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Coronavirus/COVID-19

This GRIT is being written in mid-March. By the time you receive it in early April, there will no doubt be much that has happened and that we can't yet predict. "Social distancing" is the word of the day. To that end, in March the SHHA trash pickup, Crime Risk Management Seminar and Cork & Fork dinner were cancelled. The tram and Ten3 Restaurant closed. In April, the Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled (see Coldwell Banker ad for details). Please try to stay home as much as possible (fortunately we have lovely homes to stay in). When you must go out, avoid touching hard surfaces such as door handles, elevator buttons, escalator rails, chair arms unless you disinfect them first. Wash your hands frequently.

Can't find sanitizing wipes at the store? Here's an effective and easy way to carry some with you. Go to your rag bin and get a clean undershirt or something similar, preferably cotton. Cut it into roughly 4"x 4" squares. Fold the squares and put them in a snack-size, sealable plastic bag. Now pour in just enough bleach to dampen the cloth squares. You now have effective, disposable disinfectant wipes to take with you. Just be careful not to get bleach on colored fabric and limit skin contact.

Census Reminder

By now you should have received one or possibly more census letters in the mail. You can complete the census on-line, by telephone, by mail, or by waiting for a census taker to visit your home because they haven't heard from you. With coronavirus among us, please promptly use one of the first three, remote response methods. It only takes about 10 minutes.

And please respond, as having an accurate count is very important. Voting districts are reapportioned based on the count which is vital to ensure citizens are properly represented, states receive federal funds based on population counts, and it's required in the Constitution that our citizens be counted every 10 years. Be a responsible citizen—be counted.

Welcome, Jennifer

Jennifer Craft joined Betsy Rodriguez in the SHHA office in February. She was raised in Houston, TX, and lived there for 22 years before moving to Roswell. There she worked for Bell Gas Inc/Cortez Gas Co. After 18 years in Roswell, she moved to Albuquerque for the job opportunities. Jennifer says, "I am very excited to have found an employment home at Sandia Heights Homeowners Association." If you're in the SHHA office, please say "hi" to Jennifer—from a distance, of course. Maybe an elbow bump.

Questions from the Annual Meeting

Residents raised several questions in the membership participation portion of the SHHA Annual Meeting in February. Here are some answers.

“Operating expenses constitutes more than half of the total expenses on the Income Statement. What is included under Operating Expense?” Answered by Cheryl Iverson, SHHA Treasurer. That’s a great question. Operating Expense includes the following: phone & internet, copier lease, utilities, office lease, office staff salaries, postage, mileage, office security upgrades, and office supplies.

Parks & Safety Committee chair Travis Rich received a number of questions that fit into three general areas. Here are his responses to those areas:

1. Infrastructure repair and normal wear and tear has left some of our roads in need of maintenance and/or repair. A list of some of these sites is being assembled, location identified, and this info will be shared with the proper authorities and/or agencies to assist them in establishing road-repair priorities. Sandia Heights Services is responsible for the infrastructure and Bernalillo County is responsible for roads. If you wish to report an issue for the list, send it to the SHHA office staff (attention Parks & Safety) with the following info: street name, nearest street address, and nature of needed repair (e.g., pot hole, 3-inch-wide crack, etc.).

2. SHHA has entered into an “Adopt-A-Highway” agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation for trash pickup along Tramway. Our assigned section of NM 556 (Tramway) is between mile-markers 8 and 9, roughly from Paseo del Norte, south to Simms Park Road. Because of the popularity of the Balloon Fiesta and the vast number of visitors to our community during the event, we arbitrarily choose a date immediately preceding that event and then approximately 6 months later to achieve our 2x-per-year commitment. Other community groups are responsible for other parts of NM 556. Trash cleanup of individual streets inside residential areas is and should be the responsibility of those residents.

3. Some have asked about installing “speed bumps” for the purpose of speed containment. We’ve learned two lessons about these: first was that apparently the proper word for these is “traffic calming devices”; we do not have speed bumps! And second is that a resident on that road—not the HOA—must request a study of the need. Contact Bernco Division of Public Works, (505) 848-1500.

