

THE



Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

June 2007

SHHA Annual/Town Hall Meeting

Church of the Good Shepherd on Tennyson, 10 AM – 1 PM, Saturday 2 June 2007

Drinks and refreshments will be available.

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

- Introduction of new officers elected by the Board.
- Presentations by the SHHA Committee Chairpersons and Officers.
- Election of new Board members to replace outgoing Board members.
- Town Hall Meeting for residents to express their concerns.

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 Dick Cline

Re-Election Results

The regular election of officers at the April meeting was postponed for lack of a quorum until the May Board of Director meeting. The following is the slate of officers elected for the 2007-2008 operational year:

Sy Caudill, President

Ed Tull, Vice President

Ed Whitten, Treasurer

Bill McCall will continue serving as Secretary until we find a replacement

As your outgoing president, I would like to thank both the BOD and the residents for their support this past year. It has been a busy and fulfilling year. I must step down from a busy officer schedule for personal reasons but will remain on the board and work as needed on various committees. I wish our new officers the best of success in the upcoming year and I am confident that they will provide excellent leadership.

I hope to see many of you at the SHHA annual meeting. The annual meeting is an important event so I hope for a good turn out.

New Board Member nominees:

Andy Anderson, 507 Black Bear Lp. Unit 5

Alyson Clark, 8245 Raintree Ave. Unit 8C

Frances Desonier, 1452 Honeysuckle Dr. Unit 14

Peter Heinsteint, 185 Big Horn Ridge Dr. Unit 2

Don Keller, 2422 Tramway Terrace Ct. Unit 24

Leroy Wheelock, 1441 Honeysuckle Dr. Unit 14

Mona Lee Schilling, 2502 Tramway Terrace Ct. Unit 25

April 2007 Treasurer Report:

Ed Whitten, Treasurer

CASH FLOW		ACCOUNT BALANCES	
INFLOW		Bank Accounts	
ACC income	\$85.00	CD	\$72,874.76
CD's Interest	\$0.00	CD	\$38,639.74
Membership Dues	\$12,881.31	Checking	\$22,205.03
TOTAL INFLOW	\$12,966.31	Cash Accounts	\$565.07
		Total Bank & Cash	\$134,284.60
OUTFLOW			
Committee Expenses	\$1,208.75	ASSET ACCOUNTS	
Legal	\$335.26	Computers & Software	\$2,224.81
Office Staff	\$4,474.70	Office Furniture	\$1,382.70
Sandia Heights Services	\$1,487.90	Security Deposit	\$1,075.75
Office Operations	\$895.52	Misc.	\$1,354.08
EC Legal Reserve	\$151.63	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$6,037.34
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$9,548.76	Liability Accounts	
		Improvements & Legal Reserve	\$90,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,417.55		
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Announcements & Notices:

- SHHA Board Meeting – Wednesday, 11 July, 7pm, William Sibrava Substation.
- SUMMER HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9am – 4pm, Friday 12pm – 4pm. (The next 10 Fridays are a half day for office training 18 May thru 20 July)
- Notary public services are free to members only. Please call to make an appointment.
- When emailing our office, please put your last name and home address in the subject line.
- The Contractor Evaluation binder is a valuable tool for our members. If you have used a service in your home, please fill out a contractor evaluation and send it to the office.
- Check out the SHHA website at: www.sandiahomeowners.org for updates and neighborhood resources.

T-Mobile Cell Tower Update:

T-Mobile has revised their Cell Tower Proposal at Futures for Children based upon input from PNM. Their proposal is still to replace a utility pole with their cell tower, however, PNM requires that the antennas must be 10 feet above the high voltage wires. This change would make the top of the antennas approximately 15 feet above the current height of the utility pole. The SHHA informed T-Mobile that this proposal is most likely unacceptable to the residents. At the 30 April meeting with the T-Mobile representative and some of the residents, the message was made quite clear that they must come up with a more acceptable solution. T-Mobile took several action items to look at other options. The next hearing with the County is still scheduled for Tuesday, 26 June. We will keep you updated on any new information.

