

# Siesta Hills Neighborhood Association

SHNA - A sunny place in the Southwest    November 2016

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## News around SHNA

Our next Qtrly Meeting will be next week, Thursday November 10, 2016 from 7-8 pm, at Christ United Methodist Church, on Gibson east of our Dakota Street entrance. This meeting, as always, is open to all Siesta Hills residents, regardless of whether or not you are a SHNA member.

We need members to please register and pay their annual dues that are only \$10/year to support our efforts. See form below and remember only paid members can vote, and with payment you will get our roster.

Dues can be paid at any meeting. Please come early and bring your payment. Make checks payable to SHNA and fill out and include the dues form below. Dues are good for one year from payment, and only paid members can vote at the Annual Meeting.

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## Annual Meeting

Election of board members took place at our Annual meeting in May and the following were selected:

J. Steven Archuleta "Archie"; President  
Peter Stromberg; Vice-President  
Don Conley; Treasurer  
Francie Straw; Secretary

Members at large: Art Sharp, Dee Whitfield, Robbie Schnitzler

## Note from the President/Vice President

It has been a great past few months. Finally fell the leaning trees at Dakota entrance, talking about getting a shade structure over playground in Lassetter Park. Jack Jones has volunteered to teach all who want a concealed carry license.

Please consider helping the neighborhood association in the future, as more hands make the organization stronger.

**Officer Appreciation Day:** Thanks to the SHNA neighbors (Heidi, Mona, and Archie) who came out to support this!! Turnout was awesome. It was really nice meeting other Neighborhood Association members and member of our community. Was able to talk to Sandy Pino and Laura Kuehn, Crime Prevention/Crime Free Programs.

## The Annual Neighborhood watch Captains

**meeting** was attended at the APD training center by three neighborhood captains of SHNA, Pete, Rod and Leo. APD police Chief Gordon Eden talked to the Captains about the cycle of criminals here in Albuquerque. Read here.

(<https://www.abqjournal.com/865409/fewer-people-in-jail-equals-more-crime.html>) He strongly recommended that as voters we look for strong judges and consider the NM Amendment for denying bail. He also pointed out ABQ is #2 for car thefts. As many as 70 in a day when left warming up. Don't do this! Also do not leave anything valuable, including the gym bag as it highly encourages auto break-ins.

**Jet Fuel Spill:** Next Quarterly November 10, 2016, at the African American Performing Arts Center located at 310 San Pedro NE. Please try and attend to keep ourselves updated, for this impacts our SHNA! The news is good though as pumping from the extraction and treatment has passed 100 million gallons. Treated water is being used to water the base golf course. A depletion cone was measured and contraction of the spill should be measureable.

Another extraction well is now under construction about a block west of San Pedro on Ridgecrest Dr.

**Drainage from KAFB:** Pete continues to pursue our drainage issues by meeting with the base commander in October. He also met with the new civil engineer and we are seeing progress. There is a new drain on Ridgecrest just inside the gate at Ridgecrest and Louisiana, KAFB sand bagged Connor Street where it drains to Louisiana, and KAFB has allowed AMAFCA to survey and hope to allow them to build a retaining pond at the southwest corner of Gibson and Louisiana.

### Calendar

Quarterly Meetings- Second Thursday of the month at CUMC 7-9 pm.

November 10<sup>th</sup>

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Siesta Hills Neighbors,

**Annual Picnic** –Not enough RSVP were received, therefore hospitality Crew called it off!!

Odlum Neighborhood watch team met on October 28, 2016 at Le Peep which was nice meeting folks from Odlum!!!

### Mail Thefts

We all need to look at the situation and think about reducing our vulnerability to mail theft. If we are consistent as a neighborhood we will reduce the incidence in our neighborhood. Some tips;

**If your mail was stolen** you are at risk for identity theft. You should consider at a minimum filing a Fraud Alert with the credit agencies. This is a no cost option that gives your protection for three months. Please read about options for credit alerts and credit freeze.

See this article for more information:

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/06/how-i-learned-to-stop-worrying-and-embrace-the-security-freeze/>

If you lost mail I would consider the free "Fraud alerts" every 90 days for a while.

<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>

Pete will brief on the newest camera bought by association and hopefully more once we see the benefits of this one!!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Dues Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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