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## President's Message *by Andrew Lipman*

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### OPEN POSITIONS

Education & Youth Affairs

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As we look forward to spring and warmer weather, I begin my fifth year serving on the Four Hills Village Association Board and my first year as president. Last year the FHVA conducted a survey seeking input from all FHV households about the issues and concerns they would like the board to address in the coming year. Our goals for the coming year will mirror the results of the survey.

The following are among the things on which we will working:

- 1) Addressing public safety and following up on the traffic calming study. In addition, we are working with City Councilor Renee Grout and State Representative Meredith Dixon on securing funds for the repair of main access roads in Four Hills Village and for the addition of bike path striping.
- 2) Supporting the new Singing Arrow Community Center by encouraging FHVA residents to make use of it. Membership is free and among other things the new center has a workout space equipped with new state of the art machines and free weights. The new center also has a game room equipped with two pool tables and a foosball table. In addition, there is a fascinating display of archaeological artifacts showcased in illuminated glass panels in the floor. I urge everyone to stop by the center and check it out.
- 3) Working with our city and county officials to plan and fund a multicultural arts festival at Singing Arrow Park. We hope to hold this "mini-summerfest" sometime in late summer or early fall.

The goal with the festival at the park and the support and usage of the new Singing Arrow Community Center is to help elevate the image of the East Gateway area which is the entryway to Four Hills Village.

As always, we will participate in National Night Out, sponsor the neighborhood shredding event, publish and distribute *The Chronicle* and the annual FHVA Directory, participate in city clean-up days, and sponsor the annual yard sale. Since we were unable to host our annual meeting breakfast in January, we hope to have a social event, perhaps a brunch, at the Canyon Club later this year.

As of this writing we still have openings on the FHVA Board in the following positions:

Government Affairs Director  
 Education & Youth Affairs Director  
 Security Director

If you are interested in any of these board positions please contact me directly at [FHVApres@gmail.com](mailto:FHVApres@gmail.com) Please use this email to contact me regarding any issues or suggestions you have for the FHVA Board.

## Vice President's Report *by Ellen Lipman*



FHVA is recognized city-wide as having a strong and organized board. Learn about what is going on in your neighborhood and meet new neighbors by taking part. As Andrew mentioned in his message, we need a few more dedicated individuals to fill these currently open positions: Security Director, Education & Youth Affairs Director, and Government Affairs Director. Listed below are brief descriptions of these board roles.

- 🔊 The Security Director acts a liaison with the Albuquerque Police Department, most notably with the Foothills Area Command and with its Community Policing Council, and presents monthly reports to the FHVA Board.
- 🔊 The Education & Youth Affairs Director works with Albuquerque Public Schools and its Board of Education to improve the public education options available to FHV. This director also shares information regarding any children's organizations or programs.
- 🔊 The Government Affairs Director serves as FHVA's contact with relevant government departments and neighborhood associations.

Detailed information about these positions are included in our Standing Rules. Please go to the "Our Documents" tab on our website, FHVA.org and click "here in PDF format" to view the Standing Rules.

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## Secretary's Report *by Jennifer Lopez*

### Time To Get Clipping!

As I stood in our front yard perusing the ravages of winter, I couldn't help but notice everything that needed to be cleaned or clipped. Don't get me wrong, one of the many things I love about living in New Mexico is that we are blessed with all four seasons. The changes of light and temperature let us know where we are in time. The turning of the earth drives the direction of our lives.

But with each season comes a different set of tasks. Needles from the pine tree lie all over the yard—again. Weeds sprout between the rocks. Branches on the rose bushes intertwine as if fighting over territory. Dead flower stalks hide new green shoots vying for attention. As I realize the number of things in our yard that need clipping, I can't help but wonder what else needs to be cut or cleaned.

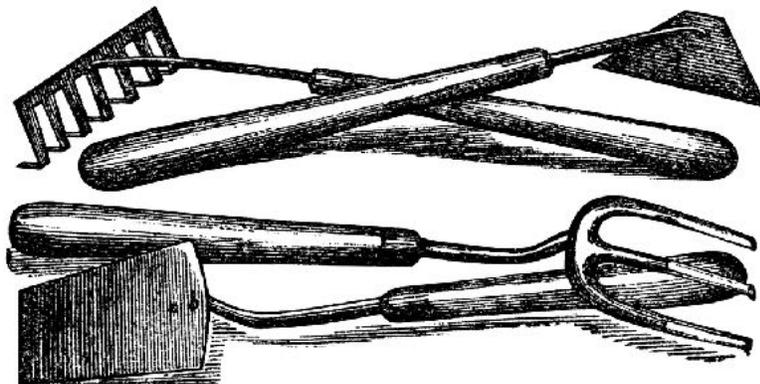
My wondering took me to the mirror. To begin with, about 40 pounds need to be clipped off various sections of my body! Along with a half inch cut off the bangs draped over my forehead. And what about the same shirts I have been wearing for the last several years? Maybe it is time to clip those out of my wardrobe. Of course, clipping off the 40 pounds will expedite the culling of old clothes! Oh, the tangled cycle of clipping that resides in our closets!