Responsibilities of the SHHA

Woody Farber, the SHHA President, presented a list of the actions and activities that are the responsibility of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. As a follow-up, he also showed the things the SHHA can’t do, with the appropriate agency to contact for that activity. Here are those useful lists.

What SHHA Does

- Approves new construction and changes to existing structures to ensure compliance with covenants
- Investigates and acts on complaints of covenant violations
- Provides governance and financial management of the non-profit HOA
- Publishes monthly *GRIT* newsletter, yearly *Directory and Residents Guide*, and SHHA website
- Provides notary service and voter registration
- Maintains books of contractor reviews
- Informs residents of discounts available at participating merchants
- Sends email alerts on road blockages, *GRIT* availability, etc.
- Partners with local business to provide activities for residents
- Provides residents 8 deeply discounted tram tickets per day

What SHHA Doesn’t Do—and who does it

- Bernalillo County (Bernco)
 - Maintains roads, road margins, road signage, etc.
 - Including snow removal
 - Maintains traffic calming devices, i.e., speed bumps
 - Responds to complaints of barking, loose or dangerous dogs
- Bernco Sheriff and/or Sandia Heights Security
 - Responds to actual or suspected criminal activity
 - Including tagging and graffiti
 - Investigates home alarms
 - Responds to traffic accidents
 - Patrols neighborhoods
- Sandia Heights Services
 - Provides water utility
 - Provides sanitation, i.e. trash, recyclables pick-up
- Sandia Heights membership
 - Revises or changes covenants



Invasive Trees in Sandia Heights Covenant Support Committee

There is a growing awareness in Sandia Heights that trees as they grow, proliferate, and mature, are causing a gradual loss of our valley and mountain views, contributing to mounting water usage and septic system maintenance costs, and decreasing our property values. It is important that homeowners know what trees should be considered weeds in Sandia Heights and how they can be controlled.

According to Mr. Joran Viers, past horticulturalist for the Bernalillo County Extension Service, *Tree of Heaven* and *Siberian Elm* should be considered weeds in Sandia Heights. Siberian elms are considered the greater present threat.

Siberian Elm

According to Baker H. Morrow, *Best Plants for New Mexico Gardens & Landscapes*, Siberian elm is “almost supernaturally hardy; thrives in any soil with little or no water and is not affected by heat or cold.” It “can grow to 80 feet in height, with a 50-foot crown” and “reseeds itself profusely in early spring.”

The USDA has determined that Siberian elm is sufficiently invasive, damaging, and difficult to control to be deemed a noxious weed. Because it is widespread in New Mexico, it is classified by the NM Dept of Agriculture as a Class C noxious weed.

Our covenants restrict houses to 2 stories or less in order to be in harmony with the surroundings and so as not to create an undue obstruction of views. At present, a few Siberian elms already tower over 2-story houses and there are hundreds, soon to be thousands, of Siberian elm saplings rapidly growing to join them. It would be prudent for all of us to be aware of this condition and to consider effective actions to control this growing threat to our views and quality of life. Mr. Viers advises that when removing Siberian elm, the trunk should be cut as close to the ground as possible and the stump treated with an herbicide. (Untreated stumps and roots will sprout new saplings.) He recommends the use of Garlon-4 to treat the stump. The threat constituted by the proliferation of Siberian elm is one of the very few instances he believes where the use of an herbicide is justified. Garlon-4 can be purchased online and applied to the freshly cut stump at any time during the year. A less expensive alternative is sold under the name of the active ingredient, Triclopyr4.

The Siberian Elm invasion in Sandia Heights in many ways is comparable with the Salt Cedar invasion of the

Rio Grande Bosque. The salt cedar invasion was allowed to continue far too long. It is now costing enormous amounts of money and effort to rid the Bosque of this weed. If you have Siberian Elm seedlings on your property it would be a lot easier to remove them now rather than deal with them later after they have become very large trees.

