

# THE GRIT

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

Oct 2009

## **President's message**

~ Andy Anderson

A few weeks ago, an article was published in the Albuquerque Journal written by a Journal staff member. The article related to speed limits and speed humps in Sandia Heights. The establishment of speed limits and installation of traffic calming devices are the responsibility of the County and, although these are County issues, the article cast your SHHA Board of Directors in a less than complimentary light. My comments are not to defend the action of the Board, as they have done nothing requiring defense, but to simply set the record straight for our SHHA membership.

The SHHA Board is made up of your neighbors and friends who volunteer their time and service to maintain our unique quality of life and make Sandia Heights a better place to live. Along with the Board, your association relies on volunteers who also give their time to ensure the Committees can provide the services which benefit everyone living in our community. Neither the Board nor the volunteers receive any compensation for their time and efforts, sometimes taking abuse for doing their jobs. With this in mind, I personally take exception when they are ridiculed by individuals not present at the meeting, and comments taken completely out of

context, for asking why they should sign a pledge not required of any other SHHA member. We struggle to maintain enough volunteers to keep the organization running and to ask them to live by more stringent standards than their neighbors is degrading and demoralizing. I personally want to thank them for their continued dedication and I would invite other members of the community to join us in keeping Sandia Heights the community of choice in the Albuquerque area.

I would also like to remind everyone that although we live in a relatively safe area, we still need to be aware of security for our homes and neighborhood. We recently had an instance of a day-time break-in in the center of Sandia Heights. In this instance, a van had been noted in the area for a few days prior to the incidence and could have been the vandal looking for an opportunity. Although we all enjoy our privacy, please keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and don't hesitate to notify Sandia Heights Security, mobile: 263-4654 or the Sherriff's office: 798-7000 of your concerns.



## August 2009 Treasurer Report: Ed Tull, Treasurer

<b>CASH FLOW</b>		<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	
<b>INFLOW</b>		<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
ACC Income	40.00	CD #2	38,010.66
CD Interest	322.65	CD #3	15,814.40
GRIT advertising	100.00	CD #5	100,000.00
Membership Dues	13,050.27	Checking	2,870.54
NM Gross Receipts Tax	0.00	Cash Accounts	2,891.74
<b>TOTAL INFLOW</b>	<b>\$13,512.92</b>	Money Market	18,971.73
		<b>Total Bank &amp; Cash</b>	<b>\$178,559.07</b>
<b>OUTFLOW</b>		<b>ASSET ACCOUNTS</b>	
ACC	17.15	Miscellaneous	1,379.21
Community Service & Membership	1,814.96	Office Equipment	4,973.06
Communications & Publications	1,952.93	Office Furniture	5,651.99
Executive Committee		Software	932.34
Insurance	2,556.00	<b>TOTAL Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,936.60</b>
Parks and Safety Vests	-14.00		
Office Expenses	9,373.39		
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$15,700.43</b>	<b>Liability Accounts</b>	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	148,352.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$2,187.51</b>	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,143.67</b>

### Announcements & Notices:

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.
- The office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 12.
- SHHA Board meeting – Wed, October 14 at 7pm in the SHHA Office.
- Our next Meet n Greet is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 from 11am to 2pm.
- Notary public services are FREE to members.
- Tram Passes are available for SHHA members. Get yours in advance!
- Safety Vests for sale in the office. \$2/vest for members.
- 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. We especially need evaluations for handy men, electricians and plumbers. Call the office and we can mail you an evaluation.
- Events, Classified ads, Board and Committee meeting dates and times, the GRIT are all posted on our website: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org).



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## Odds & Ends From Parks & Safety Committee

Larry Desonier & Frances Desonier

As we all know, our streets are very narrow and too often guests visiting our homes, especially for parties, park on both sides of the road. This results in a narrow street becoming an extremely narrow single lane. Recently, it was noted that the problem was so bad, that larger vehicles couldn't even get through. Please remind your guests to park on only one side of the road.

Those who own dogs like to take their dog(s) out for a walk. Everyone should know that county law requires that all dogs remain on a leash when being walked and that a dog's excrement should be picked up. A dog off a leash can run in front of a car and get killed, even if the car is going the speed limit. Don't take that chance; please, keep your pet leashed. Also, bring something to pick up after your dog to keep our neighborhood clean.

What would happen if you had an emergency at your house and emergency services was delayed because they could not find the number for your address? This has already happened in our community. Few of our streets have curbs to have numbers painted on; that only leaves the mail box as a beacon for the ambulance or fire truck. If you don't already have your address on your mailbox, please consider getting reasonably large and reflective numbers to put there.

Several more of our neighbors have been seen wearing their safety vests when out walking our streets. Good for them! SHHA has already sold 250 vests and have ordered more. If you have not yet had an opportunity to purchase one, they are only

\$2 for SHHA members and \$4 for non-members.

