

# THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

December 2004



*HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!*



**President's Message:** By Ralph Rudolph

The **Holiday Season** is upon us, so the **Board** would like to invite you to attend our **Holiday Party on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Sheriff Sibrava Substation, just off NE corner of Eubank and Paseo del Norte.** Come and share some refreshments and snacks and meet the Board members to express appreciation for what they do for all of us. We wish all of you a great holiday spent with good friends and cheer.

We've recently had a few Board members resign for family or business reasons (or moving out of Sandia Heights) and are looking for more members. If interested, please let a Board member or the Office know of your interest. Our **Vice President, Larry Greher**, recently resigned and we urgently need to replace him.

Lena Martinez, our friendly and capable office staffer will be operated on in December and will be out for at least a month. Please send her your best wishes and try to make life easy for Sheraz, who will be handling the whole office work load as well as getting the new Directory ready for printing/mailing.

Years ago Sandia Heights had signs at entrances to subdivisions. Some of the signs became weathered and they were mistakenly taken down. SHHA would like to replace some of them with a longer lasting material. The size of the signs will vary depending on location. The Board decided to hold a contest like they did for the park artwork. The design and motto of the sign should reflect the Sandia Heights experience. The contest will end in April. So all you creative people out there, get your pencils working and submit your entry to the SHHA office.

**Announcements & Notices:**

- SHHA Board Meeting – December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the William Sibrava Substation.
- Office Hours: 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.
- The office will be closed for Christmas from Friday, December 24 through Monday, January 3.
- Notary public services are free to members only. Please call to make an appointment.
- A black and white photo of a female was found on Live Oak and Tramway. If you have lost it please come by the SHHA office.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
By: Cheryl Iverson – Treasurer

<b>CASH FLOW – October 2004</b>	
<b>RECEIVED</b>	
ACC	\$360.00
2005 Advertising	\$2,350.35
Member Dues	\$11,741.35
Miscellaneous	\$0.80
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$14,352.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<u>Committee Expense</u>	
Communications	
Grit costs	\$1,970.99
Community Service	\$367.93
Total Committee Expenses	\$2,332.15
EC	
Signs	\$138.98
Total Committee Expense	\$2,477.36
<u>Insurance</u>	
Business Auto	\$356.00
<u>Legal</u>	
New Covenant Review	\$206.82
<u>Office Expense</u>	
Comcast	\$59.34
Computer Repairs	\$1,046.04
Electricity	\$71.48
Office Lease	\$933.86
Postage Rental	\$650.21
Security	\$11.59
Supplies	\$228.91
Telephone	\$104.05
Total Office Expense	\$3,105.48
Office Staff	\$2,881.79
Sandia Services	\$1,116.53
<b>Total Disbursed</b>	<b>\$10,143.98</b>
<b>Received less disbursed</b>	<b>\$4,208.52</b>

<b>Condition October 31, 2004</b>	
Cash in Banks	
Checking	\$47,774.52
CD	\$33,994.83
Petty Cash	\$107.48
Total Cash in Bank	\$81,876.83
<b>Other Assets (at Cost)</b>	
Computers & software	\$5,023.46
Due from Advertising Sold	\$0.00
Event Signs	\$164.54
Holiday Decorations	\$77.25
Inv Glass/Mugs	\$749.09
Office Accessories	\$1,207.06
Office Furniture	\$5,396.44
Postage in meter	\$75.04
Postage Bulk	\$818.80
Prepaid Rent	\$991.10
Security Deposits	\$1,075.75
Total Other Assets	\$15,578.53
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$97,455.36</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Prepaid Advertising	\$3,879.77
Legal Reserve	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$23,879.77</b>
<b>Cash in Banks</b>	<b>\$57,997.06</b>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

-Vicki Criel

SHHA held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween party at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Many children in a splendid assortment of costumes attended to enjoy the wonderfully entertaining clown, apple bobbing, squirt the candle, pumpkin toss, dress up race, wrap the mummy and more games. To see all the fun that was had by many, go to our website to check out all the photographs.

