2005. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$170

#### 2005 - 2012 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS DETACHED HOMES ON LOTS LESS THAN . 50 ACRES



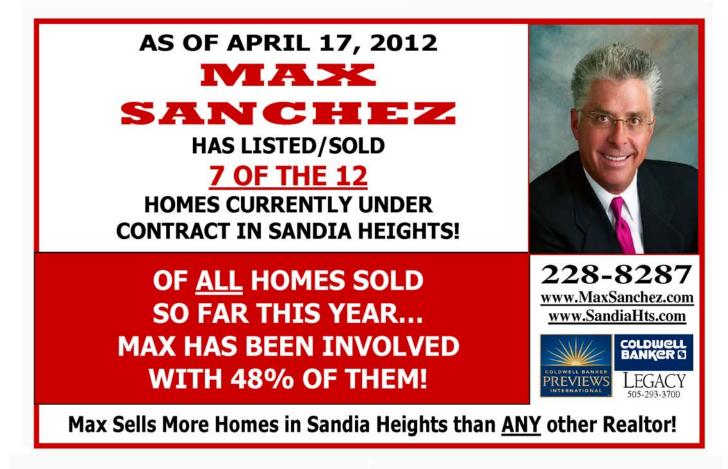
#### 2005 - 2012 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS ATTACHED TOWNHOMES There are currently 4 Attached Townhomes FOR SALE. The average asking price per SF is \$112.60. There are currently 0 Attached Townhomes PENDING. There was 1 attached Townhome SOLD since Jan. 1, 2012. The average sold price per SF was \$115

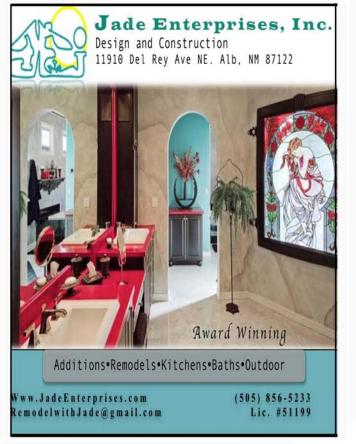


6 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2011. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$115. 10 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2010 - Dec. 2010. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$120. 3 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2009 - Dec. 2009. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$144. 6 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2008 - Dec. 2008. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$140. 6 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2007 - Dec. 2007. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$147. 11 Attached Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2006 - Dec. 2006. The average sales price per sf was \$151. 16 Townhomes SOLD from Jan. 2005 to Dec. 2005. The average sales price per sq.ft. was \$112.



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## **Covenant Support Committee**

Vacation season is rapidly approaching and your Covenant Support Committee would like to pass along a friendly reminder regarding the longterm parking of Recreational Vehicles (RVs), travel trailers and boats in the Sandia Heights neighborhood. This is not a new issue within our community, and at times becomes a major irritant for other residents. Although the published covenants for the earliest developed units do not specifically spell out RVs, the Second Judicial Court in the late 1990s determined long-term parking of RVs, camper trailers and boats on all residential lots in Sandia Heights is prohibited. The court allowed parking of such vehicles for a period of no more than 48 hours for maintenance and provisioning.

The CSC does not police the neighborhood for violations, however, if a complaint is received, your homeowners association and the CSC will act upon it with the full authority and backing of the judicial system. We would ask all residents with RVs, travel trailers and boats to be good neighbors and respect the rights of other residents and adhere to the covenants. Please keep in mind that the covenants are here to ensure we can continue to live in a pristine community and maintain the value in our homes.

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## DON'T DUMP ON YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!

Recently the CSC has investigated complaints in which landscaping and construction debris has been dumped on a neighbor's property. These debris piles are usually wheelbarrow quantities and therefore it is likely that they come from someone in the neighborhood doing a home project who dumps the debris on a convenient "vacant lot". Unfortunately, this dumping ground is someone's property that is usually in a state of natural vegetation. The owner of the property becomes responsible for cleanup even though the owner did not cause the problem. If you hire someone to do work around your house, please be sure that they cart the material away (not to the end of the street). *There are no public landfills or dumps in Sandia Heights*. Disposal of debris in the arroyos is both illegal and not in keeping with being a good neighbor. If you see illegal dumping, please notify the SHHA and give as much information as possible (identity of person, license number, etc). It is your neighborhood! Keep an eye out for such things as illegal dumping.

