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Pay It Forward

By Hugh Prather, Nominating Committee Chair

In 2019, starting with the SHHA Annual Meeting, several Board of Director terms will expire. Those positions need to be filled by new members who share the same dedication and commitment to the Sandia Heights community as those completing their service.

The perspectives new Board members bring to Board service is an energizing and vital component of helping to keep the SHHA focused on serving its members and its mission of maintaining the quality of life for all residents in our community. Service as a member of the Board of Directors “pays it forward” and helps assure that Sandia Heights ten years from now will still retain the luster it holds today.

Board members must be property owners in Sandia Heights and belong to the SHHA. The shifting demographics of our community with more younger families with children becoming residents suggests the need for more representation from that segment of our community on the Board. However, anyone interested in “paying it forward” is welcome to apply.

Board service requires attending the monthly Board of Directors meeting and service on one standing committee. In aggregate, serving on the Board of Directors requires a commitment of 3–5 hours a month. The process for having your name placed in nomination for a term on the Board is very simple. Inquiries about nomination to the Board, submission of Statements of Interest, and related matters should be submitted to the Office.



**Welcome and thanks to SHHA’s newest Board member, David Crossley. David was elected to the Board effective September 12, 2018. He is currently serving on the Architectual Control Committee.*

Sandia Heights Homeowners' Association

Wildfire Risk Reduction Project

By David Crossley, SHHA Board Member

SHHA is embarking on a large-scale project to clean up our major arroyos like Piño and Domingo Baca, which wildfire experts, including Wildfire Network and the Bernalillo County and Albuquerque Fire Departments, have called potential “rivers of fire” (their term!) which would endanger hundreds of homes in Sandia Heights should a wildfire strike. Each year the drought continues makes such a fire more likely. Just this summer, we have had three electrical fires along Tramway and a large construction-related fire in High Desert. We are told that should a fire get started in the arroyos, the fire could travel more than a mile in less than 15 minutes, in part because our arroyos are so choked with vegetation, both dead and alive. This lower-growing fuel provides a “ladder” to the taller trees and to your rooftops.

In October, SHHA is planning a trial run to reduce the fuel load in the arroyos using a technique called “goatscaping” in a limited area of Domingo Baca Arroyo as a possible method of accomplishing the goal of protecting homeowners from a catastrophic fire. We are inviting a few homeowners whose property abuts or includes the arroyo to participate in this trial. It will not cost you any money, it will help to reduce wildfire risk to your property, and it could be a lot of fun. (You might find yourself humming “The Lonely Goatherd” from **Sound of Music**.)

Specifically, homeowners whose property abuts or includes either Piño Arroyo or Domingo Baca Channel are encouraged to contact Judy Durzo at jdurzo@mac.com to discuss and express your opinion. (Judy’s cell is 350-6271)

