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President's Message by Andrew Lipman

As 2023 draws to a close, so does my tenure as FHVA Board President, but I will continue to serve another year as Past President. I served for several years as Government Affairs Director before being elected President. Serving on the board has been an interesting and fulfilling experience.

I encourage anyone wanting to have a voice in neighborhood issues and concerns to consider serving on the FHVA board. We have three open positions for 2024: Treasurer, Publications Director, and Webmaster. If you wish to serve on the board, please email FHVA Vice President Herb Wright at herbwright@peoplepc.com.

In this issue, you will find information on how to join the association and on the changes to our membership structure. We hope you will join as a Contributing Member.

During my service, the FHVA was involved with the traffic speeding study. The results of this study can be found at this weblink: [four-hills-traffic-calming-public-involvement-5_24_2023-final.pdf](https://www.fhva.org/four-hills-traffic-calming-public-involvement-5_24_2023-final.pdf)

The newly developed and now expected yearly Kirkland AFB prescribed burns involved FHVA in the planning and signage for an emergency exit route in case the fire gets out of control. The emergency exit is the fence gate at the west end of Rio Arriba Ave, on the west side of Four Hills Village. The Albuquerque Fire Department modified the gate so that they, or the Albuquerque Police Department, can unlock it and open it to the Juan Tabo Hills neighborhood and its multiple exit routes to Juan Tabo Blvd.

We are working with the city and Councilor Renée Grout's office to have the illuminated entrance sign that was installed in 2020 repaired.

Due to the city's revision of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO), FHVA had to revise our bylaws this year to include new membership categories. Thank you to all of you who voted to approve the new bylaws.

The one thing that gives me the most satisfaction is the "Colors of the World" Multicultural Arts Festival at the Singing Arrow Community Center and Singing Arrow Park. The first annual festival, held on May 6, 2023, involved three years of planning. Councilor Grout arranged city funding and staff support to make the event happen.



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FHVA was a driving force behind the festival since it is important to advocate for good things and improvements in both Four Hills Village and the Route 66 East Gateway area.

At the November meeting, the board approved a motion to sponsor the sixth annual holiday lights contest. As in the past, two judges will drive around every street in the FHV and select three houses to receive gift cards for their outstanding light displays. You could be a winner!

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2024 at 10 AM and will be held at the Canyon Club. The meeting is open to all FHV residents. Before the meeting, there will be a members-only get-together at 9 AM. If you want to attend the 9 AM gathering, please join FHVA as a Contributing Member.

I can always be reached through our website, FHVA.org, or by email at FHVApres@gmail.com.

Vice President's Report *by Herb Wright*

This is a great time to join the association! 2024 membership forms are included in this edition of the Chronicle. Of course, you may join and pay online at FHVA.org. Please refer to the Membership Report in this issue for the benefits of membership.

As Andrew mentioned, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on January 13, 2024. We will post the details on the FHVA.org website, NextDoor, Facebook, and the FHV sign. All FHV residents are invited to the AGM, but only 2023 members and 2024 Contributing Members will receive invitations to the gathering before the meeting.



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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.

MIKE BLACKLEDGE AND BONNIE NOLAN BLACKLEDGE Good Neighbors of Four Hills Village



Individually, Mike Blackledge and Bonnie Nolan-Blackledge are intelligent, energetic powerhouses, and together, what a great team! The universe placed them on parallel, sometimes convergent paths throughout their lives, and these paths finally coalesced right here in Four Hills Village. How did we get so lucky as to be in the presence of and benefit from this pair of intelligent, comedic, and generous personalities?

Mike and Bonnie's branches intertwined farther back than they first realized. Unbeknownst to him at the time, Mike was in the same class at the US Naval Academy as George Nolan, Bonnie's first husband, who passed in November 2005. George had been commissioned a US Naval officer and Mike as a US Air Force officer (the last Naval Academy class to allow that!). Even after George's passing, Mike ordered a New Mexico license plate reading USNA 63, not knowing the last person to have that plate had been George.

Bonnie and George moved to Four Hills Village in 1976 and raised their three daughters here. Bonnie's daughters loved growing up in this small neighborhood, even if living in a small, connected community made it a bit easier to get caught when mischief was afoot! Accustomed to being an active military wife, Bonnie jumped right into the Four Hills Neighbors (FHN) community and the following year became an area hostess, and then in 2021, first vice president and senior area hostess of FHN. She did this all while being a doting mother and working as a bookkeeper. Bonnie also somehow found time to volunteer at the KAFB Thrift Shop. And, of course, she was the head cheerleader at her grandkids' sporting events. Did I mention that she also studied at Long Beach State University and the University of New Mexico, where she earned a bachelor's in sociology and social welfare? Also, being used to the camaraderie found at the Officers Club, she and George joined the Canyon Club.

