

SHHA Addresses Forest Access Issues

"Sandia Heights is a community of residents who are especially tuned-in to family exercise and fitness and also to wildlife and natural vegetation," says Lenora Austin, '90-'91 SHHA Vice President and Director of Parks and Recreation. "This is what makes our hiking and biking trails and access to the national forest such an important part of the day-to-day life in our community."

Lenora reports that the focus of recent meetings with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, the Sandia Peak Tram Co., and Sandia Heights residents has been the development of a viable, cohesive plan that will allow maximum use and enjoyment of the trail system and forest while protecting the natural vegetation and wildlife, as well as the rights of individual property owners.

"Many residents and also the general public have become accustomed to using

certain access points and trails into the national forest," Lenora says. "Not only do some of these trails cross private property which causes problems for the affected property owners, but due to the large number of trails in use, both wildlife and vegetation are being disturbed and destroyed."

No new trails or forest access points are being established or designated within the Sandia Heights community, Lenora reports. The purpose of this concerted effort is to clarify the official and legal forest access points, trails, and easements that already exist. This will allow such concerns as parking, trespassing, and protection of the wildlife and vegetation to be handled more efficiently in the future. To help avoid confusion, forest access points, parking areas, and easements are marked on the new map that will appear in the center of the 1990-91

Sandia Heights Residents Directory, which will be mailed to all SHHA members in the next few weeks.

In addition to working with the Association to determine existing trails and access points, the forest service has developed several alternative plans for the upgrading of foothills trails from the Tram parking lot to the new Embudito parking lot.

"U.S. Forest Service representatives are looking for input on the proposed plans from the residents of Sandia Heights," Lenora said (see Community Bulletin Board for information on upcoming forest service meeting). "The SHHA Board encourages you to review the plans and take an active role in deciding how we can best utilize and protect this wonderful natural resource that's right at our community's doorstep."

President Appoints Director of New Development

"New commercial and residential development in our area is a fact of life," says Bob Williams, newly elected SHHA Board Member. "And given the large amount of both undeveloped commercial and residential tracts around and within the Sandia Heights community, this will be part of our lives for some time to come."

Bob has been appointed by SHHA President Bill Stabler as Director of New Development where he will be responsible for keeping abreast of developments -- both residential and commercial -- that may impact the Sandia Heights community.

"We originally thought that staying abreast of new development would be part of the activities of the SHHA Government Liaison Committee," Bill said.

"However, the Tramway Improvement Project and all of its ramifications is keeping this Committee very busy. Bob is an active member of the Government Liaison Committee, however, and will work closely with Chair Rod Stewart and other members to coordinate their activities and responsibilities. Bob's also our first SHHA Board member to reside on the west side of Tramway Blvd. Since the majority of undeveloped land is located in this vicinity, Bob and his fellow Sandia Heights residents on the west side of Tramway have an even higher degree of interest in these projects."

"The purpose of the New Development Committee is not to take an adversarial role or oppose all development in the area," Bob says. "That would be both

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7:30 p.m.

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Message From The President

-- Bill Stabler, '90-'91 SHHA President

Do you know what the Homeowners Association Board of Directors and its Committees do? Do you know how your dues are spent? Should the Board and its Committees push for legal action on covenant violations? Should Association dues be utilized to help fund litigation against covenant violations?

I ask these questions because only 1/2 of 1 percent of the 1000 plus members of the Association attended the annual members' meeting and election of new Board members in June. If the Board looks at this statistic in a positive way, then we must presume that your interests are being well represented and your needs are being adequately met, and the Board will continue to take actions we deem necessary and sufficient to uphold the by-laws of the Association.

On the other hand, if you think the Association is not meeting the community's needs, then I urge you to take positive action. A group of neighbors or club members sitting around discussing the shortcomings of the Association is not only non-productive but also counter-productive to improving the effectiveness of the SHHA Board of Directors and the quality of life in our community.

What will make a difference is your interest, positive participation, and cooperation in the actions and activities of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. The SHHA Board of Directors has a full agenda of concerns and responsibilities and too few Association members who are willing to take an active role in addressing those concerns. As the new SHHA President, I am personally inviting you to attend the next Board of Directors meeting. If you would like some time on the agenda to address a particular issue, just contact me or the SHHA office prior to the meeting.

