

THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

October 2006

Unified Covenants

After having held several informational meetings we've come to realize that we need to have more opportunities to present and gather homeowner input. We are re-evaluating the program schedule. Therefore, there will be no voting in October but will be rescheduled for a future date.

Cell Phone Tower Update

T-Mobile is inviting all interested Sandia Heights Residents to a meeting at the William Sibrava Sheriff Substation, on Holly Street one block north of Eubank and Paseo on Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm.

Photo Contest

It's that time of year, again, folks. We're accepting entries for our annual cover photo contest for the 2007 Sandia Heights Resident Directory. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 15. It would be wonderful to get a greater variety of photos to choose from instead of the usual winter season photos that are submitted in November. If you have some Spring or Fall shots, send them in. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2007



Directory, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer. Submission criteria:

- You must be a member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.
- You must be an amateur photographer.
- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the cover on the 2006 Directory).
- Photos must be able to fit reasonably on the cover of the directory without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally or as a hard copy.
- The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that he/she is not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer) and that you grant permission to SHHA to use the photo.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published. Be creative and good luck!

Security Alert! In September's Little GRIT we told you about several burglaries in the Sandia Heights area. The burglar has entered through unlocked doors (sliding glass and garage side doors) while occupants were sleeping. The burglar is interested in ladies' purses and men's wallets and personal computers. The Bernalillo County Sheriff informed us that this burglar is very brazen about entering, seems to be only interested in cash, leaves your doors propped open so he can easily exit, and seems to only enter through unlocked doors (not breaking windows or doors down). **We are urging you to lock your doors/windows, even when you are home.**





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- Attempt to publish both sides of every issue, including constructive criticism; no abusive or insulting remarks.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.



Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

Introducing this month’s featured security officer: Ron Santiago has worked security with Sandia Heights Security for 8 years. Ron and his wife, Martha, have one child, Alyssa.

If you have any questions regarding these stats, please call Sandia Heights Security at 856-6347.



Call Type	# of calls	Call Type	# of calls
Attempted B & E	2	Suspicious vehicle	16
Breaking & Entering	1	Salesman problem	16
Alarms	23	Theft	1
Car accident	3	Threat/personal	1
Family dispute	1	Utility Co. assist	9
Neighbor dispute	2	Customer assist	24
Fire	2	Dumped material	2
Loud music	1	Noise complaints	1
Lost/found item	2	S. O. assist	1
Lost/found pet	5	Parking problem	8
Motorist assist	8	Vandalism	6
Open door/window	24	Wildlife report	2
Pet nuisance	2	Vehicle burglary	3
Loud disruptive party	2	Newspaper pickup	19
Snake call	8	Special patrol	11
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	214
Suspicious person	13	Total calls	434

SAFETY ISSUE

I am writing this letter to make residents aware of the dangers of walking at night with no reflective clothing whatsoever. Many nights driving home, I can barely see the people walking with or without their dogs. And many times their dogs are unleashed. My concern is that someone or someone’s dog may be struck inadvertently. I am 25 years old with fairly decent eyesight. However, I can barely see people walking on our dark streets. Like most residents, I would like to keep the natural beauty without street lights. So I am urging those who choose to walk on our streets past sunset to wear reflective clothing to be seen. This is very important on streets where the vegetation is thick and around corners. And, stay to the left side of the roads facing traffic. Often I am driving down my street and people can be found in the middle of the road, creating a very dangerous situation. Please urge your family and neighbors to wear something reflective, or something that emits light, so that they can more easily be seen. This is for everyone’s safety.

By Joshua J Stockham, Resident

ACC ACTIVITY LOG

The following is a summary of your Architectural Control Committee's activity since last month's GRIT.

81 Juniper Hill Place – Landscaping. Approved.

313 Big Horn Ridge – Changes to previously approved addition. Neighborhood Review in process.

367 Big Horn Ridge – Re-roof & repair deck. Approved. Letter of Notification sent to neighbors.

420 Live Oak Court – Carport. Disapproved. Design not in harmony with the general surroundings of the lot and adjacent structure.

