

THE



Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

May 2009

SHHA ANNUAL MEETING & TOWN HALL

Church of the Good Shepherd on Tennyson, 10 AM – 12:30 PM, June 6, 2009

Doors open at 9:15 a.m. Drinks and refreshments available.

Come and make your input known. Business to be conducted includes:

- Voting on proposed amendments to the bylaws (go to the website for full information)
- Introduction of new officers elected by the Board
- Presentations by the SHHA committee chairs and officers
- Election of new board members
- Town Hall Meeting following the annual meeting for members to express their concerns
- Door prizes – tickets will be given to members who sign in *before* 10 am

The SHHA Board needs to know the concerns of the community. Please plan to attend and make your input known. Democracy means involvement!

Commissioner Wiener invites you to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, May 4 at 7:30 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd to discuss speed humps.

President's Message by Sy Caudill

Please mark the above date and time on your calendars and give at least a few minutes of your time to help us make the quorum requirements. We will have door prizes with the drawing to be held during the annual meeting. It only takes an hour or so of your time and we need your participation to meet our bylaw requirements.

Speaking of time--we have a few new potential board members but could still use a few more to fill vacancies. We are always in need of volunteers to serve on the Architectural Control Committee. If you have an interest, please consider volunteering as a board member or just volunteer to sit on the ACC for a year to help your association in an area where we need your support. You do not have to be a building expert--we need folks who care and are willing to volunteer for a few hours each month--give us a call at the office. See you at the annual meeting!

Three officers were elected at the April board meeting: Andy Anderson as Vice President, Ed Tull as Treasurer and Marsha Thole as Secretary. The President will be elected at the May meeting. The following is a list of candidates to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Returning BOD Member nominations for a second 3-year term:

Ed Tull, 1456 Bluebell Drive, Unit S14

Mike Winokur, 747 Tramway Lane, Unit S7

Burt O'Neil, 1156 Laurel Loop, Unit S11

New Board Member nominees:

Larry Desonier, 1452 Honeysuckle Drive, Unit S14

Michele Munson, 23 Cedar Hill, Unit S1

Dick Wavrik, 601 Cedar Hill, Unit S6

March 2009 Treasurer Report: Ed Tull, Treasurer

CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
INFLOW		Bank Accounts	
CD Interest	0.00	CD #2	37625.22
Parks & Safety	26.00	CD #3	15586.21
GRIT advertising	1178.43	CD #5	105152.30
NM Gross Receipts Tax	49.61	Checking	295.76
Membership Dues	12731.52	Cash Accounts	1505.97
TOTAL INFLOW	\$13,985.56	Money Market	20064.88
		Total Bank & Cash	\$180,230.34
OUTFLOW		ASSET ACCOUNTS	
Community Service & Membership	160.51	Miscellaneous	1,379.21
Communications & Publications	1132.62	Office Equipment	4,973.06
Executive Committee	3053.91	Office Furniture	5,651.99
Taxes	6504.00	Software	932.34
Parks and Safety	0.00	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$12,936.60
Office Expenses	7889.27	Liability Accounts	
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$18,740.31	Improvements & Legal Reserve	147,332.00
OVERALL TOTAL	(\$4,754.75)	OVERALL TOTAL	\$45,834.94

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. The office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.
- Notary and office services free to members.
- Tram passes free to members; please check with the office for your reservation.
- Contractor Evaluation Binder free to members. Remember to turn one in!
- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 13 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Committee meeting dates and times are posted in the monthly calendar found on our website: www.sandiahomeowners.org.
- Classified ads can be found on the website under the News & Information page.
- Safety Vests for sale in the SHHA office. \$2/vest for members, \$4 non-members.
- Services are provided to members only. Please consider joining to take advantage of our many benefits.