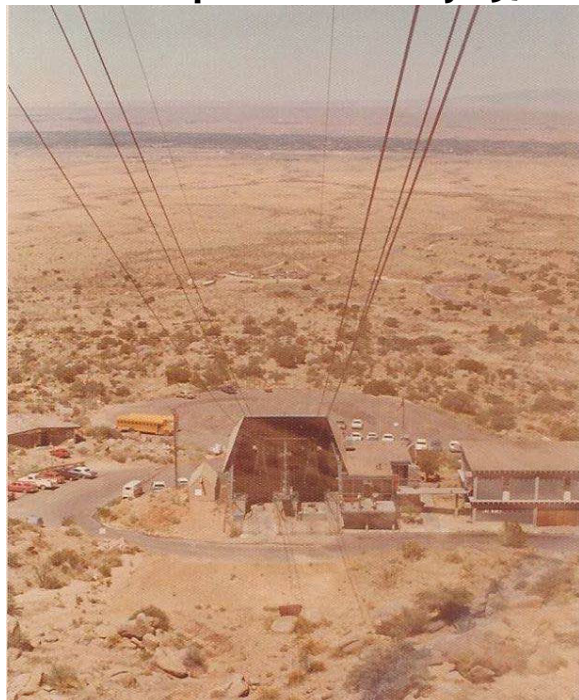


Siberian Elm Leaf



Siberian Elm 2-3 Years Old

Tram Departure — July 1972



FEBRUARY CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

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

FEBRUARY 2020	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	14	Special Request/Vacation	103
Customer Assist	1	Suspicious Person	1
Motorist Assist	1	Suspicious Vehicle	8
Newspaper/Package Pickup	2	Threat/ Personal	2
Noise Complaint/ Suspicious Noise	1	Utility Co. Assist	0
Open Door/Window/Garage	3	Vehicle Burglary/ Break In	1
Parking Problem	2	Welfare Check	1
Pet Nuisance	1	Wildlife Report	1
Special Extra Patrol	3	Total Calls	145

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

Announcements & Notices:

- **Office hours:** Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** The Board will not meet in April.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** None for April.
- **Notary services, copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are free to members.
- **Committee meeting dates** are posted on our website calendar: www.sandiahomeowners.org.
- **Classified ads** can be found on the website on the top bar menu under Notices and Information/Classifieds.
- **Safety vests for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$2 per vest for members. Cash or check only.
- **Tram passes for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$7 per ticket for members on a **first-come first-served basis**. Cash or check only. Tickets purchased must be for one date at a time per residence. To view the Tram Pass Procedures for SHHA Members go to <http://sandiahomeowners.org/notices-and-information/notices-and-information/96-tram-passes>.

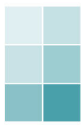
- **ACC Color Reference Guide** is available to borrow in the SHHA Office for up to 30 days. \$20 refundable deposit is required. Cash or check only.



SHHA Member Benefits:

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

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SANDIA HEIGHTS EGG HUNT

In an effort to help keep our community safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, we have cancelled this year's Community Egg Hunt... but, we will have the Easter Bunny out delivering baskets filled with treats for the children to enjoy. So be sure to send an email with your details noted and include your address. The baskets will be dropped off on April 11th!

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2006 was the "peak of the Real Estate Market" in Sandia Heights (and Albuquerque), before the "Great Recession of 2008" (which actually started in the last half of 2007 in our area). This market has a lot of similarities, as far as low inventory of homes for sale, and homes selling quickly and for "top dollar" (and sometimes multiple offers). I'm not saying that we 'll be having a "correction" soon, because we didn't "overbuild" as we did in 2006, there are still people moving into the area, and interest rates are at an all-time low. But, have you seen what the Stock Market is doing? Have you seen oil prices drop? Do you think interest rates will be at 3% forever? The Real Estate Market will correct... it always does. When and how much is the "Big Unknown".

