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President's Message by Andrew Lipman

Ahh, summer! We love the warmer weather.... golfing, swimming, flowers blooming, veggies and herbs growing in our gardens, the cool New Mexico mornings and evenings....What isn't there to love about this time of year?

I am now into my sixth year serving on the Four Hills Village Association (FHVA) Board and my second year as president. During the past year, your FHVA board has been engaged in several important projects.

- Improving the road conditions in FHV. With the involvement of City Councilor Renee Grout and State Representative Meredith Dixon; and based on the incredible study produced by our former FHVA Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz, we have submitted requests for improvements to our roads in FHV. Nothing has been funded yet, but our elected officials are aware of the condition of our roads and where repairs are needed. We are hoping for funding in the next year or two.
- Addressing public safety and homelessness in the greater East Gateway community. With input from the FHVA board, our new County Commissioner, Eric Olivas, was instrumental in launching a Bernalillo County Sheriff's sub-station in the Four Hills Shopping Center. With City Councilor Grout, efforts are being made to address the challenges of homelessness by clearing out homeless encampments as they pop up and by placing large rocks on the traffic medians at Tramway and Central to discourage panhandling.
- Participating in the first annual "Colors of the World" Multicultural Arts Festival at Singing Arrow Park and Community Center. This event took place on Saturday May 6th with over five hundred people attending. The festival featured a variety of art and craft tables selling items, five different cultural food trucks, a children's play area; and performances by the Mariachi San Jose band, Greek dancers, Celtic dancers, Israeli folk dancers, Zuni Pueblo Water Striders, Vietnamese Buddhist Lion dancers, and the San Judas Tadeo Matachines representing a dance form shared by both Spanish and Native American ancient traditions. Thank you Councilor Grout for obtaining the funding for the festival!
- Updating our bylaws to comply with the new rules mandated by the Albuquerque City Council. FHVA Vice President Herb Wright has revised the FHVA bylaws to conform with the new regulations. The revised bylaws will be presented to the FHVA membership this fall.

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President's Message *by Andrew Lipman*

- Organizing the April 22, Earth Day spring citywide clean-up. FHVA volunteer clean-up crews worked along Four Hills Road, the "Y" and the Bارس Four Hills Park.
- Sponsoring another successful Four Hills Village Yard on Saturday May 20th.

Finally, as always, we will participate with Four Hills Neighbors in organizing National Night Out which will take place this year on Tuesday August 1, sponsor our shredding event this fall, publish the Chronicle, and distribute the members only Four Hills Village Directory.

If you are interested in getting involved with your FHV community, please contact me directly at FHVApres@gmail.com. Also please use this email address to contact me regarding any issues or suggestions you have for the FHVA Board.

Vice President's Report *by Herb Wright*



Last year, the Albuquerque City Council voted to update the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO). Under the new NARO, all neighborhood associations must update their bylaws. The major changes to our bylaws mandated by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) include the definitions of membership, voluntary contributions, and voting rights.

The final draft of the FHVA bylaws has been completed and sent to Office Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) for their review. Once ONC accepts the revised bylaws, they will be submitted to the FHVA Board. After board approval, the bylaws will be presented to the FHVA general membership for their vote. The completed document must be submitted to the ONC in November 27, 2023.