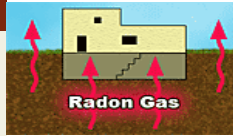
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Radon is an invisible, odorless gas known to cause cancer. Everyone is exposed to Radon at some level. Millions of homes and buildings contain high levels of Radon gas. The EPA and the Office of the Surgeon General recommend that all homes below the third floor be tested for Radon. Because Radon is invisible and odorless, a simple test is the only way to determine if a home has high Radon levels. For more Radon information, go to www.cabq.gov/airquality/radonfaq.html

Health Effects from Radon Exposure:

- No immediate symptoms.
- Estimated to contribute to between 7,000 and 30,000 lung cancer deaths each year.
- Smokers are at higher risk of developing Radon-induced lung cancer.

Steps to Reduce Exposure to Radon

- Test your home for Radon - it is easy and inexpensive.
- Take action if your Radon level is 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher.
- Radon levels of less than 4 pCi/L still pose a risk, and in many cases, may be reduced.

How to Get a Free Radon Test Kit:

If you live in Bernalillo County you can get a test kit from the Air Quality Division by calling 768-1972 or email aqd@cabq.gov.

Brickell Bush Invasion

By Bob Francis, Master Gardener

For the past two years I have noticed an outbreak of Brickell Bush in Sandia Heights in Unit 11, along Marigold and Laurel Loop. The Brickell Bush is a very wood, annual, cresol plant with a high fire danger. The Brickell Bush can reach a height of 6 feet. Google shows it as *Brickellia microphylla* ssp. *Scabra*. Rabbit brush, rough cocklebur. The flower or cocklebur scatters hundreds of seeds.

According to the New Mexico Agriculture Extension Service, the variety of Brickell Bush in the Sandia foothills is known as the small leaf Brickell Bush. The Brickell Bush roots will crowd out and kill chamisa and cholla plants. You will find the Brickell bush among your cactus, chamisa, cholla, apache plume, and yucca plants. It will take over your landscape if you allow it to spread. There is also a large area of Brickell Bush growth in Unit 9, along Tramway and Deer Drive. Eradication can be accomplished by spraying with weed killer when the plants are less than 8 inches. Larger plant can be broken at their base and dug out.

Letter to the Editor:

Thanks to whoever cleaned up the graffiti on a concrete block at the NW corner of Tramway and San Rafael. I don't know how it was removed, but I'm grateful.

Ronnie Sklarin, resident.



Executive Committee

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- 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:

Security Tips: Never leave your keys in your car. Never leave your car unlocked, even in your garage. Write down and report to security or the Sheriff’s Dept. the license number of vehicles you feel are suspicious in your neighborhood.

Month of April Call Type	# of calls	December 2006 Call Type	# of calls
Breaking & entering	1	Salesman problem	4
Animal Control Assist	1	Theft	2
Alarms	24	Utility Co. assist	1
Neighbor dispute	1	Special request	8
Fireworks Complaint	1	Customer assist	10
Front office	1	Dumped/spilled material	4
Loud music	2	Parking problem	1
Lost/Found pet	11	Vandalism	9
Motorist assist	7	Wildlife Report	1
Motorcycle nuisance	1	Newspaper pickup	11
Pet nuisance	1	Special patrol	14
Suspicious person	11	Homeowners on vacation	180
Suspicious vehicle	21	Total Calls	328

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



ACC ACTIVITY LOG

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

- 6 Juniper Hill Road – Shading device. Approved.
- 10 Juniper Hill Road – Shading device and refinish trim. Approved.
- 22 Eagle Nest Court – Solar collectors, replace roof & skylights, repair and extend decks, replace door. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved; with restriction on reflected light.
- 57 Juniper Hill Court – Rebuild Balcony. Approved.
- 64 Juniper Hill Loop – Addition & patio. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved.

