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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

May 2004

SHHA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5, 2004

The annual meeting of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association will be held on Saturday June 5, 2004 starting at 10:00am at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Outgoing Officers and Committee Heads will present brief reports and answer questions. Members of the SHHA will elect new board members. Nominations from the floor are not permitted. Officers pre-elected for the coming year will also be introduced. SHHA members are encouraged to come to the annual meeting and participate in the business to be conducted. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

During the past year the SHHA established new bylaws, and created new committee charters. These are available on our website for anyone interested. We believe the new bylaws and charters will simplify governance of SHHA by making responsibilities more clear.

At the 2003 SHHA annual meeting, the members were given a preview of the plans for Cedar Hill Park. On April 24th, 2004, we received notification from the Bernalillo County Commissioner that construction of the park had been approved. The Park will be named for W.L. Jackson, one of Sandia Heights' first residents and a major contributor to

developing this area. The Park was dedicated on May 1st at 10:00 AM, with Commissioner Tim Cummins in attendance (see article on page 2).

During the past year we also had several meetings on the City/County Unification effort. The move to unify the city and county appears to be stymied at this time since the voters of Bernalillo County defeated the proposed unification plan.

New Business to be discussed at the 2004 annual meeting includes a proposed unified set of covenants. This unified set of covenants would help facilitate administration and enforcement, as it would replace all the separate and different Unit covenants. To be adopted, this change of the covenants requires a 75% approval by the property owners of each individual Unit, a difficult task that we will be pursuing during the upcoming year.

If you are not currently a member of SHHA you may apply for membership at our office during May and attend. We believe we have made significant improvements in how SHHA operates and in the benefits we provide to our residents. This has been demonstrated by our increase in the number of residents who are members and in the increased attendance at our various activities. It's our community and your involvement helps make it better.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for W.L. Jackson Park

By: Bob Francis

Over 100 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the W.L. Jackson Park at Tramway and Cedar Hill.

County Commissioner Tim Cummins led the ceremony honoring W.L. Jackson. Also in attendance were Robert Nordhaus, Louis Abruzzo, State Rep. Ron Godbey, and members of the W.L. Jackson Family.

W.L. Jackson worked for what is now the Sandia Peak Ski & Tram Company for four decades. He was one of Sandia Heights first residents. Jackson started the Sandia Heights Volunteer Fire Department which became a part of the Bernalillo County Fire District. Naming the park in honor of Mr. Jackson is a tribute to his memory and his dedication to the Sandia Heights Community.

The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association contributed \$19,000 for development of the park. Several SHHA present and past board members were also at the ceremony. When finished, the park will be an enjoyable place for kids and neighbors to relax and play right here in the Heights.

Special thanks are in order to Bob Christman, the SHHA Coordinator who has been shepherding this project for the past several years.

Wine Tasting A Success!

By: Mona Lee Schilling

The annual SHHA Wine Tasting was once again a big success. Held at Futures for Children, over 150 neighbors enjoyed the beautiful weather from the outdoor patio.

It was obvious that those attending enjoyed socializing with neighbors, plus meeting new ones, while sampling the various wines and delicious appetizers.

The silent auction, in its second year, was quite successful with a unique variety of items donated, all of which sold. Proceeds of over \$900 will be donated to Futures for Children.

Many thanks must be given for the kind generosity of all those contributing to the success and enjoyment of this event.

First, Futures for Children for allowing SHHA the use of their wonderful facilities; Tom Donelley of National Distributing Co. for the tables of wine and beer; Lena Martinez and Sheraz Saint-Lôt for working the check in desk; the members of SHHA who graciously supplied the appetizers and the nice people who donated items for the auction.

Appreciation is also given to Chuck McLeod, Heinz Schmitt, Larry Greher, and Mona Lee Schilling of the Community Service and Membership Committee who worked to organize the event.

Neighborhood Announcements:

- SHHA May Board Meeting – May 12th
- SHHA Annual Meeting – June 5th
- SHHA New BOD Orientation Meeting – June 14th
- Extended Summer Office Hours! The office will be open from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday
- Contractor Evaluations are a helpful tool for our residents, please come in and fill yours out
- Check out the SHHA website at: Sandiahomeowners.org for updates and neighborhood resources

More Speed Humps Nixed by Fire Department, Fire Marshal Declines SHHA Invitations to Speak

By: Mark Boslough

Residents of Tramway Lane between San Bernardino and Lynx Loop have been working since 1998 to try to get speeding under control in their neighborhood. The steep downhill pitch and blind curves make speeding particularly dangerous for pedestrians, especially children who walk to bus stops or to the playground at Little Cloud Park. It is the only route in and out of Sandia Heights for many pedestrians, and the lack of a sidewalk means that drivers must share the roadway and respect the rights of people (especially children) to safely walk and bicycle in their own neighborhood.

Residents waited for several years for the county to test and approve speed humps that were specifically designed for the 15 mph speed limit on their street. The design was finally approved last year, and a new petition was submitted and slowly made its way through Bernalillo County's administrative process. To show its encouragement, the SHHA board passed a resolution asking the county to install speed humps in all neighborhoods where the residents want them. Even with support at all levels, these safety features were vetoed by the Bernalillo County Fire Department for reasons that have not been completely articulated.