Speaking of clipping pounds, what behaviors do we have that may need to be clipped? Certainly not the habitual nightly venture into the potato chip bag! Or the mindless playing of games on the phone versus the picking up of a good book. Or cleaning the bookshelves of the artifacts of old memories because then we would have room for more books to read! Or the daily thinking of participating in physical activity versus actually putting our feet to the pavement. What about not reaching out to old friends or new neighbors out of fear we may say the wrong thing? It seems like we need to just listen to our heart and our gut and clip out all these behaviors that hold us back from success.

Even when I venture past our driveway, I still become aware of things or behaviors I need to consider clipping. Instead of wondering why someone hasn't cleaned up their yard yet, I need to wonder why I haven't yet offered to help them? Instead of just thinking of calling a neighbor and inviting them to walk with me, I should actually dial their number! Nothing is built, to include relationships, just by thinking. We must do! Clip off that complacency!

Moving from the front yard to the mirror, to the closet, and now to the backyard, do I really think the dried up flowers are going to deadhead themselves and allow new growth? It seems that at the end of every summer, I mutter, "Next year, I am going to plant more flowers!" It is time to clip off my procrastinating nature and get to work planting seeds! I need to stop thinking about attending the Four Hills Neighbors' Garden Group and just do it! It is time to move from saying "I wish I had," to being busy clipping and pruning flowers all summer!

No matter where we look, there is always something to clip! Let's all sharpen the blades of our loppers and clippers and get at it!



# Treasurer's Report *by Linda Martinez*

**January 1, 2022 Beginning Bank Balance**

Checking \$ 11,406.10  
 Savings 23,324.85

**Total \$ 34,730.95**

**Year to Date Income**

Membership Dues 1,525.28  
 Advertising Income 900.00  
 Interest Earned MM .38

**Total \$ 2,425.66**

**Year to Date Expenses**

Prizes for Contest 150.00

**Total \$ 150.00**

**January 1, 2022—thru February 28, 2022**

**Income less Expenses \$ 2,275.66**

**February 28, 2022 Balance**

Checking \$ 13,681.38  
 Savings 23,325.23

**Ending Bank Balance \$ 37,006.61**



**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

## Membership Report *by Kelly Cockrell*

# 8 reasons

why joining Four Hills Village Association matters

1

You'll receive our quarterly newsletter, *The Chronicle*.

2

You'll receive a private FHVA membership directory.

3

You can participate in the National Night Out social held throughout FHV.

4

Join in neighborhood clean-up & shredding events.

5

Participate in elections for Board of Directors.

6

Get to know your neighbors.

7

Stay up to date on the latest local FHVA news and events.

8

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## Your Membership Matters

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

### **Four Hills Pueblo and the Hot Housing Market of the Fourteenth Century**

No, I am not suggesting that we rename our neighborhood. There really is, or I should say was, a “Four Hills Pueblo” in Tijeras Canyon. The recent opening of the Singing Arrow Community Center and Archaeological Site and the CABQ development plan for the Tijeras Creek Cultural Corridor have drawn attention to a little-known phase of pueblo culture and Albuquerque Basin human settlement, during what is now called the Coalition Period (1200-1299 CE) and the early Classic Period (1315-1600 CE). It is not clear why archaeologists have a time gap in their “period” naming convention.

Settlement in the Tijeras Canyon area appears to have begun around 1100 CE, when isolated pit dwellings and small farms were built along Tijeras Creek, and abruptly ended in 1400-1425 CE when several relatively large multistory adobe pueblos were abandoned. Only eight of these pueblos have been described in detail. This article focuses on the late thirteenth through the fourteenth centuries when a virtual real estate bubble developed and large pueblo communities were built in the Tijeras Canyon Creek drainage area and the nearby arroyos.

