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Letter to the Membership from SHHA President Roger Hagengruber

Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA) began some 50 years ago when the developers of Sandia Heights, Sandia Peak Tram Company, transferred responsibility for monitoring and enforcing the area covenants to the Association. SHHA is a Homeowners Association (HOA) under State law. From its beginning, the priority for SHHA has been to preserve the unique environment and quality of life for all the residents and to protect the wildlife and native vegetation. To this end, hundreds of volunteers have served over the years on the SHHA Board and its various committees. From its beginning, SHHA has been funded through very modest dues and the dedicated work of these volunteers.

There are currently 38 sets of covenants that apply to the various units, each similar in nature but unique to each unit. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) was established by the original developers to assure that any construction or building modification would be consistent with the covenants. The Covenant Support Committee (CSC) was later created to address violations of the covenants. Both committees consist of volunteers who give considerable time to the duties associated with the committee responsibilities. They are the front line for protecting the unique environment, quality of life, and property values we enjoy in Sandia Heights.

One of the unfortunate decisions made by the original developers was to not choose a single set of covenants for all properties, which allowed now 38 different sets to exist. Still, every property owner is obligated by law to adhere to their applicable covenants. It is also unfortunate that when establishing SHHA, the developers made property owner membership optional. Of the 38 units, only 5 now require membership. This has resulted in a membership rate of roughly 75% that, in turn, limits revenue to SHHA and unfortunately contributes to a relatively weak sense of belonging. Still, we have been able to rely on the involvement of many members who volunteer their time and effort to help SHHA fulfill the intent of protecting and nurturing the environment that we all enjoy.

Now, to the point of all this preamble: SHHA needs Board and committee members. By law, we must keep a Board of 11 or more members. The ACC and CSC have especially critical needs. Of some 1800 total SHHA members, we have a source for volunteers. After almost 30 years here, I found it important that I step up to volunteer and to break the habit of being comfortable letting “more dedicated” people serve in my stead. It is not the easy path, but personal involvement on the behalf of neighbors and the

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community is essential if SHHA is to continue to serve our community.

Our costs have increased rapidly in the current fiscal environment, as have our legal activities to protect our community. The pool of volunteers has been too small and that jeopardizes our effectiveness and even our existence as a viable entity. As President of SHHA, I ask each of you to consider becoming a Board or committee member. The time demands are quite small, and the rewards of service are high. The Board serves you and the decisions that are made are done in the best interests of all. What we ask of you is your confidence in us, your understanding, and, if possible, your decision to volunteer.

We need the help!

Elena Gallegos Education Center Feasibility Update



A number of actions have been undertaken since the SHHA surveyed you on the Elena Gallegos Education Center Feasibility Study. This article is an effort to keep you up-to-date.

A concerned group of residents, residing in both Sandia Heights and High Desert, hired a real estate lawyer to represent our community. The lawyer has found that the City of Albuquerque's planned "Education Center" in the Elena Gallegos Open Space (EGOS) is **expressly prohibited** by the 1982 Purchase Agreement and Deed put in place to protect the land. The EGOS is preserved in perpetuity as undisturbed open space.

The following paragraph is lifted directly from the Purchase Agreement for the EGOS made between the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Academy in June 1982. These same restrictions are reprinted word-for-word in the Deed of the EGOS and have protected the EGOS from development for forty years.

"5. Limitations on Use of the Park Property. *The Park Property shall be used solely by the City as a City park. The City will limit use of the Park Property to passive recreation uses which include only the installation, construction, maintenance and use of picnic benches, tables, shelters, barbecue grills, drinking water facilities, associated minor recreation facilities (such as volleyball or horseshoe*

pitching facilities), restrooms, access roads, parking lots, hiking trails, trail heads, a trailer or other residence for a residential caretaker, and electric power facilities associated with the specified uses."

The real estate lawyer hired has confirmed that the long-term consequences of the Education Center are dire. Should the City forge ahead with violating the Deed, they establish a precedent for buildings in the Open Space and render the restrictions in the Deed unenforceable by an outside party. This means that future City administrations will be free to develop the Elena Gallegos Open Space however they want—and there will be no legal path for a third party to stop them.

As a community, action must be taken NOW to preserve Elena Gallegos in its current state and prevent the development of the Education Center and other further developments. You can help by signing the official petition against the project:

change.org/saveelenagallegos

To stay abreast of further developments, an official community website is being developed at

www.saveelenagallegos.org

Many Thanks to the Trash Pick-Up Volunteers!

Thank you to the volunteers who picked up trash along Tramway on October 1st, and worked to keep our neighborhood looking good! We'll do it again in the spring—date to be announced later.



