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## SHHA’s Board of Directors Needs... YOU!

By Dale Arendt, Vice President and Chair, Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors works on the community’s behalf. Several Directors’ terms expire in February, and we need to identify new candidates soon. According to our Bylaws, we must have a minimum of 11 in order to transact business. With the upcoming expirations, we would fall below that number without new Board members. We invite you, our SHHA members, to consider joining our Board. Terms are three years, renewable once. Eligibility requirements are:

- You must be a property owner in Sandia Heights.
- You must be a member of SHHA with paid, up-to-date dues.
- You must be both *willing* and *able* to serve and to uphold the Bylaws.

The Board meets at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of every month, except February. Depending on current Covid conditions, meetings may be in person at the SHHA office or via the Zoom virtual meeting app. Service on the Board is a great way to meet your fellow homeowners, get involved with projects, and contribute to the management and well-being of our wonderful community.

If you’d like to attend a Board meeting, please contact the Office at least a day in advance. If you wish to join the Board, fill out a Statement of Interest (download under the Board tab on our website or obtain from the Office), and submit it to the Office. You’ll then hear from us promptly. Thank you from the Board!



**WE NEED YOU!**



## Finding Like-Minded Folks

### Community Service & Membership Committee

If you could pursue a new hobby, what would it be? Woodworking or fiber arts? Hiking, photography, or daytrips? Music or dancing or writing? What kind of interests have you set aside but want to resume? Eating out? Cars or trains? Art or chess or ...? What do you love to do that you're keen to share with others? Would your existing hobby group like to bring in new people? Are you hankering for a playgroup with other families with young children, but don't quite know where to look or how to start one?

Sandia Heights residents are all sorts, with a variety of ages, backgrounds, experiences and interests. So, there is sure to be someone else here who shares your interests, would like to try new things, or wants to get back to an old pastime with likeminded folks. The Community Service & Membership committee would love to help you connect with each other. We can write up announcements, news, ideas—brief or long—for *The GRIT*; we can put flyers into the new resident welcome bags; we can put info and sign-ups in the office.

If you have an idea, maybe we can help make it happen! Email the CS&M committee at [thegritshha@gmail.com](mailto:thegritshha@gmail.com), or call or stop by the office.



## Trouble with Tumbleweeds

By Stan Davis, Resident

This article aims to complement and reinforce the message in the timely article in the August issue, “Tumbleweed Control—Let’s Go, People!” by a concerned resident. You may have seen brown, dried-out tumbleweeds blowing across Tramway Boulevard, but tumbleweeds can also be seen growing in large quantities in many yards and along roadways in Sandia Heights. What do many of these areas have in common? These areas have had their soil disturbed by septic projects, construction projects or other types of activity. Tumbleweeds, and other plants such as ragweed and stickseed,

are opportunists, and will grow easily in newly disturbed soil. Tumbleweeds start off as soft, green, ground plants, and grow very quickly into dense, bushy plants up to four feet in diameter, with stiff branches and prickly leaves. The best time to remove tumbleweeds from your yard, as was stressed in the August article, is when they are still relatively small and green—certainly long before they have turned brown and gone to seed in the fall. They are relatively easy to pull out of the ground when they are still green and small, and you should do so by grasping the main stalk and branching stems around it close to the ground, and by pulling gently to extract the root without disturbing the soil much.

Tumbleweeds may be an iconic symbol of the West, but they originated in the Ural Mountains in central Russia (hence its other common name of Russian thistle), and are an invasive plant species. According to Karie Luidens (“The Humble Tumbleweed,” 2016, [newmexicology.com](http://newmexicology.com)), tumbleweeds take root in dirt that has been disturbed and become inhospitable to other plants. Salsola Kali, in an article on White Sands ([nps.gov](http://nps.gov), “Russian Thistle”, 2020) says that the tumbleweed competes with other plants, and although young sprouts and seeds provide forage for animals, the mature plant is not edible and can be toxic to animals. Tumbleweeds can also carry a virus that hurts garden crops, including tomatoes, melons and chiles (R. Sholedice and M. Renz, 2006, [aces.nmsu.edu](http://aces.nmsu.edu), “Russian Thistle,” NMSU). Anna Bengston (“Trouble with Tumbleweeds,” 2017, [WildAboutUtah.gov](http://WildAboutUtah.gov)) says tumbleweed seeds require little moisture to germinate and grow, and that drought conditions help promote the plant’s proliferation. One distinguishing characteristic of a still-green tumbleweed is a green-and-purple striping along the main stalk and lower branches (R. Sholedice and M. Renz, 2006, [aces.nmsu.edu](http://aces.nmsu.edu), “Russian Thistle,” NMSU). The plants begin to brown and die in the fall, break off at the base of the main stalk, and start tumbling in the wind, distributing thousands of seeds along the way. A yard full of abundant, dead, highly flammable tumbleweeds that do not blow away poses wildfire risk.