Happy Mother's Day

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Covenant Support Committee

~ Pete Heinstein, Chair

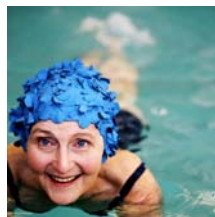
The CSC would like to remind residents that the covenants, as well as Bernalillo County Code Ord. No 99-4, Sec. 6-56, require individuals that who their dogs for a walk be responsible for their four-legged companion and, therefore, clean up after their pet. The County ordinance is very specific in this case and dog owners can be fined when they don't follow this ordinance. We know that most dog owners in Sandia Heights have a plastic bag along and immediately clean up. However, for the few who do not feel responsible, have some consideration for your neighbors and clean up after your pet.

With the spring winds comes the problem with motion-activated lights. Again the covenants, as well as North Albuquerque Acres and Sandia Heights Light Pollution Ordinance, Bernalillo County Code, Chapter 30, Article VI, specifies that any light that shines into a neighbor's residence is illegal and can be "... punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00 per day of the violation..." Please, be considerate of your neighbors and turn off these lights manually when windy conditions persist. The CSC will transfer all light complaints to the County for action.

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Community Service & Membership

Membership ~
New Swim Pass

Your Association has made arrangements with the Four Seasons Club to purchase a limited number of passes for members to the swimming pool this summer. It is hoped that this program will encourage annual



membership in the Four Seasons Club and in SHHA.

Each SHHA member family will be allowed three (3) visits (free passes) for the summer. Each pass is good for four (4) family members or guests each visit. Passes will be available at the SHHA office and available on a requested date. A limit of 10 passes could be issued on any one day (40 people.)

Unlike the Tram passes, there is no deposit required; however, members are reminded that an unused pass will count as one of the three allowed per family and might also deny someone else a pass for that day. Other specific details and rules will be published soon and available at the SHHA office.

This is another great benefit provided by your Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

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Bylaws Committee

~ Marsha Thole, Chair

Based in part on comments received at last year's annual membership meeting, the Board has approved amendments to the SHHA Bylaws, and seeks ratification by the membership at the Annual Meeting on June 6. These amendments are needed to better manage the Association and to help serve you, the member, better. You may view them on the website and in the office. Posting them to the website has saved us \$3000 in additional postage and printing.

To help members better understand and to answer your questions, the Bylaws Committee has scheduled three Q&A sessions to be held at the SHHA office on the following dates:

Wed, May 6, 5:30-6:30 pm

Wed, June 3, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

We thank everyone for their suggestions and input. Come by to meet your Bylaws Committee and Board members and learn more about the amendments.



Executive Committee

President – Sy Caudill
Vice President – Andy Anderson
Secretary – Marsha Thole
Treasurer – Ed Tull

Board Members

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Bruce Childs
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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:

Month of March Call Type	# of calls	Month of March Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & entering	2	Suspicious vehicle	26
Alarms	31	Salesman problem	2
Car accident	2	Theft	5
Neighbor / Family dispute	2	Utility Co. assist	1
Fire/fireworks complaint	1	Special request	3
Front office	3	Customer assist	2
Lost/found item / pet	9	Dumped/spilled material	3
Mailbox vandalism	1	Vandalism	18
Motorist assist	5	Wildlife report	0
Motorcycle nuisance	3	Vehicle burglary	0
Open door/window	6	Newspaper pickup	15
Pet nuisance	4	Special patrol	18
Rescue assist	1	Homeowners on vacation	181
Speeding vehicle	2	Total Calls	355
Suspicious person	9		

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.



Announcement: A notice has been posted at the new CVS pharmacy. It states that CVS is applying for an alcohol license at the new Tramway location and that any comments may be sent to: Director, Alcohol & Gaming Division 505-476-4875 P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe 87504

The comments have to be received by April 26. It also says that the local governing body (city of Abq) will hold a public hearing on this application and that the date, time and place of the hearing will be published.

SHHA Board of Directors has not been officially advised and we have not developed a position on this issue. If you have comments or concerns please provide them to the office and/or directly to the address above.

2009 SESSION WRAP-UP

~ Kathy McCoy, State Representative –
House District 22

We have just concluded a 60-day session in Santa Fe, and it was unlike any that I remember.