However, I would like to point out that the Homeowners Association can not offer a cure-all for all of the problems affecting our community, and it can not serve as a policing agent to enforce the covenants on your behalf. It is the Association's responsibility to address issues that have an impact on the overall community. In addition, the Board and staff do their best to direct you to the appropriate people and other sources for help and information. However, each individual resident also must be willing to deal with the problems that impact him/her personally. In other words, positive and productive action to improve your street, subdivision, or the overall community should begin with you.

New Development Director

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a waste of time and counterproductive to the growth and economic development of the city, county, and state. Our goals are to stay informed regarding all proposed new development in our area; evaluate the potential affects of each development on the property values and overall quality of life in the Sandia Heights community; and act as a focal point for information about each project."

Bob encourages all SHHA members with questions regarding the proposed Primrose Pointe development in North Albuquerque Acres to give him a call at 292-4949 and hopes residents will notify him if they see any posted signs about zoning changes or requests for special use applications. Bob also is seeking Committee members who would like to get involved in this area of the Association's activities.

SHHA Members Select New Directors

Five new members of the SHHA Board of Directors were elected at the Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, June 2 to replace Directors whose terms had expired.

At the Annual Board of Directors meeting on June 13, Board members elected their slate of officers for the coming year. Following is a list of the 1990-91 Board of Directors and their positions and/or areas of responsibility.

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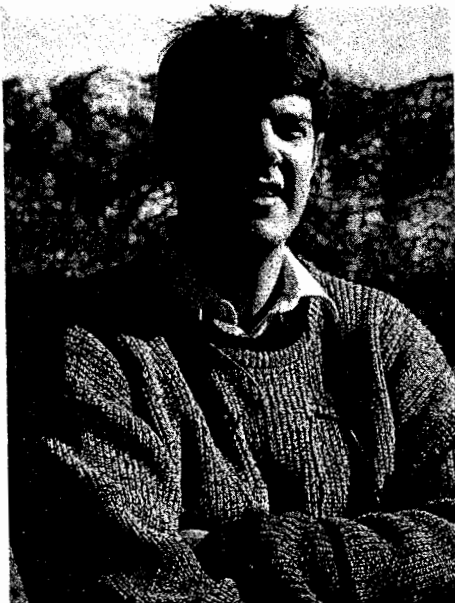
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Gritty Letters

THE GRIT welcomes brief, original letters concerning current topics of interest or concern to Sandia Heights' residents. Letters must include full name and signature of the author, address, and telephone number (though these can be omitted from the published copy, if requested). The newsletter staff reserves the right to edit or condense any letter. Send letters to the GRIT, c/o Sherry Lombana at the above address.

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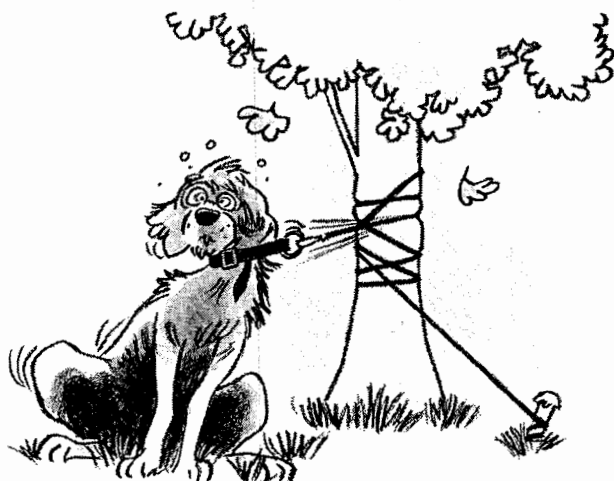
This issue of *The Grit* was mailed to 1090 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

From The Desk Of Chief 5

I want to commend all of the residents in the Sandia Heights community for your assistance and cooperation during the weed burning and fireworks season. Even though it's been extremely dry and fire danger has been very high over the past three months, the fire department has responded to only 10 calls. During the same period last year, we responded to 127 brush and fireworks-related fires.

