

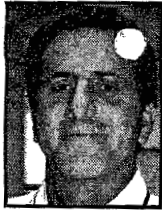


New Members Take Seats on Millennium Board



New SHHA President Charles Pechewlys and wife Debbie. His report is on page 4.

Charles is an attorney and consultant in private practice specializing in public contracts, general commercial business matters and employment law. He is also a faculty member with the University of Phoenix in Albuquerque. He spent over 5 years as Manager, Corporate Administration and General Counsel for a local business. He retired from the Air Force as a Judge Advocate. Charles has a Master of Law and Juris Doctor from George Washington University, an MS in Management and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has served on the SHHA Board since 1997 as Treasurer, Legal Advisor and New Developments committee member. He and wife Debbie have lived in Sandia Heights for 11 years.



L.A. Bannowsky is a native New Mexican and a resident of Sandia Heights since 1998. He retired from Intel in 1999 with over 25 years in corporate management including site selection and startup at the Rio Rancho location. He is now active in local private real estate investments and has several years of experience on homeowners associations in Prescott, AZ and Four Hills in Albuquerque. L.A. has a strong commitment to enhancement of our quality of life, safety, comfort and property values. He and wife, Dr. Gerry McBroom have two sons.

Sandra Cline is a freelance writer who moved to Sandia Heights in 1994. Since 1998 she has coordinated the community's Y2K task force and hopes to continue these preparation projects as a board member. Her husband, Ron, is an electrical engineer for Philips Semiconductors. They have two children.

Patricia Grossman came to Albuquerque from New York 4 years ago and works as a staff accountant for Rick Johnson, an advertising agency. She graduated from Vassar with a major in chemistry and did post graduate work in chemistry and education at New York University. She has taught high school, managed the parts department of auto dealerships, and held accounting and office management positions at a variety of businesses while being a wife and mother. Patricia served for 11 years on the Board of the cooperative apartment complex where she lived in New York.

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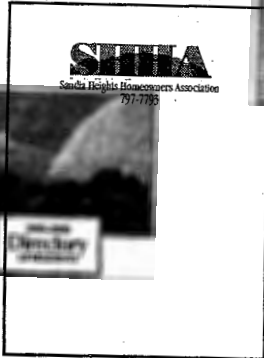
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1999-2000 Directory in the Mail

Your new millennium Directory will arrive shortly. Look on page 1 for a refrigerator magnet of emergency and important phone numbers compliments of the SHHA Communications Committee. If you have any corrections to your listings, please call the office at 797-7793.



Gourdzilla!

Resident Sam Bensonhaver demonstrates what happens when you keep cutting back a gourd plant to ground level. He's standing in the hole he dug in front of his home to remove a 24 lb. root.



TOP ISSUES

BOARD NEWS:



By Debbie Miller - SHHA Secretary

During the last quarter the Board has:

- Installed new Board members and officers
- Heard a presentation on plague from Bernalillo County
- Monitored new development (e.g. proposed cell phone tower)
- Continued to support covenants including removal of RVs
- Worked on "written" guidelines for nominating procedure
- Continued to support Y2K planning efforts

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE LT. SIBRAVA SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION ON EUBANK & HOLLY

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John Jenni and wife Martha Sutt... have been Sandia Heights property owners since 1985. John is retired from Ebasco Inc., Los Alamos, where he was Director of Administration, and where he served 5 years as president of Hidden Valley Homeowners Association. John is very much interested in keeping our community a unique place to live.



Jack Wolfe and his wife Connie have resided in Albuquerque for several years and moved to Sandia Heights in 1998. Jack previously served on the architectural committee for the Academy Estates Home-owners Association and brings valuable experience to our CC.

Angel Rivera is a 7th generation New Mexican and moved his wife Frances and two children to Sandia Heights 11 years ago to be near the mountains. An employee of 1st Security Information Technology, Mr. Rivera is very supportive of the covenants and is interested in preserving the natural beauty we all enjoy.



Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

will have a special meeting at the home of Judith Appenzeller 361 Big Horn Ridge Drive 822-0269

Wednesday, November 17th

7:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER

Pearl Burns of the Forest Service



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Saturday, October 16th 10:00 am

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Ladies and gentlemen are invited to welcome our new members!

- ✓ SEPTEMBER 8TH
- ✓ OCTOBER 13TH
- ✓ NOVEMBER 11th



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Check out our web site! Board meeting "Minutes" will be posted by the 3rd week of every month.

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A special danger to cats

Cats are more susceptible to the plague than dogs. Their immune system is not as resistant to the plague bacteria. Keep your cat indoors or outdoors not both.

Where is Plague?

The plague is most likely to be contracted in the western foothills of the Sandia Mountains or in the East Mountain areas. A majority of human cases have been contracted around the home rather than on a picnic or hike.

How do cats get it?

- (1) By eating plague infected rodents
- (2) By coming in contact with plague infected fleas from dead rodents or rodent burrows.

Cats have a natural instinct to hunt

- Keep cats confined. Do not allow them to roam where they may come in contact with rodents.
- It is a violation of both City and County Ordinances to allow cats to roam free.
- If you live in a rural or semi-rural area and your cat is allowed outside, treat it regularly for fleas. This will limit any fleas brought back to the home by cats; however, cats can become infected by eating plague-infected rodents.
- Clean up woodpiles, uncovered garbage, scattered pet food, and rock piles around your home.
- For additional information, call the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department - 768-2600

Symptoms For Cats

Symptoms include a high fever and swelling of the lymph nodes, particularly below the jaws and around the face.

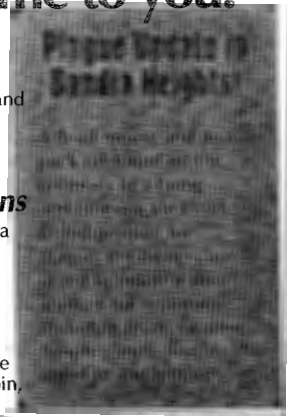
Symptoms For Humans

Symptoms, which develop after a 2-6 day incubation, include:

- high fever
- feeling sick all over
- headache
- chills
- pain and swelling in the lymph nodes of the groin, armpit, or neck area.

Animals of concern

- Rock Squirrels
- Mice
- Chipmunks
- Prairie Dogs
- Wood Rats
- Wild Rabbits



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New SHHA President Reviews Annual Meeting

By Charlie Pechewlys

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 5th, with approximately 60-70 households represented. It was presided over by Marshall Aungier, the outgoing president of SHHA. Several guest speakers made presentations on topics of interest to our community.

The first three speakers addressed health risks prevalent in our environment – specifically, Hantavirus and plague. Nick Schiavo, Bernalillo County Environmental Health Sanitarian, introduced the program and explained that environmental health is one of the few areas where there is a joint city-county program. Dr. Rudy Bueno Jr., Ph.D., the Albuquerque Environmental Health Entomologist/Section Supervisor, discussed Hantavirus. He reported only one registered case in Bernalillo County. The deer mouse is the primary carrier. Dogs and cats don't get infected.

County Health Sanitarian Nick Schiavo introduced the joint city/county environmental health program.



ABQ Health Representative Joe Targhetta gave a presentation on plague.

residents to be cautious when handling dead animals that may possibly have died from plague, as infected fleas will migrate to the nearest new host.

The Sandia Pueblo land claim was the next topic. Bill Kiely, President of the Sandia Mountain Coalition, provided the current status of mediation to resolve the claim. The Coalition is a group of Sandia Heights and other property owners that monitor and provide information. Mr. Kiely identified the following points of agreement by all the participants: no land will be transferred, the Cibola Forest will remain wilderness; Pueblo consent would be required for future trails,



Entomologist Dr. Rudy Bueno Jr., of ABQ Environmental Health discussed Hantavirus.

parking, etc., to prevent overuse of the land; no gaming will be allowed; jurisdictions (county, state, federal) would remain the same; and, the Pueblo would release past and future claims.

Sandra Kline, now a member of the SHHA Board, spoke about Y2K awareness. She updated everyone on community preparations. She also announced the continuing series of Y2K meetings held at Prince of Peace Church.



Sandra Kline discussed community Y2K preparation.

