

President's Message

After lengthy negotiations, Sandia Properties and the Association Board have been unable to come to agreement on the sublease of **Juniper Hill Park**. Primary issues were length of the lease, lack of ability to terminate it if necessary, Association liability and access for maintenance of the water tank. Sandia Properties will restore the park to original condition. Bernalillo County will place the park equipment at the San Bernardino/Trailhead Park. The County had expressed willingness to take over maintenance and watering of the park under a suitable agreement. The Board will continue to work with the County to determine any alternative means of providing a park for residents.

The fall weather, as usual, is absolutely beautiful. The temperature is perfect and the sun glinting off the golden chamisa is a treat for the senses. (Never mind that it smells bad and we're all allergic to the pollen.) Speaking of chamisa, it does have a tendency to encroach on our charming, narrow roads. **Overgrown vegetation** creates a dangerous situation for our numerous walkers, pets and for vehicles attempting to dodge traffic from the opposite direction.

Please take a few minutes to survey your property along the road; if vegetation is blocking views in any direction trim it back. The County has warned us that crews will be out this fall to trim the right-of-ways that are a hazard. Their crews are **not** professionals and the results may be less attractive than the property owner would like. So it's a great time to be outside, get some exercise and have some revenge on the chamisa for all those itchy eyes and runny noses. And while you're out there, check for dirt and rock that may have washed down from your driveway or property this summer, another hazard that is easily remedied.

I have some related concerns I'd like to share with you. I moved here because I wanted to

live in a beautiful place with great views, scenic natural vegetation and covenants to protect property values. I suspect you had similar reasons for locating here. It seems that as Sandia Hts. has grown, we've lost touch with the sense of community which existed when the subdivision was smaller. Or maybe the fact that there are more people and homes exacerbates the problems. In any event, **the Association receives many, many complaints along these lines:**

NOISE: House alarms that go off repeatedly (the majority of these are false alarms); barking dogs; loud parties; construction noise early in the morning. **IRRITATIONS:** Dogs running loose; dogs leaving unpleasant reminders of their presence in yards and driveways. **SAFETY HAZARDS:** Speeding traffic (see article below). **COVENANT VIOLATIONS:** RVs, RVs and RVs.

Your volunteer Board wants this to be a good place to live, just like you do, and that's what we're working for. But we aren't, and can't be, very effective "police" or at least not as effective as some self-regulation could be. So let me encourage you to talk to your neighbors when there's a problem. Very often, they may not be aware their alarm goes off randomly or they are violating a covenant. It's a good idea to review your covenants because there is so much variation among units. Misinformation abounds and it's best to be sure. If you don't get results, the Association will take action if it has the authority to do so. But your case may be stronger if you've given it a try first and you might even be surprised by the good results.

The Board and I are interested in your priorities for the Association, particularly in the area of covenant enforcement. We'll be looking at ways to get systematic, objective input from the members. In the meantime, don't hesitate to call the office at 296-1412 or write to SHHA, PO Box 20021, ABQ 87154-0021.

Anne Yegge

Speed Humps Slowing Down Complaints

By Jane Goins - Chair, Traffic & Safety

The speed humps installed at various sites in Sandia Hts. have been received with mostly positive and supportive responses. Many are requests for additional speed humps to be put in on their roads. Suggestions of streets that could benefit are being collected and we are working with Bernalillo County to discuss installation.

There will be another County truck in the area to pick up chamisa/vegetation trimmings on November 4th and 18th. Please clear roadways and leave trimmings at the road side. The County will not take trimmings from the entire property.

The committee on Road Safety is still meeting with Martin Garcia and the County on a regular basis. If anyone is interested in joining us, please call Jane Goins at 856-1847 for the date and time of the next meeting.

N. Albuquerque Acres Stresses Traffic Safety Issues

The Transportation Committee for the North Albuquerque Acres Community Assn. has asked SHHA to pass the word about the traffic situation developing in the area as the community continues to grow.

Congestion will increase on Paseo del Norte, with students going to La Cueva and the future elementary school. Most of the roads through The Acres are configured in straight, 1/2

mile long blocks, which easily lends itself to high speeds even on the existing dirt roads. Paving will only increase the speeding problem. Traffic /transportation committees have been established on both the North and South sides of Paseo to address their safety issues. But they could use our help in observing residential traffic rules and speed limits as more and more cars travel through their streets.



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ROUNDHOUSE REPORT

New Mexico Faces a Slowdown in Tax Revenues; Special Session Needed.

In the face of an expected shortfall in General Fund revenues of at least \$65 million by the end of the current fiscal year, June 30th, 1996, at this writing we believe the governor will issue a call for a Special Session of the legislature before this report is published in the GRIT. The latest word is that it might be scheduled for two days during the week of November 13-17. Action to be taken by the legislature will include targeting the current 2.5% reduction implemented by the governor; adjusting a shortage in public school funding of some \$17 million; and restating reserve ratios to allow renewed accumulation of tax revenues into reserve funds for the state. There may well be legislative activity in the Special Session relative to the Indian Gaming Compacts executed by the governor and several Pueblos and Tribes. Whether the legislature will merely ratify the existing compacts or establish a standard compact for all Pueblos and Tribes in New Mexico to abide by, will make for interesting dynamics in the session.

Next Regular Legislative Session Begins at Noon on Tuesday, January 16, 1996, and is Expected to Be Very Contentious.

With all 112 legislative seats up for election in 1996 (70 in the House and 42 in the Senate), we expect a great deal of activity in the thirty day session as the majority party spars with Governor Gary Johnson. Although the state constitution requires lawmakers to limit legislative activity to matters of finance and the state's next fiscal year budget, the governor can include non-financial matters in his "message to the legislature." We expect he will do so in the area of gaming and even some bills that he vetoed himself following the last regular session. There will undoubtedly be attempts at overriding those vetoes, particularly in the area of line-item vetoes in House Bill 2- the state's main general appropriations act.

