

SANDIA GRIT

1979

"NEWS OF SANDIA HEIGHTS"

September 6, 1979

WELCOME

During the last 3 months there have been a number of new families who have moved in and we wish to welcome them. We hope that you will join with the rest of your neighbors to make this a great place to live. You are encouraged to join the Homeowners Association and to get involved. We are always looking for new leaders!

SCHOOL DAYS - CHILDREN

The school season has started again and we want to remind residents, young and old to DRIVE SLOW. Live Oak Rd, Juniper Hill, Tramway Lane are all school zones with several children waiting for buses along the way. PLEASE WATCH FOR THEM, SLOW DOWN.

DOGS & MOTORCYCLES

According to my observations the dogs have been sticking close to home. The people of Sandia Hts appreciate not having their garbage ripped open every day.

After school the children are playing or riding their bikes in the streets, please remember this when you are driving home after work. DRIVE SLOW.

Again we would like to remind parents who let their children ride motor-bikes around the area to tell them to slow down, and review the safety rules.

GUARD REPORT

The city and county police depts with the assistance of the security partol arrested 4 juveniles in the past 2 weeks. These juveniles were involved in break and entry burglaries over the last 6 months. They admitted responsibility to about 50 incidences throughout the city and county.

Information received from an alert resident allowed security to investigate two subjects by tracing their license number. The result was 4 arrests, recovery of property and their admission to many illegal entries and thefts. All were not residents of Sandia Hts.

Calling security for suspicious persons or vehicles is not only appreciated but also a tremendous help. At present security is on 74 hours a week and these hours are directed to prime times when the majority of residents are not at home.

Days, John Laben (Bullet)
Nights, Paul Deitz
Thomas Richardson

Next deadline for GRIT is December 20, 1979. Please write articles out and deliver or mail to 455 Live Oak Rd. NE before deadline.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

Sandia Hts Swim Team had its most successful season yet! Livy Parsons coached the 75 member team to victories over Paradise Hills, Sierra Vista East and Sierra Vista West-B team in dual meets; and to an 8th place team standing out of eleven teams at the Sundance League City Championships.

The swimmers and parents continued the tradition of positive and enthusiastic support, not only in their swimings efforts, team spirit, but hard work. New starting blocks, backstroke flags, kickboards, lane ropes, a starting gun, as well as recognition gifts for coach and team members were among the summers purchases.

Rain didn't dampen the spirits or turnout of the families in attendance at the Awards Pot Luck (a special thanks to the men at the fire station for coming through on such short notice.) Individual recognition was given to those swimmers who qualified in the City Championships as well as those who participated on the team this summer. A special thanks was given to Livy for his outstanding coaching effort. (Livy has been asked to return for next season).

Special thanks go to all those "behind the scenes" board members, to Mr. Johnson for all his work on the starting blocks (Bill Schlenzic too), the Lewtons for the backstroke flags; to the Four Seasons Club for letting us use the pool, and to Inez Mortley for all those delicious baked goodies at the home meets.

A very very special thank you to each and every swimmer for participating, we are looking forward to next summers swim season, have a good winter!

STABLES CHANGING A LOT MORE THAN IT'S NAME

Tramway Stables, formerly Sandia Peak Stables, is undergoing a change in ownership, management, and the name. The new operation embraces a totally new philosophy. The new owners are dedicated to creating an atmosphere at the stable which is a wholesome and fun place for the entire family as well as providing many new party and entertaining ideas for residents. Well planned breakfast rides, hamburger rides and cookouts, and fall hay rides will provide residents with unique entertaining opportunities appropriate to the uniqueness of Sandia Heights.

The stable provides horse rental and excellent informal riding lessons. Much effort is being expended to upgrade and improve the quality of the boarding facilities available for horse owners.

The new owners are very eager to provide satisfactory services to residents and urge residents to try out the new services and party opportunities during the upcoming beautiful fall season. With State Fair approaching, why not try out those new western outfits on a real live horse!

SEPTIC TANKS by Ben Abruzzo

From personal experience I have found that a little extra care in regard to your septic tank system will pay handsome dividends to you in the form of dollars saved in not having to replace your drainage field and the inconvenience caused by the back-up and overflow of the system.

Although, theoretically, a septic tank and drain field should function indefinitely, in practice this seldom works out due to non-digestible substances that go into the system. Unless very careful attention is given to not allowing any food scraps, grease and other substances to enter the system, sludge will build up which, over a period of time, will be carried by the effluent into the drainage field causing the drain field to lose its porosity and thereby necessitating replacement.

I have found that by following certain rules you can insure continued use from your existing system. These rules are basically as follows:

1. Allow little or no grease into the system.
2. Allow only a minimum of raw food and food scraps into the system.
3. Use biodegradable soaps and detergents.
4. Check your septic tank at least every 6 months to determine the amount of sludge in the tank. The sludge on the bottom is important, since it robs the tank of operating efficiency as it reduces the amount of

SEPTIC TANKS - continued

water that can be held at any given time. The sludge on the surface, if excessive will break down and flow with the effluent into the drain field blocking the field over a period of time.

5. A regular pumping schedule will ensure that clear effluent is going to the drain field and should preclude any problems.

In summary - reasonable attention to your system will allow the system to function properly and should allow for an indefinite life of the drain field.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WANT ADS, LOST & FOUND

I would like to inform the residents of Sandia Hts that they now have a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant living in this area. If you are not now using Mary Kay, let me tell you how you may receive your products free. Also for a complimentary skin analysis and facial, please call Jo Cardamone 299-2807.

Attention mothers, part time working, teaching, etc. Sandia Hts mother interested in sitting during school hours in my home. Call 294-7332.

ORGANIZIER needed to co-ordinate car pools in Sandia Hts, interested, call Barb White at 292-1791.

BABYSITTING, call Stephanie Lubow, 14 yrs old, 299-2364

BABYSITTING, call Racquel Rede, 14 yrs old, 293-5272

WANTED, looking for someone in Sandia Hts to do part-time typing and office work in private home. Secretarial experience necessary, if interested, call 293-2880.

CLEAN WINDOWS, Danny's Window Cleaning Co. free estimates, call 883-3681.

Recognition mugs may be picked up at Mrs. Mortleys after Aug 25, #3 Sandia Hts Drive. Team T-shirts can be purchased from Mrs. Mortley too!

Anyone wishing to serve on the new Sandia Hts. Swim Team Board, contact Nancy Rose 294-2782.

LOST: June 16, Man's wrist watch with turquoise band, probably on Red Oaks or Tramway Lane, Keepsake, Reward, call 299-7925.

LOST: a seal point siamese cat, part of our family, reward, call 293-2893.



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