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Some Changes in Volunteer & Paid Staff

Susan McCasland, Comm & Pubs Committee Chair & GRIT Editor

Volunteers are how your homeowners' association functions. We always welcome new people stepping up to volunteer responsibilities. (Hint. Hint.) This month, we'd like to let you know of three changes.

Architectural Control Committee chair. Phil Krehbiel has stepped up to take the lead with the ACC. Phil is an attorney and will be a great asset heading this very important committee. Phil is replacing David Crossley. Under David's leadership, the Architectural Guidelines became enforceable "community documents" to better maintain the ambience we all love about Sandia Heights. Thank you, David, for your hard work.

Covenant Support Committee chair. Arthur Romero came on the Board to help keep Sandia Heights in conformance with the covenants. Now, as the CSC chair, he will be doing just that. Welcome, Arthur. At the same time, we bid farewell to long-serving Bob Thomas. Bob has been in this often-stressful lead position for six years. Let's give Bob a pat on the back as he heads off to the East Mountains.

GRIT editor. I have been editing *The GRIT* for five and a half years. This is my last edition. It has been a privilege and a good bit of fun to work with the talented people who submit articles for our monthly newsletter—and also a creative challenge filling any remaining white space each month! Kevin Lloyd will be taking the reins henceforth. Kevin's day job in video production is perfect for taking *The GRIT* in new and interesting directions.

Lastly, there is a new face in the SHHA office. Holly Sylvester is the new office administrator. If you have a chance, stop by and say "hello" and "welcome" to Holly.



Dogs on the loose!

A quick perusal of postings on social media, NextDoor especially, shows the problems that arise when our dogs are not confined or restrained: runaway and lost dogs, dogs hit by cars, and dogs harming other animals or people.

Recently, here in Sandia Heights, a small dog walking on leash with its person was attacked and killed by two large neighborhood dogs on the loose. By law, we are required to keep our animals from running at large and, moreover, to restrain them when they are not confined.

Bernalillo County Code §6-51. Animals running at large.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to allow or permit any animal to run at large in or on any alley, street, sidewalk, vacant lot, public property, other unenclosed place in the county, or private property without the permission of the property owner.

(b) An animal permitted to run at large in violation of this section is declared to be a nuisance and a menace to the public health and safety. Such animal may be taken up and impounded. An animal care services officer may go upon private property in pursuit of an animal which is running at large unless permission to make such pursuit is explicitly refused by the occupant. An officer may not enter a private building or residence in pursuit of an animal. (Ord. of 2-26-13) State Law reference—Authority to prohibit the running at large of animals, NMSA 1978, §§ 4-37-1, 3-18-3(A)(2), 77-1-12; Dangerous Dog Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 77-1A-1 to 77-1A-6.

BCC § 6-43. Restraint of animals.

(a)(1) A person owning or having charge, custody, care, or control over a companion animal, shall keep the animal upon his or her own premises within a secure enclosed pen, or in an area containing a fence or wall of sufficient height surrounding the perimeter of the property. It shall be unlawful to tether a companion animal as a form of confinement. (Ord. of 2-26-13).

But even if we do keep our dogs safely confined, our duty to control them does not stop there:

§6-43.(a)(2) A dog is permitted on the street and in other public places only if on a secure leash not exceeding six feet in length. Longer retractable leashes may be used, provided the person with the dog is capable of controlling the dog... A person physically capable of controlling and restraining the animal must exercise immediate custody. This section does not apply when ... a dog is in an off-leash park or other designated off-leash area.”

(By the way, there are no designated dog parks or off-leash areas in Sandia Heights.)

