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WELCOME NEW SHHA BOARD MEMBERS!

By Emily Rudin, Vice President and Nominating Committee Chair

I am very pleased to announce that nine volunteers have joined SHHA's Board of Directors during October and November.

Beginning with the August 2017 GRIT, SHHA president Joe Pappe has written a monthly series of front-page columns, urgently calling for new volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors and committees. The situation was dire. As recently as mid-October, Board membership fell to 11, the minimum number our Bylaws stipulate in order to transact business. We have been pleasantly surprised by the number of members who have offered to step up in order to serve our community.

I wish to emphasize that it is not simply a matter of gaining a robust number of Board members, although we have achieved this goal. Rather, our new volunteers bring experience from many walks of life, represent many units within Sandia Heights, and have expressed a commitment to our explicit request for new ideas, a collaborative approach, and—crucially—a willingness to follow up with action. These criteria will, I believe, best benefit our community as we turn our attention to future priorities for serving the Association. It is thus my fervent hope that the collective experience and efforts of these new Board members, together with those of our entire Board, will enable SHHA to enhance our responsiveness and service to our members.

Our newest Board members are: Stephen Baca, George Chen, Judy Durzo, Walter Forman, Cheryl Iverson, Martin Kirk, Phil Krehbiel, Craig Newbill, and Travis Rich.

I would like to thank the members of my Nominating Committee, Bob Bower and Woody Farber. All three of us wear many hats within SHHA and have worked very hard as a team to strengthen both the number and the caliber of Directors on the Board. I am grateful to my committee members who have given generously of their time and intellect in interviewing candidates. Most especially, thanks to all of you who have offered your support at a time when that support has never been more critical. We look forward to working with you on behalf of all our members.

Not Your Father's SHHA Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 17, 2018 and be prepared for a totally different format for our SHHA Annual Meeting. Come and be active participants in planning the future of our community. Tell us what changes you want to see. Your Board works for you and we want to serve you as best as we can.







Receiving Too Much "Junk"?

Are you tired of telemarketing calls at all hours? Irritated with your mailbox and your email inbox overcrowded with preapproved credit card applications and other unsolicited advertising? GOOD NEWS! The Federal Trade Commission has put together the following information to help consumers learn where to go to "just say no" to unsolicited mail, email, and phone calls.

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You will be asked to provide certain personal information; however, this information is confidential and will be used only to process your request to opt out. If you do not have internet access, a written request may be sent to each of the major consumer reporting companies below. Be sure to include your name, telephone number, social security number, and date of birth.

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For a small \$2 processing fee, for a period of ten (10) years, consumers can register at the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) website www.DMAchoice.org for a step-by-step process that enables consumers to decide what mail they do and do not want. Additionally, the DMAchoice website offers registration for an Email Preference Service to reduce your unsolicited commercial email. If you do not have access to the internet, you can register by sending your name and address (with signature), along with a \$3 processing fee (check or money order payable to DMA) to:

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Data & Marketing Association
P.O. Box 643
Carmel, NY 10512

Trailers, Boats, RVs, and **Commercial Trucks?**

By Susan Seligman, CSC Member

PLEASE DO NOT STORE THEM ON YOUR PROPERTY!

Trailers, commercial trucks, boats and RVs parked on your property are against Sandia Heights covenants. Please help keep Sandia Heights beautiful by removing or storing your vehicles.

TIRED OF SEEING PARKED-VEHICLE **VIOLATIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**

We do not patrol Sandia Heights for violations, but we see them all over our community. We can only act if you file a complaint, citing the violation for your unit. You can find the complaint form, along with the specific covenants on our website, at www.sandiahomeowners.org. If you have questions, please call the Sandia Heights Office at 797-7793. We DO NOT reveal your name when you file a complaint.

With your help, we can make a difference in our community.







CSC Active Violations Log November 2017

| Unit No. | Type of Suspected Violation | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| SHHA Court Action | | | | |
| S8 | Accumulation of | | | |
| | Trash/Debris | | | |

4 Files Closed Since the Last GRIT

Trash Cans

This is the time of year when we generate lots of trash. If there is too much for your recycle bin, paper and boxes can be taken to the Eagle Rock transfer station (no charge for the outside bin use) or places like the Sonic/Lowes on Juan Tabo. Remember that your trash bins need to be out of sight except on the pick-up day.

How to Really Enjoy Our Wonderful **Fall Temperatures**

By Marion Simon, CSC Member

When summer finally comes to an end, a lot of us Sandia Heights residents like to take walks around the neighborhood. The temperatures are finally cooler, the air feels fresher, and we want to get out before it gets too cool and uncomfortable for walking. We have such a lovely area, but no sidewalks. The rules for walking in our area are a little different from the City and can be a little more hazardous. Please walk on the LEFT side, facing traffic! We have a lot of little hills and curves with LIMITED SIGHT DISTANCE. Motorists as well as pedestrians need to be cautious, and to see the danger coming, pedestrians must FACE traffic! Sometimes young mothers with baby carriages walk on the right side and unfortunately don't see danger approaching from behind, which might be disastrous.

