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SHHA Dues Holiday: At its August Board meeting the SHHA Board of Directors voted to give its members a holiday from the monthly dues for the months of October and November. Due to a billing error, dues were collected for October. Because of this, no dues will be collected for November and December. This was made possible due to revenues being slightly greater than budgeted, while expenses were less than budgeted. If you are not a member, consider joining (for a period of no less than one year) and enjoy two months FREE! The membership forms can be found at the SHHA office and website at:

www.sandiahomeowners.org

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Water Conservation

Water Conservation information from your SHHA Parks & Safety Committee

Saving water in our arid environment is important, even when we are in the middle of a year where we are having more than normal rainfall, with predictions for a wet winter. So do all of us a favor and take a peek at one or more of the links on our website:

https://sandiahomeowners.org/outdoors-in-sandia-heights/15577-water-conservation They reportedly have very GOOD information about conserving water in the normally dry environment we have in New Mexico.

Classified Ads are free for SHHA members as space in the GRIT allows. This month's GRIT was not able to accommodate the classified ads. The ads are posted on our website:

https://sandiahomeowners.org/notices-and-information/classifieds

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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 (they provide water, sewer, trash and recycle collection, and security services) is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership. Sandia Heights Services is located at 10 Tramway Loop NE and their phone number is 856-6419.

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The office has a security email alert system by which SHHA can send notices to people whose email addresses are in our database. If you would like to receive email alerts, please email us at sandiaheights@comcast.net or call us at 797-7793. Also, please let us know if your contact phone numbers have changed. Thank you.

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The clocks are set back one hour during Fall Back on **Sunday, November 1**.









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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.

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! Renters may also choose to subscribe to Security Service by calling Sandia Heights Services at 856-6419.

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 – 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

Each merchant participating in the Member Benefits
Program offers a discount to SHHA members. To
identify what discounts each merchant offers visit the
SHHA website at: sandiahomeowners.org. and under
the Notices and Information Tab you will find SHHA
Members Benefits. Scroll down to view all the different
merchant discounts.

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Please be reminded to check your listing in the 2015 Resident Directory and let the office know if you have any changes or additions. You may go online to My Account and make changes yourself. If you don't know or remember your user password call the office for assistance. All changes must be received before

November 13, 2015 in order for them to be included in the 2016 Resident Directory.

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS NOW!

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.
- 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.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REMINDERS

By Parks & Safety Committee

Safety is so very important, especially when it gets darker early. It is difficult for drivers to see walkers and joggers. Please consider the safety tips below:

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Walk on the **Left** side of the Road **Facing** Traffic; make eye contact with drivers approaching you.
- Wear a reflective vest or brightlycolored clothing, particularly in the early morning and evening. SHHA members can purchase a vest in the office for only \$2!
- If you are walking a dog, keep the dog to your **left**.
- Whenever cars approach, a group of pedestrians should walk in single file.
- If you expect to be out before sunrise or after sunset, please carry a **light**.

Safety of our children on or near our neighborhood roads. Please be aware of children walking and/or playing on or near our small, winding roads in Sandia Heights before and after school and at school bus stops.



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.

Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of	Last Month	# of
	calls		calls		calls
Alarms	27	Loud Music	1	Snake Call	9
Animal Control Asst.	1	Mailbox Vandalism	0	Speeding Vehicle	0
Assault/Battery	2	Miscellaneous Call	3	Special Request	175
Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	Motorcycle Nuisance	1	Special (extra patrol)	13
Car Accident	2	Motorist Assist	3	Suspicious Person	13
Customer Assist	4	Neighbor Dispute	3	Suspicious Vehicle	16
Dumped/Spilled Material	1	Newspaper Pickup	11	Theft	4
Family Dispute	3	Noise Complaints	0	Threat/Personal	1
Fire	3	Open Door/Window	4	Utility Co. assist	3
Fireworks Complaint	1	Parking Problem	2	Vandalism	1
Home Burglary	2	Pet Nuisance	5	Vehicle Burglary	0
Lost/found Item	1	Rescue Assist	2	Wildlife Report	1
Lost/Found Pet	4	Salesman Complaint	2	Total Calls	324

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Trash and Recycle Bins

We would like to remind everyone 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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1229 ROCKROSE RD. NE 3 BEDROOMS + A STUDY - 3 BATHROOMS 3 CAR ARAGE 2,558 SQFT

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Covenant Support Committee

By Josephine Porter, Chairman

Your CSC is Working Hard for You!!!

