SHHA

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SHHA wishes everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!



SHHA Secretary ~ George Connor

The Rules and Regulations of the Association were updated at the June Board Meeting. Two new sections have been added: One section under 1.2 Staff: 1.2.1 Review and Copying of Association Records, and a new Section 4. Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations: 4.1. Conduct of Residents. The Rules and Regulations of the Association can be viewed on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org under the Board Tab.

Every month the board meeting agenda will be published on the homepage of the website 48 hours before the monthly board meeting.

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. The meeting schedule can be found under the Board Tab: Board Meeting Schedule. Please call or email the office to notify us if you plan to attend.

Approved Board Meeting Minutes with attached financial reports for the previous month are posted to the website.

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NOTICE: Please do not drop off your Sandia Heights Services water bill and payments at the SHHA office. Sandia Heights Services provides water, sewer, trash and recycle collection, and security services and is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership. Sandia Heights Services is located at 10 Tramway Loop NE; their phone number is 856-6419.

Parks & Safety ~ By George Connor,

Zoning Variance Request made for a Domino's restaurant -

Early in June, 2015, a few SHHA residents and one SHHA board member attended a BC Zoning Variance request hearing regarding signage for a new business between the CVS & Valvoline businesses west of Tramway Blvd. and south of Paseo Del Norte. SHHA objected to the requests for sign variances because the owner wanted 50% more sq footage for signage and an additional free standing pole sign about 50% taller that BC ordinances allow. The Zoning Judge denied all requests the following week. The owner has since appealed and re-filed a modified Variance Request with significantly reduced overall sign sq footage (now only15% greater than Ordinance limits) and requests only one additional standalone pole sign within the BC Ordinance sign height allowance of 16 ft. SHHA believes this to be reasonable and does not intend to object to the Variance Request at the July 1, BC Planning Commissioner Hearing. Updates regarding this matter will be posted on the SHHA website after the July 1 BC Appeal hearing

Classified Ads: are free for SHHA members as space allows. View the ads on the website under the Notices & Information Tab.

New Ad:

Double Mattress Set: Excellent condition and gently, rarely used. It was in our spare room. The mattress and box spring are Serta Posturepedia Plush. From a clean, non-smoker home. Purchased in 2014 from Sears for \$750 (have receipt). We are asking \$350. Please call 821-2128.



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For the GRIT Editorial Policy please visit our website: sandiahomeowners.org. The policy can be found in the SHHA Rules and Regulations for the Association under the Board tab.

Tram Passes: \$5 each pass

SHHA has purchased 8 corporate tram passes per day! Please call the SHHA office at 797-7793 or visit our website for details: www.sandiahomeowners.org.



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:

Affordable Window Cleaning – Albuquerque Custom Tint and Glass – Avis/Budget Car and Truck Rental – Bair Medical Spa - Bob's Painting - New: Bravo Carpet Care --Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC - Gonstead Family Chiropractic - High Finance Restaurant - Jade Enterprises - Lash out Loud -PCM Electrical - Ready Blinds & Shutters - Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the Tram – Skye's The Limit Realty LLC - Southwest Propane - Wellness @ 2

On-line GRIT Newsletter ~ George Connor, Chair

The GRIT newsletter is posted on the SHHA website www.sandiahomeowners.org. Viewing the online version is free. The printed mailed GRIT costs SHHA members over \$13,000 per year and lots of trees! You can sign up to receive email alerts and you will receive a notification, including the link, when the online version of the GRIT is available for viewing. The aim is to have members consider receiving the GRIT electronically instead of the printed version. The advantages, besides saving trees and reducing mailing and printing costs, are quite attractive: the electronic version is in color and has useful internet links to passive and dynamic internet pages. For example, we can, in the future, include video and PowerPoint presentations of events of interest to SH residents. Also, the on-line version is higher resolution. If you do decide to sign up for the online GRIT you will also receive email alerts regarding any activity in the Sandia Heights area that might affect you, such as a wildlife alert or a security issue. To sign up either email our office at sandiaheights@comcast.net or call 797-7793.

Gnats Bugging You?