Covenant Support Committee (CSC) Needs Volunteers

As SHHA President Roger Hagenruber mentioned in his letter on page 1, the CSC needs new members to help with enforcing the covenants for Sandia Heights. If you are a homeowner and dues-paying member of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association (SHHA), please consider volunteering and help ensure the enforcement of SHHA covenants. We meet at the SHHA office once a month and we have the excellent assistance of our SHHA staff. Covenant enforcement contributes significantly to preserving our beautiful and unique community and maintaining our property values. Please share your appreciation of the Sandia Heights community and join the CSC. Candidates can volunteer by calling the SHHA office at 505-797-7793 or by sending an email to sandiaheights@comcast.net.



Somewhere Over the Rainbow

The early autumn storms have made for some lovely rainbows over Sandia Heights. Here's one **Hector Rede** photographed on September 27. He managed to capture most of the arc. Fun fact: the full arc of a rainbow is about 84°. They are actually full circles with a 42° radius. It's just very hard to see the bottom portion.



Please Respect Private Property

The office has received complaints about political signs being removed from peoples' yards. These are on their private property; it is their right to express their opinion. It is not only disrespectful, it is illegal to take these signs.

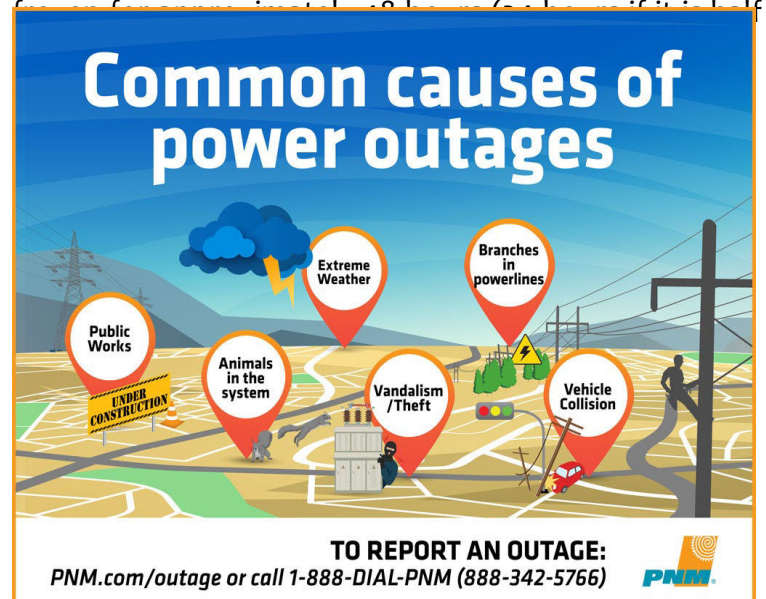
Is Your Electricity Out?

PNM has been doing some maintenance work recently that has resulted in power outages and, unfortunately, no one has been notified in advance. The SHHA office has received quite a few calls wanting to know who/what/why, etc. The office doesn't get notification of these types of occurrences until they receive calls from homeowners. The PNM website is a good resource: PNM.com. Here are a few tips from that web-site.

How can I find the status of an outage? You can view a map of outage locations and estimated restore times at <https://www.pnm.com/outage>.

Is it necessary to let PNM know when my power goes out? Yes. We may not always know if there's an outage at your specific location, so it's best to let us know. You don't have to call, though. You can also report it online, through our mobile site, or text #OUT to 78766. You will need to register first by texting #REG to 78766.

How long is my food good? During an outage, the best thing to do is to keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Food in the refrigerator will keep cold for about four hours if the doors are not opened. A full freezer will keep food



SEPTEMBER 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.

September 2022	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	12	Parking Problem	1
Animal Control Assist	1	Salesman Complaint	1
Car Accident	1	Snake Call	1
Customer Assist	2	Special Request/Vacation	99
Customer Inquiry	1	Suspicious Activity	2
Dump/Spilled Material	1	Suspicious Person	7
Los/Found Pet	1	Suspicious Vehicle	7
Motorist Assist	2	Utility co. Assist	1
Newspaper/Package Pickup	4	Welfare Check	1
Noise Complaint/Suspicious Noise	1	Wildlife Report	1
Open Door/Window/Garage	1	Total Calls	148

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 Dept 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 November 9, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the SHHA office (in person).
- **Office Closures for Holiday(s):** Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day. Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2022 for Thanksgiving.
- **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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I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU

by Judith Polick

The new climate bill's rebates and incentives will pay you to decarbonize your home.