In June I took over the chairmanship of the Covenant Support Committee from Dick Wavrik. On behalf of the committee, the SHHA Board and the SHHA community we thank Dick for his tireless and conscientious leadership.

Although I have been a member of the CSC for several years it was only after taking over as chair that I realized the full extent of the CSC's work. Since the beginning of this year we have worked on over 40 complaints. In only 3 months, from June through August, we opened over 25 files! In September alone we closed 14 covenant complaints.

We have six dedicated volunteer committee members who take on assignments as covenant complaints are received by the SHHA office. Betsy Rodriquez, from the SHHA office, with her extensive knowledge of the covenants provides invaluable support to the committee. Either Betsy or Amanda Allen, our new SHHA Office Manager, are available to help with any covenant complaints and answer questions a SHHA member might have about enforcement.

Within 30 days (often much sooner) of receiving a written complaint in the SHHA office, a committee member independently investigates with a site visit and sometimes phone conversations or personal visits with the involved parties. Covenants are researched and reports are made. Depending on the issue and whether a covenant violation is confirmed, letters go out and follow-up continues. It is a time and labor intensive, but rewarding, process.

Many homeowners do not know that Sandia Heights is comprised of 37 units and each of those units have their own set of covenants.

Some covenants are detailed in their coverage while older units have use restrictions that provide less instruction. But the objective of the covenants and the CSC's work is the same no matter what covenants we are being asked to enforce...to maintain the unique character of Sandia Heights while still preserving the property rights of the owners

The CSC members meet once a month to go over the complaints and discuss issues. It is a great group and there is no dearth of interesting or controversial questions. We are dedicated to enforcing the covenants of all SHHA units in a consistent, uniform manner.

Not to be forgotten is a loud "shout out" to the Sandia Heights community. Without your conscientious attention to your neighborhood and without your cooperation the CSC would be powerless and ineffective. Because the covenants are a property right of the lot owner the SHHA and the Covenant Support Committee are dependent on each individual's cooperation to maintain the life style, uniqueness and beauty of the subdivision by following the covenants of the individual units. Thank you.

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

Unit No.	Type of Violation
7	Vehicle/Equipment Parking
3, 8	Light Intrusion
7, 8	Dead or Prohibited Trees,
	Dead Vegetation

16 Files Closed in the Past Month

ACC Activity Log

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

228 Spring Creek Lane – Stucco Repair

327 Paintbrush Drive – Drainage Control Structures

510 Roadrunner Lane – Reroof Carport

555 Black Bear Place - Reroof

647 Cougar Loop – Window Replacement

727-9 Cedar Hill Lane – Replace Gravel Driveway

727-20 Tramway Lane - Restucco

847 Llave Lane – Window and Door Replacement

956 Antelope Avenue – Restucco, Re-Finish Trim

1108 San Rafael Avenue - Landscaping

1168 Laurel Loop – Roof Repair

1174 Laurel Loop - Restucco

1482 Morning Glory Road – Restucco Walls

1842 Tramway Terrace Loop – Window Replacement

1842 Tramway Terrace Loop – Reroof, Stucco Repair and Paint Garage Door

1842 Tramway Terrace Loop - Landscaping

1911 Quail Run Road – Landscaping

2303 Calle de Rafael – Garage Door

2322 Calle de Rafael – Photovoltaic Panels

2325 Calle de Gabriel – Garage Door Replacement

7725 Cedar Canyon Court - Wall and Gate

8213 Indigo Court – Recoat Roof

12601 Carmel Court - Landscaping

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

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DON'T LET YOUR WATER PIPES FREEZE!