The 2010 budget was the top priority, but before we could start that, we had to structure a solvency package just to get us through 2009. Facing a \$600 million shortfall meant making both strategic and dramatic cuts. In the end, we basically passed a flat budget, counting on the federal stimulus money to fill in the gaps.

Unfortunately, this is non-recurring money and by all accounts, next year's revenues will be significantly less. The state's revenues are primarily dependant on oil and gas royalties, which are currently as low as we have seen them for many years, and are expected to remain in decline at least for the next few months.

Ethics reform was a major issue this session and we did make progress. We fought for and won a battle to install video and audio of the House and Senate floor sessions. Conference committees will also now be open to the public.

Also, we passed campaign contribution limits, but do not be fooled about this superficial legislation. Contributions from non-profits and "527" organizations were not included in the bill, so the big money will continue to flow without donor disclosure. It is a huge hole and one that effectively negates the purpose of contribution limits.

Also on the ethics front, the state now has an independent ethics commission to oversee elected officials throughout the state. Members of the public can submit complaints to the commission, which is made up of appointees selected by the

Governor and leaders of both legislative chambers.

One bill of the session would have given the public access to the state's budget on a searchable database. Much has been written about transparency in government and this bill would have gone a long way to achieve that. Unfortunately, it never made it to the House floor for a vote.

Once again, voter photo ID failed. A group is taking their case to court so we may hear more about this in the coming months.

A bill which provides for prevailing wage rates for all public projects over \$60,000 is on its way to the Governor for his signature. We do not know what kind of fiscal impact it will have. One estimate is that the impact on our roads alone will be \$137 million over the next three years.

What effect it will have on schools, prisons and other government institutions is unknown.

The bill to allow concealed carry license holders to "carry" in certain restaurants was killed. On the bright side, legislation that will give the State Engineer oversight over deep water aquifers is on its way to the Governor.

TIDDS legislation for SunCal failed twice after being reconsidered, but the TIDDS for Winrock passed without debate. The death penalty was repealed, but permitting research on embryonic stem cells failed to pass, as did legislation establishing domestic partnerships.

Finally, any hope we legislators had of bringing capital outlay funding home to our districts was dashed once we got deep into the budget. Needless to say, it was disappointing for both legislators and those who count on state funds for projects.

I'm hopeful we'll have more optimistic news later in the year.

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ACC Activity Log

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

- 7 Juniper Hill Road – Addition. Approved with condition
- 17 Juniper Hill Loop – Re-stucco. Approved
- 19 Sandia Heights Drive – Re-stucco, refinish trim. Approved
- 20 Eagle Nest – Replace windows. Approved
- 61 Pinon Hill Road – Retaining wall. Approved
- 208 Spring Creek Drive – Replace windows - Approved
- 639 Cougar Loop – Retaining walls and steps. Approved with condition
- 913 Tramway Lane – Addition, RV enclosure, & landscaping. Addition approved, RV enclosure disapproved – substandard construction, landscaping disapproved – tree in setback area
- 922 Tramway Lane – Re-stucco. Approved
- 981 Antelope Avenue – Refinish trim. Approved
- 1038 Tramway Lane – Addition. Approved
- 1216 Rockrose Road – Replace roof. Approved
- 1452 Honeysuckle Drive – Deck & walkways. Approved
- 1572 Eagle Ridge Place – Addition, pool, wall, landscaping, & trees. Addition approved, pool approved with condition, wall disapproved – not adjacent to house, landscaping approved, trees disapproved – in setback area
- 1705 Quail Run Court – Request for variance, fence & shading devise in setback area. Denied

- 1902 Quail Run Drive – Repair retaining wall. Approved
- 1936 Quail Run Loop – Landscaping. Approved
- 2017 Quail Run Court – Addition & remodel. Approved
- 2308 Calle de Rafael – Refinish stucco. Approved
- 2320 Calle de Gabriel – Replace door. Approved
- 2760 Cliffrose Drive – Patio cover. Approved
- 12621 Carmel Court – Re-stucco, refinish trim. Approved
- 12700 Carmel Court – Addition. Disapproved. Additions not permitted in this unit

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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Sandia Peak Utility ~ Sy Caudill

As I mentioned in our last GRIT, we frequently work closely with Sandia Peak Utility on many issues. Water has been and always will be a matter of concern in New Mexico, we are very lucky to have such a close working relationship with our supplier. As you will see below they have both long- and short-term plans to ensure water availability for our community for years to come.

