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COVID-19's Impact on the Architectural Control Committee

By Bob Bower, ACC Chair

First, a bit of history on COVID-19. Cases were first reported in the city of Wuhan, China, in December with the first U.S. case confirmed in Seattle on January 20. On January 30, the World Health Organization issued a global public health emergency, named the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus “COVID-19,” and declared a pandemic on March 11. In the U.S., the CDC declared a national emergency on March 13. In New Mexico beginning March 16, Governor Lujan Grisham issued a series of Public Health Orders (PHO) affecting mass gatherings, business closures, and other health protocols in an effort to slow the spread. The current PHOs allow the SHHA office to conduct normal office operations with measures regarding visitor capacity, social distancing, hand-sanitizing, and masking. As of this writing, U.S. COVID-19 deaths exceed 130,000, with over 500 here in New Mexico.

The ACC receives about 30 applications each month. There are three ACC forms for these applications: New Construction & Additions; Miscellaneous Projects; and Exterior Refinishing, Re-roofing, & Trim Refinishing. Most applications use one of the latter two forms, which can usually be administratively approved/disapproved in a few days. The ACC Charter gives the Chair authority to make administrative approvals/disapprovals without involving the entire committee, though I may request input from one or more committee members. These projects also do not require neighborhood reviews due to the small area and/or scope of the projects. For projects submitted on the New Construction & Additions form, the ACC will usually have a neighborhood review although it is not required by the covenants but out of courtesy to the community. These are the largest, most extensive projects that the ACC manages and, as such, we feel that the impacts from neighbors' points of view are important elements of the ACC's decision. COVID-19 PHOs do not affect the ACC's ability to make administrative decisions, but do affect the way formal neighborhood reviews will be conducted, as described below.

Prior to the COVID-19 PHO restrictions, when the ACC elected to have a neighborhood review, a letter describing the project was sent to property owners in the immediate vicinity, with an invitation to visit the office to review the project plans and to submit written comments. The addressees had seven working days to review the plans and submit comments. After reviewing these comments, the ACC proceeded with the final phase of evaluation. In rare instances, the ACC decided to convene a neighborhood meeting of owners who submitted written comments in order to resolve issues. All members of the ACC are then asked to vote their approval/disapproval of the project.

When New Mexico's PHOs required that the SHHA office shut down (mid-March until mid-May), the ACC received one application for new construction and elected to send courtesy letters to neighbors in lieu of a formal neighborhood review. The letters had copies of the project plans and requested that addressees submit any questions and comments to SHHA. This process worked well for this particular project. In mid-May, the SHHA office reopened with limits imposed un-

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der the current PHOs. Until further notice, neighborhood reviews will be held in a “near-normal” environment with instructions in the letters to addressees that they must make appointments with the SHHA staff to come into the office to review the plans and that safety protocols contained in the PHOs must be observed. This modified procedure will remain in effect until PHOs change the guidance. Due to restrictions imposed by the PHOs regarding mass gatherings, the ACC has curtailed the twice-a-month formal meetings and, as such, has not had a meeting as a committee since March 4. I ask that you bear with the ACC as it endeavors to provide a safe environment for our SHHA staff, ACC members, and the Sandia Heights community during this time that our operations are modified to reduce the dangers from this on-going pandemic.

Coping With Dementia

By Ruth Baird Pollard, SHHA Member and Author of “Loving Gordon: A Dementia Caregiver’s Journey”

When my husband was diagnosed with dementia in his early 60’s, we were both devastated. How could this be happening to an otherwise very healthy man? And how could this be happening to the husband I loved so much? We were totally unprepared for his diagnosis, but during the six and a half years that I was his caregiver, I learned all I could about dementia. Three of the most important things I learned are—Get educated. Get support. Get help.

Education. I read as many books and articles as I could get my hands on about this disease. I attended seminars, I researched it on the internet, and I kept my eyes and ears open to learn all I could. I took classes on effective caregiving.

Support. Join a support group. They are invaluable; not only will you learn how others are coping with this disease, you might make some new friends. Don’t wait until you are at the end of your rope. Join early in the process.

Help. Don’t try to go it alone. Get help early and often. I had help from family, friends, my church, and eventually professional caregivers. Let neighbors and close friends know your loved one has dementia. Don’t be embarrassed to talk about it. I had help from perfect strangers when I asked for help. And sometimes I didn’t have to ask, they sensed it.