Sandia Heights 2019 Sold & Closed (Estate Lots)

Listing Count: 66	<u>Averages:</u>					
Sqft: 3,435	\$/Sqft: 192.93	DOM: 48	L-Price: \$682,303	S-Price: \$662,779	%LP/%SP: 97.46	
	<u>Price:</u>					
	High: \$1,400,000	Low: \$386,000	Median: \$595,000			

Sandia Heights 2019 Sold & Closed (Smaller Lots)

Listing Count: 49	<u>Averages:</u>					
Sqft: 1,920	\$/Sqft: 195.11	DOM: 37	L-Price: \$343,329	S-Price: \$337,292	%LP/%SP: 98.16	
	<u>Price:</u>					
	High: \$660,000	Low: \$186,900	Median: \$342,000			

Sandia Heights 2006 Sold & Closed (Estate Lots)

Listing Count: 38	<u>Averages:</u>					
Sqft: 3,413	\$/Sqft: 202.25	DOM: 44	L-Price: \$685,254	S-Price: \$664,834	%LP/%SP: 97.45	
	<u>Price:</u>					
	High: \$1,100,000	Low: \$365,690	Median: \$617,500			

Sandia Heights 2006 Sold & Closed (Smaller Lots)

Listing Count: 54	<u>Averages:</u>					
Sqft: 1,914	\$/Sqft: 173.61	DOM: 22	L-Price: \$336,963	S-Price: \$333,099	%LP/\$SP: 98.84	
	<u>Price:</u>					
	High: \$525,000	Low: \$170,000	Median: \$337,500			

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Dog Poop Trivia

Just a friendly reminder—please pick up your pet’s waste as a common courtesy to your neighbors. Dog poop is not a natural part of the environment. In addition to being unsightly, runoff from dog waste can impact water quality.

A rough estimate is there are 1000+ dogs living in Sandia Heights. That would be about one dog in 50% of the homes. An online article estimates the average dog produces about ½ pound of poop per day or about 3.5 pounds per week. For our neighborhood, that translates into nearly 2 tons of dog waste per week! Even if this overestimates the number of dogs in Sandia Heights, cut it in half, and we are still handling tons of poop! So, please pick up after your dog!

Dogs Should Be Leashed—Here’s Why Sandia Heights Resident

I have put off writing this letter for months for fear of ostracizing friends and neighbors, but after the altercation that took place in Jackson Park (Cedar Hill and Tramway) on the morning of January 24th, I can no longer stay silent. I walked down the hill with my leashed dogs and was immediately approached by two little out-of-control dogs that went right for my leashed animals. When I told the couple to put their dogs on a leash, they called me a “F’ing B@#\$%” and to F off and mind my own business. I told them this was NOT a dog park and was immediately told that they did not have to follow the rules as the male has “a Ph.D.” and is exempt.

Most of the dogs at Jackson Park are very friendly and the owners just want to exercise them, but I did not create the rules, I only try to enforce them. Bernalillo County ordinance states that all dogs must be on a leash and all fecal matter picked up and disposed of properly. Jackson, Little Cloud and Primrose parks ARE NOT DOG PARKS!!!!!! If you want your dog to have total freedom, please go to the dog park on Montgomery just east of Tramway behind the Police Substation or the one on Paseo and Wyoming. They can run free there legally.

We have had two serious injuries at Jackson Park as a result of loose dogs. One was a lower leg fracture that resulted in surgery and 8 weeks of complete non-weight bearing and one was caused by a person being pulled into a pole and having their front teeth knocked out. This was not a malicious attack as most dogs are super friendly, but when they get together unleashed and pack mentality takes over, it can be very dangerous.

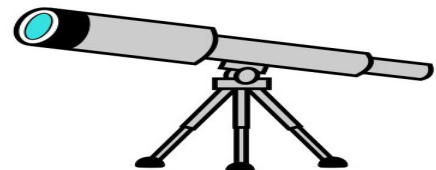
I love living in the Heights and my neighbors, for the most part, are great—but this has to stop. I know of several people who no longer go to Jackson Park for the simple reason that their small dogs are afraid of the bigger, loose animals. PLEASE, keep your dogs leashed and pick up poop. If this does not work for you, go to a dog park.