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**ACC Tip:** The following article was first published in the December 2010 GRIT and again in August 2011. It is well worth reading. It was written by Jessica Speck of JADE Enterprises, Inc., a local contractor with many years of experience in the Albuquerque area for design and construction of home improvement projects. I will periodically publish this article since I continue to hear "horror stories" of residents here in Sandia Heights being taken advantage of by unlicensed and uninsured contractors. Know who you are dealing with and take advantage of the information in this article—it may save you lots of headaches and money! Bob Bower, Chairman, ACC.

# Hire Licensed and Insured Contractors!

#### By Jessica Speck

Contracting without a license in the state New Mexico is against the law. With setbacks in our current economic conditions, we are all cutting corners with our spending. Many homeowners are choosing to remodel their current homes as opposed to purchasing new homes, which is wonderful. But in order to save a little money, they are choosing to hire inexperienced, unlicensed, uninsured individuals often becoming a sizeable liability to the homeowner and the completed home project. While it seems reasonable to spend less and find any cost deals available, this approach has devastated the home-remodeling industry.

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Recently there has been a rise of unlicensed individuals entering the home-remodeling market with a set of tools, a truck and minor remodeling skills who have begun delivering bids to the homeowner at prices too good to be true! Remember the old adage: "You get what you pay for", it still carries great validity, even in the home-remodeling industry. Low-quality material and workmanship often go unnoticed for months or even years often times resulting in the cost of demolition of the poor workmanship and paying again for a licensed contractor to build what the "Scope of Work" actually called for. Unfortunately however, no insurance is one of the most obvious and devastating ways construction costs are cut. This means that if anyone should fall off the homeowner's roof, use faulty materials and methods, or damage the homeowner's home or belongings, there is no coverage to protect the homeowner. In these circumstances, the unlicensed or uninsured remodeler cannot afford to pay for the damages leaving the homeowner with an uncompleted project and large mistakes to pay for. This can be related to the liability incurred when we get in a car accident with an individual who has failed to purchase car insurance. Who then pays for your personal injuries, or damages to your car and their car? You or your insurance company will then be responsible for the damages. If you have been a victim of unlicensed contracting or you would like more information on the topic, you can visit the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing department's

"Construction Industries Division" Web site at: <u>www.rld.state.nm.us/CID/unlicensed.htm</u> Note: When hiring a contractor look for **license #, Liability Coverage, and Workers Compensation**. You may also request a **Builders Risk Policy** be taken out on your project.

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Summary of **Approved Projects** activity since the last GRIT:

