November 2012

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## Meet Santa Event!



Come and meet Santa Claus and have your picture taken with him. Saturday, December 8 from 10AM to

1PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson St.

Please come and celebrate the Holiday Season with us! There will be face painting, activities, and refreshments. *This event is open to SHHA Members only*. Please RSVP by Monday, December 3 to 797-7793 or email: sandiaheights@comast.net.

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## **Roadrunner Holiday Food Drive**

Be a part of taking action this holiday season and get involved in our food drive! The Holidays can be difficult for many New Mexicans with more than 20% of the population living in poverty. Food drives enable the food bank to provide a wide variety of high quality, nutritious food items throughout the year. The Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico distributes more than 22 million pounds of food a year to hundreds of nonprofit agencies throughout New Mexico. Each one of us can make an impact.

**Beginning Thursday, November 1**, please help by bringing non-perishable food items to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association office located at San Rafael and Tramway. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9am-4pm. Look for the big red drop box inside.

#### Most Needed Items:

Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats, Canned Entrees,

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Cereal Bars, Rice, Sugar, Pastas, Soups, Baby Food, Boxed Meals. Plastic, boxed, bagged and canned containers present less chance of breakage and less loss of good food.

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## Guy Killam's Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving I remember most fondly was when Guy Killam, my papa, brought home four special friends from the pool hall. These four elder men, all in their late 70's and 80's, and Papa—also an elder gent-frequently played a game called snooker at the local "Establishment" (Papa's word.) You know the one: "Trouble in River City, and it's spelled P-O-O-L". Papa's four guests were alone, widowed, without family or certainly none in sight. So, we were their family for this Thanksgiving. As they one-by-one paraded into our home, each greeted my mother and me in great courtly manner, one brought flowers, another, a box of chocolates. Each was dressed in his finest-mostly rather seedy, outdated, not altogether clean clothes. I noted-hair slicked. faces shaven and tidied, shoes shined, neckties representing a span of decades. The commingling of aftershave with the fragrance of tobacco embedded in their clothes created a pungent sweetness from which I almost swooned.

As we sat at table, sharing the Thanksgiving repast Mother had prepared, we enjoyed World War I stories, childhood memories, and great conversation, all around ooohing, aaahing, smacking of lips – the sounds of savoring abounded throughout the feast. *Continued on page 2* 



#### **Officers**

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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.

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Papa was so proud and in love with Mother for opening heart and home to these dear old fellows, gentlemen all. After dinner, we gathered around the piano and sang "Faith of Our Fathers" twice through, per our guests' request (all the verses) after which pumpkin pie and coffee were served to accompanying, appreciative expressions.

As we all sat sated and satisfied, the magic of the moment settled over us. When Papa's friends, now *our* friends, left, there were embraces and wonderful words giving thanks. The house felt warmer and even more loved-in than before, and we were all truly thankful. Later that night after we each tucked in to bed, I heard the soft utterance of Papa's every night's prayer, "Dear God, bless all humankind everywhere. Amen."

Submitted by Virginia Fultz, Sandia Heights resident and SHHA member (Unedited)

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**GRIT Publication:** You are receiving this GRIT because you are a Sandia Heights Homeowners Association **member.** To see all the membership benefits please visit our website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u> and look under the Notices and Information tab at the SHHA Member Benefits page for a list of all the benefits. One great benefit to our SHHA members is the E-mail Alert service. When you sign up for this service, SHHA will notify you by e-mail of burglaries in your neighborhood and other security alerts, fire alerts, wildlife alerts, event notifications and other important information that you need to know quickly. Some of this information comes directly from Bernalillo County sources, and it's a great way to receive information in a timely manner. If you want to receive e-mail alerts, sign up for them by emailing

<u>sandiaheights@comcast.net</u>. Please put your street address in the subject line and a short message requesting email alerts.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Sandia Heights resident William "Bill" Johnson has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards program. Mr. Johnson, retired CEO of UNM Hospital, was honored for his decades of service, transforming a county hospital into a university medical center system.

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## **Next Coffeehouse January 12**

Next show in the Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert Series will feature the Carolyn Martin Swing Band from Nashville, Tennessee. Carolyn was inducted into the Texas Swing Hall of Fame in 2011, and she has won numerous awards. Read more and listen to her music on <u>www.carolynmartinmusic.com</u>.

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## Tram Passes

SHHA has purchased 6 corporate tram passes per day! NOTE: The Tram will be closed for maintenance on Monday, November 5 through Friday, November 16.