Your local Alzheimer’s Association has a wealth of information, and they will be of great help to you in finding resources in your community. They have classes, support group information, lots of educational material, and here in Albuquerque they host a large Caregiver Conference every fall (maybe not this year). The first call I made upon learning of his dementia was to the Alzheimer’s Association in the town we lived near. And, maybe most importantly, take care of yourself. For if you don’t, who will care for your loved one? I got through this journey—you can too.

Keep Bears Wild

By Kate Fry, SHHA Member

We’ve heard several reports of bears in Sandia Heights, including a photo of a mom and cub in the neighborhood in the middle of the day. It’s early for bears to be in our area—they usually don’t show up until the acorns ripen—and it’s unusual to see them during the day. This might mean that there’s not enough food at higher elevations, probably due to lack of rainfall, and the bears are coming into our neighborhood to find food. So, we need to modify our behavior to keep our bears safe. We want to keep our dwindling population of bears in the Sandias wild, and the only way to assure they stay wild is by not having anything on our property that attracts them. If they get used to easily available “people food” that means trouble for bears.

Here’s what you can do:

- Keep garbage in the garage or other enclosed space and don’t put it out until the morning of trash pickup.
- Bring bird feeders inside at night or stop feeding the birds during the time bears are active, usually April through mid-November. Birds have plenty of natural food during bear season.
- Store pet food and bird seed inside the house or garage.

If you do see a bear, **leave it alone.** If there’s nothing on your property to attract them, they won’t stick around. NM Game and Fish has issued instructions that we should not call them UNLESS a bear is trying to get into our house. Bears are an important part of our ecosystem, and it would be a shame if they disappeared from the Sandia Mountains. We live in their habitat, after all, and it’s up to us to coexist harmoniously with bears and all wildlife. Only people can prevent bear problems—please do your part to keep our bears safe!



Snakes and You

By Kate Fry, SHHA Member

Even in mid-summer, snakes still need to sun themselves and forage for food. SNAKES? Sandia Heights residents have mixed feelings about snakes—some people like them and some people don't. So, by speaking in defense of snakes, I hope that folks will see snakes in a different light. Humans seem to be hard-wired to be afraid of snakes, even if they have never seen a snake. Living in Sandia Heights, we share habitat with several kinds of snakes, the most common of which are bull snakes (also called gopher snakes) and rattlesnakes. Only the rattlesnake is venomous, but all snakes are vital to controlling the rodent population. So please, try to see snakes as your friend. If you can't bring yourself to like snakes, at least leave them alone and think about how many more mice would be trying to get into your house without them. Understandably, you may not want a rattlesnake taking up residence outside your back door. If this happens to you, Sandia Heights Security will be happy to remove it.

Rattlesnakes and bull snakes will be the only two mentioned in this article because bull snakes are often mistaken for rattlesnakes. Rattlesnakes and bull snakes have similar coloring, with black and brown markings on their backs. This is no accident. Bull snakes try very hard to look and act like rattlesnakes. When threatened, they may coil and raise their heads, hiss, and rustle their tails in dry leaves to mimic a rattle. However, they are nonvenomous constrictors that kill their prey by squeezing, and they pose no threat to humans or pets. One foolproof distinction is the shape of the pupils of the eyes. Rattlesnakes have vertical, football-shaped pupils and bull snakes have round pupils. But most people don't want to get anywhere near close enough to tell the difference that way! The easiest way to tell is to look at the head: a rattlesnake has a distinctly triangular head with pronounced eye ridges and a neck that is narrower than the head, while a bull snake's head is roughly cylindrical and the same diameter as its neck. The other obvious difference is the body shape. Rattlesnakes are larger in diameter relative to their length and are fattest in the middle of the body, with a blunt tail ending in several rattles in adult snakes. Bull snakes are more or less the same diameter the entire length of their body. A five-foot-long rattlesnake may be three or four inches in diameter in the middle of its body, while a five-foot-long bull snake is probably about an inch and a half in diameter. These photos show the differences very clearly.

