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President's Message *by Steve Brügge*

Star Trek and The Jetsons

I had a wonderful, idyllic childhood on the Navajo Nation where my father worked as an anthropologist. At the time, I considered it to be a normal American childhood except for one huge, gaping deficit—we did not have a television.

To be fair we had a small black-and-white set in the early 60s that required a tall outside antenna in order to receive a much-relayed signal from Albuquerque. My parents were not impressed with the content to be found on television, and, when a windstorm snapped the tree-like aerial, they used that as an excuse to give away the idiot box. To my father's death at age 85, he never owned another television.

I have just a few memories of TV in the 60s. I thought Star Trek and The Jetsons were amazing. I wanted to beam down to distant worlds, drive a flying car, and talk on a videophone. Alas, about the only thing that's become a reality since my childhood fascination with the grainy promises spied on the screen more than fifty years ago is video communication.

My wife and I first used FaceTime and Skype when our oldest went off to college in Boston. We found it a wonderful way every Sunday to not only hear her voice but to see her face and the sparsely decorated dorm room. When I was in college, calls home were tightly timed because time really was money. Long-distance charges required an economy of words.

The COVID pandemic has made Zoom a household word. While it's not the same as meeting in person, it does a good job. The FHVA's first-ever Annual General Meeting in January via the internet occurred without any major hiccups. I missed the hot coffee and a buffet breakfast this year but we were able to conduct our business and hear from many of our local and state representatives. Presentations from City Councilor Don Harris and State Representative Meredith Dixon are available on FHVA.org.

Last year's board met in person in February of 2020, skipped the March meeting because of the increasing COVID cases, and never met face-to-face for the remainder of 2020. This year, again, all of our meetings have been conducted in true Jetson fashion. I'm an optimist and have some hope that by the end of the summer, we'll be back to sitting around a table for our monthly meetings.

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President's Message *by Steve Brügge*

Until we're back in person, please know that the FHVA Board is holding monthly meetings via Zoom. They are just as open and, perhaps, even more accessible than in the past. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the evening. A quick email to spbrugge@gmail.com will get you the link to join us should you have a concern or just want to keep informed.

While I don't have a flying car or the ability to teleport from one place to another, I am delighted that technology has allowed us to see one another during the pandemic.

Vice President's Report *by Ellen Lipman*

In an appropriate hand-over-take-over exercise, Jennifer Lopez, the former FHVA Vice President and Chair of the FHVA's Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee, provided new Vice President Ellen Lipman with observations, comments, and recommendations about the FHVA's election process. Ellen then convened a meeting of that committee (with members Steve Brugge, Ann Harris Davidson, Jim Church, and Jennifer Lopez), via Zoom on January 28, to consider the noted points.

From this discussion, the committee drafted changes to the election procedures that were recorded in the Standing Rules. The revised document was submitted to the full FHVA Board during the February 16 monthly Board Meeting and was unanimously approved. You may review the Standing Rules by clicking on the "Our Documents" tab on the FHVA website.



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Treasurer's Report *by Linda Martinez*

As of February 28, 2021

Current Balances:

Checking	\$10,532.96
Money Market	\$23,322.90



"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."
Harry S. Truman

Education and Youth Affairs Update *by Ian Esquibel*



I'm excited to support the children and youth of FHVA as one of your directors. Katie, my wife, and I have two children ages 5 and 3. We enjoy living in our neighborhood and meeting our neighbors, especially families with children.

I invite you to join the Children and Youth Advisory Committee to share your ideas about how our neighborhood can better support our young people. We will meet the third Thursday of each month 6 - 7pm via Zoom. Please contact me at ianesquibel@gmail.com or on NextDoor and I will forward a calendar invite to you.

When it's safer to meet in person, I look forward to connecting at our home, a park or open space, depending on how many families participate.

We welcome our new board members!

*Abbas Akhil
Marilou Cochran
Ian Esquibel
Howard Kimberly
Ellen Lipman
Paul Sedillo*

Membership Report by Marilou Cochran

NEIGHBORLY- implies a disposition to live on good terms with others and to be helpful on principle.

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

FHVA
Welcomes Our
Good Neighbors
Old and New!

Thank you new and renewing members of the Four Hills Village Association! Your participation keeps our neighborhood strong and vibrant. We appreciate your participation in our organization and invite you to reach out to non-member neighbors and encourage them to join.