#### **Background history**

The Coalition Period describes a cultural upheaval when most of the large pueblo centers, including Mesa Verde, central western New Mexico, the Gila settlements, and some of the pueblos in the western Estancia Basin, disbanded and their populations disbursed to other areas. Recent reinterpretations of excavations made in the larger pueblos of the Tijeras Creek drainage area strongly suggest that people from the Zuni and Acoma areas, the pueblos in the Estancia Valley, and from the Socorro area came to join Albuquerque Basin people in building new pueblos in the central Rio Grande Valley and in Tijeras Canyon and the East Mountain area. The Classic Period describes changes in pottery styles and lifestyles within the pueblos of the American Southwest up to the advent of the Spanish colonial period

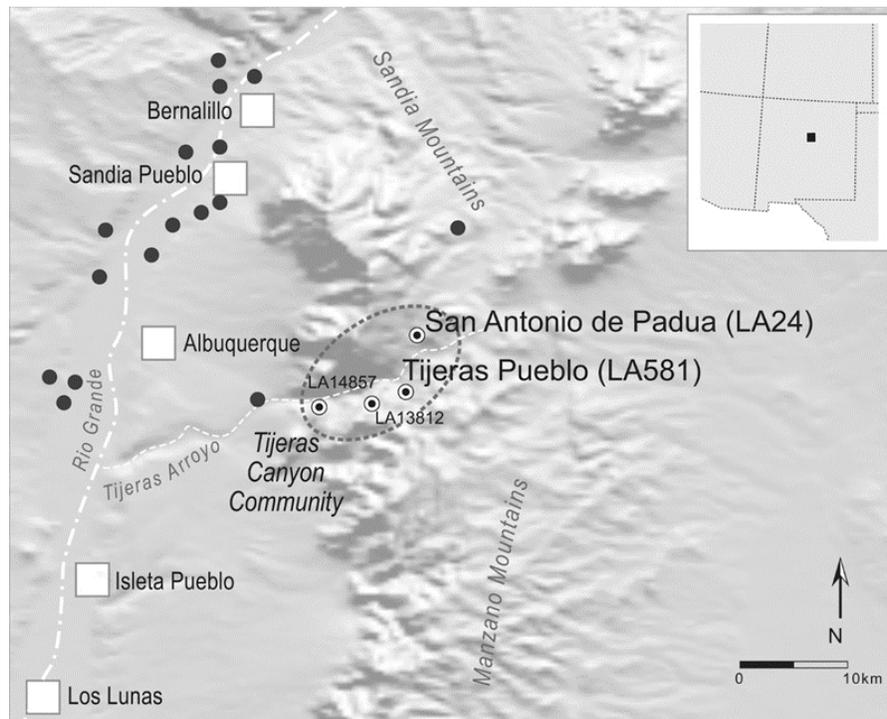
For decades, researchers assumed that the pueblo population in the central Rio Grande Region was low compared with the populations of other regions of the American Southwest during the pueblo periods. Now it appears that assumption was incorrect and the error is due to the lack of preservation of building sites. The pueblos of central Rio Grande Region had little access to good quality building stone and resorted to building mud-derived adobe buildings that quickly collapsed and eroded once maintenance ceased, leaving little obvious record of their existence. It takes expert eyes to recognize the remaining low “melted chocolate ice cream” mounds of adobe and rock rubble as remnants of prehistoric pueblo sites.

#### **Rapid development of Tijeras Canyon Creek and its watershed areas 1290-1400 CE**

Two factors may have combined to drive rapid settlement of the Canyon: population growth and moderating climate, which made the previously unwelcoming higher canyons more tenable. During this time, substantial population growth along the central Rio Grande Valley occurred as more people migrated into the region. This resulted in an increase in the number and size of pueblo sites and increasing development of year-round settlements. The pressure to produce more crops (corn and squash primarily) and to develop more living space may have driven these communities to send out explorers to develop satellite farm and pueblo sites.

Tijeras Canyon, with its seasonal creek and nearly perennial seeps and springs, was an obvious place to start. Unfortunately, the rugged terrain and lack of good soils within the Canyon did not support significant areas for farming. It is possible that other aspects of the Canyon may have increased its attractiveness for year-round settlements. Firstly, the Canyon was a known migratory path for all types of game animals, and, secondly, it was the trade pathway linking the western High Plains peoples with the Middle Rio Grande pueblo peoples. Around the beginning of the fourteenth century, settlement construction in the Tijeras Creek watershed began to accelerate.

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



Habicht-Mauche and Eckert (2021) \* Used with permission from Cambridge University Press.

