

## County Planning Commission Defers Primrose Pointe Decision

Applications for master plan and site plan approval for Primrose Pointe, a proposed 148-acre planned residential community on the west side of Tramway Blvd., were "indefinitely deferred" by the County Planning Commission at an October 3 hearing.

Among the reasons for deferral cited by the Commission were the following:

- Major drainage facilities, as designed, were not acceptable.

- No parks were provided in the development.

- Approval had not been acquired from the Board of County Commissioners on alignment of water and sewer lines.

- The proposal placed an unreasonable financial responsibility on the Homeowner's Association for maintenance of open space.

While the Primrose Pointe developer, S&S Associates, did not request any zone change from the present A-1 classification (maximum density of 1 dwelling unit per acre), they did file a request for a Special Use Permit which would allow the development of a Planned Development Area (maximum density of 3 dwelling units per acre). The County Planning Commission also deferred the Special Use Permit request until a decision has been made on the Master Plan.

Cliff Spirock of Community Sciences Corporation, who is representing S&S Associates throughout the planning and review process, already has submitted a revised Master Plan addressing the deferral points cited by the Commission. Spirock indicated that he plans to get the application for approval of the revised Master Plan on the Commission's

agenda just as soon as he gets the go ahead from Susan Connors, Senior Planner with the Bernalillo County Planning Department, and as soon as he has fulfilled the requirements regarding public notification of the hearings.

"I contacted both the Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres Homeowners Associations back in February to get their input on Primrose Pointe before we even started to develop the Master Plan," Spirock said. "From the outset we have tried to be receptive to the wishes and concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods. If the neighborhoods will come to us with some clear cut requests and proposals, we will do our best to respond in a positive way."

Spirock points out that the street lights that were proposed in the original Master Plan have now been eliminated, some 1.7 acres of private park land have now been officially designated, more open space has been created where the La Cueva Arroyo meets Lowell St., and a commitment has been made to establish an Architectural Control Committee and covenants that call for architectural styles compatible with the existing neighborhoods. All of these changes, Spirock emphasizes, address concerns expressed by the residents of Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres.

Primary challenger of the proposed Primrose Pointe Master Plan is the North Albuquerque Sandia Heights Coalition (NASHC), which is comprised of concerned residents from the North Albuquerque Acres and Sandia Heights communities. A NASHC fund raising drive obtained sufficient monies to retain the services of Herb Denish & Associates, a real estate consulting firm.

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## Sandia Heights Initiates Recycling Saturdays

"While everyone seems to be in agreement about the need to recycle, the costs of recycling, and more importantly, the costs for not recycling are not fully appreciated," says Bill Heflin, Director of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Recycling Program.

"The SHHA Recycling Committee finds the community's options somewhat limited," Bill says, "and that will probably remain true until the economics involved in recycling become better understood and more generally known."

Bill reports that the Albuquerque City Council is presently awaiting a comprehensive report on recycling based upon the curb-side pickup pilot project that ended in June, 1990. The report, which was due out by the end of October, will outline the options and costs involved in

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# THE Grit

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## Recycling

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recycling ranging from curb-side pickup to a central depository. The SHHA Recycling Committee has high hopes that the Albuquerque City Council will make a decision based on the results that will lead the way to new initiatives in Sandia Heights.

### Sandia Heights Recycling

"Meanwhile we must take advantage of current opportunities to recycle!" Bill says. The Recycling Committee has selected the fourth Saturday of each month for a neighborhood recycling day. Sandia Heights' residents should bring aluminum, glass containers, newspapers, and cardboard to the parking lot of the Quail Run Shopping Center, corner of San Rafael and Tramway Blvd., between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

A City truck will pick up the recyclable materials and remit any funds from their recycling to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. Funds from the SHHA Recycling Program will be set aside for use on a special project to benefit the Sandia Heights community. If you have an idea or opinion about what that community project should be, contact the SHHA office at 275-9112. Your ideas/opinions will be compiled into a report for presentation to the Recycling Committee and, subsequently, the SHHA Board of Directors.

## Other Opportunities

Garden clippings and much kitchen waste can be recycled through composting. If you would like more information on composting and building compost bins, give Bill Heflin a call at 291-0489.