By Bob Bower, Chairman, ACC

It's too early yet to tell if
Albuquerque's upcoming winter of 20152016 will be unusually cold or not but I think
it's always a good time right now to remind
you how to protect your water pipes from the
effects of very cold weather. Most of the
"local experts" on this subject generally agree
that steps need to be taken to protect water
pipes if temperatures are expected to drop
below 21 degrees Fahrenheit. A broken
water pipe inside your home can cause a lot
of extensive and expensive damage!

Let's start with the outside of your home. Disconnecting water hoses and protecting outdoor water faucets are very important. Water that freezes in outdoor hoses connected to faucets causes a buildup of pressure on interior plumbing that can result in a rupture of the interior pipes if the pressure is too high. Damage to these interior pipes near an outdoor water faucet is often difficult to repair due to the inaccessibility of these pipes. Disconnecting hoses from these outdoor faucets and protecting the faucets with hard foam insulating cups are good ways to reduce the chances of damage to these water pipes that extend through your exterior walls. These inexpensive foam cups can be purchased at most home improvement or hardware stores and are easy to install. I've also found that it is wise to wrap the outdoor faucet with some insulation prior to placing the foam cup over the faucet, particularly if the faucet is located on the north side of your home or is located in an area that does not receive any winter sunshine.

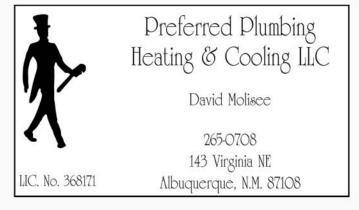
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Offered by Sharon McCollum

Expansive, Spacious Two Story Quality Custom Contemporary on .65 Acre View Lot! Airlock entry, 4 BR + hobby room + oversized service rm/office, Separate MBR, FLR, FDR, FR, country kitchen, view deck, solarium, covered Porte Cochere + 2 car garage, storage basement. Practical quality family home with great storage. Privacy, views, space!

Offered by Sharon McCollum



1484 Morning Glory Rd NE \$499,900 • MLS# 847878



102 Juniper Hill Place NE \$469,900 • MLS# 832784

Southwest Contemporary Custom, Partial Adobe, on a City & Mountain View Lot. Courtyard entry. 4 BR or 3+study/office; master with FP & private view deck, 3 baths, spacious greatroom, dining room, family room, gourmet country kitchen, butler's pantry, den, gazebo & an oversized 3 car garage. Panoramic vistas surround!

Offered by Sharon McCollum

Contemporary, Custom, Retro Style Residence by Homes by Marilyn on a .8 of an acre, cul de sac, City & Mountain view lot. Open floorplan with 4 BR or 3+study/office; main level master retreat with private patio, 3 baths, spacious greatroom, dining room, family room, country kitchen, upper level sunroom & a 2 car garage. Panoramic vistas surround!

Offered by Sharon McCollum

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 26 homes FOR SALE on lots .50 acres and larger. The average list price per SF is \$177.94. There are 4 homes PENDING. The list price per SF is \$152.54. There have been 26 homes SOLD in 2015. The average price per SF is \$162.94. There were 38 homes SOLD 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 5 homes FOR SALE on a lot smaller than .50 acres. The average list price per SF is 161.52. There are 3 homes PENDING. The list price per SF is \$156.95. There have been 18 homes SOLD in 2015. The average price per SF is \$166.24. 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 are 3 attached townhomes FOR SALE. The average list price per SF is \$100.98. There is 1 attached townhome pending. The average asking price is 126.71 per SF. There have been 6 attached townhomes sold in 2015 to date. The average sold price per SF was 128.81. There were 9 attached townhomes sold in 2014. The average sold price per SF was 113.15.