Please call the SHHA office at 797-7793 or visit our website for tram pass details: www.sandiahomeowners.org.

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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 - Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC - County Line of Albuquerque - Curves - Dance Fitness Party - Granite Transformations – Hairstyling by Carlos -High Finance Restaurant - Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the Tram - Jade Enterprises - Los Equipales - Massage Envy - New Mexico School of Music - Ready Blinds & Shutters – Southwest Propane - 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. 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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## **On-line GRIT Newsletter**

The GRIT newsletter has been posted on the SHHA website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u> for over a year. Viewing the on-line version is free. The printed mail GRIT costs the Association over \$20,000 per year. Would you consider receiving the GRIT electronically? The advantage besides reducing mailing and printing costs is that the electronic version is in color. Also, the on-line version is a higher resolution compared to the printed version. To suspend your mailed GRIT please email us at <u>sandiaheights@comcast.net</u> and **put your address in the subject line**. Thank you.



# SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES (SHS) 10 Tramway Loop:

Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Services (they provide water, sewer, 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	30	Mailbox Vandalism	0	Special request	2
Animal control asst.	1	Motorist Assist	4	Special (extra patrol)	13
Assault\Battery	1	Neighbor Dispute	2	Speeding Vehicle	4
Breaking & entering	1	Newspaper pickup	18	Suspicious vehicle	17
Car Accident	2	Noise complaints	1	Suspicious person	9
Customer Assist	8	Open door/window	6	Theft	6
Fire	0	Parking problem	1	Utility Co. assist	4
Fireworks complaint	0	Pet nuisance	8	Vandalism	2
Front office	5	Rescue assist	0	Vehicle burglary	1
Loud music/party	1	Salesman problem	2	Wildlife report	2
Lost/found item or pet	9	Snake Call	11	Total Calls	171

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



**Security Reminder:** Whenever possible park your car in the garage rather than just in the driveway and remember not to leave valuables in your car (particularly gifts visible in the car at this time of the year).

## Phone numbers to keep handy:

Emergency – 911 (when using cell phone ask to be passed to BCSO) Non-Emergency – 798-7000 Sandia Heights Security Office – 856-6347 Security Heights Security Mobile – 263-4654



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The Bernalillo County Ordinance No. 88-16 Section VI. E. entitled "Animal Nuisances on Sidewalks, Public Parks, Alleys, and Other Places Open to the Public, states that "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.

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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 LARGER THAN .50 ACRES

There are now 19 homes FOR SALE on lots larger than .50 acres. The average asking price per SF is \$174.54. There are now 6 homes PENDING on lots larger than .50 acres. The average asking price per SF is \$131.35. There have been 31 homes SOLD on lots larger than .50 acres in 2012. The average sold price per sq. ft. was \$153.79. 40 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2011 The average sales price per square foot was \$161 26 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2010 The average sales price per square foot was \$165 25 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2009 The average sales price per square foot was \$169 14 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2008 The average sales price per square foot was \$193 30 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2007 The average sales price per square foot was \$202 39 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2006 The average sales price per square foot was \$205 35 Homes on lots larger than .50 acres SOLD in 2005 The average sales price per sqare foot was \$170

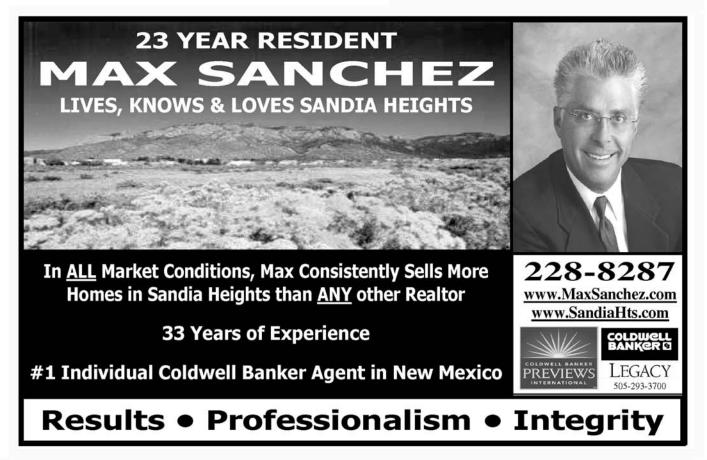
#### 2005 - 2012 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS DETACHED HOMES ON LOTS SMALLER THAN .50 ACRES