It is important that either your dog is well trained, on a leash, or you are stronger than your dog. Although retractable leashes are legal, they are rarely a good idea and create problems of their own. There have been many reports of retractable leashes malfunctioning over time, either failing to extend or to retract, or unspooling at will or breaking apart from the handle. While you may think you are capable of controlling your dog on a retractable leash, an 80-pound lab with a 15+ foot head start is very hard indeed to stop. Your dog can lunge so fast that when he reaches the end of the leash, he gets a strong jolt that can cause him serious throat, neck or shoulder injuries. Retractable leashes can also cause bodily injury to the operator and anyone in the surrounding area. The cord on a retractable leash is thin and can easily get wrapped around fingers or legs causing injuries ranging from minor rope burn and skin lacerations to amputation of a digit. A dog at the end of an extended retractable leash can quickly entangle people in the surrounding area and cause them to trip or fall and harm themselves. A while back, on the Tramway bike path, a small dog uncontrolled on a retractable leash tangled with an oncoming bicycle, resulting in serious injury for the biker and death for the dog.

Don't think that you can avoid leash problems by walking with your dog off leash. You may think your off-leash dog is under your control, but what if you run into a bunny or deer or coyote or another dog? Chances are that your good dog is long gone before you can react.



The Artist Next Door

Claudia Mitchell

The 20th annual Sandia Heights Artists Studio Tour was held September 9 & 10. The tour was heralded by a KHFM classical radio interview of participating artist Mary Ellen Merrigan (featured in the July “The Artist Next Door”) on September 7 and an *Albuquerque Journal* front-page banner, plus an ad in the “Venue” entertainment section. A display during August at the Sunport promised: “1500+ artworks. 50 artists. ONE good time.” Publicity efforts were expanded this year to include television and social media. KRQE graciously worked with the team to produce commercial spots throughout the preceding week during the morning news on KRQE Channel 13, plus an interview on KRQE Channel 2 “New Mexico Living” on September 8 with Mary Ellen Merrigan accompanied by participating artist, Marianne Bettinger. Social media generated excitement with interviews and announcements to ever-increasing followers. The artists even made great use of the humble postcard, with mailings to more zip codes.

The committees and participating artists prepared diligently to make each of the fifteen stops easy to find, interesting, and—of course—full of original art from painting to pottery; glass work to woodwork; collage to clothing, to name just a few.

Everyone was too busy to meet the deadline for this October issue. “The Artist Next Door” will continue in November, as usual, with more artist interviews.

What is a Tutor Doctor?

Elizabeth Edgren, Community Service & Membership chair

Observant readers of *The GRIT* know that on page 8 is a table of businesses that offer special deals to SHHA members who show their membership key tag. A business we used to see there was Tutor Doctor. I wanted to know more about this, so I looked at the website and met with Byron Zahm.

In 2019, Byron bought the Albuquerque franchise of Tutor Doctor (established in 2011), a worldwide enterprise operating in 16 countries, offering individual, customized tutoring for any age student in any subject. He himself is not the tutor although his own story is full of educating, from being a homeschool dad of seven, to being 20 years an Outdoor Experiential Educator. He now runs this local business that employs several dozen tutors from a wide range of credentials and experience.

Who calls Tutor Doctor for help? Parents of elementary through high school students, parents of children

needing special accommodations, undergrad and graduate university students, professionals and would-be professionals preparing for professional certifications. Currently, Byron’s students range from four to 87 years old. From spelling to the SAT to the GRE, from mastering the essentials to pass a test to personal enrichment, it sounds like no educational pursuit is outside Tutor Doctor’s purview. If someone calls for help in a particular subject for which Byron has no current tutor, he goes searching for someone with just the right credentials to join the team and help that new client. He is continually recruiting.

This is just one way Tutor Doctor’s service is customized. A student does not get just “a math tutor,” but someone matched especially to the student and their particular learning needs and goals. A student will meet one-on-one with their own tutor, building a strong, trusting relationship conducive to learning. Student and tutor will use the student’s own texts and materials to ensure the student meets the standards by which he/she is being measured. Byron says that as each student is unique, so the assistance he receives will be unique. Tutoring typically take place in the student’s own home (providing an adult is present in the home throughout the session). Occasionally, if needed, sessions may be held in a public setting, such as a library.

