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SHHA Office Has Moved! (2B, Then Not 2B)

By Susan McCasland, SHHA Board Secretary

By the time you read this, the SHHA office at 2B San Rafael, aka 12760B San Rafael, will have closed. The office will open after the holiday break on January 2 at its new location about 100 yards away: 12700 San Rafael, Suite 4—in the Quail Run Center, soon to be renamed Sandia Heights Village. This is a temporary location while the new permanent location next door in Suite 3 is finished for us.

The SHHA office has been at 2B San Rafael for 20 years. Why move now? There were a number of factors, but the principal ones were that the new location will

- Have more and easier parking, including 2 reserved spaces
- Have better handicapped parking
- Be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Come by and visit the new office in the temporary Suite 4 location and, even better, in a couple of months visit the new permanent location in Suite 3!



Reminder: Trimming your trees and shrubs is best done during the cold winter months when the vegetation is dormant. This minimizes shock to the trees and also gives the open cut time to heal without the problem of infecting bugs and beetles.

You, the SHHA, Covenant Enforcement, & Anonymous Complaints

By Bob Thomas, CSC Chair

The Covenant Support Committee (CSC) is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all owners of property in Sandia Heights adhere to the provisions of the covenants applicable to the particular Unit where the property is located. There are 38 different Units within the Sandia Heights community, and no two sets of covenants are exactly the same. This diversity in our covenants makes community-wide enforcement difficult at best. In addition, the CSC does not patrol throughout Sandia Heights looking for covenant violations. As such, the CSC has developed procedures that depend on members of the SHHA to report covenant violations.

Who can report a violation? First, you must be a property owner in Sandia Heights and be a member of SHHA in order to submit a covenant violation form. The covenant violation form (Report of Suspected Covenant Violation) is available at the SHHA office and from the SHHA website. Although the CSC does not act on anonymous complaints, your anonymity as the complainant will be shielded unless future court action requires that your identity be revealed. Historically, court actions of this nature are very rare. Any SHHA member may submit a covenant violation form, however, the CSC normally will act on submissions from residents in the same Unit where the violation exists, in an adjacent Unit, or in direct line of sight of the violation regardless of the Unit you reside in. The CSC will exercise its discretion as to whether or not to act on violations outside of the normal guidelines.

What information is needed on the violation form? Information listing you as the complainant is on the form since the CSC may want to contact you for additional details related to your complaint. The specific violation and its location need to be identified, along with the rationale supporting your belief that a violation has occurred. It helps to identify the specific paragraph in the applicable Unit covenants that you think is being violated. The covenants for the Unit where the alleged violation is occurring are on the website and the office can also help you identify applicable covenants. The form asks if you have contacted the violator, but this contact is not a reguirement in order to submit the form. The CSC is very sensitive about not creating an adversarial relationship between the complainant and the potential violator. You may choose to talk to your neighbor to try to resolve the violation first, but as stated previously, the CSC does not require or recommend this one-on-one contact. The last item required is your signature. The SHHA staff recognizes electronic signatures that include the member's e-mail address. As stated before, the CSC will not respond to complaints submitted by phone calls, notes, or anonymously.

How does the CSC handle the complaint? A member of the CSC will be assigned to investigate the complaint and to try to resolve it. The member first assesses the validity of the complaint by verifying the information submitted on the violation form. If the complaint is deemed invalid the complainant will be notified by mail and the file will be closed. If it is clear that a valid violation exists, the committee member will complete an investigative report. The violator will receive written notification from the CSC regarding the specific violation and will be given a reasonable deadline by which to remedy it. The member will follow up with the violator to ensure that the violation is corrected in accordance with the stated timeline. If the violation is successfully resolved at this point, both parties will be notified by mail and the file will be closed. If, however, the violation is not resolved as a result of the first letter, a second letter is sent to the violator with an additional timeline for resolution and a warning that failure to comply may result in legal action. If the second letter is unsuccessful in solving the violation, the file will be turned over to the SHHA attorney for further action.

