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Please Vote on November 2 for APS Board Position 7

By George Richmond, SH resident

The November 2 election includes the Albuquerque School Board post—also two Soil & Water District supervisors, two bond issues and Central NM Community College, the last of which is unopposed. The incumbent School Board member, Dr. Percy, is not running for reelection. Three candidates are running for this non-partisan post: Nicholas Bevins, Julie Brenning and Courtney Jackson. Their answers to the APS questionnaire can be found here:

<https://www.aps.edu/about-us/board/school-board-member-elections/candidate-questionnaires/district-7-candidates>

If you wish to vote absentee, click here:

<https://www.bernco.gov/clerk/bureau-of-elections-overview/absentee-voting/>

Key dates: Early voting begins October 5. Early voting convenience centers, including our nearest in Caracol Plaza (SW corner of Tramway & Montgomery), are open October 16–30, 10AM–7PM except Sundays. Election day is November 2; polls are open 7AM–7PM, including Caracol Plaza.

Let’s Talk Ideas!

By Hugh Prather, CS&M Committee

As you read in August’s GRIT, wonderful things are happening in individual units across Sandia Heights. The Community Service & Membership Committee hopes to share those happenings through a series of short (<45 minutes) Zoom webinars where we can share specific community-building practices.

We plan to host four webinars in October, December, February & April. In the October one, we’ll talk about how to create your unit’s own “NextDoor”-type group designed specifically for your neighborhood using the free Google Groups. We will demonstrate how to set up a small Google Group for your unit. It’s easy, it’s free, and it builds stronger unit and Sandia Heights community. **The CS&M Zoom webinar on “Building Your Own NextDoor” is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 PM.** To attend, call or email the office.

The December, February, and April webinar subjects are open at this time, and we’d love your input! Has your unit done something together that built a stronger sense of community? Maybe someone has put together a “Little Free Library” that your unit is using and would like to share how it was done. Maybe your unit has a monthly wine and cheese gathering where neighborhood happenings are shared and community is strengthened. These are the kinds of ideas we are looking to highlight and share. Send your ideas for the remaining webinars to thegritshha@gmail.com

Domingo Baca, a Familiar Name in ABQ, Stems From Unconventional, Prominent Family

By Elaine D. Briseño, *ABQ Journal* staff writer*

Spending time in the Northeast Heights almost guarantees an encounter with the name Domingo Baca. It's hard to miss. There's a popular public park named after him, a community center, a canyon and a well-used hiking trail in the Sandia Foothills.

Knowing the man behind the name isn't as easy.

"Maldonado Journey to the Kingdom of New Mexico: Volume X" by Gilbert Maldonado says Baca, also known as Diego Domingo Baca, was a prominent rancher and shepherd whose livestock roamed the Sandia Foothills in the early and mid 1700s. It was this, Maldonado claims, and his ties to a powerful family that led to the canyon near there being named after him, and subsequently North Domingo Baca Park and the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center, which were



Domingo Baca Trail in the foothills

named after a nearby dam of the same name. (The dam name was changed to Kinney Dam in 2002 to honor former Albuquerque mayor Harry Kinney.)

To understand why his name is probably so frequently displayed in the Albuquerque area, one must understand Baca's heritage. His tale is defined by the lives of powerful and connected women.

Baca hails from a distinguished family who helped settle Albuquerque and descended from Spanish colonizers. He also had a mother who defied social norms but thrived despite it. Baca was the third child of Josefa Baca. He was born in 1710 in Pajarito, which is now a community in the South Valley. Josefa Baca, who lived from 1685–1746, was a wealthy rancher and the descendant of Captain Cristóbal Baca, who brought the Baca name to New Mexico from Mexico City in 1600.

Josefa Baca owned the Pajarito Land Grant. What was unusual is that all of her children, including Domingo Baca, were illegitimate. According to her will, she never married. The father, or fathers, of her children remain a mystery but her unwed status did not keep her or her children from remaining in good social standing.

