

THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

May-June 2002

2002 Annual Report Issue

**SHHA Annual Meeting – 10:00 AM Saturday June 1, 2002
Church of the Good Shepherd
7834 Tennyson NE**

All SHHA Members and Sandia Heights residents are invited to attend the Annual Meeting this Saturday. SHHA Members will be electing new Directors to the SHHA Board of Directors. Inside this issue of the Grit, you'll find the 2002 Annual Meeting Insert with the statements from each candidate for the Board of Directors positions.

Most SHHA Members want to participate in electing the people who will serve on the SHHA Board of Directors and represent their interests. However, not every Member who wants to vote is always able to attend the Annual Meeting. Starting this year, every SHHA Member who would like to vote will have an opportunity to do so even if they are not able to attend the Annual Meeting.

Ballots for the election of new SHHA Directors will be available in the SHHA office during normal office hours (11:00AM to 3:00PM) Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, May 31 for any SHHA Member who is not able to attend the Annual Meeting. Remember, only SHHA Members are eligible to vote. If you would like to become an SHHA Member in order to vote in this

year's election, you can sign up at the SHHA office anytime through May 31.

The SHHA and its Board of Directors represent the interests of all Sandia Heights homeowners, property owners, and residents in many ways. Your participation in the SHHA is very important. We encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting, become an SHHA Member, exercise your right to vote, and volunteer your time for SHHA Committees and activities that are important to you.

Because of the extreme fire danger this year, we've invited Mr. Kent Hendrickson, the Bernalillo County Fire Marshall to be a guest speaker at the meeting.

We'll also be presenting information on many different topics including:

- Status of the Bylaw revisions
- Sandia Mountain Resolution
- Committee activities & accomplishments
- Covenant Enforcement legal update
- General discussion on topics of concern

Please attend. Your participation is important.

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Traffic & Safety Committee 2002 Annual Report

Eric Nuttall, Chair



THANK YOU to all the committee members, volunteers, staff, and county employees for providing many hours of your time to making Sandia Heights a safer, better community during this past year.

ROADS: Please remember that our roads are shared. Vehicles, walkers, children, bikers, and joggers all must use the same narrow, hilly, winding roads; hence, both drivers and pedestrians must use extreme caution. This shared nature of our narrow hilly roads necessitates what seems to some residents the rather slow posted speed limits. Sandia Height's speed limits and traffic signs have been reviewed this past year by the County Traffic Engineer's Office and are correctly posted. Each year we have more children and walkers as well as vehicles using our roads. The Traffic and Safety Committee has studied the many facets of this shared use conflict. There is no single simple solution!

On the traffic side we have worked closely with the County to get an approved 15 mph speed hump design, measurement of traffic speeds and volume on several of our roads, and increased sheriff patrols and speeder ticketing to name a few activities. For the walkers, we have worked with the County to trim Chamisa, elms and other vegetation thus providing more road shoulder access. Several new stop signs and speed limit signs have been installed. The Committee has written numerous Grit articles to educate residents about the problems of our shared roads as well as security issues.

The Committee is also studying the feasibility of natural pathways within the County right-of-way. The Traffic and Safety committee will pursue this pilot initiative in the coming year. We encourage those interested to contact the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and get involved in this exciting project.

SECURITY: Since the tragedy of 9/11, we are all aware that terrorism, vandalism, burglaries, and other crimes are on the rise in America and within our communities. The Traffic and Safety Committee is studying these important issues and is trying to identify innovative methods to make our wonderful community safer. Your help and input is needed to identify the best approaches. The Committee is working closely with the Sheriff's office on this initiative.



Architectural Control Committee 2002 Annual Report

John M. Coffey, Chair



The Architectural Control Committee met 20 times in the last year. 127 applications were considered, and 119 approved, for a 94% approval. 3 variance requests were considered and 1 approved, for a 33% approval.

Several thrusts were accomplished through the year. Sandia Heights resident awareness of the committee has increased appreciably, including the positive attitude of the Committee toward change and variety within covenant limits. Architects, builders, and realtors have also become aware of Committee policies and guidelines. The committee has stressed its chartered role to safeguard the character of Sandia Heights.

