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President's Message *by Steve Brügge*

And The Survey Says..

The Membership Committee recently conducted a survey of all Four Hills Village households. The last issue of *The Chronicle* was mailed to all 1,400 houses in the Village and contained a paper version of the survey and a link to an online version. A link to the online version was also posted on NextDoor and FHVA.org.

We received just over 160 surveys back. That's a wee bit over ten percent; not a bad return for a voluntary survey. While no claim can be made for a random sample, I do think valuable information was collected that will help direct the board's actions in the future.

The first lesson is clearly that we need to use both electronic and old-fashioned paper communication. While the vast majority of people who took the survey did so online, there are members of our community who are much more comfortable with paper and stamps.

The first four questions gathered some basic demographic information. From the completed surveys, it's clear that Four Hills Village is an established neighborhood with 60 percent of respondents having lived here more than ten years and 70 percent being older than fifty five. About 10 percent said they had lived here less than a year and 30 percent had lived here between one year and ten years.

Over 60 percent of households are couples with about 10 percent single-member households and another 30 percent having three or more people in the household. I suspect that if we had demographic information from the 1970s, 60 percent or more of households would have been three or more people, and the average age would have been considerably younger.

People are concerned about many issues—general safety, traffic, crime, homelessness, yard maintenance, sidewalks, designated bike and walking lanes, and many others. The FHVA exists primarily to interact with the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County in order to look out for the interests of our wonderful corner of Albuquerque.

Four Hills Village Association has never been a legal homeowner's association. We have no authority over the many things like weeds, the height of a wall, or an

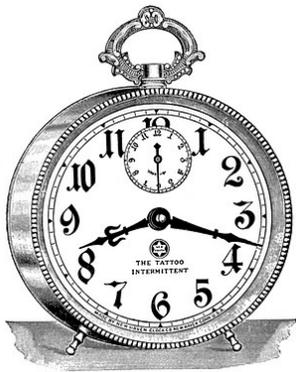
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abandoned house. These are covered by city zoning rules, and, while we can be an advocate for these issues, it's best to report such nuisances by calling 311 or by visiting the city's website <https://www.cabq.gov>.

A secondary purpose of FHVA is to help build community and generate goodwill among neighbors. We have long sponsored a free document shredding event, held a light decorating contest during the holidays, teamed with the city for neighborhood cleanups, and helped sponsor National Night Out. We also maintain the reader board at the entrance to Four Hills Village.

A hearty thank you to everyone who filled out our little survey. Your answers and comments have been tabulated and shared with the board; they will direct future action.

Vice President's Report *by Ellen Lipman*



It's that time again! Time to elect a new board of directors and to hold our Annual General Meeting. Inside this edition of *The Chronicle* you will find brief biographies of each person running for a board position and a ballot. Please vote and return your choices to FHVA PO Box 50505, Albuquerque, NM 87181-0505. The completed ballots must arrive at the post office box by January 7. In a motion passed by the board in October, current 2021 members and new 2022 members are eligible to vote.

This is also a great time to renew your membership for 2022 if you haven't already. Please refer to Marilou Cochran's report on page 7 about how to do this.

In January 2022, we will hold our Annual General Meeting. We are hopeful that the meeting will be in person. If not, we will host a virtual meeting on Zoom. Once we have firmed up the details, we will post the day, time and location on the FHVA.org website, NextDoor, Facebook and on the FHV sign. Members will receive email invitations. We look forward to seeing you!

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Secretary's Report *by Jennifer Lopez*

A Time to Lie Fallow in Four Hills Village

Fall is here. Our days are getting shorter. We have more time in the dark than we do in the light. Our level of vibrancy and physical activity is waning. Instead of having late evening walks, we are on the couch in our pajamas with our face behind a book. Is this mental and physical slowing down a bad thing?

During a recent visit to my home State of Oklahoma I couldn't help but notice the transition happening in the farmers' fields. Most of the cotton fields were now picked clean while the green sprouts of the winter wheat were just beginning to poke through. But most interesting to me were the fields that were barren of any crops, or in other words, lying fallow. Nature is truly sometimes the best teacher. At first glance, an outside observer may think that the empty field is being wasted. But quite the opposite is true.

A time of quiet is necessary for the fields to rest, replenish nutrients, and to support new growth. The same can be said of people. Fall is the perfect time for us to lie fallow. Rest, restore yourselves, assess where you are, where you have been and where you are going. Making time for self-reflection is never a wasted endeavor. Our daily activities often make us think we are on a treadmill that won't stop. Life can be exhausting and confusing. We are so often busy going through life that we forget what our destination even is.

I encourage everyone during this time of year to give yourself time to lie fallow for a bit. Fall is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect upon our life and its direction. Do our actions reflect our values? Are we patient and kind or do our busy schedules make us short-tempered and cranky? Do people welcome our presence, or do they cringe upon our arrival? Do our efforts in the world support kindness and growth? Step outside your living room. Wave at your neighbor. Take a walk or two during the week and breathe deeply. I know it is very easy for me to be a hermit, but in reality, I am much happier when I connect with my neighbors. Let's look out for one another in Four Hills Village, not away from each other. Yes, find time to lie fallow for a bit, but still wave at your neighbors!



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.