Three years later, in 1979, Mike and Helen moved with their two boys to Albuquerque's Supper Rock neighborhood, just a few miles away from FHV. Mike retired from the US Air Force as a Lt. Colonel after 20 years. With that experience plus his master's degree in mathematics, Mike went to work at Sandia National Labs as a software quality manager for another 21 years. In his spare time, he volunteered his skills to create and manage websites for a half dozen non-profit organizations. He also became heavily interested in genealogical research and publishing, and together with other Blackledges, wrote books about their family lineage. These efforts are summarized on his website, BlackledgeBook.org.

Coincidentally, Bonnie and Mike each retired in 2004, and their spouses passed away within six months of each other in 2005/2006. Sometime after George's memorial service, a mutual friend (and classmate) introduced Mike and Bonnie to each other. And the rest is history! Bonnie, having a penchant for attending real estate open houses on a whim and with Mike's blessing, bought a new house in Four Hills Village. Bonnie likes Four Hills Village very much because, as she says, there is

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no through traffic, and the neighborhood is isolated. She says she would not live anywhere else in Albuquerque. But in 2009, it was time for her to sell her old house in FHV and start a new life with Mike in a new FHV home. They married in July 2010 and continue living a joyful and laughter-filled life of service.

Having spent years serving their country, whether as part of the US Navy, US Air Force or as a supportive military wife, we certainly know what kind of folks Mike and Bonnie are. In Mike's words, "If we accept civilization, it comes with rules—and implied involvement. You participate, you vote!" He advises people to leave a legacy and to document their family history. We have two strong genealogy societies in Albuquerque, and Mike urges us to use the website Find a Grave.com to memorialize our ancestors. According to Bonnie, participating in society and helping people stems from her religious beliefs versus from the rules of civilization. She believes we must rise above pettiness. Be better than those who hurt you. Just be helpful. She continues to participate and help by being a part of the FHN *Ladies of The Night* book club and by serving as an area hostess, along with being a member of the Ladies Guild at her church. Mike says he may have done more when he was younger and Bonnie acknowledges that she is tired, but neither of them is going to stop! If you want to connect with either of them, you have more of a chance of finding them at Jason's Deli or La Salita Restaurant than sitting at home on the couch! Let's all strive to be like Mike and Bonnie! Don't rest on our laurels. Keep moving and keep making a difference in the neighborhood and the world around you.



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Treasurer's Report by Linda Martinez

Statement of Income and Expenses January 1, 2023 – November 30, 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	\$ 1,820.48	
Advertising Income	3,150.00	
Disney Contribution	700.00	
Interest Earned MM	<u>90.34</u>	
Total		\$ 5,760.82



Year to Date Expenses

Annual Meeting	\$ 2,245.88	
Prizes for Contest	167.85	
Newsletter/Directory	4,010.30	
Website	187.43	
Insurance	803.00	
Mail Chimp	97.97	
Shred Event	645.75	
Garage Sale	480.71	
PO Box annual fee	248.00	
Survey Monkey	503.69	
Supplies	16.47	
Total		\$ 9,407.05

January 1, 2023 – thru November 30, 2023

Net Income (Loss) **(\$ 3,646.23)**

11/30/2023 Balance

Checking	\$ 6,913.07	
Savings	<u>23,417.52</u>	

Ending Bank Balance

\$30,330.59



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to join the 2023 FHVA Board of Directors!

The following positions are open:

- Treasurer
- Publications Director
- Webmaster

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Education and Youth Affairs Report by Jerry Gallegos

Current Issues in Education—Early Intervention

What are the benefits of Early Childhood/Preschool programs in our community?

We have witnessed a flurry of high-profile developments in public education especially in early childhood education. In this issue of the Chronicle, I will provide a little background and insight into what all this hoopla is about. With the influx of cash surplus from our extraction industries, our governor and our legislators have leveraged part of this windfall by investing in the New Mexico PreK Initiative. This initiative was designed to ensure that all children in the state have the opportunity to attend a high-quality early childhood program before entering kindergarten.

What are the key features of the New Mexico PreK Initiative?

