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their families,
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One

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,
We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs of
the burning building,
We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,
We became one generation.

As the firefighters and police officers fought
their way into the inferno,
We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,
We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,
We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,
We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,
We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and loss,
We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes,
We become one people.

We are

One color
One class
One generation
One gender
One faith
One language
One body
One family
One soul
One people

We are The Power of One.

We are United.
We are America

By Cheryl Sawyer, Ph.D



Architectural Control Committee

John M. Coffey, Chair
Article by: Frank Soper,
Committee member

The SHHA Architectural Control Committee (ACC) want to emphasize that the restrictive covenants for every unit specify that before commencing any construction which changes the exterior appearance of a residence, the property owner is required to obtain project approval from the ACC.

Exterior stucco colors are limited to those included in the SHHA approved stucco color list. Exterior paint/stain colors must be very close to these stucco colors.

The ACC continuously monitors all construction in our area for compliance with our covenants. Meeting the legal requirements for your project will assure you and your neighbors of compliance with the covenants and continued maintenance of the character of Sandia Heights.

Please remember to Vote December 4, 2001

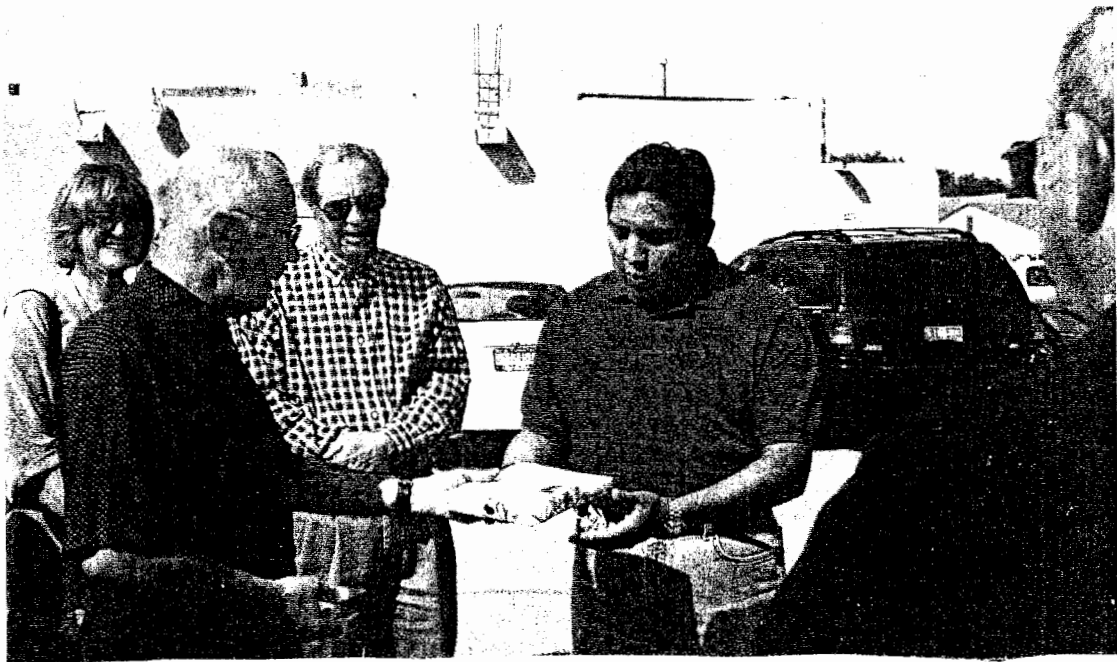


This Special Election is for the adoption or rejection of the proposed Urban County Charter.

If the Urban County Charter is adopted it will provide the County Home rule. This would make the county less dependant on State Government on many issues including bonding ability.

The proposed Urban County Charter is not the charter unifying Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque into a single urban government. The date to vote on City and County unification will be set after a separate commission, slated for appointment by January 2003 has drafted a recommendation and everyone has time to study and discuss the issues.

Rob Lopez of the Urban County Charter will speak at the November 14th SHHA Board of Directors meeting, you are invited to attend.



On Sunday October 21st the Sandia Pueblo Governor and Pueblo Council treated members of the SHHA board and their families to a tour of pueblo facilities, attendance at a Baptismal celebration meal, a great deal of "Lets communicate even if we do not agree on everything" conversation, and much more. It was a wonderful experience for all. The above photo is of Don Aunapu, SHHA President presenting a "Thank you" gift to Stewart Paisano, Pueblo Governor. Special thanks to Stephine Poston, Pueblo Public Relations Analyst and our Community Service and Membership Committee for their efforts in making the arrangements. Photo by Astrid Lugowski

THE **GRIT****EDITORIAL** Jim Cook, Chair Communications and Publications

We often hear the question – What is SHHA doing for Sandia Heights? This is a good question that deserves an answer, we hope the following will help answer some questions.