Treasurer's Report by Linda Martinez



Statement of Income and Expenses January 1, 2021 – November 31, 2021

01/01/2021 Beginning Bank Balance

Checking	\$ 7,774.01
Savings	<u>23,321.05</u>

Total **\$ 31,095.06**

Year to Date Income

Membership Dues	\$8,590.08
Advertising Income	2,437.80
Interest Earned MM	<u>3.60</u>

Total **\$ 11,031.48**

Year to Date Expenses

Chronicle	\$4,182.37
Prizes for Contest	164.85
Insurance	950.00
Directory	802.02
Reminder Letter	181.12
Supplies/Postage/Fees	169.88
Bank Fees	12.00
Survey Monkey	414.24
PO Box Annual Fee	204.00
Shredding	695.79
Donation	500.00
Zoom Purchase for Meetings	<u>161.70</u>

Total **\$ 8,437.97**

January 1, 2021 – thru November 30, 2021

Net Income **\$ 2,593.51**

11/30/2021 Balance

Checking	\$ 10,363.92
Savings	<u>23,324.65</u>

Ending Bank Balance **\$ 33,688.57**



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- Whether you are in your 30s or your 60s, making big purchases, retiring, paying for college is not just about a number. Neither is facing the guilt of feeling behind in your saving. A strategy that incorporates your unique family variables is key. A financial advisor helps you feel confident you're on YOUR path.

Who are we?



We're your neighbors. In life and at work, we strive to face life's experiences with a positive attitude and sound strategy. We support our clients from that foundation. We have been working together as a couple for a decade. We know the challenges and joys of building a strong financial future. We've been through divorce, adoption, and supported our son through college. We had a house fire that left us homeless for a time. We've experienced serious health issues, unemployment and lay-offs, and caregiving for elderly parents. Yes, life is a topsy turvy journey!

Ric has worked in banking and wealth management for 30 years. For 11 years, he served as a commercial banker and lender for Wells Fargo. After a 15 year tenure with Edward Jones, he launched our independent firm, Altalune Wealth Advisors LLC, with LPL Financial. After a 25 year career in philanthropy and business development, Kelley started working with Ric, incorporating their dedication to helping people build their legacy for their families and communities.

Our son, Ezra, is a recent graduate of New Mexico Institute for Mining and Technology. As a family we talk cars incessantly and work on them too, especially the old Jag, which usually needs attention. We do our best to stay healthy especially taking our daily morning hike in the hills behind our neighborhood.

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Education and Youth Affairs Update *by Ian Esquibel*



During 2021, the Education and Youth Affairs Committee prioritized neighborhood safety and building connections. Committee members supported the traffic study to encourage walkable streets for our families. We hosted a number of activities for local families to meet each other. This year’s National Night Out provided wonderful space for children to run and play together outside in familiar pre-pandemic ways. Unfortunately, the pandemic hindered a number of our social efforts, but we were happy to limit contact in the interest of safety and wellness.

We offer ongoing resources on the updated Education and Youth Affairs section of the Four Hills Village Association website - <https://www.fhva.org/education-and-youth.html>. Visit the site to learn about child care, Pre-K, local public schools, charter schools and youth activities. Please join the Four Hills Family Group on NextDoor to learn about social activities.

Here is ABCWUA’s watering recommendation for winter. Let’s hope we get some cooperation from mother nature!

WINTER WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS

Plant Type	How Often?	How Deep?
 TREES	 1 TIME A MONTH	24 INCHES
 SHRUBS	 1 TIME A MONTH	18 INCHES
 FLOWERING PLANTS	 1 TIME A MONTH	12 INCHES
 DESERT ACCENTS	NONE	NONE
 GROUNDCOVER	 1 TIME A MONTH	12 INCHES
 GRASS: TURF	 2 TIMES A MONTH	6 INCHES
 GRASS: ORNAMENTAL	 1 TIME A MONTH	12 INCHES
 VINES	 1 TIME A MONTH	18 INCHES

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Government Affairs Report *by Andrew Lipman*

The Government Affairs Director interacts with local government officials for the benefit of Four Hills Village. The director serves as liaison with the neighborhood's various elected officials, the District 9 East Gateway Coalition of Associations, other neighborhood associations and with staff members in government departments. The following matters will affect Four Hills Village in the coming year:

Traffic Study:

The most recent meeting regarding Four Hills Village traffic was held via Zoom on October 26. More information can be found at <https://www.cabq.gov/neighborhood-traffic-management-program>.

Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO)

This ordinance defines what is considered a recognized neighborhood association by the city of Albuquerque and therefore, has legal standing on zoning issues. It also establishes what organizations have access to the services of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. This ordinance has been tabled but a revision may come up again with the new City Council.

Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO)

This determines how the city manages zoning issues. It can work in tandem with NARO. The IDO is examined and changes annually. The 2021 revisions are currently working through the city committee process. The District 9 East Gateway Coalition is monitoring this process very closely.

Arts and Culture Festival:

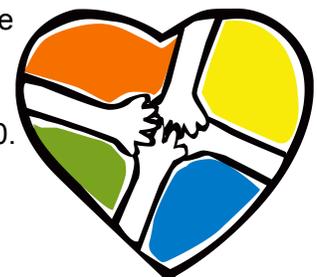
The East Gateway area has a less than desirable reputation. Bringing in positive events will bring in people, increase goodwill within the neighborhood and promote good publicity for our district. We need to do all we can to raise the visibility of the East Gateway area. An arts and culture festival to be held at Singing Area Park has been approved the East Gateway Coalition of Associations and is supported by the FHVA. City officials have been contacted and expressed support for this "mini-summerfest" project. Our goal with this project is to have the city serve as the official sponsor and have the District 9 neighborhood associations support and participate in the event.