If you have lived in Sandia Heights for any length of time,



you're uncomfortably familiar with our gnat population. When the gnats are at their worst, outdoor activities become increasingly unpleasant as the gnats swarm around us and dive into eyes, ears and noses. Thankfully, there appears to be a solution to the problem that in environmentally safe and nontoxic to humans and pets. Cedar oil, which is extracted from the bark of cedar trees, is a safe and natural insect repellent that is effective against gnats. Several companies make cedar based insect repellents for the yard, and we have heard reports from a number of residents that these products do a good job of keeping the gnats at bay. Two companies which appear to have good reviews are Cedarcide Industries, Inc. (www.cedarcide.com) and Greenbug All Natural Pest Control Products (www.greenbugallnatural.com). These companies also make repellents for use by people and pets.

Parks & Safety Committee ~ By

George Connor, P&S Chair

Street Right of Way Maintenance

The County right of way usually extends a few feet beyond the paved edge of the street into Sandia Heights properties. Each of us is responsible for maintaining our part of the right of way. Consider cutting thick vegetation away from the entrance/exit of your driveways so that both you and oncoming cars and pedestrians have better visibility.

The County works closely with SHHA to cut along all roadsides at a 45-degree angle in order to help improve visibility and traffic safety. This has helped a great deal, but it

does not solve all problems for pedestrians or drivers. We want to encourage each of you to call the SHHA office if you note specific areas where either the vegetation is too overgrown or perhaps signs are being blocked by trees and vegetation at intersections. (The County prefers to have one contact with SHHA for reporting such nuisance areas.)

If you have a Siberian elm growing in the County right of way of your property, please call the County directly at 848-1503. They will remove the tree and treat it with Garlon to prevent re-growth. The County requires the homeowner to make the request directly to them, rather than by way of the SHHA, to be sure that the homeowner wants the tree removed.

Parks & Safety Committee ~ By George Connor, P&S Chair

Over the last year or so, a number of Sandia Heights residents have contacted the SHHA office about various SAFETY concerns in our neighborhood. These requests include vehicle speeding, vehicle parking which blocks road access, bicycle & skateboard speeding, children playing in our streets, blind spots on our narrow county roads, concerns about deer and vehicle collisions, lack of vehicle & pedestrian safety signage in our neighborhood, etc. Each specific request is checked and replied. Below is some information about this subject that may be of interest to Sandia Heights residents.

Vehicle speeding has been and will continue to be an issue. The County has posted speed limit signs, put in speed humps and continues to be the responsible for enforcement. Vehicle parking that blocks our narrow roads is in violation of County ordinances.

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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.



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.

Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of
	calls		calls		calls
Alarms	33	Motorist Assist	5	Special request	195
Animal control asst.	1	Neighbor dispute	1	Special (extra patrol)	9
Breaking & entering	2	Newspaper pickup	11	Suspicious person	6
Customer Assist	5	Noise complaints	1	Suspicious vehicle	19
Dump/Spilled Material	1	Open door/window	7	Theft	4
Family Dispute	0	Parking problem	2	Threat/personal	4
Fireworks complaint	0	Pet nuisance	5	Utility Co. assist	12
Home Burglary	1	Rescue assist	2	Vandalism	4
Lost/found item or pet	6	Salesman Complaint	4	Vehicle burglary	1
Mailbox Vandalism	0	Snake Call	3	Wildlife report	1
Miscellaneous Call	8	Speeding vehicle	3	Total Calls	356



Sandia Heights Security Department: The Sandia Heights Security Patrol operates a prominently marked vehicle throughout the Sandia Heights and Primrose Pointe communities. The primary function of the security patrol is to provide a high visibility deterrent to crime in the Sandia Heights and Primrose Pointe subdivisions. For members, the patrol also responds to residential alarm calls, suspicious persons and vehicles, lost persons or pets and assists the Bernalillo County Sheriff's and Fire Departments as needed or requested. Other functions of the patrol are to provide special watches for residents who are away from their

homes, as well as responding to loud parties, alarms, etc. In some cases, the patrol can assist motorists with vehicle problems such as jump-starts. The Patrol consists of five officers who patrol approximately 116 hours per week seven days a week. Shift hours are occasionally staggered as designated by the manager to provide an element of unpredictability.

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Trash and Recycle Bins

Remember that improper storage of trash cans is a violation of all our Sandia Heights Covenants which state in general: "Garbage shall be placed in covered containers, said containers to be concealed from public view . . ."

Please, when your trash and recyclables have been collected, return your bins to storage out of public view. Thanks for helping keep Sandia Heights a beautiful place for all of us to live.