Please feel free to contact us if we can answer any questions prior to the approaching regular session. Thanks!

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Pet Safety Tip



Now that your fall yard clean-up is in the process, the time is perfect to rid your yard of foxtails. They are not an animal part but a common grass type found in all parts of the country. It usually grows in bunches and spreads rapidly along runners. The seedlings are designed much like fishhooks with barbs to allow one-directional movement and can cause severe problems for pets.

Many times the seeds will get into an ear canal or between the toes and begin to migrate. Once seeds are under the skin they are difficult to find and often require anesthesia to remove. Sometimes several attempts over several months are necessary. There have been several cases of migration into the chest or abdomen causing life threatening situations for your pet. The danger of penetrating the ear drum is of prime concern also.

The best way to keep your pet safe is to rid your yard of the grass by pulling it out before it goes to seed. Contact your local garden center for assistance. If you suspect that your pet has a problem, see your veterinarian immediately.

Chelle Schumann
VCA Veterinary Care Animal Hospital



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County Of Bernalillo

Fall Report



Recently I had the privilege of speaking before the United States House Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight. The invitation was extended by Committee Chairman, Congressman William J. Clinger Jr. of Pennsylvania, who wrote: "Because of your extensive past service as a member of the Bernalillo County Commission and your ongoing commitment to responsible and efficient government, we would welcome your participation."

Issue: the example from my constituents

"In the April 1995 issue of Governing, an article by Alan Brinkman told of about two dozen counties in the state including Phoenix, which in the fall of 1995 won the International Competition of one of the two best governed cities in the world and Maricopa County, which he described as one of the worst city governments. The following day has to have been a day that we, the elected representatives, did not always have the luxury of time during a well run government. Some of us have to correct existing deficiencies before we can follow through with planning."

As an example, I would like to cite that Bernalillo County had 62 walk findings in the 1995 fiscal year audit. Fifty of these were prior year repairs and 12 were current year findings. Four of these were either non-compliance or material weaknesses in internal controls. By FY 1996 there were only 14 findings, some involving internal controls. By FY 1996 our audit was substantially improved and was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Competitive National Financial Report (CNFR) certification.

Our audit requires us to address fiscal issues which affect how we handle the public's funds. We have been committed to apply prudent principles in setting our revenues and expenditures programs. It is also our responsibility to ensure the public that the services they approved through local taxes in the budget, in the propositions before their elected representatives, are delivered in an efficient and responsible manner. To this end, we as County Commissioners, have adopted budgets in the last four years which have not increased taxes.

During the same time, the volume in the community has increased by \$1.2 billion dollars. These new services were programs which the voters selected in bond projects as well as the legislature appropriated the capital expense and we picked up the operating and maintenance costs. In 1996, Bernalillo County followed its bond rating to AAA with county's while operating on the rating with Standard & Poor's. The new rating is equivalent to the State of New Mexico being and higher than that of the City of Albuquerque. This new rating allowed the County to raise its bond funds at an effective interest rate of 4.50% percent.

Another example of restructuring the government of the County is called "partnering." It is the process of bringing all of the stakeholders in a project - the providers as well as the recipients of services - together to discuss and resolve issues. The goal is to create an environment where trust and mutual respect develops, build a cooperative bond and facilitate the completion of a successful project to the mutual benefit of all. Partnering was utilized in a Bernalillo County project to build the interchange at Fourth Street and Second Street. From its inception, the project has experienced minimal disputes, is ahead of schedule and is widely recognized as an excellent example of saving the ultimate stakeholder - THE PUBLIC.

Traditionally used in the construction phase, Bernalillo County initiated a partnering program for the Southern Corridor Partnering study. The partners include among others the Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Defense, Dept. of Transportation, the Air Force and various national laboratories. While the end results have not been realized as yet, it has produced some very productive dialogue.

There is also the reality that sometimes multiple agencies and different levels of government create inter-agency initiatives which we face the challenge to integrate. As across we are expanding our code enforcement and to handle electrical planning and mechanical permitting, as well as transportation, all of which are currently handled by the same. We are focusing on providing one-stop shopping to our customers, and streamlining the back-of-house process.

My constituents need to see. Watch your pocket and your dollar will take care of themselves" is a phrase we hear often. I truly believe this phrase is vital to good government. When you live in the shadow of the day, every level of government can provide better services with fewer resources. We must trust the wisdom of our constituents and we must provide open, honest accounting. As elected officials, we owe our citizens duty to be fair, equitable and use good judgment when in our decision making. We must not govern in a vacuum. The goal is to be one of the best our governments in the world. And our mutual obligation in being so is to accept the challenge."

With your trust, I send this wishes for a wonderful New Mexico autumn.

