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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

June 2010

## **SHHA ANNUAL MEETING & TOWN HALL for SHHA Members**

**Church of the Good Shepherd on Tennyson, 10 AM – 12:30 PM, June 12, 2010**

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

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

- Ratify 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. Must be present to win door prize. Tree Lottery Drawing.

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

### **President's Message by Andy Anderson**

Another year has slipped by and it is time for our SHHA Annual Meeting. As in the past, we really need your help by spending about an hour with us on Saturday, June 12, to support your organization and to ensure we have enough members to conduct the meeting. This milestone also represents the end of my tour as your President.

This year has been another good year for SHHA. We have continued to ensure the quality of life in Sandia Heights by ensuring our residents respect their neighbors and the covenants which are intended to maintain our neighborhood standards provide for the pristine community in which we all live. Our Committees have worked diligently throughout the year to provide service to the community by enforcing covenants and resolving complaints between residents. In addition to being responsive to compliance tasks, our committees have worked to provide our members with additional services and benefits. The free Tram passes continue to be

a big hit with our members and we have increased the number of passes available on a daily basis from 4 to 6. The pool passes had not been as attractive as we had anticipated, but we may continue to provide them on a scaled back basis. We hope you are taking advantage of the discounts offered by our local restaurants and businesses by using your membership cards. We also have our unsung heroes in the background looking out for your safety and keeping the chamisa trimmed along our roadways (by request). As you will see at the annual meeting, one of our committees has been working for the past several years to bring our bylaws up to date, culminating in this year's revision to align the bylaws with our guiding principles of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised. We have also continued to maintain a close relationship with our County and State representatives to ensure they are aware of our SHHA needs and desires.

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As you can see, your Board, all our volunteers and our office staff have been busy throughout the year to support you, our members. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of them for their dedication and tireless efforts, making my job so much easier.

A very special thank you goes out to these people who have served on the board and committees, dedicating their time and efforts:

**Frances Desonier** has served: on the board, as secretary, on the Parks & Safety and Community Service & Membership committees since 2007

**Larry Desonier** has served: on the board and on the Parks and Safety Committee since 2000

**Jim Irving** has served: on the board, the Covenant Support and Bylaws committees since 2005

**Melissa Puckett** has served: on the board and Community Service & Membership committee since 2009

**Mona Lee Schilling** has served: on the board and the Community Service & Membership committee since 2004

**Marsha Thole** has served: on the board, as secretary, on the Architectural Control and Bylaws committees since 2005

Also, special recognition goes to Duane Henden, who recently passed away, for serving on the Bylaws committee for 3 years. His time and contribution was invaluable.

To all of our members, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you over this past year.

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## **Proposed Bylaw amendments**

Please go to the website:

[www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org) for full information. To assist you in understanding

the proposed amendments, and to expedite discussion time at the annual meeting, the Bylaws Committee will hold a Q&A session at the SHHA office on Monday, June 7 at 11a.m.

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## **Nominating Committee**

~ Phyllis Moore, Chair

Your SHHA Board of Directors would like to thank Ana Acosta, Sandra Brown, George Connor and Sarah Pirkel for their commitment to serve the Sandia Heights community. In accordance with our bylaws, the SHHA Board of Directors requires 14 members in order to look after the interests of the Association. The volunteer services of these four new directors brings us to a total of 16 directors, which barely allows us to function as an organization to oversee the well being of our community.

Although serving on the Board requires a commitment on the part of individuals, it is truly a rewarding experience when the fruits of our efforts are utilized and recognized by the 2100 households in our community. The Board encourages you to take up the challenge and join us in the experience.

**Officer Election Results:** The following is the slate of officers elected for the 2010-2011 operational year:

Phyllis Moore, President  
Kate Fry, Vice President  
Michele Munson, Secretary  
Ed Tull, Treasurer

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

Andy Anderson – 507 Black Bear Loop  
Pete Heinsteins – 185 Big Horn Ridge

**New Board Member nominees:**

Ana Acosta - 935 Bobcat Blvd.  
Sandra Brown - 1411 Bluebell Place  
George Connor - 8227 Raintree Drive  
Sarah Pirkel - 2007 Quail Run Drive

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## Covenant Support Committee

~ Dick Wavrik, Chair

Most of the Sandia Heights Unit Covenants address light pollution. This is done to preserve the enjoyment of the night sky from light pollution. Regardless of the individual covenants for your Unit, the entire North Albuquerque Acres and Sandia Heights fall under the Bernalillo County Code for light pollution. The code includes, but is not restricted to security lighting, street lights, landscape lights, building mounted area lights, building façade lights (see Code for exceptions). In general, lights shall remain OFF between 11:00 pm and sunrise; lights on buildings shall be mounted no higher than 16 feet; lights must be shielded so the light is directed perpendicular to the ground. The entire Code may be viewed using the link on the SHHA Web site.