We all want to do what we can to reduce global warming and leave our children and grandchildren a livable planet. Most of our homes use fossil fuels. I have a gas stove and a gas furnace. Sam Calisch of Rewiring America says, "If you add it all up – all the decisions we make about energy at our kitchen tables – something like 42% of U.S. energy emissions are tied to those decisions." And Rewiring America estimates as we electrify our houses, we will save an average of \$1,800 a year per household in energy bills.

The good news is the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) climate bill is full of rebates and tax incentives to help homeowners, renters and landlords make money-saving greener choices.

There are two types of rebates that will be available. One is called The Homes Rebate Program. This program provides rebates based on the energy savings the upgrade will provide. If you are likely to cut energy use by 35% you could get up to \$8,000 in rebates.

The other rebate program is the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA). Under this program each middle- and lower-income homeowner can get up to \$14,000 for upgrades that decarbonize their homes. Those tax credits and rebates include:

- Up to \$8,000 for heat pumps that both heat and cool a home
- Up to \$4,000 to upgrade your electrical panel – to prepare for an all-electric home, which will require more 240-volt outlets than many homes have.
- Up to \$1,750 for a heat pump water heater
- Up to \$2,500 for new wiring
- Up to \$1,600 for insulation, air sealing, and ventilation, including windows and doors

As Adele Peters of Fast Magazine explains, "these rebates can nudge people to make greener choices when they are going to replace old equipment." And they are upfront discounts. Some of the rebate program details are not yet in place and will be administered at the state level. It may be a year or two before they are widely available.

The new tax credits expand existing programs so they will be available starting Jan. 1, 2023. Alisa Peterson of the Rocky Mountain Institute says "those tax credits will allow homeowners to get heat pumps and other energy saving devices installed for less than half of what they would cost today."

Unlike a rebate, which you will get at the time of purchase, you receive the tax credit when you file your taxes. One of these credits called the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit covers 30% of the cost of energy upgrades, and you can claim it year after year.

It might be smart to start with an energy audit. Contact your utility company, and they will send someone out to help you determine where to add insulation and stop energy leaks. You may also want to start talking to contractors now. They are going to be very busy once these rebates and incentives are available. To help meet demand the IRA includes millions for state-run training programs to help contractors learn about energy-efficient options.



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The Piñon Pine

The piñon pine is the official state tree of New Mexico. New Mexico designated the piñon pine (*Pinus edulis*), also called two-needle pine or nut pine, as the official state tree in 1948. Piñon is found mostly in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona.

Slow-growing and long-lived, the piñon needs only 10 to 20 inches of water per year and is an excellent tree for supporting our native ecosystem. When planted in groups, piñon trees produce much-valued piñon nuts. The trees are an important cover for birds year round, including pinyon jays, Clark’s nutcrackers, Steller’s and western scrub jays, hairy woodpeckers, white-breasted nuthatches, and mourning doves. The pinyon jay and the piñon pine are interdependent. The jays depend on the nuts the trees produce as a primary source of food. According to *New Mexico Wildlife* magazine, “Pinyon jays can remember, months later and even under snow, the locations where they have stored piñon pine seeds. The few locations that are forgotten promote new growth. The relationship between the tree and the bird is critical to the survival of both.”

Few plants are more ingrained in the culture and biology of New Mexico than the piñon. The species grows very slowly, often in more dry habitats in the mountains at elevations of 4,500 up to about 8,000 feet. The adult trees are usually 15–35 feet tall. The round to ovate cones are distinctive.

Seeds (pine nuts) of the plant have been collected by Native Americans for centuries. This was noted by the first Spanish settlers arriving in the 1600s. Every few years piñon pines will produce a bumper crop of nuts which are gathered by people, and eaten by birds, bears and other wildlife. Have you noticed people selling piñon nuts by the side of the road in the fall?



Piñon pine (*Pinus edulis*) closeup. Photo by Johnida Dockens

Piñon wood warms New Mexicans across the state and gives off a distinctive and very pleasant incense smell. Often piñon wood is the fuel of choice in chimineas.

In recent years many piñon pines have died because of drying and warming conditions which have made them more vulnerable to bark beetles. Piñon tree loss has also resulted in a rapid decline in the numbers of pinyon jays. Global warming will only make recovery of both more difficult.