Josefa Baca's family ties and wealth may have played a role in that, but the following tale by Fray Angélico Chávez suggests it was Josefa Baca's cleverness and audacity that allowed her—a woman with six illegitimate

children—and her children to remain respectable and prominent members of society.

Fray Chávez was a Franciscan priest who died in 1996 and dedicated his life to researching and writing about the origins of New Mexico families. Chávez recalls how Josefa Baca helped her niece marry the man she loved, even though the girl's father threatened to kill her with his own sword if she did. He shipped the niece off to live with Josefa Baca in an effort to separate her from her paramour. That turned out to be a mistake.

"Although Don Antonio Baca knew his sister Josefa well, he had not reckoned with her strong-willed nature, much less with her own views on love problems such as the one he was thrusting upon her," Chávez writes. "Alone and unmarried, she had developed her inheritance into a prosperous hacienda and had borne and reared six healthy children besides."

Baca took her niece to Mass at San Felipe de Neri Church in Old Town one day. What nobody knew was that hiding in the back of the church, behind a door, was the niece's beau. After the Mass, Baca and her niece allowed everyone to leave. The man came out of hiding and the couple rushed to the altar where the priest was waiting. The two were married without any objections. Josefa Baca was the mastermind behind the entire plot, contacting the groom and the priest prior to the Mass but not informing her brother about what was about to happen. I reckon it's not all that surprising that her children became prosperous citizens.

Domingo Baca's marriage in 1764 to second wife, María Antonia Montoya, further bolstered his place among New Mexico royalty. The marriage fused the branches of two powerful New Mexico families.

Montoya was the great-granddaughter of the powerful Captain Diego de Montoya. It was Captain Montoya who once owned much of the land that is now the east side of Albuquerque and the Sandia Foothills. Montoya gave a large portion of the land to Elena Gallegos, who also holds an important place in local history.

The union between Domingo Baca and María Antonia Montoya resulted in the birth of Bartolomé Baca who was governor of New Mexico province from 1823 to 1825. He was also the owner of the 1.28 million-acre land grant in Estancia.

Although few details are available about Domingo Baca's life, I think his heritage speaks volumes. Every time I pass that park or hike the canyon named after him, I'm going to think about his mom, Josefa Baca. A fierce woman who dismissed the expectations of her gender and gave life to a family still thriving today.

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Adding Some Clout to the Architectural Control Committee

By David Crossley, ACC Chair

Look anywhere around Sandia Heights, even your own street. You will see obvious and specific violations of the Covenants and the ACC Design Guidelines. Some of the most frequent are the most flagrant. For example, residents often landscape using prohibited invasive species. In a few years, ‘volunteers’ will be coming up on adjacent properties. There are many fences constructed with the ugly side out visible to all the neighbors, (builders refer to the “Friendly” side and the “Rude” side for a reason). Some stucco colors are far outside the permitted color pallet on display in the SHHA office. Sandia Heights requires setbacks from property lines for both appearance and wildlife passage, but unapproved structures are often built in these areas.

Failure to submit a request for approval to the ACC prior to initiating any exterior project is itself a covenant violation. ACC approval is required prior to any exterior alterations to a residence. Note that an existing violation, such as a prohibited stucco color, may not be automatically approved in subsequent work. This approval process is specified by the Covenants for all units in Sandia Heights. The forms are available on the SHHA website and at the Office. Most residents are cooperative and respectful of the community restrictions but, unfortunately, some consistently ignore and violate the rules.

The original charter for Sandia Heights Homeowners Association did not specify penalties for breaches and, therefore, historically no real consequences resulted. The ACC has frequently faced an untenable position when receiving a complaint from a resident regarding a neighbor who is in clear violation of one or more specific guidelines. Too often we have had to admit that there is little in our arsenal to enforce compliance. In a few instances, the complaining residents have even threatened to sue the ACC for its inaction. This situation is now being remedied to bring SHHA, together with the Covenants and ACC Guidelines, more in step with other HOAs that possess enforcement authority and tools. With guidance from our attorney, we are taking steps to imbue the ACC Guidelines with legal standing equal to the Covenants, which will allow expedited and effective use of lawsuits and the court system to enforce compliance. This process is already underway and will have tangible effect very soon.