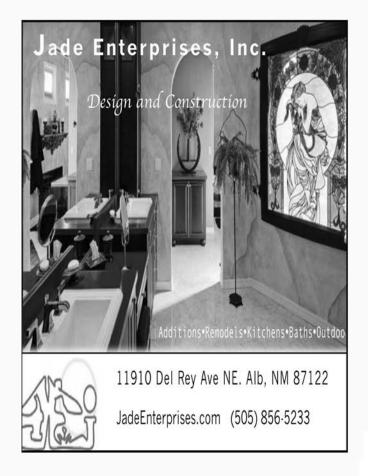
There are now 14 homes FOR SALE on lots smaller than .50 acre. The average asking price per SF is \$159.45. There are now 5 homes PENDING on lots smaller than .50 acre. The average asking price per SF is \$159.51. There have been 20 homes SOLD on lots smaller than .50 acre in 2012. The average sold price per SF was \$151.19. 27 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2011. The average sales price per square foot was \$154 29 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2010. The average sales price per square foot was \$158 26 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2009 The average sales price per square foot was \$161 22 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2008 The average sales price per square foot was \$171 18 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2007 The average sales price per square foot was \$189 13 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2006. The average sales price per square foot was \$179 11 Homes on lots smaller than .50 acres SOLD in 2005 The average sales price per square foot was \$156

#### 2005 - 2012 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS ATTACHED TOWNHOMES There are now 4 attached townhomes FOR SALE. The average asking price per SF is \$111.50. There are now 2 attached townhomes PENDING. The average asking price per SF is \$117.37. There have been 4 attached Townhomes SOLD in 2012. The average sold price per SF was \$114.31.

6 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2011. The average sales price per square foot was \$115.
10 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2010. The average sales price per square foot was \$120.
3 Attached Townhomes SOLD from in 2009. The average sales price per square foot was \$144.
6 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2008. The average sales price per square foot was \$140.
6 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2007. The average sales price per square foot was \$147.
11 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2006. The average sales price per square foot was \$147.
11 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2006. The average sales price per square foot was \$141.
16 Attached Townhomes SOLD in 2005. The average sales price per square foot was \$112.









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"Natural vegetation disturbed during construction shall be restored to its former state within the limits of reasonable care and expense. All disturbed areas shall be restored, landscaped, or both, as applicable, no later than the end of the next growing season following the completion of construction."

Activity associated with restoration of disturbed landscaping area is usually done at the end of most construction projects and may even occur after the construction is completed depending on when the "end of the next growing season" occurs. In the ACC Design Guideline for Landscaping, which was revised in September, the growing season is defined as April through October. Thus, a project completed in June must have the restoration efforts completed by October of that same year whereas a project completed in December has until October of the next year to complete the restoration work. The ACC depends on the homeowner to follow the intent of the general conditions in the approval letter regarding landscape restoration, but we have noticed several recent cases in which this condition has been pretty much ignored by a few homeowners. In some cases, a homeowner will submit a landscaping plan along with the final construction plans, which helps the ACC understand exactly what landscaping efforts are contemplated following completion of the construction. This is what we would like to see with all construction efforts, including the

replacement of septic tanks and their associated leach fields, and, in fact, is now what the ACC is going to require if the disturbed areas caused by the construction nominally exceed 400 square feet. Of course, the ACC will welcome any efforts by homeowners to restore the landscaping following construction regardless of how small the affected area is.

If a homeowner needs to replace an existing septic system, ACC approval is not required since the County issues the permits for these systems. Replacement of the tank and the associated leach field usually results in the disturbance of large areas of the existing property. The ACC, however, does require the homeowner to submit plans for restoration of the affected area and will work with the homeowner to ensure that the restoration meets ACC landscaping guidelines. Remember that it is important not to place deep-rooted plants on top of a leach field since roots can clog the perforated pipes of the leach field and reduce the effectiveness of the leaching process.

The ACC Charter specifies that the ACC shall act at all times to ensure that the natural landscape, and homeowners' visual access to it, is minimally impacted by property development, and that the resulting construction is in harmony with its natural surroundings and residences in the immediate area. With this in mind, and with the apparent need to "tighten up a bit" on landscape restoration, the ACC will be monitoring adherence to the conditions spelled out in the construction approval letters regarding this subject. We all need to strive to maintain our beautiful natural landscape here in this lovely community, and the ACC will do its best to ensure that our landscaping is not unduly degraded as a result of a failure to restore affected areas that are impacted by construction activities.