Barbara J. Secor
Bernalillo County Commissioner
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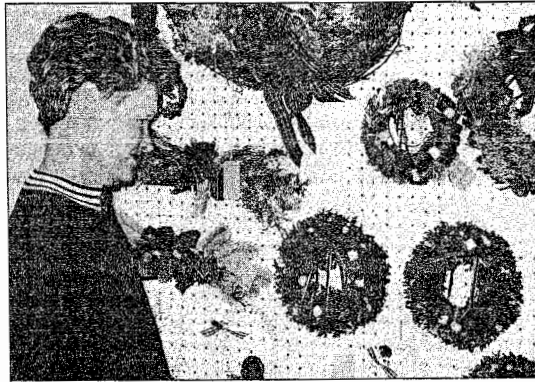
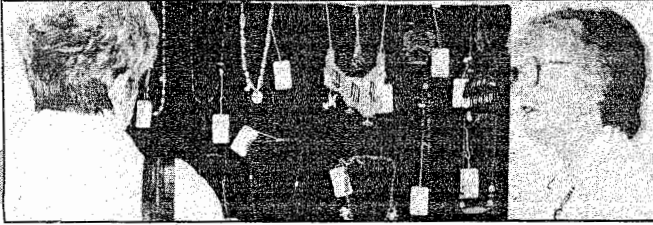
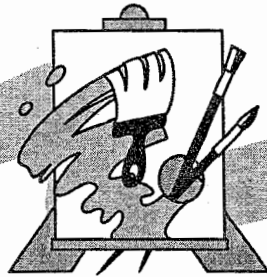
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SHHA Fall Bazaar Reaps a Cornucopia of Arts & Crafts

By Ruth Friesen - Community Services Chair, SHHA

Friends and neighbors flocked to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Assn. Arts and Crafts Bazaar on October 22nd. Nearly 20 artists displayed their handiwork. Wreaths, jewelry, jams, Christmas ornaments and photography were just a few of the items selling like hotcakes.

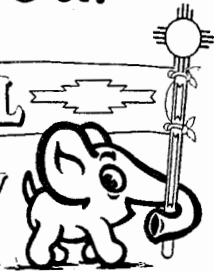


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ARC Formalizes the Procedures to Handle Covenant Violations

By Bill Stabler and Jon Cashwell – Co-Chairs, Architectural Review Committee

the plans, the Committee monitors activities to ensure compliance. It does not address issues relative to inspection or drainage.

Activities in the Covenant Control area are less well defined and thus have occupied more of the Committee's time. It has sought to identify covenant non-conformance, or, where a complaint is received, verifies the complaint. It is the feeling of the members that in most instances violations are due to a lack of attention to the covenants rather than an intentional violation. The Committee has, therefore, identified an approach that will support this philosophy:

1. After identifying or verifying a covenant violation, the Committee will issue a letter informing the property owner of the violation and request that it be addressed within 30 days. In keeping with the philosophy that most violations are not intentional, a copy of the covenants with the violation highlighted will be attached.
2. If the violation has not been addressed within the requested time frame, a second and possibly third letter will be issued.
3. If the problem remains unresolved, the violation will be forwarded to the Association's legal council with a request to further notify the property owner.
4. If the problem remains unsolved, the Board of Directors will be notified regarding the initiation of legal action.

Standardized letters of notification for both Architectural Review and Covenant Control are in the process of being finalized. In addition, a questionnaire is being developed regarding the covenant issues and priorities that will be distributed in the near future. Personal interviews will be conducted, first by members of the Committee and subsequently by members of the Board to assist in the gauging of residents' concerns with prioritization of covenant control issues as well as the possible development of more standardized covenants across the entire neighborhood – which would require a referendum of the residents.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

- The Architectural Review and Covenant Control Committees have developed during the past few months a philosophy, rules and responsibilities of the two committees and have standardized letters of notification.
- A surveying of all Sandia Heights neighborhoods for covenant violations will be conducted.
- Agreements are being drafted to assist in the gauging of residents' concerns with prioritization of covenant control issues.

Activities of the Committee have emphasized definition of the roles and procedures of each of the functional areas: Architectural Review and Covenant Control. Architectural Review processed requests for modification to Sandia Heights properties centering largely on new construction and remodeling. The Committee's responsibilities in this area are relatively well defined and are integrated with processes of local government as well as the requirements of financial lenders. The Committee reviews plans for compliance with the covenants; issuing variances where deemed appropriate. Following approval of

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The SHHA recycling volunteers allowed the kids to have the cans to earn money (over \$100 this time!) for their projects and their donations to Tidman Therapy Service, a program for physically challenged children. Tidman can always use new special equipment and manpower to help. The kids are hoping to have a class where they can learn how they can help in this wonderful program. Children who would otherwise never have the opportunity to ride a horse, get to experience the joy and freedom many of us take for granted. Ms. Tidman is a registered Occupational Therapist and explained how riding works many muscles we probably didn't know we had. So not only do the children have lots of fun, they also gain in strength and muscle control.

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Don't Get Rattled by Sandia's Native Creatures

By Mark Birkenhauser - New Mexico Department of Game & Fish

Many Sandia Heights residents were shocked by the frequent sightings and problems with snakes this year. Attracted by the large rodent population, rattlesnakes showed up on patios and under decks. Learning a little about these unusual creatures can surely help.



Reptiles of myth, fright, and even beauty—rattlesnakes occupy special places in the natural world. New Mexico is home to seven varieties of the 31 species and 70 sub-species known to exist. They range from large to small in size, dangerous to less threatening in bite, and common to rare in number. All have rattles on the end of their tails and they all have venom.

The rattle is a series of horny rings, formed by keratin. These grate against each other in pulses to cause the rattle, the rate depending on temperature and even humidity. The pulsing cycle may be 21 per sec. at 50°- 99 per sec. at 104°. The rattle begins with a soundless button on a young snake and grows with age. Interestingly, the rattlesnake is deaf and doesn't hear its own sound.

Precursors to the rattler probably originated in Asia, then spread to Europe, Africa and the Americas - across the Bering Strait land bridges in the latter case. Mexico was possibly a center of development for rattlesnakes and they may have spread from there. They're found only in the Western Hemisphere.