What can you expect when you call on Tutor Doctor? First, a personal consultation between student and parent(s) and Byron. He listens to the needs and concerns of both parents and students, and will answer any questions. Tutor Doctor also offers the MindPrint cognitive skills assessment (the one NASA uses in their astronaut program). Assessment results translate to recommended learning strategies personalized for your student. By understanding how a student processes information, Tutor Doctor can help students gain greater academic success because they can learn in ways that align with their unique learner profile. (<https://www.tutordocor.com/albuquerque/tutoring-services/mindprint-cognitive-skills-assessment/>)

Byron readily acknowledges that Tutor Doctor is not the cheapest tutoring service in town nor is it the most expensive, but he earnestly believes it is a great value, with the best results. Fees vary, based on the tutor’s talent and experience, and the frequency and duration of sessions. Prioritizing the student’s needs helps clients get the best return on their investment.

Who are the tutors? They are high school graduates to college students to Ph.D.s to retired professionals. Tutor Doctor works not only to improve its clients’ skills, But, also, to build the skills of its tutors, offering them no-cost skills certification.

AUGUST 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 Se-curity** at (505) 856-6347, **mobile** (505) 263-4654.

August 2023	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	11	Rescue Assist	1
Animal Control Assist	1	Salesman Complaint	5
Customer Assist	1	Special Extra Patrol	2
Fire/Smoke	1	Special Request/Vacation	107
Fireworks Complaint	1	Suspicious Activity	1
Lost/Found Pet	5	Suspicious Person	6
Miscellaneous Call	1	Suspicious Vehicle	6
Motorist Assist	1	Theft	1
Newspaper/Package Pickup	13	Utility Co. Assist	3
Open Door/Window/Garage	1	Wildlife Report	2
		Total	170

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:** (505) 798-7000 **Bernalillo County Fire Department Non-Emergency:** (505) 468-1310 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies (M-F 7AM – 4PM):** (505) 856-6345 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies After Hours:** (505) 888-5336 **NM Gas Co. Emergencies:** (505) 697-3335 **PNM Outage & Emergencies:** 1-888-342-5766

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM. Fridays 9 AM – NOON.
- **Board Meeting:** scheduled October 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm in person.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Monday, October 9, 2023. Closed in observance Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Notary services (Tues–Thurs, by appointment),** copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and searching contractor evaluation binder are free to members.
- **Committee meeting dates** are posted on our web-site 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. \$3.00 per vest for members, cash or check only.
- **Tram passes** for sale in the SHHA Office. \$10.00 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: www.sandiahomeowners.org/tram-pass-availability



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Sandia Heights YTD MARKET TRENDS

Year to date 1/1/23 to 9/14/23

Closed Sales

66
+8% 2022

Average Sale Price

\$720,999
+4% from 2022

Total New Listings

85
-1% from 2022

Avg Price per sq.ft.

\$258,59

Avg Days on Market

23
+52% from 2022

1.21 Acres LAND

9 La Luz Trl. \$395,000



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Balloon Fiesta Schedule

ABQ INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

2023 OCTOBER 7th - 15th

(Info current as of Sept 23rd)

For up-to-date information, go to [Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta](https://www.abqballoonfiesta.com/)

Recurring Events:

5:45 am	Drone Light Show	Sat, Sun, Sat, Sun
6:00 am	Dawn Patrol Show	Daily
6:30 am	Krispy Kreme Morning Glow	Sat, Sun, Wed, Sat, Sun
7:00 am	(Mass) Ascension Balloon Launch	Daily
	Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension	(Wed)
	Special Shape Rodeo	(Thur, Fri)
7:30 am	Fiestas de Los Globitos RC Balloons Exhibition	Sun, Wed, Fri
8:00 am	AIBF Chainsaw Carving Exhibition	Daily except Thursday
	Fly-in Competitions	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
10:00 am	AIBF Chainsaw Carving Auction	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
11:00 am	Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading	Sun, Sat
3:00 pm	AIBF Chainsaw Carving Exhibition	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
5:00 pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
6:00 pm	Glow	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30 pm	Team Fastrax™ Skydiving	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:45 pm	Drone Light Show	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:00 pm	AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show	Sat, Sun, Thu, Fri, Sat

One-time Events:

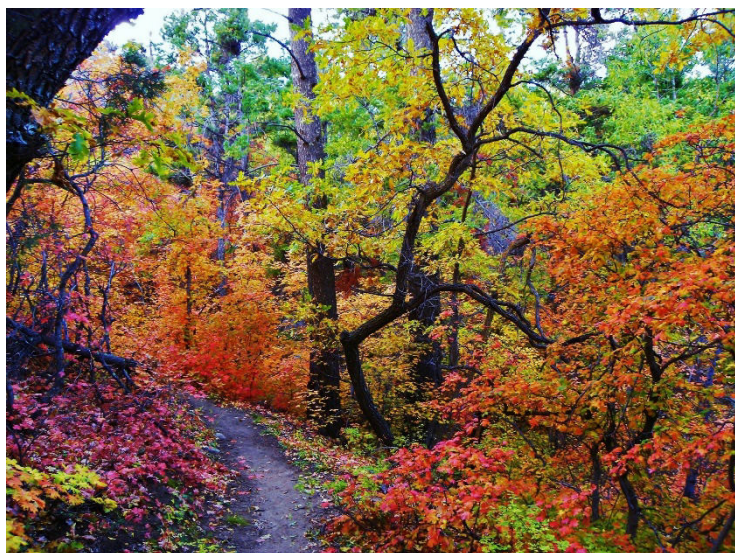
2:00 pm	Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Inflation	Sat 7 th
9:00 am	Fiesta of Wheels Car Show	Sun 8 th
4:30 am	Kids' Day Goodie Bag Distribution Begins	Fri 13 th
9:13 am	Annular Solar Eclipse Begins	Sat 14 th



ACC Activity Log

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

11101 Bobcat Blvd NE – repaint stucco tan
643 Cougar Loop - Landscaping
652 Cougar Loop – Concrete driveway
2425 Tramway Terrace Court NE – AC unit
2715 Tramway Circle NE – Paint exterior trim/garage
1051 Red Oaks Loop – Reroof
10 Juniper Hill Dr – Playground netting
1859 Tramway Terrace Loop – Restucco house
11102 Bobcat Blvd NE – Restucco house
2765 Wolfberry Place NE – Extend driveway, put in flagstone walk path
629 Cougar Loop – replace balcony beams and paint
1713 Quail Run Court NE – Landscape add railroad ties and gravel
1025 Tramway Lane – Landscape – new concrete drive, repair lighting
8213 Indigo Court NE - Reroof
1855 Tramway Terrace Loop NE – new concrete driveway; window replacement; repair canales
7713 Cedar Canyon Place NE - new construction courtyard, wall, and fence



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 currently participating merchants:

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O'Briens Realty LLC
Safe at Home Environmental Services
Primary Residential Mortgage



Fall Colors?

Would you like to see more red and orange fall colors? Densely wooded with bigtooth maples, **4th of July Canyon** is spectacular in early October. The forest blazes with hues of burgundy, reds and oranges. A one mile, moderately easy trail leads through the most colorful portion of the canyon. At the head of the canyon, return or continue the 6.5-mile loop. A spur leads to the ridgetop for tremendous views of the Rio Grande and Estancia valleys. The trail winds past viewpoints and along a spring-fed creek, then back to FS 55 for the last mile. From Sandia Heights, take I-40 East, Exit 175 South. NM 337 winds through the scenic piñon-juniper hills and canyons of the Manzano Mountains. After about 7 miles at the T-intersection of NM 55, turn right (west) to Taquique. Just through town, turn right on the dirt FS 55. RVs and cars should have no problem.