The Committee intends to continue its chartered functions, and invites comments from residents. Residents are always welcome to meet with the Committee with prior notice.

Parks, New Development, & Government Relations Committee 2002 Annual Report

George Connor, Chair



The Parks Committee has been busy this year, but not all of the items on which we worked are finished and show. The completed items are:

- Arranged to have Chamisa trimmed along Tramway Trail at all intersections to improve pedestrian safety.
- Arranged to have Chamisa and shrubs trimmed along Tramway Trail making it easier to see the Wrought Iron work along the arroyo about 1/3 mile south of Circle K store.
- Bought and planted four (4) shade trees in Little Cloud Park at San Bernardino and Tramway.
- Developed a set of Committee Goals and Objectives to help improve the year-to-year workings of the Parks Committee.
- Developed a set of Committee Operating Procedures to help the Parks Committee interact smoothly with other SHHA committees and the SHHA Board of Directors.

Ongoing activities are:

- Succeeded in getting the 10.7 acres of vacant land at Pasco Del Norte and Tramway Blvd. onto Bernalillo County's list of potential Open Space acquisitions.
- Started efforts to discuss National Forest access with neighbors adjacent to Cibola Forest. Intent is to find one or more ideas and solutions that will reduce or eliminate trespassing problems residents have had and improve access for residents not living directly on the forest boundary.

We expect the ongoing activities to be multi-year projects.



President's Letter

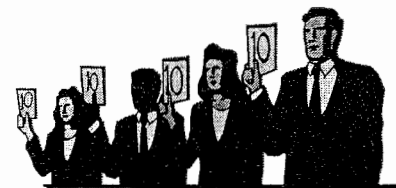
Don Aunapu, SHHA President



Farewell to the Sandia Heights Homeowners.

Just a short farewell note from your departing Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) President. It is hard to believe that it was six years ago that I became a member of the SHHA Board of Directors (BOD). Time really flies here in Albuquerque. I must admit that at times it was a challenge, but overall it was interesting and I had the opportunity and the pleasure to meet and work with a lot of really good people. I ask that all of you in Sandia Heights continue to support your BOD and if you have the time, offer them your assistance. We can never have too many good people working to improve our neighborhood. The board members work hard and I know that at times they make mistakes. So do I. One thing I can guarantee you is that 95% of the time, everyone of them do what he/she feels is the best for the entire membership. I truly believe they have done an outstanding job. In departing I want to thank the entire SHHA BOD for their excellent support during the past year and thank you for letting me serve you for the past 6 years.

Don: From all the Board and membership, a sincere *Thank You* for your years of service and dedication to keep Sandia Heights the best of the best!!!!!!



Community Service & Membership Committee 2002 Annual Report

Finian Murphy, Chair



Community Service and Membership Committee (CSMC) has been a very active group during this past year. Our approach to the assignment given this committee has led us to seek out those who are important to our long-term efforts at creating a neighborhood community where all will benefit from having an opportunity to live here.

As a committee, we have attempted to reach out to our neighbors, to non-members and members alike, and to new members, to establish relationships with our local and national political representatives, and to become an organization committed to developing close ties to the community it represents. We fostered relationships with those residential and commercial populations living and working nearby, and joined with the Pueblo of Sandia to forge long-term bonds of mutual support, cooperation, and friendship.

The members of the CSMC along with the whole Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) Board have performed many services and provided important creative efforts at improving the environment we live in, here in Sandia Heights. Much of this work goes unheralded, and even unknown.

In the coming year we plan to expand our efforts at creating a more representative Board of Directors. We will continue the efforts undertaken during this past year to bring the Board into closer contact with the community that it represents.

The goal is to establish a more representative body of Board members, to make a connection between each individual Board member and a specific neighborhood constituency, and to cause Board members to be sensitive and attuned to the issues that are important to their constituents.

Some of CSMC's specific endeavors this past year:

Instead of having a "Coffee" at a Board Member's house, CSMC decided to have "New Member Get Together" meetings in the evening at the SHHA office. All new residents and new members were sent individual invitations. Those who attended enjoyed meeting other new residents and learning more about Sandia Heights and the SHHA.