Capital Outlay:

The city has been in contact with both the FHVA and the East Gateway Coalition about capital funding. We are requesting funding for infrastructure and hope to repave the main streets in Four Hills Village. We will be working with both city and state representatives for this funding.

When a fire destroyed the home of a young Four Hills Village family in November, many Four Hills Village residents generously pitched in to help the Altomare family rebuild their lives.

The Four Hills Village Association Board of Directors voted to donate \$500.00. This donation was made through GoFundMe.com by FHVA President Steve Brügge on the association's behalf.



If you are interested in making a contribution, here is they link to the fundraiser: <https://gofund.me/3db8c917>

Membership Report by Marilou Cochran

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The 2022 Four Hills Village Association (FHVA) membership drive is currently underway. Thank you for your renewal or new membership! For those who have not renewed yet, we ask that dues be paid by December 31, 2021 for 2022 membership. Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. Residents who move to Four

Hills Village, between October and December and join Four Hills Village Association, during the 4th quarter may have membership extended through the following year (per Bylaws section IV).

If you have not already submitted your membership form and payment, you may do so online by going to FHVA.org and clicking the membership tab. Should you not wish to renew online, you may download a form from the membership page on our website and mail the form with a check for \$25.00 per member to FHVA, PO Box 50505, Albuquerque, NM 87181-0505. If you do not have internet access, please contact me at 505-294-0001.

All residents (homeowners and renters) age 18 and older are eligible to be members of Four Hills Village Association—individuals only no corporations.

It is possible to have multiple memberships per residence at \$25.00 per membership per Article IV of the FHVA Bylaws. FHV residents or homeowners may opt for one membership and have one other member of their household included in the Membership Directory, if desired.

Membership entitles you to:

- Receive *The Chronicle* (email or mail)
- Receive the annual Membership Directory
- Eligibility to serve on the FHVA Board of Directors
- Attend monthly Board of Directors meetings and have an opportunity to speak
- Attend the Annual General Meeting

If you have any questions, please call me at 505-294-0001 or my email address is mrcochran@comcast.net.

PS I will not be a candidate for Membership Director for 2022. It has been a privilege to serve this community and I have enjoyed working with the board members and meeting some new friends this year. May God Bless!



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RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS AND
THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION
AND HARD WORK.

Our Local Environment *by Ann Harris Davidson*

Street Names in Four Hills Village: Catron Avenue SE

More than 70 years after the Four Hills Development Corporation originally platted the planned development of Four Hills Village (from 1958), there is now no way to be certain why the streets were named as they are. Of course, some of the street names in Four Hills Village are self-evident—with Four Hills Road SE and Cuatro Cerros Trail SE being prime examples! But what is the origin of Catron Avenue SE? Was it just named for the county? This seems unlikely, given that nearby counties, such as Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Torrance, do not have streets in Four Hills Village named for them.

As it happens, Elaine Briseño, an Albuquerque Journal staff writer, has a bi-weekly “What’s in a Name?” column and, on November 7, 2021, she featured the story of the origin of the name of New Mexico’s Catron County – <https://www.abqjournal.com/2443905/thomas-benton-catron-was-once-the-singlelargest-landowner-in-nm.html>. Briseño reported that Catron County, which is New Mexico’s largest in area, was named for Thomas Benton Catron (06 Oct 1840-15 May 1921), who was once, as Briseño quoted from his obituary, the “single-largest landowner in NM”. This Thomas Benton Catron had commanded the 3rd Missouri Battery of the Confederate Army; practiced law in Las Cruces; been the Territory Attorney General (1869-1872); and been appointed by President Ulysses Grant as the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico (1872-1878). He had a continuing list of accomplishments that included being the Mayor of Santa Fe (1906-1908) and being elected as a Republican to the U.S. Senate (1912-1917), as the first of two U.S. senators to represent New Mexico in Congress after New Mexico earned statehood in 1912.



But...was the Catron Avenue in Four Hills Village named for this Thomas Benton Catron (Sr.), who had died more than 30 years before the formation of the Four Hills Development Corporation? Perhaps; but he also had a renowned namesake who was around the age of the men who created Four Hills Village—as the elder Catron had a son called Fletcher, who named one of his sons “Thomas Benton Catron III” and this grandson may have surpassed his grandfather in illustriousness in New Mexico. Notably, in 1956, Tom Catron III was a principal founding director of the future Santa Fe Opera Company.

In 1942, Thomas Benton Catron III (03 Feb 1922-01 May 2020) interrupted his undergraduate studies at Stanford University to serve in Italy in World War II. After the war, he completed his undergraduate and law degrees at Stanford, then returned to Santa Fe to work in the Catron family’s law firm, New Mexico’s oldest. The Santa Fe Living Treasures site details his significant contributions to Santa Fe and New Mexico (<https://sflivingtreasures.org/index.php/treasures/207-catron-thomas-b-iii.html>). Apart from his decades of service as the Santa Fe Opera Board President, he held leadership positions with many other social, cultural, and artistic organizations, including the Rio Grande Symphony, the Museum of International Folk Art, and the locally oriented Capital Bank. He established the Santa Fe Opera Foundation in 1976, after having established the Museum of New Mexico Foundation in 1962, which he then headed for 25 years.