The president introduced the current Board members and expressed the appreciation of the entire Association for the services of departing members Jonathan Sutin, Lester Libo and Claire Wilcox. Claire had been vice-president and communications chair, and is leaving the area.

As then acting Treasurer, I presented an interim financial report with a detailed annual report to be prepared at the end of SHHA's fiscal year on June 30th. (That report was distributed at the last Board meeting. Members can get a copy from the SHHA office.)



Bill Kiely, president of Sandia Mountain Coalition (SMC) updated residents on the Pueblo land claim.

The election of eight new directors was followed by a discussion concerning the nominating procedures. A Nominating Committee, per the by-laws, proposed eight people to fill eight vacancies, selecting the nominees geographically to affect representation from various Sandia Heights units. There was concern that the number of nominees on the ballot did not provide a choice. After additional nominations from the floor



(during which Mr. Eric Nuttal was nominated), there was a motion to count the ballots of homeowners who had already voted and left.

"What are the major challenges for the Board next year?" Marshall Aungier responded to that question noting several issues of importance to homeowners: maintaining covenant and architectural review control; ensuring the quality of life in Sandia Heights; continuing to process issues within the committee system; and monitoring Y2K preparation.

CHARLIE'S VIEW

As Marshall indicated at the annual meeting, the operation of the committee system is how SHHA handles issues. That takes a lot of time, effort, and tolerance, especially



Outgoing President Marshall Aungier presented a plaque to departing Vice-president Claire Wilcox.

when dealing with a controversial matter. I appreciate all of the dedicated work that the 1999-2000 Board members have already undertaken.

Three Board members who completed their terms this year are extending their service for an additional year. They are Marshall Aungier (Legal Advisor), Irene Middleton (Chair of Traffic, Safety & Signs Committee) and Bill Stabler (Architectural Control). With eight new members, the continuity and corporate memory that they provide is of great value to us all. Thanks!

In addition to the challenges identified at the annual meeting, Sandia Heights continues to face what is a major issue for any community – the monitoring of new development. This is accomplished, in great part, through governmental relationships. Previous Boards have established excellent communications with both our elected officials and government agencies. This effort has paid dividends and will continue to do so.

Finally, the Board is already addressing the concerns raised at the annual meeting on election procedures. Jim Wise has prepared and distributed for comment guidelines for selecting the Nominating Committee and recommendations for general procedures. We are fortunate to have so many members willing to volunteer and contribute, that a procedure manual is needed to select among them.

Thanks to SHHA Executive Assistant Sandra Jonas, with husband Fred, for organizing the event.

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ROUNDHOUSE REPORT

Like Your New Property Tax Assessments?

By now you all should have received your property tax assessments from newly elected County Assessor Mark Carrillo. The July 20th *Albuquerque Journal* quotes him as saying "All I'm doing is complying with what the law is, and if you need the law changed, you have to tell lawmakers and fight for HB-858."

Well if you think your property valuations went up last month, **how would you like to be guaranteed that they would go up every single year**, regardless of the market? Yes, that's what HB-858 would have done. It would have escalated your home's appraised value every year based on an index prepared by the "Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight." In short, a federal agency would determine a statewide resale appreciation index and all assessors would automatically adjust your home appraisals.

This agency says NM is the 17th fastest appreciating real estate market in the US. All our rates under HB-858 would have gone up, automatically, 27.7% in the last five years alone. I don't believe that the entire state should be saddled with the same rate increases universally applied. With Santa Fe increasing 296% in the last 10 years, it's no wonder we are so high statewide. Can you imagine what homeowners in Hobbs would think if they received a mandatory increase in their property values now. They are going through a severe economic depression, with homes for sale left and right. They literally have had a decrease in their population over the last year.

I'm not saying that homes should not be fairly appraised. But "fair" means uniformly applied valuation techniques instead of across the board 25% increases for certain areas and lower in others. After all, isn't it fair what we pay the assessor to do in the first place?

The bill was debated for several days in the House Taxation & Revenue Committee, of which I am a member. During testimony from representatives from both the Taxation and Revenue Department and

the Attorney General's Office, it was stated that the legislature was under no definite time line to implement a new property assessment plan (as per a 1998 state constitutional amendment). There is no requirement for the county assessor to take the measures he did either! While over a dozen county assessors from around the state attended these hearings and opposed the bill, neither Mr. Carrillo or a representative from his office even attended. He supports mandatory federally set assessment increases.

The bill passed the House 39-27 and barely passed the Senate 19-17, far from an overwhelming majority in either body! The Governor vetoed it for the very reasons stated above. I didn't vote for it in 1999 and won't vote for this bill should it come up again.

What can you do? Realize that your tax bill is a combination of 8-10 different assessments designed to cover operating expenses and bonds. Aside from appealing (the deadline was July 9th), voice strong opposition to any unwarranted budget increases to your County, TVL, AMAFCA & school board elected officials. I don't see much that can be done in Santa Fe unless we repeal the 1998 state constitutional amendment, and there doesn't appear to be the votes in the legislature for that. Some of us will continue to vote against any new taxes and push for personal income tax relief as well!



Robert Burpo
State Representative/District 23
Business: 883-0083 – Home: 856-6881

Property Tax Debate Needs Solutions, Not Blame

Most of us have been struck by "tax lightning." It's that sudden increase in our property valuation that comes out of nowhere to signal a thunderous increase in our property taxes. And, like the real thing, the jolt can be devastating.

Long-time property owners start to think seriously about relocating, a move that disrupts their lives and forever changes the character of our neighborhoods. The government tells us the increased property valuations really mean that we're "richer." But we all know that this alleged gain only exists in a database downtown and that we're going to have to pay more of our real dollars for our fictional increase in wealth.

To our dismay, those we've elected to ease our public burdens seem to compound our frustration by blaming each other for the problem. State politicians point out that property valuations are set by county assessors and that the money raised goes to fund local government. Meanwhile, local government officials respond that the state leaves them no choice but to assess property at the higher value.

Lost in this cycle of blame is any talk of finding a solution to the problem. And, even in the event of sincere cooperative efforts to resolve this issue, a solution will not come easily. However, I believe some relief is possible if we start with a rational understanding of the basis for taxing property. Our innate sense of fairness and the law itself mandate that if we must pay property taxes, they should be assessed properly. But, as always, the problem lies in the details. Specifically, what constitutes a "proper" assessment?

For one thing, a "proper" assessment should involve regularly scheduled updates of property valuations. This way, people would be spared the shock of the new assessments and the knowledge that a higher tax bill is probably on its way. The increases, if necessary, should come in smaller, more manageable increments. Currently, county assessors are required to update valuations every two years. In the areas where an assessor has failed to keep up with that timetable, larger, sudden increases can be expected once a current and accurate assessment is made. This is particularly hard for those living on fixed incomes. Many of these people have worked their entire lives for the American dream of owning a home, and it is intolerable that they might have that dream

turn into a nightmare because of a sudden ballooning of their property taxes. Yes, taxes are a shared burden and we must each pay our fair share. I am simply suggesting that some means be developed to ensure that no one has to live in fear of losing his home because he cannot meet a newly assessed tax burden. Toward this end, I pledge to work with my elected peers and property owners for a reasonable solution.

Perhaps at this point many of you are thinking the obvious: Why don't we just abolish property taxes completely? As a taxpayer, I would welcome this as an option, but I know the consequences would be far too disruptive to the community services to which we've become accustomed. Without property tax revenues, local governments would no longer be able to provide services such as snow removal, and school districts would suffer severe limitations in their ability to provide educational services to the community. And these are just the obvious hardships. There would be many more.

The legislature has not ignored the issue. The legislature has given counties ways to provide property tax relief to low-income property owners, but, of course, at a cost to the counties. No county has exercised any of these options. The legislature in 1998 proposed, and the voters ratified, an amendment to the state constitution that directs the legislature to limit increases in property tax valuations for property tax purposes. The legislature in 1999 and 2000 year tried to enact a law to do just that, but the legislature did not meet with the governor's approval. Our efforts to find a solution will continue in the 2000 session. Rather than trying to place the blame, we will try to fix the problem.