Walking on the left-hand side to face traffic helps us step out of the way in time. So, remember to trim the vegetation on your property at least 2 feet from the road to allow for pedestrians to get out of the way of vehicles especially trucks that take up more than half of the road. Be safe and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood and weather. After all, that is what made us choose this neighborhood.







BernCo Will Install Smoke Detectors...FREE

BCFD continues to partner with the American Red Cross to install free smoke alarms. Bernalillo County residents, in the unincorporated areas of the County, outside the city limits of Albuquerque, can still request to have a free smoke detector installed. This project will continue indefinitely within the County. Follow this link:

http://www.bernco.gov/Fire/free-smoke-detectorproject-.aspx or call 468-7777 to provide some basic information and schedule an installation.

OCTOBER CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

The following statistics are the latest provided by Sandia Heights Security since the last GRIT. If you have questions, please call Sandia Heights Security at 856-6347, mobile 263-4654.

| October 2017 | # of | | # of | | # of |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | calls | | calls | | calls |
| Alarms | 17 | Mailbox vandalism | 0 | Snake call | 0 |
| Animal control assist | 0 | Miscellaneous call | 0 | Special (extra patrol) | 20 |
| Assault/battery | 0 | Motorcycle nuisance | 0 | Special request | 176 |
| Breaking & entering | 0 | Motorist assist | 0 | Speeding vehicle | 0 |
| Car accident | 0 | Neighbor dispute | 0 | Suspicious person | 2 |
| Customer assist | 3 | Newspaper pickup | 1 | Suspicious vehicle | 13 |
| Dumped/spilled material | 0 | Noise complaints | 0 | Theft | 4 |
| Family dispute | 0 | Open door/window | 1 | Threat/Personal | 0 |
| Fire | 0 | Parking problem | 0 | Utility Co. assist | 0 |
| Fireworks complaint | 0 | Pet nuisance | 1 | Vandalism | 2 |
| Home burglary | 3 | Rescue assist | 0 | Vehicle burglary | 8 |
| Lost/found item or pet | 2 | Salesman complaint | 0 | Wildlife report | 0 |
| Loud music/party | 0 | Sheriff's Dept. assist | 0 | Total Calls | 253 |

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:

ABQ Dream Homes by Veronica Gonzales/Keller Williams Realty **Albuquerque Natural Health Center About Face Medical Spa** Alarm Research, Inc. Albuquerque Custom Tint and Glass Avis/Budget Car and Truck Rental **Balanced Physical Therapy & Wellness Bair Medical Spa** Brandi Ricci, M.Ed. Brown & Brown Insurance of NM **Cara Mia Esthetics Drive Data Recovery** Domino's Pizza **Inspiring Beauty Tade Enterprises** PCM Electrical Pete Veres, Remax Elite Purnima Massage and Ayurveda Chiropractor, Mark L Schwartz DC Roofing USA Skin Indulgence **Tensegrity Fitness**

SANDIA HEIGHTS SERVICES (SHS) 10 Tramway Loop

Please be reminded that Sandia Heights
Services (which provides security services,
water, sewer, and trash and recycle
collection) 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: 856-6347, mobile 263-4654.







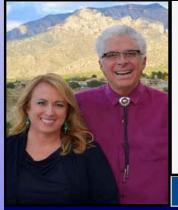
Member Feedback: SHHA welcomes input and articles from SHHA members and local officials, as well as nonprofit organizations and individuals with information appropriate to our area. Deadlines for article submissions are the 10th of each month. Members may also email their input to sandiaheights@comcast.net.

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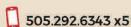
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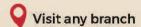
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Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

- * Check your light sets for cracked insulation, frayed wires or damaged sockets. Any of these could cause short circuits.
- ** Don't overload your string sets. Check the instructions on the package to find out how many light sets can be connected to each other.
- * Avoid overloading circuits. Most home circuits can take 15 amps, or 1,800 watts.
- * Cover each outdoor plug and connector joint with plastic wrap to protect it from rain and seal it with electrical tape.
- * If you use staples instead of tape to secure lights, be sure that they're insulated staples.
- * Make sure decorations pose no danger to children or pets. Don't leave cords dangling or strung loosely on the floor or stairs.