GOATSCAPING

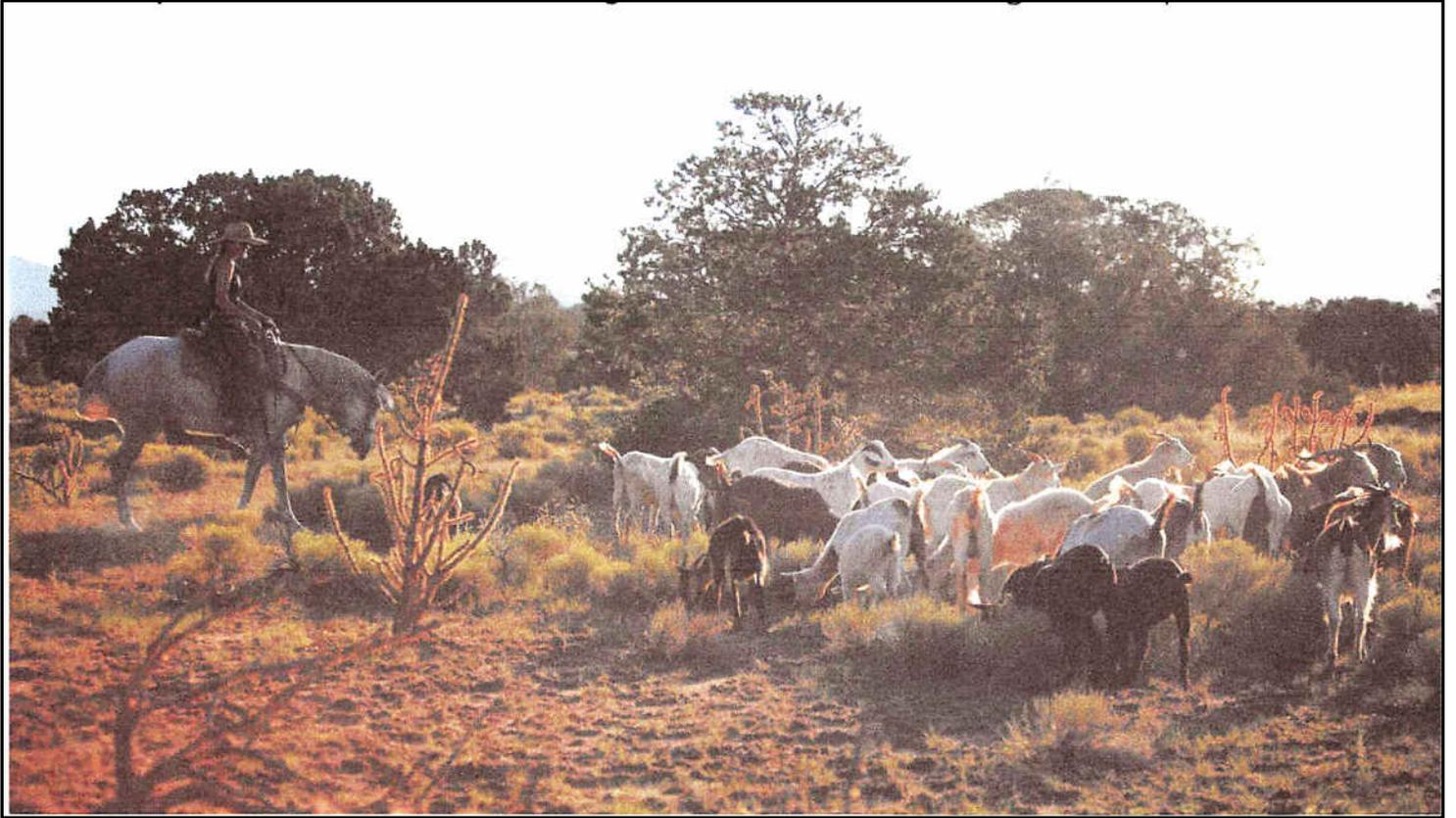
Goats can be used to effectively reduce fire fuel by providing bio remediation and general land improvement and maintenance! A herd of 60 goats can clear about an acre of land per day. This natural clean-up crew can help prepare for next spring’s growing season by reducing this summer’s growth. Goats love to eat chamisa, cholla, grasses, dried gourds, elms, tamarisk and just about everything we have in the arroyos. They do not enjoy wildflowers or sacred datura. In colder weather, they will prune low-growing juniper, which also provides a ladder to taller trees. Material not consumed and composted by the goats is broken up and pressed into the ground, creating a natural transition to a balanced environment. Hungry goats are a low-tech, but effective approach to weed abatement, fire prevention and allergy management!

Portable solar electric fencing, a horseback handler and herd dogs are used to keep the goats within a particular area and out of other trouble. This targeted approach allows landscaping and other plantings to be trimmed a little, or not at all. The goats and their handler camp on site until the project is completed. Protector dogs (like Great Pyrenees) or llamas keep the goats safe from predators.

We have chosen Horned Locust Goatscaping out of Cerrillos, New Mexico, to do the trial. This group has worked extensively at El Dorado and in the Santa Fe area generally and they have travelled the state using their goats as groundskeepers at solar arrays and other sites. And they are nice people who enjoy their work and don't mind observers who also like to pet dogs and goats.

(see photo on page 3)





Amanita Thorpe, her horse, Dunny, herder dogs and herd of goats at work. They tend to the landscape and reduce fire hazards through the consumption of weeds, shrubs, invasive and problematic overgrowth. While they do not eat dead bushes, the goats break them down to get to live plants.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 AM. “Fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour.