While there is little that can be done retroactively to rectify existing violations, hopefully the increased risk of legal ramifications will help deter future scofflaws. The Sandia Heights Covenants and ACC Design Guidelines are in place to benefit the entire development, and with increased credibility will be a more effective, positive influence on our community.

Procedures for Property Owners to Amend Their Unit Covenants

By Bob Thomas, CSC Chair

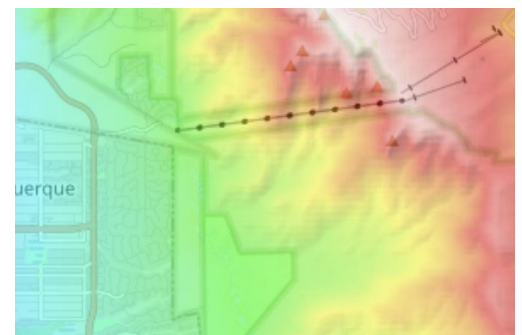
The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) cannot modify or change any unit covenants. Any covenant changes or modifications can only be done by the property owners within their individual unit. SHHA recognizes the rights of property owners to amend the covenants of their units in accordance with procedures set forth in the covenants of each unit. SHHA has developed information to facilitate that process and to ensure that a proposed amendment is in agreement with established covenants. To avoid potential conflicts with the existing covenants, we suggest that the proposed amendment(s) be presented to the SHHA Board of Directors for review prior to initiating a petition signature effort.

The information and steps to initiate a covenant amendment are available on the home page of the SHHA website or at the following link:

<https://www.sandiahomeowners.org/notices-and-information/notices-and-information/15986-procedures-for-property-owners-to-amend-their-unit-covenants>. A copy may also be obtained from the SHHA office.

Monthly Fun Fact

Albuquerque’s listed elevation of 5,314 feet makes it the highest metropolitan city in the United States. Denver is only a mile high. The Rio Grande through Albuquerque is the low point (well, line) at about 4,900 feet. Our homes in Sandia Heights are all higher than 6,000 feet elevation. The Sandia Peak Tram’s base house is at 6,559 feet.



AUGUST CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

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

August 2021	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	10	Newspaper/Package Pickup	3
Animal Control Assist	1	Open Door/Window/Garage	1
Attempted Breaking & Entering	1	Special Extra Patrol	5
Attempted Home Burglary	1	Special Request/Vacation	111
Customer Assist	6	Suspicious Activity	1
Customer Inquiry	1	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Lost/Found Item	1	Theft	2
Lost/Found Pet	1	Utility Assist	1
Miscellaneous Call	1	Vehicle Burglary/Break In	1
		Total Calls	150

Useful Numbers: Emergency Police/Fire/Rescue: 9-1-1 (Be sure to let the operator know you are in Sandia Heights – an unincorporated area of Bernalillo County) **Bernalillo County Sheriff Non-Emergency:** 798-7000 **Bernalillo County Fire Department Non-Emergency:** 468-1310 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies (M-F 7AM – 4PM):** 856-6345 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies After Hours:** 888-5336 **NM Gas Co. Emergencies:** 697-3335 **PNM Outage & Emergencies:** 1-888-342-5766

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 8, 2021, at 6:30 PM via Zoom Meeting.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Monday, October 11, 2021, in observance of indigenous Peoples' Day.
- **Notary services (except on Fridays), copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are free to members. **Also, voter registration in SHHA office.**
- **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. \$2.50 per vest for members, cash or check only.
- **Tram passes for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$7 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.