Both bull snakes and rattlesnakes are shy and will try to avoid people. They usually know you're approaching from the ground vibration and, given the chance, will usually crawl away. They won't chase you! If you see a snake, it's probably stretched out on the pavement or on a sunny trail catching rays. Snakes are reptiles and the only way they can regulate their body temperature is by moving to a warm area (like sun-warmed asphalt) to get warm and to a cool area (under a tree



Bull snake (gopher snake), *Pituophis catenifer* (Colorado State Univ)



Western diamondback rattlesnake, *Crotalus atrox* (Arizona Sonora Desert Museum)

or in the shade of a rock) to cool off. This affinity for stretching out on warm pavement gets many snakes killed accidentally. Unfortunately, some drivers go out of their way to run over snakes. Please don't let this be you! If you see a snake basking on the road, try to drive around it. If you encounter a snake while walking on a trail, you can jump up and down or stomp your feet to create vibrations that the snake will feel. Then just wait for the snake to move away. But if a rattlesnake responds by coiling and rattling, take a detour! **Never put your hands or feet any place you can't see.** If you follow this advice, you won't get bitten.

In the unlikely event you are bitten, don't panic! Call 911 and keep the bite area lower than your heart to slow the spread of venom. Snakebite kits are useless and may even make things worse. Rattlesnake venom is a potent toxin that kills nerves and tissue, so the best thing to do is to get to a hospital as quickly as possible and get antivenin. Dogs sometimes are bitten because they are curious and put their face up to a snake to see what it is. If this happens, get the dog to the vet as fast as you can. It's another good reason to keep dogs on a leash when you walk them on streets or on trails. If you see a snake near your house, **please** leave it alone. You'll probably never see it again. Rest assured it will gobble up mice and other rodents and keep the population under control. There's never a good reason to kill a snake—they are an essential part of our wildlife habitat.

June CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

The following statistics are the latest provided by Sandia Heights Security since the last GRIT. **Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Services (they provide water, sewer, trash and recycle collection, and security services) is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership.** Also, Membership in SHHA does not include Sandia Heights Security membership. You can call Security to confirm your membership with them. If you have questions, please call **Sandia Heights Security** at 856-6347, **mobile** 263-4654.

June 2020	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	11	Parking Problem	1
Animal Control Assist	1	Snake Call	0
Customer Assist	3	Special Extra Patrol	0
Customer Inquiry	1	Special Request/Vacation	50
Lost/Found Item	1	Suspicious Activity	4
Lost/Found Pet	0	Suspicious Vehicle	11
Mailbox Vandalism	2	Theft	1
Miscellaneous Call	1	Threat/Personal	1
Neighbor Dispute	1	Utility Co. Assist	2
Newspaper/Package Pickup	1	Welfare Check	0
Noise Complaint/Suspicious Noise	2	Total Calls	94

Useful Numbers: Emergency Police/Fire/Rescue: 9-1-1 (Be sure to let the operator know you are in Sandia Heights – an unincorporated area of Bernalillo County) **Bernalillo County Sheriff Non-Emergency:** 798-7000 **Bernalillo County Fire Department Non-Emergency:** 468-1310 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies (M-F 7AM – 4PM):** 856-6345 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies After Hours:** 888-5336 **NM Gas Co. Emergencies:** 697-3335 **PNM Outage & Emergencies:** 1-888-342-5766

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7 PM via zoom meeting.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** None for August
- **Notary services, copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are free to members.
- **Committee meeting dates** are posted on our website calendar: www.sandiahomeowners.org.
- **Classified ads** can be found on the website on the top bar menu under Notices and Information/Classifieds.
- **Safety vests for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$2 per vest for members. Cash or check only.
- **Tram passes for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$7 per ticket for members on a **first-come first-served basis**. Cash or check only. Tickets purchased must be for one date at a time per residence. To view the Tram Pass Procedures for SHHA Members go to <http://sandiahomeowners.org/notices-and-information/notices-and-information/96-tram-passes>.

- **ACC Color Reference Guide** is available to borrow in the SHHA Office for up to 30 days. \$20 refundable deposit is required. Cash or check only.

SHHA Member Benefits:

Check out the entire SHHA Member Benefits Program and the discounts offered to SHHA members at www.sandiahomeowners.org, under the **Notices and Information** tab. Each participating merchant offers a discount to SHHA members. The following is a list of participating merchants:

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Sandia Heights MARKET UPDATE PAST YEAR 8/2019 to 8/2020

Larger homes Over 2400 sf on Larger Lots: 7 For Sale Avg price/sf \$223.49
 8 Pending Avg Asking Price/sf. \$197.79 | 50 Homes Closed past year to date Avg Sold Price/sf \$189.69

Smaller homes on smaller lots :11 for sale Avg Price/sf \$221.18
 17 pending Avg Asking Price \$195.90 p/sf | 81 closed past year Avg Sold \$185.14/sf

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WHAT WILL HOMES LOOK LIKE IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD?