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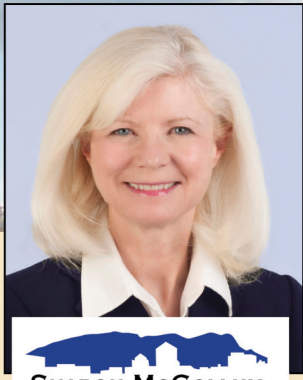
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Sharon's Sandia Heights Market Update Past Year 9/2022 to 9/2023

9 Larger homes For Sale on Larger Lots | Avg Asking price \$934,217 | Avg Asking price/sf \$245.32
5 Homes Pending | Avg Asking Price \$823,000 Avg Asking price/sf \$252.71
44 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$864,445 Avg Sold price/sf. \$250.01

3 Smaller homes on smaller lots | Avg Asking price \$471,000 | Avg Asking price/sf \$229.81
3 homes pending | Avg Asking Price \$475,000 Avg Asking price/sf \$279.71
32 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$474,735 Avg Sold price/sf \$256.15

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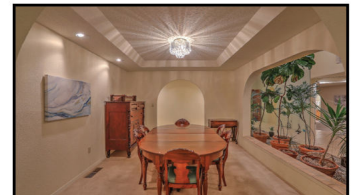
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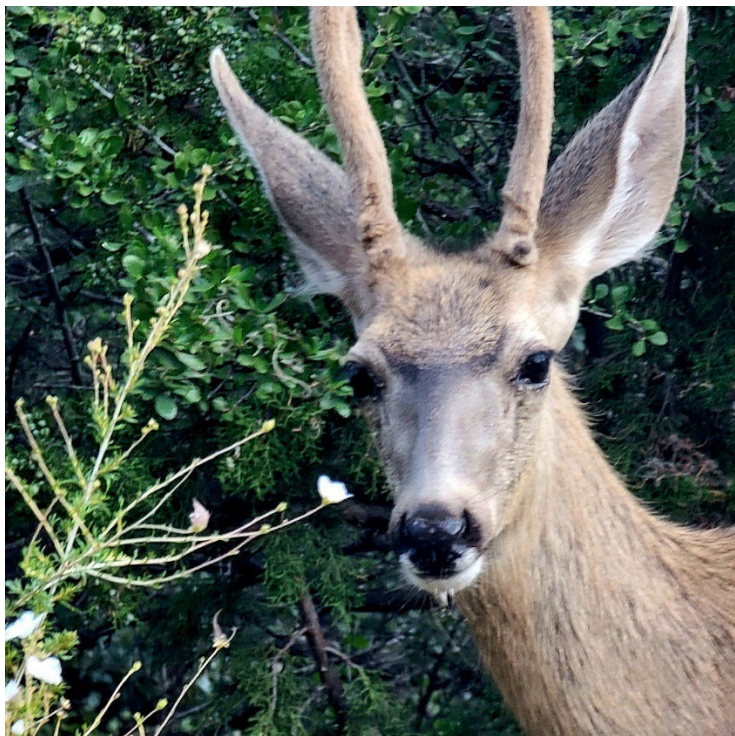
There is more to this business than I expected, but I especially appreciated Byron's awareness of how special each individual student is, and his evident desire to make a difference in the lives of each student and each family, helping them overcome educational hurdles and equipping each person to grow, learn, and flourish.

To learn more, whether you're interested in being a tutor or looking for one, go to the website <https://www.tutordoctor.com/albuquerque/>.

One final note: Separate from, but in support of, Tutor Doctor's work is the TD Scholarship Fund, a charitable fund offering financial assistance for some "who need and cannot afford our academic support services or have financial limitations." For more information, see <https://swharvest.org/scholarship-ministry/>.

Deer & Apache Plume

Connie Welty



Your Monthly Recommendation

The Elephant Vanishes by Haruki Murakami.

Murakami, a savant of surrealism, compiles a series of seventeen short stories for your perusal. In this 1993 compilation of stories originally published between 1980 and 1991, Murakami's work continues to influence pop culture into the present. The story "Barn Burning" was the basis for the 2018 film *Burning* which competed for the Palm d'Or. It is listed at number 13 in *Hollywood Reporter's* top 50 films of this century and has come to be recognized as one of the best Korean-produced films of all time.