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 currently participating merchants:

Barnett Alden Ironworks
Burrow Cafe
Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC PC
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HelpTek LLC
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**760 Tramway Lane NE, Unit 9
2219 SQ FT 3BR 3BA .12 Acres**

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UNDER CONTRACT

**1010 Tramway Lane NE
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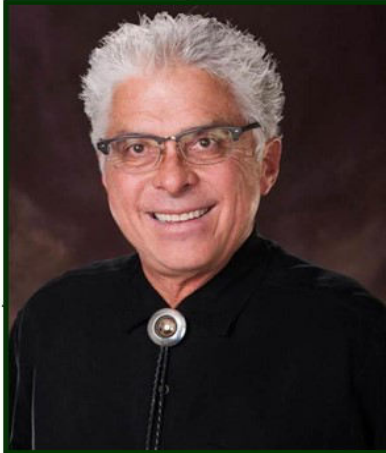


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Invasive Plants and Trees in Sandia Heights

Joe Boyce, Parks and Safety Committee Chair

The best definition of a weed I ever heard is “a plant where you don’t want one.” One person’s flower is another’s weed, it seems. But invasive plants and trees usually have these characteristics: they come from somewhere else originally, have lots of seeds, don’t have a lot of predators, spread easily via multiple means, thrive on disturbed soils/ecosystems, and inhibit the other plant life around them. A hypercompetitive species turned loose on a setting that has poor defenses can result in overwhelmed local cultures. (Kinda like us humans, but let’s not go there). Many times, they were introduced on purpose to address a problem, and many times they have some benefits—like the Siberian Elm. Some can even be found for sale still (such as at our Albertson’s this past summer) even though prohibited in SH. <https://www.thinktreesnm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-WRIGHT-Why-Is-Siberian-Elm-in-NM.pdf>

Basically, these species upset nature’s balance. It’s up to us to help restore or manage the balance. The list of “what’s bad” varies by the source, but invasive plants in general reduce local biodiversity, lower water/soil quality, and/or lessen recreation/cultural opportunities. Having seen how kudzu has taken over portions of the South, zebra mussels many lakes, and tamarisk/salt cedar our rivers in the West, the “new guys” can be a real threat. Again, the key word is “balance.”

Another place we don’t want plants “invading” is overhanging and obstructing the streets and walking space. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to maintain their yard, even in the setback up to the street edge. County regulations can result in fines in some cases, perhaps even liability according to some. You may not mind a specific plant but your neighbors and folks walking by may.



Needs a trim. Can you see the UPS truck? Or vice versa?

We ask you to manage your yard and consider how we can improve the environment we live in and share, and not let these plants get out of hand.

Most common invasive species in New Mexico/Sandia Heights, are listed at:

www.nmda.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Weed-List-memo-and-week-list-2016.pdf.

They can also be seen at <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/terrestrial/plants>.

Not sure what plant you are looking at? Of course, there’s an app for that: PictureThis. Try it. (Machines get smarter all the time, and I’m worrying about plants...)

Trees: It’s best to catch troublesome species early



Russian olive. It’s not Russian, and no olives



Salt cedar or tamarisk

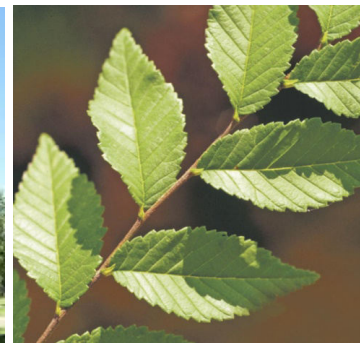


Tree of Heaven

before they become large. Russian olive, salt cedar/tamarisk, Siberian/Chinese elms, Tree of Heaven, and even Ponderosa pines and cottonwoods are all considered problem trees by some lists, as they grow and spread quickly. On the positive side, in the right spot and well managed they can provide great shade—like the cottonwoods in Silver Cloud Park. Out of control, you get root problems or tree thickets you can’t even walk through. See: smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/how-we-created-monster-american-southwest-180956878



Siberian elm and a close-up of its leaves



Plants: There are many invasive ones, but here we’ll focus on thistles, tumbleweeds, and nightshade.

Thistles (Scotch, milk, musk, etc.) have purple flowers, mainly. This is another weed with some benefits—bees love it, some claim medicinal uses, and some eat it. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thistle>. It can explode without management though.