The City of Albuquerque has an ordinance called “Nuisance Weed Removal” ([cabq.gov](http://cabq.gov)), which includes the tumbleweed/Russian thistle. Yards are being ruined in Rio Rancho with tumbleweeds invading a neighborhood close to where the Rio Rancho Country Club used to be, where the land has been left unkempt (G. Gonzalez, 2022, “It’s just been horrible: Tumbleweeds invade Rio Rancho Neighborhood”). Bernalillo County (BernCo) does not seem to address the tumbleweed

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explicitly, and has minimal information on “General Weed Control,” including a YouTube “Maintenance Minute” video showing people removing what appears to be tumbleweeds “mechanically” (i.e., by not using chemicals) (BernCo.gov, 2022). According to BernCo, residents are required to “be aware that weed growth on their own properties and along roads next to their properties needs to be maintained.” I think in this context, “maintained” means controlled. BernCo explicitly states that using glyphosate to chemically remove any plant is banned. The procedure described in the August GRIT for mechanically removing tumbleweeds that have turned brown and gone to seed should be followed. Generally, BernCo apparently defers to the State (NMSU) for guidance on invasive species. Oddly, tumbleweed/Russian thistle is not officially listed in “Noxious and Troublesome Weeds of New Mexico” (L. Beck, NMSU, and J. Wanstall, NMDA, 2021), from what I can tell. Certainly, the USDA recognizes the tumbleweed as an invasive species (“Prickly Russian Thistle: Classification and Related Species in South Dakota and the United States,” 2022), and Canada recognizes it as a noxious weed (“Noxious Weeds Profile—Russian Thistle, 2022, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, omafra.gov.on.ca).

Tumbleweed/Russian thistle is not listed in “Foothills Flowers of the Sandia Mountains” (A. L. Pregonzer, 2017), nor in “Sandia Mountains Natural History Center—A Field Guide to the SMNHC” (2012), nor mentioned by Plants of the Southwest either in their brochure (2022) or on their website (PlantsOfTheSouthwest.com), because they specialize only in truly native species. Tumbleweed is not mentioned in “Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains” (R. Julyan and M. Stuever, eds., 2005), which generally includes the Foothills above about 6,000 feet. In short, the Tumbleweed is not native to the American West, and it is an invader in Sandia Heights and should be removed from our properties using mechanical means, preferably by pulling them out by the root when they are small and certainly before they grow and go to seed in the fall.



Close up of the main stalk and stems of a young tumbleweed, showing the green and purple striping that helps to identify the plant. This striping is often seen on fully mature plants, too.



Numerous small tumbleweeds are growing on this property close to the road in an area of disturbed soil.



Very small tumbleweeds growing along the side of the road, where soils can get easily disturbed.



Medium-sized tumbleweeds grow along this road intersection. Not shown in this article are some yards that contain numerous large—up to 4 feet in diameter—tumbleweeds.

## JULY 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 (505) 856-6347, **mobile** (505) 263-4654.

July 2022	# of calls	# of calls	# of calls
Alarms	26	Pet Nuisance	1
Customer Assist	2	Special Extra Patrol	1
Customer Inquiry	2	Special Request/Vacation	99
Fire/Smoke	2	Suspicious Activity	7
Fireworks Complaint	4	Suspicious Person	2
Lost/Found Item	2	Suspicious Vehicle	11
Lost/Found Pet	1	Theft	0
Neighbor Dispute	2	Utility co. Assist	2
Newspaper/Package Pickup	15	Welfare Check	1
Parking Problem	2		
		<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>182</b>

