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President's Message

Hello Neighbors....

As many of you know, Four Hills Village Association (FHVA) will be having elections in January 2020. Therefore, your Association needs to form a Nominating committee in order that two people will be competing for the same position on the board which conducts the day-to-day business of FHVA. We need a nomination committee consisting of a minimum of three people to recruit members from Four Hills Village that are willing to serve in the various positions. The positions and duties of each are outlined in the Vice President's message. It gives each member of FHVA an opportunity to provide some input regarding how the Association performs. The election also provides an opportunity to replace those individuals who the membership does not believe are performing satisfactorily. Elections also provide for having new vitality injected into an organization so that it can move forward. Therefore, if you are willing to serve on the nominating committee, please email me at FHVAPresident@gmail.com or call/text me at 505.710.7094. If you are willing to serve on the FHVA Board, please contact the nominating committee once it is announced on Next Door



President's Message, Cont'd

under the group tag "Four Hills Village Association". You will be helping your neighbors.

Here are some of the things we have been working on:

- **Street Repaving Issues:** We have asked the City of Albuquerque to address the street issues re-paving however they had stated we are not high on the list. We are pushing to have this moved up on their list so I encourage you to call 311 and the Mayor's Office because as many of you know, "the squeaky wheel get the grease" and we need you to make this happen.
- **New Entrance Sign for Four Hills Village:** We have secured funding for a new sign at the entrance to Four Hills Village. We will be able to keep the membership informed as to various activities going on within Four Hills. The camera system will be incorporated into the sign as a deterrent to the various criminal activities that have happened over the past few years within the Village. This information will be provided to Albuquerque Police Department upon request to support an ongoing investigation.
- **Dog Waste Refuge Systems:** One of our past board members thought this was a viable issue especially with the large number of dog owners and walkers within FHV. We have secured funding for this project and are moving forward. Currently, the City has two stations near the top of Four Hills Village near the Open Space. We are working on getting an additional five stations to put within FHV. Two location are near the Kirtland AFB fence on Wagon Train,



President's Message, Cont'd

one near Hideaway Lane and Stagecoach, one in or around the Four Hills Park, and the last one near the back entrance of the Canyon Club. I will be contacting Kirtland AFB regarding the installation of these dog waste station outside of the base fence along Wagon Train Drive.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of Four Hills Village Association.

Jim Cochran

Treasurer's Report

FHVA Financial Report

Monday, August 26, 2019

Current Account Balances

Checking Account: \$4,814.92

Money Market: \$23,268.39



Four Hills Village Association

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month

6:30 p.m. in the

Canyon Club Board Room

All FHV residents are welcome to join us!



Treasurer's Report, Cont'd

Inflow from membership dues usually slows down during the summer. In the next month I will be sending out a notice for dues to the Four Hills Village. As stated last year our goal was to get everyone on an annual payment schedule that started in January. This would allow the board to have a better estimate of funds and to better plan our annual events. The primary cost to the FHVA are the printing costs associated with the Chronicle. In 2018 the board decided to send every household in Four Hills a printed copy of the Chronicle, the result of which the Checking Account was severely taxed. Additionally the annual FHVA meeting and breakfast was an additional hit to the bottom line. At the current \$25 a year dues the annual meeting takes over 100 members to pay for. Likewise the cost of printing and mailing the Chronicle to all Four Hills members costs over 100 members per printing, which is 4 times a year. In 2019 the FHVA board decided to once again send the Chronicle only to paying members. At the August meeting of the FHVA board we discussed no longer printing the Chronicle and instead making it an online publication, which then allows all Four Hills households access regardless of membership in the FHVA. Doing this would save funds and allow the FHVA to direct those funds toward other activities. The board also discussed raising membership dues from \$25 per year to \$35 per year, especially if we continued to print the Chronicle.

As your Treasurer I would love to have your feedback on these ideas. We are now well into the 21st Century and it seems rather archaic to continue to waste ink and paper when we could provide the Chronicle online at relatively no cost to FHVA members and non-members alike. It would also allow us to provide more content at no cost.

Thank you

Charley Rhodes

FHVA Treasurer crhodes@cybermesa.com



Real Estate News

Market Information for Four Hills Village

Year-to-Date as of August 20, 2019:

58 homes sold at an average price of \$134 per square foot

18 homes were on the market and 9 were pending

Currently average time on the market is 40 days

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Open Space

Tempus Fugit!