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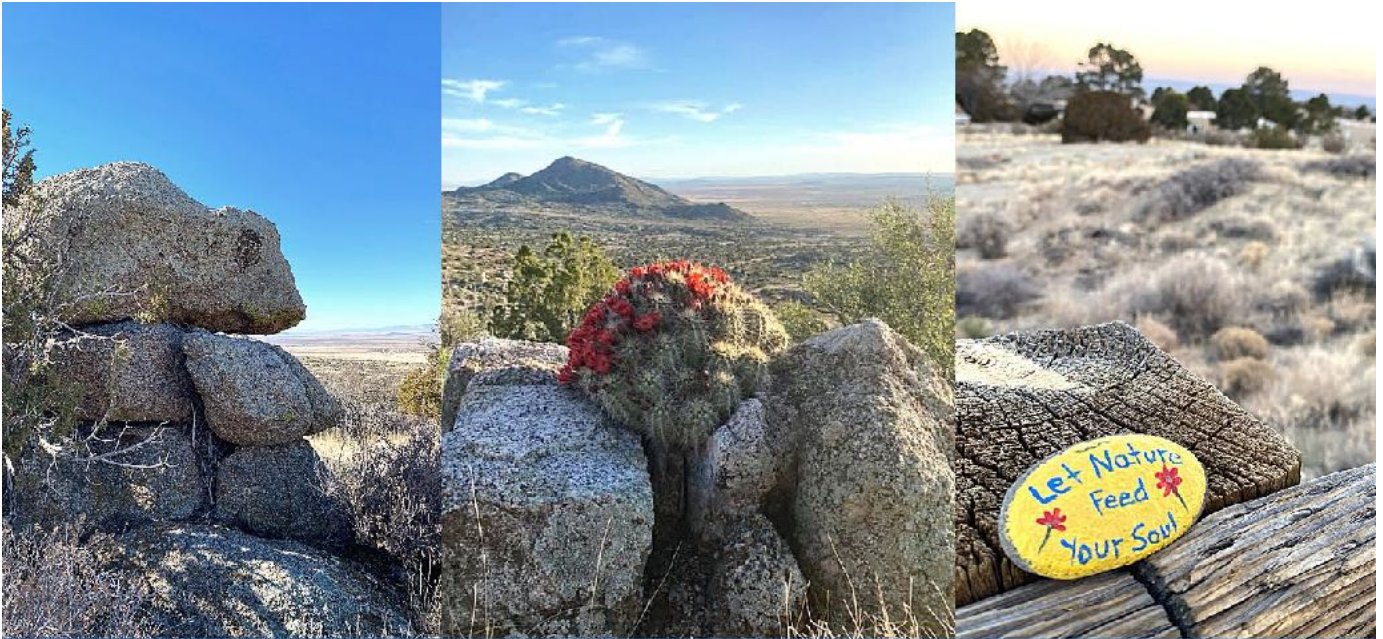
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Secretary's Report by Jennifer Lopez

Recognizing Good Neighbors of Four Hills Village

Four Hills Village is truly one of the best neighborhoods in Albuquerque! And we know it is the good people who live here that make it so! Most folks who do good things don't care to be recognized for their good works, but the FHVA Board would love to highlight the good things happening in our neighborhood. If you know of someone who goes above and beyond in caring for their community and the people around them, please share their names with us. We would love to get to know them and to share their goodness with the entire community. Contact Jennifer Lopez at 505-269-7753 or at leftylopez05@gmail.com.

Bob Anderson

A Good Neighbor of Four Hills Village



The motto "Just Do It!" should not be attached to the sneaker company, but rather to our gem of a neighbor, Bob Anderson! No one is allowed rest or excuses around Bob. In his home everyone, regardless of race, age, gender identification, or financial status, is treated the same and is expected to pull their own weight. No passes allowed! But if you are working with Bob, you will not be requesting a pass or offering an excuse, as you will be so inspired by his work ethic and creativity that you would not dare offer anything but your best effort and work.

Having owned and operated a 1,000-acre dairy farm in Wisconsin with his wife, Louise, and their two daughters, Bob understood the meaning of commitment and hard work. The family performed all the work involved in growing the crops that sustained the cattle all while managing to milk 100 cows twice a day. The family scheduled one week off a year between haying and combining to take a vacation to most states in the union. They had just over 500 acres of arable land and the rest was, according to Bob, "as hilly as the day is long."

After twenty plus years of farming, they sold the farm to Louise's brother and moved to Prairie Lake, north of Chetek, Wisconsin where Bob began his ventures into restoring horse drawn carriages. He began by just restoring and then building carriage lights. However, never being one to do something halfway, his skills and interest quickly grew to the point that he was repairing and building complete carriages that could be used for commercial rides. While others continued to build with wood, he switched to steel to make them stronger and longer lasting. He even redesigned the fifth wheel for the horse drawn carriage so that they could more easily turn tight corners. Bob is famous in the carriage industry and his creations are still highly sought after. His new business was doing so well that he soon hired nine workers to help him produce one carriage a week.