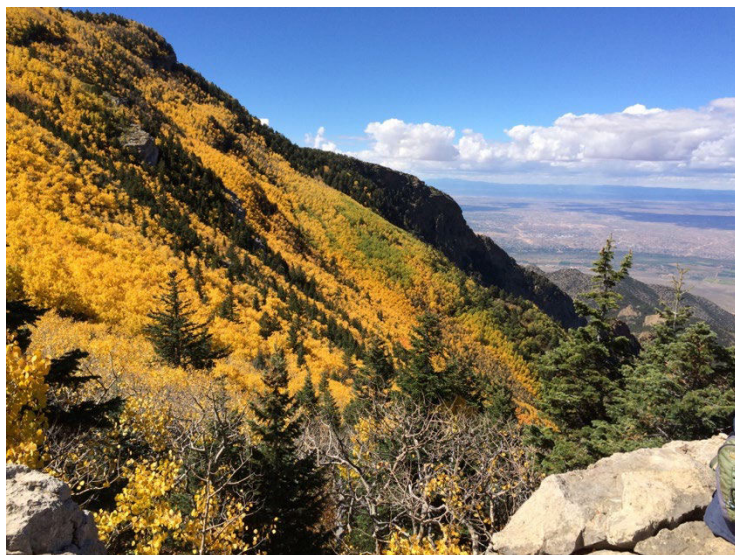
The collection also features the story, "The Wind-up Bird and Tuesday's Women." Though fairly concise as published, it would later spawn *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*, a monolithic, nearly 1400-page epic. Published in 1997, it is often regarded as Murakami's greatest work, but has its origins in the short story.

The compilation is an excellent introduction to Murakami, subjectively the most famous living Japanese novelist. If you can embrace uncertainty in your reading, then you may find something for you in Murakami's *The Elephant Vanishes*.

Do you have a recommendation? Book, movie, restaurant, shop, So long as you're not writing an ad and so long as you passionately enjoy the thing you are recommending, send in your selection for a future feature in *The GRIT*! Send to theGritSHHA@gmail.com

Autumn on Sandia Crest

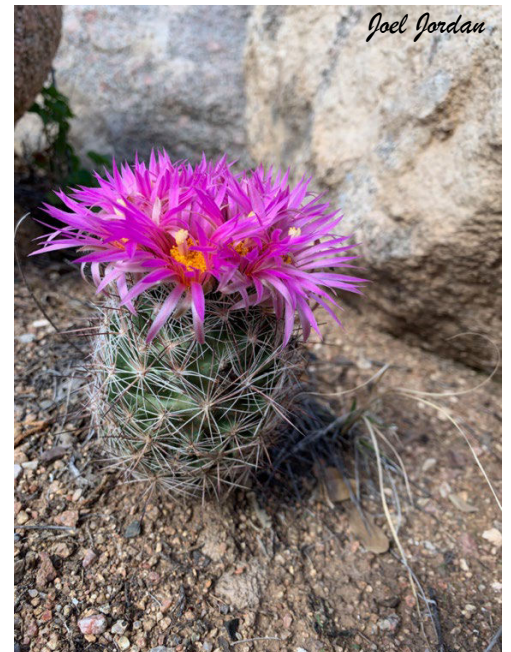
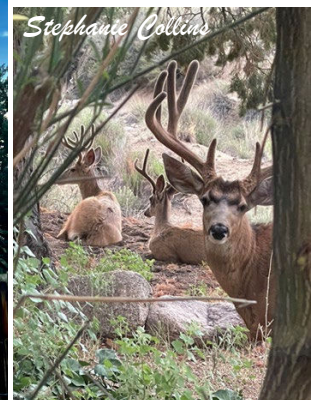
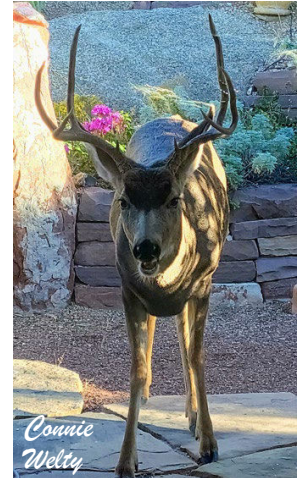
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2024 SHHA Resident Guide & Directory Deadline

Please check your alphabetical listing as well as your numerical listing in the 2023 *Resident Guide and Directory* and let the SHHA office know if you have any changes or additions. If you do not wish your name and/or phone number to be printed in the Directory you will be listed as “Resident” and your phone number will not be displayed. All changes must be received **on or before Friday, November 3rd, 2023**, in order to be included in the 2024 *Resident Guide and Directory*.