Tumbleweed (*Kali tragus*, also called Russian thistle). Hard to eliminate, and will take over if you let it. Pull it before it starts a-rolling. No redeeming features other than misplaced Western film nostalgia... and a real fire hazard.

ACC Activity Log

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

19 Cedar Hill Road – Stucco Repair, Replace Windows, Swing Installation
21 Cedar Hill Road – Stucco Repair
31 Cedar Hill Place – Reroof Pitched Roof
60 Juniper Hill Loop – Replace and Extend Fencing
67 Cedar Hill Road – Remodel and Garage Addition
247 Paintbrush Drive – Landscaping
358 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Replace Gutters, Downspouts, Collection Boxes, and Install Rain Barrels
358 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Repaint Garage Door
443 Live Oak Loop – Remove Façade, all Siding, Pat/Recolor Stucco, and Miscellaneous
539 Black Bear Road – Storage Unit Installation
612 Cougar Loop – Exterior Renovations
624 Cedar Hill Road – Construction of Elevated Deck
673 Bluebird Lane – Remove Exterior Door and Stucco, and Replace Existing Door
726-21 Tramway Vista Drive – Replace Outdoor Light Fixtures
726-21 Tramway Vista Drive – Downspout and Gutter Installation
793-D Tramway Lane – Replace A/C and Heating Unit
927 Tramway Lane – Re-stucco
929 Tramway Lane – Downspout Installation
1047 Red Oaks Loop – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
1061 Red Oaks Loop – Replace Swamp Coolers with Refrigerated Units
1459 Bluebell Drive – Repave Asphalt Driveway
1568 Eagle Ridge Court – Reroof
1560 Eagle Ridge Road – Reroof
1713 Quail Run Court – Re-stucco
1724 Quail Run Court – Porch Additions and Misc.
1874 San Bernardino Avenue – Replace Mailbox
1829 Tramway Terrace Loop – Replace Windows
1849 Tramway Terrace Loop – Reroof
1913 Quail Run Drive – Garage Extension
2304 Calle de Rafael – Replace Window, Stucco and Roof Maintenance
231 5 Calle de Rafael – Paint Stucco
2526 Tramway Terrace Court – Reroof
2715 Tramway Circle – Replace Portion of Wooden Fencing
2877 Brushwood Street – Replace Garage Door, and Repaint Frame
2879 Brushwood Street – Shade Structure
8207 Indigo Court – Reroof
9117 Tramway Lane – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation

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

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Silver leaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*). Little yellow seed pods, stickers and poisonous. This one can take over a yard and kill everything. (Ask me how I know.) Redeeming feature: supposedly used by medicine men who would chew the roots and spit on rattlesnake wounds. (No double blind studies to my knowledge.)

Do yourself and us all a favor and check your property for these invasive species... then get rid of them!



Scotch thistle

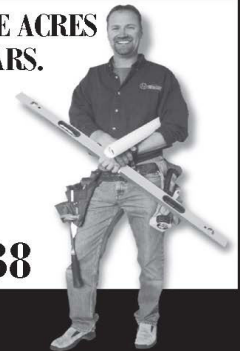


Silver leaf nightshade and tumbleweed

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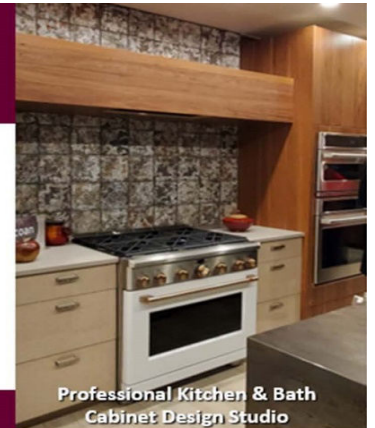
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2021 Real Estate MARKET SELLERS at a Glance

It's still a great time to sell!

Tight inventory has made 2021 a great year to list a home. Check out where sellers stand in this marketplace as reported in the 2020 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers from the National Association of REALTORS®.



Top Reasons
Why Sellers Move

15%

Closer to friends and family.