1 Juniper Hill Road - Remodel

21 Cedar Hill Road – Deck Repair & Paint

20 Cedar Hill Road - Paint Trim & Garage Door

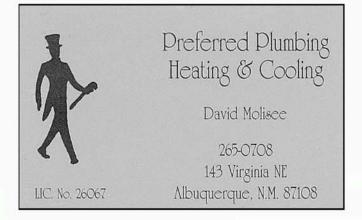
25 Cedar Hill Place - Landscaping 44 Rock Ridge Court – Wall 147 Whitetail – Reroof & Restucco 334 White Oaks Drive - Deck Replacement 526 Live Oak Place – Remodel 543 Black Bear Loop - Restucco 547 Black Bear Road – Sunroom & HVAC Replacement 576 Black Bear Road – Window Replacement 584 Black Hawk Drive – Restucco & Windows 647 Cougar Loop - Reroof 656 Roadrunner Lane – Wall & Landscaping, Reroof & Restucco 726-28 Tramway Vista Loop – Window Replacement 760-7 Tramway Lane – Garage Door Replacement 821 B Live Oak Road - Garage Door Replacement 990 Lynx Loop – Patio Floor Replacement 1042 Red Oaks Loop – Resurface Driveway 1104 San Rafael Ave - Fence Replacement 1105 San Rafael – Skylight Installation 1114 San Rafael Ave – Resurface Driveway 1159 Laurel Loop - Window Replacement 1206 Marigold Drive - Partial Roof Repair 1574 Eagle Ridge Court – Paint Stucco 1704 Quail Run Court - Restucco 1708 Quail Run Court – Reroof 1710 Quail Run Court - Reroof 1854 Tramway Terrace - Paint Stucco 1929 Quail Run Drive - Stucco Repair & Windows 1945 Quail Run Loop – Restucco 2707 Tramway Lane – Partial Roof Repair 2830 Tramway Circle – Landscaping 7722 Cedar Canyon Court – Reroof & Restucco 8208 Indigo Court - Restucco Go to the website: sandiahomeowners.org. to read about all projects currently under ACC

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# **Community Event Bulletin Board**

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

**Sandia Heights Artists** SAVE THE DATES! The Ninth Annual Sandia Heights Artists' Studio Tour and Sale will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9, from 10am to 5pm. This tour features 17 resident artists, many whose works are displayed in well-known Albuquerque galleries. Other artists participate only in this special event. This neighborhood "art crawl" offers a tour in local studios and homes with delightful treats for the eyes and tummy. Participants in the art tour change each year. Expect a fun time for you, your family and friends...right in your own backyard! Brochures and maps are available at the SHHA office prior to the tour or online. Check the newly redesigned website for a preview of the broad variety of exhibitors from the community at: <u>www.sandiaheightsart.com</u>.

Looking for a progressive, friendly, and welcoming church? Search no more! Everyone is welcome at **Church of the Good Shepherd**, 7834 Tennyson NE. For more information go to <u>www.ucccogs.org</u> or call the church office @ 856-1004.

## Seeking gently used tennis shoes for children of a small Mexican

**village.** We live there part time and the kids are always so grateful when we bring them shoes (or clothes too). All sizes needed, up to adult (for the teens), boys and girls. Terri & Paco Roseth 856-6964

**Tanoan Country Club** is offering a special rate to Sandia Heights Residents. With a minimum of 10 residents joining, Tanoan will offer a **reduced rate of \$750+tax upon signing (a savings of over 20%)**. This equates to \$62.50 per month. Existing Swim Membership is \$950+tax for an annual Membership inclusive of pool access, dining outlets and social events. Please contact Lizz Smoak, Director of Sales at 10801 Academy Road, 505-822-0422 X226 with any questions or if you wish to take a tour of the facility.

**The Sandia Heights Book Club** has an opening for a new member. The group meets the third Wednesday evening of each month, January-November, at members' homes. Upcoming book selections include *Sacred Country* by Rose Tremain, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, and *Room* by Emma Donoghue. For more information, please email Joan March, jmarch@thinkwellassociates.com or call her at 323-6784.

## Bernalillo County Ordinance regarding animals:

The Bernalillo County Ordinance No. 88-16 Section VI. E. states "Animal Nuisances on Sidewalks, Public Parks, Alleys, and Other Places Open to the Public. It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care of control, any such animal to commit any nuisance upon the sidewalk or public park; or upon the floor or wall of



any common hall in any multiple dwelling; or upon any entrance way, stairway or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk, or upon the floor or wall of any theater, shop, store, office building or other building used in common by the public; or upon any private property other than the owners of the animal." Leaving your dog's mess is not only unsightly but also inconsiderate. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up your dog's waste material.



Sandia Heights Homeowners Association 2-B San Rafael Avenue NE Albuquerque, NM 87122

## PHOTO CONTEST!

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2013 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, November 2. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2013 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 2012 Directory).
- > Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- > Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally or by email to <u>sandiaheights@comcast.net</u>.
- 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.