Soon after, as if he wasn't busy enough, Bob delved into building popcorn carriages and trucks. He turned Model AA 1928 Ford Trucks into "popcorn trucks"! Being lucky enough to have seen pictures of them, I can personally attest that they are beautiful and fun creations.



Photo credit: Farm Show Magazine

When Bob lost his beloved wife, Louise, and he progressed into his mid-nineties, he decided it was time to join his daughter, Anita Husby, in Albuquerque. Bob quickly discovered what makes Four Hills Village a special place. Anita's friends became Bob's friends. He quickly became extremely bored living the life of a retiree and bugged Anita to find him something to do! Carolyn, another Four Hills Villager, came to the rescue! She pleaded with Bob to help her organize her mansion of a garage. Bob was in heaven! Carolyn had things to fix and organize, and Bob certainly had the skills and time! And thankfully for the rest of Four Hills Village, their collaboration resulted in the creation of the neighborhood's Little Free Libraries! They

worked together to design them; Bob builds them and Carolyn paints them. A creative match made in Heaven! Four Hills Village is now home to four Little Free Libraries. We are so grateful to Bob and Carolyn for increasing our access to books, and in such a lovely manner to boot!

Is this not the beauty of Four Hills Village? Folks from all walks of life come together to fill a need. We meet as strangers and work alongside each other as collaborators and problem solvers. Not only does the world become a better place from their efforts, but new friendships are forged.

When Bob was asked how we can maintain our physical and mental integrity as he has done, he did not hesitate to offer advice. "Drink lots of milk. Don't drink coffee! Don't sit. Keep moving! Hike! Use your brain and read three books a week! Read or watch the news and keep up with what is going on in the world." We can only hope that if we follow Bob's tutelage, we will contribute as much to the world as he has.

Bob Anderson, thank you for moving to Four Hills Village. You are a shining example of what makes a Good Neighbor: Get involved, interact with your neighbors, and make a difference! Our little piece of the world is richer because of your presence.



Here is one of Bob's creations on Soplo Road!

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Real Estate Update *by James DeMay*

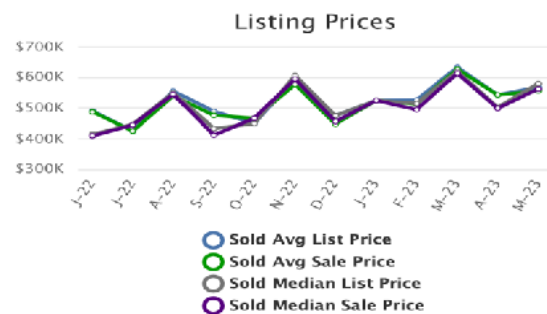
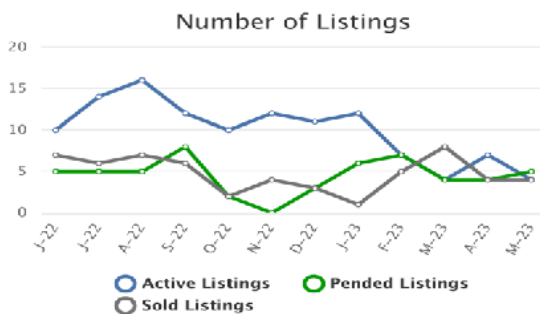
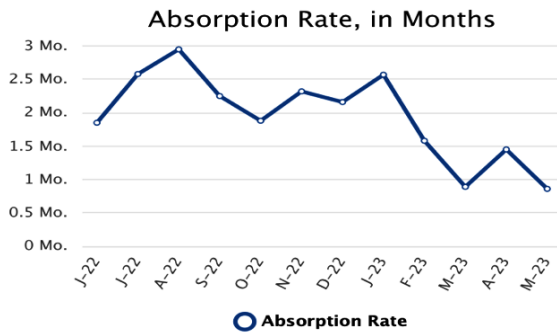


Happy summer, Four Hills Village neighbors! With warm days, kids out of school, and nature showing all its beautiful colors, people are ready to move. In Four Hills Village, we are severely lacking on listings. With only four homes on the market in Four Hills Village there isn't much to choose from. While many new people are finding out how great our neighborhood is and want to move here, it seems that no one wants to leave! Our inventory is slowly getting lower and lower.