So, if you leave your lights on at the entry, garage doors, house floods, after 11:00pm and they are not shielded they may be in violation of the County Code. While the CSC does not enforce County ordinances we will work with folks to make them aware of the options and try to get resolution.

At night, even a 40 watt bulb in an unshielded fixture can be a distraction to those that wish to enjoy the night sky, the darkness of the neighborhood, or the lights of the city below.

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## SHHA Membership Cards & Merchant Benefit Program

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

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

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To see the discounts offered by each merchant visit our website:  
[www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org).

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## TRAM PASSES

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Treasurer – Ed Tull

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Larry Desonier  
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Pete Heinsteinst  
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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
Alarms	26	Noise complaints	2
Animal control asst.	2	Open door/window	5
Breaking & entering	3	Parking problem	1
Assault/Battery	0	Pet nuisance	6
Car accident	1	Salesman problem	2
Customer assist	5	Snake Call	2
Construction site burglary	1	Special (extra patrol or observation)	13
Family dispute		Special request	8
Fire	2	Speeding vehicle	4
Fireworks complaint	1	Suspicious person	10
Front office	9	Suspicious vehicle	20
Lost/found pet	3	Theft	11
Lost/found item	1	Threat/personal	1
Mailbox vandalism	0	Utility Co. assist	3
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Vandalism	5
Motorist assist	5	Vehicle burglary	4
Neighbor dispute	2	Wildlife report	1
Newspaper pickup	12	<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>172</b>

**Security Reminder:**

It is vacation season. We urge our subscribers to please call us before leaving town so that we may add your residence to our vacation watch list. For those of you who are not subscribers, now is a good time to subscribe. Please feel free to visit our website at [www. Sandiaheightsservices.com](http://www.Sandiaheightsservices.com). You can also call us at 856-6347.



**SCAM ALERT:** On Tuesday, the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, two nice looking, personable, college-aged people, a boy and a girl, came to our house selling magazine subscriptions to enable them to buy books for the patients at UNM’s Children’s Hospital and to earn a trip to London. We had no need of another magazine subscription so we gave them a donation, a check made out to AMG. On Thursday of that week, a friend in the University area of the city sent an E-mail alert telling of solicitors in her neighborhood using the same story presented to us. We were scammed. It was too late for us but maybe someone else will read this letter and avoid an unpleasant experience. Submitted by Two Sandia Heights Residents

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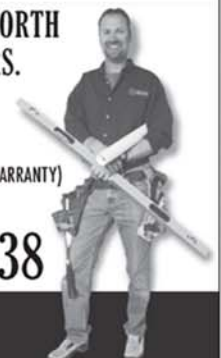
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:**

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday  
9am – 4pm.
- **ANNUAL MEETING** – Saturday,  
June 12 at 10am at the Church of  
the Good Shepherd.
- **Father’s Day** – June 20.
- **Notary free** to members.
- **Office services** (faxes – copies)  
free to members.
- **Tram passes** free to members.
- **Contractor Evaluation binder**  
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- **Classified ads**, free for members,  
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the News and Information page.
- **Safety Vests for sale**

## **MAY 2010 UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL C. WIENER, DISTRICT 4**

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the issues that I've been working on over the past couple of months....

The \$25 million Eubank Blvd Improvement Project continues with the project design complete and all rights of entry to the condemned properties having been granted. The project has also been expanded to include the widening of Eubank even further north of Paseo del Norte than was originally planned. The project will be put out for bid in June and I expect the groundbreaking to take place, finally, in mid-July.

It has been my goal since taking office to find a suitable way to honor our

most famous/well-known resident of District 4. On Tuesday June 29th, Bernalillo County will be naming a NE Heights park located at 10802 Wilshire NE after the last man to set foot on the Moon; former U.S. Senator and astronaut Harrison "Jack" Schmitt. Soon "Senator Harrison "Jack" Schmitt Park" will be a reality. As you probably know, Dr. Schmitt was the only geologist and the last of only 12 men to visit the moon, as part of NASA's final Apollo lunar mission in December 1972. [Editorial Note: We are honored to have Jack as a resident of Sandia Heights.]

As always, I consider it a privilege to serve you! I am continuously available to discuss any issue with you. Please feel free to call me anytime at 858-0004, or 688-0004 (Cell) or e-mail me at [mcwabq@aol.com](mailto:mcwabq@aol.com).

My assistant, Darrell Dady, can also be reached at 468-7010.



## **SECURITY ALERT**

The office has a security email alert that can be emailed to all of those people whose email addresses are in our database. If you would like to receive such an email please call the office at 797-7793 or email us at [sandiaheights@comcast.net](mailto:sandiaheights@comcast.net).

Also, if you have changed your email address please notify us so that we can update the database. Thank you.