Benefits of membership include, but are not limited to:

- ☛ Receipt of our quarterly newsletter *The Chronicle*.
- ☛ Receipt of our annual membership directory.
- ☛ Eligibility to participate in the FHVA Annual General Meeting.
- ☛ Eligibility to nominate a member or yourself to a FHVA Board position.
- ☛ Eligibility to vote for candidates to the board.
- ☛ Eligibility to attend, on an observational basis, the monthly FHVA board meetings.

What does the Four Hills Village Association do for the community?

- ☛ We keep you informed of any city, county, APS and private initiatives which may impact FHV property owners or residents. We are the only officially recognized organization representing Four Hills Village!
- ☛ We help you safely discard important documents through our annual free shredding event which is open to all residents of Four Hills Village.
- ☛ We maintain FHV beauty by organizing volunteers to participate in the city's spring and fall clean up days.
- ☛ We brighten up your neighborhood with our holiday light contest and award the winners with gift cards.
- ☛ We help you declutter by holding the annual Four Hills Yard Sale, which we hope to be able to resume in 2021!
- ☛ And much, much more!

At only \$25.00 a year, it is a great value!

Membership forms are available online at FHVA.org, click the "Membership" tab, to find a link to a printable form to fill in and mail, or call me at 505-294-0001 or my email address is mrcochran@comcast.net and I will mail or email a form.



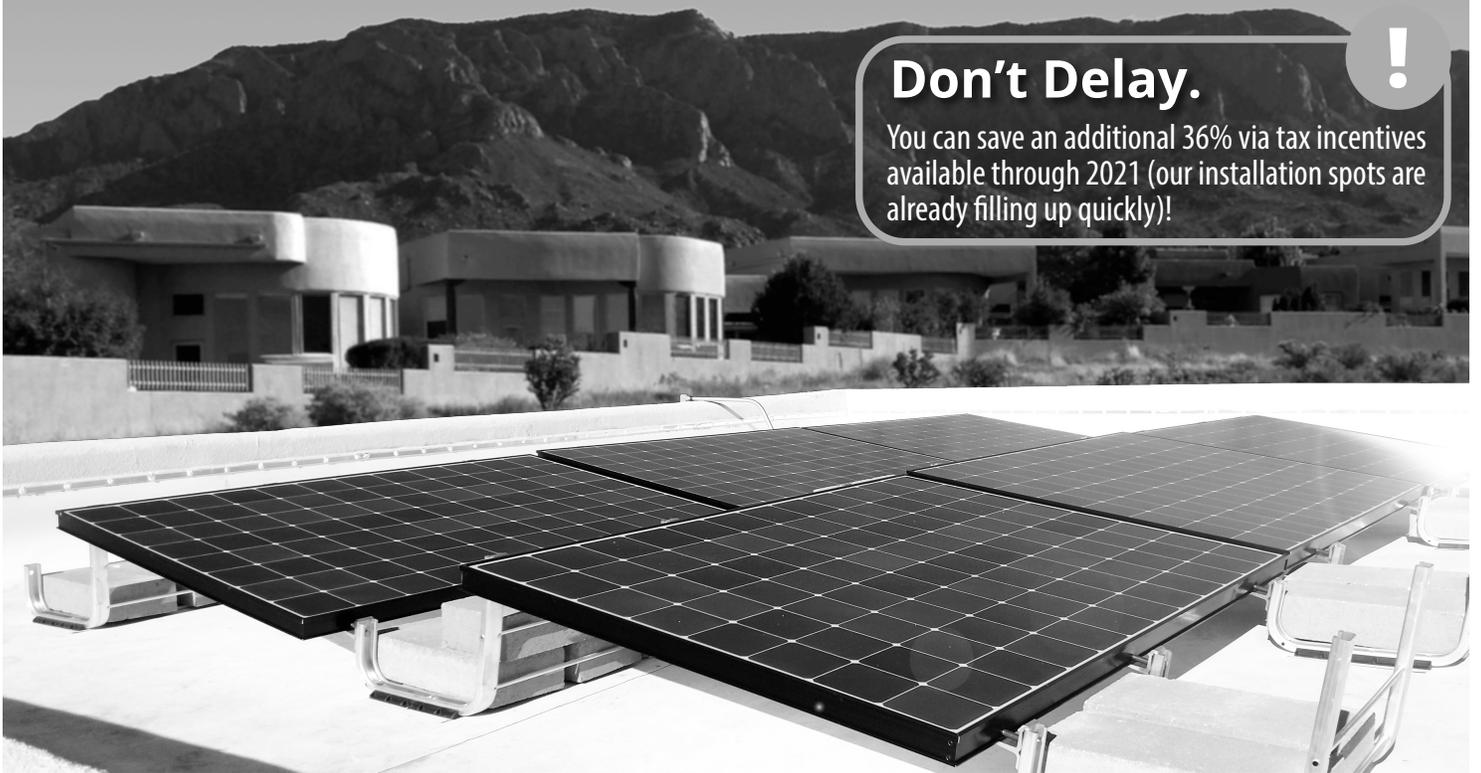
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Our Local Environment *by Ann Harris Davidson*