While average days on the market have increased, prices overall have steadily continued to rise with an average sales price of \$568,436 year to date, an overall increase of 7.69% from last year. The "Sold to List" ratio is staying very strong too, as most sellers are receiving 98% of their list price, if not more! In fact, the average sold price per square foot for the past year in Four Hills is \$181.82 per square foot per month. May 2023 alone averaged a closed price per square foot of \$200.76! Things are looking very positive for Four Hills Village. We just need more homes on the market before we are out of inventory

Summary Statistics

	May-23	May-22	% Chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	% Chg
Absorption Rate	0.86	1.11	-22.52	1.47	0.54	172.22
Average List Price	\$522,475	\$635,825	-17.83	\$568,153	\$519,431	9.38
Median List Price	\$497,500	\$685,000	-27.37	\$575,000	\$525,000	9.52
Average Sale Price	\$556,250	\$578,333	-3.82	\$568,436	\$527,824	7.69
Median Sale Price	\$562,500	\$535,000	5.14	\$542,805	\$525,000	3.39
Average CDOM	72	6	1100.00	66	10	560.00
Median CDOM	36	2	1700.00	33	2	1550.00



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Treasurer's Report *by Linda Martinez*

Statement of Income and Expenses January 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023

01/01/2023 Beginning Bank Balance

Checking	\$ 10,649.64	
Savings	<u>23,327.18</u>	
Total		\$ 33,976.82

Year to Date Income

Membership Dues	\$ 1,142.04	
Advertising Income	2,200.00	
Disney Contribution	700.00	
Interest Earned MM	<u>.97</u>	
Total		\$ 4,043.01



Year to Date Expenses

Annual Meeting	\$ 2,245.88	
Prizes for Contest	167.85	
Chronicle	1,037.24	
Website	187.43	
Insurance	803.00	
Mail Chimp	14.01	
Supplies	16.47	
Total		\$ 4,471.88

January 1, 2023 – thru May31, 2023

Net Income (Loss) **(\$ 428.87)**

5/31/2023 Balance

Checking	\$ 10,219.80	
Savings	<u>23,328.15</u>	

Ending Bank Balance **\$ 33,547.95**

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings

The FHVA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

at the Singing Arrow Community Center

These meetings are open to all members.

We are currently holding hybrid meetings.

You may either attend in person or online via Zoom.

Please contact Andrew Lipman at FHVApres@gmail.com if you wish attend.

Education & Youth Affairs Report *by Jerry Gallegos*

Conveniently Located Charter School Near Four Hills Village

In the last Chronicle, I discussed the local APS elementary, middle, and high schools available to the Four Hills Village families. In this installment I will spend some time on one of the neighborhood charter schools to highlight choices that we may have in our area.

I visited the Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) which is located on Tramway and Lomas, adjacent to the post office on Lomas. ASE is a state authorized charter school. Please note that all state-chartered schools in New Mexico are authorized by the New Mexico Public Education Commission. Though schools chartered by districts have more autonomy than traditional public schools, they still operate as part of the school district.



ASE is now chartered to serve students from kindergarten through high school. The campus has undergone a significant remodel, with facility additions to accommodate all grades. The school does not operate a pre-k program. A rough estimate of the program student population is slightly over 1,000 students.

Reading through the information on the school and through discussions with the Federal Programs coordinator Kristine Wilkins, I discovered that ASE is one of three New Mexico schools to be designated as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. In ASE's case was recognized for its student achievement growth. In addition, ASE was ranked as the #1 charter elementary school and as a top five charter school in New Mexico by U.S. News. The school pamphlet and school website tout that the school as a "Tuition-free K-12 college prep school with an emphasis on math, science and computer sciences."

Currently the school offers an after-school program and participates in the charter school athletic programs in a variety of capacities. If an ASE student wants to participate in sports, they participate in the ASE sports programs or with their local APS district school. The school indicates that they have a variety of middle school sports and they have added a full-sized gym to their campus. According to the ASE staff interviewed, the school has a wide range of programs and offerings including arts, music, drama programs, and gifted and talented programs. This is only a sample of what this school offers; for the most comprehensive list of school offerings parents may want to contact the school.