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- The U.S. Forest Service will host a public meeting on Thursday, August 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Elena Gallegos picnic area. U.S. Forest Service representatives will present information on three alternative plans developed by the Core Interdisciplinary Team for upgrading foothills trails from the Tram parking lot to the new Embudito parking lot. All Sandia Heights residents are urged to attend and provide input on this important project.
- The winding, narrow roads in Sandia Heights make it imperative to observe posted speed limits. Let's not wait for a community tragedy to occur before we remember to SLOW DOWN!
- The Sandia Heights Stitchery Group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You're invited to bring your quilting, embroidery, knitting, mending, or craft and join us for socializing and sewing. Bring a bite of lunch, and your hostess will furnish beverage and dessert. The next meeting is Monday, September 10 at Lucy Russell's, 618 Cedar Hill Rd., 294-3583.
- Wildflower enthusiasts in Sandia Heights will meet on Monday, September 10 for a potluck supper and a tour of one of the community's spectacular gardens. Call Mary Colton (294-5510) or Bev Grady (275-0798) for more information on the meeting or other club activities.
- Reminder: Sandia Heights residents who do not wish to receive advertising material delivered via plastic bags which are left on, or in the general vicinity of, their mail boxes are urged to call the Door Store, 345-1600. They will stop delivering the material upon request. Residents who wish to continue receiving the material are asked to retrieve it promptly before it blows away and litters their neighbors' yards.
- There will be no trash collection on Monday, September 3, due to the Labor Day holiday. Refuse will be collected on the following day, Tuesday, September 4.
- A number of letters and calls have been received by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association regarding the new, red neon sign at the Firehouse Restaurant. Architectural control for this area of Sandia Heights has not been relinquished by the Sandia Peak Tram Co. and, consequently, signage at the restaurant falls outside the legal jurisdiction of the Association. Residents who wish to express their opinions/concerns about the sign should contact Val Torres at the Firehouse Restaurant, P.O. Box 11544, 292-3473.



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Don't wait until a few days prior to the desired starting date for your construction or renovation project to submit plans to the SHHA Architectural Review Committee for review and approval. This kind of last minute effort not only creates headaches for the Committee, but it also can cause aggravating and costly delays for you and/or your contractor.

In accordance with the Declaration of Restrictions (covenants) for all Sandia Heights subdivisions, the Committee has 30 days from the date of submission to either approve or disapprove the plans. The plan approval process involves the following steps: Initial plan review to verify that all required information has been provided; assignment of a Committee member to follow the project from review through completion of construction; nearby property owners are notified and invited to see the plans; plan review to verify compliance with the covenants; site inspection by Committee member/s; Committee consensus is reached regarding approval or disapproval; approval letter and other necessary paperwork are

prepared; plans and appropriate correspondence are returned to homeowner/contractor.

No construction project is permitted to commence without first receiving approval from the Architectural Review Committee. Contractors/residents who start construction before receiving approval are automatically in violation of the covenants and subject to appropriate legal action.

With the exception of inviting adjacent property owners to see the plans which is done only in the case of a variance request, new home construction, or home addition, the steps in the approval process remain the same. While the Committee makes every effort to expedite this process, residents and contractors alike should recognize and appreciate that the Committee is comprised of volunteer-members of the SHHA Board of Directors who perform this service for the Homeowners Association in their "free" time and in addition to their regular full-time jobs.

Information and forms for submitting plans for review and approval are available from the SHHA office, 275-9112.

New Home Construction

Plans recently were submitted and approved for new home construction at the following addresses. Construction at these locations has already started or will begin in the near future:

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MARY ANN O'BRIEN

After thirteen years of selling Real Estate and advising others on ways to remodel, up-date and improve their homes value (especially their kitchens) without losing their investment when it comes time to sell, the shoe is on the other foot. My Sandia Heights home had a kitchen so dark we could have held a seance there. In spite of a skylight, the counter top, cabinets, walls and floors seemed drab rather than cozy, and closed-in rather than spacious. At clean-up time my son complained of eye-strain. It was time to remodel.

Now although I have no plans for moving, I decided to take the advice I give to friends and the clients I work with at Camco Realty. "Remodel with an eye to improving the value of your home, without losing money on your improvements when you sell." A wonderful side benefit of this advice, is that you save money at the same time. It's quite easy to lose from \$10,000 to \$30,000 on the striking, but poorly thought-out changes you've made in your dream kitchen.

Here are some general rules of thumb, (even if yours is allergic to hammers and you plan to have an expert to do it).

1. Evaluate what you must keep. In my case, I decided the dark wooden cabinets were really quite nice, so I kept them but changed their setting.

2. New counter tops and cabinet knobs added pizzazz for pennies.

3. Even more obvious is a new coat of paint to the walls. In my case, I used an off-white paint to lighten the kitchen dramatically, but added a border of wallpaper for a touch of color.