Joe Thompson
State Representative/District 31
Roundhouse: 986-4300 – Home: 294-9423

Membership, Community Services & Communications



By Melanie Christman - Committees Chair

With the change of Board members at the SHHA, our Committee is busy making adjustments. Claire Wilcox's duties as Chair ended in July with an "appreciation lunch." Claire and Dave are relocating to Phoenix. Both have been extremely active members of SHHA. Many thanks to both of them... they will be missed. The current committee members are Debbie Miller, Deborah Griswold, Irene Middleton, Sandra Cline and myself.

Membership Check

We continue to interview residents who drop their SHHA membership in another effort to increase the communication between members and the Board. Most often we find that memberships are canceled because of a move, but occasionally we are informed of an incident or a situation that has made a member unhappy. Be assured that Board volunteers work hard to preserve the special lifestyle we enjoy in Sandia Heights.



(L to r) Avid hikers Therese Bonin, Melanie Christman, Claire Wilcox and Pat Colket hit the trails.

Special Interest Groups

Community Services continues to encourage special interest groups in Sandia Heights. If you have an interest and would like to get a group going, call the SHHA office and leave your name, number and interest. We will try to coordinate persons with the same interests. A hiking group was formed in the Spring (at the Newcomer's Coffee) and remains active. If you would like more information on the hiking schedule, please call 856-7636.



(L to r) Irene Middleton, Claire Wilcox, Debbie Miller, Melanie Christman, Carolyn Hindel and Sandra Cline at "appreciation lunch" for Claire before her move to Phoenix.

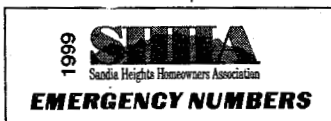
As a function of Communications, we have compiled the results of SHHA members comments and concerns expressed at the annual meeting. We have directed those concerns to the appropriate committees. The foremost concern continues to be covenant compliance and the Board continues to make it a priority. Don't forget to check our web site - <http://www.nmia.com/shha>

Newcomers Coffee in October!



The Membership segment of our Committee has planned another Newcomer's Coffee. It will be held on Saturday, October 16th at 10am. It will be held at my home, 7745 Cedar Canyon Road. This is not just for new members, all are invited to help "welcome" our new SHHA neighbors. Please RSVP Melanie at 856-7636.

Magnetic Encounter



Our Committee will be "sticking" refrigerator magnets into the new 1999-2000 SHHA Directory of Residents being mailed to members. The magnet has a list of important telephone numbers that you'll want to keep handy. **Look on the first page of the Directory!** Also please check your listing, both alphabetically and numerically for accuracy. We want to make sure the SHHA database is up to date for all members.

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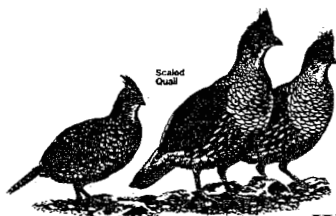


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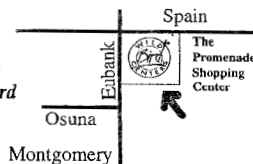
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Architectural Control

By Jim Wise - SHHA Architectural Control Committee, Chair



There have been some personnel changes on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Nancy Norem has moved away from Sandia Heights, Bill Waters and Deborah Griswold resigned due to other commitments. I extend my appreciation for their hard work on the ACC. As a result of recent elections at the annual SHHA meeting, we welcome L.A Bannowsky, Jack Wolfe and Angel Rivera as new members. Don Aunapu, Weldon Johnson and Bill Stabler continue to serve on this active committee.

NEWLY APPROVED PROJECTS - 34

New Construction	2
Additions	2
Re-stuccos	9
Re-roofing	4
Fence/Walls	8
Landscaping	1
Sunrooms	2
Swimming Pools	2
Patio Cover	1
Playground Equipment	1
Miscellaneous	2

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Telecommunications Tower

ACC received an application to build a telecommunications tower just to the west of the NW corner of the Outpost Ice Arena. OmniAmerica Development Corporation made the request for the purpose of providing one of the communication links for cellular service by SPRINT. The original submittal was for a tower 65 feet high, but was later reduced to 45 feet with a pole diameter averaging 18 inches. This application was rejected by the ACC as the tower exceeds the 26 ft. height restriction adhered to by the ACC.

The Bernalillo County Zoning, Building and Planning Commission had an application from this same organization requesting a variance to the county ordinance, because the proposed location did not meet the distance setback requirement/view way restriction of 1/8th mile for Tramway Boulevard. A public hearing was held on July 13th at the County Commission/Council Chambers and was conducted by the County Zoning Administration.

Three people from the ACC and New Developments Committees testified against the tower for two reasons. First, the ordinance has only recently been revised and the granting of a variance at this stage will make future enforcement more difficult. Second, the Sandia Heights ACC has never granted approval for any construction that exceeds the 26 foot height restriction for both residential and commercial projects. There were some representatives from North Albuquerque Acres who also testified against the construction. The County Commission has since denied the request for a variance in their letter of July 19, 1999. I understand this is now under appeal. The ACC will closely follow the progress of this project.

Satellite Dish Antennas

Some unit covenants prohibit installation of satellite dish antennas while others either per-



ACC Chair Jim Wise and committee members review a new home design with builder/owner and architects at the site.

mit them with approved screening or are completely silent about them. If one stops to think about it, the covenants were written and adopted at a time when the only satellite antennas were those six feet in diameter or larger. Technological advancement in satellite TV and digital communications has led to greater employment of satellite dish antennas that today average 18 to 24 inches in diameter. One has only to look around to notice the proliferation of these smaller dish antennas throughout the Sandia Heights area. To our knowledge only a handful of the antennas have been submitted to and approved by the ACC. It does not appear prudent to pursue any action on these at this time.

Most of these small antenna dishes are reasonably concealed/obscured and do not appear to be obtrusive. However, the ACC has not been proactive in pursuing an obvious covenant violation unless a neighbor complains. The appropriate action is for homeowners to initiate a petition to revise the covenants in each of the units where satellite dishes are prohibited to allow permission. A copy of required forms to revise the covenants can be obtained from the SHHA Executive Assistant, Sandra Jonas, at 797-7793. However, for the present, the ACC would like to hear from anyone interested in commenting on our current policy. Call me at 821-2241 or Sandra at 797-7793/Fax: 856-5544.

Painting of Metal Roof Penetrations/Installations

It is not uncommon to have a project that requires replacement of new or existing vents or piping on the roof. Even though these projects may not require ACC approval, it is important to remember to paint the newly installed metal to match the stucco color or other roof items previously painted. Unpainted metal can easily cause a glare that is offensive to a neighbor.

Window or Patio Awnings

There have been recent applications requesting awnings with canvas or similar type covering for installation over windows or patios. The ACC has not approved the use of awnings since they are not in harmony with the general lot surroundings or adjacent structures, and are contrary to the general spirit and intent of the very restrictive covenants. The committee recognizes that the purpose of the awning is to minimize or reduce the effects of the intense sun/heat and will consider an awning that utilizes natural materials such as wood trellis or latillas.

Project Submission/Approval

Please remember that re-stuccoing, re-roofing, fence or wall replacement, trim painting, patio replacement, playground equipment and window replacement are required by covenants to be submitted to the ACC for review and approval.

If the project to re-stucco, re-paint or re-roof is to be accomplished using colors approved by the ACC, approval is only a phone call away. No application fee is required if you are a member of SHHA.

SPECIAL NOTE: White or white tones are not approved colors for window, garage doors and other house trim. Trim should be in approved earth tones and closely match the stucco.

Trees

For the most part, the homes in Sandia Heights have been completed for several years and the little trees we planted early on have matured. Some of them have grown to an unexpected height/size and may be impacting a neighbor's view. Since we have such good neighbors, many will not complain because they want to "get along." The ACC asks that everyone survey their landscaping and determine if this situation exists. Often a tree can be trimmed to minimize or eliminate the condition. Many of the 37 different covenants in Sandia Heights do not permit the planting of trees that may constitute a screen. Anyway, this is a friendly reminder for us to be considerate and cooperative neighbors.

Reseeding Siberian Elms

You might recall an article in the SUMMER-1998 GRIT expressing concern about the ubiquitous Siberian Elm. It pointed out how readily these trees reproduce and how quickly they grow and strongly urged their removal as soon as possible to restrict their spread. Although many of these invasive trees have been cut down, too many still remain. If you are uncertain what this tree looks like, you can consult the Western Garden Book or ask someone from SHHA to assist you. The surest way to deal with one of these trees is to cut it off as close to the ground as possible and then immediately apply brush or stump killer to the fresh cut. We recommend using a paint brush to apply the stump killer.