- Participation in the program is voluntary.
- The program focuses on providing a high-quality educational experience for children with a curriculum that aligns with early learning standards.
- Teachers in the program are required to have appropriate certifications and training in early childhood education.
- PreK programs are available at various locations, including public schools, private childcare centers, and community-based organizations.
- Eligibility for the New Mexico PreK Initiative depends on factors such as age, income, and residency. Eligible children are usually three to four years old and meet specific income or risk criteria.
- The program is funded through state funds, federal grants, and sometimes local resources to ensure accessibility to a broader range of families.
- Family involvement is encouraged and supported as the program recognizes the importance of parent or guardian engagement in a child's education.

What federal programs/mandates do preschool children receive?

Early intervention, mandated by the federal government, refers to the practice of providing support and services to children, as early as possible, who are at risk or are experiencing developmental delays, disabilities, or other challenges. Both early intervention and school-aged services are available through our nation's special education law—the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Part C of IDEA deals with early intervention services (birth through 36 months of age), while Part B applies to services for school-aged children (3 through 21 years of age). The efficacy of special education early intervention can vary depending on the specific context, the nature of the intervention, and the individual's needs.

- **Developmental Delays and Disabilities:** Early intervention can address developmental delays and disabilities in children. Research has shown that providing appropriate interventions during the critical early years of a child's life can lead to improved cognitive, communication, social, and motor skills. For example, early speech therapy for children with language delays can help improve their communication abilities.

- **Behavioral and Learning Challenges:** Early intervention can also benefit children exhibiting behavioral or learning challenges. Implementing strategies and therapies tailored to the child's needs can help improve their behavior, social interactions, and academic performance.

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder:** Early intervention is considered crucial for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Behavioral and educational interventions, such as Applied Behavior Analysis, can improve communication skills, social interactions, and adaptive behaviors.

- **Mental Health:** Early intervention in the context of mental health focuses on identifying and addressing emotional and psychological challenges in individuals, especially children and adolescents. Providing appropriate counseling, therapy, and support can prevent the escalation of mental health issues and promote healthy emotional development.

- **Health Conditions:** In medical contexts, early intervention can refer to timely medical treatments or therapies to manage or prevent the progression of health conditions. For instance, early intervention in cases of developmental delays related to hearing or vision impairment can significantly improve a child's quality of life and prospects.

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- **Family Support:** Early intervention provides support to families by helping them understand the challenges their child may be facing. This can enhance family well-being and improve the overall effectiveness of the intervention. Early intervention is generally more effective when tailored to the child's unique needs and delivered by trained professionals with the participation of the child's family.

Research has consistently shown that the earlier the intervention, the greater the potential benefits. Early intervention can lead to long-term positive outcomes and reduce the need for more intensive interventions later in life.

What are the monetary benefits of early education to society?

Investing in quality early childhood education programs can yield significant monetary benefits for society. Here are some of the positive outcomes:

- **Increased Workforce Productivity:** High-quality early education can lead to better cognitive and non-cognitive skills development in children. As these children grow, they are more likely to perform well in school and develop social skills. This can translate into a more skilled and productive workforce, contributing to economic growth and competitiveness.

- **Reduced Special Education Costs:** Early intervention and education can help identify and address developmental delays and learning disabilities at an early stage. By providing appropriate support during the early years, children are less likely to require intensive special education services later. This reduction in special education costs can lead to significant savings for both schools and the broader education system.

- **Higher High School Graduation Rates:** Children who receive a strong foundation in early education are more likely to succeed in their later academic endeavors. This can result in higher high school graduation rates and lower dropout rates, reducing the need for costly interventions to address educational disparities and disengagement.

- **Lower Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Rates:** Research has shown that individuals with access to quality early education are less likely to engage in criminal activities and become involved in the justice system.

- **Decreased Welfare Dependency:** Early education can improve children's overall well-being and increase their future earning potential. As a result, they are less likely to rely on government assistance programs, reducing the burden on social welfare and public assistance programs.

- **Higher Tax Revenue:** A more educated and skilled workforce typically earns higher wages, leading to higher tax revenue.

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- **Healthcare Savings:** Early education can also contribute to improved health outcomes. Children who receive quality early education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors and make informed decisions about their well-being, leading to potential reductions in healthcare costs associated with preventable illnesses.

- **Long-Term Economic Growth:** Investing in early education can create a positive feedback loop of economic growth. Individuals with strong educational foundations are better positioned to contribute to innovation, entrepreneurship, and overall economic development.

While the upfront costs of implementing and maintaining high-quality early education programs may seem significant, the long-term monetary benefits often outweigh these initial investments. It's important to consider the broader societal and economic impacts of early education when assessing its value and potential return on investment.