Traffic and Safety: This committee works with several departments in County Government to reduce the hazards on our roadways in Sandia Heights. Our roadways have special problems because autos, hikers, walkers and our children must use them simultaneously. Efforts to date include: improving roadway visibility by trimming obstructing vegetation, reassessment of speed limits where appropriate, ways to establish safe driving habits, and ways to address the ongoing speeding problem in Sandia Heights. Another area being looked at is the possibility of footpaths to enhance pedestrian safety

Parks and New Development: This committee along with the Cedar Hill neighborhood has helped bring about the purchase of property at the corner of Cedar Hill and Tramway and is working with the county to obtain the funding to develop this property into a neighborhood park. The committee is also working with the county to make improvements at the Little Cloud Park as well as constantly monitoring new development in and around Sandia Heights.

Community Service and Membership: This committee is always on the lookout for new ways to provide community service events for everyone in Sandia Heights and would welcome your suggestions. They provide information packets to new residents and periodic "Get To Know You" gatherings for new residents at the SHHA office. Their goal, as is SHHA's, is to be of service to the community.

Architectural Control: This committee has one of the most difficult tasks to perform. They have over 30 different sets of covenants, many having different architectural standards, that must be enforced. The committee has a goal to establish a policy that will be consistent with existing community standards and the written covenants for each unit.

Covenants Control: This committee has a similarly difficult task to perform. They must respond to covenant violations across more than 30 different sets of covenants with many different restrictions. This committee also has a goal to establish a policy that will be consistent with existing community standards follow the dictates of the written covenants for each unit.

Communications and Publications: This committee publishes the Grit, Residents Directory, and maintains the SHHA website. The Grit provides Sandia Heights residents with information about topics of interest to the community. In this issue of the Grit a regular section for letters from Grit readers has been reintroduced. Also reintroduced in this issue is the monthly activity report for Sandia Security. Also in this issue, you'll notice we have included links to Internet sites in some articles. We'll do more of this in the future so that we can provide readers with information that can't be included in the print publication because of space limitations. The SHHA website (<http://www.sandiahomeowners.org>) is being worked on and improved. From time to time you will also receive a Little Grit newsletter providing important information that can't wait. The committee is also setting up a new email based security alert list (see the Security Alert article in this issue on page 14).

SHHA Staff: Available 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the office at 2B, San Rafael NE (just behind the Subway). They will be happy to assist you with your questions or provide you with any SHHA forms you need. If you are looking for help around the house they can provide the Contractors' Evaluation notebook that contains evaluations of firms used by other Sandia Heights residents. You are always welcome at the office.

SHHA Board: Meets monthly at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the William Sibrava Sheriff's substation (one block north of Paseo del Norte at the corner of Eubank and Holly). These are open meetings and any SHHA resident can attend. We hope you'll find an opportunity to attend one of these meetings and learn more about the SHHA and the benefits of being a member.

SPECIAL NOTE: At the next Board of Directors Meeting on November 14th Rob Lopez, Coordinator, Urban County Charter Commission will be the guest speaker and will be available to answer questions. He will reiterate that the proposed Urban County Charter is NOT the charter unifying Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque into a single urban government. next Board of Directors Meeting on November 14th Rob Lopez, Coordinator, Urban County Charter Commission will be the guest speaker and will be available to answer questions. He will reiterate that the proposed Urban County Charter is NOT the charter unifying Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque into a single urban government.

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Covenants Support Committee

Dan O'Bryan Chair

What are "covenants" as they apply to residents of subdivisions? Simply put, they are rules and regulations placed on the lots by the developers of the subdivision that usually remain in existence for the life of the subdivision. Normally it takes a vote of 75% of the property owners in that subdivision or subdivision unit to amend or change the "covenants."

"Covenants" are found in the Declarations of Restrictions that are filed and recorded with the County in which the subdivision is located. These Declarations of Restrictions continue to exist even when property ownership changes from person to person and they apply to "each subsequent owner."

In Sandia Heights we have over 30 units that are part of the Sandia Heights Development. There is a separate Declarations of Restrictions filed on each unit in Sandia Heights. These Declarations of Restrictions, or "Covenants" as we call them, vary from unit to unit. They are similar in many respects, but most differ slightly. They have become more complex as the newest units were developed.

It behooves us to obtain a copy of our unit's covenants and be familiar with them. In all sets of covenants, drawn for units in Sandia Heights, paragraph 2 specifically addresses the rights and duties of residents of that unit to act to enforce compliance with that unit's covenants. All of the covenants are available on the Internet at our website www.sandiahomeowners.org. Copies can also be obtained at the SHHA Office on San Rafael during regular business hours, M-F 11am - 3pm.