14%

Home was too small.

12%

Change in family situation.



10 YEARS Time spent in home before selling.
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Time on Market for Recently Sold Homes

Tight inventory and low interest rates mean homes are selling quickly!



Agents Are in Demand

Despite the digital age, skilled real estate agents are in high demand.

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Sellers that worked with an agent.

8%

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Most sellers recommend their agent at least once after the transaction.

27%

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Sandia Heights MARKET UPDATE PAST YEAR 10/2020 to 10/2021

6 Larger homes For Sale on Larger Lots | Avg Asking price \$937,483 | Avg Asking price/sf \$223.56

5 Pending | Avg Asking Price \$908,980 | Avg Asking price/sf \$247.85

72 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$743,767 | Avg Sold price/sf. \$204.84

3 Smaller homes on smaller lots | Avg Asking price \$358,000 | Avg Asking price/sf \$194.81

8 homes pending | Avg Asking Price \$ 361,238 | Avg Asking price/sf \$206.16

53 closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$367,012 | Avg Sold price/sf \$200.88

Note Every Home Is Unique . Price is always based on condition, updates, location and views.

Current Interest rates hovering around 3.1% for 30 year conventional & 2.875 % 30 year VA!



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1405 San Rafael PI NE



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1195 Bobcat Blvd NE



SOLD!

8210 Indigo Court NE



SOLD!

54 Rock Ridge Court NE

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Community Events Bulletin Board

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Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity: We are happy to announce that Cork & Fork has resumed our bimonthly dinners. We gather in the homes of our members. Each small dinner group is typically 6–8 people, including the hosts. The host decides the menu theme and prepares a main dish, with attendees contributing to some part of the meal—along with a wine to go with their dish. The emphasis is on food and fun rather than formal elegance. Though most of the dinners are smaller, there are 2 whole-group dinners during the year. All adult Sandia Heights residents are welcome. To inquire or join any time of year, call Rene Kessel at (505) 504-3886 or email at rene.kessel@cblegacy.com.

Notice: Any corrections to the printed version of the GRIT can be found on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org. We always welcome Letters to the Editor and your response to articles in *The GRIT*. Email us at thegritshha@gmail.com.

Time is Running Out, Send in Your Photos Now!



We are accepting your entries for our annual photo contest for the Sandia Heights 2022 *Resident Guide & Directory*. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, **November 5**, 2021. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2022 *Resident Guide and Directory*, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer.

Submission criteria are as follows:

- 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 2021 and earlier *Directories*).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color and may be submitted digitally to shha@sandiahomeowners.org or as a hardcopy print to the office. All hardcopy entries may be picked up at the office once the *Directory* is published.
- 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 the SHHA website.

And While on the Subject of the *Directory*...

Take a look at your entry in *The Resident's Guide and Directory* for 2021 and see if you want any changes to it for 2022. There are two places to look: under your last name and by your street address. Ideally, they are the same information. If not, or if you want different information, please notify the SHHA office by Friday, November 5.

If you are a new resident in 2021, you should check with the office to see if the information to be published is what you want. You have a choice of being identified, or of just being “Resident” in the address part of the *Directory* with or without a phone number and without being in the by-name section. You can also be named, but not have your phone number provided. Check with the office if you have any questions.

SH Tips & Hacks

As of going to press, it’s still pretty hot out. One way to keep the interior of your home cooler is to minimize the “solar loading” from your windows. All that means is to keep the shades or curtains closed on the windows the sun is shining on. To stay on top of solar loading, you need to be aware of where the sun is and where it will be in the near future. So, mornings, keep east window shades drawn. Mid-day, the south-facing windows should be blocked. Then in the afternoon, keep the west windows darkened. You’ll be amazed at how much cooler your house is and how much less cooling you need to keep your house comfortable. In the winter, do just the opposite. Keep the shades open on the windows with sunshine on them for some free heating.



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The SHHA Office will be closed on
Monday, October 11, 2021, in
observance of Indigenous Peoples'
Day (formerly Columbus Day).