Why should you care about covenant enforcement? Resident surveys conducted over the years have consistently indicated that the primary goal of SHHA should be the enforcement of our covenants. The covenants were designed to benefit all property owners in Sandia Heights in order to preserve and maintain the beauty, quality of life, and property values in this unique community. The SHHA and the CSC actively seek your support for the enforcement of our covenants. This is your community and your covenants and everyone appreciates your compliance.

Covenant Support Committee (CSC) Needs Volunteers

The CSC needs new members to help enforce the covenants for the Sandia Heights community. The results from the last SHHA Annual Meeting and recent surveys have consistently shown that covenant enforcement is a high priority for homeowners. If you are a homeowner and dues paying member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) please consider volunteering for your Covenant Support Committee and help ensure the enforcement of SHHA covenants. We meet at the SHHA office once a month, and we have the excellent support of our SHHA staff. Covenant enforcement contributes significantly to preserving our beautiful and unique community. Please share your appreciation of the Sandia Heights community and join the CSC.

You can volunteer by calling the SHHA office at (505) 797-7793 or by sending an email to sandiaheights@comcast.net.

A Food Recycling Service Now Available in Sandia Heights

Did you know that there is a new recycling service that picks up at your door? It's for food scraps and organic waste and it's called Little Green Bucket. You can have weekly, biweekly, or monthly pickups. There is a fee for this private service. Little Green Bucket takes 100% of the food waste collected to Soilutions' compost facility in the South Valley, where it is recycled into nutrient-rich compost products and sold back to local farmers and gardeners. And Little Green Bucket returns a bag of compost to you quarterly or, if you don't need it, you can have them donate it to a local food-growing charity.

For more information and to see what things can and can't be recycled, please see their website at https://littlegreenbucket.com/



Summary of Architectural Control Committee Articles Published in 2019

By Bob Bower, ACC Chair

January: Summary of ACC Articles Published in 2018 February: The ACC Neighborhood Review Process

March: ACC Annual Report

April: A Discussion of Walls and Fences

May: Light Talk

Fire Prevention—An ACC Perspective June: Preliminary & Final Design and Construction Plans July: Construction Courtesy & Safety in Sandia Heights

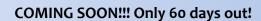
A Review of How the ACC Works

August: Septic System Tips

October: Responding to Home Emergency Situations November: Changes Coming to the Quail Run Center Don't Let Your Water Pipes Freeze



next month. Add February 22 to your calendar now.



"CRIME RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR"

When: March 14, 2020 (Saturday) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson NE

What: Presentations on common-sense actions for home-

owners to implement to minimize your exposure to

theft and larceny.

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NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER 2019	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	13	Pet Nuisance	1
Attempted Breaking & Entering	1	Special Extra Patrol	11
Customer Assist	1	Special Request/Vacation	120
Customer Inquiry	1	Suspicious Activity	3
Lost/Found Pet	1	Suspicious Person	4
Mailbox Vandalism	4	Suspicious Vehicle	3
Newspaper/Package Pickup	6	Utility Assist	1
Noise Complaint/Suspicious Noise	1	Vandalism	2
Open Door/Window Garage	1	Vehicle Burglary/Break In	3
Parking Problem	1	Total Calls	178

<u>Useful Numbers</u>: 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:** Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7 PM in the SHHA Office.
- Office Closures for Holiday(s): Monday, January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 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. \$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 participating merchants:

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SANDIA HEIGHTS MARKET SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2019

Active Listings	Year To Date (January-November		
Price Range	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	% Chg
180,000-199,999	1	1	0
200,000-249,999	1	1	0
250,000-299,999	3	5	-40
300,000-399,999	8	8	0
400,000-499,999	24	24	0
500,000-749,999	49	32	53.1
750,000-999,999	20	13	53.8
1,000,000-1,249,999	2	1	100
1,250,000-1,499,999	6	2	200
1,500,000-1,999,999	1	0	N/A
2,000,000+	1	0	N/A
Totals	116	87	33.3