In-person early voting began on October 20th and continues until November 3rd. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. In New Mexico, all polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Mountain Time. An individual who is in line at the time polls close **must** be allowed to vote. New Mexico law allows employees whose workday begins within two (2) hours of the polls opening and ends less than (3) hours before polls close are entitled to up to two (2) paid hours of leave to vote. The employer can set the time for leave to vote.

SEPTEMBER CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

The following statistics are the latest provided by Sandia Heights Security since the last GRIT. If you have questions, please call Sandia Heights Security at 856-6347, mobile 263-4654.

SEPTEMBER 2018	# of calls		# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	26	Mailbox vandalism	0	Snake call	1
Animal control assist	0	Miscellaneous call	2	Special (extra patrol)	12
Assault/battery	0	Motorcycle nuisance	0	Special request	207
Breaking & entering	1	Motorist assist	1	Speeding vehicle	2
Car accident	0	Neighbor dispute	0	Suspicious person	7
Customer assist	7	Newspaper pickup	8	Suspicious vehicle	10
Dumped/spilled material	0	Noise complaints	1	Theft	1
Family dispute	0	Open door/window	2	Threat/Personal	0
Fire	2	Parking problem	1	Utility Co. assist	0
Fireworks complaint	0	Pet nuisance	1	Vandalism	0
Home burglary	3	Rescue assist	0	Vehicle burglary	0
Lost/found item or pet	5	Salesman complaint	2	Wildlife report	0
Loud music/party	1	Sheriff's Dept. assist	0	Total Calls	303

SHHA MEMBER BENEFITS:

Check out the entire SHHA Member Benefits Program and the discounts offered to SHHA members at www.sandiahomeowners.org, under the **Notices and Information** tab. Each participating merchant offers a discount to SHHA members. The following is a list of participating merchants:

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SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES (SHS)

10 Tramway Loop

Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Services (which provides security services, water, sewer, and trash and recycle collection) 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: 856-6347, mobile 263-4654. It may also appear on your SHS billing statement.

Have you signed up to receive email alerts from SHHA yet?



From time to time SHHA will send email alerts to members. These emails include but are not limited to a once-a-month reminder that the GRIT newsletter is available to view online (it even includes a link directing you straight to the GRIT), reminders about the SHHA Annual Meeting, community events like shredding or e-recycling events, and even notifications on emergency situations in the community. Send an email with your name and address (for verification of membership) from the email address where you'd like to receive the alerts to the SHHA Office at sandiaheights@comcast.net to sign up.

Member Feedback: SHHA welcomes input and articles from SHHA members and local officials, as well as non-profit organizations and individuals with information appropriate to our area. Deadlines for article submissions are the 10th of each month. Members may also email their input to sandiaheights@comcast.net.



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123 JUNIPER HILL RD. NE



4,012SQFT - 4 BR - 3.5 BA - 3 CG - .50 AC

Beautiful Pueblo style Sandia Heights Custom home with stunning views from every room! Enter the home via the private front courtyard in to the light and bright foyer. Just off the entry you will find 1 of 2 living areas, this one with large picture windows that fill the room with natural light and show off the views. The spacious Family room offers a 26ft ceiling, lush carpet, a kiva fireplace, and views to the west. Beautifully updated Kitchen with granite counters, and stainless appliances. The private Master Suite offers a spa like bath, large walk-in closet, a separate sitting area with custom cabinets, and a private deck. Spacious secondary bedrooms with banco seating/storage. Private backyard with banco seating, a built-in grill, and absolutely stunning views in all directions.

Offered at: \$795,000

1479 MORNING GLORY RD. NE



UNDER CONTRACT

3,841SQFT - 4-5BR - 3.5BA - 2 CG - .51AC

Imagine living in one of the most beautiful homes in Sandia Heights, built by one of the best Custom Home Builders, featuring an award winning remodeled kitchen (great for entertaining), a resort style backyard with a gorgeous pool, hot tub, fireplace, and yard, complete with an incredible unobstructed view of Sandia Peak! Dreams do come true with this immaculate 4BR Masterpiece, including a huge private Master Suite, spacious office/library, and a quite cul-de-sac street. You won't want to leave..