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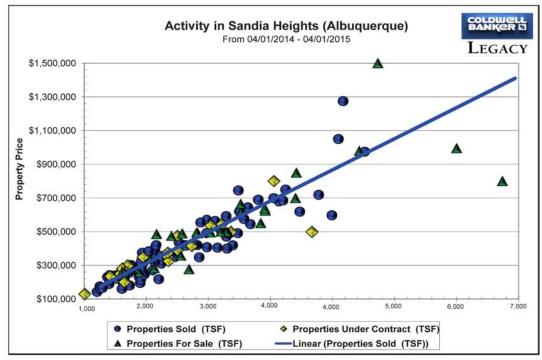




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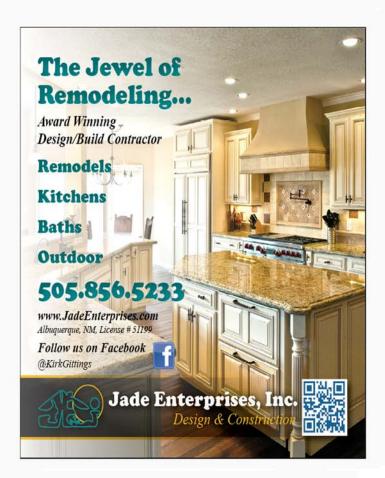
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Speeding or parking violations should be reported directly to the BC Sherriff (non-emergency #798-7000). In those cases *where you believe* a County road is being blocked by parked vehicles such that a fire or emergency vehicle couldn't get by, no matter whether the parked vehicles are on one or both sides of a road, call the Sheriff. A Sheriff's deputy will respond and handle the situation;

- 1) by giving a warning, or
- 2) by giving a ticket, or
- 3) by having the vehicle(s) towed, if necessary.



Covenant Support Committee Cases July 2015 ~ Josephine Porter, Chair

The SHHA CSC investigates all member complaints concerning potential covenant violations. This follows rigorously adhered to procedures, (see the SHHA website for a description of procedures).

The following is a summary of active CSC violations at the time of the June CSC meeting:

Unit No.	Type of Violation
1	Home maintenance, no prior
	ACC approval
6	Vehicle/equipment parking,
	landscaping. No prior ACC
	approval
6	RV parking
27	Light intrusion
27	Trim color. No prior ACC
	approval

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2016 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, November 6. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2016 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 2015 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 sandiaheights@comcast.net.
- o The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that they are not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer), and that they grant permission to SHHA to use their photo(s) in the Directory or on our website.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published.





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ACC Activity Log

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

1 Sandia Heights Drive – Landscaping

40 Cedar Hill Place – Reroof

44 Rock Ridge Court – Windmill

89 Juniper Hill Place – Reroof

147 Whitetail Road – Shade Structure

319 Big Horn Ridge Road – Restucco

361 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Swamp Cooler Replacement

576 Black Bear Road – Landscaping

657 Roadrunner Lane – Shed

674 Blackhawk Drive – Landscaping

781 Tramway Place – Reroof

867 E Tramway Lane Court – Install Portal, HVAC Unit, and Replace Front Door

868 A Tramway Lane Court – Fence Replacement

872 Tramway Lane Court – Retractable Awning

901 Tramway Lane – Photovoltaic Panel Installation

1049 Red Oaks Loop – Deck Replacement

1062 Rd Oaks Loop - Pergola

1163 Laurel Loop – Storage Facility

1177 Laurel Loop - Reroof

1697 Quail Run Court - Landscaping

1708 Quail Run Court – Swamp Cooler Replacement

1715 Quail Run Court – Workshop Addition

1871 San Bernardino Avenue - Addition

2014 Ouail Run Drive - Shade Structure

2016 Quail Run Drive - Landscaping

2019 Quail Run Drive – Photovoltaic Panel Installation

2433 Tramway Terrace Court – Landscaping

2511 Tramway Terrace Court – HVAC Unit

2711 Tramway Circle – Window Replacement

2739 Tramway Circle - Mailbox

2776 Wolfberry Place – Remove Window and Stucco Wall

2801 Tramway Circle - Reroof

7706 Cedar Canyon Place – House Extension

8235 Raintree Drive – Partial Driveway Repair

9112 Lynx Loop – Garage Door Replacement

Go to the website: <u>www.sandiahomeowners.org</u> to read about all projects currently under ACC management.

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Letter to the editor:

What, You Don't Yet Have Solar Panels?