Folklore is replete with stories of rattlers making the "sss" sound to charm their prey. They may not sound a warning before they strike, but

probably use the rattle as a warning, so snakes can escape from enemies. When they bite, they inject venom through long, hollow fangs. Some harmless snakes, such as bullsnakes, may posture like a rattlesnake, vibrating their tails and striking out when cornered.

Rattlesnakes are cold-blooded. In New Mexico they typically hibernate in winter when bodily functions slow down considerably. Spring brings them out again and is generally their mating season. Young are born from August to October and head for cover under rocks, in holes or beneath bushes.

They feed largely on mice, rats, prairie dogs, gophers and ground squirrels. Birds, eggs, lizards, frogs and toads are also eaten. Their prey is swallowed whole and then digested. Depending on the size of the prey, it may be quite a while before the next meal is needed. The color of a rattlesnake's dry scales often matches the environment - brown, gray, green, red, pink or yellow. They shed their skins periodically as they grow a new set of scales beneath.

The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, *Crotalus atrox*, is found throughout much of New Mexico and is the species most likely encountered. One of the largest, it is usually gray-brown in color. Many here have a reddish to pinkish gray tone. It lives in flat plains and rocky canyons, from grassland desert to pine-oak forest, gathering in dens in colder months. Temperature seems to affect its activity more than light. It may be found crawling in daylight or at dusk in the spring, but is only active at night in the hot summer months. The Western Prairie Rattlesnake, *Crotalus viridis*, is also prevalent here. It differs in color from greenish-gray to a pale brown and has a light-colored ring on its tail that darkens with maturity.

If you find a rattlesnake near your home, call Animal Control at 873-6706.

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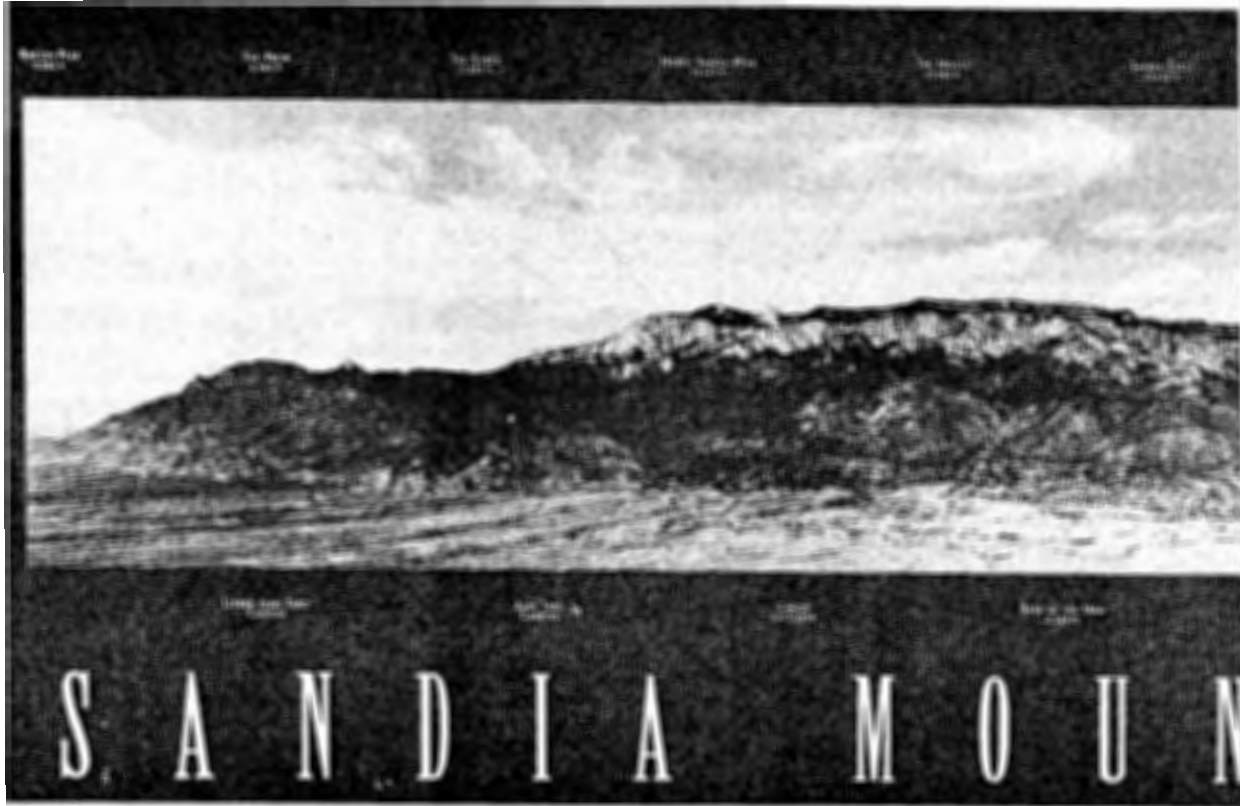
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Appreciating Our Own Back Yard

Janey Brink, SHHA Communications & Membership Chairperson, happened across a dramatic new photographic print of the Sandias that helped her learn more about the mountains. Curious about how the print came to be, she discovered it was the work of Scott Bell, a resident of Albuquerque for more than 45 years. She learned about his love for the Sandias and why he chose to create the print.

The Sandia Mountains are perched right in our backyard. Even so, it's probably true that not too many of us can name their features. Isn't it surprising how little we can know about the things we can see every day?

Not knowing about his own backyard is what prompted Scott Bell to create this poster. Walking down the Pino Trail one day, he pointed to a prominent rock formation and asked his wife Marcia if she knew its name. She didn't know and neither

did he. It seemed a shame after living in Albuquerque for so long that they knew so little about the mountains.