Piñon tree pine nuts. Photo by Alan Madrid



Large, mature piñon pine. Photo from NM Secretary of State website



ACC Activity Log

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

16 Juniper Hill Loop – Re-stain Wooden Deck
20 Cedar Hill Road – Repair/Re-stucco Walls, Paint Trim, Doors, and Wrought Iron Railings
58 Juniper Hill Court – Replace Deck, Repaint Propane Tank, Add/Replace Latillas
121 Tijeras Avenue – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
329 Paintbrush Drive – Convert Courtyard into a Room
413 Live Oak Loop – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
514 Black Bear Loop – Re-Stucco Chimney
568 Black Bear Road – Reroof
613 Cedar Hill Road – Paint Trim around Garage Door
615 Cedar Hill Road – Re-stucco House and Exterior Walls
726-21 Tramway Vista Drive – Re-stucco and Paint Wood Trim and Siding
930 Tramway Lane – Addition and the Replacement of a Shade Structure
1002 Tramway Lane NE – Replace Existing Front Door
1013 Tramway Lane – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
1018 Tramway Lane – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation
1138 Marigold Drive – Re-Roof
1121 Marigold Drive – Repaint Garage Door
1564 Eagle Ridge Court – Extension of Existing Garage and Modify the Driveway
1858 Tramway Terrace Loop – Replace Decks and Stairs, Reroof, Repaint Garage Door and Gates
1929 Quail Run Drive – Re-stucco
2508 Tramway Terrace Court – Re-Roof with TPO
2724 Tramway Circle – Plant Two Pistachio Trees
2740 Tramway Circle – Patio Cover

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

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 currently participating merchants:


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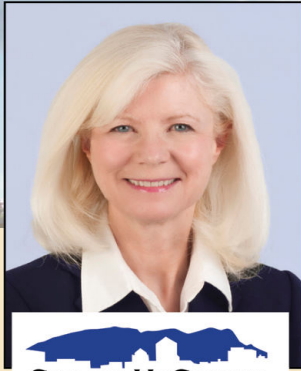


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9 Pending | Avg Asking Price \$918,556 | Avg Asking price/sf \$276.92
80 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$658,783 | Avg Sold price/sf. \$249.59

4 Smaller homes on smaller lots | Avg Asking price \$503,700 | Avg Asking price/sf \$211.33
1 home pending | Avg Asking Price \$ 480,000 | Avg Asking price/sf \$241.50

36 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$447,512 | Avg Sold price/sf \$251.53

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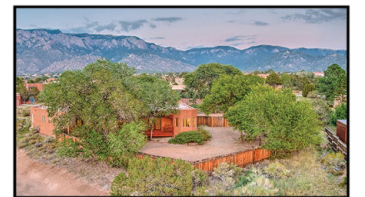
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Don't Let Your Water Pipes Freeze!

By Bob Bower, ACC Member

We may have a mild winter this year, but who knows? It's always helpful around this time of the year to remind you of ways to protect your water pipes from the effects of very cold weather. Most of the local experts on this subject generally agree that steps need to be taken to protect water pipes if temperatures are expected to drop below 21 degrees Fahrenheit. A broken water pipe inside your home can cause a lot of extensive and expensive damage!

Let's start with the outside of your home. Disconnecting water hoses and protecting outdoor water faucets is very important. Water that freezes in outdoor hoses connected to faucets causes a buildup of pressure on interior plumbing that can result in a rupture of the interior pipes if the pressure is too high. Damage to these interior pipes near an outdoor water faucet is often difficult to repair due to the inaccessibility of these pipes. Disconnecting hoses from outdoor faucets and protecting the faucets with hard-foam insulating cups are good ways to reduce the chances of damage to these water pipes that extend through your exterior walls. These inexpensive foam cups can be purchased at home improvement or hardware stores and are easy to install. I've also found that it is wise to wrap outdoor faucets with some insulation prior to placing the foam cup over the faucets, particularly if any of the faucets are located on the north side of your home or are located in an area that does not receive any winter sun. Also, if you have any water pipes that are located outside your home that are exposed to the outside temperatures, you should consider using insulating tubes or heat tape around these exposed pipes.

Now, let's consider the inside of your home. If Albuquerque experiences a spell of extremely cold weather where temperatures, particularly at night, drop below the 21°F "benchmark," leave the water supply line on at a very slow drip rate somewhere inside your home. Water in slow motion in a pipe is much less likely to freeze than water that is motionless. A faucet located far away from where the water enters your home is the one that you should use for this purpose. The cost of water used is insignificant compared to the cost of repairing damage caused by a broken water line inside your home. Normally, these very cold spells don't last long, so leaving an indoor faucet dripping for a few days and nights should get

you through until warmer temperatures return. If you are away from your home during the cold season, make sure that there is adequate heat inside your home to prevent internal pipes from freezing. Even when trying to save energy costs, don't turn the heat down too far—experts recommend no lower than 55°F—and don't turn the heat off altogether unless you have all of the water lines properly drained. Believe me, I have seen the damage caused by pipes that have not been properly drained and have subsequently burst inside a home where the heat had been turned off. It's not a pretty sight!

