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2023 SHHA Annual Meeting Announcement & Agenda

The Annual Meeting of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership will be on Saturday, February 25, 9:00–10:30 AM. It will be held in person at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson St NE.

Business Meeting

- I. Call to order and establishment of a quorum
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
- IV. Introduction of invited guests
- V. Introduction of the 2022 Board of Directors and SHHA Standing Committee Chairs
- VI. Election by membership of two new Directors to the Board (their biographies were in the December 2022 GRIT)
- VII. Announcement of 2023 Officers and Board of Directors
- VIII. Reports for 2022 to the membership by the Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons’ written reports (Questions from the members must be submitted in written form and will be answered, when possible, in the Question and Answer Session. Otherwise, they will be answered to the questioner and members after appropriate research.)
- IX. Business meeting adjourned

Break

Question and Answer Session

- I. Answers to written questions by appropriate Officer/Committee Chair
- II. Wrap-up
- III. Question and Answer Session ends

ANNUAL MEETING



What Do My HOA Fees Support?

Rick Thomson, Community Service & Membership

In my service on the Community Service and Membership Committee, I hear the question, “What do my membership fees support?” In light of the dues increase this month, you may be asking this, too.

First, a little personal background. We moved to Sandia Heights one year ago from a very urban setting in another state, literally surrounded by millions of people. As we searched for a home in Albuquerque, we fell in love with this area. We have been thrilled with the parade of wildlife routinely passing through our yard. We love how the homes blend into their natural setting. Visitors from elsewhere are astounded with the natural beauty in Sandia Heights. Serving on the Board and this Committee has given me an appreciation of what our very reasonable membership fees support.

It is easy to see what HOA fees support if you have security gates, golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, manicured paths, and such. In their own way, these neighborhoods are beautiful, too.

But to understand what our HOA fees support, you need to view through a different lens. Much of what we pay goes to support things that we do not see, which provides for that which we do see. SHHA committees work to maintain our environment and natural beauty. There are administrative and legal fees associated with the work of these committees. So, when you see the deer, bobcats, coyotes, roadrunners, quail, bears, and such routinely exploring your yard and the neighborhood, please understand that is part of what your membership fees support. When you see the limited walls and fences, that is what your fees support. When you see homes of subdued colors blending into the foothills, that is what your fees support. When you see minimal additional structures not blocking your or others’ views, that is what your fees support. So, much of what you do not see costs money. Bottom line: your HOA works to protect your property values!

In addition, there are discounted tram tickets, administrative services in the SHHA office, this monthly newsletter, and many other seemingly minor, outwardly visible benefits you may not even be taking advantage of. Yet still you benefit from them all.

If you look around and see the natural beauty and wildlife, if you see the lack of obtrusive structures, then please understand that is where your fees are going. And please join a committee to help contribute and be a part of all that is so great here!

2023 SHHA Annual Meeting Procedures of Conduct

- Please silence all cell phones during meeting.
- Questions of the Officers or Committee Chairs will be written, handed in to the Secretary, and each addressed according to the agenda.
- Before speaking, a member must be recognized by the Presiding Officer, please present yourself at a microphone to be recognized and state your name.
- Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

No Airbnb!

Covenant Support Committee

Big house, feeling lonely, want to meet new folks? There are many ways to satisfy this need, but doing an Airbnb-type room rental is not one of them. It is very tempting to rent out that unused bedroom in order to make extra money; however, your covenants do not permit this.

There are also concerns about maintaining security in your neighborhood as a short-term landlord. You are inviting transient renters into the area, which may pose a threat to your neighbors. The Sandia Heights Security Patrol, available by subscription, does a great job of patrolling and looking for unfamiliar cars in your area. But by doing short-term rentals, you make their job much more difficult.

If you have your home listed as a daily room rental, please immediately remove your listing. If your neighbor is involved in room rental, please file a covenant complaint so that we may investigate—your name will be kept confidential.



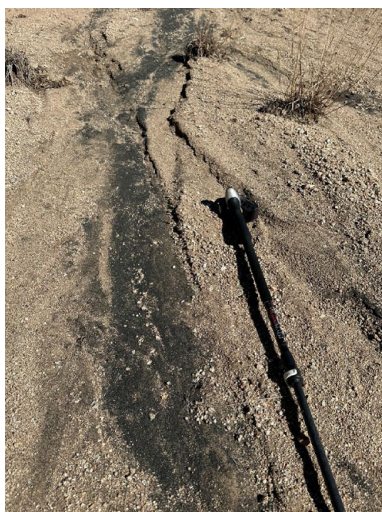
What's the Attraction?