According to the latest data available on the New Mexico Public Education Department's website, ASE's graduation rate is 84%. "The NM PED uses the "adjusted cohort" method to calculate graduation rates. Each student is assigned to a graduation cohort when they first enter any of the grades 9-12. Each cohort is named for the year the students in the cohort are anticipated to graduate." (Source - <https://newmexicoschools.com/districts/516/graduation>).

ASE provides an opportunity, as do all charter schools, for enrollment by lottery. I understand that initial applications for the lottery open in December and close in February of the same school year. You can access information for this school at <https://www.abqse.org/about/overview>. The phone numbers are: Elementary (505) 355-5895 and Secondary (505) 312-7711. Please contact Rhonda Provin, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator, ASE for more comprehensive information.



Don't forget to water your trees and shrubs during the summer months! ABCWUA recommends watering trees two times a week to a depth of 24 inches and shrubs one to two times a week to a depth of 18 inches.

Also, keep in mind that until the end of October, sprinklers are not allowed for irrigation and watering between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Open Space Report *by Paul Yarrington*

Eleven stalwart workers, including yours truly, braved cool temperatures and strong winds for the Four Hills Village Spring Cleanup event Saturday morning, April 22, to clean and weed the Four Hills Park and along both sides of Four Hills Road from Pinon Creek Rd, north of the Tijeras Canyon bridge, to the Canyon Club "Y" to the south.

We want to thank Rusty Goetz, Jerry and Merrill Gallegos, Andrew and Ellen Lipman, Shirley Case, Paul Feist, Lee LaBrier, Gary Peters, and Carlton Canaday for their efforts that day. We also want to recognize the city and the city's Solid Waste Management Department for organizing this city-wide, Earth Day cleanup. The city, provided supplies and sent out staff and trucks that morning to pick up the filled trash bags.



Security Update *by Troy Hill*

APD and Jiffy Lube Partner to Offer Free Catalytic Converter VIN Etching

Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise nationwide and this alarming trend has not skipped the Albuquerque area, with hundreds of catalytic converters being stolen over the past few years. Catalytic converters are often targeted due to the minerals they contain like platinum, palladium, and rhodium, which can be sold for high dollar amounts to scrap yards.

Once a catalytic converter is stolen from a vehicle, it will usually cost in excess of \$1,500.00 to replace, and its absence will cause performance issues to the vehicle's engine and the release of harmful gasses to the environment.

The Albuquerque Police Department and Jiffy Lube have partnered to provide free VIN etching on catalytic converters. This tactic has proven effective in other jurisdictions in cutting down on these types of thefts. Jiffy Lube technicians will first paint a stripe of bright paint on the catalytic converter, then they will engrave the vehicle's VIN over the paint stripe.

The service is being offered free of charge with no appointment needed. If you are interested, simply enter a Jiffy Lube location and request the etching. Jiffy Lube's initial goal is to etch 50,000 converters by the end of the year.

The more vehicles that are VIN etched, the less lucrative these thefts become and hopefully this will convince thieves to stop stealing this expensive automotive part. The etchings also make it easier for law enforcement to track and prosecute the thefts that do occur.

Security Update continued *by Troy Hill*



APD RESPONSES IN FOUR HILLS VILLAGE From March 1 to May 31, 2023

Incident Type	# of Incidences
Assault	2
Burglary from Vehicle	0
Burglary from Residence	1
Disturbing the Peace	9
Family Dispute	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Motor Vehicle Theft, Recovery	0
Shots Fired	0
Suspicious Person or Vehicle	6
Theft/Larceny/Fraud/Embezzlement	1

Neighborhood News

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

The mission of Four Hills Neighbors is to foster neighborly interaction among women residents of Four Hills Village. We want to be your neighbor and get to know you! Whether you are a new resident or have been here a long time, we have a place for you to get to know other women. Please visit our website, www.fourhillsneighbors.com for more information on what we have to offer.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Julie Dodd
President, FHN

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

A Report from Eric Olivas, Bernalillo County Commissioner District 5

Hello Four Hills Village Residents,

It has been a busy spring both on the Bernalillo County Commission, and on the other boards in which I represent District 5 and all Bernalillo County residents. Among the many accomplishments over recent months, the most substantial is the passage of the Bernalillo County budget for fiscal year 2024, which starts on July 1st. Our budget will not levy any new or increased taxes, and still makes big investments in public safety, behavioral health, and our quality of life.