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November 2015

Community Event Bulletin Board

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

St. Chad's Episcopal Church at 7171 Tennyson Drive, invites you and your loved ones to a day of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26th. Our Celebration of Thanksgiving will start at 11 am with our worship service and Holy Eucharist followed by a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal, you are invited to bring a dish to share and there will be plenty of turkey, goodies, and fellowship for everyone.

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday Friday 9am 4pm.
- Office closed for Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11.
- **Board meeting** Tuesday, November 10 at 7pm in the SHHA office.
- Office closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.
- Notary, copies and faxes, email alerts and contractor evaluation binder free to members.
- Discounted Tram Passes: \$5 per pass (cash or check only and only one date can be booked at a time)
- 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!

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Also, if you have any water pipes that are located outside your home that are exposed to the outside temperatures, you should consider using insulating tape or heat tape around these exposed pipes.

Now, let's consider the inside of your home. If Albuquerque experiences a spell of extremely cold weather where temperatures, particularly at night, drop to below the 21 degrees Fahrenheit "benchmark", leave the water supply line on at a very slow drip rate somewhere inside your home. Water in "slow motion" is much less likely to freeze than water that is motionless inside of a pipe. Normally, a faucet located far away from where the water enters your home is the one that you should use for this purpose. The cost of water used is insignificant compared to the cost of repairing damage caused by a broken water line inside your home. Normally, these very cold spells don't last long so leaving an indoor faucet dripping for a few days and nights should get you through these spells until warmer temperatures return. If you are away from your home during the cold season, make sure that there is adequate heat inside your home to prevent internal pipes from freezing. Even when trying to save energy costs, don't turn the heat too far down (experts recommend no lower than 55 degrees F) and don't turn the heat off altogether unless you have all of the water lines properly drained. Believe me, I have seen the damage caused by pipes that have not been properly drained and have subsequently burst inside the home where the heat has been turned off!

One final note for those of you who have swamp coolers. If you have not already done so, be sure to drain the water reservoir and disconnect and drain the water supply line. It doesn't take much of a freeze to damage these cooler components. Have a great winter!

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

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SHHA Parks & Safety Committee

SHHA's recent 3-month Tree Removal Program a success - October 2015

This summer, volunteer members of the SHHA Parks & Safety Committee contacted and arranged with 7 Landscaping Companies to provide discounts to assist SHHA residents in cutting down and hauling away the many dead trees and shrubs scattered around Sandia Heights. Before the program started in August, we identified a base line of approximately 30 homes across Sandia Heights with one or more dead trees on their lots. We went back by these same homes in early October and determined that about a 1/3 of the homes had cut and removed their ugly looking dead trees and shrubs. We hope that the SHHA residents who removed their dead trees were able to take advantage of the discounts we had negotiated.

Since there are still quite a number of dead trees and shrubs ---- left standing in Sandia Heights, we will be contacting the 7 contractors requesting they continue their discounts until Thanksgiving so that more residents can take advantage of them. If you still have dead tree(s) or shrub(s) on your property, consider getting them cut and removed now. Or if one of your neighbors has dead trees or shrubs, encourage them to take advantage of this one month extension of the landscaping tree removal discounts. Together, we can all make Sandia Heights a better looking neighborhood in which to live and one which is less prone to fire damage.

- a. Baca's Trees-10% disc. Tel 505-899-6666
- b. Kiki Tree Service- 10% disc. Tel 505-385-6926
- c. Juniper Hills Landscaping bonus systemic service (normal \$35 cost) for treatment of one additional pinion (or other) tree per each tree removed. Nathan Tel 505-818-0209
- d. Rick's Tree Trimming and removal- 15% disc. Tel 505-480-4200
- e. Tree Doctor 999-15% disc. Tel 505-247-1682
- f. Robert's Tree Service-15% disc. Tel 505-489-5169
- g. NM Landscaping-15% disc. Tommy Tel 505-450-7631

Thanks from your SHHA Parks & Safety Committee volunteers

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