Stan Davis, Covenant Support Committee member

Something geologically interesting happens at the western foot of the Sandia Mountains and if you hike or walk there, you have probably seen this phenomenon, though you may not have paid much attention to it. In fact, you have probably walked all over it. Have you ever noticed accumulations of sparkling, tiny black “silt” grains along the various trails and arroyos along the western side of the Sandias? If you “dab” the surface of the trail or arroyo with a magnet—any refrigerator magnet will do—the magnet will pick up and hold onto thousands of these grains. They are magnetite.

The origin of the magnetite is the Sandia Granite which has magnetite present in minute amounts. Magnetite is a type of iron oxide (Fe₃O₄) and is a common magnetic, iron-ore mineral in the Earth's crust. Erosion in the mountains causes pebble, sand, silt and smaller-sized grains to be washed downstream when it rains. High-energy streams weaken drastically beyond the mountain front as they enter the alluvial aprons and gentler arroyos. As streams weaken, heavier grains fall out first and lighter grains last. Magnetite grains are very fine and light; they often form noticeable ribbon-like accumulations along and on the surface of gentle portions of arroyos and even on hiking trails. This process is called “winnowing.” Much of the magnetite was deposited within the thick accumulation of alluvial sediments throughout the past millions of years. Heavy rains that result in small, short-lived streams help sift magnetite grains to the surface through winnowing.

Magnetite “ribbons” can be found all over the western side of the Sandias, such as along arroyos and trails in Elena Gallegos Open Space in our own backyard. If you are paying attention, you will find magnetite “ribbons” along many other trails, including Piedra Lisa, Pino, Embudito, Embudo, and others. But you won't find magnetite on the trails on the Madera limestone on the eastern side of the Sandias, for example, because magnetite is not present in the limestone.



A “ribbon” of magnetite in Domingo Baca Arroyo, uphill from Bobcat Blvd.

Local Sparrows

Mary Schmauss, Wild Birds Unlimited

Sparrow species are found throughout North America; New Mexico is fortunate to be home to a variety of them. Many people think of sparrows as drab birds; indeed sparrows are often called LBJs—little brown jobs. However, many have beautiful plumage. Take a moment and see what LBJs might be in your own backyard.

Here are a few that you can see right now in NM:

The **Dark-eyed Junco** is not often thought of as a sparrow, but it is in fact a member of the sparrow family. One of the most common birds in North America, it spends winter months in New Mexico and sports the nickname “snow bird.” Juncos are fairly easy to identify. This attractive sparrow is 6.25” long with a distinctive dark hood, a brownish back, white under-belly and a pale-pinkish short beak. Two sub-species of the Dark-eyed Junco that also winter in New Mexico include the Oregon and Pink-sided Junco. Each have a grayer hood



Pink-sided Junco

with rusty or pink flanks. Usually seen in flocks, Juncos prefer to forage for seeds on the ground. Juncos commonly visit bird feeders in winter. Juncos are early birds. I often see

them scooting on the ground below my bird feeder just before daybreak.

The White-crowned Sparrow is aptly named. It is perhaps the easiest sparrow to identify. This rather large sparrow is 7” long with a striking black and white striped head. It has a light brown back, gray breast and yellow-orange bill. Like many sparrows, it prefers to forage for seeds on the ground and will visit bird feeders searching for its favorite: black-oil sunflower seeds. The less-common White-throated Sparrow has similar markings. The notable distinction is its white throat and yellow lores (tiny feathers between eye and bill).

Widespread in New Mexico is the **Song Sparrow**. A 6.25” rusty-gray bird with bold breast streaks that converge to a central breast spot. Its fairly long tail is rounded and most noticeable when in flight. This sparrow is found in a variety of habitats. I usually see this sparrow in the Bosque along the Rio Grande. The Song Sparrow mainly forages for seeds on the ground. They form loose flocks in winter. Not a common visitor to backyard bird feeders, but will use bird baths.

NOVEMBER 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.

November 2022	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	13	Suspicious Activity	3
Customer Assist	1	Suspicious Person	1
Customer Inquiry	3	Suspicious Vehicle	1
Dump/Spilled Material	1	Theft	1
Lost/Found Item	1	Threat/Personal	0
Lost/Found Person	1	Utility co. Assist	0
Noise Complaint/Suspicious Noise	17	Welfare Check	1
Open Door/Window/Garage	3	Wildlife Report	1
Pet Nuisance	1		
Rescue Assist	1		
Special Request/Vacation	90	Total Calls	140

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 – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.
- **Board Meeting:** scheduled for January 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. 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.
- **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.
- **Tram passes for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$7.50 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>.