Reynolds Trailers throughout the City accept aluminum cans, foil, and trays. The trailer closest to Sandia Heights is located in the supermarket parking lot at the intersection of Juan Tabo and Candelaria.

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US Recycling at 2330 2nd St. SW (south of Stadium) is accepting household lots of plastics for recycling. As yet, they are not prepared to accept truckloads of plastics.

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## Catch The Holiday Spirit

The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association will once again sponsor the annual Holiday Lights Contest. Prizes will be awarded in two categories -- traditional decorations and luminaria displays. Judging by an impartial panel will be conducted on December 24 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

All SHHA members who wish to participate must fill out the entry form included in this issue of The GRIT (see page 3) and mail it by December 7 to Rainer Schelp, SHHA Director of Parks

and Recreation. First, second, and honorable mention winners will be named in each category, with first and second place winners receiving cash awards. All winners will be highlighted in the February, 1991 issue of The GRIT.

In the tradition of the Land of Enchantment and in keeping with the holiday spirit, let's all get involved and make Sandia Heights the bright star at the base of the mountain.

Good luck to all contestants!

# BULLETIN

## BOARD

- A newly-formed SHHA Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for interested members. The Committee's goals are to improve Sandia Heights Park, as well as the hiking, jogging, and biking trails in our area. Committee members recently repaired the swings at Sandia Heights Park and are now checking into providing more play equipment for younger children. Efforts also are being made in conjunction with the Sandia Heights Guard Patrol to tighten security at the park thereby cutting down on vandalism, use of the area for nighttime "parking", and associated problems. Persons interested in getting involved in this active and enthusiastic committee should contact Rainer Schelp, 291-0504.
- There will be no refuse collection on Thursday, November 22; Tuesday, December 25; or Tuesday, January 1. In each case, refuse will be collected the following day.
- Sandia Heights residents are urged to take advantage of a special pickup for Christmas trees during the week of January 7-11, 1991. Place your tree out on the day of your normal refuse collection, and it will be picked up at no extra charge.
- The dates for SHHA's Recycling Saturdays (see story on page 1) over the next three months are November 24 and December 29, 1990 and January 26, 1991. Bring your aluminum, glass containers, newspapers, and cardboard to the parking lot of the Quail Run Center, corner of San Rafael and Tramway Blvd, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.
- 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. Call Lucy Russell (294-3583) for information about the next meeting.

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## Deadline for the February "Grit"

The deadline for submitting ads or information for the February issue of "The Grit" is Tuesday, January 15, 1991. Please submit all materials to Sherry Lombana, 14201 Endantado NE., Albuquerque, NM 87123, 275-9112.

## "Grit" Circulation

This issue of *The Grit* was mailed to 1085 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

## From The Desk Of Chief 5

In the lull between State Fair, International Balloon, and Halloween and the start of the frantic holiday pace is a good time to check out your residence for potential fire hazards.

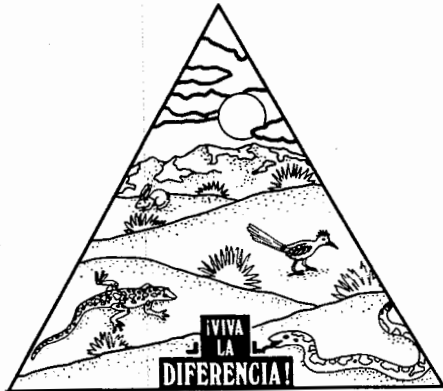
Change the battery in your smoke detector, and make sure it's working properly. Check around your home in storage areas, garages, closets, or any other places where things may be stored that could start a fire.

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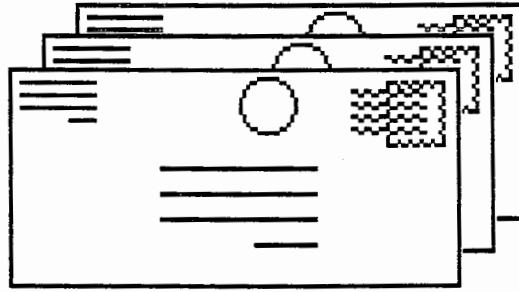
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*THE GRIT welcomes brief, original letters concerning current topics of interest to Sandia Heights' residents. Letters must include full name and signature of the author, address, and telephone number (though these can be omitted from the printed copy, if requested). The Editor reserves the right to edit or condense any letter. Send letters to: THE GRIT, 14201 Encantado Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.*

Everyone likes a sense of security, and many of us in Sandia Heights have an alarm system in our home. Properly used, these alarm systems can provide protection against burglary and fire and may support medical emergency communication.