A lot has changed in just a few months, and for many that includes the idea of what a 'dream home' looks like. Not long ago, buyers were showing preference toward smaller homes and open concept spaces conducive to gathering. After a few months cooped up inside, those features don't seem so appealing - and developers have taken note.

"While the coronavirus still rages on, it's hard to predict what post-pandemic abodes might look like," according to Barrons. "Yet, developers around the U.S. are already rethinking projects, anticipating residents' needs and preferences that Covid-19 would spur. In doing so, they are re-evaluating current in-unit aesthetics and in-demand amenities."

Home size

Homes had been trending smaller, but that may be over. With so many home families spending (way) more time around the home lately, there's never been more need for personal space. Expect homes to grow in size accordingly.

Prioritizing the home office

As more and more businesses relax work-from-home policies, or shift to full-time remote work entirely, the home office will become a near essential for many buyers. A space that was once an after-thought now will need to offer privacy, good lighting and be pre-wired for telecommuting.

Return to closed-floorplan

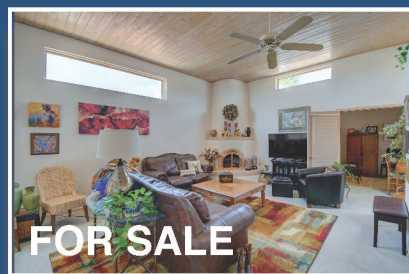
For some buyers, the appeal of the open-floorplan was already trending down prior to 2020, and the past few months have only made the reasons why more evident. Sharing more time and space at home demands privacy for school work, hobbies, and entertainment. With more meals being cooked at home, an open kitchen becomes noisy epicenter practically all day long. Builders expect a rise in demand for closed floorplans, where rooms are partitioned for purpose.

Smart technology

This is already one of the fastest growing trends in home design, but smart home technology will soon move from a 'plus' to a 'must'. Temperature and lighting control can now be voice or motion-activated. Touchless faucets, once thought superfluous, are now an in-expensive and health-conscious upgrade. Systems that filter air and monitor air quickly will become more common and affordable.



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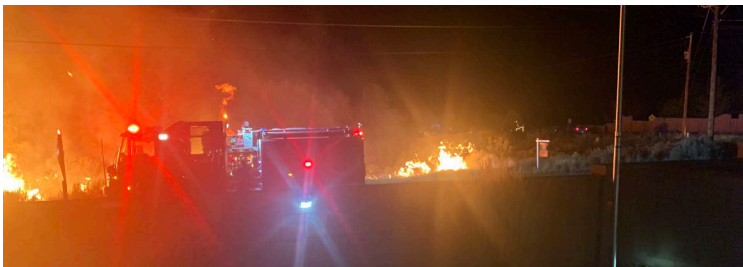
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Leave Fireworks to the Pros

By Susan McCasland, GRIT Editor

Around 10:00 PM on July 10, a fire broke out near the corner of Tennyson & Elena. It burned vegetation in a vacant lot that is for sale and is adjacent to three homes. The cause of the blaze was illegal fireworks. Please, please—do not set off your own fireworks. They may seem like innocent fun, but there’s no such thing in our dry, high-desert environment. Take a good look at these photos. These are your neighbors. It could have been you. If you see people setting off fireworks, consider calling the Bernalillo Sheriff’s office to come shut them down before more fires break out.



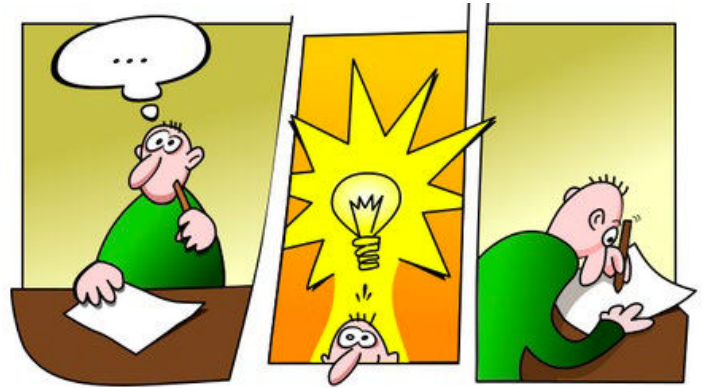
Fire on vacant lot near Tennyson & Elena (fire photos by Ann Burcham)