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Sharon's Sandia Heights Market Update Past Year 1/2022 to 12/2022

5 Larger homes For Sale on Larger Lots | Avg Asking price \$866,400 | Avg Asking price/sf \$222.58
7 Pending | Avg Asking Price \$1,058,500 | Avg Asking price/sf \$267.68
46 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$839,374 | Avg Sold price/sf. \$260.46

2 Smaller homes on smaller lots | Avg Asking price \$464,900 | Avg Asking price/sf \$245.27
3 home pending | Avg Asking Price \$ 398,000 | Avg Asking price/sf \$241.06
36 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$457,650 | Avg Sold price/sf \$256.19

Note Every Home Is Unique . Price is always based on condition, updates, market appeal, location and views.
Current Interest rates hovering around 5.875% for 30 year conventional & 5.5% 30 year VA!

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730 Tramway Lane NE

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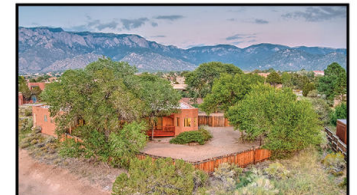
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Elena Gallegos Development Update

Kathleen McCaughey, Environment & Safety chair

Last month's article talked to the Elena Gallegos history, and how Elena Gallegos Open Space was established by a Purchase Agreement in 1982. The deed that was put in place is enforceable and "runs with the land." There were clear and concise Land Use Restrictions written into the deed. Regardless of the restrictive covenants that prohibit it, City of Albuquerque began planning this expansion project in early 2021. Minutes from the initial "Citizen Advisory Committee" meetings are available at <https://foothillseducationcenter.com/meetings/>. Sandia Heights was not represented, nor informed, during the planning stages of this project. In fact, the committee was made up of CABQ employees, Parks & Recreation (P&R) staff, a handful of P&R-aligned volunteers, and several representatives from Dekker/Perich/Sabitini, the firm that was hired to do the "Feasibility Study."

Intent of the Deed by the Original Signatories. To better understand the intent of the Deed at the time, an *ad hoc* member of the Environment & Safety Committee, Viki Teahan, recently spoke on the phone with the former Albuquerque Academy Board of Trustees President, Richard G. Elkins. Mr. Elkins presently resides in Florida. His signature, along with former ABQ Mayor Harry Kinney, are on the Land Deed signed in 1982. Both parties agreed to the terms of the deed and Elena Gallegos was purchased by the City of Albuquerque after taxpayers voted to raise taxes in order to buy the land! When speaking to Mr. Elkins about the city's current plan to ignore the Land Use Restrictions, he stated that "building in the Elena Gallegos Open Space would be against the spirit of the original transaction, which was to keep Elena Gallegos from being developed." Viki was grateful for the opportunity to clarify that original intent of the deed.

Unfortunately, there is presently less support of that original "spirit" of the deed by the City of Albuquerque, Parks & Recreation, and Open Space Division.

Get Involved. There is a group of concerned residents that have formed a nonprofit under the name Save Elena Gallegos. Information on the project is available on their web site www.saveelenagallegos.org. They are also gathering signatures on an online petition which can be found through their site. Everyone is urged to review the facts and history surrounding this situation while there is still time to be heard!

SH Tips and Hacks

Here are some things to check on monthly for both winter and (it'll be here sooner than you think) spring.

Monthly winter checks:

- Check for drafts. Cold air slipping in around doors and windows can cause higher heating bills. Use this simple trick: light a stick of incense and slowly move it around the seams of doors and windows. When the smoke blows around instead of rising in a straight line, you've got a draft. Many gaps can be eliminated by applying a little caulk.
- Cover outdoor air conditioning and evaporative cooling units. Snow and ice can damage outdoor units if they aren't protected. Covers are available at most home improvement stores, but even a secured canvas tarp will do.