What are examples of the most effective early intervention programs for later societal benefit?

Several early intervention programs have demonstrated effectiveness in producing long-term societal benefits. These programs often focus on improving the developmental, educational, and social outcomes of children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Below are some examples of early childhood programs.

- **High-Quality Preschool Programs:** High-quality preschool programs, such as Head Start in the United States, provide comprehensive early education, health, nutrition, and family support services to children from low-income families. Early Head Start is an extension of the Head Start program that focuses on serving pregnant women and children from birth to age three. It offers home visits, childcare, and family support services to promote healthy development during the critical early years.

- **Perry Preschool Project:** The Perry Preschool Project is a landmark study that evaluated the impact of a high-quality preschool program for disadvantaged children. The study found that participants had higher educational attainment, lower rates of juvenile delinquency and crime, and, as adults, greater economic self-sufficiency.

- **Abecedarian Project:** The Abecedarian Project was a longitudinal study that provided high-quality early childhood education and care to children from low-income families. The program demonstrated long-term positive effects on cognitive and educational attainment and economic outcomes.

- **Nurse-Family Partnership/Parenting Programs:** This program involves registered nurses visiting low-income, first-time mothers during pregnancy and continuing the visits until the child reaches two years of age. Programs that provide parents with education and training in effective parenting strategies can lead to improved child behavior, enhanced parent-child relationships, and reduced parenting stress.

- **Tools of the Mind:** Tools of the Mind is an educational program that promotes the development of self-regulation, cognitive skills, and literacy through play-based activities. It has improved young children's academic achievement and executive function skills.

- **Early Childhood Education Vouchers:** Providing vouchers or subsidies for high-quality early childhood education programs can give families, especially those with lower incomes, access to quality care and education for their children. These programs can positively impact child development and parental employment.

- **Home Visit/Parenting Programs:** It's important to note that the effectiveness of these programs can depend on various factors, including program quality, duration, and the specific needs of the target population. Long-term studies that track participants into adulthood have provided valuable insights into the lasting benefits of early intervention efforts.

Here is a link to a video that provides a sample of what EC education may provide our society <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oykf-pcGcPY>.

In the next issue of the Chronicle, I will discuss literacy issues in the elementary school setting.

Membership Report *by Julia Vertrees*

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The 2024 Four Hills Village Association (FHVA) membership drive has started. This year is even more special and important than usual, as our association bylaws have been revised and approved by your board and the membership of FHVA. There are now two categories of membership:

- ⇒ Contributing Members (minimum \$25 voluntary monetary donation per member) and
- ⇒ Members of Record (NO voluntary monetary donation).

These membership categories are reflected in the 2024 membership web page: (<https://www.fhva.org/2024-membership.html>).

So why should you join or renew?

Isn't all that your association does for you and the neighborhood? In addition to all the well-known annual activities organized by your association, such as participation in the city-wide "Company's Coming" fall cleanup campaign, National Night Out, the FHV-specific shredding event, and notifications about area-specific activities like brush burning on the adjacent military base, there is so much more your association has done over the years that it would take many pages of the Chronicle to tell the full association story.

Instead, I refer you to previous editions of the Chronicle. Not only will this give you a chance to learn about the diverse activities of your association over the years, but it will also provide insights into the folks volunteering their time to the FHVA. The Chronicle also offers ways you can become involved with the neighborhood. For some great examples, check out:

- ⇒ The Fall 2022 Chronicle for a four-page article detailing the FHVA's accomplishments over many years. This article starts on page 11.
- ⇒ In the same Fall 2022 issue, see the article on page 6 about the differences between the FHVA and NextDoor. This article also has ideas on how you can become involved.
- ⇒ The comprehensive assessment of FHV roads by our own Rusty Goetz in the Winter 2022 issue.

If you missed any of these articles, you can find over three years of Chronicles on our FHVA website at <https://www.fhva.org/the-chronicle.html>.

So, how do you join or renew?

First, some important membership information. Remember, there are now two membership levels:

- ⇒ General Membership Requirements: These requirements are contained in the bylaws (https://www.fhva.org/uploads/8/9/9/8/8998495/fhva_bylaws_october_2023.pdf) under Article II Boundaries and Article III Membership. The key items to note are:

- ◇ Membership is open to all individuals (*Registration is required*) who live (renters included), own property, or own a business within the geographic boundaries of the association and are an adult 18 years or older.
- ◇ **Membership is not automatic.** You must actively join FHVA (*that is register*) annually, stating your desired membership category for each year you register.
- ◇ A member is one *individual*.
- ◇ "Live" is defined as *residing full-time*.