Sold Listings	Year To Date (January-November		
Price Range	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	% Chg
180,000-199,999	1	1	0
200,000-249,999	2	1	100
250,000-299,999	3	3	0
300,000-399,999	9	6	50
400,000-499,999	20	15	33.3
500,000-749,999	22	20	10
750,000-999,999	5	4	25
1,000,000-1,249,999	6	0	N/A
1,250,000-1,499,999	1	0	N/A
1,500,000-1,999,999	0	0	0
2,000,000+	1	0	N/A
Totals	70	50	40

Information is deemed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed. @ 2019 SWMLS and FBS.



Statistic	Year To Date (January-November				
	2	019 YTD	2	018 YTD	% Chg
Absorption Rate		3.37		3.31	1.81
Average List Price	\$	660,718	\$	582,813	13.37
Median List Price	\$	599,950	\$	549,000	9.28
Average Sale Price	\$	598,253	\$	517,413	15.62
Median Sale Price	\$	506,000	\$	495,243	2.17
Average CDOM		60		53	13.21
Median CDOM		24		20	20



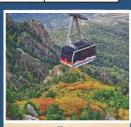
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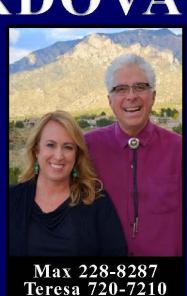
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CSC Active File Log — December 2019

Type of Violation

Active Files

	Active Files
Boats/RV/Trailer	2
Maintenance of Property	
Trash Cans	
Lights	
Trees	
Right-of-Way Issues	
Parked Vehicles or Equip.	1
Misc./Several Issues	1

NOTE: Although some are similar, each of the 38 units in Sandia Heights has their own set of covenants with varying language specific to the unit they denote.



Martin Luther King Day—January 20 **Excerpted from The King Center website**

During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December 1955 until April 4, 1968, African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than in the previous 350 years. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

Drawing inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led a nonviolent movement in the late 1950s and '60s to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in the United States. While others advocated for freedom by "any means necessary," including violence, Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. He led similar campaigns against poverty and international conflict, always maintaining his principles that men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed, are equal members of the human family.



The Nitty Gritty on



(Historical article reprinted from Spring 1999 GRIT)

It was a simple question. Why did they call it The Grit? There were a few opinions but no one knew for sure. And there were a lot of questions. "Wasn't there a newspaper in the old west by that name? Weren't there several? Isn't it a generic name like Journal or Sentinel or Tribune? And by the way, who were they, anyway?"

A few phone calls produced an incomplete list of past editors of the Sandia Heights Grit going back to about '74 or '75...maybe. Seems that's when the Grit got started as a single page flyer, run off on an old Gastetner and hand delivered to the handful of pioneers living here at the time. By collective vote, it was named The Grit because it was, in fact, pretty gritty up here when the wind blew. Now if anybody has a better story or wants to expand on the myth, feel free to contact the editor. [ed., That still goes for today.]

The True Grit

There is another Grit. The true Grit one would guess because it predates ours by over 100 years. Seems there was this German immigrant, Dietrick Lamonde, who started the whole thing in Williamsport, PA, back in 1882. The concept was to print only the "good news," and appeal to rural tastes and traditions. It became a weekly distributed by a nationwide network of young carriers. It promoted peace, good will, courage, strength and happy thoughts. "Make every issue ring the joy bells of life," was it's [sic] motto. Really.

And it's still around today. Owned by Ogden Publications out of Topeka, Kansas. And by golly, they've even got a web site and an 800 number. When I called and asked about the origins of the name, I got, "Not sure, probably had to do with the dirt in the air."