For the following discussion, please refer to the map above which is a shaded relief map of the greater Tijeras Canyon area. The white squares represent the current locations of the major cities and pueblos; the black dots represent approximate locations of prehistoric pueblos; and the white dots with black centers represent the approximate locations of the Tijeras Canyon pueblos of the Coalition and early Classic Periods, which were mentioned in the 2021 paper by Habicht-Mauche and Eckert.

From west to east, eight described Coalition/Early Classic Period Tijeras Canyon pueblos are:

- Singing Arrow Community Center Archaeology Site (the black dot just above the label “Tijeras Canyon Community”) where a partially excavated prehistoric pueblo lies buried beneath the early colonial ruins of Rancho de Carnue. The new Singing Arrow Community Center has included an exhibit of pottery, tools, and animal bones found during the excavation of both sites.
- Four Hills Pueblo site (LA14857) lies close to the springs along Tijeras Creek within the CABQ Rt 66 Open Space block. It has not yet been formally excavated and its size and construction have not been described in publicly available literature. The pueblo is probably located in the vicinity of several grinding slicks carved a few inches deep into the tops of large granite boulders along the present day creek bed. These grinding slicks were used like metates for food preparation and the depth of wear in the granite suggests long term use of the area.
- Carnuel Pueblo (LA13812) is now buried beneath the rebuilt Santo Nino Catholic Church, the cemetery, private buildings, and roads, in western Carnuel. The site has been strongly disturbed by multiple generations of construction. Archaeological excavations have found trash middens, pottery sherds, and tools, but no pueblo buildings have been found preserved at the Carnuel site.

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

- Two sites at Deadman's Curve: The Coconito Pueblo (LA10794) and The Dinosaur Rock site. The Coconito Pueblo is located a few miles east of Carnuel on the north side of Tijeras Creek and south of Dead Man's Curve on old Route 66. This was a one and two-story adobe building of 20-25 rooms including a rectangular kiva, built around a central rectangular plaza. Several pit dwellings of concurrent age were also found at the site. The Dinosaur Rock Pueblo site is approximately one and a half miles west of Coconito and consists of a block of six adobe rooms (five in a line with the sixth set at a right angle) and several storage structures.
- Tijeras Pueblo (LA581) is located at the US Forest Ranger Station on south HWY 337 in the Village of Tijeras. It is a site of multiple building blocks that include over 130 rooms and a large free standing circular kiva. The largest block of rooms is a horseshoe-shaped, one to two stories tall, and built around a rectangular plaza. A rectangular kiva was found within the main building complex and other smaller building blocks and several pit dwellings were found in the immediate area. Modern descendants of this pueblo live at Sandia and Isleta Pueblos and consider Tijeras Pueblo, with a place name of "Maud'-hued" (Seashell Place), to be an ancestral village where their inherited culture originated. It is now largely reburied and preserved by the US Forest Service as a free educational park with well-marked walking trails and signage. There is also a museum but it is currently closed.
- San Antonio de Padua Pueblo (LA24) in San Antonio is buried beneath the Catholic Mission Church, Hwy 14 access roads, several private residences, and some fallow fields. This pueblo is located about a half mile south and west of a bend in the San Antonio Arroyo, a major tributary to Tijeras Creek that contains several perennial springs. A site survey suggested the pueblo contained at least 30 rooms of differing ages and construction styles but the full areal extent of this pueblo is unknown.
- The Paa-Ko Pueblo (the black dot at the end of the "Sandia Mountains" label) should also be included in this grouping. It is located just outside the Tijeras Creek drainage area, near Galisteo Creek, and is of the same age and style of construction as the pueblos of Tijeras Canyon. Two large multistory building blocks were found containing over 200 rooms, multiple plazas, and both round and square kivas. The pueblo is in a fenced field on the east side of HWY 14, next to San Pedro Spring, across from and just south of the entrances to the Paa-Ko Community. The site is now reburied and protected by UNM.

All of the excavated pueblo sites were reburied to preserve the fragile adobe structures

### Location selection and construction techniques of the Tijeras Canyon pueblos

The seven Tijeras Canyon pueblos described in this article are spaced one-and-a-half to two miles apart. Paa-ko Pueblo, on Galisteo Creek, is located about six miles farther north of the San Antonio de Padua Pueblo. All these pueblos were built and occupied at more or less the same time and had many features in common. All are located very close to perennial or permanent water sources; and all are located on relatively flat land, very near soil shelves that could be farmed. All were free standing and built of adobe with limited use of rock rubble and wood. All appear to have had roofs made of brush that were probably sealed with a mud plaster. Of the sites that had been excavated in more detail, we find that all of these were occupied for fairly long periods, probably for years or decades, but were periodically abandoned and then were reoccupied and modified. All had multiple styles of construction used concurrently and almost all had kivas. The larger pueblos had multiple styles of kivas and plazas.