Membership Report by Julia Vertrees (cont'd)

⇒ Membership Categories: Category details are contained in "Attachment 1: Membership Classes and Benefits" of the new bylaws. The introduction to this attachment further clarifies that living within the boundaries means "residing full time".

◇ **Membership of Record (MoR) benefits:**

- Right to vote for candidate officers and directors of the FHVA Board
- Right to vote at the association's Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings
- Eligibility to participate in discussions of the FHVA Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings
- Eligibility to be nominated (self or otherwise) to a FHVA Board member position
- Observational attendance at monthly FHVA Board meetings, with the opportunity to speak briefly, at the start of a board meeting (at the discretion of the board president and given advance notice to the board president)
- Email alerts concerning FHV
- Electronic access to the Fall and Winter quarterly association newsletters, The Chronicle
- Attend neighborhood family events sponsored by the FHVA Board of Directors
- Access to the Fall Shredding Event
- Access to the FHVA website (FHVA.org)
- The opportunity to share concerns and interests about our neighborhood with the FHVA general membership

◇ **Contributing Membership (CM) benefits:** With a minimum \$25 donation per CM member, all benefits available to an MoR **PLUS**:

- Receipt of all issues of The Chronicle (print or electronic) following registration of membership
- Inclusion in the Contributing Membership FHVA Directory, if desired
- Receipt of the print edition of the Contributing Membership FHVA Directory
- An individual invitation to the Contributing Members-only gathering (if held) preceding the Annual General Meeting and other FHVA special events.
- The feeling you get when you know you are doing the right thing!

Registering Online or by Mail

The membership website link is <https://www.fhva.org/2024-membership.html>. Here you can find the instructions and forms to become a non-donating Member of Record (MoR) or a donating Contributing Member (CM).

There are two ways to renew or join:

- ⇒ Individuals may register by completing the appropriate form online. Those registering as Contributing Members will be directed to a fully secure site where they can pay using their credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.
- ⇒ Individuals may download the form by clicking the appropriate link on the Membership page. Additionally, the forms are included in this issue of the Chronicle. Once completed, mail the form, with a check for donating Contributing Members, to FHVA, PO Box 50505, Albuquerque, NM 87181-0505.

Remember, all your board members are volunteers! Much of what the FHVA does requires funds, so the board hopes you will strongly consider a voluntary donation. Donations are vitally important for the continued success and growth of our association.

Parks & Open Space Report *by Paul Yarrington*

Hello FHV neighbors -

As most of you have probably noticed, the city (CABQ) installed stop signs on Stagecoach Road at the entrance to Ed Barsis Park to address traffic safety concerns with the blind intersection for vehicles exiting the park. Those who visit the park by car will have noticed that traffic approaching from the east on Stagecoach Road goes behind the hill immediately before reaching the intersection with the park exit. We had suggested a traffic mirror across Stagecoach Road from the park exit to help drivers see the oncoming westbound traffic; however, CABQ explained that traffic mirrors were not an option at that location. In any case, it was clearly an area of some safety concern, and we thank those residents who raised the issue and the city for taking steps to address the concern.

We would also note that CABQ Open Space (OS) offices are developing a plan to provide additional parking spaces at the entrance to the Open Space at the top of Stagecoach Road. City OS representatives met last month with FHV residents who live in the vicinity of the proposed parking expansion to discuss the matter. CABQ will provide information on the plan to the FHVA board, and more broadly to the community, after considering the input received from the residents with whom they spoke. We will keep the community updated as more information becomes available on this proposed new parking area.

Please let us know if there are issues that need to be addressed for our FHV Parks or Open Spaces. They are truly enjoyable parts of our community, and we want to keep them that way.

Hope you all have a happy holiday season.

Publishing Director's Report *by Brigid Conklin*

Wanted! Publishing Director.

When I took over as publications director in the middle of 2020, I expected to stay on until the end of the year. But I enjoyed it so much that I stayed on for another three years. I am now reaching my limit of being elected to three consecutive, one-year terms—not counting the six months as an appointee. So, after 3 1/2 years, it is time to say farewell!

It has been a pleasure to serve on the board, to know more about the neighborhood, and to meet FHV neighbors. I encourage you to join the FHVA board. And especially take over as publications director! You can read about this position and others in the standing rules online at FHVA.org.



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.

