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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

February 2008

President's Corner

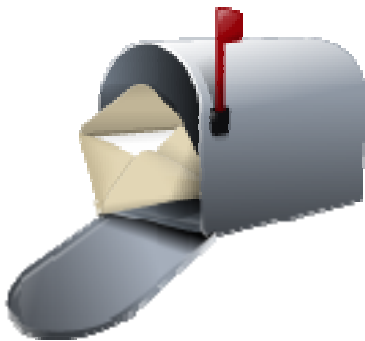
Well winter is here in Sandia Heights as I'm sure you have noticed. At this point in the year, I'm halfway through my term as president of your association and I think now is time to evaluate just what we have accomplished and where you--our members--think we should be headed for the next year.

We have successfully worked two rezoning issues, instituted the free (to members) Tram Pass and free (to members) coffeehouses at the church. The various committees have worked a myriad of covenant issues, and the ACC has been diligently working to insure all construction meets covenant requirements. I want to thank all of the members of your board of directors, as well as the chairs and members of the committees, for the volunteer effort they have contributed to our organization. They are the ones who make it possible for us to maintain our unique community.

In the coming months we will be seeking your ideas and suggestions for projects or changes that need to be made within our community. We are exploring ways to improve our signage in Sandia Heights as well as working to replace the "blue dots" that mark our fire hydrants--they were all scraped off by snow plows last year.

As an association we have many functions, but we need your help to make sure that we are engaged in projects that meet the needs of our members--you! Give me a call at 301-4508, email the office at shha@sandiahomeowners.org, or stop by for the office open house to let us know what you expect your association to be working on in 2008.

MAIL THEFT



Mail theft is still a problem! We advise that you take your outgoing mail to the Post Office. Just recently in unit 18 a box of checks was stolen from the homeowner's mailbox unbeknownst to them. The checks were used to drain the homeowner's bank account. If the option is available it might be best to have sensitive information like checks sent to your bank branch and you can pick them up from there, rather than having them sent to your house. Likewise, consider opening a post office box and have your mail sent there. Otherwise, keep your eye out for the postman and get your mail out of your box quickly. The closest collection box is at the Circle K office. Pick-up time is 4pm Mon-Sat.

December 2007 Treasurer's Report: Ed Whitten, Treasurer

Our year-end financial results were very good for 2007, thanks to unspent Legal Reserves (which is a good thing). Most all other budget objectives were met. We are hoping for additional membership revenue in 2008 to allow us to put more money back into the community.

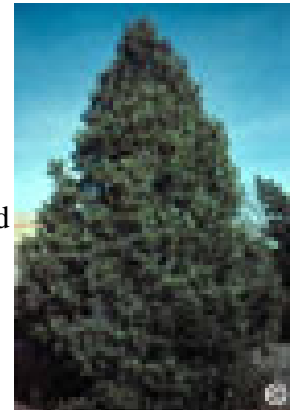
CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
		Bank Accounts	
INFLOW		CD #1	\$91,359.41
ACC Income	\$0.00	CD #2	\$35,852.73
Directory Advertising	\$649.17	CD #3	\$15,000.00
GRIT Advertising	\$3,569.04	Checking	\$17,305.62
NM Gross Receipts Tax	\$281.99	Cash Accounts	\$1,348.49
Membership Dues	\$12,510.01	Total Bank & Cash	\$159,520.49
TOTAL INFLOW	\$17,010.21		
		ASSET ACCOUNTS	
OUTFLOW		Miscellaneous	\$1,379.21
ACC Committee	\$13.92	Office Equipment	\$4,973.06
Bylaws Committee	\$128.25	Office Furniture	\$5,651.99
CS & Membership	\$268.48	Software	\$932.34
Communications & Publications	\$3,994.50	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$12,936.60
Executive Committee	\$692.59		
Insurance	\$5,475.00	Liability Accounts	
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$17,430.35	Improvements & Legal Reserve	\$86,421.96
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$420.14	OVERALL TOTAL	\$86,780.33

GARDEN NEWS ~ Bob Francis, resident

Keep Pinon Trees Watered

We are in the midst of a severe drought. Pinon trees need water during these cold winter months. Pinon trees are not native to the Sandia foothills. They normally grow in the higher elevations where they receive more moisture. Pinon trees can become stressed if they do not receive adequate water. Stressed Pinon trees send a signal to the bark beetle, which then attacks the Pinon.