In August, the CSMC responded to an invitation from the Sandia Pueblo to meet with their representative to discuss ways of developing good neighborly relations. The outcome of this meeting was a meeting of the SHHA Board of Directors with the Sandia Tribal Council in October. At that time, the Board of Directors was apprised of the Sandia Pueblo's concerns regarding its Boundary Claim. CSMC subsequently received Board approval to investigate all sides of this issue. CSMC felt that the future settlement, or non-settlement, of this claim would impact all of Sandia Heights. After studying all aspects of this controversy, the Committee recommended that the Board take a stand on the speedy resolution of this issue. CSMC believed that SHHA's main goal should be to encourage the complete resolution of this issue before the deadline for this settlement expired. It also believed that all those involved in negotiating a settlement should be aware that SHHA was not opposed to whatever settlement had been negotiated, or would be further negotiated, by the interested parties.

Our Annual Wine Tasting party was expanded to include specialty coffees and chais. A souvenir wine glass, or coffee cup, with the Sandia Heights logo on it was given to each participant. This year over 170 residents attended. Although this event has not been a major fund raiser (it normally just breaks even financially), this coming year CSMC will explore the possibility of turning it into a fund raising event for some good charity.

Fireworks and Fire

By Jim Cook

In this year of extreme drought and fire danger, please consider celebrating the 4th of July without fireworks. Each year fireworks are the source of many fires and a fire this year could be very dangerous. Sandia Pueblo has informed the SHHA that they would not be selling fireworks this year and would be refusing requests for others to sell fireworks on Pueblo land.

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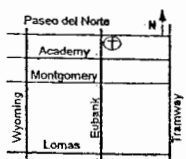
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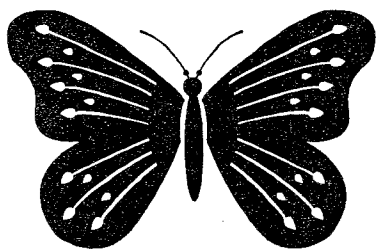
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Designing The Butterfly Theme Garden

By Dan Caudillo



New Mexico is home to many beautiful butterfly species. Swallowtails, Painted Ladies, Sulphurs, Hairstreaks, Blues, Monarchs, Fritillary, and Checkerspots are just a few of the dozens of butterflies waiting to visit your yard! Their colorful displays add an extra dimension to your garden as you observe them feed, defend territories, and put on courtship displays. But before butterflies will visit, it is necessary to create an environment attractive to them.

Creating a Butterfly Habitat

The area chosen to attract butterflies can be any size or location as long as it is in a sunny area. This can be either full sun (a southern exposure) or afternoon sun (a western exposure). Butterflies become most active when their body temperatures are 85°F or above. It is a good idea to place boulders throughout the garden giving them a place to rest and warm themselves.

Choose a location that is protected from the wind. Butterflies become less active when it is too windy. Enclosed courtyards or areas surrounded by tall shrubs and trees greatly reduce the wind velocity.

Provide a source of water. Butterflies occasionally drink water and shallow sources of water are appreciated. You can use birdbaths, rocks with depressions, or a saucer to hold water. Dampened soil allows for butterflies (particularly Swallowtails) to gather together in what is known as 'puddling'. These moist areas have high concentrations of dissolved minerals, which are necessary for butterfly health and reproduction.

Provide a food source. For adult butterflies, the primary source of food is nectar and there are hundreds of common butterfly plants to choose from. A list (see page 8) of the most exceptional and available butterfly attracting plants is provided that includes trees, shrubs, vines, perennials and bulbs, and annuals. To attract even more butterflies or attract certain types of butterflies to your garden, use plants that provide a

food source for butterfly larvae (caterpillars). For example, Swallowtail larvae have a particular attraction to carrots, dill, celery, anise, fennel, and parsley.