GRIT: Sandia Peak Utility provides an annual report on the water quality which is very detailed. In lay terms, how would you describe our water quality?

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Community Event Bulletin Board

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

The Church of the Good Shepherd Children's Outreach

Program (Preschool and Mothers' Day Out) at 7834 Tennyson St NE will hold a Carnival and Spring Fling Raffle on Saturday, May 2nd between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. Join the fun! Call 505-856-1005 for more details.

Save the Date May 2, 2009 For..... *Daisy Days!*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Children's Outreach Programs will host their annual Spring Fling Daisy Days Carnival on Sat. May 2, 11-2 p.m. in the upper parking lot of the church at 7834 Tennyson NE. Your toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy a day of age-appropriate and developmentally fun entertainment with us! Come by and enjoy the pony rides, a fun jump, face painting, and much more. The Silent Auction and Raffle will be announced starting at 1:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! For more information, visit www.cogschildrensoutreach.org

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club will hold its Annual Progressive Dinner (for Club members only) on Saturday, May 16th, beginning with Appetizers at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lori Templeton. Information about locations for Dinner and Dessert will be distributed at that time. Members are reminded to bring an appetizer, an entrée or a dessert. The Slate of Officers for the coming year will be presented for Voting by the Membership at a short Business Meeting following Dessert. In March a group of club members did preliminary work on the Cathy Harman Memorial Garden site, the planting will take place on Saturday, May 2. Treasurer Khondeh Payne is organizing this Project. Other Events planned for the remainder of the SHWC Season include The Garden Walk on Saturday June 13th; Field Trips in July and August to The Great Outdoors Nursery and Shady Lakes; a Wildflower Hike led by Charlie McDonald in September; and the Annual Pot Luck Supper at the home of Beverly and Phil Abshere on Saturday September 19th, on which date the business year will officially recommence, with new officers. Interested persons and prospective members may call President Dan Caudillo for further information, 856-6617.

Notice to artists ... The Sandia Heights Artists (SHA) are a community of amateur and professional artists who live in Sandia Heights and are banded together to encourage and support each other. Interested artists may contact: Bruce Childs 797-2090, Lynda Burch 856-0195 or Terry Matthews 270-9943.

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Sandia Peak Utility (SPU): *Sandia Peak Utility is committed to providing drinking water of highest quality and sufficient quantity to its customers. It is important to point out that not all water that meets federal standards is the same. In some cities, water that is perfectly safe to drink may have an unpleasant taste, color or odor. We are very lucky here in Sandia Heights to have water that is odorless, colorless and tastes good.*

GRIT: Just where does our water come from?

SPU: *Our water comes from an underground aquifer accessed by wells that are approximately 800 feet deep just west of the Sandia Mountains.*

GRIT: When were our supply wells drilled and how many do you now have in service?

SPU: *Our two main supply wells were drilled in 1986. These two wells produce all of the water used by the neighborhoods.*

GRIT: Besides all of Sandia Heights, what other areas do you supply water to?

SPU: *In addition to Sandia Heights we also provide water to the Primrose Pointe subdivision just west of Tennyson.*

GRIT: Do you have plans to further expand to serve other users from these same wells?

SPU: *Sandia Heights and Primrose Pointe are pretty much built out. Additional customers will result from the few remaining unbuilt lots sprinkled throughout all of the subdivisions.*

GRIT: What changes have you seen in well performance due to new wells being drilled (such as hundreds in North Albuquerque

Acres), wells for the new casino or any other new wells drilled in the area?