Coreen Garcia donated goodie bags filled with stuffed animals for each child; Michelle Sirota, Laura Criel, and Amy Thompson shopped and baked tasty goodies for the party; Jennifer Donaldson manned the refreshment stand; Wendy Ohls set up Halloween luminaria; Mona Lee Shilling dunked kids in the apple bob tubs; Bob Francis glided around the room wrapped by the kids as a mummy; Debbie Otiz, Sheraz Saint-Lot, and teenagers Robb Foxx, Shaina Saint-Lot, and Trae Iafeta helped the smaller children throw bean bags and pin the nose on the pumpkin; Todd Criel kept the older children active squirting the candles with squirt guns; Vicki Criel and the teenage helpers scared the older children with a story as they felt the "inner guts"; and the Paseo Station fire Dept delivered goodies. It was a fun, safe celebration for all!



## PARKS AND NEW DEVELOPMENT

**W. L. Jackson Park** - Bob Christman

The play equipment is complete and installed. It looks great and the colors are what we requested. The native grass and wild flowers are germinating on all the dirt banks. This will look beautiful in the spring in addition to the Lizard artwork, which is scheduled to be installed in April 2005. The turf is getting established and has been cut twice so far. No problems have been noted after several inspections. The steep turf hill is a winter sledding hill for kids and is getting a lot of compliments from everyone who visits the park. Most people under the age of 20 who cannot resist rolling down the hill. The park is getting a lot of daily use with birthday parties, picnicking on the grass, kite flying, dogs running after balls, and children playing games on the grass. Walkers, joggers, bike riders and dog walkers use the dirt paths. Stop by to enjoy your new park.

## SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY – John Pickering

With the holidays fast approaching, here are a couple of tips from Sandia Heights Security. If you display your tree in a window, don't put your presents under the tree where they can be easily seen from the road. This is an open invitation for a thief.

When you return home from holiday shopping, pull your car into the garage and close the garage door, if possible, before unloading your gifts from the trunk. If it is not possible to pull your car into the garage, take a look around before you unload the vehicle.

Never leave holiday gifts in the trunk or back of your vehicle outside overnight. If someone will go to the trouble to steal your stereo, they will surely go to the trouble of taking goodies out of the trunk or back of your vehicle. Most thieves are opportunistic; you can save yourself a lot of trouble by cutting down on their opportunities. Remember crooks holiday shop too! Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

## UNIFIED COVENANTS STATUS REPORT

-Frank Soper

Chairman, Covenant Support Committee

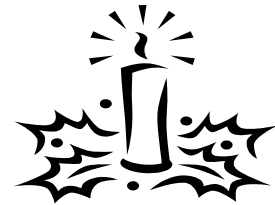
During the summer the proposed model of the Unified Covenants (UCs) was reviewed by an outside land use attorney. His recommendations were then evaluated and included where applicable.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the SHHA Board met to provide the Covenant Review Committee (CRC) with questions and suggestions about specific items. The CRC will make the necessary changes and the revised UCs will again be presented to the Board for final review and acceptance.

In early 2005 the UCs will be posted on the SHHA website for the benefit of Sandia Heights residents. Also, a group representing a good cross section of property owners who volunteered will be asked to critique the model UCs.

The CRC members have done preliminary work regarding the residents outreach phase of this project. The CRC will develop a specific action plan and put it in operation in January. We anticipate that at least two months will be needed to accomplish this effort. If any resident has experience in marketing or promotion and would be willing to assist the CRC with organizing our outreach program, please call the SHHA office (797-7793) or Frank Soper (856-5560). We sure need your guidance!

**PHOTO CONTEST** Thank you to those of you who submitted your beautiful photos. We were most happy to receive 30 submissions! After careful deliberation, we will select a winner whose photo will be featured on the cover of the 2005 Directory. We hope to have the directory finished and published by mid January and mailed out by the end of January.