This One Does Not Belong!

We each have good reasons why we chose to live in Four Hills Village. For many of us, one reason is that our Albuquerque suburb is largely surrounded by native desert (thanks to City Open Spaces, the arroyos, and the open land of Kirtland Air Force Base). However, throughout New Mexico, its “native desert” has been invaded by a host of non-native species, many of which are thus established in our yards in FHV, but, as welcoming, and diverse, as we would like to be, the plant discussed in this article does not belong and its seedlings should be pulled from our properties in the spring before they have the opportunity to produce thousands of seeds.



The **TUMBLEWEED** is the iconic weed of the West, made famous in Bob Nolan’s 1930 song, “*Tumbling Tumbleweeds*”, which became a national hit from 1934 when it was sung by Roy Rogers (originally named Leonard Slye) in the Sons of the Pioneers group. “*Tumbling Tumbleweeds*” has lyrics (such as “*Lonely but free, I’ll be found, Drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds ...*”) that appealed to western mythology. The song was used in the 1935 Gene Autry film of the same name, and, in 2010, the Library of Congress added the original 1934 song edition of “*Tumbling Tumbleweeds*” to the National Recording Registry of recordings that are

“culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

Here in Albuquerque, we are accustomed to seeing the annual giant tumbleweed snowman (off I-40 east of the “Big I”) and, in a nod to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2020, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) correctly had its snowman wearing a mask! Though many do not realize it, AMAFCA goes to the trouble of creating this snowman to raise awareness of the problems of tumbleweeds clogging up flood control intakes. In addition to tumbleweeds compromising AMAFCA’s flood control efforts, in 2014, there was international coverage about houses in Roswell being buried by blown piles of tumbleweeds, with the U.K. Metro News reporting, “Residents of ‘alien town’ trapped in houses by tumbleweed invasion” (at



Photo credit: Jim Thompson
Albuquerque Journal, Dec.2020

<https://metro.co.uk/2014/01/31/residents-of-alien-town-roswell-trapped-in-houses-by-tumbleweed-invasion-4286232/>).



But, tumbleweeds are NOT native to the U.S. West; they are more correctly called “prickly Russian thistle”, as this plant is an invader from the Russian steppes that has many scientific names (including the current one of *Salsola tragus*, thanks to the 2017 XIX International Botanical Congress). Since 2013, the National Geographic Society has produced articles, videos, and a film entitled, “*The weed that won the west*”, and has emphasized that a single tumbleweed plant can produce 250,000 seeds. Young seedlings are a pretty, bright green color and are not prickly;

as they grow, the lower stems start to show a pink tinge. The three maturing plants in the first photo above were growing in the front yard of a home in Four Hills Village in 2020. **Do remove tumbleweeds in 2021!**

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Parks and Open Space Update *by Lisa (Rusty) Goetz*

Mule Deer of Four Hills Village and the Surrounding Open Spaces

Four Hills Village (FHV) is a unique neighborhood in many ways. How many other neighborhoods have a resident mule deer herd? Year-round, deer are present here in groups ranging from 1-3 deer in the summer to 5-7 or more in the winter.

Mule Deer were given their name by the explorer, William Clark, during the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806, because of their large “mule” like ears. In New Mexico they are divided into two different subspecies. Here in FHV, and in the northern two thirds of NM, the Rocky Mountain mule deer are most common, while in the southern third of the state, the desert mule deer are dominant. Rocky Mountain mule deer live in extremely varied habitats that range from above the timberline to low-elevation grasslands. Typically, in the winter, deer living in the higher elevations will migrate to lower elevations where food is more available.