One final note for those of you who have swamp coolers. If you have not already done so, be sure to drain the water reservoir and disconnect and drain the water supply line. It doesn't take much of a freeze to damage these cooler components. And don't forget to wrap or cap any swamp cooler faucets.

Have a great winter!!



Monthly Fun Fact

The KiMo Theater is a National Historic Landmark located downtown on Central Avenue and Fifth Street's northeast corner. It was built in 1927 in the Pueblo Deco style. It is one of only a few theaters in the United States that still features its original Wurlitzer organ. Recently reopened after a 2-year-long renovation, the KiMo hosts many concerts and performances each year.

Slated for the wrecking ball, the KiMo was saved in 1977 when the citizens of Albuquerque voted to purchase the beautiful building.

Many people remark on the swastikas prominent in the KiMo. Although since the Nazis began using the symbol, the swastika evokes negative emotions, one should remember that the original meaning of this ancient sacred symbol is one of life and prosperity. One of the oldest symbols made by humans, the swastika can be found in 6,000 year-old rock and cave paintings. The swastika is an important symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism, among others, and was also used in Native American and Jewish faiths prior to World War II. It was a widely used

Native American symbol, used by many southwestern tribes, most notably the Navajo. Among different tribes the swastika carried various meanings.



Detail of KiMo decorations

To the Hopi it represented the wandering Hopi clans; to the Navajo it was a whirling log (tsil no'oli'), a sacred image representing a legend and used in healing rituals.



The recently renovated KiMo Theater in downtown Albuquerque



Interior of the KiMo Theater

And the KiMo is said to be haunted! From *Legends in America*: “No institution stands through time without something bad happening, and the KiMo is no exception. In 1951, a six-year-old boy named Bobby Darnall was killed when the boiler in the basement exploded, demolishing part of the original lobby. The boiler was located right beneath the concession stand in the lobby. Bobby, who had been sitting in the theater balcony with some of his friends, suddenly was frightened by something on the screen and ran down the staircase to the lobby. Just as he arrived, the boiler exploded, taking Bobby and part of the lobby in its wake of destruction. The spirit of little Bobby is said to continue to haunt the KiMo Theatre today. Often seen playing on the lobby staircase, Bobby wears a striped shirt and blue jeans. According to legend, the playful spirit causes the performers problems by tripping them and creating a ruckus during performances. To appease the spirit, the cast hangs doughnuts on the water pipe that runs along the theatre's back wall behind the stage. Often, the treats are gone the next morning. Of those left, bite marks made by a little mouth can sometimes be seen. One year, a crew preparing for a Christmas production took down the stale doughnuts. Big mistake. No sooner were the doughnuts removed when the technical rehearsal started to become a disaster, with everything going wrong, from lighting to sound problems and more. When the treats were replaced, things began to run smoothly again.

“Also a mysterious lady is sometimes seen. This unknown woman, wearing a bonnet, is often reported walking down the theater halls, appearing to be just going about her business. Nothing more is known of this ghostly presence, but seemingly she doesn't disturb anyone; she just likes strolling about the old theater.”

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Impact of Mortgage Rates on Home Values?

As the Fed raises interest rates to curtail demand, we are seeing a slowdown in the pace of sales and the rate of home appreciation. This trend is predicted to continue into 2023 and with buyer demand cooling the market could continue to shift and slow. The lack of home supply is still the driving factor for maintaining healthy home appreciation. If you are planning to sell, the market is still favorable, but buyers are beginning to see increased buying opportunities.

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Community Events Bulletin Board

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

Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity: 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.

Sandia Heights Artists: A huge thank you to all who participated in and came to the Sandia Heights Art Tour. We were fortunate with good weather and interested viewers. We also have donated \$1,700.00 for La Mesa Arts Academy in the International District. Until next year, have a good year.

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Last Chance to Enter the Photo Contest. The time is almost up 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 the SHHA website at <https://www.sandiahomeowners.org/photo-gallery>. 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 SHHA website).
- Photos must fit reasonably on the cover without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color and may be submitted digitally to shha@sandiahomeowners.org or as a hardcopy print to the office. All hardcopy entries may be picked up at the office once the *Directory* is published.

The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that they are not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer), and that they grant permission to SHHA to use their photo(s) in the *Directory* or on the SHHA website and *GRIT* newsletter.





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The SHHA Office
will be closed on
Friday, November 11, 2022
in observance of Veterans Day
&
Thursday, November 24, &
Friday, November 25, 2022
for Thanksgiving.