The next day. Think the value of this property might be a bit less now? (photo by author)

Writers Wanted. Writers Found

Last month we put out a call for writers to submit articles to *The GRIT*—and you responded admirably. You’ll see articles in this issue from folks you haven’t routinely seen here before, such as a poem by Andi Penner, an article on dealing with dementia by Ruth Baird Pollard, and two wildlife articles by Kate Fry. Matt Pedigo will tell you a short fun fact every month—the first one is on page 11. And more new GRIT writers will be featured in the pages of the September issue. If you’ve been thinking about writing something on a topic that your neighbors would be interested in, now is the time!



News from Sandia Peak Tram and TEN 3

The Sandia Peak Tram is now running. It is carrying 1/3 no more than the maximum number of passengers and is disinfected between each run. The tram is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can get discounted tickets at the SHHA office. Otherwise, you must buy tickets in advance online at sandiapeak.com.

TEN 3 restaurant has takeout available. The new “TEN 3 Cliffside Takeout” menu has a large selection and is served Thursday through Monday, 11 AM to 7 PM. Come hungry and find that special spot on the mountain top to enjoy a meal prepared by Chef J. Martin Torrez and his team. TEN 3 also has a fine selection of beer and wine available on the viewing deck.

Santiago’s Restaurant at the base of the tram has closed indefinitely.



ACC Activity Log

Summary of **Approved Projects** activity since the last GRIT:

6 Juniper Hill Road – New Slab, Repair Stucco, and Install Wrought Iron Railings
32 Cedar Hill Place – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panel Installation
102 Juniper Hill Place – Build Inground Pool
122 Juniper Hill Road – Re-roof with Tan TPO
122 Juniper Hill Road - Landscaping
201 Juniper Hill Road – Patch and Paint Exterior Stucco
206 Spring Creek Drive – Replace Swamp Coolers
231 Spring Creek Place – Repaint Exterior
353 Paintbrush Drive – Replace Windows and Upgrade Deck
523 Black Bear Loop – Replace Driveway
539 Black Bear Road – Replace Windows
542 Black Bear Loop – Build Storage Unit and Landscape
547 Black Bear Loop – Replace Asphalt Driveway and Minor Landscaping
605 Cedar Hill Road – Remove and Replace Concrete Slab, and Remove a Tree
619 Cedar Hill Road – Replace Existing Deck with Patio Area
650 Cougar Loop – Laundry Room Addition, Pergola and Retaining Wall Installations
662 Roadrunner Lane – Replace Windows
670 Blackhawk Drive – Replace Patio Flooring
711-33 Tramway Place – Pergola Installation and Landscaping
726-32 Tramway Vista Loop – Deck and Privacy Fence Installation
847 Llave Lane – Reroof and Replace Skylight Covers
872 Tramway Lane Court – Re-roof
972 Antelope Avenue – Re-stucco and Re-roof
1002 Tramway Lane – Build a Playground Structure
1041 Red Oaks Loop – Re-stucco

1062 Red Oaks Loop – Roof mounted Photovoltaic Panel installation.
1455 Bluebell Drive – Repaint House, Trim, and Gate
1560 Eagle Ridge Road – Stucco Repair
1825 Tramway Terrace Loop – Repaint Exterior Trim
1849 Tramway Terrace Loop – Install Trellis and Landscape
1912 Quail Run Drive – Repaint Garage Door
2027 Quail Run Drive – Repair and Repaint Garage Door
2426 Tramway Terrace Ct. – Re-stucco and Refinish Trim
2502 Tramway Terrace Ct. – Replace and Repair Stucco on Courtyard Wall
2742 Tramway Circle – Replace Windows
2804 Tramway Circle – Reroof and Paint Garage Trim
2807 Tramway Circle – Replace Existing Fence, Repair and Paint Stucco, Replace Window, Landscape Backyard and Re-roof
2811 Tramway Circle – Replace Asphalt Driveway
2820 Tramway Circle – Replace Asphalt Driveway
2821 Tramway Circle – Replace Asphalt Driveway
2900 Tramway Place – Landscaping
8208 Indigo Court – Replace Windows
12700 Carmel Court – Replace Swamp Cooler with AC Unit

Visit the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org to read about all projects currently under ACC management.