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### Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.
- **Notary services (Tues–Thurs, by appointment), copies (20 per month), and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are free to members. **Also, voter registration in office.**
- **Committee meeting dates** are posted on our website calendar: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://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. \$2.50 per vest for members, cash or check only.
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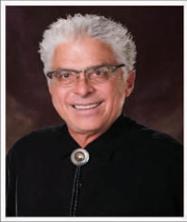
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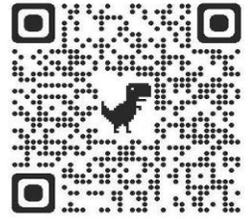


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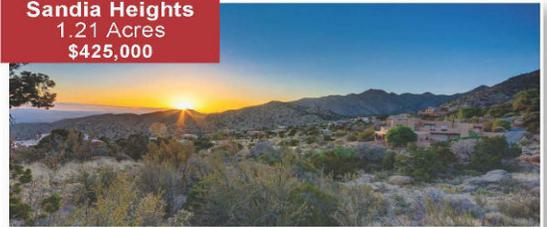
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Market Stats

**Closed Sales**  
55  
-38% from 2021

**Average Sale Price**  
\$701,063  
+ 16% from 2021

**Total New Listings**  
76  
-20% from 2021

**Avg Price per sq.ft.**  
\$266.36

*Year to date comparison 1/1/2022 - 8/17/2022 to same time period in 2021*

*listed single family homes*

## Impact of the Shifting Market on Home Values

We are seeing the market begin to soften with fewer multiple offer scenarios, fewer homes selling above asking price and an increase in the supply of homes for sale which has created new opportunities for home buyers. Inventory is still low and home values continue to rise. Home sales in Sandia Heights remain strong compared to this same time last year. Most economists agree that home values will continue at a modest upward trajectory.

*“The Market Shift has opened up new opportunities for home buyers”*

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# Hummingbirds

By Susan McCasland, GRIT editor

I think we all love to see hummingbirds in our yards. New Mexico is blessed with 17 species of these tiny dynamos. Some are only rare visitors, but there are four you are likely to see in Sandia Heights, and in early September all four species are here.

The first arrivals about late April are the Black-chinned and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds. The Black-chinned males have greenish backs and black chins and throats with an iridescent purple stripe; females have a green back and grey chest and belly. The Broad-tailed males have a bright pink or red throat and females have a dark-spotted throat. Both have iridescent green backs. Also, the Broad-tailed male hummers are loud when they fly, producing a metallic buzz! They produce this sound as air passes rapidly through the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> primary wing feathers.

Around the Fourth of July, the Rufous Hummingbirds start arriving. These are the easiest to spot. Males have rust-colored feathers and bright orange throat patches. Females have rust or greenish feathers. Males are quite aggressive defending feeding territories. Last in, towards late July or August, is the tiny Calliope Hummingbird. Males have red streaks on their throats and generally green backs. The females have green backs and an off-white chest and belly.

There are many flowers you can plant to attract hummingbirds. You can also set up a feeder, though be aware that bears also like hummingbird food, so bring your feeders in at night. It is easy to make your own hummingbird food. Simply mix 3 to 4 parts water to one part white granulated sugar. Heat it slightly in the microwave and stir so that the sugar goes into solution. **DO NOT USE RED FOOD COLORING** as this can be harmful to the hummers. The red on the feeder is sufficient to attract them. Thoroughly clean the feeder once a week or so.

Fun facts: a hummer's heart rate is around 1200 beats per minute and they take about 250 breaths per minute! They are the only bird that can fly backwards and their wings move in a figure 8. They are only found in the Western Hemisphere. They are migratory and the ones we see in our neighborhood mostly winter in Mexico and Central America. The Rufous goes as far north as Alaska and northern Canada to nest. The smallest hummingbird—indeed, the smallest bird—is the Bee Hummingbird found only in Cuba. They weigh less than two grams—less than a dime. That's half the weight of our backyard hummers.