**WEBSITE** We have made some changes to the SHHA website. Go to [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org) and you will find drop down menus to help you locate things more easily. Under the ACC tab you can find the project log, forms, and guidelines. Under the News & Information tab you can find the Calendar, Events, Member Benefits, Resident Guide and Sandia Heights Map. Check it out!



## ACC Activity Log

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

15 Sandia Heights Drive – Stucco Repair. Approved  
39 Rock Ridge Drive – Re-stucco and Re-roof. Approved  
43 Cedar Hill Place – New Residence. Approved  
154 Juniper Hill Road – Stucco Repair. Approved  
155 Juniper Hill Road – Re-stucco & Trim. Approved  
168 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Re-roof & Stucco Repair. Approved  
216 Spring Creek Place – Brick Front Stairway. Approved  
223 Spring Creek – Fence. Approved  
371 Bighorn Ridge Drive – Re-paint House. Approved  
684 Back Hawk Dr. – Photo Voltaic Panels. Approved  
727-17 Tramway Lane – Re-roof & Re-stucco. Approved  
726-33 Tramway Vista Drive – Miscellaneous projects. Approved  
971 Antelope Ave. – House Fascia. Approved  
991 Lynx Loop – Playset. Approved  
1042 Red Oaks – Re-roof Flat Roof and Replace Windows. Approved  
1136 Marigold Dr. – Re-roof Flat Roof. Approved  
1401 San Rafael – Landscaping. Approved  
1460 Bluebell Drive – Re-roof. Approved

1462 Bluebell Drive – Window Replacement. Approved  
1483 Morning Glory Rd. – Re-stucco/Re-roof/Trim & Window replacement. Approved  
1515 Eagle Ridge Rd. – Addition. Approved  
1523 Eagle Ridge Rd. Driveway. Approved  
1608 Quailwood Road – Re-stucco. Approved  
1702 Quail Run Ct. – Re-stucco. Approved  
1708 Quail Run Ct – Re-stucco. Approved  
1843 Tramway Terrace Loop – Re-roof. Approved  
2149 Black Willow Dr. – Window Replacement. Approved  
2305 Calle de Rafael – Paint House & Garage Door. Approved  
2431 Tramway Terrace Court – Re-roof. Approved  
2899 Tramway Place – Replace Fence & Re-paint Trim. Approved  
7710 Cedar Canyon Place – After-the-fact Re-roof. Approved with conditions.  
7710 Cedar Canyon Place – After-the-fact Landscaping and Replacement of skylights. Approved  
7710 Cedar Canyon Place – Paint Garage Door. Approved  
9107 Lynx Loop - Re-roof. Approved  
9111 Lynx Loop – After-the-fact Air Conditioning unit. 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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## Community Event Bulletin Board

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

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**Church of the Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School** -- The Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC, 7834 Tennyson St. NE (S of Tramway/Paseo) will be hosting "**A Journey to India**" on July 19-23 from 9AM -11:30AM. Classes from preschool through grade 8. Registration June 13 - July 15 on Sundays or by calling the church office @ 856-1004.

## Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

The Sandia Heights Wildflower Club is planning some interesting and fun activities this summer that we would like the Sandia Heights community to know about. This year we are holding our annual Garden Tour on Saturday, July 31. This is later in the summer than the tour has been held in the past, but we thought that this year it would be interesting to see how our gardens look as we get a little further into summer. If anyone would like to have their garden included on the tour, please contact Connie McDonald at 727-2620. Charlie McDonald will also be leading interested residents on weekly evening strolls to look for and identify wildflowers and other native plants in the Sandia Heights community. These leisurely wildflower walks will be conducted on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM during the months of June, July, and August. Interested Sandia Heights residents should plan to meet Connie and Charlie McDonald at their house which is located at 1405 San Rafael Place. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. We promise not to walk too fast or to venture too far. We have changed the date of our annual Potluck from September 18 to September 25. Look for more information about this event and about the annual Garden tour in next month's Grit. Members are also reminded to check their email for periodic updates about Wildflower Club activities.

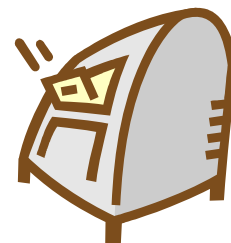
**Sandia Heights Artists News...**The weather is warming up and so are we! Twenty two Sandia Heights artists are printing and painting, sewing and throwing, firing, casting, binding, cutting, welding, brushing and glazing. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandia Heights Studio Tour is right around the bend. September is the month!

## MAIL THEFT

**Mail theft is a continuing problem!** We advise that you take your outgoing mail to the Post Office.

### **Missed your letter carrier?**

There is a USPS collection box at the site of the old Circle K, at Tramway Blvd and Tramway Lane. It has only 1 pick-up, at 4 pm, from Mon-Sat. No holiday pick-up.





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