So, while it may not be possible to determine precisely whether our Catron Avenue in Four Hills Village was named for Thomas Benton Catron I or Thomas Benton Catron III, either way, it was likely named for a member of one of the most prominent families in New Mexico over almost the past two centuries.



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

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood- FHVA-Sponsored Fall Cleanups

First things first, I want to give a really big THANK YOU! to all the Four Hills Village residents who routinely pick up trash on their walks throughout the neighborhood and the Four Hills-Manzano Open Space. Secondly, here is another big thank you to all of you who help out your neighbors by hauling in their trash cans, to you who protect your neighbors' packages left on front door steps, and to so many of you who are just being really nice helpful people. This neighborhood depends on volunteer efforts to keep it beautiful and inviting. The following is a brief discussion of the Fall volunteer cleanup efforts, organized and supported by the Four Hills Village Association that improved both our Four Hills Village neighborhood and the surrounding parks and Open Spaces (and we tried to be environmentally conscious too!).



FHV-sponsored free paper shredding event on Saturday, September 11

This annual event was open to all FHV residents and our neighbors. The AA Mobile Shredder truck was parked at the end of my driveway at 802 Martingale Ln. Folks from forty-five households showed up. All but eight were FHVA members. Many stayed to visit and watch their records be destroyed on site. By the end of the morning, we estimated that we had packed and shredded fifteen 75-gallon bins. That's roughly 1,125 gallons of shredded and recycled paper that did not go into the landfill. The cost to FHVA was \$695.79. Good job all!

FHVA sponsored the Fall Neighborhood Cleanup on September 25

The city of Albuquerque scheduled a Fall Neighborhood Cleanup across the city. FHVA registered to clean Four Hills Road from the Four Hills Road/Tijeras Canyon bridge up to the Stagecoach "Y" and the "berm trail" plus both the La Cabra and Stagecoach entrances of the Manzano-Four Hills Open Space.

In a new effort to improve our neighborhood, we also linked up with the city Open Space Division to clean out a major tumbleweed infestation in the entrance areas of our Open Space. They sent out a couple of really good hands, Zac Darden and Illianna Hammond, to help us organize a weed pulling effort on that Saturday. Nine folks from Four Hills Village and Volterra (Ellen Lipman, Gary Peters, Jennifer Lopez, David Peters, David Melito, Rob Grilly, Mathew Allen, Jacqueline Cormier, and Rusty Goetz) helped remove and bag up tumbleweeds, goat heads, and trash at the entrances and along the connecting berm trail in the Manzano-Four Hills Open Space. The team collected approximately forty-five 55-gallon bags of weeds which city waste management had picked up by 2:00 that afternoon.



Parks and Open Space Update cont'd by Lisa (Rusty) Goetz

A second team of five from Four Hills Village, headed up by Steve Brugge, worked to cleanup Four Hills Road. Ann Harris Davidson weeded and cleaned the Stagecoach Rd "Y" down to the Winterwood Way intersection. Steve and Janice Duis cleaned from the south side of the Four Hills Road bridge up to the Winterwood Way intersection. Francisco Alvarez and a partner, cleaned from the north side of the bridge up the north side of Four Hills Road. They collected an array of trash and weeds including a shopping cart and lumber. City Solid Waste also collected the trash from two sites along Four Hills Road by 2 P.M. that day.

In addition to cleaning and weeding, Ann Harris Davidson also gave a bag of beneficial native plant seeds to Illianna Hammond to be sowed in the Open Space.

We try to hold these cleanups twice a year in FHV. The next one will be in the spring. We have always have had fun at these events and the work of these volunteers is really valuable to all of us and our neighborhood. Thank you to all of the volunteers!



Removal of an old abandoned campsite from the Open Space just east of Hideaway Lane on Saturday, November 6

One of our new FHV residents, Roland Roybal, found a large twelve by ten foot wooden platform and campsite hidden in a dell behind large rocks high up on the western slope of the Open Space behind his house on Hideaway Lane. He reported it to me, and asked how to get it removed. We again partnered with the Open Space management team and scheduled a joint effort to remove the platform and clean up the area.

Roland gave us permission to hike up to the site from his backyard. That saved us about a half mile hike in/out from the Open Space side. A team of four from the Open Space Division, John Keliia (Parks Program Specialist) and his staff of Zach Darden, Dillon Cowie, and Kyle Bality joined up with a volunteer team of four from FHV; Steve Brugge, Ann Harris Davidson, David Melito, and me. We came equipped with crowbars, power drills, heavy-duty trash bags, and fortunately, Steve brought his portable circular saw. The platform turned out to be very well built from two by four lumber and large plywood sheets that were screwed together. Steve and his saw were critical in breaking it down in to portable pieces. The team dismantled the platform and removed the really nasty screws from the wood. We also cleaned up a campfire ring and picked up cans, sheetrock pieces, and other trash. In the course of two hours, we all made several trips up and down the steep trail-less slope, carrying out armloads of wood and trash. The hauled-out debris completely filled the bed of one of the city's Open Space trucks.

Parks and Open Space Update cont'd by Lisa (Rusty) Goetz

Other miscellaneous help we have recently received from the Open Space Division.