Black-chinned male



female



Broad-tailed male



female



Rufous male



male



female



Calliope male



female



Bee Hummingbird male

## ACC Activity Log

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

24 Sandia Heights Drive – Roof Repair
34 Cedar Hill Place – Replace gravel driveway with asphalt and add portable basketball goal to driveway
43 Rock Ridge Drive – Railing, Fencing and Gates Installation
114 Whitetail Road – Landscaping
336 White Oaks Drive – Replace Evaporative Cooler with Refrigerated Air Unit
540 Black Bear Road – Landscaping
615 Cedar Hill Road – Construction of Retaining Wall
615 Cedar Hill Road – Security Door and Inserts Installation
727-9 Cedar Hill Lane – Replace Evaporative Cooler with Combo Unit
917 Tramway Lane – Two Pergolas and Gate Installation
917 Tramway Lane – Repair and Color Coat Stucco
960 Antelope Avenue – Reroof
1038 Tramway Lane – Aerial Dance Swing
1046 Red Oaks Loop – Ramp and Sidewalk Installation
1046 Red Oaks Loop – Add a ramp sidewalk for access to shaded patio
1051 Red Oaks Loop – Replace Wooden Gate, Windows, Slats and Shutters with wrought iron
1104 San Rafael Avenue- Re-Stucco
1141 Marigold Drive – Replace Wooden Fence
1148 Marigold Drive – Pergola Installation
1234 Golden Rod Drive – Re-stucco House and Wall
1568 Eagle Ridge Drive – Replace Roof-Mounted HVAC Units
1838 Tramway Terrace Loop – Replace Garage Door
1872 San Bernardino Avenue – Patio Cover Installation
2169 Black Willow Drive – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
2422 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace Gates
2446 Tramway Terrace Court – Repaint Stucco
2815 Tramway Circle – Repairs to Exterior Wall and Parapets

540 Black Bear Loop – Landscaping
7732 Cedar Canyon Road – Replace Glass Block Window with Cement Window
9114 Lynx Loop – Playset Installation
12625 Colony Place – Reroof Back Porch
12713 Carmel Court – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation

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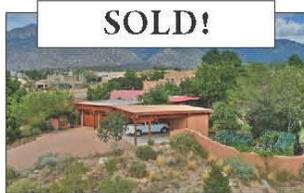
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Albuquerque Water Utility Authority website excerpt

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- **Xeriscaping Saves Money.** Reducing water use can lower your water bill. Xeriscaping can also reduce maintenance costs and increase the beauty and value of your property.

Yes, desert-friendly landscapes save water, require less maintenance, and are more appropriate for our increasingly arid climate. You can find a free guide to the fundamentals of xeriscape at

<https://www.landscapingnetwork.com/landscape-design/xeriscape.html>



## Sandia Heights Artists Studio Tour

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandia Heights Artists Studio Tour will take place September 17–18, from 10 AM–5 PM each day. A record number of resident artists have joined Sandia Heights Artists (SHA) and the increase in types of artistic works has also burgeoned. In 2022, SHA has painters of all genres, jewelers, fiber artists, glass artists, woodworkers, featuring metal sculpture, ceramics, photography, gourds, baskets, handmade books, and even fine musical instruments. Most of the tour stops offer outdoor as well as indoor displays.

Every year, SHA selects a local charity to support during the tour. This year, the group voted to support La Mesa Academy, an after-school arts program for both visual and performing arts, located in the International District of Albuquerque. During the past two years, SHA with your generous help, has donated \$4,177.35 to the La Mesa program.

For detailed information on the artists exhibiting, types of works, and locations of tour stops, visit <https://www.sandiaheightsartists.com/home>. To RSVP for the Preview Night on September 15, visit <https://sandiaheightsartists.com/events/>.

All artists hope to see you during the Tour weekend.



Scott McIndoo

Tiffany Carder

Michele McMillan



Collin Delker

## Monthly Fun Fact

Around 1,000 official reports of UFOs are made each year in New Mexico.



## 2023 SHHA Residents' Guide & Directory Deadline

Please check your alphabetical and numerical listings in the 2022 *Residents' Guide and Directory*. Let the SHHA office know if you want any changes. If you do not wish your name and/or phone number 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, October 28, 2022**, in order to be included in the 2023 *Residents' Guide and Directory*.

### Sandia Heights Community Event: Tramway Trash Cleanup

Got a couple of hours to help beautify our community? Let's pick up some trash! SHHA invites all homeowners to join us on Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We'll remove litter along Tramway Blvd's east and west



rights-of-way and the median between Simms Road and Paseo del Norte. Meet us at 9:30 AM sharp at the SHHA Office parking lot (Sandia Heights Village, 12700 San Rafael Avenue). Please come out and join your neighbors for a worthy cause!