Current Approved Stucco Colors

STUCCO:	El Rey Adobe - 116
	El Rey Buckskin - 106
	El Rey Cottonwood - 115
	El Rey Driftwood - 111
	El Rey Fawn - 117
	El Rey La Luz - 125
	El Rey Suede - 118
	Sto Abiquiu - 01002
	Sto Adobe Brown - 01004
	Sto Amarilla - 3003
	Sto Cimmaron - 4180
	Sto Chamisa - 01010
	Sto Mesa del Sol - 01016
	Sto Mesilla - 2207
	Sto Pecos - 01001
	Sto Pueblo - 01005
	Sto San Antonio - 1465
	Sto Sandia - 1616
	Sto Santa Fe Mocha - 1003
	Sto Suede - 01006
	Sto Tumbleweed - 01011
ELASTOMERIC:	El Rey Buffalo - PF806
SYNTHETIC:	El Rey Dry River - PF817
PLASTER:	El Rey Earth - PF816
	El Rey Rio Bravo - F825
	El Rey Saddle - PF271
	El Rey Tierra - PF272

Exhibit Volunteers Needed

By Regina Turner - Project Director

It's the end of the decade, century, and millennium; what a great time to be a history teacher. There's a lot to digest. In the past one hundred years, we have progressed from horse and buggy and steamships to jet aircraft, cell phones, and cable TV. We walked on the moon, cured polio, and created the internet. To be fair, however, not all progress moved us forward. Hate, bigotry, totalitarian rule and economic distress ignited many wars, rebellions and insurrections, costing the lives of tens of millions. Such transgressions continue today with ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, killings in our schools, and hate groups espousing violence and racism.

Through the darkest hours of human history emerged a message of hope, a poignant lesson from a young girl, a victim of government sanctioned genocide. During the Nazi occupation of Europe, Anne Frank hid with her family in Amsterdam for over two years. That ended when the Gestapo raided their secret annex and sent three children and five adults to concentration camps. Only Anne's father Otto survived. Anne's diary outlasted Nazi efforts to destroy all evidence of their crimes. Today her diary continues to encourage and uplift in the face of human suffering.

The exhibition Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945 will return to Albuquerque on January 16, 2000 for a five-month visit at Cottonwood Mall. More than a retrospective of the Holocaust, it reveals how far the world has come and how far it still needs to go to end injustice, prejudice, and disrespect for diversity. The exhibit has toured the world, reaching an audience exceeding 3 million in North America alone. The display came to Albuquerque for a six weeks in October, 1995, with smaller presentations in Taos, Gallup, Farmington, Las Vegas, Portales, Roswell, Las Cruces, and Silver City. It was a tremendous success, attracting 65,000 visitors statewide.

With support and urging from the Anne Frank Center, the New York based organization that oversees the exhibition and educators within the state, the New Mexico Foundation for Human Rights Projects began planning last January to bring the display back to the state. This time it will remain in Albuquerque for five months at Cottonwood Mall.

Much of the project planning involves educational outreach. All public and private middle schools and high schools in the state have been contacted. On September 15th and 29th, up to 240 teachers will attend special training workshop. Two guest speaker and two APS teachers will conduct this training, and supporting literature will be available for teachers. Upwards of 20,000 students are expected to visit the exhibit.



Anne Frank

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Although the exhibit itself is the main draw, there will be a number of supporting events. The exhibition will host eight guest speakers, including one for a special opening night reception. The Southwest Film Center at UNM will host a film series to coincide with the display. The Albuquerque Little Theatre plans a production of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." And the Public Dialogue Consortium (PDC) intends to set up a constructive discussion on the themes of the exhibit. It takes a broad umbrella of support from the schools, social service and human rights organizations, religious groups and community leaders to make the project a success. For its five-month visit at Cottonwood Mall, the exhibit will need a volunteer staff of 250 to 300 persons. The display will be open seven days a week (or more than sixty hours and is free to the public. The project will also need 100 docents and tour guides to lead groups through the exhibit.

Several local businesses, including Intel Corp., PNM, the Marriott hotel, Rogoff Erickson Diamond & Walker LLP, and New Mexico Technet have been generous with their financial and support. Fundraising continues, seeking both individual and corporate support.



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Traffic & Safety

By Irene Middleton – SHHA Traffic & Safety Committee, Chair

Spring and summer have brought an end to some projects, and given rise to some new considerations.

- **Chamisa trimming** has been completed except for the Tramway Pedestrian Path. That has been requested.
- **Resurfacing** to multiple roads has been completed. Paving of additional roads will be submitted for consideration in the County's Capital Improvement Six Year Plan this summer.
- The County maintenance crews have been removing **Siberian elms** that are adjacent to the roadway and pose a threat to the road structure. If you have saplings located near to the road, the County will remove them for you if you call Martina at 848-1530.
- **Walking path** Phase I has been completed on Tramway Lane.
- The target date for synchronization of **lights on Tramway Boulevard** was June 1st. Guess we'll have to wait a little longer.
- The **Sandia Heights South sign** at Tramway and Juniper Hill was reinstalled after blowing down. The trim on both signs is scheduled to be repainted.
- We have been informed that the **I-25/Tramway Interchange** will be reconstructed in 2003.
- **Speeding** on our streets is still a concern for everyone. We all need to do our part to be a good neighbor and SLOW DOWN!



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New Development

By George Hight – SHHA New Development, Chair

The County and the SHHA Architectural Control Committee have rejected the **communications tower** application. The maintenance of **Little Cloud Park** is the responsibility of the County and was recently cleaned. But it is the responsibility of the users of our park to pick up after using this beautiful facility. There is no new information on the **commercial property adjacent to the Kicks 66** on Tramway. This property is not part of Sandia Heights, and SHHA has no control over future development there. Any planning must be accepted by the County.

This Committee wishes to thank our former Chair, **Jo Keller**, for his thoughtful leadership and his continuing involvement on the Board.



Wildlife railings lend interest to the bridge work over the new arroyo at Tramway Lane.

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The North Domingo Baca Arroyo project is being completed between Tramway Lane and Boulevard just south of the Cedar Canyon subdivision by AMAFCA.

Artist Jake Lovato and his metal sculptures that grace the overpasses will be featured in an upcoming issue of The Grit.

RESIDENT PROFILE: Sandia Heights Couple Bu

By Carolyn Hindel



Builder Ralph Roybal and artist/designer Pat Harrison find time to relax in their exotic greatroom

▼ A strategic gap in a kitchen wall allows a city panorama.



Rafael Luis Roybal's muse has never abandoned him. She has curvaceous, overtly feminine lines, with neo-classic limbs draped solidly on terra firma. For at 58, Ralph is a master builder and his creations can be admired throughout our enchanted foothills. There are about 60 Roybal homes in Sandia Heights alone and no two of them alike. But they all carry his trademark rounded adobe walls, free-form spaces and natural materials that have made him one of the foremost builders in the area.

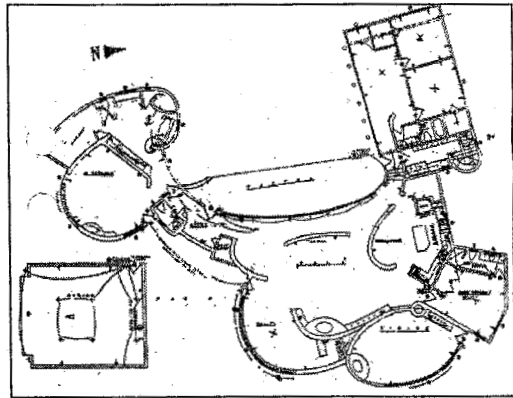
The rambling adobe he shares with famed Albuquerque painter, designer and architect, Pat Harrison, is resplendent with a Southwestern and eclectic mix of art and furniture that exudes the wealth of talent residing there. The entry opens into a splendid greatroom supported by "Spring thaw" Pecos cottonwood tree trunks (with mushrooms still sprouting from the flanks), but encompasses a surprisingly intimate conversation area where one can settle into an exotic Indian carved wooden swing or cushy pillowed sofa. Color-coordinated felines Spencer and Katherine (Tracy and Hepburn) waste no time positioning themselves amongst the beautiful array of artifacts. A "trompe l'oeil" garden scene on a pantry door and painted archangel armoire off the Spanish style kitchen are particularly striking. There are stunning views from all windows which are strategically placed to screen out neighboring houses yet capture the sunrise over the Sandias and the glow of the city lights. Pat's watercolors and egg temperas



Yes, that's Ralph donning a feather headdress for one of Pat's paintings.