Primary insects and diseases associated with the Pinon pine are bark beetles, twig beetles, needle miner, needle scale, tiger moth, spindle gall midge, bark moths, pitch nodule moth, Pinon tip moth, Pinon sawfly, flathead wood borer, root rots, and mistletoes. Healthy Pinon trees that receive adequate water during drought times do not become stressed, and do not attract the bark beetles. The Pinon tree should be deep watered at least once a month. If your Pinon trees become stressed or infected, there are several good tree spraying companies in the area. Check with the SHHA office for recommendations. Pinon-tree spraying normally should be done in late April or early May.



WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

~ Dick Cline, Nominating Committee

The SHHA is a totally volunteer organization with a prime objective of maintaining the unique character and exceptional living conditions in our community.

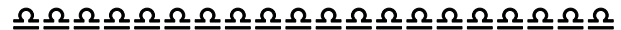
In order to do this we need the support and help of the community in running the organization. We are now beginning the process for finding new volunteer directors for 2008. Board members are elected for 3-year terms, with elections at the Annual Meeting in June. The 3-year commitment is revocable if your personal circumstances change; you may submit a resignation letter, although we would like to have members serve at least one year.

What are the qualifications for the job--just a love of this wonderful neighborhood and a desire to work with others to keep it vibrant. We need representation on the board from all of the units and we urge you to consider taking this opportunity to become a board member.

The next few years will be an exciting opportunity for you to help plan the future of our neighborhood--your neighborhood. Please review pages RG 8 & 9 of the 2008 Directory of Residents, which lists the duties of the committees and other functions of the board. If you are willing to serve as a board member, we urge you to contact Dick Cline at 856-1911 or email: nmrcline@AOL.com, or contact the office at 797-7793 or email: www.sandiahomeowners.org.

What will be your goal--to preserve the Sandia Heights we all enjoy and love? Serving as a member of the board is a rewarding opportunity and we hope you will join us in this effort. The board could also use more female members and parents with young children, to help bring more diversity to the needs of our community. We will accept volunteers from all units, but we would encourage homeowners in the following units to volunteer, since they are not currently represented on the board:

North: 0, 2 and 3, South: 1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27A, 27B or 27C, 28A & 28 B.



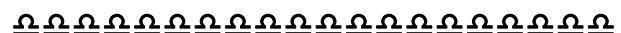
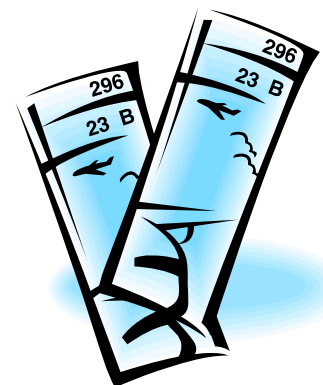
Community Services and Membership Committee News

~ Kerney Bolton, Chair

The Tram Passes are a hit!! Many of you have already used this free service which is available for SHHA Members. We encourage you to come and get your pass today. The office has a corporate pass and can distribute up to four passes a day.

Here is how it works:

- First come, first served.
- Pick up your pass(es) at the SHHA office, 2B San Rafael, and provide a deposit of \$5.00 per pass (check or cash).
- Turn in your used ticket stub(s) at the SHHA office and receive a full refund of your deposit.
- Passes will be issued for a particular date and may be used only for that date.
- Of course, passes are available only during days and hours that the Tram is available to the public.
- You must come into the office to reserve your date.





Executive Committee

President – Sy Caudill
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GRIT Editorial Policy is:

- 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

Are solicitors bothering you?

Solicitors in Albuquerque are forbidden by law to knock on any door where a sign is posted, clearly stating that solicitors are not welcome. Such signs should include the words: “No Trespassing,” or “No Peddlers,” or “No advertisements” or “No Soliciting.”



The "no trespassing" is especially important in addition to the "no solicitation," security officers can then ask the solicitor to leave private property. Remember virtually all of Sandia Heights is County roadways and there is no County ordinance that can keep them off of the roadways. Signs should be posted where they can be seen from the roadway.

Month of December Call Type	# of calls	Month of December Call Type	# of calls
Alarms	24	Salesman problem	4
Car accident	1	Theft	3
Family dispute	1	Utility Co. Assist	3
Fire	2	Special request	1
Lost/found item	1	Customer assist	13
Lost/found pet	2	Dumped/Spilled material	1
Mailbox vandalism	1	Noise complaints	1
Motorist assist	1	Parking problem	4
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Vandalism	9
Open door/window	1	Wildlife report	1
Pet nuisance	2	Newspaper pickup	27
Rescue assist	1	Special patrol	18
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	236
Suspicious person	7	Total Calls	375
Suspicious vehicle	8		

If you have questions regarding these stats, please call Security at 856-6347. Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Security is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership. Membership in SHHA does not include SHS membership. You can call Security to confirm your membership with them.