SHHA hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at El Patron Restaurant on October 21. On behalf of SHHA, Vice President Emily Rudin commended and thanked the member volunteers who serve the community throughout the year, on the Board of Directors and on committees. (Photo: Betsy Rodriguez, Co-Administrator)

SNOW REMOVAL

Most of the roads within Sandia Heights are County roads/streets; there are a few private roads. If you need maintenance on your road/street, including snow removal, please call the County at 848-1503. The County is responsible for removing snow from the public roads.

BEWARE: DON'T USE RODENT POISON ON YOUR PROPERTY!

Submitted by SHHA Members

Some property-owners in Sandia Heights are installing outdoor rodent bait traps. This method of pest control can be detrimental to the environment because of the indiscriminate nature of its ability to kill animals other than the rodents which it targets. After ingesting enough poison in these traps, the rodents will die and might be consumed by larger wildlife, which will in turn become ill from the poison.

Predatory birds, such as hawks and owls, are particularly susceptible to secondary poisoning and often die as a result. These birds are precisely the predators who keep the rodent population down, as are coyotes and bobcats, which might also eat poisoned rodents. Your pets are vulnerable, too: poisoned rodents will not die next to the bait traps on your property, but will travel to other yards where they will possibly die and be eaten by cats and dogs.

SHHA does not recommend poisoning rodents, due to risks of environmental contamination. We recommend keeping your property clean and free of rats' nests and trapping and removing rodents. The GRIT has published articles about the dangers of poisoning. As a resident, if you decide to use bait traps, you are responsible for promptly picking up and disposing of all dead animals on your property; informing all of your surrounding neighbors of your use of bait traps; and knowing the specific poison used in the traps, so that, should a pet become ill, an antidote can be administered quickly.

Many residents chose to live in Sandia Heights because of opportunities to see wildlife and appreciate an environment outside the city. Your choice of pest control should not destroy what others appreciate most. Please be considerate.

ACC Activity Log

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

6 Eagle Nest Court – Solar Thermal System Installation

146 Whitetail Drive – Restucco and Paint Garage Door

177 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Repaint Trim, Refinish Garage Door and Front Door

184 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Landscaping and Roof Repair

335 White Oaks Drive - Window Replacement

357 Juniper Hill - Replace Driveway

371 Big Horn Ridge Drive – Repair and Recolor Stucco

373 Big Horn Ridge Drive - Reroof

511 Roadrunner Lane - Pergolas and Paved Patio

542 Black Bear Loop - Pave Driveway

673 Bluebird Lane - Landscaping

727-17 Tramway Lane – Photovoltaic Panel Installation

801 Tramway Lane - Outdoor Lighting

869-A Tramway Lane Court - Deck Installation

978 Antelope Avenue - Landscaping

1046 Red Oaks Loop - Landscaping

1049 Red Oaks Loop – Improve Existing Concrete Slab

1052 Red Oaks Loop – Rebuild/Stucco Family Room Wall and Install a Window

1065 Tramway Lane – Deck Replacement

1701 Quail Run Court – Replace Border of Driveway and Install a Retaining Wall

1903 Quail Run Drive - Stucco Repair

2021 Quail Run Drive - Landscaping

2033 Quail Run Drive - Landscaping

2404 Tramway Terrace Court - Landscaping

2435 Tramway Terrace Court - Reroof

2885 Tramway Place - Replace Fence

12713 Carmel Court - Miscellaneous Projects

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







Poinsettia Maintenance Tips

With proper care during the holidays, the life of a poinsettia can be extended throughout the year. During the holidays:

- When selecting a poinsettia, choose tightly clustered, small, central flowers with crisp and bright foliage.
- When surface soil is dry to the touch, water thoroughly. Discard excess water in the saucer.
- To prolong color, keep a temperature range of 60 degrees for night and 72 degrees for the days. High humidity is preferred.
- Avoid cold drafts and protect from cold winds.

To rebloom for next season:

- During the winter, continue to follow holiday upkeep tips.
- When bracts fade, cut back to eight inches.
- Lightly fertilize every three to four weeks.
- When temperatures are warm, place plant outside, first in indirect, then direct sunlight. Avoid temperatures below 50 degrees throughout the summer.
- Cut back stems and branches twice during the summer, and repot if necessary.
- During the first week of September, move plant inside. Provide six or more hours of direct light.
- From October 1 through mid-December, confine plant to darkness for 14 hours, giving it 10 hours of natural light. This will force the green bracts to change color.