The construction techniques used in Tijeras Canyon were: pit houses/storage rooms and freestanding blocks of rectangular pueblo rooms built mostly by two methods that are still used today in adobe construction; adobe & jacal; and puddled adobe. In multi-storied buildings, the lower floor might be filled with trash and rubble to support the upper floors. Floors were usually stamped earth but occasionally stone pavements that were plastered over were used.

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

### Evidence for mixed pueblo groups coalescing to form new types of communities in the Tijeras Creek watershed area

During what archaeologists have called the “Long Century” (1290-1425 CE), most of these pueblos were occupied year-round for a decade or decades at a time and were largely self-sufficient. The larger pueblos served as important cultural synergy centers where people from many different pueblo groups came to live together.

New dating techniques and research show that all three adobe building techniques were used simultaneously at many of the pueblos. This suggests that personal building preferences, rather than a separation in time, controlled what and how dwellings were built. Frequent remodeling and repairs of walls and floors suggest long-term usage of the pueblos and pit houses. In the larger pueblos, multiple blocks of buildings with different construction styles and differently oriented/shaped plazas, along with the concurrent construction of isolated dwellings, suggest multiple family groups from different backgrounds resided in one community. The presence of kivas argues a commitment of resources outside mere grocery delivery to the larger valley pueblos. The variations in kiva construction within a given pueblo complex again argue for families with different backgrounds living together.

There was abundant trade throughout the American Southwest at this time. Turquoise, copper, lead, salt, shells, and pottery were traded throughout the region. Trade goods from the Gulf of California and from central Texas have been identified in Tijeras Canyon pueblos. However, up until very recently, the migration of entire community populations has not been discussed widely. Habicht-Mauche and Eckert’s 2021 paper presents evidence for a new and different conclusion on the movement of goods and people during the Coalition and early Classic Periods.

Habicht-Mauche and Eckert examined pottery sherds from the Tijeras Pueblo, beginning with those found in the earliest level (1290 CE) through those marking the abandonment of the Pueblo in 1425 CE. Their findings were startling. Pottery that had previously been assumed to have been made in the western pueblos and traded to the Tijeras Pueblo were in fact made from local materials. The workmanship and decoration execution of some of the Tijeras Pueblo pottery are virtually indistinguishable from examples recovered in the western pueblos. Their conclusion is that, not only did trade goods move between far flung communities, but groups of people also travelled long distances as well. In the early fourteenth century, just as the Tijeras Canyon pueblos were being founded, the western pueblos in the Zuni/Acoma/Quemado (Marianna Mesa) area were being rapidly and possibly violently, depopulated. These western pueblo people with advanced pottery-making skills migrated to the Albuquerque area and some of them joined the Tijeras Pueblo as members of the community, bringing their skills and culture with them.

### Life in the Tijeras Canyon pueblos

Daily life in these pueblos required a lot of work. The adobe used in the pueblo construction had to be renewed frequently. Crops raised in the poor soils of Tijeras Creek watershed had to be hand tended and watered. The elevation of the canyon and the climate were not conducive to good yields of corn. Drought cycles were still common and may have triggered the periodic abandonment of some of the sites. Diet was supplemented by hunting and trapping the fairly abundant game and by raising domesticated turkeys.

There is also ample evidence that the residents of these pueblos took time to enjoy life and beauty. They made both utilitarian grey pottery and larger beautifully decorated white and black, or, red and black pottery vessels that may have been used for ceremonies or feasting. They also smelted copper and made jewelry from shells, stone, and bone. There are indications that looms were set up inside some of the rooms and that trade was a part of daily life. The presence of decorated kivas tells us that religion was also an important part of life in these communities.



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

### Why were all of the Tijeras Canyon and East Mountain pueblos abruptly abandoned between around 1400-1425 CE?

Previously, the common answer was that the arrival of the Spanish in New Mexico both displaced the pueblo populations and introduced diseases that were devastating to the native population. The glaring error in this assumption is that Coronado and his forces did not arrive in the central Rio Grande region until 1540 CE, more than one hundred years after the Tijeras Canyon and East Mountain pueblos had been abandoned.