The 1<sup>st</sup> **ArtsView@Sandia Heights** was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a wonderful sunny fall day. Many of the Sandia Heights residents enjoyed visiting seven artists' homes in the afternoon. This was a wonderful community-building event, which is planned to be repeated on an annual basis. The organizing

committee extends the community's gratitude to the artists who exhibited their artwork in this event and welcomed the art lovers in our community to their homes and studios. Visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the artists and appreciated their eagerness to provide information about their artwork. The exhibiting artists were: Don DeGasperi, Lynda Burch, Stanley Schmidt, Linda Manion, Terry Lee Heller, R. Peter Buttner, and Ralph Rudolph.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Arts View will be October 16<sup>th</sup> 2005. The organizing committee is starting to collect information from the interested artists. Please contact Rudy Rudolph if you are interested in participating:

Address: 1044 Red Oaks Lp. Albuquerque, NM 87122,

Phone: 828-3938

Email: rudy11@comcast.net.

## **Sandia Heights Wildflower Club**

### **Officers**

President: Ellen Wasson  
Vice-President: Ray Ching  
Treasurer: Khondeh Payne  
Secretary: Tom Cartledge  
Members at large: Jenison Klinger and Dan Caudillo  
Past President: Peggy Atencio



**Dues** Our annual dues are only \$8.00 for a single membership and \$10.00 for a couple, starting in September. Make your check payable to Sandia Heights Wildflower Club and mail it to Khondeh Payne, 1232 Goldenrod NE, Albuquerque NM 87122

**Recent Activities** November 17, 2004: Dan Caudillo spoke on Planting Native Wildflowers and Grasses and demonstrated how to force bulbs to bloom indoors. The meeting was graciously hosted by Bill Dawes and Jenison Klinger.

### **Calendar**

Meetings are held bimonthly, normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Our January meeting is scheduled for:

- January 19, 2005: We plan to invite Jim Saiz from Rowland's to speak on Pruning Fruit Trees.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Criel's Spiel by Vicki Criel

I am one of those people who attended a meeting to "express my concerns", and left as the new chairperson of this committee. ☺ Many people see the SHHA primarily as an organization responsible for enforcing policies and covenants. I think it is also important to have a fun reason to join the homeowners' association.

We will be meeting as a committee on a monthly basis to plan fun and educational activities for our members. We are planning additional art shows, music under the stars (jazz, etc), wit and wine nights (speakers), cleanup and grill with neighbor weekends, game day at the park, discounts for members, etc. We would love your ideas! Please email me at [vcriel@comcast.net](mailto:vcriel@comcast.net) or call me at 615-3333 with suggestions or concerns. Also, call if you'd like to get involved.



### **Executive Committee**

President - Ralph Rudolph  
Vice President - vacant  
Treasurer - Cheryl Iverson  
Secretary - Ed Whitten

### **Board Members**

Kerney Bolton  
Mark Boslough  
Thomas Coyne  
Criel, Vicki  
Larry Desonier  
Jim Erspamer  
Rick Fairbanks  
Bob Francis  
Kenneth Hook  
William McCall  
Mona Lee Schilling  
Victoria Smidt  
Frank Soper  
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### **GRIT Editorial Policy is:**

- Attempt to publish both sides of every issue, including constructive criticism, but not abuse nor insulting remarks.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.

## News from Your ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

- Kerney Bolton

The ACC Project Log is now available at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org). Click on [THE A.C.C.](#) then on [Architectural Control Committee Project Log](#). As you probably know, an application and plans for all new construction, additions, remodels and other exterior changes to your property must be submitted to and approved by the ACC before the start of work. This includes walls and fencing, outbuildings, landscaping, pools, re-roofing, re-stuccoing, driveway paving/repaving, air conditioning and solar panels, etc. The ACC works very hard to review every application and monitor every project in ways that assure that covenant restrictions are applied fairly to all projects so as to preserve the special character of Sandia Heights. The Project Log is a good place to start when you have a question about a project in your neighborhood, as it lists every project currently under management by the ACC. Projects are listed in numerical order by street address. For each project there is a brief description, its current status, and the name of the ACC member assigned. If you have concerns or would simply like to know more, please feel free to contact the designated ACC member. We hope that you will find the ACC Project Log useful.