Scott's search for names of the Sandia's features took him to a number of sources, including US Forest Service topographical maps. He was surprised to find no clear, photographic images that showed the detail he wanted to learn about. It was then he decided to create the poster.

The photograph was taken at an altitude of 1500 feet above the intersection of Academy and Lowell with a special Fuji panoramic camera on June 24, 1994 at 4:40PM. It was a hot 98° causing a bumpy ride in a light plane. The clouds, puffy cumulus to the south and cirrus toward the north, were a little serendipity thrown in by Mother Nature.

As important as the Sandias have always been to Scott, he says he's closer to them now. After all, he knows them by name.

Printed courtesy of Scott Bell, Q-B, Inc. For information about the poster (not shown in its entirety), call 294-6931.

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May - 11
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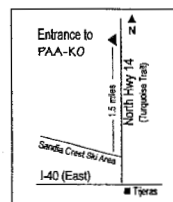


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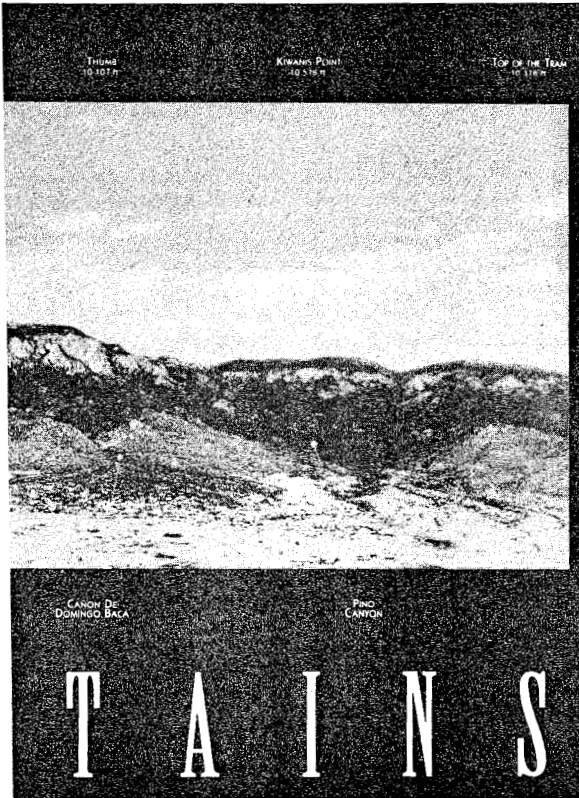
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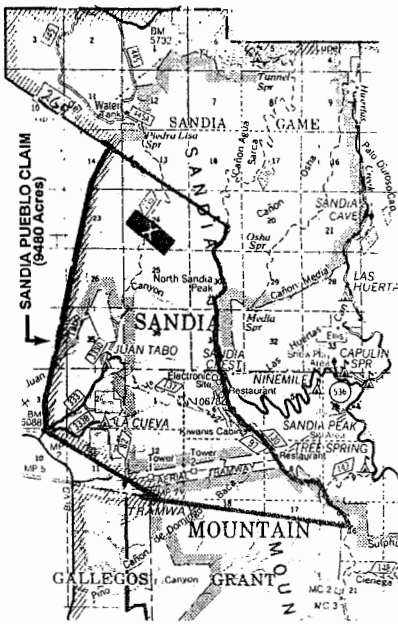
By John Thomas —
Chairman, Public Relations Committee, SMC

A new twist in the case involving Sandia Pueblo and the Sandia Mountain Coalition (SMC) may find both groups on the same side, opposed to loss of 160-acres straddling the Piedra Lisa Trail. At its October meeting, the SMC passed a resolution supporting a U.S. Forest Service acquisition of the land and its addition to the wilderness. The latest development involves a new player, Guy Riordan, whose business group may include former Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan.

Earlier this fall, the Riordan group purchased the 160 acres, posted it with "No Trespassing" signs and notified the Forest Service by mail that the property had changed hands and was now "off limits." The land had been at the top of the Forest Service's acquisition list since creation of the wilderness area in 1978 because it sits athwart of the Piedra Lisa Trail, cutting it roughly in half between the south trailhead and the watertank near Piedra Lisa Spring.

Meanwhile, the SMC awaits a ruling on its motion to intervene in the Sandia Mountain Open Space court case. The senior judge reviewing the case has the option of hearing the case himself or referring it to a subordinate, but at press time no action had been taken.

"If the case is not dismissed, the SMC will need everyone's support to win its case and keep the mountain open to everyone," said Lynne Behnfeld, co-chair of the SMC.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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ANGRY ABOUT PRIMROSE POINT

I'm really angry, and I become even more angry every time I pass by the perimeter of Primrose Pointe, the new development just west of Sandia Hts. between Anaheim and Corona. I am angry because there are still developers in the Albuquerque area who "just don't get it" when it comes to demonstrating environmental responsibility. Over the past several years information on the importance of water conservation in our high desert setting has been in the local news over and over again. Either the developers of Primrose Pointe are incredibly stupid or callously choose to disregard their responsibility in heeding the water conservation measures promoted by the City of Albuquerque. For the developers' sake I hope it is the former. However, (true to form with many other developers) I expect it is the latter.

I am doubly angry that Sandia Hts. Services agreed to supply water to this development, that has among its covenants a requirement to plant expansive lawns. It also angers me that most of the homeowners did not install landscaping designed to reduce irrigation runoff into the streets.

Those of us in Sandia Heights should be very concerned about the long term potential for potable water production from the aquifer currently tapped by Sandia Hts. Services. It is well known that there is a significant reduction in quality of water produced from deeper aquifers within the ABQ area; there is no reason to believe our aquifer is different. Installation of water purifying equipment will come at a great cost to the users (us!). I seriously doubt Sandia Hts. Services is banking money to pay for this future expense. They are more likely "banking" on us to pay for it through higher rates. Pumping water up from the City water wells to supplement Sandia's water needs would also carry a very high price tag. Besides, I seriously doubt the City would provide us with water, since Sandia Hts. Services has not joined the City in supporting conservation efforts.