Unfortunately, security systems also can create major neighborhood ill-will due to alarm system abuse. Irresponsible neighbors frequently allow their alarm system to go off for extended periods during all parts of the day and the middle of the night. Children are awakened and people go without sleep because some people are not responsible with their systems. In essence, these people are disturbing the peace and creating a nuisance, both of which are against County ordinance and the covenants for Sandia Heights. In addition, when someone's security system continually sounds false alarms, neighbors soon become apathetic and thus may not respond to an actual burglary or crisis.

I would like to offer the following recommendations to homeowners to help insure neighborhood tranquility and to avoid alarm system abuse:

- Be sure you are aware of the proper use of your alarm system by thoroughly reading the owner's manual. If possible, the system should be programmed to reset after a specified period of time. This will stop the alarm from going off for extended periods.

- Ensure that your alarm system is in proper working order.

- Make provisions to deal with the alarm while you are away from your

residence. Subscribe to the Sandia Heights Guard Patrol, and make sure they have access to your system and the proper code to turn off the alarm. Reach an agreement with one of your neighbors on what to do if the alarm goes off.

- Consider having your system monitored by a professional monitoring service. Even if your system was not installed by a company that provides monitoring services, you may be able to obtain this service if you find a company whose equipment is compatible with your alarm system.

I believe residents who continuously abuse their alarm systems should be reported to the County Sheriff and be subject to the appropriate fines for disturbing the peace and creating a nuisance. In addition, I think that either the Sandia Heights Guard Patrol or the Homeowners Association should consider initiating an ongoing campaign to register all security systems in Sandia Heights. This would be similar to the compulsory security system registration in the City of Albuquerque whereby homeowners are required to have on file the name, address, and phone number of a responsible party who can be contacted to shut off the alarm, if necessary.

While alarm systems provide us an increased level of security, conscientious homeowners must also be aware of their neighbors' rights and feelings. Remember, most of us chose to live in Sandia Heights to enjoy the quiet and peaceful setting.

*Rainer and Cathy Schelp  
6103 Bluebird Lane*

## Primrose Pointe

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"Denish & Associates has alerted the Coalition to areas of the proposed Primrose Pointe Master Plan that might have an adverse affect on our communities," said Bob Williams, a member of the SHHA Board of Directors who has joined the NASHC.

NASHC members also obtained some 500 signatures on a petition stating the Coalition's main concerns with the Primrose Pointe Master Plan which will be presented to the County Planning Commission.

### Housing Density

"Even though a number of changes have been made to address the requirements of the County Planning Commission and concerns of the Coalition," Williams said, "many of the NASHC's objections center around the proposed dwelling units per acre (DU/AC) in this development. And that's an issue that has not been satisfactorily addressed by Community Sciences Corporation or S&S Associates."

In accordance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan, a Subarea Master Plan, and a County Design Overlay Zone, 14 acres of the proposed development are limited to 1 DU/AC (14 maximum allowable) and 134 acres are limited to 3 DU/AC (402 maximum allowable). This brings the maximum number of allowable dwelling units on the 148 acres to a total of 416. S&S Associates has submitted a proposed Site Development Plan for 416 lots.

"By requesting the maximum number of dwelling units allowable on this acreage, S&S Associates has greatly increased the likelihood for drainage and traffic problems and over crowding of our area's schools," Williams said. "Quite some time back, Denish & Associates submitted to Community Sciences Corporation a proposed alternative Master Plan with fewer overall dwelling units per acre. We have yet to receive any kind of response on this proposal," Williams said.