In future issues of The Grit we plan to address in each issue one covenant that applies to the largest number of subdivision units and is the subject of the most alleged covenant violation reported during that period to the Covenants Support Committee. Hopefully, we can highlight potential problems for all of our use and help clarify the reasons why that specific covenant exists and must be enforced.

If you have questions about the meaning or purpose of any covenant and feel it needs to be the subject of an article, send us a letter at The Grit and we'll consider it for an article.

Also, if you have a need to report an apparent covenant violation our procedures for reporting can be found on our website www.sandiahomeowners.org or it can be handled in person during normal business hours at the SHHA Office. Your privacy will be protected but no anonymous complaints will be accepted for action.

Trash or Not Trash?

By Dan O'Bryan



A typical covenant complaint revolves around the fact that one person's trash may be another person's eyesore. We have frequent complaints from our neighbors concerned about other neighbor's messy yards, stacked cuttings, lawn clippings, dead trees or shrubs, or just poor maintenance of the property in general. Also, garbage cans improperly maintained or placed in view from the street are also related types of complaints.

Do the covenants cover these issues? Yes, generally in one form or the other. The older covenants refer to "no burning of trash," "proper handling of garbage," duties of owners of vacant lots to keep them "clear of trash and rubbish," etc. The newer covenants get more specific and use terms such as "no refuse piles or other unsightly objects or materials shall be allowed to be placed or remain upon any lot or tract on the property."

Are all the complaints valid or specifically covered by covenants? Some are, some aren't. Those that are, we seek the property owner's help in curing the problem. Most usually agree. Some take offense. Some don't understand why anyone could complain about their own use of their property. They forget that the covenants are for all of us and therefore apply to all of us.

Why do we have covenants that apply to trash? Our trash may detract from the visible qualities of the neighborhood and therefore, detract from the value of the neighborhood. It can affect marketability of other property near us and generally reflect on our neighbor's ability to enjoy their property.

Some trash, particularly garbage, attracts pests and animals. Some of our homes are in close proximity and odors can cross property lines. Some trash creates a fire hazard - particularly dry vegetation. Some trash, such as broken down outdoor furniture or children's playthings made of brightly colored materials can be an eyesore to passersby.

Please be a good neighbor and help keep Sandia Heights visually appealing. It's a great place to live and we control our destiny by the impression we make for future purchasers seeking to join us as neighbors.

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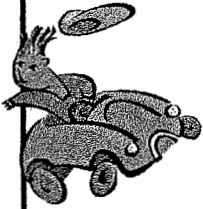
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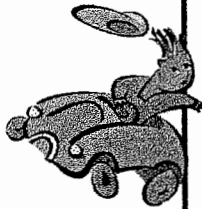
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Traffic & Safety Committee

Eric Nuttall, Chair



Road Warriors

Sandia Heights is a high-risk community one in which pedestrians and cars must share the same narrow, winding, and often hilly roads. These shared roads make for a potential safety hazard. We are requesting drivers to slow down and pedestrian to walk with care. Traffic engineers point out that in addition to the close proximity of cars and pedestrians on share roads there is problem of speed differential, i.e., cars travel at 15 mph or more and pedestrians walk at about 2-3 mph. Then add children walking to and from bus stops, there are real safety concerns. Some homeowners have asked why the speed limit throughout Sandia Heights is posted at 15 mph, with the exceptions of San Bernardino and Live Oak, which are posted at 25 mph and have speed humps. Others have asked why the cars travel so fast on our roads ignoring the posted speed limit. The Traffic and Safety committee is continuing to work on finding answers to these and other related questions.

Our committee composed of Sandia homeowners has learned from traffic measurement data that most of the cars are traveling dangerously above the 15 mph speed limit. Speed studies taken on San Rafael were reported in the August, 2001 Grit. Is the speed limit too low? If you are a pedestrian you would say simply that the cars travel too fast. The County traffic engineer, Richard Mobarak has reviewed our roads and the posted speed limits. He has concluded that 15 mph is the safe speed. The key is safety. Mr. Kent Hendrickson, Bernalillo County Fire Marshal reported at our September, 2001 meeting that home fires are not a major concern in Sandia Heights. However, from his decades of experience with our community he states that car/pedestrian accidents makeup most of their emergency calls.

The Traffic and Safety committee is exploring many ways to improve pedestrian safety. These include chamisa trimming to improve visibility and provide pedestrians with road edge safety, traffic calming through driver awareness articles in the Grit, smart speed cart usage, speed humps, and speed enforcement. Making our roads safer is a long term ongoing process, but well worth the effort.