425 Live Oak Loop – Replace windows. Approved.

726-18 Tramway Vista Drive – Addition. Neighborhood Review in process.

785-11 Tramway Lane – Back yard fence. Approved.

914 Tramway Lane – Replace garage door. Approved.

940 Bobcat Boulevard – Free-standing wall. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

1021 Tramway Lane – Drainage swale. Tree selections to replace previously disapproved species. Approved.

1201 Marigold Drive – Repair and replace retaining wall. Approved.

1412 Bluebell Place – Driveway repair. Approved.

1569 Eagle Ridge Court - Repair deck, replace stairs and railings, replace two single garage doors with single double door. Approved.

1702 Quail Run Court – Addition. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

1720 Quail Run Court – Re-roof & re-paint trim. Approved.

1915 Quail Run Drive – Re-stucco house and re-paint trim. Approved.

2305 Calle de Rafael – Resurface driveway. Approved.

2801 Tramway Circle – Replace gate & add gate. Approved.

2802 Tramway Circle – Replace fence. Approved.

2803 Tramway Circle – Replace fence. Approved.

2877 Brushwood Street – Replace windows. Approved.

2882 Tramway Place – Backyard fence. Neighborhood Review in process.

2866 Tramway Circle – Ramada, landscaping, including freestanding wall and banco, re-stucco house and new wall. Request for approval of previously constructed fence & gate. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

7702 Cedar Canyon Place – Re-roof & re-stucco. Approved.

7703 Cedar Canyon Place – Re-roof & re-stucco. Approved.

8212 Indigo Court – Replace windows. Approved.

12609 Colony Place – Refrigerated air unit installed without ACC approval. Potential noise nuisance. Owner immediately submitted an application for approval. Sound level measurements taken by the ACC. Sound attenuation alternatives under study.

Check the ACC Project Log at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website sandiahomeowners.org. Click on THE A.C.C. then on Architectural Control Committee Project Log and read about all projects currently under ACC management.

Letters to the Editor

The comments and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the views of SHHA.



Siberian Elm – Not Welcome in Sandia Heights by Kathy Granillo, Resident

Hasn't the rain been great? We are still in a long-term drought, but all of this rain will help replenish the aquifer and

green up our gardens and open spaces. It also promotes growth of pesky weeds, including large numbers of seedlings and saplings of the invasive Siberian Elm.

Siberian Elm is an exotic tree that was planted as an ornamental in Albuquerque in the first half of the 1900s. It is not allowed by our covenants in Sandia Heights. This tree is an invasive species, poised to do great harm to our natural community.

An invasive species is one that displays rapid growth and spread, establishes over large areas, and persists. Invasiveness is characterized by robust vegetative growth, high reproductive rate, abundant seed production, high seed germination rate, and longevity. This definition fits Siberian Elm perfectly.

Many people fail to realize that this tree will continue to spread and increase in numbers and density so long as even one seeding tree is present. If nothing is done, large trees along roads become traffic hazards, roots of trees near homes can clog septic systems and damage sewer and water pipes, many wildlife species will be harmed by intrusion and takeover from elms, and accompanying water and native seed sources will be lost.

What can you do? Pull sprouts as soon as they come up – this tree puts down roots faster than you will believe possible. The

sooner you pull them up, the easier it will be.

Removal of Siberian elms larger than seedlings presents a major challenge, since incomplete removal will result in sprouting from the cut stump or root fragments. Stumps will sprout many stems that can grow several feet the first year.

The only permanent method of removal, and the only way to avoid root sprouting, is to use low-impact herbicide applications in the right concentrations, timed for particular seasons when they will be most effective. Mid to late-summer applications of Garlon 3A® to stumps immediately after cutting will usually provide good control, as will late-summer-to-late-fall applications of Roundup Pro®. Either of these herbicides can be used in riparian areas, but care must be taken not to get any in water.