Virtually all of us in Sandia Hts. entrust our water district to demonstrate community responsibility. After all, as a utility they are there to serve us first, and themselves second. Sandia Hts. Services should present SHHA members with a hydrologic study by a reputable local company which addresses the long term water quality and production potential of our aquifer. Primrose Pointe covenants must be changed to require at least 90% xeriscaping. Also, residents already living there should be given incentives by the developers to change their landscaping to water tolerant plants. If this doesn't change the current situation, the residents should be assessed a surcharge (like 300%) on their water usage above that of comparable lot sizes in Sandia Hts. This abuse of our vital water resources must change now.

Yes, I am really angry about Primrose Pointe, and the rest of SHHA should be too!

Erich C. Thomas - Sandia Heights Resident

Note from the Editor: SHHA has requested the County and State to look into this important issue.

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A View from the Ranger's Station

By Floyd Thompson III - District Ranger

Fall should be well underway, leaves turning their golden colors, frost nipping at the edges and New Mexico skies enchanting all who take a minute to step outdoors. Much has been completed this year in the **Kiwanis Meadow** area thanks in large measure to the generous support and donations of the **Albuquerque Kiwanis Club**. I can't say enough about these men and women of high civic ideals and volunteer spirit. They are what is good about the core of America and they show it with their time, money and commitment. Over the last three years, the Club has been improving the Crest Nature Trail, Kiwanis Cabin and the trails and wildlife habitats around Kiwanis Meadow. There is now a nice interpretive plaza and temporary signs informing visitors about the history and natural environment of that unique mountain meadow landscape. Permanent signs are being designed and fabricated for installation

next Spring. Thank you, Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque, for your fine efforts on behalf of the Sandias and all who will come to visit.

The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) was also a key supporter for parts of the Kiwanis Meadow habitat enhancement. **Our collective hope is to have a transplant of Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep into the Sandias by 1997 end of season**, through cooperation with the NM Department of Game and Fish. The Kiwanis Meadow had been a favorite place to view the sheep and visitors may again have that opportunity. Thank you, FNAWS and NM Game and Fish for your efforts to date.

Las Huertas Canyon has again been in the news. The Pueblo of Sandia had appealed the decision in 1989 to pave the road through the canyon and then filed a lawsuit in District Court of New Mexico. That court ruling in favor of the Forest Service was then appealed to Tenth Circuit court, which reversed the favorable ruling. This has led to the present Settlement, requiring the Forest Service to retain an ethnographer to determine whether Las Huertas Canyon qualifies as a traditional cultural property. For the interim, all construction and development projects planned in the canyon area are on hold along the entire one-mile corridor either side of Las Huertas Creek. General cleanup and maintenance of existing facilities will continue, including the repairs on Sandia Cave trail and stairway access. A special thanks to goes out to Ida Talalla and the High Desert

Conservancy group for their help. It is good to see people taking a proactive approach and trying to improve the canyon in partnership with the Forest Service.

Design improvements are underway for the Crest Observation site and parking area. Plans call for close partnerships with Sandia Crest House and, hopefully, tourism interests. Funding for improvements to the 10K Trailhead continues to be a priority, and we are planning a 25% matching project with Bernalillo County. Final budget resolution of the 1996 Appropriations Bill will determine the fate of these two projects.

Indications from Congress and the President show us 1996 will be a very challenging budget year. Please bear with us as we adjust management and reduce operations on the Sandias to meet this challenge. I am hopeful that Congress will pass a fee authority amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Fund which will designate the Sandias as a fee demonstration area for collection and retention of parking fees. These funds should allow us to operate all sites at a high level of service and keep facilities in good repair.

Once again this year we had innumerable people: volunteers, senior citizens, Los Lunas Corrections inmates and NMYCC youth who helped us care for this beautiful treasure we know as Sandia/Manzanita Mountains. Thank you for your part in making these mountains a viable place for all people to enjoy their natural and cultural heritage.

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Volunteers must be 21 or older and can be Trail Watchers while hiking, biking or horseback riding. (Unfortunately, bikes and horses will not be provided by Open Space.) Their responsibilities are to set a good example in trail use ethics; encourage other trail users to follow rules and practice safety; and report any problems or violations to Open Space Rangers. Volunteers will have no active responsibilities in enforcement. They will not be armed, be able to make arrests or write citations. Official Open Space T-shirts, patches, caps or helmets will be provided by the City.

An orientation/training program is offered for those interested in signing on. Prospective volunteers must fill out a questionnaire which can be obtained by writing to the following address:

**Trail Watch Coordinator, Open Space Division, City of Albuquerque,
PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103**

Or call 873-6620 (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm), providing name, address and phone number. Questions concerning the Volunteer Program? Contact Paul Williams on Ext. 139. Join the Open Space team working to keep the environment a clean, healthy and safe place to enjoy!



NOW YOU CAN ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Bernalillo County is welcoming support from civic groups and individuals for the maintenance of County Trails within Sandia Heights. The County's finances are limited and the public's desire for an enhanced living environment has prompted officials from the Land Management Division of Parks & Recreation and the Office of Senior Affairs to ask for neighborhood assistance.