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80 Juniper Hill Place – Extensive house remodel. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved; with height restricted to no more than 26 feet.

177 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Re-stucco, refinish trim. Approved.

183 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Re-stucco. Approved.

189 Big Horn Ridge Circle – Refinish trim. Approved.

203 Spring Creek Drive – RV parking area. Constructed without prior written ACC approval. Disapproved; setback violation. Remove and restore native vegetation.

236 Spring Creek Court – Replace evaporative cooler. Approved.

304 Big Horn Ridge Place – Replace trees with one seed juniper. Approved.

305 Big Horn Ridge Place – Deck additions and fence enclosure. Neighborhood Review completed. Approved; area enclosed by fence reduced to conform to design guidelines.

306 Big Horn Ridge Place – Porch changes, replace fence with walls, and outdoor fireplace. Approved.

307 Big Horn Ridge Place – Sunroom enclosure. Approved.

364 Juniper Hill Road – Fence enclosure. Approved.

380 Big Horn Ridge Place – Re-stucco. Approved.

429 Live Oak Lane – Replace walls & fences. Approved. Freestanding wall. Disapproved; in front setback.

438 Live Oak Loop – Remove deck & railroad ties, add shading device. Approved.

448 Live Oak Loop – Replace windows. Approved.

545 Black Bear Loop – Tree stump carving. Neighborhood review in process.

569 Black Bear Road – Replace cooling equipment. Approved.

725-6 Tramway Vista Loop – Wire fence dog run. Disapproved; material not allowed.

727-19 Tramway Lane – Variance to preexisting front, left side, & right side setbacks. Granted; benefits of remedial action not justified.

727-19 Tramway Lane – Relocate and add freestanding yard enclosure walls and add patio shading device. Approved; with reduced area of enclosure.

795-N Tramway Lane – Sunroom addition. Neighborhood Review completed. Habitat 6K Neighborhood Association Approved. Under ACC review.

924 Tramway Lane – New & replace windows. Approved.

937 Bobcat Blvd. – Re-stucco. Approved.

938 Bobcat Blvd. – Replace door, re-stucco, re-roof, refinish trim. Approved.

1043 Red Oaks Loop – Refinish trim & doors. Approved.

1050 Red Oaks Loop – Hardscape, landscape & driveway turnout. Hardscape & turnout approved. Planting subject to separate approval.

1191 Laurel Loop – Re-roof. Approved.

1209 Marigold Drive – Re-stucco. Approved.

1241 Rockrose Road – Replace deck planks. Approved.

1470 Morning Glory Road – Re-stucco. Approved.

1478 Morning Glory Road – Retaining wall & drainage swale. Approved.

1552 Eagle Ridge Lane – Patio, banco, outdoor kitchen. Construction started without ACC approval. Application submitted immediately. Approved.

1565 Eagle Ridge Court – Hot tub & storage building. Neighborhood Review in process.

1833 Tramway Terrace Loop – Refinish stucco. Approved.

1913 Quail Run Drive – Re-stucco, mailbox, gate, privacy screen, landscaping and resurface driveway. Approved. Ponderosa pine disapproved; future undue obstruction of views.

1939 Quail Run Loop – Replace doors & windows. Approved.

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Approved:

2157 Black Willow Drive – Re-roof.

2413 Tramway Terrace Court – Re-roof.

2516 Tramway Terrace Court – Re-roof, re-stucco, and replace garage door & windows.

2713 Tramway Circle – Re-roof & re-stucco.

2801 Tramway Circle – Replace fence.

2831 Tramway Circle – Re-stucco.

7723 Cedar Canyon Court – Re-stucco, re-roof, & refinish trim.

8210 Indigo Court – Re-stucco, landscaping, shading device, outdoor kitchen, pool, repair and modify walls.

Neighborhood Review completed. Approved subject to meeting County noise nuisance ordinance.