Monthly spring checks:

- HVAC checkup. It's a good idea to have your system tuned up before the heat arrives, but use a trained professional for this. Many companies offer discounts to those who sign maintenance agreements for spring and fall tune-ups.
- Roof inspection. Winter snow and ice can damage shingles and flat roofs which could lead to leaks. You can inspect your pitched roof with binoculars, but don't go up there. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 500,000 people are injured in ladder-related accidents each year. Roof repairs are best left to a qualified contractor.
- Check gutters. Ice buildup during the winter months can cause gutters to loosen and sag. Gutters that don't drain properly may create drainage issues—left for a season or two, an unstable gutter can spill enough water to damage the foundation.
- Inspect walkways and driveways. Cracks and buckles caused by freezing temperatures should be repaired before they become a major issue.
- Check seals around doors and windows. Check for drafts again. Cracked caulking should be touched up to prevent the loss of cooled air all summer.

Next month we'll cover some monthly checks that are not seasonal.



ACC Activity Log

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

21 Juniper Hill Road – Reroof
54 Rock Ridge Court – Construct Stuccoed Mailbox
65 Pinon Hill Place – Paint Front Doors
67 Juniper Hill Loop – Entry Gate Structure and Deck Extension
305 Big Horn Ridge Place – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
318 Big Horn Ridge Road – Reroof
340 Live Oak Road – Garage Addition
340 Live Oak Road – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
451 Live Oak Lane – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
560 Black Bear Place – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
646 Cougar Loop – Replace Front Gates
1101 San Rafael Avenue – Reroof
1148 Marigold Drive – Portable Basketball Goal
1166 Laurel Loop – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
1845 Tramway Terrace Loop – Install Wooden Fence and Gate
2527 Tramway Terrace Court – Replace Wooden Fencing
2866 Tramway Circle – Re-stucco House and Walls
2899 Tramway Place – Exterior Repairs and Maintenance
7717 Cedar Canyon Court – Stucco Repairs and Color Coat

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Monthly Fun Fact

Albuquerque has more than 172 city parks and a complete system of hiking and biking trails. There's a map of the named and/or numbered trails in the Sandia foothills on page 11. In addition, Bernalillo County has a further 37 parks and sports fields, including Little Cloud and W. L. Jackson Parks in Sandia Heights.



Large sculptures at Little Cloud Park (top) and W. L. Jackson Park (bottom)

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Sandia Heights <i>Year to Date Market Trends</i>	Sandia Heights MARKET TRENDS <i>Year to date 1/1/22 to 12/11/22</i> <small>listed single family homes</small>			
	<u>Closed Sales</u>	<u>Average Sale Price</u>	<u>Total New Listings</u>	<u>Avg Price per sq.ft.</u>
	79 <i>-37% from 2021</i>	\$697,648 <i>+ 14% from 2021</i>	108 <i>-17% from 2021</i>	\$260.81

What will happen to home values in 2023

With 2023 home value projections varying amongst economists. One thing I can say with certainty is the lack of home supply is still playing a key role in home value appreciation. The average sale price in Albuquerque is hovering at plus 12% for the year and Sandia Heights is at 14% as compared to December 2021 with overall inventory down over 15%. As we head into 2023, we will keep a close eye on inventory and interest rates, a fluctuation in either could have a substantial impact on the real estate market.

Bottom Line: If you plan to sell in 2023 it is important to have an experienced Realtor providing you with good advice that will help you maximize profits from the sale of your home. My team of sales professionals, mortgage and marketing experts are ready to help you develop a plan for 2023. Do not hesitate to call me for assistance we are ready to work for you.

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Albuquerque Open Space Foothills Trail Map