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Pat Harrison wa s Uncle Charles who



Pat's architectural plan some reflect the free fl Waterfalls spill into back. But keeping th has bee



"Ralph is the kind c straight wall, he'd te Jack Walker who ow

Far left, curved window out on the majestic San an eclectic mix of Sout and European influenc shower flow organically

Old Dreams with a Master Touch.

ce walls that seem to flow around them as if a continuation of painting. If you're looking for corners in this hacienda, you'll find some in the garage.

The story of this magnificent home reflects that of the Zenix Bird, having risen from the ashes of an original cedar-sided se that caught fire after embers from the fireplace were re-ignited on a porch during a windstorm in 1989. Ralph vividly remembers trying to help Pat's father LeRoy Broeder, a volunteer firefighter, put out the flames. After surveying the damage, he and Pat decided to buy the charred remains and start from scratch. They bought an easement from a neighboring lot to provide a buffer and leveled every foot of the land designing and drafting their own architectural plans. Both artists brought to bear all they had learned in their childhoods to create their dream.

Ralph was born in a log cabin in Pecos, NM, and started splitting wood for his godfather at age 12 for 25¢ an hour. He grew up in the Pecos Pueblo ruins and got a feel for traditional adobe architecture can harmonize and blend with the surrounding land. He grew up from the bottom up, pushing a wheelbarrow and laying out getting promoted to foreman and then superintendent. Pat says, "I know that enjoys digging a hole; he still believes he might find a gold mine. He moved to Albuquerque and got his own business license a year and a half until I got my first big break. A lady asked me to do \$10 for two days of work." But that led to bigger jobs and eventually building in Sandia Heights in 1974, and the Roybal creativity became a sought after commodity. Just ask the Walkers, the Galindos or the Keiths, to name a few, who readily praise the homes have been featured in The Journal, Albuquerque Living Magazine. The secret of his success? Ralph says the groundwork is to provide mass and solar gain. Spaces inside need to relate to one another. A calculated pitch to every roof. Windows must take creative directions. Natural materials are important to help bring the character comes from Pecos. I want to leave a part of me and my family says. And Pat, who he met while she was purchasing a lot for his designs and draws all of the blueprints for his homes.

in Houston to an engineer father and artistic mother. But it's what she learned to "think in pictures." She graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in art, but had a formidable interest in architecture and three years of classes to her credit. Advised by a professor against pursuing a career in what appeared to be a man's domain, she moved to Albuquerque and started painting. In 1969 she won First Prize at the State Fair in landscape painting and never looked back. Pat and three local artists opened Galleria del Sol in Old Town in 1969 and began arranging shows in and out of town. During that time she served on the New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair Board.

their Sandia Heights Roybal style. The gardens front and back from clever bobcats problem.

In 1983 she became owner/principal of Los Gatos Designs, an architectural and drafting service, as work for Ralph's construction business flourished. Then in 1988, she and business partner Charlie Burk founded Public Works, Art For Public Spaces, creating larger than life images for corporations, schools, hospitals, museums and public areas throughout the state. Among them a diorama at the Indian Cultural Center; over 40 murals for Intel at Rio Rancho and in Chandler, AZ; and painted backdrops for the gift shops at the ABQ BioParks. The tiger on the water tank that greets you as you travel south to Los Lunas on I-25 is Pat's design, as is the mural at Futures For Children in Sandia Heights. Currently they are working on interior murals for the Heart Hospital here in Albuquerque.

Ralph still owns land in Pecos and talks of retiring there. He's been doing a considerable amount of building in the area and dreams of someday seeing the proliferation of "doublewide" trailers being replaced by Roybal designed casitas - way of leaving his mark on his hometown. In the meantime, they often go for rejuvenating rides into the surrounding wilderness on their horses Harley and Rosebud and spend time on the family property with his two daughters and his grandchildren. It was such a pleasure to glimpse the full and spirited lives of these Master Artisans. They prove that dreams come true if you work at them. ✨

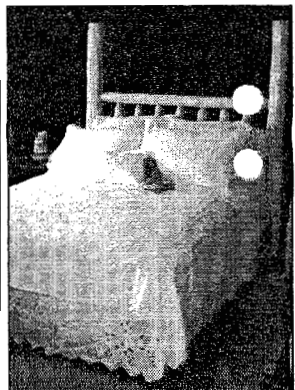
Pat struts in front of the "rooster door" she designed and painted for neighbors Jack and Sharon Walker.



Aside from designing and building furniture and painting her latest commission (bunnies for a 6-pane cabinet door), Pat is rapidly becoming computer savvy. She and her business partner are founding members of an exciting new Internet venture and web site - JustOriginals.com.

When fully developed by tech superstars, Leif Youngberg and Lars Helgeson over 10,000 paintings and artwork from around the world will be available for viewing in 3-D virtual galleries. You will literally be able to choose a city like Santa Fe and cruise the plaza for a gallery you find interesting. With a click you can walk inside and view the paintings, inquire about the artist, even watch a web-TV video of her or she working in their studio, get a price list, and decide to purchase online. Sounds like the art wave of the future. Check it out!

Pat's furniture has a simple and earthy look.



Working on a grand scale is common-place for Pat, but intricate detail is still her forte, apparent in the portrait, right, of an Indian chief.



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Pecos cottonwood tree trunk beams define the living room from the entry hall.



Just as if he saw a tiger, says neighbor Ed Roybal.

The dining area look like the great room in the Middle Eastern style, the bath and the master bedroom.



...continued from cover page.

in the field who were knowledgeable in the operating system languages used during the '60s and '70s; and last, but not least, 5) how would the effort to determine what needed to be fixed/upgraded be funded?

All attempts I am aware of to address this issue during the '80s were defeated by the same arguments used during the '70s, with the addition of some new ones like: 1) we will look stupid if we bring it to people's attention since we helped create it; 2) there is no money available in this project's, month's, quarter's, etc., budget to fund investigating this problem, much less implementing all the fixes required to correct it; 3) there are legal ramifications involved since we have known about the problem for years and have not done anything to rectify it; and, 4) let someone else take the risk of calling people's attention to the problem and incur the cost of a solution, then we can benefit from their smart. If those weren't enough to cause concern, people to shut up and go away, the old standby "if it ain't broke don't fix it" resurfaced.

In the early 1990s, we find that a few agencies, companies and organizations have become concerned enough about Y2K to allocate money, time and personnel to ensure that their systems would be able to correctly function into the millennium. In some cases, these funds had to be hidden so that investigation could proceed without the knowledge of higher management or members of the Board of Directors, who were incredulous that such a simple thing as changing two digits to four digits to compute the date could be all that complicated, time consuming or costly. And by now legal advisers were telling an increasing number of companies not to talk about the problem lest there be legal repercussions.

So work to address the problem did begin. And it soon became apparent that the problem was far more obscure and more difficult to correct than initially envisioned. Some managers "put their shoulders to the wheel" and allocating more money, time and personnel to work on the problem. Some managers, thinking that certain individuals were trying to create a problem so they could

Y2K—An Uninvited Reality

By Bob Gardiner

"build an empire," stopped all effort to investigate the problem. And some managers, deciding the problem was simply too huge to solve in time, opted to wait and address the fallout (if any) after December 31st. The mid '90s seemed to be a repeat of the early '90s with more companies joining the ranks of the concerned.

If I recall correctly, it was sometime in 1998 that the term "Y2K compliant" began to be bandied about at cocktail parties and in the media; meaning a system will be able to correctly compute the date on January 1, 2000 and experience no malfunctions. When queried about this most companies responded, "We are aware of the problem, are working on it, and all of our systems will be Y2K compliant well before the deadline;" or "Our systems are Y2K compliant."