370 BIG HORN RIDGE DR. NE



SOLD

3,824 SQFT - 3-4BR - 2.5BA - 3 CG - .57AC

These Words Come To Mind When Describing 370 Big Horn Ridge Dr. NE, an absolutely stunning 3-4 BR, 3824 sqft custom Sandia Heights home: SUPERLATIVE-The highest degree of quality craftsmanship was put into this 13 year old Greg Joseph Custom Home. The original owners have maintained this masterpiece to the same degree. MAGNIFICENT- The meticulous placement of the home on the lot affords not only the striking VIEWS of Sandia Peak, but it captures the outstanding Sunset VIEWS and gleaming City Lights that are truly the best the area has to offer. I

657 ROADRUNNER LN NE



SOLD

3,445 SQFT - 3 BR - 3 BA - 2 CG - .71AC

Beautifully remodeled/renovated custom 3 bedroom home in Sandia Heights, with Outstanding City and Mtn vistas with ideal east / west orientation. The Sandias and City lights are wonderfully showcased plus great natural light throughout in this home. The private Master Suite has an updated bathroom, and a custom closet. The updated kitchen offers beautiful granite, and all of the bells and whistles. Just off the Kitchen you will find a cozy Den/ breakfast room with a fireplace. Spacious secondary bedrooms and another remodeled bathroom on the main level.

643 COUGAR LOOP NE



2,400 SQFT - 3-4 BR - 2.5 BA - 2 CG - .84 AC

Great single level home on a large .84 acre lot in Sandia Heights. This home features a courtyard entry with stunning views of the Sandia Mountains. Upon entry you are greeted by the light & bright Living Room with east facing windows to show off the Mountain Views. Just off the Living Room you will find the Dining Room with brick flooring. Spacious Family Room with stunning Views as well as a fireplace, wet bar, & an updated 1/2 bath. The updated kitchen offers granite counters & stainless appliances. The Master Suite offers an updated bath with dual shower heads, and a large dressing room/ closet. The backyard offers both covered & open patio space for taking in the unobstructed Sandia Peak views. Great location near the Open Space Preserve, Hiking/ Biking Trails, and much more!

Offered At: \$459,000

1823 TRAMWAY TERRACE LP. NE



UNDER CONTRACT

1,272 SQFT - 2 BR - 2 BA - 2 CG - .18 AC

Prop Specific Rmrks: Great single level home in Sandia heights offering a private courtyard entry with city & mountain views. Upon entry you are greeted by the light and bright Living Room with a fireplace and is also open to the Kitchen, perfect for entertaining. The kitchen offers ample counter space for prepping and cabinet space along with a pantry for storage, spacious Master bedroom with a full bath, spacious closet, and a private patio. Nice size secondary bedroom with a walk-in closet, and a 3/4 hall bath. Large covered patio out back with low maintenance landscaping, a water feature, and a storage shed. Great location, close to Tramway, The Tram, Sandia labs, and Kirtland AFB.



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Sandia Peak Tram Fall Maintenance

From <http://sandiapeak.com/index.php?page=tram-hours-of-operation>

The Sandia Peak Tram will be closed for the annual fall maintenance from Monday, November 5 through Friday, November 16, 2018.

Fall/winter hours (after Labor Day – Memorial Day):

Wednesday – Monday 9 AM – 8 PM (last trip uphill)

Tuesdays 5 PM – 8 PM

Mail Theft

Mail theft is an ongoing problem! Residents are advised to take your outgoing mail to the Post Office. If the option is available it might be best to have sensitive information like checks, insurance and mortgage papers sent to your bank branch and you can pick them up from there, rather than having them sent to your house. Likewise, consider opening a post office box and have your mail sent there. Otherwise, keep your eye out for the postman and get your mail out of your box quickly.



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<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>.

Another alternative is to replace your mailbox with either a heavy-duty locking type or totally enclose the box with acceptable construction and a lock to impede vandals as well as thieves. Just remember to submit an ACC application to SHHA before beginning work, as well as checking mailbox guidelines at

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

If you experience mail theft, notify the BCSO (798-7000), the USPS inspector (1-877-876-2455), and Sandia Heights Security (856-6347 or mobile number 263-4654). If you witness a crime in progress, notify BCSO.