Announcements & Notices:

- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. The office will be closed on Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.
- Notary public services are free to members. Please call to make an appointment.
- Tram Passes available for SHHA members for 2008, come and get yours now!
- When emailing our office, please put your last name and home address in the subject line.
- The Contractor Evaluation binder is a valuable tool for our members. If you have used a service in your home, please fill out a contractor evaluation and send it to the office.
- Check out the SHHA website at: www.sandiahomeowners.org for updates and neighborhood resources.

SNOW REMOVAL

Most of the roads within Sandia Heights are County roads/streets, although there are a few private roads. If the situation arises and you need maintenance on your road/street, including snow removal, please call the county at 848-1503. The county is responsible for removing snow from the public roads. If you should need assistance with snow removal from your private driveway, here are several people you can call:
Dave Carillo 220-9797
Lawnshapers 275-0773
Michael Franco 823-9782 Ext. 20



Yes! I want to be a member of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.
My contribution will go towards the continued protection of New Mexico's
Wilderness and Natural Heritage. Enclosed is my tax deductible membership gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Student/Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Lifetime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Contributing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please mail donations to: New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
PO Box 25464 Albuquerque, NM 87125

ACC Activity Log

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

Tract A, Sandia Heights South, Unit 16 – Cognitive Behavioral Institute of Albuquerque office building. Neighborhood Review in process.

198 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Replace roof & windows, re-stucco. Approved.

663 Roadrunner Lane – Addition, replace windows & door, and re-stucco. Approved.

534 Black Bear Road – Landscaping. Application submitted after completion. Approved subject to remedial action. Tree specie disapproved.

725-3 Tramway Place – Replace garage door & windows. Approved.

890 Tramway Lane – Replace windows. Approved.

1126 Marigold Drive – Add to driveway stone. Approved.

1461 Bluebell Drive – Landscaping. Incomplete application. Tree species and locations required.

1551 Eagle Ridge Lane – Driveway gate. Disapproved. Located in front setback, design not in harmony with surroundings.

1805 Tramway Terrace Loop – Addition. Started prior to ACC approval. Work stopped. Owner to submit application.

1866 Tramway Terrace Loop – Addition, replace windows, re-stucco, & landscaping. Neighborhood review held. Addition, windows & landscaping approved. Tree disapproved, would exceed 26 feet at maturity. Free-standing backyard wall disapproved, not in harmony with surroundings.

1906 Quail Run Drive – Addition. Approved.

2418 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace garage door. Approved.

2897 Tramway Place – Storm door. Approved.

11106 Bobcat Place – Re-stucco. Approved.

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.

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2008 Directories have been mailed out to every SHHA Member. The cover photo was done by Virginia Porterfield. We have received several phone calls regarding this photo and how adorable it is, so I thought I would add it here.



Additionally, beginning in February we will feature this photo as well as some of the other submissions on our website: sandiahomeowners.org. You will be able to view the photos in color!

Community Event Bulletin Board

Not all of these groups are sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed

SOSH - SINGLES OF SANDIA HEIGHTS

Want to join? Call Marsha Thole at 856-3352.

Church of the Good Shepherd - Preschool and Mother's Day Out Programs Fall 2008

Registration begins February 19th. 7834 Tennyson St NE or call 856-1005 for more information.

CALLING ALL MILITARY WOMEN:

The 23rd anniversary of the Tribute to Women in the Military will be held March 7 at the Kirtland Air Force Base Mountain View Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Tribute honors all military women--active duty, Reserve/Guard, retirees and veterans. The all-day event includes opening ceremonies, seminars, silent auction, Military Trivia Contest, awards luncheon, keynote speaker, and door prizes. Everyone is invited and pre-registration is due by Feb. 19. Registration forms and information are available at www.TributeToWomenInTheMilitary.org, or by contacting Sandia Heights resident, Marsha Thole, Tribute Chair, at 856-3352.

Future events for The Sandia Heights Wildflower Club:

March 19, 2008: Rock Gardens presented by Margo Murdoch

May 17, 2008: Progressive Dinner

June 14, 2008: Garden Walk

Call Sue Caudill for more info at 301-4508. New members are always welcome.



While the County has a restrictive ordinance on open burning for certain materials covenants in Sandia Heights prohibit burning. They generally state: "No trash shall be burned on the premises except in approved incinerators located indoors or within service yard. No garbage shall be burned. Garbage shall be placed in covered containers, said containers to be concealed from public view by an attractive enclosure. No barbecue or other outdoor cooking facility shall be located thereon nearer than ten feet from either side of lot line unless made a part of the residence." To check your covenants you may look them up on the sandiahomeowners.org website in the Covenants folder.



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