Design Hints

1. Before the installation of your butterfly garden, plan it out first, on paper to avoid costly mistakes.
2. Any butterfly garden should include a variety of plant types (trees, shrubs, perennials, etc.) as various butterfly species have a preference for tall, medium, or short plants. From a design standpoint, the use of different plant types is more aesthetically pleasing than just using one type (i.e. only perennials).
3. Be sure that the plants you use will mature to the spot. In other words, do not get a plant that will be too large for the area. If a tree is placed in a small area, you will create a maintenance nightmare for yourself since you will be constantly trimming it to keep the plant in check. Consult a garden dictionary such as *Sunset's Western Garden Book* or visit your local nursery for plant specifications.
4. For larger spaces, I employ a technique I call "stacking". Stacking simply means placing taller plants in the back, medium height plants in the middle and the "shorties" in the foreground. The depth of the planting space will determine how many levels of plants can be used. For example, with a five-foot deep planting area, a Butterfly Bush could be planted in the background, a Blue Mist Spirea would be placed in the middle and a Gaillardia Daisy in the foreground.
5. Try to use butterfly blooming plants where the flowers cover the entire growing season (April to October in Albuquerque) as butterflies are active during this entire time period. Choose early, mid-season and late blooming plants in your garden rather than choosing plants with a six-month blooming season.
6. The colors selected are strictly up to you. Whether you like warm colors, cool colors, or every color the choice is entirely yours. For me personally, I like to use all colors and this will undoubtedly attract a greater variety of butterflies.
7. Be sure to use boulders and provide water in your garden.
8. Avoid using pesticides of any kind in your garden. This includes organic and biological controls. If someone is chewing on your hollyhocks, it just might be a Painted Lady caterpillar!

Butterfly Attracting Plants



Trees: *Vitex (Vitex agnus-castus), *Mimosa (Albizia julibrissin), Horsechestnut (Aesculus), Plums, Cherries (Prunus), Apple (Malus), and Willows (Salix)

Vines: Japanese Honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica)

Shrubs: *Butterfly Bush (Buddleia), *Blue Mist Spirea (Caryopteris x clandonensis), *Lilac (Syringa), Texas Privet (Ligustrum japonicum 'Texanum'), Glossy Abelia (Abelia grandiflora), *Manzanita (Arctostaphylos), Mahonia (Mahonia), *Algerita (Berberis), Mock Orange (Philadelphus), Potentilla (Potentilla fruticosa), *Golden Currant (Ribes aureum), *Three-Leaf Sumac (Rhus trilobata), *Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis), Spirea (Spirea), *Fernbush (Chamaebatiara millefolium), *Cliff Fendlerbush (Fendlera rupicola), *Chamisa (Chrysothamnus nauseosus), *Dwarf Chamisa (Chrysothamnus depressus), *Cliffrose (Cowania Neomexicana), *Apache Plume (Fallugia paradoxa), *Utah Serviceberry (Amelanchier utahensis), and *False Indigo (Amorpha).

Perennials and Bulbs: *English Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia), *Curry Plant (Helichrysum angustifolium), *Santolina (Santolina), Yarrow (Achillea), *Gaillardia Daisy (Gaillardia), Red Valerian (Centranthus ruber), *Mexican Hat/Yellow Coneflower (Ratibida columnifera), *Autumn Joy Sedum (Sedum 'Autumn Joy'), Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea), Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia), Aster (Aster), Butterflyweed (Asclepias tuberosa), Coreopsis Daisy (Coreopsis), Verbena (Verbena), Sea Pink (Aremeria maritima), Bee Balm (Monarda), Phlox (Phlox), *Goldenrod (Solidago), *Catmint (Nepeta mussinii), Shasta Daisy (Chrysanthemum maximum), Ox-Eye Daisy (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum), Mints (Mentha), Joe-Pye Weed (Eupatorium), Queen Anne's Lace (Daucus carota), *Lamb's Ear (Stachys lanata), Delphinium (Delphinium), Bowles' Mauve Wallflower (Erysimum linifolium), *Gayfeather (Liatris), Lilies, Chives, Allium, *Daylily (Hemerocallis), Obedient Plant (Physostegia virginiana), Pin-cushion Flower (Scabiosa), and Pinks (Dianthus).