Adult Rocky Mountain mule deer have a reddish, fine, silky coat in the summer and a much thicker, coarse grey coat in the winter. Their reddish-brown fawns are spotted when born but lose the white spots 2 to 3 months after they are born. Only the males grow horns. Adult males (bucks) range in weight from 120 to 300+ pounds and females (does) weigh 95 to 200 pounds. A distinguishing characteristic of all mule deer is their use of a unique fast bound that involves all four legs in a stiff-leg bounce, known as a “stot”. “Stotting” allows mule deer to bound straight up steep hillsides, a feat very few predators can

emulate. Mule deer are also good jumpers. They are known to easily clear 6 to 8-foot-tall fences.

The life cycle of the mule deer is strongly seasonal. Breeding season or “rut” for our local mule deer begins in late November. One buck will breed many does and no permanent bond is formed between bucks and does. Bucks will shed their horns following the winter breeding season but start to regrow their horns in the early spring. The new antlers are covered by a soft dark furry skin, called “velvet.” The velvet is dense with blood vessels needed to supply the nutrients to the rapidly growing antlers. In fact, antlers are composed of tissues which are among the fastest growing in the entire animal kingdom. In late August or September, the velvet dries up and the bucks then rub it off their now-mineralized and hardened antlers



The does have a gestation period of about 7 months and fawns are usually born in June or July. The doe will leave the herd and seek out an area covered by heavy brush with a good water supply nearby. Typically, a healthy mature doe will have twins. Fawns will get up on their feet only hours after birth but are unsteady and very susceptible to predation. During the first few days the fawns stay hidden, still, and alone, except for feeding. One protective adaptation is that fawns have virtually no scent. The mother usually stays nearby but does not sleep with the fawns. At about 3 weeks the fawns will start to try solid foods, and shortly thereafter will accompany their mothers by day. Most fawns are weaned by October or November. Yearling females usually stay with the heard, while the yearling males are eventually forced out to join bachelor herds or to fend for themselves. Sexual maturity for both sexes is generally reached at 1.5 to 2 years.

Mule deer are crepuscular—most usually feeding at times around dawn and around dusk. During the day, they will typically bed down in secluded places that allow them good observational advantages and quick escape routes. Mule deer are ruminants, meaning that they have a four-chamber stomach whose first chamber is called the “rumen”. Deer process their food by first ingesting and coarsely chewing, then swallowing. Later, they regurgitate the contents of the rumen and chew the “cud”, a process called “ruminating” (and the source of two commonly used expressions). Deer again swallow the cud, which is then processed by the other stomach chambers and on through the rest of digestive system.

Deer have a small rumen. This forces them to seek out vegetation that is highly digestible with high nutritional value per unit volume. Because of their need for high quality foods, deer are always on the move while feeding. They take a bite and move on, spending little time in one spot. The diet of the mule deer is very diverse and reflects what is available. They prefer forbs (herbaceous flowering plants, weeds) and browse (leaves, buds, and new shoots of shrubs and trees such as Douglas fir, cedar, yew, aspen, willow, dogwood and juniper, and are particularly fond of members of the rose family). They will also eat mast (acorns, berries, larger fruits, maple seeds) and, although not favored, deer will eat young and actively growing grasses. In the winter they will include tips of evergreens and succulents (cacti) in their diet. The availability of water also influences a deer's choice of a particular area to forage.



The preferred habitat of mule deer is a mosaic of terrains that include an abundance of highly variable herbaceous forage, trees, and landforms that provide hiding and thermal cover (cool shade in the summer and heat preservation in the winter), and access to multiple sources of water. Mule deer generally avoid dense forests but will seek out areas with open meadows, interspersed with tree stands of various species, ages, and heights. They prefer to stay in proximity of large stands of woodlands that can offer cover for predator

evasion and thermal protection. One can see why mule deer are often drawn to more open urban areas developed in the foothills of New Mexico (e.g., FHV).

A healthy mule deer will live 7-15 years in the wild. Malnutrition is the single most important natural cause of death in deer. The second greatest natural cause of death is predation by mountain lions, black bears, Mexican wolves, coyotes, and feral dogs. Mankind, whether armed for hunting, or driving a motor vehicle, kills the largest number of deer each year.