The budget includes a 3%, across the board, raise for our county employees with higher targeted increases for public safety professionals. It is key that we recruit and retain talented employees to deliver services to our residents. This commission made big investments in public safety through salaries, but also through initiatives like funding additional deputies in our open-space unit at the Sheriff's Office. The commission pushed to create a deputy county manager position for behavioral health. This position will be critical to our efforts in revamping our behavioral health programs and bring additional leadership and accountability to this key area. We also invested in two data analyst positions to ensure that our behavioral health programs are guided by a data driven approach, so we can double down on successful efforts while reallocating funds away from programs that don't see results. Two new mobile crisis teams at the Sheriff's Office and one at Bernalillo County Fire Rescue were also funded to ensure that trained crisis response clinicians respond to the most serious mental health calls.

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

We all want to live in a place that is clean and vibrant, which is why we also prioritized quality of life initiatives. We added new positions for the BernCo clean team which will clean litter, weeds, and debris from trails, roads, and other public spaces. This team also works with law enforcement and code enforcement on illegal dumping and problem properties. The parks, recreation, and open space division also saw its people power increase to ensure that we have clean and safe parks and community centers with excellent programming.

The bottom line is that I'm more hopeful than ever about the future of our community! Through this budget I believe that this new County Commission pushed the envelope to invest in critical priorities that lay the foundation for a more prosperous, safer, and healthier Bernalillo County.

Thank you,
Eric Olivas,
Bernalillo County Commissioner, District 5
Email: district5@bernco.gov or phone: 505-468-7212

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

Friends and neighbors,

Most, if not all of you, should have received my post-session letter which offered a full recap of the legislation that I worked on last session. If you did not, you can visit my new "official" website at www.repdixonhd20.com to find that information and more. All the capital outlay projects that I sponsored are also listed on that site.

One item from this past session to flag is the \$500 tax rebates for each individual tax filer or \$1,000 for couples filing jointly in New Mexico. Rebates will be distributed in June 2023. If you have not received your rebate by June 30, please feel free to reach out to me and our state House can assist in your communications with the NM Tax and Revenue Department.

With summer underway, our legislative interim committees have begun to meet. This interim, I am serving on the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) as a voting member. The significance of this is two-fold. First, I will have a direct role in the crafting of the budget framework for FY25. Second, I am serving on the hiring subcommittee which is overseeing the selection process for the first new Legislative Finance Director in New Mexico in 26 years. LFC meeting agendas, minutes, and meeting webcasts are all available online at www.nmlegis.gov.

In addition to LFC, I will continue to serve as a member of the Mortgage Finance Authority Oversight Committee, as an advisory member to the Military and Veterans Affairs committee, and as a New Mexico delegate to the Energy Council.

Outside of formal interim committees, I am also pleased to announce that I have been asked to participate in the Governor's Housing Investment Council. The Housing Investment Council has been tasked with identifying additional tools and policies to increase the availability of housing for all New Mexicans—from streamlining the permitting and inspection process to coordinating services for transitional housing facilities.

Staying in touch with constituents is extremely important to me. While I did host a town hall during the session, and one after the session, I plan to offer more opportunities to connect. Please be on the lookout for invitations to town halls, constituent coffees, and more.

Once again, please reach out at any time with questions or concerns. My cell phone is 505-401-8339 and my email is Meredith.dixon@nmlegis.gov

Thank you,
Meredith Dixon, Representative, House District 20

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

A Report from Renee Grout, Albuquerque City Councilor District 9

Hello neighbors, here are just a few things my office has been working on:

The Four Hills Traffic Calming Study report has been finalized and is available for public review on my website: <https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-9/district-9-projects>. In the coming months we'll schedule a listening session to prioritize these recommendations. Your feedback is welcome any time – you can always email me at rgrout@cabq.gov.