Annuals: Lantana, Cosmos, Sunflower, Heliotrope, Marigold, Snapdragon, Alyssum, Verbena, Zinnia, Ageratum, Pentas, Cleome, Stock, Gomphrena, Mexican Sunflower, Statice, Aster, and Sweet Pea.

* indicates drought tolerant plants

Covenant Support Committee 2002 Annual Report

Frank Soper, Chair



From June 2001 thru April 2002 the Covenant Support Committee (CSC) handled 67 complaints. Our investigation showed that 58 of those complaints were justified. Four residents have chosen to continue violations. SHHA has turned over two of these violations to our attorney and another one will be referred soon.

Of the 67 complaints received, only three of the people making complaints had talked to the person violating the covenants before filing a complaint. This places a large burden on the CSC. In January the committee decided to change our approach. Instead of a letter to the violator, each justified complaint is first handled via direct contact with the person violating a covenant. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of ongoing active violations. The CSC has concluded from these results that if residents would approach people violating the covenants before filing a complaint many of the problems could be resolved without SHHA involvement.

To better assure buyers' awareness of the covenants prior to purchase the CSC contacted the Board of Realtors and the major brokers active in Sandia Heights requesting their full cooperation as a part of listing a property. The questions we have received from potential residents have shown this to be a worthwhile effort.

The CSC sincerely thanks the residents who have made an effort to help us maintain the quality of life that we enjoy and those people who have cooperated with the SHHA to comply with the covenants. Please don't be afraid to discuss a covenant violation or problem with your neighbor. We are all legally bound by our covenants.





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Board of Directors Candidate Statements

Jay Corazza

Unit 6 Roadrunner District

I am interested in serving on the board. I am a former business owner, current business manager, and have worked in the construction industry in New Mexico for over 20 years. I have served on numerous committees in local contractor organizations and am a former member of the board of directors of Four Hill Country Club.



Pete Foster

Unit 1N Sandia District

I have been a resident of Sandia Heights and a member of the SHHA since 1977. Now that I'm retired, I would like to serve on the SHHA Board. I am a

graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. I served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. From 1962 to 1991 I held several different director roles in contracts and operations at Kirtland Air Force Base.



Larry Greher

Unit 14 Eagle District

I have lived in Sandia Heights and been a member of the SHHA for 23 years, but have never served on the Board. I am interested in serving on the Board for the upcoming term and accepting a committee assignment where I could be helpful. I am employed as Senior Attorney at Sandia National Labs. I have served on the Board, and was the Treasurer of our religious organization – a synagogue, have served on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Albuquerque, and am now on the New Mexico regional Board of the National Jewish Hospital & Medical Center of Denver, Colorado.



Tim Hale

Unit 1S Juniper District

I am married, have three children and have lived there a little over 5 years. I am an Albuquerque native, attended the Albuquerque Academy, went off to college in Boston, and graduate school there and returned, attending law school here at UNM. I grew up hiking the La Luz and enjoying our mountains. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the board and work to protect and preserve our neighborhood.



Cheryl Iverson

Unit 17 Eagle District

My husband and I have lived in Sandia Heights three years this August. We have been New Mexico residents for 22 years. I have a degree in Marketing and Business and work in industrial sales. We have one daughter who is just graduating from the University of New Mexico. I like the feel of the community and feel strongly about the covenants and protection for open spaces. I believe we need to get the community more involved and listen to the community.



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Gardner's Calendar

By Dan Caudillo



Early June

- Time to prune early season flowering shrubs such as forsythia, lilac, Japanese snowball, wisteria, and winter jasmine.
- Time to give your garden its second feeding with dry fertilizers if your first feeding was in early April or feed every two weeks with liquid fertilizer (such as Miracle-Gro).
- Local nurseries have the largest variety of plants this month, so now is the best time to install your landscape.
- Change timing on your sprinklers and drip system to reflect the increase in temperatures.

Mid-June

- "Deadhead" flowering perennials and annuals to increase flower production.
- Check tomatoes and other vegetables for insect damage. Use organic and biological insect controls as a safeguard from chemical pesticide poisoning.
- Good time to put on granulated fungus control as a preventative for fungus in your lawn.
- Dad's day is the 16th.