Now here we are in the middle of 1999. We have an unknown number (hundreds of thousands) of interconnected and interdependent systems using software modules numbering into the millions which will no longer function correctly after midnight December 31st. All that's changed are the statements being made by representatives of companies and agencies. Some are admitting that their systems will not be fully Y2K compliant on time. Others are still claiming that they will be able to make the deadline. And still others are very guarded about their replies stating that they could say more but their legal staff advises against it.

Many people are saying, "OK, an unknown number of systems throughout the world will fail on January 1st, but will that have any *real* impact on my everyday life? Is this just another of those events that other people want me to become concerned about so I'll buy a product from them?" The best analogy I know of for this situation is a book written by L. Niven and Jerry Pournelle entitled *Lucifer's Hammer*. It's about a large comet that is on a collision course with the Earth. The most interesting part of the book, to me, is the detailed depiction of how people react to the *uninvited reality* of: 1) the possibility of a large mass slamming into the Earth; 2) the increased likelihood of this occurrence; and, 3) the certainty that it is going to happen (the comet is clearly visible during daylight hours).

The analogy is only partly valid because the effect of the Y2K "bug" will not (even in the worst case scenario I can imagine) result in millions of people being killed, catastrophic physical damage to the Earth wiping out all means of communication, and survivors being separated (by large expanses of water or large land masses). But the analogy of how people react to the coming crisis is applicable. For a period of time after the discovery that the comet appears to be on a collision course with the Earth, the information is rejected as not valid by nearly everyone. Once it is confirmed by a number of trustworthy and unrelated sources, most people assume that something will be done to either change the course of the comet or destroy it before it can do any damage.

Once the comet is visible during daylight hours and it is hard to deny that there will be an impact on the Earth, both physically and sociologically, some people begin to prudently prepare for the crisis while others (the majority) simply ignore that it's going to happen. This continues to be the situation until the actual impact occurs.

Regardless of how much money, time and personnel are devoted to rectifying the Y2K problem between now and the millennium, we will all experience, at a minimum, inconveniences on January 1st and for an indeterminate period of time thereafter. It's unreasonable to assume that there will be no impact on our lives. Without realizing it, all of us have become dependent on interconnected computer networks to supply heat, light and water to our homes; to dispose of the sewage and garbage we generate; to operate our banking industry; to operate government agencies at all levels; to deliver gasoline to the stations that fuel our automobiles; to deliver food and other items to the grocery stores we depend on; to make it possible for us to communicate with each other, and on and on it goes! The Y2K "bug" will not have the physical impact on the Earth the comet did in the *Lucifer's Hammer*, but it may cause disruptions in many of the services we depend on to conduct our day-to-day lives. And it could result in severe shortages of some products because other countries in the world are less prepared to deal with it than we are in this country.

Am I recommending Panic - far from it, because panic results in chaos and produces nothing positive. What I *am* recommending is **Prudent Preparation**. Details of which are contained in a special mailing that each Sandia Heights household received in May. There was a brochure from the American Red Cross entitled: *Y2K-What You Should Know*, and a flyer from SHHA Y2K coordinator Sandra Cline entitled: *Y2K-What To Do*. If you would like a copy of either of these, please notify me, Bob Gardiner, at 821-3798 or Sandra Cline at 265-7793. There's also an excellent publication by UTNE Magazine entitled: *Y2K Citizen's Action Guide* available at Page One for \$5.00. If you would like a copy, Ms. Cline has some available for \$2.00.

Finally, there are regularly scheduled meetings on Y2K preparedness. The time and location of these are below. Please join us.

Next SHHA Y2K Prep Meeting September 24th from 7 - 9:15 PM

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Covenant Support

By Susan Carlew - SHHA Covenant Support Committee, Chair



This is an update to residents of Sandia Heights regarding the Second Judicial District Court's ruling on the recreational vehicle covenant issue, wherein, Judge W.C. Woody Smith determined that the "Declaration of Restrictions is unambiguous in its intent to preclude unsightly objects, such as house trailers, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and camper trailers from being parked or stored on property in the subdivision."

In June the ruling of Judge Woody Smith and subsequent to him the ruling of Judge Baca were enforced, and the RV in question was removed by order of the court from the lot on which it was parked in Sandia Heights. The court also awarded to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association all attorney fees and costs related to the owner's failure to comply with the court order.

Legal action is used as a last resort in our efforts to assure that the covenants are enforced. Typically, a letter notifying a resident about their non-compliance is sufficient to affect change. But, when a resident refuses to take corrective action and abide by the covenants of Sandia Heights, the Board and the Covenant Support Committee will take additional steps, including legal action, to enforce our covenants.

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Revised SHHA Committee Functions/Responsibilities

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Reviews and approves all plans for new construction, additions, and other exterior modifications based on covenant provisions. Monitors construction for compliance with approved plans.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Responsible for publication of the quarterly newsletter (The Grit), and the annual Directory of residents as well as other communications with members such as utility bill inserts, flyers, etc. Also oversees membership related issues.

& COMMUNITY SERVICES

Organizes and manages community wide social

functions such as the Winetasting and the Arts and Crafts Bazaar. Promotes new activities /interest groups to enhance sense of community.

COVENANT SUPPORT

Oversees covenant enforcement process including communication relating to violations and recommendation for action in cases of non-compliance.

FINANCE

Oversees SHHA financial matters including proposing the annual budget and an appropriate means of auditing the organization's finances. The Treasurer is the chair of the committee.

GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Coordinates with local and state government on matters affecting Sandia Heights.

& NEW DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS

Analyzes and makes recommendations to the Board and governmental bodies relative to commercial and residential development in the immediate area of Sandia Heights. Oversees park related issues.

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Property Revaluation and Taxes

It does not come as news to report that the County Assessor has revalued properties throughout the County. Were you as startled by your revaluations as I was with mine? To quote NMSA 7-36-16, it is the "responsibility of county assessors to determine and maintain current and correct values of property." For many years the Assessor has not completely adhered to NMSA 7-36-16, resulting in the dramatic increases this year.

NMSA 7-38-35 requires the Secretary of the State Department of Finance and Administration to set the tax rates based on the various governmental units' budgets. These budgets would have previously been approved by the State Department of Finance and Administration.

Please remember the County Treasurer collects taxes for fourteen taxing entities. He promptly disperses those funds to the various governmental units. Keep in mind what several officials have stated regarding the actual tax bills. "The valuation of everyone's property may have gone up 25 or 30%, but that does not mean the actual tax bills will increase by the same percentage." The actual tax bills are based on the budgets and necessities of all the various governmental entities that share in the tax. When our tax bills arrive this autumn, it will be enlightening to study carefully which taxing entities' mill levies were lowered to compensate for the increase in valuation.

County Finances

Bernalillo County received an unqualified or "clean" audit opinion for the sixth consecutive year. The financial statements are considered to be a fair presentation of the County's financial position, without qualification. The County's financial statements provide the following indicators of financial stability:

- Maintenance of adequate reserves as required by the State Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division - 5/12 of General Fund expenditure budget.
- Maintenance of adequate reserves for debt service on existing bond issues.
- A 2.2% increase in total revenues.

As a result of the County's financial condition, verified by this audit, the County was advised that Standard and Poor's raised the County's bond rating from AA to AA+, which is the highest bond rating for any county in New Mexico.

Bernalillo County's budget document was awarded the State of New Mexico Department of Finance Local Government Award for outstanding budget preparation and development for the third consecutive year. The County has also been honored by the Government Finance Officer's Association Award of Excellence in Budgeting for the third time in as many years.

Franchise Fees

As you probably realize after reading several articles, editorials, and letters to the editor printed in our local press, the County objects to the long-standing practice by PNM of collecting franchise fees in the unincorporated area. Those fees are transmitted to the City of Albuquerque. This hidden tax on residents of the unincorporated area is inequitable, and with the assistance of the state legislature, the County is insisting this unfair practice stops now rather than later.

Paseo del Norte Update

The County portion of construction on Paseo del Norte is proceeding with amazing speed and efficiency barring unforeseen circumstance, the information I have received is: the first phase should be completed by early spring. We expect to go out to bid for the second phase in February. How wonderful for all of us who depend on this very crucial roadway.

Until next time...