Sandia Heights Reminiscences

By Robert Trucksa, SHHA member
and long-time resident

In 1970, only Tramway Boulevard north of Montgomery and Tramway Road were paved. Paseo del Norte was a dirt road called Los Angeles. Likewise, Tramway south of Montgomery to I-40 was dirt.

While stationed at what was then Sandia Base (now Kirtland Air Force Base), I had a small motorcycle. I would take it to where we now live and "dirt bike."

Then, Sandia Heights only had houses on what are now Units 1, 6, and 7, and almost all had been sold. When I asked a realtor if there was any property I could buy south of there, he told me that all of that land was Indian reservation. Hence, I bought a lot to build on. Two weeks later, as I rode my bike, bulldozers were cutting roads into the "Indian reservation." When I then inquired with a different realtor, I was told that all of the lots in what are now Units 2 and 5 had been bought by developers. One developer planned to put in a row of town houses. The other developers complained and a lot came available. I bought it!

I grew up on the south side of Chicago. I found Sandia Heights to be heaven. No street lights—at night I could see the stars. No lawn to mow—just what Mother Nature grew.

As other houses sprang up near mine, I got to know my neighbors. The cartoonist of "Bloom County," Berkeley Breathed, once lived next door.

My wife and I could walk the streets for an evening stroll. There were no "blocks" as in town—just crazy groups. Each house being different is a rare thing. Throughout my life I have lived in so many places. I have never regretted wanting to live here in Sandia Heights.



ACC Activity Log

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

40 Cedar Hill Place – Deck Replacement
58 Juniper Hill Court – Deck Replacement
69 Pinon Hill Place – Restucco
76 Pinon Hill Place – Reroof
85 Juniper Hill Place – Restucco
163 Juniper Hill Road – Reroof
203 Big Horn Ridge Road – New Construction
344 White Oaks Drive – Hot Tub Installation
378 Juniper Hill Road – New Construction
379 Juniper Hill Road – Restucco
422 Live Oak Court – Photovoltaic Panel Installation
619 Cedar Hill Road – Reroof
668 Blackhawk Drive – Reroof
697 Bluebird Lane – Replace Windows/Doors and Landscaping
726-32 Tramway Vista Loop – Window Installation, Replace Windows, Reroof Garage, Paint Garage Doors and Trim and Landscaping
785-1 Tramway Lane – Door Replacement
808 Tramway Lane – Refinish Exterior Trim
938 Bobcat Blvd. – Hot Tub Installation
969 Antelope Avenue – Fence Enclosure
1052 Red Oaks Loop – Reroof
1101 San Rafael Avenue – Replace Window
1228 Rockrose Road – Restucco
1412 Bluebell Place – Bedroom Remodel
1529 Eagle Ridge Drive – Remodel Pool Area, Gazebo Installation and Landscaping
1542 Eagle Ridge Place – Backyard Wall Extension
1838 Tramway Terrace Loop – Repaint Stucco
1911 Quail Run Road – Reroof
1929 Quail Run Drive – Install Ductless Heating System

2182 Cattail Willow Avenue – Reroof
2301 Calle de Rafael – Repair and Repaint Stucco
2303 Calle de Rafael – Repaint Stucco
2833 Tramway Circle – Restucco
2893 Tramway Place – Photovoltaic Panel Installation
7732 Cedar Canyon Road – Replace Window and Doors

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

Our Backyard Antenna Farm

By Susan McCasland, Communications & Publications Committee Chair

Ever wonder about all those antennas on Sandia Crest? Turns out it is one of the most crowded electronic sites in the world! It is home to the broadcast antennas for numerous Albuquerque-area television and AM/FM radio stations, many commercial two-way radio repeaters, weather radars, electric utility radio systems, Forest Service radios, military base services, other long-distance carriers, and several local governments' networks, including public safety and emergency medical services. Whew!

The antennas extend for roughly a half mile. Because they are on a natural 4,500 foot “mast,” the towers are not particularly tall.

The first towers went up in 1953 and belonged to KOB-TV (Channel 4) and KGGM-TV (Channel 13).

Take a drive up Sandia Crest Road on the east side to see the antenna farm up close and maybe do a bit of hiking while there.



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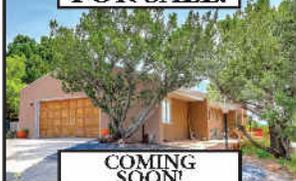
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SOLD!