By adopting an area and keeping a watchful eye, we can share the responsibility of improving and preserving our natural habitat. Here are some ideas of how you can help:

- Pick up and dispose of litter and debris.
- Sweep paths periodically.
- Notify County of exceptional debris.
- Notify County of graffiti needing removal.
- Notify County of needed repairs and maintenance.
- Alert County to any dumpsites.
- Report any problems to the Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator assigned to your area.

The neighborhood would be responsible ONLY for pathway/roadside areas for safety reasons. No one is wanted in or near medians. Bernalillo County will provide bags for trash removal and a sign with the neighborhood's name and adoption agreement will be designed, placed and maintained by the County on County property.

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NeighborFest Honors Four of the Best

Sandia Heights Volunteers were recognized at the League of Neighborhoods NEIGHBORFEST Banquet at the Marriott Hotel



NeighborFest award winners (left to right), Carl Bottenus, Arnold Ronebeck, Toni Seidel and Martin Garcia.

Martin Garcia

BERNALILLO COUNTY
TRAFFIC CONTROL MANAGER

Traffic and safety are very important issues in our community. Speeding on our narrow roads has been addressed by SHHA and Bernalillo County this year. The support of the Traffic Control Manager in the resolution of this problem involved posting signs, doing speed checks, installing speed humps and conducting studies for the proper speed limits on our residential streets. Recycling signs, road repairs, chamisa trimming and removal are all part of the significant effort and cooperation by County government that has greatly benefitted our neighborhood.

Arnold Ronebeck

COMMUNITY /STAR VOLUNTEER
TRAMWAY LANDSCAPE
GRAFFITI REMOVAL
RECYCLING VOLUNTEER

Volunteers can make a difference in their communities. Moving to Sandia Heights in 1990, Arnold became a major contributor to the betterment of our neighborhood. Serving for many years on the Landscape Committee, he saw Tramway change from a two-lane road to a boulevard and helped in planning the trail and native landscaping that now is being implemented. The spring of '95 found the Ronebecks volunteering to distribute barrels of wildflower seeds for planting along that same trail. Today it is used by hundreds of residents as well as Arnold, who during early morning rides, checks for graffiti with other neighbors of the City/County Graffiti Task Force. Recycle Saturdays find him hard at work unloading cars and promoting the program. Yes, one person can have impact. Congratulations, Arnold, you are a volunteer star!

Toni Seidel

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY /STAR
AWARD

Honored for her years of service on the Sandia Heights Board as the Architectural Review chair; APS advisor on the new elementary school being built to serve the neighborhood; soccer program parent volunteer; and Board advisor for the SHHA Juniper Hill Park with the Tram Company and Bernalillo County. Toni has worked hard for this community and has given her talent as a respected architect to the Association. She has brought many positive changes to the ARC process, benefiting both Sandia Heights and Bernalillo County. We thank her sincerely.

Carl Bottenus

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Recognized as a good Community Business Neighbor, Circle K Corporation has volunteered staff and supported the SHHA-County Recycling Program since 1994. Recycle Saturday is possible because all parties mentioned above worked out the logistics that allowed the program to return to Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres in March of 1995. Circle K has been active in our community as Spring Fling sponsor for two seasons; cooking and donating food and drinks. Their support and cooperation is very appreciated.

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ARC Lays Down Rules

A canvassing of all the Sandia Heights neighborhoods for covenant violations will be initiated by members of the Board and compiled for initiation of the homeowner notifications process in the near future. Ideally, covenant violation concerns should be addressed directly between home-

owners prior to notification of the Committee. Similarly, violations that are not offensive to neighbors could possibly be candidates for issuance of a variance, in some cases.

If you would like to assist our efforts or have any questions regarding the covenants in your area, please call Erin Frinkman at 296-1412. She will either send you a copy for your district or put you in contact with a Committee member.

The individuals who have volunteered their time in support of this effort to ensure a unique Sandia Heights neighborhood include:

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Don Aunapu - 856-2206
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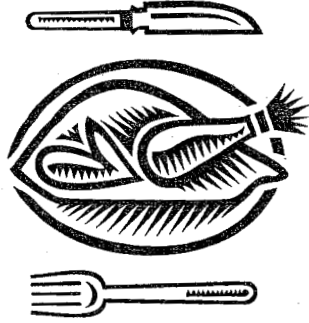




Turkey Made Easy

By Patricia Aaron — Home Economist,
NMU Cooperative Extension Service

Once again it's time for turkey and all the trimmings. Whether you're an experienced cook or a first timer, I hope the following information will enable you to have a delicious and food-safe Thanksgiving.



Buy 1 lb. of turkey per person for turkeys that weigh 12 lbs. or less; 3/4 lb. per person if the turkey is over 12 lbs.; 1/2 lb. per person for bone-in turkey breast. If you purchase a fresh turkey, cook within 3 days.

Do not defrost a frozen turkey at room temperature. In the time it takes for the center to defrost, the surface could become warm enough for bacteria to multiply to dangerous levels. USDA recommends the Refrigerator Method.

Put the turkey on a tray in the refrigerator in its original packaging. You'll need to allow 24 hours of defrosting time for each 5 lbs. If you've purchased a 20 lb. turkey, you'll need to place it in the refrigerator by Sunday, November 21, in order to cook it on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25.

For quicker defrosting, you can use the Cold Water Method if you're careful. Place the turkey in its original packaging under cold water in a sink or deep pan. Keep changing the water as often as needed to keep it cold (under 40° F). Allow 10 minutes defrosting time for each lb.

When defrosted, unwrap the turkey and free the legs from the tucked position. Do not cut the band of skin over legs. Remove the neck and giblets from both cavities. (I wonder how many of us have left parts in a turkey cavity at one time or another.) Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water and pat dry.