The Fire Department also specified that humps would not be allowed further east on Tramway Lane, where another neighborhood effort to control speeding was in progress. This followed the Fire Department's recent veto of sorely needed speed humps on the western part of San Rafael, which were unanimously desired by residents of that segment of roadway.

We invited Bernalillo County Fire Marshal Kent Hendrickson to speak at our May board meeting and/or to our annual SHHA meeting in June. We extended these invitations to give him an opportunity to explain the reasoning behind his rejection of our speed humps, and to find out if he will work with us to find a mutually satisfactory solution to this safety problem that plagues our neighborhoods. Mr. Hendrickson declined our invitations for unspecified reasons. We have now invited him to our July board meeting. If he accepts, we will announce the time and place in the next GRIT.

Little Cloud Park

We have been informed by the County Parks & Recreation Department that the broken swing set at Little Cloud Park is in the process of being replaced. The new equipment is expected by the end of May.

New and Returning BOD Member Nominations

The following is a list of BOD candidates for 2004/2005 from the Nominations Committee. Please take a moment to review the candidate profiles to be ready to vote for new Board Members at the SHHA annual meeting in June.

Thomas Coyne: Mr. Coyne is a retired Air Force Veteran with extensive project planning and management experience. He is very interested in maintaining and improving traffic and safety in the Sandia Heights. Thomas has already been active in working to improve the road network of the Heights.

Larry Desonier: Mr. Desonier has served on the Parks and New Development Committee for the past 3 years. He has also served on the Traffic and Safety Committee for the past 3 years.

Rick Fairbanks: Mr. Fairbanks has recently retired and would like to serve the neighborhood. Rick and his wife have been Sandia Heights residents and SHHA members for over ten years. Rick has board experience with three different associations.

William Hansen: Mr. Hansen is a retired Air Force officer who has lived in the Sandia Heights for over 26 years. He is very interested in updating and improving the restrictive covenants of the Sandia Heights.

Kenneth Hook: Mr. Hook is a doctor of veterinary medicine from Iowa State University. Kenneth has worked for the USDA and has extensive experience with animal disease control. He has board experience with multiple organizations.

Bill McCall: Mr. McCall is a Building Inspector with the City of Albuquerque.

Judy Schwery: Mrs. Schwery has been the Assistant Treasurer of the SHHA for the past 3 years and she also serves on the Covenant Support Committee.

Victoria Smidt: Mrs. Smidt has lived in Albuquerque since 1965 and lived in the Heights for 14 years. She currently serves as the Chairperson for the Board of the New Mexico Relay Network. Victoria is eager to give her time and experience to the community that has given much to her.

Frank Soper: Mr. Soper has served on the Architectural Control Committee for the past 2 years and is currently the Chairman of the Covenant Support Committee.

Marsha Thole: Ms. Thole has been a resident of Sandia Heights since 1994. She has served in the Air Force as well as serving on several homeowners associations.

William Wiley: Mr. Wiley is a Vietnam Veteran who has lived in New Mexico for 36 years, but is new to the Heights and eager to become involved. He also has board experience with five associations.

Because of the deadline to get the Little GRIT to print, there may be some names that are not on this list. We apologize for any omissions. Orientation meeting for new board members will be held on June 9th at 7pm.

Commentary

The Way It Is of the Week

Winning for Everyone by not Trying to Win

We all filter what we "see" happening through a lens or standard. Only when our lens or standard becomes absolute, unconditional love for all, have we stopped trying to "win" in competition with other people. And it is only then that we are truly winning - aware of all that has ever happened, accepting it all, and feeling only absolute, unconditional love for everyone.

In the service of the evolution of consciousness itself,

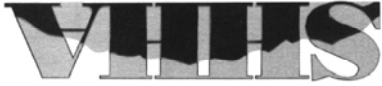
Robert Gardiner
Sandia Heights Resident

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(free for SHHA members as space allows)

<p>Experienced 18 yr. Old House Sitter Have references. Overnight or daily visits. Call Olivia @ 270-4415</p>	<p>Responsible Sitter Red Cross Certified Call Hilary: 856-7023</p>	<p>Newcomers Alert! Meet other nice folks new to ABQ. Activities & social events. Call: 798-9769</p>	<p>Experiences Pet Sitter: Hardworking, positive attitude 15 yr. Old. Loves pet sitting & odd jobs. Call Andy @ 821-0482</p>
<p>Retired Hospice Nurse. Available for pet care. Call Anne @ 856-6896</p>	<p>Call Heather for Babysitting Reliable, have transportation & references. 796-0601</p>	<p>Experienced 17 yr. Old Babysitter Nights and weekends Call Becky: 821-0482</p>	<p>Taking a summer trip? Need a reliable person to watch your house? Call Stuart @ 228-7685</p>
<p>Need House Sitting, Odd Jobs? Call Patrick: 856-1283</p>	<p>Experienced 15 yr. Old Worker. Available for odd jobs, Call Jordan: 856-1483</p>	<p>Boulders Wanted Call Doug: 858-3406</p>	

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