Barbara J. Seaward

Bernalillo County Commissioner
District 4



Treasurer's Report

By Patricia Grossman - SHHA Treasurer

No report submitted. If you would like an SHHA financial report for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, please call the Association office at 797-7793.



Park Volunteers "Take Ownership"

By Paul Willems - ABQ Parks & Recreation



The Park Management Division, Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Albuquerque has implemented a new program designed for the individual that volunteers on an "individual basis." We are looking for volunteers who want to "take ownership for their local parks" and can be Park Management's "eyes, ears, and hands."

Paul Willems, Volunteer Coordinator, runs this program for Park Management. His promise to any potential volunteer is that whenever a volunteer calls him concerning a problem with the park he will respond within 24 hours to report that the problem has been corrected or when it will be corrected.

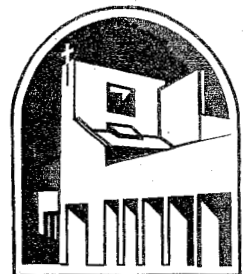
Potential volunteers must attend an orientation to become familiar with rules, regulations, and operations of the Park Management Division. Once volunteers have attended this orientation they visit parks of their choosing at their convenience and report to Park Management any problems they observe or recommend improvements.

Requirements to Volunteer

- Must be 21 or older and have access to a phone.
- Must abide by all Park Management guidelines.
- Must be polite, courteous, non-confrontational and wear an official Park Volunteer vest and ball cap.

Orientation

Our next orientation is on Thursday, September 9, 1999, from 7-9:00 a.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7205 Kathryn SE (Louisiana & Kathryn). Please call Paul Willems at 857-8697 to register.



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What You Should Know About Your Septic System



By Nick Schiavo — Bernalillo County Environmental Health Sanitarian

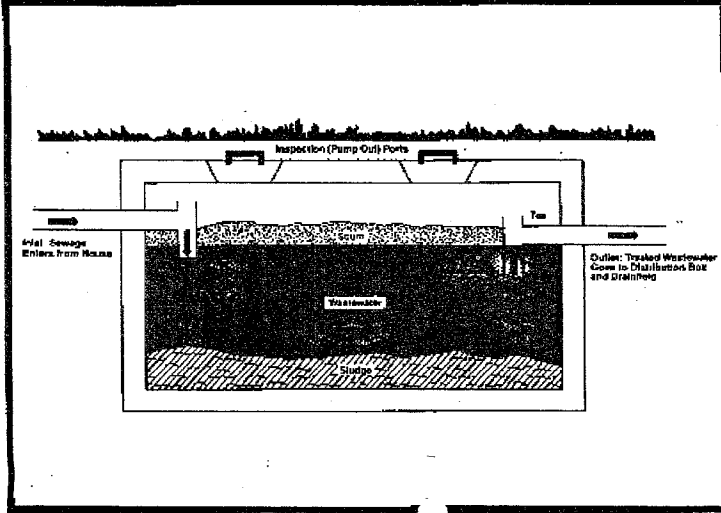
Septic systems are wastewater treatment systems that collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater generated by homes or businesses. The wastewater is treated onsite, rather than collected and transported to a centralized community wastewater treatment plant.

A septic system consists of two main parts - a septic tank and a drainfield, also known as a leachfield, disposal field, or a soil absorption system. Pipes connect the entire system and a sewer pipe connects the home to the septic system. The septic tank's main function is to collect household wastewater, which includes water from the toilet and kitchen sink referred to as blackwater and water from the bathtub, showers, sinks and laundry which is known collectively as graywater. The septic tank treats the wastewater naturally by holding it in the tank long enough for solids and liquids to separate. An outlet baffle in the septic tank is positioned to allow only the partially treated liquid waste in the middle layer to flow out of the tank for further treatment. The layers of scum and sludge remain in the septic tank where bacteria found naturally in the wastewater work to break down the solids. This process takes place anaerobically, or without the presence of oxygen. The sludge and scum that cannot be broken down is retained in the tank until the tank is pumped.

In a conventional septic system, the wastewater flows by gravity from the septic tank to the drainfield or to a distribution device, which helps to uniformly distribute the wastewater flow in the drainfield, which provides the final step in the wastewater treatment process. A standard drainfield is a series of trenches or a bed lined with gravel buried one to three feet below the ground surface. Perforated pipes run through the trenches to distribute the wastewater.

The drainfield treats the wastewater by allowing it to slowly trickle from the pipes out in the gravel and down through the soil. The gravel and soil in a drainfield act as biological filters. Certain toxics, such as paints, thinners, pesticides, waste oils, and other hazardous chemicals cannot be treated by the drainfield and should never be disposed of through a septic system. Some of the chemicals also kill the bacteria found in the septic tank, which temporarily disrupts the natural treatment process that occurs in the septic tank. The

be pumped out. The inspection port should be opened and the baffles (internal slabs or tees) should be checked to ensure they have not been damaged. The absorption field should be checked for soggy areas or flooding, which indicates improper drainage, a clogged system, or excessive water use. The entire area containing the systems should be checked for damp or soggy areas or odors that would indicate a leak in the system. How often you need to pump the solids out of your septic tank depends on three major factors. First is the size or capacity of the tank. Second the number of people living in the home and third, if a hot tub, whirlpool or other type of equipment has been installed which generates a lot of wastewater



size of the drainfield is determined by the amount of wastewater flow anticipated and the quality of the soil below. Soil type and the position of the water table also help determine how deep the trenches should be. A thorough site evaluation should be conducted when the septic system is still in the planning stages. Septic system failures are often caused by poorly sized drainfields.

Ongoing Care

Often overlooked or neglected is the fact that a septic tank system should have regular check-ups to prevent problems. The septic tank traps the solids in the wastewater and should be checked to determine whether it is time for it to

Absorption Field

An absorption field generally does not require any maintenance. However, to protect and prolong its life, follow these simple rules:

- **DO NOT** drive over the absorption field with cars, trucks, or heavy equipment.
- **DO NOT** plant trees or shrubbery in the absorption field area. The roots get into the lines plugging them.
- **DO NOT** cover the absorption field with a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt. Grass or native plants are the best covers.
- **DO** divert surface runoff water from roofs, patios, driveways, and other areas away from the absorption field.
- **DO** install an effluent filter in the septic tank.
- **DO** remember the location of your septic system and drainfield. Keep a sketch of it handy for service visits.
- **DO keep the following materials out of your septic system:** grease, disposable diapers, plastics, poisons, gasoline, oil, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, antifreeze.

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Albuquerque Biological Park

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Volunteer teachers help connect people to nature at the BioPark. Docents personalize the BioPark's habitats, from the Arctic and upcoming American tropics at the zoo, to the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean at the aquarium, to the New Mexico landscapes and Mediterranean climates at the botanic garden for over a million visitors a year. By offering discovery stations, interpreting exhibits or giving tours, docents enhance the visitors' experiences by sharing their own excitement about the natural world. Volunteer duties also include outreach programs, locally to schools, libraries and hospitals as well as around the state with the Zoo to You Van. In addition to using the parks' naturalistic exhibits, exotic animals and beautiful plants on display, volunteers have an opportunity for interactive teaching with small education animals like prairie dogs and horseshoe crabs, and touchable biofacts such as shark jaws, giraffe vertebrae, and seedballs.

Each volunteer is specially trained for either the zoo, aquarium or botanic garden, depending on interest. Ten Thursday training days are scheduled between the end of August and the first of December. For more information, call BioPark Education at 764-6245.

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We meet every Sunday at Desert Ridge Middle School, just north of Paseo del Norte and Barstow. Our Service is at 10 am, preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 9 am. Services are held in the school's cafeteria, which we've found to be surprisingly conducive to both worship and fellowship. We offer lively music and a wonderful children's program that includes creative activities and music.

HOPE Is Here By Hans Stuart

Hope hosted its first public worship service on August 15th, following a neighborhood ice-cream social the day before. We're planning two more fun-filled neighborhood gatherings. Our "Frontier Day Country Fair" will be held on Saturday, September 11th, from 4-6 p.m. at Rancho de Palomas Park (south of Paseo, west of Wyoming). Please join us for kids' games, races and craft activities, country-western line dancing, and a barbeque dinner. Then, on Saturday, October 9th, we'll be hosting a neighborhood balloon glow at Noreste Park (Paseo and Wyoming), from 6-8 pm.

