

Hello neighbors!

Parkland Village has done considerable work since our last update in late April to move our project forward, despite the constraints posed by the pandemic.

To recap, we are organizing the Village so that, as soon as feasible, we will be able to provide volunteer services to residents of Parkland Hills and Southeast Heights who need those services to help them continue living in their homes.

Those **services will include:**

1) **transportation**; 2) **light chores** in and around the home; 3) **compassionate visits** to reduce a sense of isolation among our most vulnerable residents; and 4) **neighborhood events** designed to strengthen a sense of community, while we enjoy each other's company.

Our website is still a work in progress (and always will be). But, with the help of a neighbor and two Village Board members, we have improved the website to the point



Parkland Village Board Members on a Zoom meeting are (l to r from top) Rich Weiner, Kim Seidler, Mara Hoffman, Bernice Martinez Comstock, and John Comstock).

that we will very soon publicize the website more widely than just our mailing list. We will post a shorter version of this newsletter on [NextDoor Parkland Hills](#) and Southeast Heights and also have it distributed through the Parkland Hills and Southeast Heights Neighborhood Associations. Check out the website at www.parklandvillageabq.org, or Google "Parkland Village Albuquerque".

The same neighbor has also arranged our updates into a newsletter format, as you can see here. In the [Newsletter page on the website](#), you will [find all of our past updates](#) going back to the fall of 2017, and the most recent three updates are in newsletter format.

We are particularly proud of the [Past Events](#) pages on the website, including pictures of previous [picnics](#), [potlucks](#), and [yard sale](#). If you missed the fun, there will be more opportunities in the future.

Although we cannot have events such as these during the pandemic, we are planning a **series of online events**, beginning with a

general meeting for all people interested in learning (more) about the village. There will be presentations by Board members and an opportunity for people to ask questions and offer comments. We have tentatively scheduled this event for **Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 PM**. You will receive an invitation closer to the date of the event when we have finalized the details. We are in the beginning stages of planning an online statewide conference of villages for organizers of the villages so that we can all learn from each other.

The Recruitment Committee is unable to resume our door-to-door survey, but we plan to conduct a survey through our website. Please feel free to share names and contact information of friends and neighbors who might be interested in the Village, and we will reach out to them. Or simply let them know about us.

The Resource Coordination Committee has met with various key people in the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs with the aim of developing referral protocols so that we complement the services the City provides rather than duplicating them. Most recently, several of us met (online, of course!) with the person in charge of the City of Albuquerque's Age Friendly Initiative, and we look forward to a friendly, productive relationship with him and his colleagues.

If you think you might have the time to help us as we organize and create a viable

"village", please let us know, and we will find a way to plug you in.

While you are perusing our website, please pay a visit to the Donations page if you haven't already done so. We are in need of some financial support to continue making progress toward our goals. Given that we will likely not be able to begin providing services this year as a result of the pandemic, our expenses are not huge, but include website development, outreach and advertising, membership in the Village to Village Network, and monthly fees for use of the Helpful Village platform that includes our website. Please consider making a small donation of \$20. Of course, we will be happy with larger or smaller donations. If you prefer to send a check, please contact me for information on where you can send it. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, because we have 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS. By donating, you would be joining our team in a significant way and helping to take us one step closer to a community of giving and kindness.

Thanks, and stay safe and healthy,

Rich

Rich Weiner, President
Parkland Village