**Drivers**, remember that school is back in session and many of our younger community members are walking to or waiting at bus stops. Please be extra vigilant and slow down when passing any pedestrian along our roadways.

### Pedestrian Safety Reminders

- Walk **Facing** Traffic; make eye contact with drivers approaching you.
- Wear reflective vest or brightly-colored clothing, particularly in the evening.
- If you are walking a dog, keep the dog to your **left**.
- As cars approach, a group of pedestrians should walk in **single file**.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for  
SATURDAY,  
November 7, 2009  
SHHA Office  
Meet and Greet,  
11am to 2pm**



Join with your friends and neighbors at the SHHA office, 2B San Rafael. Enjoy our delicious hors d'oeuvres, learn more about SHHA. Sergeant Ray Chavez of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept has agreed to speak to our members from Noon – 1PM.

**Hosted by your SHHA Community Service and Membership Committee.**



## Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:

### Executive Committee

President – Andy Anderson  
Vice President – Phyllis Moore  
Secretary – Frances Desonier  
Treasurer – Ed Tull

### Board Members

Phil Abshere  
Bob Bower  
Bruce Childs  
Larry Desonier  
Kate Fry  
Pete Heinstein  
Jim Irving  
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Burt O’Neil  
Mona Lee Schilling  
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Dick Wavrik  
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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.

Month of August Call Type	# of calls	Month of August Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & entering	4	Suspicious person	9
Assault/battery	1	Suspicious vehicle	15
Alarms	27	Theft	2
Family dispute	2	Threat/personal	0
Fire	2	Utility Co. assist	7
Fireworks	0	Special request	3
Front office	6	Customer assist	7
Lost/found item	1	Dumped/spilled material	3
Lost/found pet	5	Noise complaints	1
Motorist assist	4	S. O. assist	0
Motorcycle nuisance	2	Parking problem	0
Open door/window	9	Vandalism	8
Pet nuisance	2	Wildfire report	4
Loud disruptive party	0	Newspaper pickup	21
Snake call	13	Special patrol	24
Speeding vehicle	1	Homeowners on vacation	226
Salesman problem	5	<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>414</b>

### **A NOTE FROM SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY:**

When a resident sees a suspicious vehicle or person, or any imminent suspicious activity, you should *always* call the mobile phone (263-4654) for the officer on patrol, response will be faster and nothing will be lost in translation when you speak directly with the officer on patrol. Many times valuable minutes or seconds are lost when the resident calls the office to report suspicious activity. The security office then has to contact the officer on patrol and relay the information to him.

In the case of a recent burglary a resident reported the suspicious vehicle and person (she did a great job with the description of the vehicle and perpetrator) to the security office. By the time the security office got off the phone and called the officer to relay the information to him, the burglar had struck three houses down. Those valuable minutes could have made the difference between a possible foiled attempt at a burglary or in this case sadly a successful break in.

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





## SHHA Membership Cards & Merchant Benefit Program

SHHA members, you should have received your personal *SHHA membership card* and *key-ring tag* by now. If you have not received your membership card, please call or come by the office. The membership cards and tags can be used to expedite: admission to SHHA sponsored events, picking up Sandia Peak Tram Passes, access to SHHA Office benefits & services, and for claiming SHHA Merchant Benefits.

Current SHHA member benefits and services include: office and notary services, annual classified ads, Coffeehouse Concert Series, Sandia Tram Passes, Swim Passes, covenant enforcement, no-fee ACC applications, and discounted safety vests.

The SHHA Merchant Benefits Program includes the following current participating merchants:

**Bair Medical Spa – 8810 Holly Ave. NE #F, 881-1532** - 15% off any treatment.

**Best Way Carpet –7506 Arvada NE, 720-2831** - 10% discount on all cleaning. Free carpet protector on all carpet cleaning.

**Black Diamond Taekwondo –12700 San Rafael Suite #8, Quail Run Shopping Center, 850-3388** Pay for first 2 months, get 3rd month and uniform for free. You can try Weight Loss Warriors Fitness Program for free for the first 2 weeks.

**Bob's Painting – 5816 Signal Ave., 823-2400** - Free quality paint upgrade.

**Chiropractor, Mark L. Schwartz DC – 4550 Eubank NE Suite 107, 332-1006** - Initial office visit including exam, consultation x-rays \$49 (regularly \$99.) 10% discount on all services. 5% discount on all products.