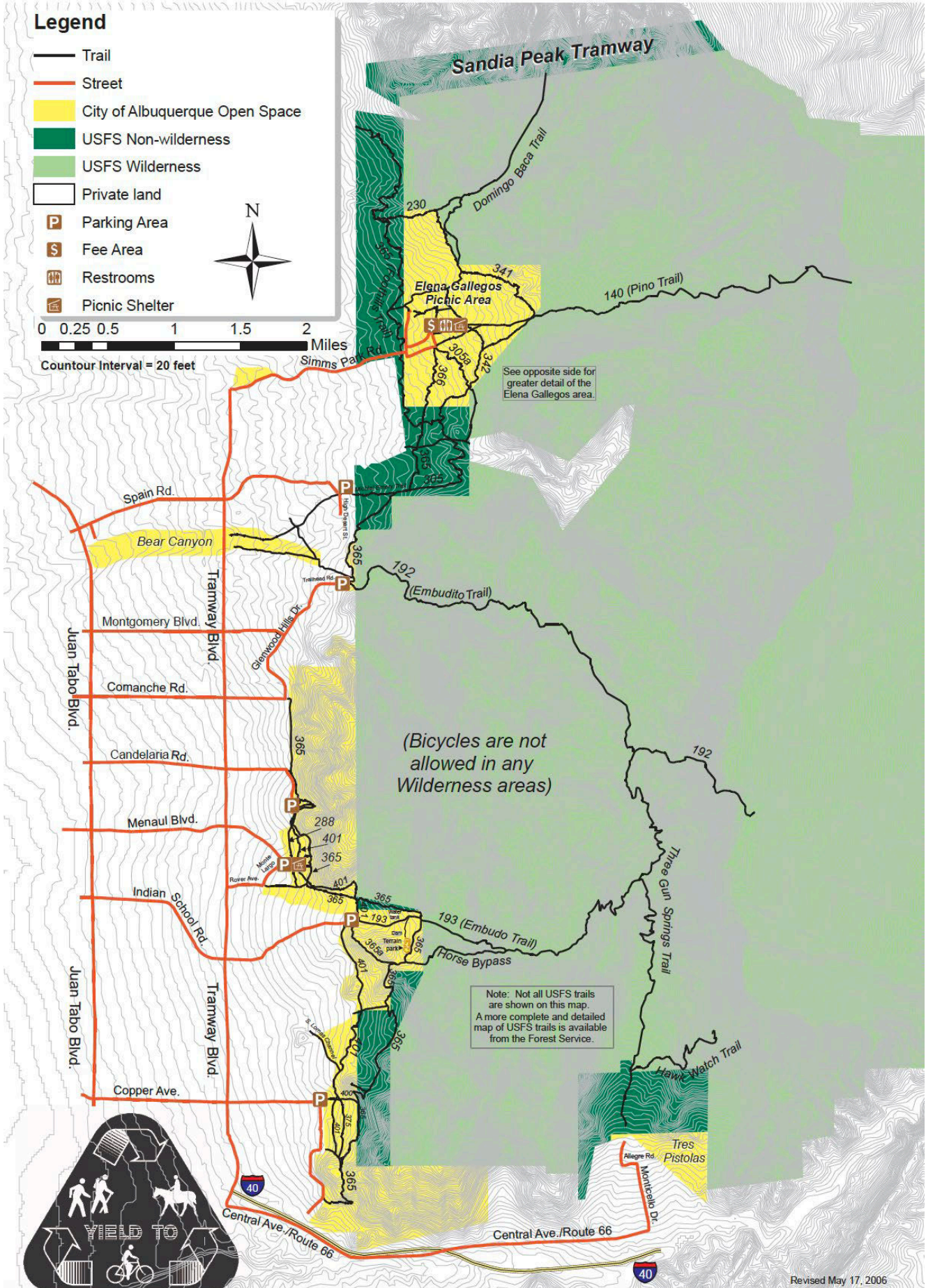
Legend

- Trail
- Street
- City of Albuquerque Open Space
- USFS Non-wilderness
- USFS Wilderness
- Private land
- Parking Area
- Fee Area
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles

Contour Interval = 20 feet



See opposite side for greater detail of the Elena Gallegos area.

(Bicycles are not allowed in any Wilderness areas)

Note: Not all USFS trails are shown on this map. A more complete and detailed map of USFS trails is available from the Forest Service.



Revised May 17, 2006

Fog (Carl Sandburg)

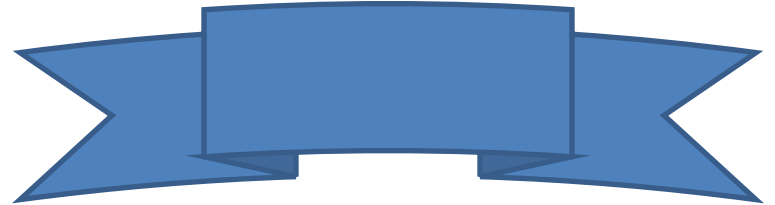
The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

(But sometimes leaves snow!)



Photos by Susan McCasland



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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Trail News at Elena Gallegos (Historical article from Winter 1997 GRIT)

Many of you may have noticed an increase in trail building at Elena Gallegos. With the annual visitation at the park exceeding 150,000 people, the Open Space Division is trying to keep up with the demands placed upon the area's natural resources. Several trail projects are underway or being contemplated including the Simms Park Road Trail, a new nature trail and other renovations throughout the Sandia Foothills.