Late June

- As we approach the hottest month of the year (July) be sure irrigation drippers are fully functional and sprinklers have a thorough coverage pattern.
- Plant second crop of lima beans, beets, broccoli and kohlrabi.
- Check pinion pines for pink globs on the trunk and main branches. For control, use an old butter knife to remove pitch to reveal the larval form (worm) of the pitch moth.
- Ragweed is probably the culprit for your allergies.
- What's blooming in June? Desert willow, golden raintree, mimosa, and vitex (trees); Bird of paradise, russian sage, santolina, fernbush, blue mist spirea, and butterflybush (shrubs); Silver lace vine, clematis, honeysuckle, and climbing roses (vines); Cherry sage, mexican evening primrose, delphinium, baby's breath, yarrow, pincushion flower, foxglove, gaura, licorice mint, black-eyed susan, and queen anne's lace (perennials); Oriental lilies and day lily (bulbs); Dahlia, lobelia, nasturtium, verbena, cosmos, zinnia, coleus, marigold, aster, and alyssum (annuals).



Early July

- Happy Birthday America
- You are entering the hottest month of the year. Mulch your plants to conserve water.
- Second pine tip moth alert is usually out by now, so spray trees early in the morning and follow label directions.
- Dig up mature iris, separate clumps (discard old rhizomes), and reset rhizomes. This should be done every three to four years.
- Cut cool season grasses (bluegrass and tall fescue) taller than normal (3 to 4 inches) to keep roots cool.

Mid-July

- Tumbleweed (Russian thistle) is pollinating and can affect allergy sufferers.
- Monsoon rains usually begin now and can continue until late August or early September.
- If fungus is appearing in your bluegrass or fescue lawn use a liquid fungus control.
- Wash off spider mites from evergreens and butterfly bush.

Late July

- Harvest onions when tops begin to bend downward but before they go to seed.
- Check roses for powdery mildew and spray with fungicide. Follow label directions.
- Avoid feeding your lawn at this time. Instead use Ironite, which keeps the lawn green without promoting too much growth and stimulating fungal growth.
- Divide mature daylily clumps.
- What's Blooming In July? Tamarisk, chitalpa, desert willow, and vitex (trees); Roses, potentilla, Russian sage, blue mist spirea, crepe myrtle, and rose of sharon (shrubs); Silver lace vine, honeysuckle, trumpet vine, and climbing roses (vines); Cherry sage, sand penstemon, agastaches, sun rose, foxglove, delphinium, mexican hat, and black-eyed susan (perennials); Oriental lilies, day lily, and canna lily (bulbs); Dahlia, lobelia, nasturtium, verbena, cosmos, zinnia, coleus, marigold, aster, and alyssum (annuals).

Water Use in the Desert

By Ed Payne

We all live in the desert and water is our precious resource. This article presents information about the water usage in our area and an overview of the activities of the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly. Anyone interested to participate in this volunteer organization is welcome to join. I chair the Alternatives Work Group and participate in the Collaborative Modeling team. These working groups invite new members.

The Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (MRGWA) is a volunteer organization open to the public. This group is developing a water use plan for our area that is to be delivered to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in June 2003.

Through a public participation process, the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly has identified 42 proposed alternative actions that could reduce water demand, increase water supply, change water uses, water quality protection, water rights regulation, implementation of plan, management of water resources, and funding. The next step in the evaluation