On July 18, I reported and provided photographic documentation of severe erosion and gully development on the main Manzano-Four Hills Open Space trails following the heavy rains of late summer. By mid-September the Open Space staff had re-graded, filled in, and repaired most of the main trails.

On September 19, I emailed the information to the Open Space Division that several FHV residents had reported seeing campfires at night in the Tijeras Canyon east of the Four Hills Rd bridge. Open Space management responded by calling in the Open Space Police to take care of removing the campsites.

The Open Space Division, like most city agencies, has been shorthanded throughout the Covid pandemic. Even so, they have been very responsive to our requests for help in maintaining our local Manzano-Four Hills Open Space. It is important to remember that during this period their responsibilities have grown as the city has acquired, and is still acquiring, a great deal of new land for Open Space development along the bottom of Tijeras Canyon, from the Singing Arrow Community Center to the west side of the Village of Tijeras. These acquisitions are to protect the permanent water supplies in the canyon and to preserve one of the most significant wildlife migration corridors in New Mexico. Every one of the Open Space folks I have worked with have been both very helpful and very appreciative of the efforts the folks in Four Hills Village make to support and clean the Manzano-Four Hills Open Space.

How you can help our neighborhood continue to grow in beauty?

Volunteer! Not only are our cleanup events important to the maintenance of FHV, but they are also fun, social, and educational. Even if you are unable to participate in one of our bigger cleanup efforts you can help out all of us in FHV by checking your property frontage for trash, especially after Monday's trash pickups and after storms. Once they are emptied, haul your trash bins in off the street as soon as possible. That will make your yard look neater and give the rest of us fewer traffic and walking hazards.



Also, check to see that you have no invasive weeds, such as tumbleweeds, kochia, or goat heads, growing in your yard. These can grow very large and spread very quickly. Finally, and importantly, please arrange to have any dead trees in yard taken down and removed. Not only are these trees unsightly, but they also put you and the neighborhood at risk for fire. The dead trees (particularly the dead pine trees) can ignite into very hot flames within seconds (11-12 seconds per US Forest Service data) from a single spark. In addition, dead trees are very brittle and they put you at risk for expensive repairs because, during our frequent high winds, there is a significant risk of major limbs breaking and/or the whole tree falling over onto your house, car, power line, or fence.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers and kind neighbors who help make Four Hills Village a nice place to live!

Real Estate Update *by Jan DeMay*

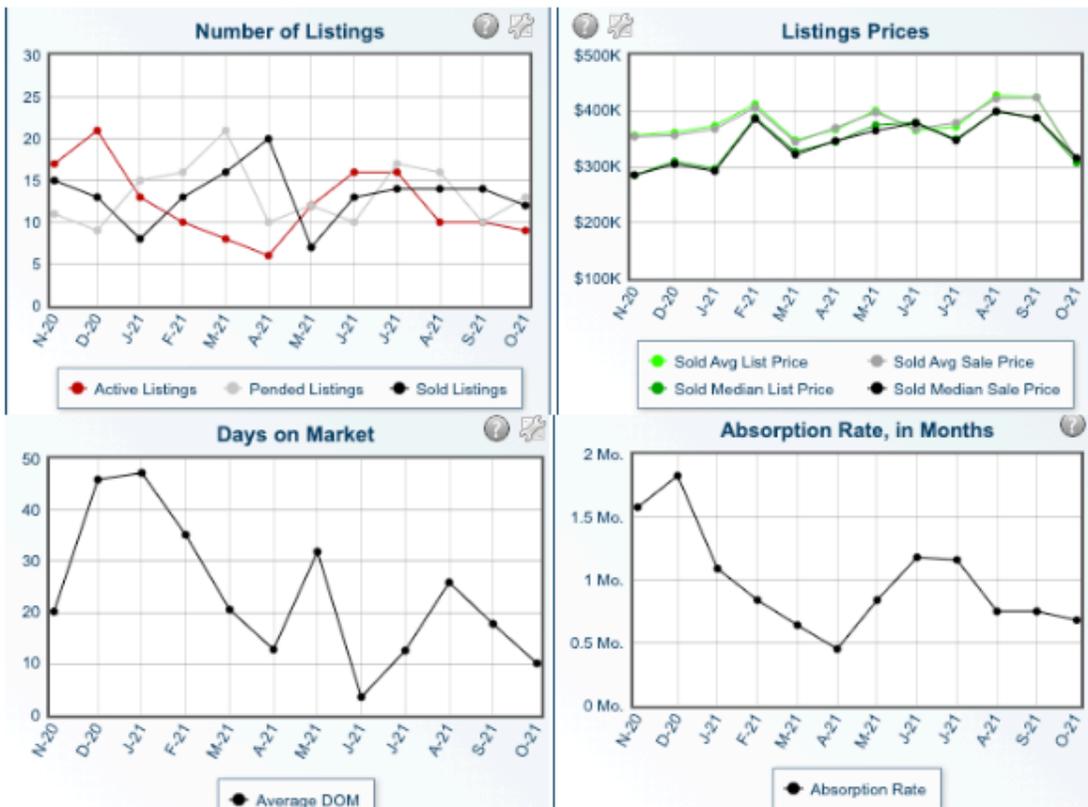
Hello friends and neighbors of Four Hills Village!

While the leaves have fallen, our home prices have not! The median sales price of homes for the month of October of 2021 was \$565,000. Last year at that same time, the median price was \$389,000. Our average list price of homes has also increased to \$481,422—an increase of 45% from October of last year!