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Sandia Security is not a part of Sandia Homeowners Association.
Call Sandia Security 857-8924 and join!!!!



The Finance Committee

By: Rick Nelson, Treasurer

This report is for September '01, the first month of our Budget year.

Assets and Liabilities

As of 9/30/01

Cash and in Banks

Cash and in Banks	\$ 5,845.97
CD's local Banks	45,358.51
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>
Total Cash and in Banks	\$ 51,305.48

Other Assets

Equipment and Furniture	\$ 9,285.17
Prepaid Postage, Rent and Etc.	2,076.11
Security Deposits	<u>1,272.75</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ 12,634.04

Total Assets **\$ 63,938.51**

Liabilities

Open Space, Legal and Operating Reserve	\$ 45,358.51
Total Liabilities	\$ 45,358.51

Assets less Liabilities **\$ 18,580.00**

Inflows and Outflows

September 2001

Inflows

Architectural Control	\$ 285.00
Advertising	766.64
Interest earned	113.94
Members dues	<u>7,504.99</u>

Total September Inflows **\$ 8,670.57**

From Cash on hand \$ 3,115.27 see note

Total to cover outflows **\$ 11,705.65**

Outflows

Directors expense	\$ 67.67
All Committees expenses	1,411.69
Collection of Dues	1,050.36
Legal costs	2,292.20
Office, lease, utility, telephone, supplies, Etc	1,646.00
Staff	2,536.69
Officers expenses	128.91
State Fees	10.00
Prepaid Expense	300.00
Office Furniture & Computer	<u>2,262.13</u>

Total Outflows **\$11,705.65**

NOTE: The \$3,115.57 from cash on had was for one time expense for Furniture and Computer and above average Legal expense. A detailed breakdown of this report is available for SHHA members to examine at the SHHA office from 11am to 3pm Monday-Friday. If you call first I will meet you.





Communications & Publications Committee

Jim Cook, Chair



Thanks to all the Grit readers who took the time to write a letter, call the SHHA office, comment on the last issue, or send suggestions. In this issue of the Grit, you'll find a Letters section with letters we've received for publication. We're very pleased to make this section available to our readers and hope that you'll continue to send us your letters.

Much of the communication we received concerned the Urban County Charter article and the topic of City/County unification. Several questions were raised about this issue and we'll be meeting with people who have the knowledge to answer these questions. We were not able to get these questions addressed in time for this issue of the Grit but look for an article covering your questions on this topic in the next issue of the Grit. If you haven't yet responded to us and you have questions on this topic you would like to see addressed, please send them to:

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We've printed a letter from the UCCC the SHHA just received. You can also find additional information about this topic on the following web sites:

<http://www.bernco.gov/uccc/> ← Bernalillo County
 UCCC Main Page
<http://www.abcgov.org/> ← Citizens for
 Albuquerque/Bernalillo
 County Government

The second web site contains links to Albuquerque newspaper stories on this topic and a link to a discussion forum on this topic operated by the League of Women Voters.

One reader commented about the title of the article on wild animals. The reader wanted to point out that we humans are the ones that took the foothills from the animals and that the foothills still belong to the wild animals.

One reader expressed great concern about speeding along Cedar Hill Road. The reader pointed out that with a park planned for the corner of Cedar Hill and Tramway, there might be more children on the road increasing the danger of a serious injury caused by speeding.

Another reader noted many instances of excessive speed along Juniper Hill Road and has requested speed bumps to help control speeding.

Suggestions that our readers sent in included:

- SHHA financial incentives or programs to help residents xeriscape their property
- Discounts on tram tickets for SHHA Members
- Use a map to illustrate street locations for stories like the article on speeding,
- Consider setting up an email notification system for security alerts

Suggestions that require time to consider or implement have been referred to the appropriate SHHA Committee for consideration.

The suggestion to incorporate maps and other illustrations where appropriate is a good one and we will do that for future Grit articles.

The suggestion about email notification for security alerts is something we can put in place immediately. If you are an SHHA member and would like to receive email notices about information that concerns community security, please send an email to shha@sandiahomeowners.org requesting to be added to a security notification list. We will only use this list to send out security alert emails and your email address will never be disclosed.

If you're not yet an SHHA member and would like to join the security alert email list, you can contact the SHHA office to become a member.

Again, thanks to all who took the time to respond and share their perspectives with us. Involvement by everyone in Sandia Heights will help to make the Grit a better newsletter for the whole community.