Red Oaks Loop NE

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Pinon Hill Place NE

Distinctive Sandia Heights! Private Nature Retreat Backs To National Forest! Great Location, Great Neighbors and Ready for Your upgrades! Views from every room! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths; MBR retreat has private greatroom. Kitchen appliance upgrades! Radiant heat, passive solar, two wood-burning stoves and one fireplace. Upgrades throughout! A Rare Find!
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Antelope NE

Unique, Custom, SW Style Casa on private view lot. Breathtaking Sandia Mountain Vistas! Sunken greatroom w/ custom Kiva style fireplace & curved Adobe walls, spacious kitchen w/raised T & G ceiling, 3 large bedrooms; Private MBR w/ custom Kiva style fireplace & curved Adobe walls, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Curved driveway, covered patio w/T & G ceiling & privacy wall w/Banco.
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The Following Homes are Pending in Sandia Heights

STREET	LIST PRICE	SQFT	\$ PER SF
Morning Glory Road	\$829,000	3,841	\$215.83
Sandia Heights Drive	\$550,000	3,765	\$146.08
Live Oak Loop	\$485,000	2,651	\$182.95
Tramway Lane	\$460,000	2,702	\$170.24
Tramway Place	\$329,000	2,200	\$149.55
Black Willow Drive	\$305,000	1,650	\$184.85
Tramway Lane	\$225,000	1,575	\$142.86
Tramway Lane	\$199,900	1,671	\$119.63

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Community Event Bulletin Board

None of these groups are sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed.

Sandia Heights Artists: The Sandia Heights Art Tour was a huge success. We had tons of people come on the tour and we were able to accomplish several goals. The contribution to “Art in the School” will be at least \$1,700. Team passes were given to the following people: Doug Weitzel, Katie Crawford, Sue Riali, Woody Farber, Sheryl Williams. Thanks to everyone who came on the tour.

Musicians Wanted: The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Orchestra is seeking to recruit enthusiastic amateur musicians. The orchestra’s repertoire ranges from classical to pops. Rehearsals are held on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM in room B120 in the UNM Center for the Arts below Popejoy Hall. No audition is necessary to join. For more information, contact us at unm.hsco@gmail.com.

St. Chad's Episcopal Church: 7171 Tennyson NE • Albuquerque, NM 87122 • 856-9200

Worship Times: Thursdays at noon and Sundays at 8 AM and 10:15 AM

Breakfast is served after the 8 and 10:15 AM Sunday Services. • office@stchadsabq.org • www.stchadsabq.org

Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity: We are in the twelfth year of our dinner group. 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. We’re always happy to have new folks join us, so if this sounds like an activity that you might be interested in, please contact Sheina MacCormic at 967-7891.

New Mexico Symphonic Youth Chorus is looking for young people, grades 4 through 12, who love to sing. Music Directors Marilyn Bernard and Louise Loomis are renowned music educators with over 30 years of experience in professional choral instruction and performance opportunities for young singers. NMSYC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit division of the NM Symphonic Chorus. Information about NMSYC and how to audition can be found at www.nmsyouthchorus.org. Questions? Call Elaine Fiber at 263-1445.

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** Wednesday, November 14 at 7 PM in the SHHA Office.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Monday, November 12, 2018 in observance of Veterans’ Day & Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, 2018 for Thanksgiving.
- **Notary services, copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are 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 Notices and Information/Classifieds.
- **Safety vests for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$2 per vest for members. Cash or check only.
- **Tram passes for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$6 per ticket for members on a first come first served basis. Cash or check only. Tickets purchased must be for one date at a time per residence. To view the Tram Pass Procedures for SHHA Members go to <http://sandiahomeowners.org/notices-and-information/notices-and-information/96-tram-passes>.
- **ACC Color Reference Guide** is available to borrow in the SHHA Office for up to 30 days. \$20 refundable deposit is required. Cash or check only.

2019 SHHA Resident Guide & Directory Photo Contest

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2019 Sandia Heights Resident Guide and Directory. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, November 2, 2018. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2019 Resident Guide and Directory and you will be acknowledged as the photographer.



Notice: Any corrections to the printed version of the GRIT can be found on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org



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