Our average days on market and absorption rate have both decreased more than 60% due to the shortage of inventory of homes on the market. Our average price per sq/ft has gone up once again, and as of October is at \$161.85! Please contact us with any questions or for any other information you may need



Summary Statistics Four Hills Village			
Year to Date	October 2021	October 2020	Change
Absorption Rate	0.68	1.82	-62.64%
Average List Price	\$481,422	\$420,321	14.54%
Median List Price	\$565,000	\$389,000	45.24%
Average Sale Price	\$314,249	\$408,333	-23.04%
Median Sale Price	\$316,000	\$315,000	0.32%
Average CDOM	22	56	-60.71%
Median CDOM	4	27	-85.19%



Security Update *by Paul Sedillo*

The holidays are upon us. With the excitement and joy also come safety and security concerns, in addition to added stress and busy minds. Let's work together to heighten our awareness. Burglars, muggers, and pick pockets see this time of year as an opportunity to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, especially because it's an opportune time for crime.

Please take note of some of the below actions we can all take to keep ourselves and this wonderful neighborhood a safe place for us all this holiday season.

If You Are Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor you trust to watch your home.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If these things pile up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

If You Are Out for the Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

If You Are Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card when possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Protect Your Vehicle

- Loading up on all those gifts is a sign of progress in the holiday shopping. But if those packages are left out in the open after they're in the car, your car has become a likely target for thieves. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?" The same idea applies to items in your car.
- Help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by always locking your car and using anti-theft devices. And although it's cold, never leave your vehicle running while you run inside your home or a store—even if for only a minute or two.

If a Stranger Comes to the Door

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, so be cautious when accepting a package or opening the door to anyone you do not know.

After You've Opened the Gifts

- Burglars know that many households have new, and oftentimes expensive, items in their homes following the December holidays—especially items such as new computers, televisions, cameras and other electronic equipment. In too many cases, residents make it easy for burglars to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other garbage.

Celebrate Responsibly

- The holiday season is a time of celebration and revelry. Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road. Have fun, but remember to celebrate responsibly.

Holiday Package Theft

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. You can sign up for email notifications to track your packages from initial shipment to its arrival at your home, or the recipient's address if you have the gift delivered directly.
- See if the post office or the store the product is being shipped from can hold the package for pick up.

Security Update Continued *by Paul Sedillo*

APD RESPONSES IN FOUR HILLS VILLAGE

From August 30 to November 30

Incident Type	# of Incidences
Vehicle Break-in Theft	3
Assault	2
Residential Burglary	10
Disturbing the Peace	33
Theft/Larceny/Fraud/Embezzlement	5
Vandalism	2

Neighborhood News



Report from Four Hills Neighbors- A Women's Organization

Eileen Mahn, President FHN

We are a social organization that promotes friendship among all women residing in Four Hills Village. At the present time we have 186 members with 20 activity groups. Our 1st Vice-President, Bonnie Nolan-Blackledge sends out a packet of information to all new homeowners in Four Hills Village about our group and about the FHVA.

There are membership forms for both organizations in the packet. We just had our second quarterly luncheon on December 2 at the Canyon Club. Our annual dues are \$ 20.00 but we welcome new residents with a free membership their first year. We send out a new directory each August and quarterly newsletters to all members.

If you would like to join, contact Mary Roehrig at fhnmembers@gmail.com We invite you to get involved in your neighborhood.



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

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

Friends and neighbors,

As we head into winter and the holiday season, I hope that you are healthy and safe. Please reach out to me if you need assistance securing State of New Mexico support services, such as rental assistance or unemployment, or if there are any issues that you are concerned about.

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in our town halls this summer and fall. Our final town hall of 2021 was on November 4th and the topic was reducing crime and improving public safety. I couldn't have been more pleased with our in-person and online attendance, as well as the participation from APD Chief Harold Medina, District Attorney Raul Torrez, Community Policing Council President Robert Carlton, and Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Services Coordinator Jennifer Scacco. If you missed the town hall or have remaining questions, please feel free to give me call or send me an email.

In addition to our town hall meetings, I've also been visiting the district – from Manzano High School's new Teen Tech and Robotics Center and Highland High School's amazing Career Technical Education programs to the Four Hills Studio Apartments, a low-income, affordable housing facility that partners with service providers to offer on-site services for people who have been homeless. These dialogues and hands-on-experiences are critical to my ability to represent our district and work toward solutions.

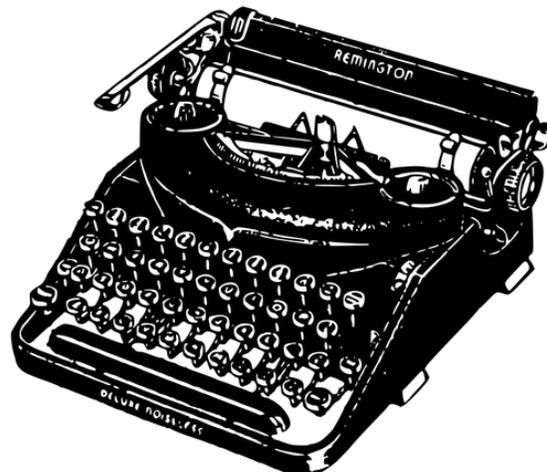
At the beginning of January, please watch your mailbox for our annual pre-session survey. I love hearing directly from constituents about the issues that you are most concerned about and what you would like to see the legislature focus on during the session. I believe that it helps me represent you more effectively in Santa Fe.