Visit the following web sites for more information:

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/ulpu1.htm> or

<http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/esadocs/ulmupumi.html> for photos.

Also, please feel free to contact me at 505-350-1007 with your questions and for help with elm tree identification.

**Church of the Good Shepherd
7834 Tennyson NE
856-1004**

**GREAT FOOD, GREAT MUSIC @
the Gospel Night & Fish Fry
Saturday, 10/20/06 at 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets: \$25 each Raffle Tickets:
Children ≤18 free 6 for \$5 or \$1 each

**Mark your calendar: COGS Preschool
Vendor Night 11/2/06 from 6-9 p.m.**

SHHA MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

free for SHHA members, these ads are always published on our website and updated with each GRIT or Little GRIT publication as space allows.

<p>Need a nanny? Honest Christian with 5 yrs childcare/teaching exp. B.S. in Human Development & Family Studies. Seeking environment that will welcome my toddler. Call Heidi @ 379-4267</p>	<p>Experienced 13 year old girl babysitter. Very reliable and responsible. Red Cross certified. Excellent references available. Please call 280-0571 or 856-7340.</p>	<p>18-year-old ready, able, and willing to do your yard work/odd jobs. Call Alexander @ 453-2855.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TUTORING Services available through a licensed, 3rd grade, elementary schoolteacher with 11 years teaching experience. Tutoring available in reading, writing and math. Please call Wendy at 823-9181.</p>
<p>Pet Sitting: 14 yr old boy available to pet sit and walk your animals. Please call 858-3304</p>	<p>For Audio/video and Computer Help call Drew At 796-9018</p>	<p>Experienced Pet Sitter Hardworking, positive attitude, 15 yr.-old. Loves pet sitting & odd jobs. Call Andy: 821-0482</p>	<p>TUTORING: All Grades – Math, Sciences, Reading and more. High School Teacher, Former UNM Instructor. Call Lynn at 856-6605 references available</p>
<p>Call Yev Koup age 15 for any of the following: Yard work, Babysitting, Housewatching, Pet Care, available afternoons, evenings or weekends. Call Yev Koup at 856-7513 or contact by Email wkoup@comcast.net</p>			<p>Experienced 17 yr.- old worker available for odd jobs call Jordan:856-1483</p>
<p>Looking for a babysitter who is responsible, outgoing, and fun with kids? Call me, Rebecca 13 years old, Red</p>	<p>Retired Hospice Nurse Available for pet care. Call Anne @ 856-6896</p>		

Community Event Bulletin:
(these groups are not sponsored by SHHA)

- **Sandia Cork & Fork Update:** Cork and Fork is an informal dining activity, centered around small group. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact chairman, Larry Anderson (821-3158; andersnm@aol.com)
- **Recycling:** Our first community Recycling Drop-Off Event is on Saturday, October 21 between 8am - noon at the Sandia Heights Services Office on Tramway Road, half-way up to the base of the Tram on the right. Bring all of your recyclables except glass. Volunteers are needed. For more information, please contact Cheryl Ferguson @ 505-856-1403 or cheryl@nmpolicymatters.com.

Calling all Quilters! Calling all Quilters!

**OPEN HOUSE
FOR SANDIA HEIGHTS QUILTERS**

Did you know your neighbor down the street is a Quilter? Join me and my staff for a Sandia Heights Quilters Coffee at my shop on November 4th, 2006 from 10 am to Noon.

Meet other quilters from Sandia Heights and enjoy 20% OFF your fabric purchases.



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Looking for someone to do light grounds maintenance at the Quail Run Shopping Center at San Rafael, call Dan 304-4516



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Neighborhood Announcements:

- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 11 at 7pm at the William Sibrava Substation
- Office Hours are from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday
- Notary public services are free to members only, please call to make an appointment
- Check out the SHHA website at: Sandiahomeowners.org for classified ads, updates and neighborhood resources
- Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight on Halloween so others, including drivers, can see them better.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