Newer data suggest several events may have come together to cause the demise of the Tijeras Canyon and East Mountain pueblos. First, climate change, while regional climate had remained mostly stable until about 1425 CE, aridity appears to have increased towards the end of this cycle and, from 1450 to 1600 CE, the area was subject to drastic climate fluctuations and a further general decrease in moisture. Second, increasing aridity, combined with nutrient exhaustion of the already poor soils by long term farming of the same small patches, probably contributed to lessening yields and crop failures. Third, continued hunting could have reduced the number and variety of game animals available in the area. A reduced diet may have weakened the population and allowed indigenous diseases to spread more rapidly.

The telling blow may have been war. Beginning about 1400 CE, a major migration of a non-pueblo tribes arrived in the region. These were the Athabasca tribes of the Dine and their cousins, the Apache, who had migrated from northwestern Canada. Known as fierce warriors, they raided pueblos all across northern and central New Mexico. At the same time, raiding parties of Comanche from the High Plains began to attack the eastern pueblos. The possibly weakened populations of the Tijeras Canyon pueblos may not have been able to defend their homes and thus, they abandoned the Canyon for the safety of the larger and more defensible pueblos of the Rio Grande Valley.

All the Tijeras Canyon pueblos and most of the East Mountain pueblos were abandoned by their builders by 1425 CE. The region was not reoccupied until the end of the sixteenth century when colonial groups began to build new communities over many of the abandoned pueblo sites. These new residents took advantage of the same resources originally identified by the builders of the Tijeras Canyon pueblos and ultimately established today's communities.

*\*Coalescence and the Spread of Glaze-Painted Pottery in the Central Rio Grande: The View from Tijeras Pueblo (LA581), New Mexico Judith A. Habicht-Mauche and Suzanne L. Eckert, American Antiquity 86(4), 2021, pp. 752–772*

A much more detailed version of this article has been posted to the Open Space page on the FHVA.org website.



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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.

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## Real Estate Update *by James DeMay*



Across town, and particularly in Four Hills Village, we have all seen “for sale” signs go up and quickly come down to be replaced by “sold” signs. Our community has never seen a market this fast-paced and competitive. It is still a strong seller’s market due to the historically low inventory.

Our average days on the market for the current homes pending is zero days and average days on the market is down 87% from February of last year! As for prices, the average price per square foot is up to \$165. This is over a \$21 increase in one year!

Our highest price per square foot sold was \$213 and the low is \$104 per square foot. Overall, we are seeing very positive growth for our community and for the values of our homes.

Summary Statistics	Feb-22	Feb-21	% Chg	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	% Chg
Absorption Rate	0.3	0.79	-62.03	0.3	0.94	-68.09
Average List Price	\$589,500	\$538,400	9.49	\$487,444	\$484,704	0.57
Median List Price	\$589,500	\$449,000	31.29	\$489,000	\$450,000	8.67
Average Sale Price	\$478,000	\$441,912	8.17	\$523,000	\$462,625	13.05
Median Sale Price	\$442,500	\$437,000	1.26	\$504,000	\$460,000	9.57
Average CDOM	11	63	-82.54	16	69	-76.81
Median CDOM	5	39	-87.18	11	46	-76.09



As of February 28, 2022:

- 📍 There is one home on the market. The price per sq/ft is \$188 and it is listed at \$529,000.
- 📍 There are 5 homes pending with an average price per sq/ft of \$189. The highest priced at \$650,000 and the lowest at \$339,000, and an overall median of \$489,000.
- 📍 From January 1 through February 28, eight homes have sold with an average price per sq/ft of \$183. The highest sale was \$690,000, the lowest \$337,000, and the median was \$504,000.

## Security Update



### APD RESPONSES IN FOUR HILLS VILLAGE

From December 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022

Incident Type	# of Incidences
Vehicle Break-in Theft	0
Assault	1
Residential Burglary	2
Disturbing the Peace	10
Suspicious Person or Vehicle	18
Shots Fired	5
Traffic Accident, No Injuries	5
Traffic Stop	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Theft/Larceny/Fraud/Embezzlement	3
Vandalism	0

## 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 at present are held online on Zoom.

👉 We are hopeful that we will soon be able to hold in-person meetings! 👉

Please contact Andrew Lipman at [FHVApres@gmail.com](mailto:FHVApres@gmail.com) if you wish attend.

## Neighborhood News

### Report from Four Hills Neighbors- A Women's Organization

Dear Ladies of Four Hills,

We are a separate organization from the Four Hills Village Association. If you have never joined our group, you are missing out on fun, food, and fellowship with your neighbors. For your first year, we offer a FREE membership so you may try us out.