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## Primrose Pointe

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"It was really the Clifford Company that opened the door for this development," said Cleve Matthews, Land Operations Manager for the Sandia Peak Tram Co., "by assembling this 148 acres of contiguous land. After the company was forced to sell off some of its land holdings, it was just a matter of time before another developer stepped in. At one point the Sandia Peak Tram Co. seriously considered developing this site itself."

Matthews said that Sandia Heights residents should consider the fact that the proposed density of Primrose Pointe is less than many already developed areas of Sandia Heights. As examples, Matthews cited the Brushwood Subdivisions with 5.5 DU/AC and some subdivisions in Unit 7 with 7 DU/AC.

### City Annexation

"The high density proposed by S&S Associates also requires the running of City water and sewer lines to Primrose Pointe," Williams said. "Even though the developer plans to run lines at his own expense, we feel this greatly increases the probability for City annexation not only for Primrose Pointe but also for some areas of Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres. If Primrose Pointe is annexed, that would make some areas of Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres adjacent to City land."

Users of City water and/or sewer service who reside outside the City of Albuquerque pay an additional surcharge, which make water and sewer charges more expensive in these areas. However, the general consensus is that higher City taxes more than compensate for any savings in water and sewer costs that residents would realize by being annexed. In addition, residents would be expected to pay the necessary assessments to bring roads up to the current City standards and codes. The net result would be an inevitable and sizeable increase in the cost of living as a result of City annexation.

In accordance with the Declaration of Restrictions (covenants), the Sandia Heights subdivisions along Tramway Blvd. that are on a sewer system can be annexed at the City's option "as soon as the subdivision meets the City's statutory annexation requirements." This was a City requirement in order to provide sewer service to these areas.

"Personally, I don't see how bringing City water and sewer to Primrose Pointe will hasten City annexation in Sandia Heights or North Albuquerque Acres," Matthews said. "One of the requirements for annexation is that the area is contiguous to City land, and none of these neighborhoods, including Primrose Pointe, would fit that requirement."

Cliff Spirock said he has, in fact, discussed the guidelines and requirements for City annexation of Primrose Pointe with City Planner Rex King as part of his commitment to S&S Associates to pursue all avenues and possibilities.

### Runoff and Roads

While there seems to be some differences of opinion regarding acceptable housing densities and increased prospects for annexation, everyone appears to be in agreement on the importance of developing an adequate drainage plan and the likelihood for increased traffic problems caused by Primrose Pointe.

"Hydrology experts tell us that the Primrose Pointe community will cause a 30 fold increase in downstream storm runoff, a factor that can not be ignored or minimized," Williams said.

In response to concerns raised by the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), Community Sciences Corporation has submitted a revised drainage plan for Primrose Pointe. "Major drainage facilities will be designed in accordance with AMAFCA and County hydrologist's standards," Spirock said. "We also propose that all major drainage facilities will be maintained by AMAFCA, just as they are in Sandia Heights. Only minor drain-

age facilities, such as street swales, detention ponds, and related open space areas, would be maintained by the Primrose Pointe Homeowners Association."

"In addition, the development of Primrose Pointe with the maximum allowable dwelling units per acre will have a devastating affect on our already congested streets," Williams said. The City Public Works Department estimates that the average weekday travel to and from Primrose Pointe would increase traffic by 173 percent; morning peak hour vehicle trips would increase 163 percent; and afternoon peak hour vehicle trips would increase 173 percent.

"Design and construction of County roads simply has not kept pace with development," Williams said. "S&S development could do everything by the book to build the roads within Primrose Pointe, but nothing will change the fact that the main arterial streets in our area are inadequate for current levels of traffic. Even though some road construction projects are already underway, relief for our area's current traffic problems is a number of years away."

### Be Informed/Get Involved

Bill Stabler, President of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association, urges interested and concerned SHHA members to take the time to become informed on all aspects of the proposed Primrose Pointe community.

"Limited space in "The Grit" prevents us from printing all available information," Bill said. "Whether you're pro, con, or undecided on the Primrose Pointe community, the best interests of the Sandia Heights community and surrounding neighborhoods are served when residents are informed and aware." For more information on Primrose Pointe, you may contact Cliff Spirock at Community Sciences Corporation (897-0000) or representatives of the North Albuquerque Sandia Heights Coalition, Bob Williams (292-4949), Susan Noftsker (299-9644), or Tom Kennedy (293-2904). ■



# 1990 Swim Season Is A Hot Success

Congratulations to Coach Guy Seiler and the 53 Sandia Heights swimmers who competed during the 1990 swim season!