Handle with Care

I am proud to have sponsored R-23-118, which brings back a partnership between Albuquerque first responders and Albuquerque Public Schools called Handle with Care. Starting in August, when police, firefighters, or paramedics respond to an emergency and a child is present at the scene, those first responders will send an email to APS before school starts the next day with “Handle With Care” in the subject line and the child’s name and age in the body of the message. No other information is given. APS Police will then research what school that child goes to and forward the message to the principal, the school counselor, and the school nurse, who will get the message to the child’s teacher.

The purpose of the program is to make school personnel aware when a child has experienced a potentially traumatizing incident so that if they seem tired or are acting out, teachers can handle the matter with sensitivity. Personnel will be trained to not ask children what happened, but to be aware, so they can make school a safe place for kids to land after a traumatic incident.

I will always do whatever I can to make sure our children are safe and cared for. Codifying Handle with Care into City law with R-23-118 will ensure that the City will work with APS to keep those lines of communication open and protect our kids for years to come.

Budget

Council just finished the City’s Operating and Capital Improvement budgets for fiscal year 2024 and beyond. The bonds on the November ballot include several items specifically for the East Gateway, including:

- \$2 million for land purchases and an education center in the Tijeras Arroyo BioZone
- \$3 million for paving and roadway safety projects in District 9
- \$300,000 for improvements to the roof and HVAC systems at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center

We hope you were able to attend “Touch-A-Truck” on Saturday, June 10 at Franklin Plaza. We had fire trucks, police cars, rescue vehicles, the Mobile Crime Lab, construction equipment, and airport machinery available for children of all ages to explore. There were food trucks, a climbing wall, and more!

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Singing Arrow Multicultural Arts Festival, which was held on May 6. About 500 people came and enjoyed food trucks, performances from seven different performing groups, and viewed the work of 25 different artists.

If you have any questions about these projects or if we may help you in any other way, please contact my office at (505) 768-3123.

Kindly,
Renée Grout,
Albuquerque City Councilor, District 9

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

A Report from Daniel Conklin, Supervisor, Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District

CIUDAD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT— WHO ARE WE?

Hello Four Hills Village Neighbors!

I would like to introduce you to the Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the state of New Mexico, which promotes the conservation, improvement, and responsible use of the natural resources within our boundaries, which encompass Bernalillo and southwestern Sandoval counties. The soil and water conservation districts were established across the country after the devastating Dust Bowl erosion in the 1930's. Some are funded by mill levies, others, such as Ciudad rely almost entirely on winning grants. The districts are structured to bring resource allocation and decision-making to the local level to ensure tailored solutions to specific needs. It is a process that works beautifully.

A key focus for Ciudad has been the Tijeras Creek Arroyo, (often referred to locally as the Four Hills Arroyo) which runs from just north of Tijeras through Four Hills Village and the Hidden Valley all the way across the city to the Rio Grande. Ciudad sponsored an environmental study to delineate the steps needed to improve the upper Tijeras Creek watershed. There are several projects moving forward to meet those goals: invasive tree removal and forest thinning to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improve habitat for wildlife and help increase the amount of snow melt that can be absorbed into the watershed.

The city of Albuquerque selected Ciudad to manage the new Tijeras Bio-Zone Education Center which the city Open Space is establishing at the one-time riding stable site just outside Four Hills Village on Old Route 66. Ciudad has obtained grant funding from the NM Economic Development Department to construct an inclusive ADA trail at the education center to provide individuals with disabilities access to nature.

Environmental education is another key focus. If you have had third- or fifth-graders in Albuquerque Public Schools, you may know us through our Arroyo Classroom and RiverXchange programs which teach students about arroyo safety — stay away when it rains! — local ecology and the importance of protecting our scarce water resources in this arid environment.

Ciudad is working with the city to manage the rehabilitation and conversion of farm fields back to wildlife habitat at the Candelaria Nature Preserve adjacent to the Rio Grande Nature Center.

There is much more to share than we can fit in here, so please visit our website to learn more about us and what we have to offer you: CiudadSWCD.org. Ciudad strives to work with our landowners and communities to sustain and improve soil, water, air, plants, and wildlife and livestock resources in our region. We need your input to make sure we are addressing the natural resource concerns most important to you!

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