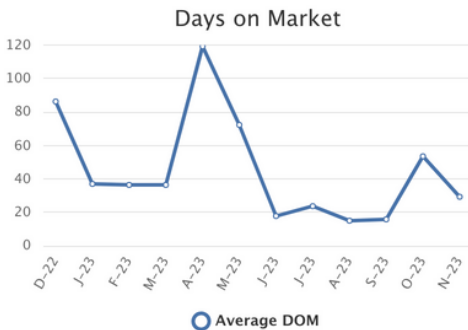
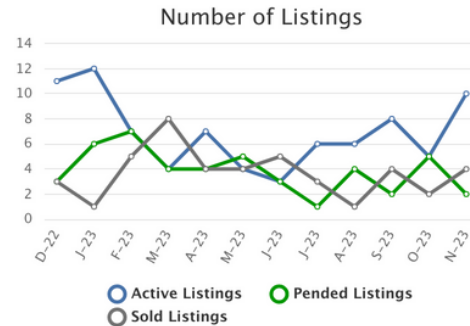
Real Estate Update by James DeMay



Here comes winter! While the holidays tend to be a slower time in real estate, we still have good activity here in Four Hills. We have more homes on the market than we have had all year, though there are still only about 10 homes on the market which is very low compared to past years.

Our average and median list and sold prices are slightly lower than last November, but 2023 overall has had an increase in the average and median list and sold prices of at least 4.5% with our average 2023 sales prices being an overall 8.31% increase to \$550,000. In November, there were some excellent sales in Four Hills, and our average sold price per square foot was an astounding \$228.36 between the four closings. This is excellent news for the neighborhood.

This year overall does have seen an increase in average and median days on the market by about 76% but compared to last November we have had a decrease of 60% or greater. While these numbers are very high, we still are talking about an overall increase of average days on the market being about 46 days, compared to the 21-day overall average for 2022. As we head into the new year, we can only hope for a decrease in interest rates and for more inventory of homes for potential buyers.



	Nov-23	Nov-22	% Chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	% Chg
Absorption Rate	2.73	2.32	17.67	1.53	1.5	2.00
Average List Price	\$615,600	\$586,900	4.89	\$564,026	\$532,996	5.82
Median List Price	\$612,500	\$579,000	5.79	\$550,000	\$525,000	4.76
Average Sale Price	\$528,375	\$577,500	-8.51	\$550,270	\$508,053	8.31
Median Sale Price	\$528,750	\$595,000	-11.13	\$525,000	\$505,000	3.96
Average CDOM	29	73	-60.27	46	21	119.05
Median CDOM	26	74	-64.86	23	13	76.92

All Stats are as of 11/5/2023

Security Update

APD RESPONSES IN FOUR HILLS VILLAGE

From September 1 to November 30, 2023



Incident Type	# of Incidences
Assault	1
Burglary from Vehicle	0
Burglary from Residence	0
Disturbing the Peace	14
Family Dispute	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Motor Vehicle Theft, Recovery	0
Shots Fired	2
Suspicious Person or Vehicle	19
Theft/Larceny/Fraud/Embezzlement	4
Traffic Accident	4
Traffic Stop	1
Vandalism	0
Animal Call	1

Neighborhood News

Report from Four Hills Neighbors- A Women's Organization

Four Hills Neighbors is the social group for the women of Four Hills. We are always looking for new members. FHN provides a great opportunity for you to meet your neighbors and make new friends. We have activity groups which are small groups that share a common interest. We play bunco, bridge, and bowl. We eat together, share cocktails, and have adventures. If crafting is your thing, we even have a few groups to meet that need. We'd love to have you check out our website, : fourhillsneighbors.com. If you like what you see, go ahead and join!

Julie Dodd
 FHN President
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 BOARD MEMBERS AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR
 DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.

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

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, as your House Representative, it's important to me to hear directly from members of our community about what you're facing and how the state government can help. In the last edition of the Chronicle, I announced a series of public town halls in District 20 about issues that are top of mind for all of us - including public safety, housing, and veterans services.

Hundreds of folks turned out and provided thought-provoking questions and insightful comments that guided productive, solutions-focused conversations. To provide the most helpful information and resources, we also invited city, county, and state leaders, advocates, and issue experts as guest panelists. We were honored to be joined by:

Public Safety Town Hall
Department of Public Safety Secretary Jason Bowie
Bernalillo County Sheriff John Allen
Albuquerque Police Department Commander Shawn Garrett
Chief Deputy District Attorney Jason Greenlee

Veterans & Military Services Town Hall
Department of Veterans Services Secretary Jamison Herrera
Veterans Integration Center CEO Brock Wolff
Kirtland Partnership Committee Board Members Hanson Scott, Paul Cassidy and Sherman McCorkle

Housing Town Hall
Bernalillo County District 5 Commissioner Eric Olivas
Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership Executive Director Felipe Rael
Mortgage Finance Authority Executive Director/CEO Isidoro Hernandez
Albuquerque Community Safety Homelessness Liaison Administrator Jodie Jepson

Thank you to all those who were able to join us. If you couldn't make it, you can always reach out to my office for information on state resources and legislative initiatives.