Let August Bless You

Roadside sunflowers
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give you hope

by Andi Penner

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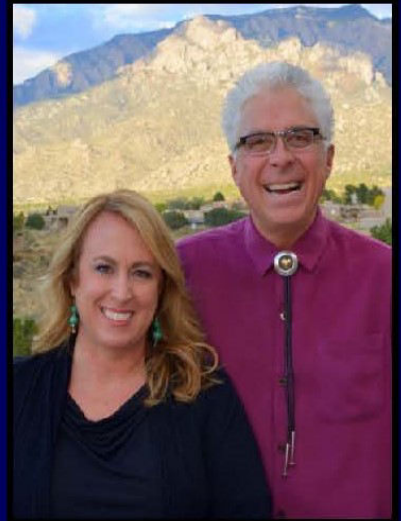
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UPDATE

**SANDIA
HEIGHTS**

Homes SOLD: 20

Average Size: 2893 Sq. Ft.

Average Price: \$181 (per Sq. Ft.)

Average Sold Price: \$478,884

Average Days on Market: 46

Sandia Heights numbers are in for Q2 2020. We do have some changes per Q2 2019. Closed sales are down about 50% from Q2 2019 (39 Closed Sales Q2 2019). We have limited inventory both in Sandia Heights and the Greater Albuquerque Market. The average price sq.ft did adjust down to \$181/sq.ft from \$183/sq.ft. in Q2 2019. We are in need of listings, especially homes under 2500 sq.ft. The overall Greater Albuquerque Market is Hot right now. Inventory is at all time lows. Homes priced under \$400K are seeing multiple offers and providing the sellers a higher net out in some cases. This may be one of the best times to sell! Please call me to see if your home will qualify for a quick sale at Top \$\$\$ and learn how you can save \$\$\$ on the sale of your home. Here to help our local Sandia Heights residents.

See What Homes Are Selling For In Sandia Heights

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Community Event Bulletin Board

None of these groups are sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed.

Sandia Heights Artists: The Sandia Heights Artists have put the Art Tour scheduled for September on hold. We do not want to put the health of any participant in jeopardy. We will continue to monitor the pandemic. We are considering several alternatives and will make our decision about the tour known at a later date. Be safe.

Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity: Due to the pandemic, dining activities are cancelled per directions of the Governor’s Office. When the situation resolves, we will again meet on the second Saturday of every other month, hopefully starting in September, gathering in the homes of our members. Each small dinner group is typically 6–8 people, including the hosts. We try to switch up the groups, with everyone rotating (host/attendee) as the year progresses. The host decides the menu theme and prepares a main dish, with attendees contributing to some part of the meal—along with a wine to go with their dish. The emphasis is on food and fun rather than formal elegance. Though most of the dinners are smaller, there are 2 whole-group dinners during the year, one a September kick-off, and an end-of-season gathering in July. The dinner group was started in September 2005, with 15 interested couples from Sandia Heights. Adult Sandia Heights residents are welcome. To inquire or join any time of year, call Paula Baxter at (505) 330-1518.

Notice: Any corrections to the printed version of the GRIT can be found on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org

Send in Your Photos Now!



We are accepting your entries for our annual photo contest for the Sandia Heights 2021 *Resident Guide & Directory*. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by Friday, November 6, 2020. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2021 *Resident Guide and Directory*, and you will be acknowledged as the photographer.

Submission criteria are as follows:

- 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 2020 and previous *Directories*).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color and may be submitted as a hardcopy print to the office or digitally to shha@sandiahomeowners.org
- The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that they are not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer), and that they grant permission to SHHA to use their photo(s) in the *Directory* or on the SHHA website.

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

Monthly Fun Fact

By Matt Pedigo, SHHA Member

Albuquerque’s elevation varies from 4,900 feet in the Rio Grande Valley to 6,700 feet in the foothills and has an “official” elevation of 5,312 feet. According to Yahoo! Answers, Albuquerque is the highest city with a population over 500,000 in the U.S. Colorado Springs and Santa Fe are higher, but have city populations below 500,000 (although C. Springs metro area is over 500,000 and the city is growing rapidly). Denver’s elevation is, of course, 5,280 feet.



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