We meet four times a year for a luncheon at the Canyon Club and offer 20 different activity groups which meet at various times during the month. Some groups meet in the evening such as Bunco, Book Club, Ladies Evening Out, Couples Gourmet, Movies and Theater. Other groups such as Adventure, Needlework, Scrapbooking, Crafts, Book Club (day), Bible, Bowling, Bridge, Garden, Happy Hour Hijinx, among others meet during the day.

We send out a quarterly newsletter with updates and luncheon information. We also celebrate birthdays each month. Carolyn Rigirozzi heads this up and emails invitations to those who have birthdays that month. They meet the second Friday of the month for lunch at the Canyon Club.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have elected new officers who will assume duties in June. The nominees are as follows; President, Julie Dodd; 1st Vice-President, Bonne Nolan-Blackledge; 2nd Vice-President, Merrill Gallegos; Secretary, Karen Berry; and Treasurer, Dawne Settecerri. If you would like a membership form to join, contact Mary Roehrig at [fhnmembers@gmail.com](mailto:fhnmembers@gmail.com). We invite you to get to know your neighbors.

Eileen Mahn, outgoing President FHN

### Did you know? 🎵

That Four Hills Village is home to the largest theater organ in New Mexico?

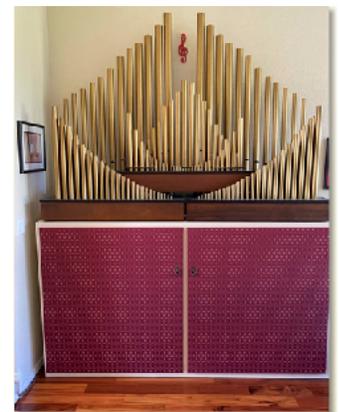
Dr. Donald Daly and Mr. David Facio who moved to FHV two years ago are the proud owners of an Allen TH323 Three Manual, 42 rank (21 classical & 21 theatre rank) theater organ. The TH323 incorporates the capabilities of a theatre organ as well as a classical organ.



Dr. Daly and his new TH323.

Don, a semi-retired Registered Nurse Practitioner with a Ph.D., had always wanted an organ that sounds like a true theatre organ. Fortunately his and David's house has a large living room with 15-foot ceilings!

Although he is not a professional organist, he does enjoy playing for family and friends and is a firm believer that musical instruments are meant to be played and enjoyed by all. If you are interested in playing, hearing or viewing the organ please email me, Brigid Conklin, at [pubsfhva@gmail.org](mailto:pubsfhva@gmail.org) and I will give your contact information to Don.



The organ's speaker cabinets are housed within this showcase.

As Don told me, "We would certainly like to have visiting organists come and play this organ!"

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## Neighborhood News cont'd

### New Singing Arrow Community Center

On March 10, we attended the opening reception for the new community center. As Andrew mentioned in his report, the facilities are great! While there, we ran into City Councilor Renee Grout who introduced us to Natasha Baca, the supervisor of the center. Here are a few glimpses of the center—the workout facilities, one of the meeting rooms, and one of the displays of archaeological artifacts.



### **Mark your calendars! Save the date!**

**April 9**

Join the city's Solid Waste Management Department and Keep Albuquerque Beautiful for the 2nd annual "One Albuquerque Cleanup" from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The city will provide us with garbage bags and gloves for the cleanup. Check your email and the FHVA website for where to meet.

**May 2 & May 9**

Green waste days. On these days, the city's Solid Waste Management Department will pick up residential green waste at no additional charge. For details go to <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/green-waste>

**May 7**

Annual Four Hills Village Association Yard Sale. Declutter and make a little money while you are at it! Starting April 18 call 505-271-6364 to register.

**August 2**

National Night Out. We will provide details this summer.

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

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

The legislature recently concluded its 30-day session, during which we passed a budget that makes historic investments in education, public safety, environment, and economic development and set aside more than 25% for reserves. We also passed crucial bills to make our communities safer, improve our schools, and put more money back into the pockets of New Mexicans.

In April, Representative Pamela Herndon and I will be hosting a town hall to discuss the crime package that passed the legislature this session. House Bill 68, which we sponsored, will help recruit and retain experienced law-enforcement officers, deter dangerous, violent crime, and make investments to address the root causes of crime. Details will be forthcoming, so please email me if you would like to be sure to receive an invitation.

Once again, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you in the legislature. I hope that you will reach out to me with any questions or concerns. You may always call or text me at 505-401-8339 or email me at [Meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov](mailto:Meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov). Additionally, I am available to assist with constituent matters such as unemployment claims or state agency requests.