SPU: *We have seen little or no impact to our wells from other wells drilled in the area; additionally, we have seen little or no impact upon these wells from the drought years of recent experience.*

GRIT: What contingency plans do you have if the wells were to be contaminated by accident or damaged by a geological event?

SPU: *We have plans to drill a third well which would provide redundancy in the event of a catastrophic well failure. This third well would not result in any additional pumping of water beyond what we are already permitted for and what would be required for the build-out of these neighborhoods. Once the third well is completed we would still only use two of the three wells at any one time for normal operations.*

GRIT: Are there needed upgrades in our now 30- to 40-year old water distribution system?

SPU: *Yes, we have diligently been upgrading the system on an annual basis. This is very important as far as reliability and also to keep lost water to a minimum. Our goal is to upgrade system piping, valves, and fire hydrants before the end of their useful life.*

GRIT: Who do our members contact when they have water supply or pressure issues?

SPU: *In the event of any problems, customers should contact our Customer Service Representative, Jackie Sexton, at 857-8924.*

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Jackie coordinates work orders with the field office for any problems that might come up. In the event of an after-hours emergency please call 888-5336.

GRIT: How will our water rates be impacted in the coming years?

SPU: *We are raising rates a little bit at a time each year in order to avoid rate shock and to enable us to continue the required maintenance and upgrades to keep our aging system reliable and dependable.*

GRIT: What can our residents do to assist in making sure we have a sufficient water supply for many years to come?

SPU: *We should all take steps to conserve water whenever possible. It is mostly common sense of course. Fix those leaky toilets and faucets. Don't leave faucets running. Use drought resistant plants and trees. Watch your water bills for abnormal usage that would indicate a plumbing leak. Go to www.bernco.gov/water to see the county water ordinances that apply to all residents of Sandia Heights and incentive programs to help you to conserve water.*

GRIT: We would like to thank SPU and all the employees who provide our water, garbage and security services. When you see the employees working in your neighborhood, please take a moment to thank them for all the services they provide our community.

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NOTICE: There is a sign at the corner of Sandia Heights and Tramway that is in disrepair. This sign will be removed due to its bad condition.

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A Message from Commissioner

~ Michael C. Wiener, Commissioner,
Bernalillo County District 4

I am proud to represent you as your County Commissioner and look forward to maintaining the rapport and solution-oriented dialogue we have begun. I would like to compliment you for the interest you have shown to improve our lives and county government in Sandia Heights by being an ACTIVE member of your neighborhood! The following are news-worthy improvements in Bernalillo County District 4 that I can report for the preceding month.

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center Farm Initiative

I have begun a new initiative to create a “farm enterprise” on fifteen acres of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC). The farm enterprise will raise basic vegetables, starter trees, as well as xeriscape foliage and shrubs (for use at county facilities to reduce consumption of water). The purpose of implementing this farm enterprise is intended to prepare the inmates at the MDC to re-enter society with practical work skills and values, as well as provide a means by which to reduce some costs associated with feeding these inmates. Shortly thereafter we will implement a Pig Farm; the pigs will eat all of the food discarded every day by the inmates and will then be a valuable food source. As you know, one of my key campaign promises was to address the problems of reducing the costs of feeding the inmates as well as lowering the rate of inmate recidivism.

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I believe this initiative is one of the solutions. As part of this initiative upper management staff from our county will be visiting Maricopa County in Arizona on April 16 to see firsthand the successes their Sheriff has had there – including the inmates work initiative, much cheaper inmate meal costs and animal integration in jail/inmate care - all of this resulting in huge tax savings. I strongly feel that we can modify and improve the administration of Bernalillo County inmates by adopting several of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's initiatives.

Speed Humps

A controversial and continuing problem in our district focuses on the pros and cons of speed humps, their placement, removal, value and safety. It is a difficult issue to referee as there is a close balance between those who are in favor of speed humps and those that are not. I have tried to work closely with all residents who are concerned with reaching some resolution to the problem and have responded to hundreds of phone calls, emails and letters. We will be having a meeting for Sandia Heights residents on May 4 at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 7:30 pm to discuss this issue and to unveil several proposed solutions to this ongoing concern as voiced by many residents of Sandia Heights.