I look forward to carrying the great feedback and insights gathered at these events into the upcoming legislative session and beyond. As Vice Chair of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, I am committed to continuing our investments in community safety, law enforcement recruitment and retention, affordable housing, veterans services, and behavioral health.

In December, the Legislative Finance Committee will complete our budget in preparation for the upcoming session. Then, on January 8th, the House Finance Committee will start hearings for the 2025 legislative session. All of the committee hearings are webcast and open to the public. We will be incredibly busy during this short 30-day session, creating a budget that prioritizes funding to address some of our state's most serious concerns and provides for all New Mexicans. As always, please contact me on particular issues you are concerned about during the session.

A Report from Eric Olivas, Bernalillo County Commissioner District 5

Hello Four Hills Neighbors,

Throughout this holiday season, while spending time with my family and reflecting on the past year, I'm thankful for the opportunity to represent District 5, which includes all of Four Hills on the County Commission. Over the past few months, I've been grateful for each of the neighborhood associations that have reached out to my office and invited us to attend neighborhood meetings and events. These meetings have been very insightful and allow us to hear directly from the community on the needs, wants, and aspirations of each unique community in District 5.

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Additionally, Bernalillo County also completed our PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) meetings to help gather input on the Master plan going forward as it relates to the PROS facilities. Our meetings in District 5 were well attended and we received great feedback.

On October 14th we celebrated the East Mountains Communities during the East Mountain Celebration, along with viewing a rare annular eclipse. The celebration was a huge success! We had a great turnout from our community, we had many vendors on site, I had the opportunity to recognize several outstanding citizens, and of course, the eclipse did not disappoint!

In October and November, we've had many important items move through the Bernalillo County Commission, and I'm excited to say that I believe we delivered in a big way for our community. Specific items are listed below (if you'd like to reach the agenda or minutes relating to these items check out BernCo.gov).

AR 2023-111 Joint Air Quality Control Board
AR 2023-122 Encampments Injunction
AR 2023-105 Opioid Settlement Funds Planning Collaboration
AR 2023-117 Capital Outlay Requests for the 2024 Legislative Session
AR 2023-23 Raw Milk
ARPA Re-appropriations
FR 2023-112 One-Time Appropriations
FR 2023 -119 Family Wellness Shelter

We have one more County Commission meeting in December before we recess for the year. The next big occurrence on the horizon is the upcoming 30-day legislative session. I'll be working closely with Councilor Grout and our area legislators to support projects like the Tijeras Arroyo Education Center, East Central Lighting and Safety initiatives, and the Juan Tabo Trail connection to KAFB among others.

The 30-day session is focused on budget matters, but it's still important that we push for big statewide initiatives like tougher sentences for repeat offenders; more diversion programs for low-level first-time offenders; robust provider recruitment and retention incentives for doctors, social workers, nurses, behavioral health workers, and other core professionals we struggle to recruit; big investments in behavioral health; common sense gun law reforms; and bold investments in carbon reduction and water infrastructure to fight climate change.

Wishing you all the best,

Eric Olivas – Bernalillo County Commissioner

A Report from Renee Grout, Albuquerque City Councilor District 9

Base/Lab Commuter Connection

Wilson Engineering completed a connectivity and traffic efficiency study for commuters using Juan Tabo/ Southern/Central/Eubank earlier this year. The study found that a multi-use trail will be the best way to increase capacity and roadway efficiency for Air Force and Sandia National Labs employees living in the Four Hills and Juan Tabo Hills neighborhoods. This trail along the north side of Tijeras Arroyo will connect pedestrians and bicyclists from Juan Tabo to Innovation Parkway and the Eubank base gate more efficiently than taking a car through heavy traffic on arterial roadways. It will also get cars off the road, encourage exercise, and expand Albuquerque's bikeways and trails system.

Councilor Grout has more than half the funding available for this project and is asking the state Legislature for the rest. She would like to hear your feedback on this plan! There is a survey available at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/99ccf0eeafc84ab1a5671e312421baad>, where you can share your thoughts.