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.

Covenant Support & Communications Survey

The office received 231 surveys back. Thank you for the great response. The committee will be going over the survey responses.

	QUESTION	YES	NO
1.	Are you in favor of mandatory membership in the SHHA for Sandia Heights?	148	73
2.	On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with the covenant enforcement process as it exists now? Not important 1) 27 2) 17 3) 51 4) 61 Very important 5) 68		
3.	Do covenants enhance the value of your property?	204	16
4.	Do trees or shrubs block your views?	87	142
5.	On a scale of 1 to 5, how important are the views you have from your residence? Not important 1) 5 2) 1 3) 11 4) 20 Very important 5) 193		
6.	Should a resident who is filing a covenant complaint against another resident be required to contact that resident first?	107	118
7.	Do you have an internet account for e-mail and World Web access?	207	20
8.	What type of internet connection do you have? Phone modem 43 DSL 73 Cable 99 Other 1 N/A 6 Don't know 2		
9.	Are you having any difficulty accessing a high-speed internet connection?	25	180
10.	Have you accessed the SHHA website at www.sandiahomeowners.org?	138	81
13.	In order to tally responses by area, please provide your address: N0=3 S3=11 S8=6 S14=10 S20=2 S27A=1 N1=7 S4=8 S8C=5 S15=6 S21=1 S27B=1 N2=3 S5=9 S9=13 S16=1 S23=5 S27C=1 N3=0 S6=14 S10=12 S17=2 S24=3 S28=2 S1=9 S7=21 S11=11 S18=6 S25=3 S28B=1 S2=6 S7CC=4 S12=2 S19=5 S26=6 S28C=4 No Addresses=27 Total=231		

Community Event Bulletin Board

(Not all of these groups are sponsored by SHHA but the information is provided to keep residents informed)

Sandia Heights Wildflower Club

The Sandia Heights Wildflower Club is sponsoring its annual Garden Walk on June 23rd, Saturday, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The first garden is at the home of Gordon and Jane Rowe, 1162 Laurel Loop. At the first garden, maps will be provided for the other gardens on the walk.



SOSH - SINGLES OF SANDIA HEIGHTS

The Singles of Sandia Heights is off to a great start, and have had their first planning get-together and a wine-and-cheese tasting. They also went to the Harry Connick, Jr., concert at Sandia Casino Amphitheatre, and heard a talk on the Tijeras Pueblo (a 14th century mountain village, that has just been listed on the National Register of Historic Places) at the Coronado State Monument. If you are interested in socializing with other Sandia Heights residents in activities such as attending a concert, trying a new restaurant, going to a movie, doing an ArtsCrawl Friday, etc., then give Marsha Thole (856-3352) a call. Men and women are welcome (age 40+, single, divorced, widowed, living alone due to a commuter marriage). Upcoming events: back stage tour of the Santa Fe Opera, chile supper, Eastern Navajo arts and crafts festival..

Art in the Heights:

Sandia Heights artists will present their 4th annual Studio Tour called "Art in the Heights" on September 23, Sunday from 1- 5 p.m. This announcement is to invite any visual artists living in Sandia Heights to join our group by contacting Judi Foster, 856-6545 or 249-7167. Please contact us if you are interested in participating in these venues.

ACE HARDWARE

Is closing, at least temporarily, at the end of business today – Monday, May 14th. There is a possibility that it could reopen as Ace Hardware in the near future but under new ownership. Stay tuned!

Paul G. Eby, resident.



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PHOTO CONTEST!

We're accepting entries for our annual photo contest for the 2008 Sandia Heights Resident Directory. Submissions are due to the SHHA office by November 15. If you are the lucky winner, your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2008 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 2007 Directory).
- Photos must be able to fit reasonably on the cover of the directory without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, and may be submitted digitally, as a hard copy or by email to 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 the photo.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published. Be creative and good luck!