Eighteen of the 53 swimmers competing in preliminaries on July 28 and July 29 at the Coronado Club qualified for the finals held on July 30.

The Sandia Heights Swim Team scored 157 points in the Championship Finals and placed 9th out of the 15 teams in the Sundance Aquatic Association.

A special thanks goes out to all the parents for their help at the individual dual meets as well as at the Championship Meet. Three individuals deserve special recognition for their time, dedication and service throughout the summer -- Jan Randall for her service on the Sundance Aquatic Association Executive Committee; Kay Jarrell for serving as the Parent Representative to the Sundance Aquatic Association; Susan Riesmeyer for receiving the Outstanding Parent Volunteer Award.

Dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and team spirit are bywords of the Sandia Heights Team, and we're proud of every swimmer!

We hope to see all swimmers back for the 1991 season along with some new faces.

Following is a list of individual qualifiers on the team by age group:

## 8 Years & Under

Christie McAdams-4th alternate/25 yd. backstroke; Louis Guillory-2nd alternate/50 yd. freestyle; John Smuda-3rd alternate/50 yd. freestyle; Phillip Guillory-4th alternate/25 yd. butterfly.

## 9-10 Years

Emily Cooper-3rd/25 yd. freestyle, 3rd/50 yd. freestyle, 4th/25 yd. butterfly; Sarah Riesmeyer-1st/25 yd. freestyle,

6th/100 yd. individual medley, 2nd/50 yd. freestyle; Ben Jarrell-5th/25 yd. freestyle, 2nd alternate in 100 yd. individual medley, 1st alternate/50 yd. freestyle; Jimmy Smuda-3rd alternate/25 yd. backstroke, 2nd alternate/25 yd. butterfly; Jimmy Butler-3rd alternate/25 yd. breaststroke.

## 11-12 Years

Shanna McGee-8th/50 yd. freestyle, 5th/50 yd. breaststroke; Ashley Krueger-3rd/50 yd. backstroke; Chris Jarrell-5th/50 yd. freestyle, 4th/100 yd. individual medley, 1st/50 yd. breaststroke.

## 13-14 Years

Melissa Jarrell-4th/50 yd. freestyle, 2nd alternate/50 yd. backstroke, 2nd alternate/50 yd. butterfly; Megan Riesmeyer-3rd/50 yd. freestyle, 6th/100 yd. freestyle; Jenny Fisher-3rd alternate/50 yd. breaststroke.

## 15-18 Years

Marcy Cooper-8th/50 yd. freestyle, 7th/100 yd. freestyle, 8th/50 yd. butterfly; Nathaniel Williams-3rd/50 yd. backstroke, 6th/100 yd. individual medley, 2nd alternate/100 yd. freestyle; Colin Humphries, 4th/50 yd. butterfly.

Following is a list of results for the Sandia Heights Swim Team relays:

## Medley Relay

8 & Under Girls -- 10th place  
8 & Under Boys -- 7th place  
9-10 Girls -- 4th place  
9-10 Boys -- 7th place  
11-12 Boys -- 7th place  
13-14 Girls -- 7th place

## Freestyle Relay

8 & Under Girls -- 12th place  
8 & Under Boys -- 5th place  
9-10 Girls -- 3rd place  
9-10 Boys -- 4th place  
11-12 boys -- 11th place  
13-14 Girls -- 9th place  
13-14 Boys -- 10th place

# Construction Booms In Sandia Heights

The SHHA Architectural Review Committee has been extremely busy during the past few months keeping up with submittals for new construction and renovations.