4. To do away with the clutter and provide convenience, have a carpenter match your cabinets' wood and build an "appliance garage." Maximize the space inside the garage by adding a "lazy Susan."

5. Take a hard look at your floors, especially in the entryway and kitchen, which often receive the most traffic. Why not change

the floor covering now, so you can enjoy it, rather than waiting and buying new tiles or carpets for the next owner?

Since many homes in Sandia Heights were built between ten and twenty years ago, it actually makes more sense to remodel here, because the homes have retained their value. Before you call in a carpenter or interior designer, however, I'll be happy to provide pizzazz to your home, but give you the most return for the money.

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and local laws that often vary from state to state.

I've discovered one thing. I don't always follow my own advice. I know the kinds of landscaping that adds that special "curb appeal" that goes a long way to selling a house. But I still planted lots of flowers. Why? Because I love flowers - and also because I learned about wild flowers when I joined the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club.

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National Magazine To Feature Beautiful Homes Of Albuquerque

Mary-Jo McCarthy, one of Sandia Heights' newest residents, has that special entrepreneurial savvy that causes something to click in her head when a good idea comes along.

That idea came to fruition in the form of Southwest Sampler magazine, Mary-Jo's solution to how to sell the crafts of local artisans. She took her idea to Sampler Publications Inc. of St. Charles, Ill. who was already publishing Country Sampler and Victorian Sampler.

"I was fortunate to be able to turn my love for everything Southwestern into a profitable enterprise," Mary-Jo says. The first issue of Southwest Sampler premiered in January, 1990, and its immediate popularity even surprised the publisher and Chicago staff. The magazine is distributed nationally through B.

Dalton, Waldenbooks, and independent shops.

Southwest Sampler is a quarterly periodical that offers handmade craft items from throughout the Southwest along with articles on homes, decorating, cuisine, art, and lifestyles of the Southwest. Of the 99 advertisers in the first issue, one third of them were New Mexicans and seven were New Mexico craft cooperatives.

Focus of the Spring, 1991 issue of the magazine will be a look inside the beautiful homes of Albuquerque.

"We are just in the planning stages right now," Mary-Jo says, "and that's why I'm asking Sandia Heights' residents for their help. We are looking for Southwest-style homes, particularly with

Southwestern furnishings and art. If your home fits this description, then we might be interested in photographing it for our Spring issue."

The publisher asks that you send snapshots of both the interior and exterior to Kristen Browning-Blas, Editor, Southwest Sampler, 707 Kautz Road, St. Charles, IL 60174.

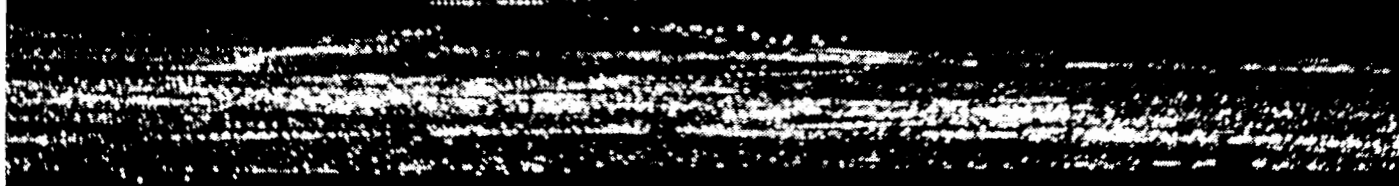
Even though Mary-Jo, a former music agent, and her husband, Dan, just moved into Sandia Heights in June, they are both long-time residents of Albuquerque. "Dan and I have been crazy about our home in Sandia Heights for years. Actually, we wanted to move up here ever since our friends, Dugan and Sandy Elkins who were the former owners, first invited us over. When they put the house up for sale, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to move into our dream house in our favorite neighborhood."



Cathy Conn

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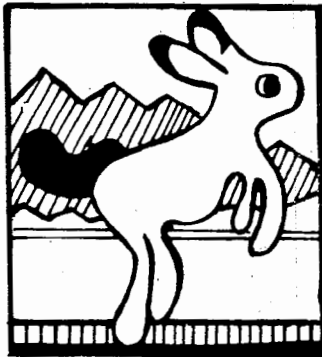
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Some of our neighbors are really a kick! Top of the list is that rackety friend, the roadrunner who makes noises like a rusty gate or, at other times, sounds as if the cat has been stepped on (I understand he thinks he's crooning a love song when he does that). He not only makes insulting noises but is absolutely without any sensibility about anyone's (or dog's) privacy and considers that all houses and yards are part of his personal estate.