Our regular weekly services begin on October 10th, but you're welcome to join us at any time. We hope you'll join us as we pause to consider God's role in our lives. His mysteries are our mysteries, but the good news is that He wants us to know His answers! Our prayer is that Hope will "share the light of Christ for everyday life" with many newcomers, and that our pathways will be adorned with praise and thanksgiving.

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PLANT OF THE SEASON



Feather Dalea
Dalea formosa

Feather Dalea (*Dalea formosa*) is a beautiful, deciduous, small shrub growing 3 ft. tall and spreading 3 ft. wide. A native shrub to New Mexico and many areas of the Southwest at elevations between 2,000-8,000 feet. This interesting plant can be found along the Turquoise Trail from Cedar Crest to Cerrillos. Small, but showy rose-purple and yellow pea like flowers occur in spring and again in late summer.

Feather Dalea is cold hardy to -30°F and can be planted anywhere in New Mexico up to 8,500 feet of elevation. It prefers well drained, gravelly soils and full to part sun.

Planting: Do not mix in any soil amendments, just use the native soil (not clay). Build a berm with soil 2 feet around the base of the plant. Fill the basin twice to insure a deep soaking. For the next two weeks, keep the plant moist but do not overwater! As time passes you can decrease the

frequency but increase the amount of water given. The following year, Feather Dalea should be watered every two weeks and eventually only monthly. It is becoming increasingly popular in nurseries and available in 4 in, 1 gallon and even 5 gallon pots. The best time of the year to find these plants is late May to July.

Recommended Use: Plant anywhere a small low-water shrub is needed. Be sure to plant in the foreground when mixing with plants of different sizes. It's a good rock garden plant, and can be mixed with low-water perennials and grasses for a xeric meadow effect. It's also good for erosion control. This is a low maintenance plant that does not require shaping or corrective pruning.

Black Indigobush (*Dalea frutescens*) and Broom Dalea (*Psoralea scoparia*) are related plants and available at local nurseries. Black Indigobush is similar in size and appearance and may be substituted for Feather Dalea. Broom Dalea is a larger plant with blue-gray stems. All are drought tolerant.

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1 cup peeled, chopped green chiles
5 sprigs fresh cilantro, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 lb. Mozzarella cheese, cubed
1/2 cup evaporated milk

Remove husks from tomatillos and coarsely chop. In a small saucepan, simmer tomatillos in a small amount of water 15 minutes. In a large skillet, heat olive oil. Add onions and garlic and saute until onion is tender. Add tomatillos, chiles and cilantro. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer gently 10 minutes, uncovered. Add cheese. When cheese begins to melt, stir in milk and heat through. **Makes 4 servings.**



By Patricia Aaron - Home Economist
Cooperative Extension Service, NM State

While shopping in your produce market, have you noticed an unusual fruit that looks like a small, green tomato with a husk? The tomatillo, or Mexican green tomato, is a species in a group known as Chinese lantern plants because the fruits are enclosed in papery calyxes that cover them like oriental shades. The husks are easily removed to reveal the fruit. They range from one inch in diameter to plum size. Tomatillos are most often apple green, but can be purplish or yellow, depending on the variety.

Tomatillos are eaten raw or cooked. They are used raw if a sharper acid flavor is desired. Add chopped, raw tomatillos to gazpacho, guacamole or salsa. To make a refreshing appetizer, stack thin slices of jicama, apple and tomatillo. Drizzle with lime juice and sprinkle with coarse salt.

Cooking develops their lemony-herbal flavor and softens their skins. To cook tomatillos, peel off the papery husks and wash the fruit to remove the sticky material near the stems. Barely cover with cold water and poach gently without simmering. Cook 2 to 15 minutes, depending on their size, until tender. Turn as necessary. Or you can roast rinsed, unhusked tomatillos in a preheated 475°F oven until tender, about 10 or 15 minutes. Cool, pull back and twist off husks and rinse carefully.

Cooked by either method, tomatillos form a base for a number of Mexican dishes. They are not usually served on their own as a cooked vegetable, but are cooked with other ingredients to make sauces. Their unique texture and citric edge lend body and freshness to such specialties as salsa verde and chicken and pork mole verde. Fresh tomatillos are available year round in some supermarkets and produce markets. Select fruit that is firm and dry, with clean, close-fitting husks that show no mold or black spots. Store the fresh fruit in the refrigerator in a basket or on a paper-lined dish for up to one month.

Over the past decade or so, the advent of lighter, innovative cooking styles has placed new emphasis on the fresh taste and appearance of basic ingredients. Give me a call at 243-1386 for more tasty recipes using tomatillos.

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 From the kitchen of Ginny & Frank Sedlacek

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 1 cup (4 oz) Parmesan cheese
 1 cup Best Foods mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients. Heat in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. Serve with crackers.

HERRING SALAD
 From the kitchen of Lene George

1-1/2 cups chopped pickled herring
 3/4 cup chopped red apple with skin
 3/4 cup chopped pickled beets
 1/4 cup no fat sour cream
 1/4 cup real mayonnaise
 1/2 tsp. sugar

Mix all and serve with European style rye bread or crackers.

SHHA wishes everyone a Happy Halloween and a Terrific Thanksgiving holiday!



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Y2K, An Uninvited Reality

By Bob Gardiner - Sandia Heights Resident

First, a brief summary of my work experience and knowledge of the Y2K "bug" to let you know that I am qualified to write about this problem, which I perceive to be a predictable, but nonetheless, uninvited reality.

In the late 1950s, I was hired by General Electric as a Computer Programmer. I was assigned the challenging task of determining the reasons for the difficulties encountered in the installation of the first computer system to fully operate a Radar site. In the process of correcting those problems (over 500 were documented) and getting the system on-line, I found out that the date computation module would no longer correctly compute the date after midnight on December 31, 1999 because only two digits (the two last numbers in the date) had been used, with the first two numbers (19) being "understood." This had been done to conserve computer storage space, the most expensive item in a system at the time. As an example, the system being installed to operate an entire Radar site had a grand total of 64K words of main memory and an additional 256K words of auxiliary storage. Its cost was in excess of \$2 million and that was in 1960 dollars!

I accepted the reasoning for using two digits to compute the date because it was the 1960s and the systems would be upgraded or replaced many times prior to the year 2000. I didn't realize at the time that I was present at the birth of the Y2K problem, which has grown into the monster that both confounds us and confounds us today.

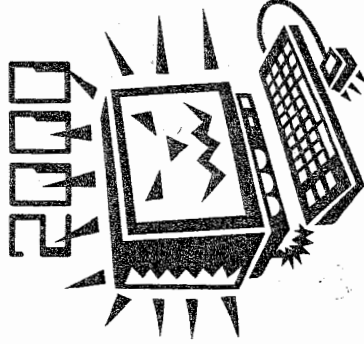
By the 1970s, I had been involved in the installation of many more systems and aware that none of these systems were able to correctly compute a date in the 21st Century, and what's worse: 1) the Y2K "bug" was being installed in thousands of systems all over the world; 2) no one had a clue as to what might happen if this "bug" was not corrected prior to January 1, 2000; and, 3) everyone was far too concerned about deadlines and budgets to even suggest that this "bug" be fixed. Everyone thought it was wise to follow the adage "if it ain't broke don't fix it," and all the date computation modules (or firmware) were working just fine during the 70s. Well, not quite everyone. There were a few of us who did bring up the subject. But we were promptly invited to "shut up and go away" (sometimes nicely, sometimes not so nicely). The arguments proffered: 1) no one else was concerned about this "bug" now; 2) 2000 was a long way off; 3) contracts would be lost if money and time were included in estimates to fix it.

Moving forward in time to the 1980s, the scenario was basically the same. But by then there were a plethora of systems in all parts of the world using only two digits to compute the date. And these systems were becoming more and more interconnected and interdependent in a world-wide web. By this time, more people were voicing concern that this "bug" was reaching a stage where it might be impossible to adequately deal with before the turn of the century - 1) it was so widespread; 2) it was so embedded in systems; 3) it had so many manifestations (different software modules in many different languages); 4) few people were still working

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