Plans have been approved for new home construction at the following addresses, and construction at these locations has already started or will begin in the near future:

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823-6693

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299-0155

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54 Rock Point Place  
Stright Construction Co.  
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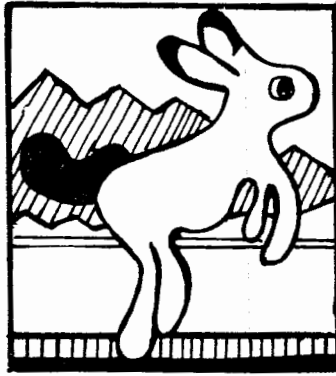
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1989 was a good reminder for us all. For a few years we had so much rain that we all had been thinking that we were living in a near-Mediterranean climate. Then came 1989, a truly drought year with months of high temperatures, hot winds, even at night, and almost zero humidity and only about 5 inches of rain. Surely, this was the kind of year that sent the Anasazis looking for new homes with more permanent water supplies and sent early New Mexico ranchers searching for new horizons.

We gardeners were frustrated trying to keep new plants alive; the low humidity dried the moisture right out of new leaves ever as we stood there with a watering can. Ponderosa pines died by the dozens. Even some of those that had extra water from concerned friends died of heat stress; many of those that were friendless often did not make it through. Cottonwoods and poplars that had been happy in the Heights for years suddenly realized that this year was beyond their tolerance level and shriveled up. The grama grass looked dry enough to blow away, but bless it, it wasn't dead, just hangin' in there.

But still, we did not lack for blooming plants if we looked to the natives. In July, I made a list of plants along our road that were blooming, even though we'd had no rain for many weeks: Clammyweed, Rocky Mountain bee plant, wild zinnia, stick leaf, wooly yarrow, gaillardia, chocolate flower, coneflower, pepper grass, buffalo gourd, verbena and datura. Many did not have the lush bloom of some summers but were still producing

## THE VIEW FROM JACKRABBIT HILL

flowers in spite of the drought. Last summer the chocolate flower perhaps had even more flowers than other years and without the rains this plant, which sometimes has a tendency to sprawl, remained more compact and was especially welcome.

In the garden, the desert willow didn't mind the drought and kept on sending out its lovely pink blooms. The desert penstemon pseudospectabilis bloomed all summer. I have to admit that along about August I felt sympathy for the dry

side of the garden and give it a good soaking for which it responded gratefully by looking fairly decent for the rest of the summer. If I'd been trying to grow petunias they would have had a hard time even if I'd been watering every night and morning. I think I'll try to learn more about other plants that know how to survive here in a year when even the Anasazi would have been thinking about moving on to find some long lost cousins where the grass was taller.

--Jean Hefflin

### Feathered Friends Favor Foothills

Sandia Heights' own resident ornithologist, Dr. Roger K. Hoppe, has compiled a bird checklist applicable to the western side of the Sandia Mountain foothills.

Roger compiled the data over a four-year period of avid bird watching at his home on Eagle Ridge Dr. -- the official habitat being Pinyon-Juniper woodland-upper Sonoran zone (elevation 6,240 feet).

Some 97 different birds are rated according to abundance (abundant, common, uncommon, rare) and status (year around resident, winter resident, summer resident, transient). Roger notes that all of these birds have been observed from his Sandia Heights residence.

Members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association can obtain a copy of the checklist free of charge by contacting the SHHA office at 275-9112. If you get the answering machine, please state you want Roger's Bird Checklist and leave your name and mailing address.

### Sandia Heights Wildflower Club



The club's September meeting featured a potluck supper and a tour of Libby and Bob Bennett's spectacular garden. Landscape designers Bill Hayes and Robin Mason led the tour and answered questions.

Lynn Doxon, PhD, extension urban horticulture specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service of New Mexico State University, will address the club at their November meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Bev and Gil Grady, 935 Bobcat Blvd. Call Bev Grady (275-0798) of Mary Colton (294-5510) for more information on the meeting or other club activities. All gardening and wildflower enthusiasts are welcome.

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# Diverse Backgrounds And Interests Create Well-Rounded SHHA Board

Take time to get acquainted with your SHHA Board of Directors. Not only is it helpful to know whom to call when you have questions or concerns, but these neighbors would welcome your interest and participation in the activities and responsibilities of the Homeowners Association.

## Bill Stabler, President

A retired Regional Engineer with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Bill Stabler has specialized in the design of fish hatcheries and wildlife refuges. A graduate of Purdue University with a BS in civil engineering, Bill is a registered professional engineer and land surveyor. He also is a pilot in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and District Membership Chairman for Optimist International.