East Gateway Community Planning Assessment

The Community Planning Assessment for the East Gateway is still underway. The Assessment team spent

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the summer gathering feedback from the community on what people love about our neighborhoods and what they'd like to see change. The preliminary report is available at cpa.abq-zone.com/east-gateway for your review and feedback. You can add comments directly in the document.

Also be sure to click on the Public Engagement link and take one of the surveys on Community Identity, Housing Affordability and Resources, Business and Development, and the Juan Tabo Multi-Use Trail connection to the Eubank Base Gate.

Needed: District 9 representative on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Council District 9 needs a representative on the Metropolitan Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. This board has a lot of influence on parks projects, and our area needs an advocate. If you would like to help improve our neighborhood parks, you can apply at <https://www.cabq.gov/clerk/boards-commissions/boards-and-commissions-membership-application>. The board meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Department of Parks & Recreation on Fourth Street. Call Rachel Miller at 505-768-3123 or email rrmiller@cabq.gov if you have any questions.

Legislative Priorities

We have been hard at work getting ready for the next Legislative Session. This year's priorities include finishing the expansion of the Manzano Mesa Pickleball Complex, improving lighting on Central, and building a connection for bicycle and pedestrian commuters between Juan Tabo and the Kirtland Base gate.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback, 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

Upcoming Events

The FHVA Sixth 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

January 13, 2024 at the Canyon Club

In January 2024, 2023 members and 2024 Contributing Members will receive an email invitation to the 9 AM gathering before the meeting.

The general meeting is open to all FHV residents and will begin at 10 AM

We will also post the details on our website, FHVA.org, NextDoor, Facebook, and the entrance sign. If you are a Contributing Member and don't receive an invitation, please contact Andrew Lipman at 505-480-9883.

We look forward to seeing you!



FOUR HILLS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

2024 Contributing Membership & Directory Information Form

The minimum donation for each Contributing Membership is \$25.00.
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OR

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- **only** the Contributing Member's contact information will be included in the directory listing
- **only** the the Contributing Member will be extended individual invitations to Contributing Member events, including the gathering preceding the Annual General Meeting

Below, please provide your contact information exactly as you would like to appear in the "Contributing Members Only Directory".

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Should you wish to add additional members, please provide the information on a copy of this form.

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- Would you consider serving on the FHVA Board of Directors? ____ YES ____ NO
- Would you consider assisting the Board as needed (such as on sub-committees)? ____ YES ____ NO
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Application Date: _____ CHECK # _____ REV 12.08.23



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Biographies of 2023 Board Nominees

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Brook Jilek

Brook has lived in Four Hills Village for 5 years. He is an engineer at Sandia Labs and has a masters in engineering.

Vice President

Tim Gallegos

Tim has lived in Four Hills Village for nearly 20 years. He previously served on the board in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

SECRETARY

Jennifer Lopez (Incumbent)

Jennifer moved from Moriarty with her husband, Jess, to Four Hills Village in April 2018 after completing a 25-year career in special education. She has served on the board as Vice President and is currently seeking her third term as secretary.

DIRECTORS

EDUCATION & YOUTH AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

Jerry R. Gallegos (Incumbent)

Jerry and his wife moved to Four Hills Village four years ago. He retired from public educational service and is seeking his second term in this position.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Carmil Surritt

Carmil has lived in Four Hill for nearly 4 years. He is a life coach and has a background in finance.

MEMBERSHIP

Julia Vertrees (Incumbent)

Julia, a long-time Albuquerque resident, joined the board this year and has lived in Four Hills Village since 2001. She retired three years ago from a 20-year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, where she conducted clinical research with the VA Cooperative Studies Program.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Paul Yarrington (Incumbent)

Paul has lived on Toro St for nearly 40 years. He retired from Sandia Laboratories in 2011 and is employed by Applied Research Associates. He and his oldest daughter, a Four Hills Village resident, frequently hike in the Manzano Four Hills Open Space. Paul joined the board earlier this year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND REAL ESTATE DIRECTOR

James DeMay (Incumbent)

James is a third generation Four Hills Village resident with over four years experience in real estate. He has served on the board since 2022.

SECURITY

Steve McCampbell

Steve has lived in Four Hills for 45 years. After retiring from the Air Force, Steve owned and operated a bicycle shop and a software company with over 39 employees.

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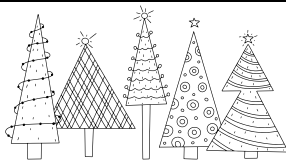
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