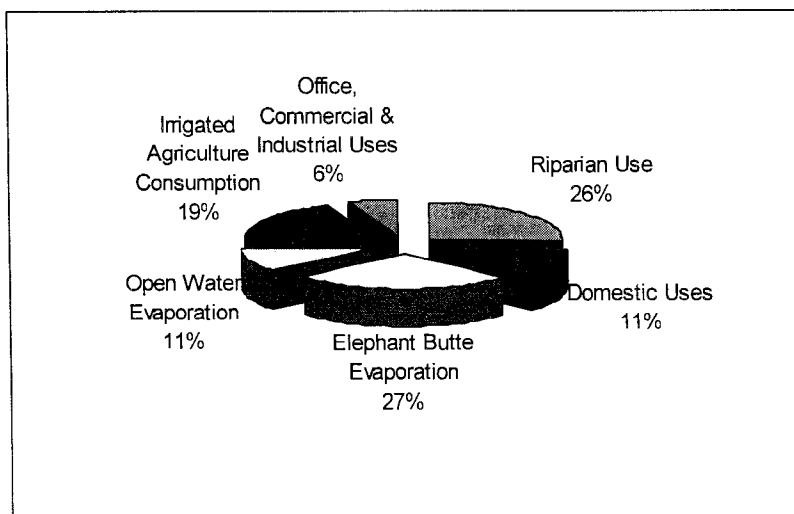
is to assemble facts or characteristics of these alternative actions to be used in an evaluation. Five areas of these facts or characteristics have been identified: Technical Feasibility; Physical, Hydrological and Environmental Feasibility; Socio-Cultural Impacts; Economic Impacts; and, Legal Issues and Resolution

To participate, subscribe to an email distribution. Meeting notices, discussions, articles from newspapers, etc. are posted daily. To subscribe, send an email to majordomo@cabq.gov with no subject and "subscribe mrgwp" in the body of the message. The Water Assembly has a web site under construction at <http://www.waterassembly.org/>.

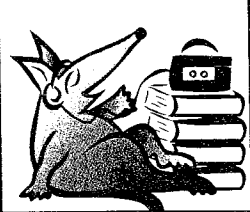
The working group of the Water Assembly, the Action Committee, meets on the third Wednesday of each month and open to the public. Join one of the working teams of the Action Committee. The teams include: Public Participation & Communication; Alternatives Work Group; Analysts Team; Collaborative Modeling Team (a joint project with Sandia Lab); External Coordination and Admin & Finance.

Please contact Ed Payne at re_payne@yahoo.com for more information or how to participate.

The chart below illustrates the consumptive use of water in the Middle Rio Grande area.¹



¹ Source: Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly



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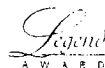
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**The Finance Committee
2002 Annual Report**
Rick Nelson, Treasurer

Note: This report is for the year ending 5/31/02, we had to estimate 2 weeks of May 2002 as the annual meeting is the day after the report ends.

Assets and Liabilities as of 5/31/02

Assets

Cash and in Banks

In Checking	\$ 5,665.94
In CD's	45,080.14
Office Petty Cash	54.67
Total Cash and in Banks	50,800.75

Other Assets

Equipment and Furniture	\$ 10,800.66
Inventory -Glasses & mugs	772.09
Prepaid Postage, Rent etc	2,445.39
Security Deposits	1,272.75

Total Other Assets **\$ 15,290.89**

Total Assets **\$ 66,091.64**

Liabilities

Legal Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Open Space Reserve	18,610.00
Operating Reserve	5,000.00
Prepaid Advertising	3,505.00

Total Liabilities **\$ 42,115.00**

Assets less Liabilities **\$23,976.64**



Inflows & Outflows
for 12 months ending May 31, 2002

Inflows

Architectural Control	\$ 3,180.00
Advertising	
Directory	6,895.00
Grit	8,888.00
Little Grit	810.00
Total Advertising	\$ 16,593.00
Wine/Coffee event	2,494.00
Interest earned	1,469.68
Members Dues	93,308.94
Total Inflow	\$ 117,045.62

Outflows

Board Expense	
2001 Annual meeting	\$ 600.50
2002 Annual meeting to date	408.71
Monthly meeting expense, and other costs	476.12
ACC, legal not included	839.52
Covenants, legal not included	342.99
Communications	
Directory	2,969.13
Grit	8,548.46
Little Grit	859.05
Web Page	1,269.09
Community Service/Membership	
Wine/Coffee Event	2,124.43
Welcome Residents	1,044.90
Executive Committee	8.39
Finance Committee	87.77
Legal Advisor	87.82
Parks and Development	
Trees for Little Cloud Park	830.60
Other costs	116.52
Traffic and Safety	
Location reflectors for fireplugs, labor donated	558.69
Safety Survey	1,010.08
Dues to Community Assoc	610.00
Insurance	11,282.89
Legal	16,448.48
Office Expense	
Lease Office	8,940.80
Security - alarm and Sandia Heights Service	763.42
Utilities	934.67
Supplies	1,646.69
Telephone @ Internet	2,813.78
Equipment Lease	1,913.42
Mileage	471.93
Misc. costs,	1,040.53
Office Staff	33,898.88
Officers Expense	100.35
Sandia Heights Service, collect dues	12,636.32
State corp. fee	20.00
Taxes, IRS 2001	726.91
Total Outflows	\$ 116,431.83