Very respectfully,  
Meredith Dixon

### **A Report from Charlene Pyskoty, Chair, Bernalillo County Commissioner, District 5**

Hello Four Hills Neighbors!

Spring is in the air. As we get out into the sunshine, we are noticing all the trash that has accumulated around town. I always take a trash bag and pick up litter when I walk my dogs. It's a simple way to help improve the looks of our community. If you would like to host an organized neighborhood clean-up, please email me and I would be happy to help facilitate that. Earth Day is fast approaching. Let's all pitch in to take care of our precious planet!

If you would like to help clean up in a nature setting, I will be co-hosting the Cesar Chavez Day of Service at the First Choice Community Healthcare clinic in the South Valley on April 2, 9 am to 3 pm. Volunteers will work on trails and the pond. There will be youth activities, live music, and I'll spring for the pizzas!

On Thursday, March 31, 10 am – 3 pm, I will be co-hosting a resource fair for veterans at Los Vecinos Community Center with the NM Department of Veteran Services. In addition to NM state resources, a variety of Bernalillo County departments will offer assistance and answer questions. Also, anyone who is interested in working for BCSO, BCFD, or MDC is welcome to come by and talk with our recruiters.

As always, I continue to work hard for our community. Whether it is being a good steward of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars, working with our behavioral health and law enforcement teams to reduce crime and homelessness, or working to support our local businesses, I love serving my community. Please follow me on my Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty pages on Facebook and Twitter for news about our district. Finally, feel free to reach out to me anytime at [District5@bernco.gov](mailto:District5@bernco.gov).

Wishing you a beautiful spring.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Pyskoty

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

### A Report from Renee Grout, City Councilor District 9

The Councilor's Corner

Hello!

It is my honor to serve as your City Councilor. As many of you know, I grew up in Four Hills, married, and raised my family here. Four Hills Village holds a special place in my heart.

As we all know, crime, homelessness, trash, and run-down and vacant properties have been plaguing our little slice of Albuquerque. Sadly, there are many reasons for this. For the past two months Rachel Miller, my policy analyst, and I have been meeting with City directors and staff, advocacy groups, and neighborhood leaders to listen, learn, and gather information. It is very important to me to see where our tax dollars are being spent and hold these City departments and contracted agencies accountable.

Two weeks ago, we met with neighborhood association leaders to hear their concerns and the priorities in their neighborhoods. I think we can all relate to the things they shared: homelessness, crime, and general safety and well-being.

I also heard many reasons for hope in a renaissance for the East Gateway. I heard sincere love for our community and I met people who care deeply for their neighbors. It was encouraging to know that they feel, as I do, that the best is yet to come for our City. And by working together, we can restore the shine on our little piece of Albuquerque.

Here is how I'd like to begin:

- I'm working with the Department of Municipal Development to replace the fence around the Smith's at Tramway and Central and post No Trespassing signs. This will help keep homeless people out of that drainage area and give our police support so they can enforce quickly when people breach the fence.
- The Franklin Plaza property at Central and Juan Tabo has been an eyesore at best and a danger to the community at worst. I am leaning on the City Administration to buy a large parcel of that property and turn it into a Community Health and Safety Corridor, with a brand-new building for Fire Station 12 at the north end, and an urgent-care/emergency room on the south.
- We had a constituent reach out with a great idea to take back Central Avenue with regular community clean ups. This gentleman picked an area that had been bothering him – the southeast corner of Central and Juan Tabo – and is leading the first cleaning party for that little piece of Central. My office and the Department of Solid Waste is supporting this effort with trash bags, gloves, and publicity. It's going to take all of us working together to clean up our City. If you'd like to lead the next clean up, call my office at (505) 768-3123.
- The way City buses stop and linger at Tramway and Wenonah is **not** ok. My next priority will be to build a transit center a little farther west on Central so the end of the line isn't at Smith's. This should help protect the Singing Arrow neighborhood and Tijeras Arroyo.

Some of these efforts are going to involve a long, uphill climb, and we're just at the very beginning. It means the world to me to know that you are behind me and helping to push! I appreciate your feedback and I welcome any and all ideas you have! If you have an idea to share or a question or concern, you can reach me directly at [rgrout@cabq.gov](mailto:rgrout@cabq.gov). You can also reach Rachel Miller directly at [rmiller@cabq.gov](mailto:rmiller@cabq.gov) or (505) 768-3123.

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