### SHHA MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

These ads are also published on our website (free for SHHA members as space allows)

<p><b>Excellent Housekeeper:</b> Has some days available. Dependable and hard worker. Call Maria at 831-5358</p>	<p><b>Responsible Sitter</b> Red Cross Certified Call Hilary: 856-7023</p>	<p><b>Free to good home</b> We are 2 affectionate, spayed, de-clawed housecats in allergic household. Can you help?? Call Nancy at 856-6737</p>	<p><b>Lights in the Heights</b> Electric Luminaria sets available at wholesale price of \$13.25/set. To order call Kit at 856-3667</p>
<p><b>Retired Hospice Nurse</b> Available for pet care. Call Anne @ 856-6896</p>	<p><b>Call Heather for Babysitting</b> Reliable, have transportation &amp; references. 796-0601</p>		
<p><b>Need House Sitting, Odd Jobs?</b> Call Patrick: 856-1283</p>	<p><b>Experienced 15 yr.-old Worker.</b> Available for odd jobs. Call Jordan: 856-1483</p>	<p><b>Experienced 17 yr. Old Babysitter</b> Nights and weekends Call Becky: 821-0482</p>	<p><b>Housecleaning</b> The holidays are coming! For house cleaning and ironing call Dora 332-3571. References available upon request</p>
<p><b>FOR SALE: 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe Z71</b> 4 x4, V8, Auto, All power, Sunroof, Gray Leather, Alarm, AM/FM/Cass/CD, Garaged, Fog Lamps, Luggage Rack, Trailer Pkg, Extended Warranty, Keyless Entry, 33k Miles, \$25,800. 505-797-7483 or 505-220-3833</p>		<p><b>Experienced Pet Sitter</b> Hardworking, positive attitude, 15 yr.-old. Loves pet sitting &amp; odd jobs. Call Andy: 821-0482</p>	

**New ACC Fee Schedule – Effective January 1, 2005**

Beginning next year, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will be charging new, reduced rates for SHHA members who submit applications for new construction, additions, remodels and other exterior changes to their property. In addition, the rates for Units 15, 25, 27, & 28 have been reduced further to make them the same as for all other units. Some rates for non-members have been reduced and others raised to reflect the service provided and to recognize that member dues pay for the bulk of ACC expenses.

**ACC APPLICATION FEES – January 1, 2005**

<b><u>RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>NON MEMBER</u></b>
<b>New Construction and Addition Fees</b>		
New Residence	\$75.00	\$100.00
General Rehab-Maximum Fee w/Landscaping	50.00	75.00
Additions	50.00	75.00
<b>Miscellaneous Project Fees</b>		
Walls/Fences – New or Modifications	10.00	40.00
Raise Height of Existing Wall or Fence	10.00	40.00
Patio/Patio Covers/Portals/Decks/Porches/Slabs	10.00	40.00
Storage Sheds/Greenhouses/Gazebos/Cabanas	10.00	40.00
Swimming Pools	10.00	40.00
Playground Equipment, including		
Basketball Backboards	10.00	40.00
Modification to Exterior Walls of Residence	10.00	40.00
Add Window/Door Replacements, etc.	10.00	40.00
Solar Collectors/Heating or Cooling Equipment	10.00	40.00
Landscape (No fee if concurrent with house construction)	10.00	40.00
<b>Re-Stucco/Re-Roofing/Trim Painting Fees</b>		
Re-stucco	No Fee	40.00
Re-Roofing/Roof Coating	No Fee	40.00
Trim Painting	No Fee	40.00
<b>Variance Request</b> (Fee in addition to Regular Fee)	75.00	100.00
<b><u>COMERCIAL PROJECTS</u></b>		
Commercial Signs	50.00	75.00
Commercial Lighting	50.00	75.00
Commercial Building	(Fee as per applicable covenants)	
Multi-Family Construction	(Fee as per applicable covenants)	
Other	(To be determined on individual basis)	



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