Outdoor Lighting Joint SHHA/SHS Statement

Among many pleasures of living in Sandia Heights are the dark skies which allow stargazing, watching the moon rise over the mountains, and enjoying the distant sparkling city lights of Albuquerque. This was a quality-of-life issue for the original developers of Sandia Heights and these activities are possible today, 50 years later, in large part because of regulations in our Sandia Heights Unit Covenants that apply to light pollution.

Today, some of our residents are “lighting up” the outside of their properties to enhance security. The Sandia Heights Unit Covenants do not address security-related issues such as alarms, outdoor cameras, outdoor lighting, and other methods intended to deter home invasions. The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) and Sandia Heights Security (SHS) have jointly agreed that taking measures to secure one’s home is important, so long as these measures are within the bounds of the Unit Covenants. “Lighting up” is not necessarily the best deterrent. As recently determined by analyses of national crime statistics, most home burglaries occur during the day and alarms, cameras, dogs, and having a TV or radio turned on can be effective deterrents. SHHA asks all residents to be aware of and follow Unit Covenants and [the Bernalillo County Ordinance for Light Pollution](#). The County ordinance for North Albuquerque Acres and Sandia Heights is quite restrictive, and the County takes enforcement seriously.

When planning to install or replace outdoor lighting, also consider the impact on your neighbors. Will the lights shine into their windows? A little consideration can prevent a complaint to SHHA and/or Bernalillo County. We have a beautiful and unique neighborhood, and we work to ensure that we continue to minimize impact on our natural environment including our lovely dark skies.



ACC Activity Log

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

39 Rock Ridge Drive – Replace Windows and Door
79 Juniper Hill Place – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panel Installation
99 Juniper Hill Place – Reroof
239 Spring Creek Court – Reroof with Tan TPO
336 White Oaks Drive – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Solar Installation
329 Paint Brush Drive – Room Addition
454 Live Oak Road – Addition/Remodel
538 Black Bear Road – Installation of Driveway and Landscaping
638 Cougar Place – Fence Installation
955 Antelope Avenue – Window Replacement
957 Antelope Avenue – Paint Stucco and Trim
1102 Marigold Drive – Replace Window and Repair Stucco
1145 Marigold Drive – Wooden Fence Installation
1150 Marigold Drive – Re-Stucco
1183 Laurel Loop – Window Replacement
1199 Bobcat Blvd. – Landscaping and Replace Outdoor Light Fixtures
1223 Rockrose Road – Paint Stucco, Wood Fence, Gates, and Reroof
1412 Bluebell Place – Landscaping
1454 Honeysuckle Drive – Reroof
1569 Eagle Ridge Court – Landscaping
1721 Quail Run Court – Hot Tub Platform
2753 Wolfberry Place – Reroof
8212 Indigo Court – Raise Block Wall
9100 Lynx Loop – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panel Installation
9100 Lynx Loop – Garage Addition with Deck
9512 Ridge Vista Drive – Landscaping Backyard

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

A Review of the ACC's Neighborhood Review Process

By Bob Bower, ACC Chair

I feel that it's necessary to periodically revisit the ACC's Neighborhood Review (NR) process since use of the NR is an integral part of how the ACC evaluates projects, particularly those involving large construction efforts.

Our covenants place the authority to evaluate project applications with the ACC. The ACC uses the NR as a courtesy to the community as part of its evaluation process. The NRs are used primarily for informing neighbors of a proposed project in their immediate vicinity. After the ACC determines that a proposed project is in compliance with applicable covenants, it is then ready to consider approval of the project. Prior to the approval, a decision may be made to conduct a NR. This decision is made when the ACC feels that the project may have an impact on views and on the overall harmony within the neighborhood.