More Photos Submitted to the 2023 *Directory Photo Contest*



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Jeff Sorenson.....239-1629

ARCHITECTS

Roger Cinelli & Associates.....243-8211

ATTORNEY

Cathy Davis884-1260
Ed Roibal.....247-4404
Tim Steider.....237-9880

CARPET & FLOOR COVERINGS

Pro-Source.....761-4076
Raby Carpet & Tile Outlet (Baird).....298-7710

CARPET CLEANING

Best Way Cleaners.....344-1616
PSR&M.....366-4166

CARPET STRETCHING

Pro Source.....761-4076
PSR&M.....366-4166

COMPUTER NETWORKING (HOME & SMALL BUSINESS)

PCWise (Glen).....934-0606

ELECTRICIAN (GENERAL)

Elks.....352-9000
Jeff Barela.....615-4559

ESTATE SALES

Wings.....352-9000
Pinnacle.....615-4559

GARAGE DOOR INSTALLATION

Quality Garage Door (Joe).....350-7734
Windsor.....345-6604

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Aaron Newport.....934-9298
Dane Jacobs.....720-2332

HEATING & COOLING

Byar's/Roberto.....659-7070
Signature.....898-4822

HOUSE CLEANERS

Marina.....261-0914
Minerva.....319-1739



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HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS

AVR Resources (Richard Gallegos).....9696-AVR

INSURANCE

Farmers Insurance (Maegan Martin).....803-8048
State Farm (Joanna Boothe).....892-5690

INTERIOR DECORATING/STAGING

Molly Roberts.....259-8963
Su Casa Staging (Nicole).....681-5642

KITCHEN REMODEL

Davis Kitchens.....292-4800

LANDSCAPING

The Hilltop (Jim Forrester).....220-2370

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Empire.....220-2370
Lawn Rangers.....220-2370

MORTGAGE COMPANY

Waterstone Mortgage (Jason Pike).....828-9400

MOVERS

United (Tom Reichart).....307-3032

PAINTING

A+ Painting (Mican).....463-8999
Andy's Painting.....934-0660

PEST CONTROL

J&H Pest Control.....975-9724
Preventive Pest Control.....792-8380

PET GROOMING

Bills' Mobile Pet Grooming.....856-2760

PLUMBERS

PSR&M.....366-4166
Swanson Services.....328-9183

POOL MAINTENANCE

Bluewater Pools.....345-6789
Desert Pools.....410-3535
ABQ Pool & Spas.....296-8063

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT (RESIDENTIAL)

Bruni Karr.....296-0726
Jim Siebenthal Property Mgt.....797-8764
Coldwell Banker Property Mgt.....222-2222

RESURFACING SINKS TUBS/ COUNTER

New Surface (Patrick).....294-4966
Get A Grip.....268-0929

ROOFER

Alex's Roofing.....440-9866
Doyle Roofing.....242-9447
AAA Roofing.....244-1252

SECURITY SYSTEMS

ADT.....206-5609
TAS.....881-0001

SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE

Anything Sprinklers.....275-0996
The Lawn Rangers.....828-0198

STORAGE

Economy Storage.....294-4444
Guardian Storage.....717-1199

STUCCO WORK

Rich Construction.....883-7070
PSR&M.....235-0106

TILE WORK

PSR&M.....366-4166
R.A. Tile.....975-4753

TITLE/ESCROW SERVICES

Centric/Monica Borrego-Robinson.....480-3512

TERMITE TREATMENT

Brent's Termite.....907-3539
Geary's Pest Mgmt.....304-6174

WALL ART

Things On The Wall (Don Bremner).....720-9019

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Letter to the Editor

I was happy to see the articles in the last GRIT (September 2023) re: "Living with Bears." I've been in Sandia Heights continuously since 1972. Those of us here for years have thoroughly enjoyed the bears, and we know what to expect. The NM Department of Game and Fish has been no friend of us residents and our friends the bears. The bears should not be trapped, moved, or killed. Hopefully there has been no SHHA complicity in past or present, and will be no SHHA complicity in the future, with the NMG&F in any trapping, moving or killing.