He behaves as if he thinks he is God's most enchanting creature, in spite of the fact that he moves very much like the animated cartoon that was based on him . . . like a wheeled toy that has not been oiled for years. He does have that bright red spot behind his eye and a blue one in front of it, a handsome crest that he can raise or lower when he chooses, a few blue-black or greenish feathers and a bit of bright blue on his scales which he may think is dashing but perhaps is a bit declassé' compared to some other birds.

He is one of the few creatures that the dog will trouble to run off the lawn, but he only moves some comfortable distance to calmly watch the idiot dog make a fuss. He appears completely fearless. His favorite perch is on top of the chimney where he can denounce the activities of the rest of the world. We are lucky that we still have open land around where he can continue to chase the insects and lizards that he feeds on and close enough so we can observe his activities. He approves of the water we put out but those who have pools should watch out for him. He can't swim and has been known to drown in shallow water. He can fly a bit and can sail

THE VIEW FROM JACKRABBIT HILL

great distances if he gains a bit of height but prefers to rummage around the ground most of the time.

The West is full of wonderful tales about this odd member of the cuckoo family; about his ability to catch and swallow snakes, even rattlers; about his lack of fear of men and preference for regular habits as well as his group hunting activities. A friend tells me about a doctor she knew who had a roadrunner friend that waited regularly at 4:30 when the doctor came home (he must have been a dermatologist!!) to be fed a chunk of hamburger, after which he went on his way until the same time the next afternoon when he showed up for his treat.

One morning we watched through the glasses what appeared to be three or four roadrunners attacking something in the grass, perhaps a snake. They were obviously acting in concert. First one would jump up, then pounce, and then another would repeat the performance. This

went on for several minutes. We never found out what they were attacking, but they were all in on the act. There are stories of roadrunners using cactus pads to attack rattlers and even building fences of colla spines around them so that the snakes exhausted themselves as they tried to strike out of the cactus corral. Quite unbelievable but affirmed many times!

Anyone who would like a more detailed account of this cuckoo (in several senses) bird should read Virginia Douglas' little book, Road-Runner, put out by Naturegraph. He's a neighbor to be watched.

--Jean Heflin

[Editor's Note: Jean Heflin has co-authored a book with Erma Pilz on penstemons of New Mexico, a native North American wildflower. Watch for news of its publication and an autograph signing party.]

SHHA NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES

Meet new neighbors and see "old" friends at the neighborhood coffees. Mark your calendar and notify your hostess if you plan to attend so that she can plan accordingly! Call Connie Krelle at 299-0116 if you would like to have a coffee or if you need a ride.

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Tramway Landscaping Presents Thorny Problem

Landscaping for Tramway Blvd. continues to top the list of concerns of the SHHA Government Liaison Committee.

While County Commissioner Pat Cassidy struggles with a \$2 million shortfall in funds to complete the actual road construction from Paseo del Norte to Tramway Rd., a 9-person committee formed at the request of Commissioner Cassidy is

working on the landscaping issue. Three representatives each from Sandia Heights, Glenwood Hills, and North Albuquerque Acres comprise the committee with JoAnn Zembiec, Mary Colton, and Beverly Grady appointed by Government Liaison Director Rod Stewart to represent Sandia Heights.

To date the Landscaping Committee

has met with George Radnovich, landscape architect with Bohannon Huston, and Judith Phillips, noted author and expert on low water and low maintenance (xeriscape) landscaping. It's all a theoretical design at this point, Judith reports, since there currently are no funds available to complete the working drawings or installation. At the very least the committee hopes to get a commitment from the State Highway Department that reseed- ing of the disturbed areas along the road- way will be done at a time when the native grasses will germinate... not simply upon completion of construction.

The Landscaping Committee also is researching possible sources of grant monies for the project and recently met with representatives of the U.S. Soil Conservation District who are interested in the project for soil conservation/ero- sion prevention reasons and also as a demonstration project for xeriscape landscaping.

Everyone agrees, however, that the number one priority is acquisition of the funds to complete the road construction. Commissioner Cassidy has hopes to get a \$4 million County Bond Issue on the ballot for this fall; she already has obtained a commitment from the Highway Commission to match those funds.