Once the ACC decides that a NR is appropriate for a project, the following steps occur:

1. A notification letter is sent to nearby neighbors. The letter describes the project and advises addressees that they have seven working days to visit the SHHA office to review the project plans and to respond in writing with comments. These plans normally consist of a plot plan (usually a property survey) showing the footprint of the project on the property, a basic floor plan, and exterior elevation drawings showing the proposed heights of the completed structure as viewed from different directions. Prior to reviewing the NR documents, NR addressees will be required to sign a form designed to protect the proprietary nature of the documents.

2. Once all comments are received, the ACC provides feedback on the project and works with the applicant to address comments that both parties feel could enhance the project from a neighborhood point of view.

3. If the ACC feels that comments expressed during the NR process indicate that there is general unease within the neighborhood, the ACC schedules a meeting to allow neighbors to meet with the ACC.

4. Once the ACC has received all comments from the NR and from any subsequent meetings, the ACC considers all of the comments before making a final decision on the project. Along with general conditions stated in all ACC approval letters, specific conditions stemming from relevant neighborhood comments will be incorporated, as appropriate, in the final approval letter.

The NR process is the product of many years of experience dealing with the community's need to continually build, update, and modify its residences. The ACC was

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Sandia Heights MARKET UPDATE PAST YEAR 4/2019 to 4/2020

Over 60 larger homes on large lots sold Average Price /sf around \$193.80/sf

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Community Event Bulletin Board

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

Sandia Heights Artists: Calling All Artists!! Plans are underway for our annual Sandia Heights Tour in September. If you have artistic talent you want to share with others – call Kathleen at (505) 822-0325. Our next meeting is April 6.

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

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established to provide overall guidance to property owners and to maintain control of the various architectural standards imposed by the covenants. In the beginning, there was no such “animal” as the NR and it soon became obvious that this sort of review process was important in order to consider the impact of a construction project from a neighborhood’s point of view. The ACC continues to strongly endorse the value of the NR as a key ingredient of its evaluation process and I encourage all recipients of a NR notification letter to review the relevant drawings and plans and to submit comments as appropriate. Don’t miss this opportunity and then regret that you failed to take the time to voice your concerns once the project has been approved and is underway.

Watch Out for Deer

We all love to see deer wandering through our high-desert landscape (though maybe not eating our landscaping!). As you no doubt have noticed yourself when suddenly realizing there is a deer that you hadn’t been able to see just a moment ago, they are well suited to camouflage here. This can be a hazard to drivers. In addition to our landscape, deer are in our driveways and streets. They are the same color as the background and are very hard to see, especially in low light. Drivers beware!



The Great American Game

By Todd Fielder, SHHA Member

As the days get longer and the temperature begins to warm, anticipation of the arrival of spring grows. For millions of children across the United States, that means the start of little-league baseball and softball.

For Sandia Heights, Altamont Little League is our assigned division, with leagues for tee-ball through to baseball and softball divisions. The focus is on fun and inclusion, with the added benefits of teamwork, friendly competition, and, of course, learning to play baseball or softball. In addition to weekly practices and games, there are other activities to foster childhood friendships that come with playing team sports. These include opening weekend festivities such as bounce houses and dunk tanks, outings to Isotopes Park, and team dinners under the stars in the baseball fields.

Perhaps best of all are the memories our children will carry with them the rest of their lives. I still remember as a little boy the excitement of showing up at the ballpark—my parents in the stands, friends in the dug-out, the coach on the field. Now, as a father and coach, I look forward to sharing experiences with my two young children, and hope they gain the same memories, friendship, teamwork, and love of baseball that I did.

Although it might be too late for spring league this year [ed., not to mention COVID-19], they also offer a fall league, and there is always next year. For information, visit <https://www.altamontll.org/>

Let’s Play Ball!



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Notice:

The SHHA Board of Directors and all Committees will not have any in-person meetings until at least April 30th in consideration of the Governor's recent Executive Order combatting the coronavirus pandemic.