You may think that Solar is too expensive? But that

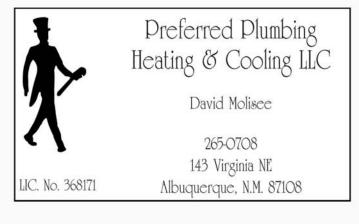


thinking is so? 20th Century. I've had rooftop PV solar powering my house since 2006. But solar prices have dropped so fast that my 2006 system could now be installed for 1/3 the price. It is now literally less expensive to go solar than to keep paying your electric bill. Want to see how? Check out this great non-commercial web site, www.energysage.com. It gives you an instant solar quote showing your savings, using only your address and average electric bill. It provides two quotes, one for cash and one for a zero-down lease. If you choose, it can then send this to local solar installers who will compete for your business. How sweet is that?

Tom Solomon, Sandia Heights Resident and SHHA member

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Sandia Heights Market Activity 2015 How is the Sandia Heights Market?

2015 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS DETACHED HOMES ON LOTS .50 ACRES AND LARGER

There are 16 homes FOR SALE on lots .50 acres and larger. The average list price per SF is \$175.72. There are 4 homes PENDING. The list price per SF is \$174.31. There have been 3 homes SOLD in 2015. The average price per SF is \$158.24. There were 38 homes SOLD on lots .50 acres and larger in 2014. The average sold price per SF was \$160.01.

2015 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS DETACHED HOMES ON LOTS SMALLER THAN .50 ACRES

There are 3 homes FOR SALE on a lot smaller than .50 acres. The average list price per SF is \$157.36. There are 3 homes PENDING. The list price per SF is \$166.70. There has been 1 home SOLD in 2015. The average price per SF is \$171.75. There were 26 homes SOLD on lots smaller than .50 acres in 2014. The average sold price per SF was \$159.21.

2015 MARKET ACTIVITY • SANDIA HEIGHTS ATTACHED TOWNHOMES





There currently is 1 attached townhome FOR SALE. The list price per SF is \$133.33.

There are currently no attached townhomes PENDING.

There were 9 attached townhomes SOLD in 2014. The average sold price per SF was \$113.15.





Community Event Bulletin Board

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

Sandia Heights "Cork & Fork" Dining Activity: We are in our tenth year of our Sandia Heights "Cork & Fork" couples dining activity. We meet bimonthly in small groups in the homes of our members. Each small group is usually three couples plus a host couple, with each couple contributing to some part of the dinner menu. All couples and singles are welcome. The emphasis is on food and fun rather than formal elegance. Our 2014-2015 season is in full swing. The schedule for the second half of the season is March 14 and May 9 in small groups, then a whole group activity in July as a culminating event for the season. We're always looking for new couples to join us, so if this sounds like an activity that might appeal to you, please e-mail or call Al or Marie Ratner for more information- mariaratner@msn.com or 856-1984.

Sandia Heights Artist: The annual Sandia Heights Artists Studio Tour (Sept. 12 and 13, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm) is shaping up to be one of our most diverse and exciting ever. There will be jewelry, paintings, mixed media, water media, ceramics, felt apparel, photographs, wood turnings and objects, handmade books and journals, embellished gourds and wrapped baskets to enjoy and buy. We welcome four new artists to the tour and 16 returning favorites. Only two months to wait!

Sandia Heights Day Time Bridge Players for any retirees: Looking for three or more bridge players to start a weekly day time bridge group. Would take turns hosting and if enough interest could have two tables. If this sounds like an activity you might be interested in, please *call Florence at 892-8661*.

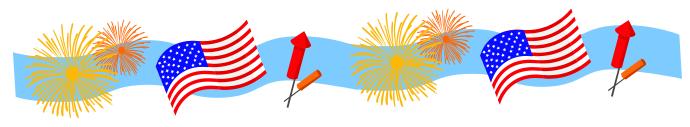
Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday Friday 9am 4pm.
- Office closure: Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.
- **Board meeting** Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm in the SHHA office. The board meeting agenda will be posted to the home page of the website on the Monday before the board meeting.
- Notary, copies and faxes, tram passes, email alerts and contractor evaluation binder free to members.
- Committee meeting dates are posted on our website calendar: www.sandiahomeowners.org.
- 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 membership cards: do not forget to go to the website to get a full listing of the companies that offer a discount!

Notice: Any corrections to anything found in the printed version of this GRIT can be found on the website.



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



SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WISHES YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

The Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.