Albuquerque Neighborhood News

The Planning Department of the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination for the City of Albuquerque publishes an electronic newsletter that is available on the Web. If you are interested in what's happening in Albuquerque, you can check out the newsletter using the link below:

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Letters



Security

I know that Security is handled by Sandia Heights Services and not SHHA, but I would like to suggest The Grit ask the readership if they are satisfied with the security service we are getting recently (during 2001). I hardly ever see the security cruiser on Sandia Heights roads, although I do see it (them?) frequently driving along Tramway Blvd., Paseo del Norte and Spain. I can't help but wonder if we are getting the service we used to get when Will was alive. But since I am only one observer, I would welcome the comments of others.

From: James Savage

City County Unification Tax Impacts

As a resident of Sandia Heights for 24 years, I question the value of city / county unification to our area. How much will taxes be increased as part of this unification? Will sewer lines be extended to our area so that we will no longer be reliant upon septic tanks? Unfortunately it is my understanding that our property taxes will escalate substantially with no increase in services to Sandia Heights residents. I would like Mr. Campbell to respond to these concerns.

From: Ruth Schwed

To Comment:

We welcome your comments. Only letters that include name and a phone number and that are verified by the Grit staff can be considered for publication. Letters must be 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for length, accuracy, and clarity. Send letters by email to shha@sandiahomeowners.org; fax to 505-856-8544; or mail to SHHA Grit, 2B San Rafael, NE Albuquerque, NM 87122



City County Unification Property Tax Impacts

In David Campbell's article about combining the functions of city and county there is no mention, not one word, about property taxes. Yes, county residents pay a lot of city sales taxes and have no say as to how that money is spent. We are no different from tourists, who are also protected by Albuquerque police while in the city.

Taxation without representation? Yes indeed. But representation comes with a price tag. The promise of saving expenses by political reshuffling reminds us of a bridge we'd like to sell....which does not cross the Rio Grande.

From: Louise and Alex Milyko

City County Unification Downsides

The Urban County Charter article points to some advantages for us in Sandia Heights as taxpayers without a voice, but I wonder if there are not some downsides to look at also.

If we vote in the urban county concept would not our water supply system become part of the merged system? It would then probably be connected into the existing water system, and in return our water would then possibly be supplied back to us by the new city/county system. If I am wrong, I would like to know.

As you may have noticed, the city water system is in trouble and could use fresh supplies like we have. The city's aquifer has been depleted by the high tech computer industries that have been brought here. As a result the city is moving on a plan to use polluted river water for homeowners, at quite a cost increase, too. (This same plan failed in Tucson as the water was dirty and tasted awful, and had to be abandoned but the bills still had to be paid.) An additional problem for us is that the river water contains radioactive contaminants washed down from Los Alamos for the past 50 years and now is more heavy from the Cerro Grande fire last year. This is in addition to the agriculture fertilizer and pesticide runoff and upstream sewage waste dumped into the river.

I can see where the larger city/country government would like to have our good water supply and sell us back the dirty river water. I would like to hear more about the water system merger before the merger plan proceeds further.

From: Robert L. Anderson, Ph D

Editors Note: In a letter [see page 13 of this Grit] from Rob Lopez, Coordinator Urban County Charter Commission, Mr. Lopez says regarding the special election to be held on December 4, 2001, he "must reiterate that the proposed Urban County Charter is not the charter unifying Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque into a single urban government. Mr. Lopez will be a guest speaker at the SHHA Board of Directors meeting on November 14th, we hope you can be there."

Problems with Uncontrolled Pets

It appears that dog owners have changed their dog-care patterns substantially in recent weeks: persistent noisy and extended barking does not only begin as early as 5:30 AM, but now extends into the late evening hours past 10 PM. Moreover, several dogs could be heard barking at various times during all of the most recent nights. I do not know whether homeowners have acquired more dogs, whether more of them are out of town and decided to leave their dogs unattended, or whether some dog owners simply have become less considerate.

I would greatly appreciate being told whether there exist any rules or guidelines that can be invoked to encourage dog owners to change their patterns. I also hope a reminder could be printed in the Grit.

From: Wolfgang R. Wawersik

Editors Note: Bernalillo County has strict laws regarding animal control. These laws require that all animals must be restrained at all times. There are also regulations regarding barking. The Bernalillo County Animal Control phone number is 873-6706

2002 Residents Directory

Is Your Listing Correct? by Jim Cook

We'll be publishing the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association 2002 Directory of Residents in early January and we need your help. Take a look at the address label on your Grit. You'll see an address block that looks like:

(M/N) (U/L) 123-4567
 Your name
 Your address
 Albuquerque, NM 87122-xxxx

The first letter in parenthesis will be M for SHHA Members or N for non-members.

The second letter in parenthesis will be U for unlisted phone numbers or L for listed phone numbers.

The number after the letters on the first line is your phone number. Your phone number will be omitted from the directory listing if you have elected to have your phone number be unlisted.

Your name and address as it will be listed in the directory.