Never stuff the turkey ahead of time. Instead mix the dry ingredients and stuffing in advance. Add the liquid ingredients and stuff just before roasting. Use 1/2 cup stuffing per lb. for turkeys under 10 lbs.; 3/4 cup per lb. for turkeys over 10 lbs. Add 30 minutes to the roasting time for stuffed turkey. Bake extra stuffing in a dish alongside the turkey during the last 30 minutes of roasting time.

Tuck legs under the band of skin. Fold the neck skin under the back and hold it in place by twisting the wing tips under the back, or secure the neck skin with a small skewer.

A meat thermometer is the best guide to turkey doneness. For whole turkey, insert it into the thickest part of the inner thigh, not touching the bone. When done, the thermometer should read 180° F. If you don't have a thermometer, the turkey meat should feel soft and the drumstick should twist easily in the socket. Another test for

doneness is to insert a long-fine fork into the thickest part of the turkey thigh. If the juices are clear, and not pink, the turkey is done. Never partially cook a turkey and finish cooking it later. The stuffing should reach a temperature of 160° F. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the stuffing and leave it for 5 minutes.

After cooking, remove stuffing immediately and slice the turkey. Keep extra stuffing hot in a 200° oven while you eat. Never leave cooked turkey stuffing or gravy at room temperature for more than 2 hours. Refrigerate and use leftover turkey, stuffing and gravy within 4 days. For longer storage, wrap leftovers in aluminum foil and freeze. Use within 1 to 2 months.

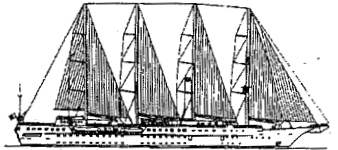
If you're stuck and need to talk to someone, relief is just a call away. Dial the USDA Meat & Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555 or the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line at 1-800-323-4848 (both English and Spanish). Hearing-impaired consumers can receive assistance from the Talk-Line at 1-800-833-3848.

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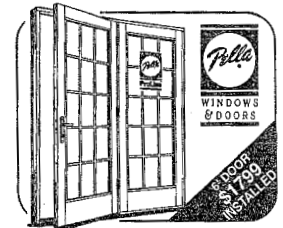
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FREE MOVING BOXES. About 75 in all shapes and sizes. Must take all. Have paper stuffing as well. Call Jo Porter, 858-3160.

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BRIDGE PLAYERS. Interested in ladies' daytime or couples' evening bridge? New groups forming every week. Call Sara Warford 856-1376 or June Prince 856-3343.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO. 3-BR log home overlooking ski area. Sleeps 6-10, available for nightly rental. (2 nights min.) Summer Rates: \$100/night. Winter rates: \$175/night. Call Kandi, 856-6484.

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NEIGHBOR IN SEARCH OF GROUP FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS & THEIR MOMS. Looking for play group, or Mom's Day Out group, or just moms with like interests. If you know of one or want to be part of one, call Ruth Friesen at 856-1593. She will help put like-minded people together.

GARAGE SALE! November 18th and 19th, 9am - 4pm. 1705 Quail Run Ct. NE. Great stuff including bike, skis and interesting collectibles.

STITCHERY & CRAFTS WOMEN'S GROUP. Meets on a regular basis, join us. For more information call Lucy Russel at 856-7216.

HOME RENTAL WANTED. Family moving to ABQ needs 4 BR. Relatives of long time SH residents. Call 823-1705 / Fax 823-1704.

IMPORTANT!

The publishing date for the new SHHA Directory has been changed to the summer of 1996.

Please check your 1995 Directory and make sure that your name, address and phone number are correct. For any changes, call Erin at the SHHA office at 296-1412.

MAKE A NOTE: FEBRUARY '96 GRIT
 Deadline for articles, advertising, classifieds, letters to the editor:
JANUARY 15, 1996! Ad rates are going up January 1st, so buy in before the end of the year!

New Sheriff's Command Station at Eubank & Holly

By Bob Kemble - SHHA Vice President

Overall, SHHA's working relations with our elected officials and governmental agencies continues to be very satisfactory. At times we may grow impatient with legal hurdles and slow-grinding bureaucratic wheels.

But over the past two years, there have been many instances of helpful response to our expressed interests, and some laudable results of mutual cooperation.

Along with ample operational and equipment space, there will be a 1400 sq. ft. meeting room for use by appropriate public entities, like SHHA. Parking space will be no problem and the building is designed to be expandable for future needs.

The contract bids should be reviewed by November and we hope to see construction begin by January of 1996. The cost is estimated at

\$1.7 million and will house approximately \$2 million in equipment. It will basically function as a dispatch center for both sheriff patrols and fire calls; but will also serve as an alternate emergency operations center and training facility.

The Association is looking forward to this 'round-the-clock presence of law enforcement in our community. We intend to work in close collaboration with the Sheriff, his officers and his staff.

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A prime example is the new Sheriff's Command and Communication Center soon to be under construction. A sketch by architect Van Gilbert is shown here.

The initiative for a greater law enforcement presence in our sector of the County came in a comprehensive measure from the SHHA Board, and the concept has steadily been shaped by a cooperative effort with our local state legislators, the County Commissioner, the Sheriff and others. Funding appropriated in successive legislative sessions has permitted the original sub-station plans to be expanded to incorporate much needed communication, training and emergency capabilities.

The building will be located near the corner of Eubank and Holly NE. Although substantial in size (13,500 sq. ft.), it will be essentially one story, unencumbered by unsightly towers.



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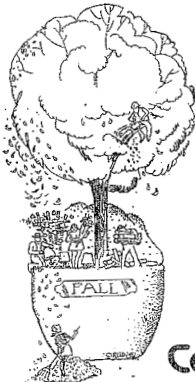
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