And while the special session on redistricting may have concluded by the time you read this, please sign up on my website (meredithfornewmexico.com) to receive email updates about both the special and regular session.

Finally, I look forward to working closely with our newly elected school board member and city councilor for our area. I have appreciated the hard work of APS Board Member Elizabeth Armijo and City Councilor Don Harris. I wish them both success in their next endeavors.

Very respectfully,

Meredith Dixon
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Meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov



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

A Report from Charlene Pyskoty Bernalillo County Commissioner, District 5

Season's Greetings!

As we wrap up this year, I am grateful for all the good things that have come our way, even in the midst of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Bernalillo County has been able to facilitate federal funding to go for rent relief, small businesses, infrastructure, and other projects that help the health, safety, and well being of our residents. We continue to tackle longstanding issues around crime, homelessness, and substance abuse through our behavioral health and public safety programs.

I have continued to support projects that preserve our landscape and culture, and bring more beauty to our community. I have continued to advocate for community gardens and expansion of open space. I support outdoor spaces where people can safely enjoy our natural surroundings and cultural history. The most recent improvement to our recreational portfolio is the newly renovated skate park at Los Vecinos Community Center, just a short drive east on Central/Route 66.

A nice surprise was the granting of the Aquarius Award by the U.S. EPA for the partnership among various governmental entities to bring fresh, clean water to Carnuel. There were only five awards given nationally, and ours was the only one highlighting the partnership among the city, county, state, water authority, and federal agencies to facilitate this project.

As I write this, we are nearing the end of the run-off race for a new city councilor for District 9. Please get out and vote for the person you want to represent you on the Albuquerque City Council!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Councilor Don Harris for his many years of service to District 9 and the Four Hills community. We appreciate your work and wish you well in your continued journey. Thank you!

The Bernalillo County Commission will be voting on a new redistricting map on December 14. You can see a presentation and proposed maps on our website at <https://www.bernco.gov/county-manager/bernalillo-county-redistricting/>. I have fought to keep Four Hills together as a neighborhood in District 5. The biggest change is extending the western boundary a bit to keep the Uptown neighborhood whole.

As always, feel free to reach out to me anytime at District5@bernco.gov. Please note that property tax bills will be mailed out on December 1 and will be due by January 10 without late penalties and interest. Also note that our new address is 415 Silver SW, Albuquerque, 87102.

Please enjoy this holiday season. May you and your loved ones be happy and healthy. See you next year!

Sincerely,
Charlene Pyskoty
Bernalillo County Commissioner, District 5

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

A Report from Don Harris, City Councilor District 9

If you love art and science, you should stop by the Cooperative Educational Services building at the Sandia Science & Technology Park to see the one-of-a-kind mural, *Limitless*, by nationally renowned artist and activist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya. I assisted in dedicating this extraordinary work of art that is in our backyard and hope you find it inspiring.

Most recently, there has been the installation of a pilot project fence along I-40, after collaborating with NMDOT and the city's Solid Waste Department. This fence stretches behind La Luz de Amistad Park near Supper Rock, as well as an additional fence that was added along the off-ramp at Eubank. We're hoping this fence is more tamper-proof and will effectively deter crossing near the I-40, keeping pedestrians and drivers safe.

We're so excited for the new Singing Arrow Community Center and are hopeful that by the time you're reading this, the grand opening ceremony will have already taken place. Stop by and visit, get your free membership (available to all ABQ citizens, including youth), and see this beautiful building with its many amenities.

As the end of the year approaches, this is an excellent opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for being your representative for the last 16 years in the Albuquerque City Council. I think we can all agree there have been "bumps"; but overall, I have learned so much from our residents and I know how important your voice is. Our community needs each and every one of you.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

This is City Councilor Harris's final report

We thank him for his service.

We need volunteers to assume following 2022 board

positions:

Education and Youth Affairs

Government Affairs

Security

Get involved with your neighborhood!

For details on these positions, please refer to the Revised ByLaws. You will find the ByLaws by clicking on the "Documents" tab on our website FHVA.org.

**GET
INVOLVED!**

Biographies of 2022 Board Nominees

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Andrew Lipman

Andrew Lipman, a 27-year resident of Four Hills Village, has a master's degree from New York University in Community Organization and Nonprofit Management. He is Government Affairs Director for FHVA, is the vice president of the East Gateway Coalition of Organizations and serves on the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Board for the City of Albuquerque. He has chaired the Police Oversight Task Force, is founding treasurer and former president of the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum, was the executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, chaired the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force for Public Safety, and is founding member and former state chair of the New Mexico Human Rights Coalition Board.

VICE PRESIDENT

Ellen Lipman (Incumbent).

Ellen Lipman has held jobs in every time zone in the lower 48, in many settings and among several different cultures during her career as a radiologic technologist and from small community hospitals to large trauma centers. She earned a master's degree in adult education. Ellen is Director of Professional Development for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and has been with ASRT more than 26 years. She earned the Certified Association Executive credential in 2008. Ellen is currently on the FHVA board and on the American Board of Magnetic Resonance Safety. She and her husband Andrew have lived in Four Hills Village since February 1994.