FHV with its large open yards, numerous ponds, highly varied terrain, and wide range in vegetation types, is a magnet for mule deer. The heavily vegetated arroyos are favored creche areas for deer to bear and raise fawns. FHV is surrounded by the Open Space's sheltering forested hills and has access to the migration trails and permanent springs of Tijeras Canyon. Most of FHV human residents are tolerant of losing their yucca blooms, fruit, and young plantings to the browsing of the mule deer. The deer see us often in a non-threatening environment and have become moderately tolerant of our proximity to them. This very tolerance may put them and us in jeopardy

Mule deer are very adaptable, have good binocular vision, acute senses of hearing and smell and are very sensitive to movement. They are one of the very few large North American herbivores to survive the mass extinctions of the ice ages between 12,000 to 7,000 years ago. None of these senses or abilities to adapt seem to help them when faced with a fast-traveling motor vehicle. I know of two collisions between a mule deer and motor vehicle that happened in FHV last year. The first was a hit-and-run collision that left a doe dead at the "Y" intersection of Four Hills Rd and Stagecoach Rd early in the morning. The second collision occurred in the late afternoon, when a motorcyclist traveling south, up Four Hills Rd collided with a deer. He saw the first deer crossing the road but did not see the second one until too late. He was hospitalized and the deer died.

As you drive through FHV, watch your speed (25 mph in most of FHV) and watch out for our mule deer. Be especially careful at dawn and at sunset. Deer will be moving about in groups. You may see one, but often several more are in the immediate area. Their coloration makes them particularly hard to see at these times of day. Watch particularly closely as you cross the various arroyos, as these are highways for the deer. Also, watch out on the curves, as sections of road that abut open spaces or wilder areas will often be choice locations for deer to stand or cross the roads.

Real Estate Update *by Jan DeMay*



The real estate market is moving fast right now in Albuquerque, especially in Four Hills Village. Homes have been selling very quickly, most at or even above list price. Interest rates are still low, and our inventory is the lowest we've seen in many years.

The number of new listings for the month of January was down 60% from January of 2020! Prices are increasing; the highest price per square foot sold at \$218.49, and the lowest sold at \$91.12. The past year comes out with an overall average of \$144.01 sq/ft. If you're considering selling your home, there has never been a better time with this market's extremely low inventory.

Summary Statistics Four Hills Village

	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	% Chg	YTD Feb 2021	YTD Feb 2020	% Chg
Absorption Rate	0.78	2.62	-70.23	0.92	2.33	-60.52
Average List Price	\$542,800	\$522,712	3.84	\$489,363	\$496,041	-1.35
Median List Price	\$449,000	\$445,000	0.9	\$454,500	\$445,000	2.13
Average Sale Price	\$441,912	\$463,000	-4.55	\$462,625	\$420,072	10.13
Median Sale Price	\$437,000	\$447,000	-2.24	\$460,000	\$400,000	15
Average CDOM	63	42	50	69	59	16.95
Median CDOM	39	9	333.33	46	11	318.18

Sold Listings

	February			YTD Feb 28		
	2021	2020	% Chg	2021	2020	% Chg
Price Range	2021	2020	% Chg	2021	2020	% Chg
180,000-199,999	1	0	N/A	1	0	N/A
200,000-249,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
250,000-299,999	0	0	0	0	1	-100
300,000-399,999	4	2	100	5	3	66.7
400,000-499,999	1	0	N/A	2	3	-33.3
500,000-749,999	4	2	100	4	2	100
750,000-999,999	0	0	0	1	0	N/A
Totals	10	4	150	13	9	44

As of February 28, 2021:

- ☆ There were 5 active listings with the average \$ per square foot at \$140.47. The highest sales price was \$850,000. The lowest was \$260,000 and the median was \$425,000.
- ☆ There were 10 pending listings with the average \$ per square foot at \$161.43. The highest price was \$650,000. The lowest was \$365,000 and the median was \$454,000.
- ☆ There were 13 properties sold with the average \$ per square foot at \$149.64. The highest price of property sold was \$760,000. The lowest was \$185,000 and the median price was \$460,000. The average days on market was 50.

All statistics are from the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors (GAAR) as of February 28, 2021.