I was also happy to see the article in regard to rodent poisoning. While we have mice visit us in our home, we have never had a pack rat in the home. Pack rats create some havoc with cactus, but if anyone would uncover their living quarters one will see that they are extremely clean animals with marvelously fine sleeping beds.

Jonathan Sutin

Please Obey Stop Signs

The office has received complaints of people running through neighborhood stop signs. In particular, there seems to be an issue with people not stopping at the



signs around Tennyson, the parallel road west of Tramway. Some drivers are ignoring other neighborhood stop signs as well. Some hardly slow down. This is dangerous. Obey the law. The signs are there for a reason. And don't

forget to drive at or below the posted speed limits. For one thing, it's easier to stop at a stop sign if you're not going so fast!



Fun Fact

Many of us know some of New Mexico's symbols:

Flag symbol: zia

Bird: roadrunner

Tree: piñon

Flower: yucca

Animal: NM black bear

Vegetable: chile and pinto beans

Cookie: biscochito

Gem: turquoise

Fish: cutthroat trout

Insect: tarantula hawk

Grass: blue grama

Amphibian: spadefoot toad

Fossil: Coelophysis

But have you ever heard New Mexico's state motto? The official motto of New Mexico is **Crescit eundo**, Latin for "It grows as it goes." Well, okay then....

According to *Wikipedia*, the motto's source is the epic poem *De Rerum Natura* (On the Nature of Things) by first-century BCE Latin poet Lucretius. It refers to a thunderbolt increasing in strength as it moves across the sky, a symbol of dynamic progress.

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Community Events Bulletin Board

These groups are not sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed.

Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity: Cork & Fork has resumed having bimonthly dinners. We gather in the homes of our members. Each small dinner group is typically 6–8 people, including the hosts. 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 two whole-group dinners during the year. All adult Sandia Heights residents are welcome. To inquire or join any time of year, call Rene Kessel at (505) 504-3886 or email at rene.kessel@cblegacy.com.

Sandia Heights Studio Art Tour. Our thanks to all the people who attended the Studio Art Tour on September 9th and 10th. The weather was lovely even with a little rain on Sunday afternoon. A huge number of people attended both days. We’ll update you with the final attendance total and the donations to the La Mesa Art Project next month.

Notice: Any corrections to the printed version of the GRIT can be found on the website: www.sandiahomeowners.org. We always welcome Letters to the Editor and your response to articles in *The GRIT*. Email us at thegritshha@gmail.com.

Photo Contest

Photo contest. Time is about to run out to submit your photos for the annual photo contest. The winning photo will be on the cover of the 2024 *Sandia Heights Resident Guide and Directory* and the photographer will be acknowledged. Subject matter should reflect something about living in Sandia Heights. To see some past submissions, please see page 12, early 2023 issues of the *GRIT* or check out the SHHA website. Submission deadline is November 4.

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 2023 and earlier *Directories*).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color and may be submitted digitally to shha@sandiahomeowners.org or as a hardcopy print to the office. All hardcopy entries may be picked up at the office once the *Directory* is published.

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 and *GRIT* newsletter.





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Don't miss the annular solar eclipse, October 14, just after 10:30 AM.
Be sure and protect your eyes with "eclipse" glasses or similar.
Sunglasses are NOT safe. You might also make a "pinhole" projector: make a pinhole in a piece of cardboard. With your back to the sun, hold the cardboard horizontal to the sun with a piece of white paper beneath it. The sun's image will project onto the piece of paper. Try it out ahead of time to get it working for you.



**The office will be closed October 9
for Indigenous Peoples' Day**



Happy Halloween, October 31