Residents of Sandia Heights since 1977, the Stabler family has a history of service to the community. Bill has been a member of the SHHA Architectural Review Committee since its inception in July,

1988 -- a post he resigned to take the presidency of the Association. Bill's wife, Jane, just completed a 3-year term on the Association's Board of Directors, first in the position of Direct Services Chair and then as Secretary to the Board.

## Janey Brink, Secretary

Janey Brink returned to New Mexico with the desire to have the mountains nearby. Sandia Heights provided the perfect setting.

An avid sports enthusiast, Janey has a BS in education with a major in physical education and health and minor in political science from the University of Texas at El Paso. Besides working as a teacher for over ten years, Janey also was the assistant buyer for the Alpine ski and water sports departments for a sporting goods chain with stores in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Arkansas. Janey and her husband, Chuck, particularly enjoy traveling the backroads of New Mexico with friends and relatives.

## Robert (Bob) Williams, New Development

Bob Williams retired from Federal civil service in 1986. His last position was with the U.S. Air Force Contract Administration Division where he performed surveillance and audit over major contractors to the USAF in such areas as traffic management, fleet operations, expense accounts and logistics.

While Bob's hobbies include photography and music appreciation, his special interest is Schutzen -- the sport of training working dogs in the combined disciplines of tracking, protection, and obedience.

An Albuquerque resident since 1974 and Sandia Heights homeowner since November, 1989, Bob has accepted the newly-created position as the SHHA's Director of New Development.

## Andres Viamonte, Architectural Review

Andres Viamonte is a principal of AVID Engineering, Inc., the firm that is responsible for the final design of the Tramway Improvement Project from Paseo del Norte to Tramway Rd. A graduate of the University of New Mexico with BS and MS degrees in civil engineering, Andres specializes in blending environmental concerns and public involvement with engineering elements and public agency requirements. Prior to joining AVID, he was Vice President of Bohannon-Huston in charge of the Transportation Division. In this position, Andres was responsible for traffic engineering, transportation planning, design, and environmental corridor projects and studies.

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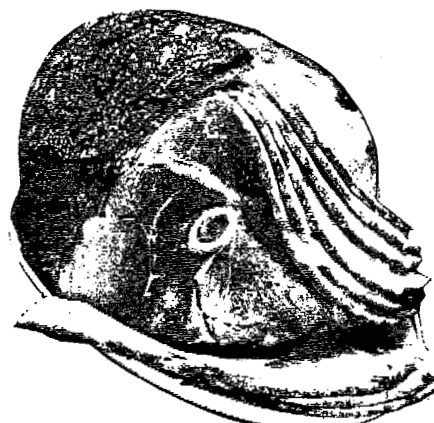
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Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday, December 12**

**10 a.m.-12 noon**

**at the home of Marianne Tregembo**

**164 Juniper Hill Rd.**

**294-5222**

**Wednesday, January 9**

**10 a.m.-12 noon**

**at the home of Barbara Narath**

**1534 Eagle Ridge Dr.**

**293-0444**

**Wednesday, February 13**

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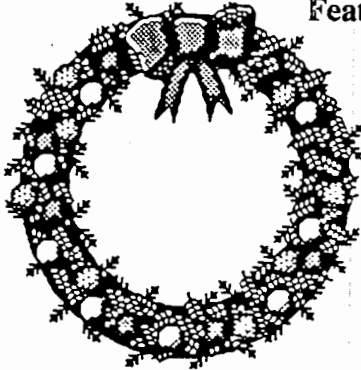
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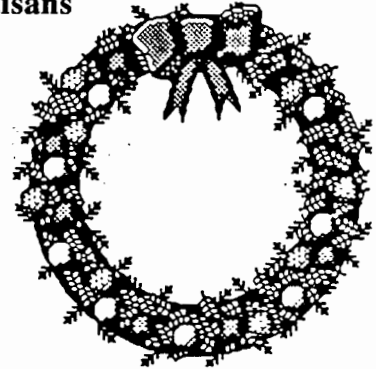
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