Meeting with our Congressional Delegation

On March 9 and 10 I was in Washington, DC with three other Commissioners and the County Manager. We met with our Congressional Delegation concerning Bernalillo County's FY 2010 Federal Priority Package and our Stimulus Funding Requests. Together we identified various funding opportunities and are working with staff now to secure these much needed

dollars to fund county projects.

Weed Ordinance

After years of living with fire hazards and other problems regarding excessive overgrowth of weeds in the North and South valleys and the East Mountains, I introduced a new weed ordinance to fine or put liens on the property of owners who do not comply with mandatory removal of weed overgrowth. The ordinance is scheduled to be approved by the County Commission at the April 13 meeting. I want to emphasize that we're going to give property owners the opportunity to remove the weeds themselves. Only as a last resort, if they don't comply, they will be fined (up to \$1,000) and/or the county will come in and remove the weeds and put a lien on the owner's property.

Address Numbering of Businesses and Residences

I have also begun a new aggressive enforcement campaign to improve response/time by emergency vehicles which focuses on the critical need for residents and businesses to clearly mark their properties with their address numbers. All too often an emergency vehicle--law enforcement, medic, fireman, reaches the emergency site too late because they could not find the address they were sent to....and every year people die needlessly because rescue units waste valuable time trying to "hunt down" an address. Last week I drove throughout Sandia Heights after dark, street by street, and many homes are NOT properly marked and address numbers are simply not visible. PLEASE Mark your homes with large reflective numbers than can easily be seen at night; your life may depend upon it!

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you on May 4.

Natural Frontage Property Owner Rights and Responsibilities and The Bernalillo County Code

~ Burt O'Neil, Parks & Safety Committee Member

The above is a long winded title for a short article discussing the maintaining of the **setback area** (SBA). I will use the Bernalillo County "Public Works Division" document as a reference guide. When I quote this document it will be in quotation marks. This document is at the SHHA office and available for review.

The SBA is "that portion of land along the road between the private property line and the edge of the paved road or curb." "The absence of a sidewalk does not relieve the County nor the adjoining property owner of the responsibility to allow safe passage of pedestrians." In addition, "Unobstructed vision for traffic safety shall be strictly and solely maintained by the property owner." Items (g), (h) and (i) on page 4 of the County document elaborate what constitute a safety obstruction.

This article addresses removal of hedges, shrubs, or bushes. The prime culprit is the *Chamisa bush*. The bush needs 14 inches of annual rainfall. Runoff from a roadway raises our 9-inch average rainfall to the required 14 inches which allows for verdant growth of the *Chamisa bush*. Since we have no sidewalks, this bush grows nicely in the SBA. However, alongside the roadway, the bush grows high enough to obstruct a vehicle driver's view and impede a pedestrian, creating unsafe conditions.

Cutting away a *Chamisa bush* is an arduous task. The county does offer a partial solution, "The Operations and Maintenance Department will respond to requests for...mowing. The width of service ranges up to 7' from the edge of the road." The county will clean up any cuttings that are on

the roadway and will "on a best effort basis" clean up in the SBA. If property owners are not satisfied with the clean-up in the SBA, they can call 848-1500. Before calling, the property owner should keep in mind that *the homeowner is responsible for the SBA*.

I regularly jog in Sandia Heights and include a photo here of a roadway that used to be heavily overgrown with *Chamisa bushes*. One notes that on both sides of the road the *Chamisa* has been effectively cut back.



A photo taken after a heavy growth of *Chamisa* was cut back by the county.

One last note—while found in abundance throughout the Southwest, *Chamisa* is not native to Sandia Heights. It is a very invasive form of vegetation, and its roots have gotten into septic system leaching fields and contributed to the failure of septic systems. To permanently remove a *Chamisa bush* you should remove its roots several inches below the surface of the ground or it will grow back and very quickly, too.



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