Security Update *by Paul Sedillo*

How exciting to be able to contribute my first update in *The Chronicle* to you, my neighbors. I have lived in this neighborhood for over two years now and I do feel very safe. However, I know we have work to do and I hope I can do my part to ensure this community stays one of the best in the city. Commander Collins of APD noted at the FHV annual general meeting that if he were to buy a second home it would be in Four Hills Village. He acknowledged that we are a close-knit community who watch out for one another.

The crime statistics for the beginning of 2021 tell us that this year is off to a good start. As you can see below, many of the categories are showing “0” for APD calls in Four Hills Village. I do believe with the current pandemic we are all staying home and walking the neighborhood more than ever. This has caused us to be more aware of our surroundings which of course is a key strategy in lowering crime.

You’ve probably heard that Harold Medina was recently selected as the new APD chief of police and that Sylvester Stanley was appointed to the newly created position of superintendent of police reform. As your Security Director, I will work with the new chief of police and his team through my role with the Community Policing Council to ensure our neighborhood is as safe as possible.



APD RESPONSES IN FOUR HILLS VILLAGE

January 1 through February 20, 2021

Incident Type	# of Incidences	Incident Type	# of Incidences
Theft /Larceny/ Fraud/ Embezzlement	7	Suspicious Person(s) or Vehicle(s)	4
Fraud: Forgery/ Credit Card/Check	0	Traffic Accident– no injury	0
Residential Burglary	3	Traffic Stop	0
Vehicle Break-in/ Auto Burglary or Theft	2	Missing Person	1
Auto Theft	3	Neighbor Trouble	0
Assault – Shots Fired	0	Disturbance	2
Vandalism	0	Aggravated Assault / Battery	0
Disturbing the Peace/Family Dispute	1	Loud Music	0
		Animal Call	0

Neighborhood News

Report from Four Hills Neighbors- A Women's Organization

What is the difference between FHVA and FHN?

I get asked that question many times by new residents of Four Hills. Some residents think that since they joined one that they belong to both. FHVA is an association of residents in Four Hills that keeps us informed about civic issues that affect us in the neighborhood. Four Hills Neighbors (FHN) is a social women's organization open to any woman who is a resident of Four Hills Village.

We have fun!

FHN began in 1976 and currently has 175 members. We have 19 activity groups ranging from book clubs, adventure, needlework, antiques, bunco, bridge, and bowling groups, to name a few. While COVID-19 has put a few of these on hold, it has not dampened our spirit. By moving from the red to yellow phase, we can gather in small groups of 10 and hopefully, soon to groups of 20. Our large group quarterly luncheons may have to wait a bit longer.

If you would like more information on FHN, give me a call at 505-823-4796. If you would like a membership form, contact Mary Roehrig, Membership Coordinator, FHNMembers@gmail.com. We would love to welcome you.

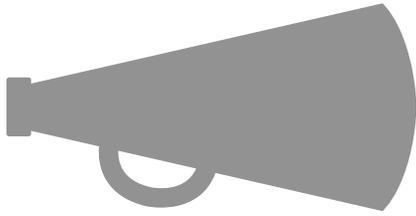
Eileen Mahn, President FHN



Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

At FHVA.org you will find current and useful information relating to our neighborhood and our organization including updates about upcoming events and virtual meetings.

If you need assistance during this time or you would like to provide assistance to others in the neighborhood, you can click on the "Community" tab to fill out the FHV Assistance Request form. Also under the "Community" tab there is a link to the FHV Map and Street Guide. This comes in handy when at those times when you don't have access to your FHV Directory. We hope you'll find our **FHVA.org** website current and useful. We'll have updates about the upcoming events and virtual meetings posted at this site as well as on the FHVA group on NextDoor.com



Monthly Board of Directors Meetings

The FHVA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are open to all members and are now held online on Zoom. You don't even have to leave home to attend!

Please contact Steve Brugge at spbrugge@gmail.com if you wish to join in.

Here is the board at the February recent meeting!



IT'S A FAN-TASTIC TIME TO SELL YOUR HOME.

The real estate market is hot. DON'T WAIT to maximize your equity.

The real estate market is favoring sellers at the moment because buyer demand is through the roof (with low interest rates) and inventory is at an all-time low. Don't miss out on this window of opportunity. If you wait, buyers will have more choices and prices can go down.