Inflow over Outflow for year **\$ 613.79**

Communications & Publications Committee

2002 Annual Report

Jim Cook, Chair



It's been a busy and satisfying year for the Communications & Publications Committee. We've accomplished or made progress on several important objectives this year and we would like to share them and our progress with you.

Increased community participation. Last year we set a goal of increasing the amount of Grit content supplied by Sandia Heights residents. We've been very pleased with the quality and number of articles we've received. Sandia Heights residents have expertise in many areas and several have shared their knowledge with us. In this issue we have an article on *Water Use in the Desert* by Ed Payne, which is very timely considering the drought we are in. We also have two more articles by Dan Caudillo who has generously shared his landscaping expertise with us. Dan continues his *Gardener's Calendar* for June and July and expands on his *Theme Gardens* article from last issue with *Designing the Butterfly Theme Garden*. Another article on *Bears in the Sandias* had to be delayed to the next issue because of space constraints. In addition to articles, we've generally had enough letters for a *Letters* section in most issues. We sincerely appreciate all of the articles and letters. Keep them coming! If you would like to write an article or would like to request articles on a specific topic, please contact: The Grit Staff at the SHHA office.

Financial breakeven on publications. Providing print publications to 2,200 homes and maintaining a website for the SHHA is expensive. In this last year, we have been able to generate sufficient advertising revenue to offset the entire cost of all print publications and website maintenance. Details are provided in the Finance Committee's 2002 Annual Report.

Annual Directory and Residents Guide. Publishing the Annual Directory has always required a lot of manual effort. This year we setup a database to automate the production of the directory, which will make producing the directory much easier in the future. We also were able to reduce printing costs for the Directory enough to allow us to print the cover in full color for the first time. This year we significantly updated the Residents Guide adding a lot of new information and where available providing web links to additional information and services of interest to Sandia Heights residents. We're still working on getting the Residents Guide ready for posting on the SHHA website. We'll let you know in a future Grit issue when it's available on the website.

Grit format and publishing schedule. We've been working to get a standardized layout template for the Grit. We're only part way there but we've now got several standard elements in each issue of the Grit. We're also working on getting the content of the Grit in a form that we can post Grit articles on the SHHA website. That will be one of our goals for this year. In January, we changed the Grit's publishing schedule from even months to odd months so that the timing of Grit issues was more closely matched to ongoing activities such as the SHHA Annual Meeting.

Security Alert Email list. Based on a suggestion from a Grit reader, we setup an email list so that we could notify SHHA Members of issues affecting security on a very timely basis. A number of Members have signed up and we have issued a few bulletins regarding break-ins or other suspicious activity noticed in the community. If you are an SHHA Member and would like to receive these alerts, send an email to the SHHA office at shha@sandiahomeowners.org requesting to be added to the list. This list is only used for security alerts and your email address is never disclosed to anyone.

SHHA Website. We want to make the website more useful and timely. We've not been able to make a lot of progress on this goal in the last year. This will be one of our primary objectives for the coming year.

Thanks to all our Grit readers and website users. Keep letting us know what you want and how we can provide better service to you. If you have ever wanted to write an article for a newsletter or create material for a website, we would be very interested in talking to you. Contact us at the SHHA office by email (shha@sandiahomeowners.org).

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Reminder: No Pets. Houses are NOT open. Please respect the gardens.

All Sandia Heights residents are welcome to come attend the Garden Walk, and any of the bi-monthly meetings. To become a member, please send a check for the annual membership fee of \$5 payable to the Sandia Heights Wildflower Club to Susan Cook, 1842 Tramway Terrace Loop, Albuquerque, NM 87122 to cover dues for one year.