The information on this label is the information we will use for your listing in the directory. Please verify that this information is correct. If the information is correct you don't have to do anything. If the information is incorrect or you want to change something, please notify the SHHA office so we can correct our records. You can send us the correct information in any of the following ways.

- Email: Send an email with the correct information to shha@sandiahomeowners.org
- Phone: Call 797-7793 between 11am and 3pm Mon – Fri or leave a message anytime
- Fax: Fax the correct information to 856-8544
- Mail: Mail a card or letter with the correct information to:
 SHHA
 2B San Rafael Avenue, NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87122
- In person: Stop by the office at 2B San Rafael Avenue anytime between 11am and 3pm Mon – Fri.

Who gets the Residents Directory?

The SHHA Directory of Residents is distributed by mail to all SHHA Members each January. Sandia Heights residents who are not SHHA Members may obtain copies of the Residents Directory for \$10.00 per copy at the SHHA office during office hours Mon – Fri. SHHA Members may obtain additional copies of the directory for \$5.00 per copy.

The SHHA Directory of Residents is not distributed to anyone who is not a resident of Sandia Heights. The information in this directory is intended solely for the personal use of Sandia Heights residents. The Residents Directory is not distributed to any advertiser or business and is not used for any commercial purpose.

What's in the Residents Directory?

The Residents Directory has two listings of Sandia Heights residents. The first listing is alphabetical by last name. The second listing is by address, which allows for a lookup by address. In addition to the resident listings, the directory contains a variety of useful information and phone numbers. The Residents Directory also contains some advertising, which helps to reduce the publishing cost.

Community Service/Membership Committee, Finian Murphy, Chair



On October 9th the SHHA held its first "Welcome Party for New Residents." The Community Service and Membership Committee (CSMC) hosted this special evening at the Office. Finian Murphy, chairperson of CSMC, took care of all the shopping.

Astrid Lugowski, Ruth Frazier and Dick Brackett had the pleasure of meeting our guests and spending the evening with new friends and neighbors.

All had a great time and shared stories, experiences and the possibility of future involvement in our community.

SHHA welcomes also all new members who could not make it. Hopefully you can join us in three months when we hold our next Welcome Party for New Residents.

For information about SHHA Membership:

- Phone us: 797-7793
- Fax us: 856-8544
- Email us: shha@sandiahomeowners.org
- Visit us: SHHA Office
 2B, San Rafael NE
 [behind the Subway]

Check our web site: www.sandiahomeowners.org



Parks & New Development

George Connor, Chair

Investigation provided us with the information that Bernalillo County Parks Department is responsible to maintain the Walking/Bike trail along Tramway Boulevard.

Therefore, our committee has submitted a request for them to trim chamisa along this Walking/Bike Trail. Special emphasis is to be placed on improving the visibility at intersections between the South end of Sandia Heights to the County Line Restaurant.



Writers Wanted

Have you ever wanted to be a writer? Well here's your chance! We're looking for people who would like to write an article for the Grit. You don't need to be an accomplished writer (although we would certainly welcome accomplished writers). All you need is the willingness to write about something that interests you and would be of interest to the Sandia Heights community. If you are interested in writing for the grit, please contact us at:

- Email: shha@sandiahomeowners.org
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SPECIAL REWARDS FOR INFORMATION leading to convictions:
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**If you have questions about Home Rule and City/County Unification
Come ask questions at the next Board of Directors meeting:
Rob Lopez, Coordinator of the Urban County Charter Commission
Will be a guest speaker at our 7pm November 14th Board of Directors meeting
Held at William Sibrava Sheriffs sub station at Eubank and Holly
Mr. Lopez will address the issues as outlined in his letter printer below**

URBAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

One Civic Plaza NW, 10th Floor
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Phone (505) 768-4253
Fax (505) 768-4329

PREAMBLE

We, the citizens of Bernalillo County, in order to attain greater local self-determination, to meet the needs of rural and urban residents, to encourage citizen participation in county government and to provide for a more responsible and responsive government, do hereby adopt this Charter.



October 8, 2001

Dear Bernalillo County Residents:

The Urban County Charter Commission (UCCC) has recently completed its work in drafting the proposed Urban County Charter providing for maximum self-government. The thirteen members of the UCCC, appointed by the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, have recommended for adoption a proposed Charter consisting of twelve articles. The Board has called for a special election to be held on **December 4, 2001** which will provide County residents with the opportunity to adopt or reject the proposed Charter based on its merits.