The Simms Park Road Trail

The park commonly referred to as Elena Gallegos is officially known as Albert G. Simms Park, named after rancher, banker and politician who purchased much of the Elena Gallegos Land Grant in the 1930s for \$1.00 an acre. Upon Simms death in 1964 the land was left to the Albuquerque Academy and a portion of this land was purchased by the City of Albuquerque in the 1980s.

The Simms Park Road Trail starts at the Tramway Trail and parallels Simms Park Road to the entry booth at the park. There is also a horse spur which starts to the north of Simms Park Road where Tramway Boulevard crossed the Pino Arroyo. The horse trail follows the arroyo before crossing Simms and joining the main trail up to the park entrance. Work on this trail was completed the end of last year [i.e., 1995].

The New Nature Trail

The Open Space Operations Section is currently constructing a new wheelchair accessible Nature Trail. This trail will start at a new parking lot area and restroom facility located to the north of Kiwanis Picnic Area. The trail will be paved with earth-toned concrete, have three wooden bridges over arroyos and will be approximately one third of a mile in length. There will be interpretive signs and rest areas along the way. This trail will hook up with the existing nature trail at the wildlife blind overlooking the pond. Construction began in July with volunteers from the Kiwanis Club roughing out the trail and preparing the area for the Open Space Operation crew. Completion is expected sometime this year, weather permitting.

Youth Conservation Corps

This summer the City of ABQ Open Space Division and the Sandia District of the US Forest Service formed a partnership to administer a state grant for a Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) program, providing young people between 16 and 25 with outdoor conservation jobs. The YCC can be traced back to President Roosevelt's New Deal (Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s), responsible for much of New Mexico's State

Park development and extensive work with the US Forest Service. The YCC is continuing this tradition by providing trail crews for Open Space.

Now that school is in session, the YCC program will continue through the cooperation of the APS Work Study Program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take their classes in the morning and work in the afternoon. A great deal of progress rebuilding and stabilizing the trails at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area was aided by these youths. So next time you see YCC out on the trails, tell them to keep up the good work.

Trail maintenance

Maintaining those unpaved hiking, biking and horse trails on Open Space lands is an ongoing job. Once a trail is built, the bare soil is exposed to the erosive natural forces of wind, water and time. It is important to remember that erosion is a natural process which, given enough time, can create a wonder such as the Grand Canyon. But these natural forces are accelerated by the actions of human use. We build trails in order to minimize human impact on the landscape. By limiting the access of users to designated trails, we are preserving the rest of our environment. Please help us and follow some fundamentals of trail etiquette:

- Use only official designated trails. Do not create your own trails!
- Remember most trails are multi-use. Be courteous and share them.
- Mountain bikers should control speed at all times.
- All users should avoid going out on trails after heavy rain or snow melt to minimize damage to fragile soils.

Trail Closures and Reroutes on the Pino Trail

Certain unmaintainable trails were closed by the Open Space Division and reroutes were built to provide more stable treads. A mix of native grasses is planted on old routes and keeping people off is the first step to reclamation. If enough moisture reaches the seeds (and this winter looks promising), the old trails should be barely visible by summer. Pick up the latest Trail Guide at the park entrance before venturing into our wonderful recreational area.



Community Events Bulletin Board

This group is not sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed.

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.

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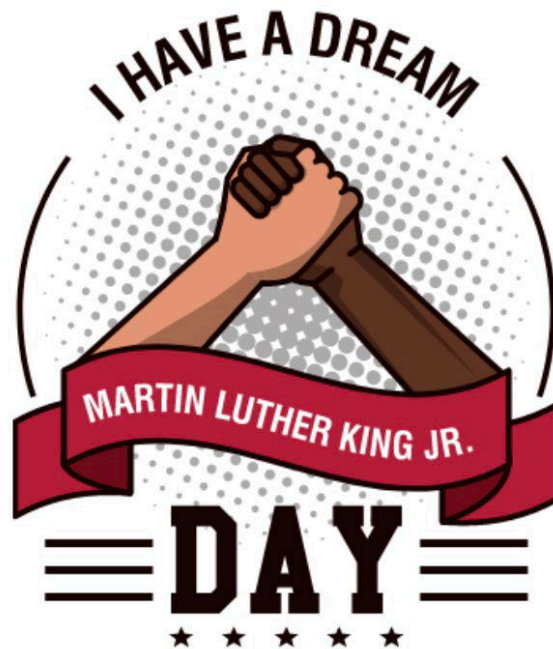
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