### Letter to the Editor Read Your Covenants

I recommend reviewing the covenants in your Sandia Heights Subdivision. Recently, we had a realtor sell a home to an investment company. The company had intentions of turning the property into an Airbnb. Once we found out about this, we contacted the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. It turned out the covenants were written in 1986 and allowed for short term rentals. However, we were able to amend the covenants to restrict rentals to no less than six months. Our subdivision voted 24 to amend and 3 to not amend.

I bring this to your attention, since it's easier to be pro-active than reactive. Airbnbs are trying to set up in Sandia Heights. This could become an issue in your subdivision. Please review your covenants and make any amendments you feel necessary to preserve our beautiful way of life in Sandia Heights.

Thank you, Mike Carson, Subdivision Unit 27C.

## Please Do Not Feed Wildlife

The SHHA office has received reports that some residents are putting out table scraps, corn and other food for our wildlife neighbors. Please don't. They are not pets. They are wild animals and should forage like wild



animals. Feeding them makes them look for more food in our yards and trashcans. Feeding wild animals creates a nuisance and a very real danger. We have deer, bobcats, coyotes bears and mountain lions. We, our children, and our pets are all safer, and we have an easier time maintaining our landscaping, if these animals are not count-

ing on us for their next meal. Deer may only eat your garden. But bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions and great horned owls have been known to eat pets. And if you inadvertently get between a mama bear and her cub, you'll quickly learn why we don't want bears cruising the roads looking for trashcans to plunder.

Also, you may think you are just feeding quail or rabbits, but the larger animals are happy eating the corn and seeds as well.

And if you need one more reason to refrain from feeding the wildlife, it is against New Mexico State law. For a first offense, a game warden will issue a warning; if you continue to feed, you will be issued a citation. The result is a court hearing, with consequences of a \$500 fine and/or jail time.

### Keep Sandia Heights Looking Good

We need all of our residents' help in keeping our community looking its best. Please do your part and remember to

- Pick up after you pet and dispose of the waste properly.
- Pick up litter you notice in the community and dispose of it. (And join our litter brigade beautifying Tramway on October 1—see above.)
- Make sure household trash is secured and disposed of properly, including not putting trashcans out until the day of pick up (see wildlife the article above).
- Pull up and discard noxious weeds.

Thank you for taking pride in the appearance of our community. Your cooperation is appreciated!!

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ELENA GALLEGOS LAND GRANT - PART 1 OF 2

Submitted by a Sandia Heights Resident

In 1695, a Spanish colonial-militia captain named Don Diego Montoya was awarded a large grant of unpopulated land located at the western base of the Sandia Mountains by Don Diego De Vargas, the governor of New Mexico. This was given in compensation for Montoya's services in helping to reclaim "Spanish lands" from the Pueblo peoples during the reconquest of New Mexico (1692-1694), which followed the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. The land grant included more than 50,000 acres, spanning roughly 20 miles from the crest of the Sandia Mountains westward to the Rio Grande and from what is now Comanche Road northward 10 miles to the southern boundary of the Sandia Pueblo, an area encompassing most of present-day North Valley, Northeast Albuquerque, and the foothill suburbs.

During the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, a young girl named Elena Gallegos and her family fled what would later become Albuquerque for the safety of El Paso in the south. Following the reconquest, the Gallegos family returned to the Albuquerque area in the 1690s. In 1699, at age 19, Elena married a young, French-born and newly-arrived settler of Spanish New Mexico named Jacques Gurule.

Sometime after returning to New Mexico, Elena Gallegos-Gurule and her family developed an acquaintance with Don Diego Montoya, who was their neighbor and distantly related by marriage. A few years later, Jacques died, leaving Elena a widow with a young son. There are no documentary records about their relationship, but something apparently happened to provide incentive for Don Diego to leave her title to 35,084 acres of his land grant when he died in 1712. In that era, it was remarkable that such a vast tract of land was left to an unrelated woman while male heirs were still alive (Diego Montoya had five grown sons and daughters as potential heirs). This statement of his devotion to Elena, despite the existence of Diego's five living children, allowed the major portion of the grant to pass into the young widow's possession, thus attaching her maiden name to the land.