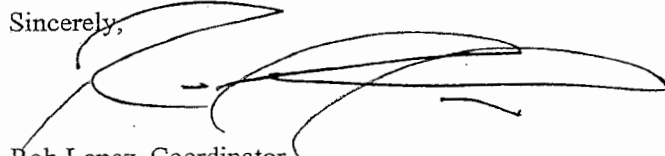
If adopted by a majority of the eligible voters in the County, the proposed Charter will provide Bernalillo County with home rule status. Simply stated, home rule grants the County authority to exercise legislative powers and perform governmental functions not prohibited by state law. The Charter, however, does not provide for any additional imposition of taxes unless approved by a majority of the eligible voters in the urban county.

I must reiterate that the proposed Urban County Charter is not the charter unifying Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque into a single urban government. A separate commission slated for appointment by January 2003 will be charged with drafting the unification charter.

In an effort to provide County residents with information about the proposed Charter, I will make myself available at your neighborhood association meetings to explain home rule government, articles of the proposed Charter and the differences between current County government and the proposed urban county government. To schedule a thirty-minute presentation, you may contact Lena Gonzales, UCCC Administrative Officer, at 768-4253.

For additional information about the Urban County Charter Commission or the proposed Urban County Charter please visit our web site at www.bernco.gov/uccc.

Sincerely,


Rob Lopez, Coordinator
Urban County Charter Commission

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Administrative Officer



Security Alert

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department has informed the SHHA that mailboxes in Sandia Heights have been the targets of recent mail thefts. The thieves are taking outgoing mail and looking for mail that contains a check. The check is altered and then cashed. Sheriff's Department recommends that all residents place outgoing mail in a secure mailbox or deliver outgoing mail directly to the mail carrier.

There are U.S. Mail collection boxes at the Circle K at Tramway and Tramway Road and at the Albertsons at Tramway and Academy and Smiths at Montgomery and Tramway.

This is a good example of the type of alert that we can send to SHHA members by email. If you are an SHHA member and would like to receive security alerts by email, please send an email to shha@sandiahomeowners.org requesting to be added to the SHHA security notification list. If you're not yet an SHHA member, you can contact the SHHA office to become a member.

The office is located at: 2B San Rafael, behind the Subway, our phone number is 797-7793

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

The November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 14th, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Khondeh and Ed Payne at 2874 Brushwood NE (on the west side of Tramway Blvd)

Ms. Pearl Burns is the guest speaker and will be presenting a slide show on "Wild Flowers of Sandia". Ms. Burns has a wealth of information about the native plants and has been sharing her knowledge with wild flower enthusiast for many years.

Sandia Heights Wildflower previous activity was the annual Potluck supper on September 12 at Kiwanis Pavilion in the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. Beautiful setting on the foot hills, wonderful weather, good natured participants, and lots and lots of delicious food made a delightful combination and a very pleasant experience.

Sandia Heights residents are welcome to attend any of the bi-monthly meeting. To become a member, please send a check for \$5 [for one years dues] payable to the: Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

c/o Susan Cook, 1842 Tramway Terrace Lp,



Annual Potluck supper at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

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Sandia Security Call Summary September 2001

Call Type	Sep	YTD	Sep	YTD
Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	6	0.0%	0.5%
Breaking & Entering	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Animal Control Assist	2	12	1.3%	0.9%
Alarms	38	379	24.2%	29.0%
Assault/Battery	1	4	0.6%	0.3%
Car Accident	6	18	3.8%	1.4%
Construction Site Burglary	0	6	0.0%	0.5%
Deer Hunters	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Fire	3	20	1.9%	1.5%
Fireworks Complaint	0	8	0.0%	0.6%
Front Office	1	18	0.6%	1.4%
Loud Music	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Lost/Found Item	0	4	0.0%	0.3%
Lost/Found Pet	2	21	1.3%	1.6%
Motorist Assist	14	154	8.9%	11.8%
Motorcycle Nuisance	0	9	0.0%	0.7%
Open Door/Window	8	79	5.1%	6.0%
Peeping Tom	0	1	0.0%	0.1%
Pet Nuisance	3	30	1.9%	2.3%
Loud Disruptive Party	0	13	0.0%	1.0%
Rescue Assist	1	7	0.6%	0.5%
Snake Call	5	39	3.2%	3.0%
Speeding Vehicle	5	14	3.2%	1.1%
Suspicious Person	14	62	8.9%	4.7%
Suspicious Vehicle	18	139	11.5%	10.6%
Salesman Problem	1	17	0.6%	1.3%
Theft	2	9	1.3%	0.7%
Threat/Personal	0	2	0.0%	0.2%
Utility Co. Assist	3	30	1.9%	2.3%
Special Request	13	85	8.3%	6.5%
Vandalism	15	104	9.6%	8.0%
Wildlife Report	2	17	1.3%	1.3%
Subtotal of Calls	157	1307	100.0%	100.0%
Special (Extra patrol or observation)	8	95		
Homeowners on Vacation	206	1403		
Total Calls	371	2805		