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## MAIL THEFT

Sandia Heights Security says that mail theft is still a problem! Residents are advised not to 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 or contains a check, 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 to drive around neighborhoods in the 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 and 263-4654). If you witness a crime in progress notify BCSO and Security.

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# Letter to the editor: Sandia Heights Neighbor Request

Please do not remove the real estate signs placed to direct buyers to my Sandia Heights home that I am selling. I appreciate my Sandia Heights neighbors, I have served on the Sandia Heights HOA board. I will promptly remove the signs when my home sells. To the person who is removing my signs, you are negatively affecting the value of all of our homes and should be reminded that this act of vandalism is a felony and prosecution will be sought against you to the fullest extent of the law.

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## ACC Activity Log

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

15 Juniper Hill Road – Pedestrian Bench

48 Rockridge Drive – Replace Door & Ramp

83 Juniper Hill Place - Reroof

150 Whitetail Road - Landscaping

185 Big Horn Ridge Circle - Restucco

207 Live Oak Road - Landscaping

419 Live Oak Court - Paint Trim

441 Live Oak Loop – Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement

639 Cougar Loop - Reroof

910 Tramway Lane – After-the-fact Solar Collector

968 Antelope Ave - Restucco

1038 Tramway Lane - Resurface walkways

1114 San Rafael - Restucco

1244 Rockrose Road - Landscaping

1861 Tramway Terrace Loop - Wall Replacement

1868 Tramway Terrace Loop - Landscaping

2033 Quail Run Drive – Repaint House

2037 Quail Run Drive - Paint Stucco & Trim

2756 Cliffrose Drive – Patio, Window Replacement and Reroof

2869 Tramway Circle - Restucco

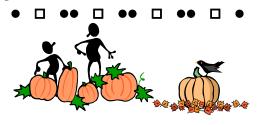
2873 Brushwood - Restucco

2896 Tramway Place – Reroof & Restucco

7707 Cedar Canyon Place - Window Replacement

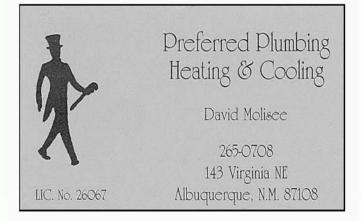
8238 Raintree - Replace Swamp Cooler

Go to the website: sandiahomeowners.org. to read about all projects currently under ACC management.





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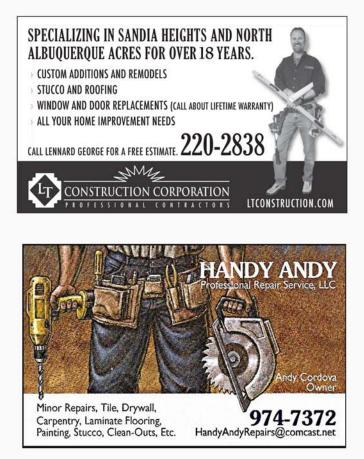
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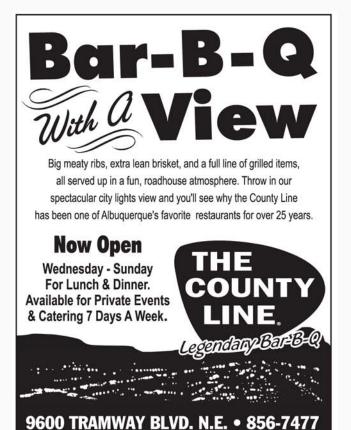
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# **Community Event Bulletin Board**

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

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 www.ucccogs.org or call the church office @ 856-1004.

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## Announcements & Notices:

- Office hours: Monday Friday 9am 4pm.
- Office Closed: Monday November 12 for Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving
- **Board Meeting** Wed., Nov. 14, @ the SHHA office, 7pm
- Notary, copies and faxes, tram passes, email alerts 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.



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## New on the Website!

- A new category "Trails" in Outdoors in Sandia Heights
- ACC Design Guidelines for Landscaping – newly revised
- Please be reminded to check the website for: Classified Ads, Notices of events and Alerts.
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# Daylight Savings:

Please be reminded



that on Sunday, November 4, 2012 - at 2:00 a.m. to set your clocks back an hour.



## PHOTO CONTEST!

Thank you to all those of you who submitted photos

for the 2013 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. The lucky winner will be announced in the December GRIT and featured on the cover of the 2013 Directory.





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Kappy Thanksgiving