**County Line of Albuquerque - 9600 Tramway Blvd., 856-7477** - 10% off entire bill, including beverage. Food item must be purchased. No limit on number of persons

**Curves – 7849-D Tramway Blvd. NE., 797-2625** - \$135 off of the service fee (regularly \$199)

**Granite Transformations – 8102 Menaul NE, 872-3600** - 5% off any countertop order. Template fee waived on cabinet refacing (\$150 value)

**Jade Enterprises – 12700 San Rafael NE, Suite 3, 856-5233, Quail Run Shopping Center, 856-5233** - 10% disc off kitchen cabinet bid w/any remodel over \$10,000 OR home care kit valued at \$50.00 w/any remodel over \$5,000.

**Massage Envy – 8851 Paseo Del Norte NE, 797-3689** - Therapeutic massage: Swedish, deep tissue, sports, reflexology, trigger point, or cranial/sacral. \$39 introductory 1-hr customized massage session, \$55 (regularly \$65) 1 hr massage session (after introductory), \$44 month (regularly \$49) 12 month membership includes 1 - 1 hr massage session per month.



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## ACC Activity Log

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

- 1 Juniper Hill Road – Re-stucco. Approved
- 5 Juniper Hill Loop – Wall, Patio and Landscaping. Approved
- 16 Juniper Hill Loop – Driveway repair. Approved
- 17 Juniper Hill – Wall and Landscaping. Approved
- 35 Cedar Hill Place – Re-stucco. Approved
- 111 White Oaks Drive – Re-stucco and Deck. Approved
- 139 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Photovoltaic Panels. Approved
- 186 Bighorn Ridge Circle – Patio Cover. Approved
- 309 Big Horn Ridge – Addition with conditions. Approved
- 409 Live Oak Loop – Re-stucco. Approved
- 577 Black Bear Road – Refinish Trim. Approved
- 626 Blackhawk Drive – Deck/Doors/Roof. Approved
- 638 Cougar Loop – Playset. Approved
- 682 Blackhawk Drive – Wall and Kiva. Approved
- 725-19 Tramway Vista Drive. Fence replacement. Approved
- 727-5 Cedar Hill Lane – Photovoltaic panels. Approved
- 727-10 Big Horn Ridge Circle – Patio Cover and Re-stucco. Approved
- 887 Tramway Lane – Window replacement. Approved
- 958 Antelope Avenue – Addition/Remodel. Approved
- 1004 Tramway Lane – Replace Deck and Mailbox. Approved

1131 Marigold Drive – Re-stucco and Trim. Approved

1187 Laurel Loop – Repair and Re-stucco Wall. Approved

1232 Goldenrod Drive – Patio. Approved

1459 Bluebell Drive – Reroof. Approved

1540 Eagle Ridge Place – Wall, Landscaping and Driveway. Approved

2523 Tramway Terrace Court – Window replacement. Approved

7701 Cedar Canyon Place – Reroof. Approved

*Check the ACC Project Log at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website [sandiahomeowners.org](http://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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## TRAM CLOSURE

The Tram will be closed for maintenance from Monday, November 2 through Thursday, November 12. It reopens Friday, November 13, at noon.



**Fall/Winter Tram hours:** September 8 through May 30, 9am to 8pm, except Tuesdays: 5pm to 8pm.

SHHA has tram passes available through mid-November 2009. For details on how the tram passes work please go to the website: [sandiahomeowners.org](http://sandiahomeowners.org) or call the office at 797-7793.

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# Community Event Bulletin Board

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



**No news or events this month**

## **GOOD RECYCLING NEWS:**

~ Alyson Clark, Community Service and Membership Committee Member

Thanks to everyone who responded to our recycling initiative. Sandia Services is pleased to report that to date they have received over 100 of the mail-in cards from residents to sign up. This means that with a little extra effort on our part, we can reduce the amount of waste in our landfills.



The average American generates about 4 pounds of garbage per day. Currently about 30% of American's garbage is recycled. Manufacturing companies are able to take old paper products and produce "new" newspaper, cardboard and the like. Aluminum cans are melted down and recycled back into cans. Plastic bottles, however, are not yet able to be reused as such. Instead, the plastic is melted down and used to make low grade plastic products used in playgrounds, electronics, carpet and some fabrics.

The recycling logo is a triangle with chasing



arrows.

The three legs of this triangle stand for collection, manufacturing and buying. The more we recycle, the more profitable it will be for companies to make products from recycled material which can be sold to consumers.

We will keep you updated as the starting date, November, 2<sup>nd</sup> approaches.





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## PHOTO CONTEST!

We are accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2010 Sandia Heights Resident Directory & Guide. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 6. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2010 Directory, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer. Submission criteria:

- You must be a member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and you must be an amateur photographer.
- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2009 Directory).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally, as a hardcopy or by email to [sandiaheights@comcast.net](mailto:sandiaheights@comcast.net).
- 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 your photo(s) in the Directory or on our website.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published.

Be creative and good luck!