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...And Now a Few Words from our Elected Officials...

A Report from Meredith Dixon, Representative for New Mexico House District 20

Note from the Publications Director: The legislature was in session while this was newsletter was going to the press, so we did not receive a report from Meredith. We look forward to hearing from her this summer!

You may keep up to date with Meredith by signing up for her e-newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/g0gQCL> or use the QR code:



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Her mailing address is 1412 Stagecoach Ln SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

A Report from Charlene Pyskoty Bernalillo County Commissioner, District 5

Hello Four Hills Neighbors!

Spring is in the air, and we are all looking forward to getting out after a long, cold winter. Please know that Bernalillo County is doing all that we can to facilitate Covid-19 vaccinations. While we still have to work with other agencies on the federal and state level to get the vaccines, we are helping to distribute them to those who want them and have registered through the NM Department of Health website. If you'd like, you can register here: <https://cvvaccine.nmhealth.org/>, or call 311 for assistance in signing up for the vaccination.

While the nights are still cold, I'd like to encourage you to make a donation to a fund that I have set up to give hotel vouchers to homeless families with children. Bernalillo County partners with APS to provide safe shelter and services. You can read more about it and find a link to donate here: <https://www.bernco.gov/District-5/district-5-news.aspx?7c5993bb0cbe40e18064594a75d30df7blogPostId=dade546f05d64ebca33791d611499ab4#/BlogContent>.

Closer to home, Bernalillo County will be offering rental assistance. Applications will likely open the week of March 8. If you are a renter or landlord in need of financial assistance to avoid eviction, please keep an eye on our Economic Development Department for details. Here is the press release from last month: <https://www.bernco.gov/District-5/district-5-news.aspx?7c5993bb0cbe40e18064594a75d30df7blogPostId=d4aebcb8394d477daed24cc4ee0e9a55>.

Finally, I want to mention a safety issue. I have noticed that our Bernalillo County Fire Department has been responding to a lot of house fires, especially those that start in chimneys or other heating exhaust pipes. I'm sure the pandemic has meant a lot more cozy evenings in front of the fireplace. Please make sure your heating systems are clean and in good working order. I want you to be warm and safe.

Thank you for allowing me to share some of my news with you. My greatest pleasure is to serve you. Feel free to reach out to me at District5@bernco.gov with questions or comments, and check my webpage regularly, <https://www.bernco.gov/District-5/>, for things that I'm working on in the community.

Take care. I hope to see you again soon!

Sincerely,
Charlene Pyskoty
Chair, Bernalillo County Commissioner

A Report from Don Harris, City Councilor District 9

Councilor Harris has been working on the following projects:

The councilor has approved funds to conduct a traffic study in Four Hills Village with a focus on Stagecoach Road and Wagon Train Drive, with an emphasis that the entire neighborhood have input. We are currently working with the Traffic Engineers to present a scope for the project with a neighborhood-wide meeting, hosted by the councilor, to gather input from residents. Date TBD, but soon.

Councilor Harris continues to collaborate with Albuquerque Open Space to assess and acquire property to add to the Tijeras Arroyo BioZone project with the hopes of announcing additional property this year.

The Singing Arrow Community Center is on track to be finished this June.

Councilor Harris voted to approve the city's attempt to acquire the Poole Property and has pledged "set-aside" funding to assist with the city's purchase.

To see what other councilors have done or the council as a whole, you can find that information here: <http://www.cabq.gov/council/news/city-council-highlights> or on their twitter page: <https://twitter.com/cabq>

Keep Four Hills Village Beautiful

Let's hope for some spring showers!!

Here is ABCWUA's spring watering recommendations!

SPRING WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS
(MARCH - MAY) FOR GREATER ALBUQUERQUE AREA

Plant Type	How Often?	How Deep?
 TREES	 1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	24" INCHES
 SHRUBS	 1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	18" INCHES
 FLOWERING PLANTS	 1-3 TIMES PER WEEK	12" INCHES
 DESERT ACCENTS	 1 TIME PER MONTH	12" INCHES
 GROUNDCOVER	 1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	8" INCHES
 GRASS: TURF	 1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	6" INCHES
 GRASS: ORNAMENTAL	 1 TIME PER WEEK	12" INCHES
 VINES	 1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	18" INCHES

=MONTHLY =WEEKLY

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