Elena owned and lived on this extensive tract of high desert grasslands until her death sometime around 1731, when the land passed to her descendants in the Gurule family. The land grant was officially known as the Elena Gallegos Land Grant, recognized thereafter by both Spanish and Mexican governments, and eventually by the American territorial government in accordance with the provisions of the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. After a lengthy legal battle, the U.S. Court of Private Land Claims reaffirmed the property as the "Elena Gallegos Land Grant" in 1892, following the recommendation made in 1889 by New Mexico's Surveyor General, George Washington Julian. (To be continued next issue).

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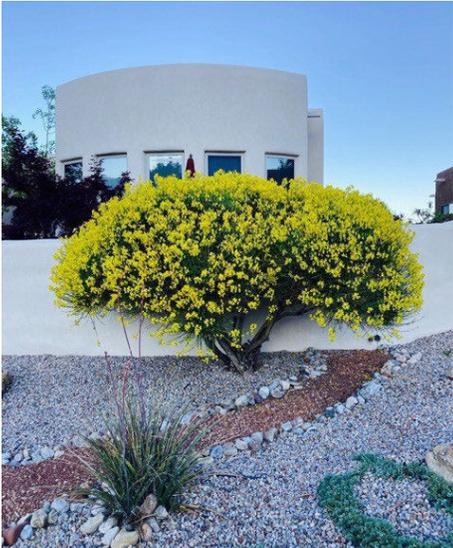
## Some Submissions to the 2022 *Directory* Photo Contest



Michael Avery



Kirk Conrad



Travis Rich



Victoria Pennamen



Connie Welty



Susan McCasland



Diane Dekker



Ted Kring

Send in your great photos of Sandia Heights now for the 2023 *Residents' Guide and Directory* cover competition. Submission guidelines are given on page 15.

## Community Events Bulletin Board

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

**Sandia Heights Artists:** DON'T FORGET!! The Sandia Heights Artists will be delighted to greet you at the Preview Night, Thursday September 15, 5–7PM at the Tramway Plaza just off the North end of Tennyson. Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18, the Sandia Heights Art Tour will have fifteen stops for viewing artwork between 10AM to 5PM. The following artists will be delighted to discuss their work with you.

Carol Erickson (books, journals); Tiffaney Carder (paintings); Judy Rose (jewelry, paintings) Charlotte Driver (ceramics); and Lynda Burch (collage art). Maps are available.

**Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity:** We are happy to announce that Cork & Fork has resumed our 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 2 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](mailto:rene.kessel@cblegacy.com).

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



**Photo contest.** It's time to submit photos for the annual photo contest. The winning photo will be on the cover of the 2023 *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 p. 14. Submission deadline is November 4.

Submission criteria are as follows:

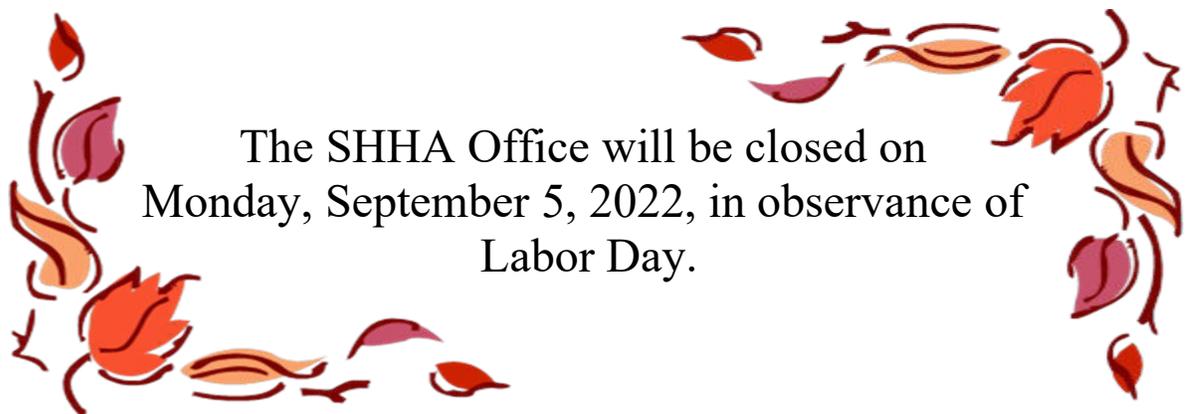
- You must be a member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and you must be an amateur photographer.
- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2022 and earlier *Directories*, also p. 14).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color and may be submitted digitally to [shha@sandiahomeowners.org](mailto: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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The SHHA Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of  
Labor Day.