"As this County Commission may not be all that eager to put anything on the bond issue for the Northeast Heights, I would urge you to contact each of them and express your support," says Commis- sioner Cassidy.

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Sandia Heights Park Is Costly Spot of Green

Where's the greenest spot in Sandia Heights (excluding some residents' enclosed backyards and courtyards)? The answer is Sandia Heights Park.

Unfortunately this spot of green does not come cheaply. During the last fiscal year which concluded in June, the Association spent more than \$10,000 on park maintenance, water, and lease of the park site. The expense of leasing the park site is shared by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and the Sandia Peak Tram Co. However park maintenance and water, which comprise the major part of the park's expenses, are the sole responsibility of the Homeowners Association.

"At one point, there was some discussion about turning the park over to the County to help ease the financial burden on the Association," reports Lenora Austin, Director of SHHA Parks and Recreation. "However, since the park site is leased from the Sandia Pueblo, this is not an option."

"The SHHA Board of Directors views

the park as a real benefit to the entire community," Lenora says. "And with Sandia Heights' commitment to natural vegetation and the shortage of County parks in the area, it makes this spot of green even more important to our residents."

Only Association members can reserve the park for private parties. Lenora reports that the Board will be considering allowing nonmember residents to reserve the park by paying a usage fee to help defray some of the park's expenses. This would allow the Association not only to keep the landscaping and recreational equipment in better condition but also to add to the park's facilities. Currently, there is a baseball backstop and ball field, a children's play area with swings and a seesaw, basketball goals, and a number of picnic tables. The Association also has purchased a basketball, soccer ball, horseshoes, and baseball/softball equipment that can be checked out by Association members for their use at the park.

Due to the large number of residents

who bring their dogs to the park, the SHHA Board is considering posting "Keep Dogs Off The Grass" signs, Lenora says. People walking their dogs on the dirt areas at the park is acceptable. But when dogs are allowed out on the ball field or in the children's play area to do what dogs do best, it makes it very unpleasant for other residents who want to enjoy this facility.

"Personally, I find it incredible that these residents don't clean up after a pet who creates a mess on the grass or the children's play area," Lenora said. "That's just part of being a responsible pet owner."

Members' input and opinions regarding park usage and facilities are very important to the SHHA Board of Directors, and the Association certainly could make good use of your time and talents if you want to get involved in the SHHA Parks and Recreation program. Just call the SHHA office at 275-9112, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted.

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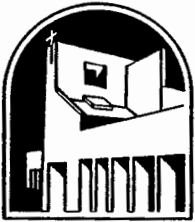
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Albuquerque and Sandia Heights: 1990 to 2000*

Albuquerque

-By 2000, the Albuquerque study area** population is projected to be 640,015 -- an 18.7 percent total increase over 1990 and a 1.7 percent growth rate during the 1990's. This compares to a 2.4 percent growth rate during the 1980's and a 3.1 percent rate during the 1970's. Overall, however, the study area will continue to grow at a higher rate than the U.S. as a whole.

-The study area is expected to experience slower growth over the next decade due to lower birth rates, fewer women of childbearing age, and decreased external migration caused by more moderate employment growth.

-In the year 2000, about 12 percent of the city's population will be 65 years or older, compared to only eight percent in 1980. However, the population of the study area is expected to remain younger than that of the U.S. as a whole.

-Within the study area, Rio Rancho and the Westside are expected to experience the fastest population growth. Rio Rancho is projected to grow six-fold during the next decade and to have a population of 63,000 by the year 2000.

Sandia Heights (PIA 13)***

-Overall growth in the Northeast Heights will be limited by diminishing acreage available for residential development. Only PIA 13 is projected to grow faster than average in the city's Northeast Heights area.

-PIA 13 is projected to more than double in size during the next decade to reach 48,369 by the year 2000.

-Migration (employment changes) is expected to be the major source of growth and will account for at least 50 percent of the growth projected for PIA 13.

-In the year 2000, the median age in PIA 13 will be 35.16.

* Data source is "Socioeconomic Projections for Albuquerque, 1980-2000" by Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of New Mexico.

** The study area encompasses most of Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho in southern Sandoval County.

*** Planning Information Area (PIA) 13 is bounded by the Sandia Pueblo and the Cibola National Forest to the north and east; Montgomery Blvd. to the south and Wyoming Blvd. to the west.

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