SECRETARY

Jennifer Lopez (Incumbent)

Jennifer Lopez moved from Moriarty with her husband, Jess, to the Four Hills Village neighborhood in April 2018 after completing a 25-year career in special education. Upon retirement, they decided to move to town and quickly realized there was no better neighborhood than Four Hills Village! Jennifer believes that her newly adopted community of Four Hills Village provides the perfect mix of small town vibe at the edge of big city amenities! She now spends her days supporting her husband in his volunteer work at his VFW, babysitting grandsons and trying to keep up with the books from the Four Hills Neighbors book club. She looks forward to meeting and working with new-found friends in her new community.

TREASURER

Linda Martinez (Incumbent)

My husband Bob and I have lived in Four Hills for 19 years. We love the neighborhood and meeting our neighbors. It has been so great to see the neighborhood grow and prosper. I have enjoyed being on the FHVA Board the last two years serving as Treasurer. I have been a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Legacy Realty in Albuquerque for 13 years. For the past 11 years I have also served as the President of the Albuquerque Lodge #1 Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary. I am also the National Recording Secretary for the FOP Grand Lodge Auxiliary and assist with the National Peace Officers Memorial Service each year. Most of my 32-year career with the federal government was spent with the Internal Revenue Service.

Biographies of 2022 Board Nominees

DIRECTORS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Kelly Cockrell

Although seeded, gestated and delivered in the hills of Central Texas, Kelly Cockrell eventually took root in the mountains of northern New Mexico back in the 80s and 90s where she cultivated and harvested a career in web and graphic design, photography, information technology and education. After eight years teaching middle school in several states, Kelly returned to her first love, New Mexico, and replanted herself into Four Hills Village along with her partner, her son and their lovely large dogs and amorous cats. Kelly holds degrees in Fine Arts and in Media Arts and Computer Science and she considers herself to be an expert in finding lost treasures via geocaching as well as a passionate gardener of pumpkins and heirloom tomatoes.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIRECTOR

Lisa “Rusty” Goetz (Incumbent)

I have been a resident of FHV for almost 3 years and it has been my honor to serve as your FHVA Board as Parks and Open Space Director for the past 2 years. I am a retired professional geologist having worked for ConocoPhillips and Marathon on domestic and international projects in both technical and management roles for over 40 years (10+ years in NM). I have used and will continue to use these technical/organizational skills on behalf of the FHVA to improve our local Open Spaces and carry out multiple neighborhood cleanups and improvement projects.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND REAL ESTATE DIRECTOR

James DeMay

If I were to be elected to the board for the Real Estate/Public Relations Director, I would strive to promote, inform, and advocate for growth and prosperity of Four Hills Village. My goal would be to foster the community our neighborhood has and accentuate the hidden gem that it is. Being a third generation Four Hills Village resident and having been born and raised here, I feel we need to do all we can to showcase the amazing things our community has to offer. Our neighborhood's unique qualities have become even more obvious after starting my career in real estate. I was raised close to the real estate business and now have over 2 years of experience as an associate broker myself. It would be an honor to serve our community by being on the board.

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

Brigid Conklin (Incumbent)

The mountain views and proximity to nature were some of the features that attracted my husband and me to FHV seventeen years ago. When the Publications Director vacancy opened over the summer of 2020, I was pleased to take on the role as I have always appreciated the efforts the FHVA, and its predecessor have made to keep FHV such a great place to live.

WEBMASTER

Howard Kimberly (Incumbent)

Howard Kimberly has been a Four Hills Village resident for over 30 years. He is a retired software engineer with 35 years of professional experience.

Election Ballot—2022 Officers and Directors

All 2021 and 2022 members of the Four Hills Village Association are encouraged to vote!
Officers and directors are elected for a term of one year running from
January 1 to December 31, 2022 and are limited
to three successive one-year terms in the same office.

Mail the completed ballot to:
FHVA
PO Box 50505
Albuquerque, NM 87181-0505

Please note that the ballot must arrive at the PO Box by end of day January 7, 2022 to be counted.

2022 ELECTION BALLOT FOUR HILLS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

To vote, please place a mark in the boxes below

		MEMBER #1	MEMBER #2 IF APPLICABLE
OFFICERS:			
President	Andrew Lipman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Ellen Lipman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Jennifer Lopez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Linda Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DIRECTORS			
Membership	Kelly Cockrell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Open Space	Lisa "Rusty" Goetz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PR and Real Estate	James DeMay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	Brigid Conklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Howard Kimberly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Don't forget to renew your membership!

You may renew and pay online at FHVA.org by clicking the Membership tab. You may also download the 2022 membership form on that page. Don't have access to a computer? Please contact our Membership Director Marilou Cochran at 505-294-0001.



Upcoming Events



The FHVA Fourth Annual Holiday Light Contest

Hang those lights!
Brighten the night!

You could be one of three winners who receive a gift card.

Annual General Meeting

To be held in January, 2022

We are hopeful we will be able to hold an in-person meeting, but are prepared to hold it on Zoom if necessary. We will notify you of the date, time and place by email in January.

We will also post the details on our website FHVA.org, NextDoor, Facebook and on the entrance sign. If you don't have internet access, please contact Steve Brugge at 505-271-9273. We look forward to seeing you!

Coming Soon ...

Know of someone in FHV who goes well above and beyond being a good neighbor? Let us know. We are starting an FHVA Resident Recognition Award!

Stay up to date with FHVA events by visiting our website, FHVA.org,

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