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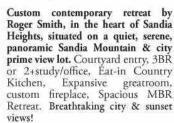
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| Spring Creek Lane | \$750,000 | 6,079 | \$123.38 |
| Red Oaks Loop | \$700,000 | 4,914 | \$142.45 |
| Red Oaks Loop | \$585,000 | 3,051 | \$191.74 |
| Red Oaks Loop | \$500,000 | 3,216 | \$155.47 |
| Calle De Raphael | \$409,800 | 1,788 | \$229.19 |
| Tramway Lane | \$275,000 | 1,847 | \$148.89 |
| Tramway Lane | \$264,000 | 1,900 | \$138.95 |
| Tramway Terrace Loop | \$250,000 | 1,531 | \$163.29 |
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December 2017



5 REASONS WHY LISTING YOUR HOME FOR SALE THIS FALL MAKES GOOD SENSE.

1. DEMAND IS STRONG

The latest Buyer Traffic Report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) shows that buyer demand remains strong. These buyers are ready, willing, and able to purchase... and are in the market right now! Take advantage of the buyer activity currently in the market.

2. THERE IS LESS COMPETITION NOW

Housing inventory is still under the 6-month supply that is needed for a normal housing market.

This means that there are not enough homes for sale to satisfy the number of buyers in the market. This is good news for homeowners who have gained equity as their home values have increased. However, additional inventory could be coming to the market soon.

Historically, the average number of years a homeowner stayed in their home was six, but that number has jumped to an average of almost nine years since 2008. There is a pent-up desire for many homeowners to move, as they were unable to sell over the last few years because of a negative equity situation. As home values continue to appreciate, more and more homeowners will be given the freedom to move.

The choices buyers have will continue to increase. Don't wait until this other inventory comes to market before you decide to sell.

3. THE PROCESS WILL BE QUICKER

Today's competitive environment has forced buyers to do all they can to stand out from the crowd, including getting pre-approved for their mortgage financing. This makes the entire selling process much faster and much simpler as buyers know exactly what they can afford before home shopping.

4. THERE WILL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME TO MOVE UP

If your next move will be into a premium or luxury home, now is the time to move-up! The inventory of homes for sale at these higher price ranges has forced these markets into a buyer's market. This means that if you are planning on selling a starter or trade-up home, your home will sell quickly AND you'll be able to find a premium home to call your own!

Prices are projected to appreciate by 5.0% over the next year according to CoreLogic. If you are moving to a higher priced home, it will wind up seeting your more in your dellars (both in

are moving to a higher-priced home, it will wind up costing you more in raw dollars (both in down payment and mortgage payment) if you wait.

5. IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON WITH YOUR LIFE

Look at the reason you decided to sell in the first place and determine whether it is worth waiting. Is money more important than being with family? Is money more important than your health? Is money more important than having the freedom to go on with your life the way you think you should?

Only you know the answers to the questions above. You have the power to take control of the situation by putting your home on the market. Perhaps the time has come for you and your family to move on and start living the life you desire.

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Community Event Bulletin Board

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2017 Winter Concerts • William Waag conductor Friday December 15,7:30PM Immanuel Presbyterian Church 114 Carlisle, SE, Albuquerque

Sunday December 17 3:30PM St. Therese Catholic Church 3424 4th St. NW, Albuquerque

Marquez: Conga del Fuego Bryant: Dusk

Boysen: Kirkpatrick Fanfare, Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

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O'Beans Coffee: 12760 San Rafael Ave NE • Suite C-2 • 452-6088

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• megobeans@gmail.com • www.obeans.net

St. Chad's Episcopal Church: 7171 Tennyson NE • Albuquerque, NM 87122 • 856-9200 Worship Times: Thursdays at noon and Sundays at 8 am and 10:15 am Breakfast is served after the 8 and 10:15 am Sunday Services. 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings Outdoor Eucharist at 6 pm. • office@stchadsabg.org • www.stchadsabg.org

Sandia Heights "Cork & Fork" Dining Activity: We are in the twelfth year of our dinner group. We meet bimonthly in small groups in the homes of our members. Each small group is usually three couples plus a host couple, with each couple contributing to some part of the dinner menu. All couples and singles are welcome. The emphasis is on food and fun rather than formal elegance. We're always happy to have new folks join us, so if this sounds like an activity that you might be interested in, please contact Rene Kessel at rene.kessel@cblegacy.com at 504-3886.

New Mexico Symphonic Youth Chorus is looking for young people, grades 4 through 12, who love to sing. Music Directors Marilyn Bernard and Louise Loomis are renowned music educators with over 30 years of experience in professional choral instruction and performance opportunities for young singers. NMSYC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit division of the NM Symphonic Chorus. Information about NMSYC and how to audition can be found at www.nmsyouthchorus.org. Questions? Call Elaine Fiber at 263-1445.

Announcements & Notices:

- Office hours: Monday Friday 9 am 4 pm.
- Office closures: Monday, December 25, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 13 at 7 pm in the SHHA Office.
- Notary service, 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 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. \$6 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.
- SHHA member benefits: Remember to go to the website to get a full listing of the companies that offer a discount!
- 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.

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WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 2,
2018.

SHHA WISHES YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!