Wanted – Holiday Recipes

The holidays are coming and we would like to publish a special Holiday Recipes section in the December **HOLIDAY** Grit. If you have a favorite holiday recipe that you are willing to share, we would like to publish it. Please send your recipes to:

Email: shha@sandiahomeowners.org
Mail or In Person: SHHA office, 2B San Rafael Avenue, Albuquerque, NM 87122

Deadline for submission is November 16th



Crime Prevention Tips

The following is taken from an article in the City of Albuquerque on line Neighborhood News At: <http://www.cabq.gov/planiing/pages/neighborhood/newsletter/crimeprvent.html>

We hope that these tips will be a help here in Sandia Heights and also give us some ideas for future prevention in our area.

APD Crime Prevention

By: Steve Sink

Residential and commercial burglary rates have gradually decreased over the last few years due to a number of cooperative efforts by our citizens and APD. Neighborhood associations and other community groups have done a tremendous job of educating residents and supporting the concepts advocated by the Crime Prevention Unit. Consider the following information to prevent break-ins as well as way to retrieve any lost or stolen property:

- ◆ Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home.
- ◆ Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that you neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas. [SHHA comment: any outdoor lighting must comply to the covenants of your unit and the Lighting code of Bernalillo Code]
- ◆ Each [exterior] door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock that includes a minimum 1" throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with 3-4" screws that secure the plate into the door-frame. [exterior] doors should be also be equipped with 180 degree eye viewers.
- ◆ Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level 6-8 feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that provide someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.
- ◆ All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also, make sure all screens are in place and secure.



Crime Prevention—Continued

- ◆ Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being lifted and removed. Dowel rods and "charley bars" are secondary methods to secure the door, but make sure the primary locking devise is operational.
- ◆ Organize a **Neighborhood Watch** program for your block.
- ◆ Operation ID: Record all make, model, serial number, value, and any other distinguishing features of all valuable property in your home. Store this information in a secure location like a safety deposit box, with a trusted friend or family member. A video recording of the items is also recommended. Engrave a number on the back of each item that is significant to you and place the number on your record sheet (Note: Do not use your social security number to eliminate identity theft) Stolen property is often recovered and in the absence of an engraved number, you have no proof the items are yours. The recorded items can also assist with insurance claims.

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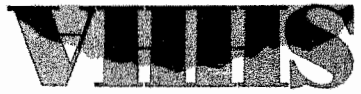
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Wouldn't it be fun to be part of something which will celebrate the holiday season, enhance the aesthetics of our neighborhood, make Sandia Heights special in still one more way, increase the sense of community in our neighborhood, and be just plain beautiful?

Just such a project is here! *Lights in the Heights* is a project of the Membership/Community Service Committee to make electric luminaria available to Sandia Heights residents at a discount. These are the same luminaria that you see elsewhere at the retail price of \$20/set. We are making them available to Sandia Heights residents at \$13.25/set (plus tax for a total of \$13.96/set).

- There are ten luminaria in a set, covering thirty feet. Made in New Mexico, they have plastic unframes, all-weather plastic bags, and 7-watt candle shaped bulb. They come with instructions and diagrams.

If you've installed electric luminaria, you know that it can present a challenge! So we're asking people to share experiences with attaching them to stucco or other surfaces, or with other ways of displaying them. What works? What have you tried that didn't work? If you have special qualifications that make you an expert, please let us know. We'll compile the information and distribute it.

Sandia Heights resident Kit Anderson, a professional organizer, has volunteered to organize the project. At the request of the Membership/Community Service Committee, she will purchase the electric luminaria sets through her company, Anderson Organizing Systems, passing along the wholesale price to SH residents (adding only the required tax). Her husband Larry will compile the information on attaching/displaying the luminaria. The Andersons and other volunteers will pick up the pre-ordered and pre-paid luminaria sets and have them available for pick-up at the SHHA office from gam-1 pro on two Saturdays, November 24th and December 1st.

Clip and mail to Anderson Organizing Systems, 150 Whitetail Road NE, Albuquerque 87122-1921. Deadline for receipt of order and check is November 19th. If you miss the deadline, try again next year.

Name _____
Address _____ Phone number _____

I would like to order _____ sets of luminaria @ \$13.96/set which includes tax.

My check # _____, made out to **Anderson Organizing Systems**, for \$ _____ (\$13.96 x the number of sets) is enclosed.

_____ I've enclosed ideas or experience for attaching or displaying electric luminaria.

_____ I have a truck, SUV or other similar vehicle, and would be willing to help pickup cases of luminaria sets during business hours on the week of November 19th. Please call me.

_____ I am/we are willing to help give out the luminaria sets at the SHHA office on November 24th or December 1st. Please call me.