By Steve Brügge, Open Space

The Latin phrase “Tempus Fugit” is sometimes found on grandfather clocks. It translates “time flies.” Indeed it does. My son celebrated his 8th birthday shortly after we bought our fun mid-century house in Four Hills. This last weekend we celebrated his 21st birthday.

It was after retiring from my 25-year career teaching middle-school science that I first attended as a guest a number of meetings of the Four Hills Village Home-owners’ Association (now simply Four Hills Village Association, which more accurately reflects our mission).

It did not take long to be asked to join as a board member. This year marks the end of three years of service on the FHVA board. Per the bylaws, no one can serve more than three years in one position. I am a fan of term limits and see how bringing in new people keeps an organization from becoming too set in its ways.

I realize that I could serve in another position, but believe it’s time to take a break and let someone new take the reins. It has certainly been my pleasure to have worked with a really fun and dedicated group of neighbors. FHVA has certainly done much to improve and look out for this special neighborhood.



Open Space, Cont'd

Should you be interested in joining the board—we should have a couple of openings—please attend a few meetings as a guest. That's really the best way to get a sense of what the FHVA is all about. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the boardroom of the Canyon Club.

My children are now grown and living on their own. I'm now retired. My three-year term on the board is coming to an end. Tempus fugit!

Steve

Membership

The membership for Four Hills Village Association continues to grow. Please remember to extend a warm greeting to all our newcomers and let them know about all Four Hills Village has to offer. All newcomers currently receive a welcome package within 45-60 days of their closing date, telling them about the Four Hills Village Association Membership, the Four Hills Neighbors Women's Group, the Canyon Club memberships and information about how to join 'Nextdoor'. Registration can also be done online at www.four-hills-village.com. Please refer questions to

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"The Four Hills Village Association is a perfect place to discuss issues and concerns for our neighborhood so the more members we have the stronger our community is."



Government Affairs

The Singing Arrow Community Center project is working its way through the government process. Bidding is expected to occur early in 2020 and completion in summer/fall 2021.

On August 27 FHVA President Jim Cochran and I met with City Council staff and representatives from the sign design firm about a new sign for FHVA. On the same day we also met with representatives from Albuquerque Waste Management regarding a landscape plan for the East side of Four Hills Road.

On September 12th I am scheduled to meet with the Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association Board regarding an Arts Festival for Singing Arrow Park in summer/fall 2021

I am helping produce the Multicultural Arts Festival in an effort to improve the usage and reputation of the park by highlighting the Spanish and Native American Archaeological site; along with the North African immigrant community living in the area; as well as the new Community Center.

Andrew Lipman

Government Affairs Director



Security and Overflights

As we continue enjoying our lives in our Four Hills Village community (I've been here more than 30 years), we are continuously reminded, on TV and in the paper, of the numbers of crimes which are committed in our city every day.

Always remember: "If you see something, say something." The Albuquerque Police Department basic number for reporting an incident is (505) 242-2677 easily remembered as (505) 242 COPS.

Of course, if you are witnessing a serious crime, call 911.

And, if you belong to International Protective Service-and even if you don't-give them a call (IPS Dispatch 917-1719); they may be in the area.

Here are some of the possible criminal activities which have occurred in Four Hills over the last four months, as given in the incidence reports of the Albuquerque Police Department.

Theft/Larceny (6), Residential Burglary (3), Vehicle break-in/Auto Burglary (4), Auto Theft (1), Shots fired (3), Disturbing the Peace/Family dispute (6)/Neighbor trouble (3), Suspicious Persons or vehicles (13). There are several others but they are lower in number.

As to the over-flights we experience in Four Hills:

I have noticed less of an impact from commercial aircraft than in years past. I was told that much of the difference has to do with an important runway change.

Nevertheless, there can be the sense that, in the summer, there are more flights coming over, they are noisier, they are flying lower, etc.

Please remember that you are probably outdoors or on your patio more now than in the winter, and those of us with "swamp coolers" have a few windows open to relieve the pressure.

George Gibbs

Director, FHVA Safety and Overflights



News from The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office



Thank you to the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office for the following calendar of September events. All are invited and welcome.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Sept 11	2:15-3:15 pm	Community Center Game Day	Cesar Chavez Community Ctr 7505 Kathryn Ave SE
Sept 16	12 – 3:00 pm	Coffee With A Cop	Nutrition Plus Protein Smoothie Bar 2420 Juan Tabo Blvd NE
Sept 18	6:00-9:00 pm	Community Family Night	Mesa Verde Community Ctr 7900 Marquette Ave NE
Sept 28	10:00 am-5:00 pm	International Festival	NM Veterans Memorial Park 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE



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