ACC Activity Log

Summary of Approved Projects activity since the last GRIT:

37 Sandia Heights Drive – Roof Extension to Cover Entry

720-20 Tramway Lane – Garage Door Replacement

793-P Tramway Lane – Replace 2 Windows

805 Tramway Lane – Dog Run Enclosure

947 Deer Drive - New Construction

1542 Eagle Ridge Place - Landscaping

1856 Tramway Terrace Loop – Repaint Exterior Portions of House

2752 Wolfberry Place – Storage Unit Installation

9109 Lynx Loop – Photovoltaic Panel Installation

9110 Lynx Loop - Replace 3 Garage Doors

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

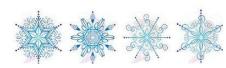


Sandia Peak Ski Area & Ski History By Susan McCasland, Comm & Pubs Committee Chair

How many other major-city neighborhoods have a ski area in their back yard? A 15-minute tram ride puts you at the top of the Sandia Peak Ski Area, which is projected to open January 5 this season.

Sandia Peak has 39 runs, with the longest traversing 2 miles, which makes for quite a long cruiser! The area has 5 lifts, 1700 feet of vertical and 200 acres of skiable terrain. It is the oldest ski area in New Mexico. The first runs were cleared in 1935 and it was then called La Madera Ski Area. But skiing in the Sandias goes back even further. There is a photo from 1896 of a skier at the Ellis Ranch. If you're interested in the history of skiing in New Mexico, then the New Mexico Ski Museum is for you—and it's even closer than the ski area. The museum, open daily, is free and is located at the base of the tram. For further information on the museum, see http://www.nmskihall.org and on the ski area, including which, if any, lifts are running, see

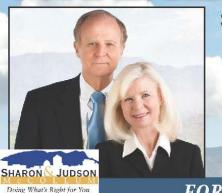
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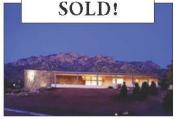




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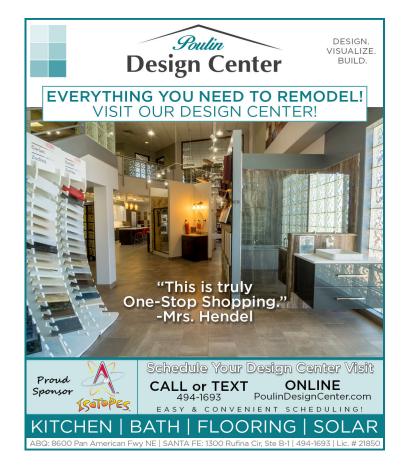
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2020 Resident Guide and Directory Cover **Photo Winner!**

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the 2020 Resident Guide and Directory. The photo chosen for the cover was submitted by Connie Welty. You may submit your entries for the 2021 Resident Guide and Directory to sandiaheights@comcast.net shha@sandihomeowners.org from until November 2020.



Trash Cans

This is the time of year when we generate lots of trash and recyclables. If there is too much for your recycle bin, paper and boxes can be taken to the Eagle Rock transfer station (no charge for the outside bin use) or places like Sonic/Lowes on Juan Tabo. You can also call Sandia Heights Services at 856-6419, and ask what other options, like special pickups, might be arranged. Remember that your trash bins need to be out of sight except on pick-up day. Trash bins should be placed behind a fence, screen, or put in the garage.

Community Event Bulletin Board

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

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

office@stchadsabq.org 'www.stchadsabq.org

Worship Times: Thursday at noon and Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:15 am Breakfast is served after the 8:00 am and 10:15 am Sunday services

Please join us for the celebration of the Eucharist with the LGBT community on Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm, potluck will follow.

Sandia Heights "Cork & Fork" Dining Activity: We meet on the second Saturday of every other month, starting in September, gathering in the homes of our members. Each small dinner group is typically 6-8 people, including the hosts. We try to switch up the groups, with everyone rotating (host/attendee) as the year progresses. 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, one a September kick-off, and an end-of-season gathering in July. The dinner group was started in September 2005, with 15 interested couples from Sandia Heights. Adult Sandia Heights residents are welcome. To inquire or join any time of year, call Paula Baxter at (505) 330-1518.



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The SHHA Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.