

# Parkland Village Newsletter



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## Services are Launched!

After five years of organizing, Parkland Village “launched” our full array of services in early August! As part of the launch, we began to have formal Village memberships, which are required for people to get our services. It is optional for volunteers to be members.

As of this writing, we have 12 individual memberships and 9 household memberships for a total of 30 people. Only eight of the members need services at this time, and the others have chosen to become members to support the organization. Those people will be eligible to receive services if they develop a need for them, even if only temporarily.

The idea behind these services is to help our elderly residents and those with disabilities age in place in the neighborhood. Our service area consists primarily of Parkland Hills and Southeast Heights neighborhoods.

Services include:

- transportation to grocery stores, doctors’ offices, and other venues.
- light chores in and around the home, including help with computers and other electronics.
- and friendly visits.

We also have 16 vetted volunteers who are offering to provide direct services to members. In the past two months, 6 volunteers have provided 19 services to 8 members. The most popular services so far have been yard work and transportation. Our volunteers have also provided a couple of tech

assistance services. In addition to these 16 volunteers of direct services, we have about the same number of volunteers working on committees and helping to organize this project. There is some overlap between these two groups of volunteers.

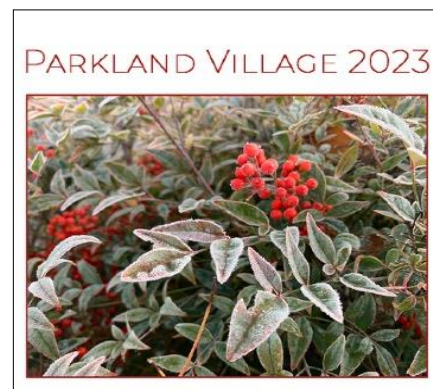
**We thank all our members and volunteers! They represent what this Village is about!**

Rich Weiner, President, Parkland Village



Karen LaVine Explains the value of a Parkland Village Membership

**Great News! 2023 calendars and cards are ready for purchase!**



**2023 Calendars:** The new calendars are now packaged and ready for delivery. They feature the winning photographs of Marj Patrick, Katie and Amar Joshi, Rob Ankel, Josie Rielage, Nicole Smalley, Ken Tabish, Bill Lagattuta, Ellen Fogg Kersh, Jim Fisher, Kari Converse, and Joanna Rohrmann. We are keeping the price at \$20, even with increased packaging, paper, and printing costs.



Winning photo by Joanna Rohrmann

## Upcoming Event: See the 2022 Winning Photos

Our contest-winning photographers will be honored with a weekend exhibition at Albuquerque Photographers Gallery.

**Please join us for the opening reception on Friday, November 18, 5-7pm.** You can meet the winning photographers and see their photographs. You might meet the jurors Urey Lemon and Jake Werth as well! The work will also be up Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, from 12 to 5pm. Calendars and cards will be available for purchase.

**Albuquerque Photographers Gallery is located at 328 San Felipe NW in Old Town,** just a few steps from great restaurants!



Winning photo by Bill Lagattuta



Launch Event in Hyder Park

## We're Flying!

After a successful launch party on July 10, our Village is flying higher than the balloons at the Balloon Fiesta's mass ascension. We gathered in Hyder Park in the Southeast Heights neighborhood with neighbors and passersby to hear some good music, to chat and to learn more about the Village movement, especially Parkland Village. The Events Committee provided iced drinks and munchies, and many helpful volunteers provided chairs in the shade as we enjoyed the warmth of summer and community.

An estimated 75-100 people of all ages were treated to the musical talent of locally renowned singer/songwriter Jacques Dorier, sharing some of his compositions, accompanying himself on the unique Irish bouzouki. Eva sang a song about her



dog, too. The highlight of the afternoon was a performance by Saoirse, New Mexico's Celtic eclectic eight-member ensemble, led by John Brinduse.

Though we were plagued by sound system problems at first, friends and neighbors were able to pull it all together for a two-hour plus gathering of fun, friendship, music, and enlightenment. Best of all, we were able to reconnect with old friends and meet so many new neighbors. The feeling of supportive community was palpable.



Saoirse flutist plays for the Launch Event

National Night Out on August 2 in Eunice Kalloch Park was a reprise of sorts. Our village was represented along with other city-wide organizations and speakers. We hope to have more celebrations of community *in person*.

Events Committee:

Eva Českava,

Mara Hoffman

Marina Philip



Jacques Dorier Performs at Hyder park



Events Committee member Marina Philip, husband Noah Schorr, and Tuna

**Available Now!**

**Boxed Cards of all 12 winning photos:** These card boxes include one of each of our 12 winning calendar photos. They are stunning. They make wonderful holiday gifts. And you will find that they work for birthday cards, love notes, invitations, and



anything else you wish to pen! These boxes are \$20 each, and contain 12 5 x 7 cards, blank inside.



Winning Photo by Marj Patrick

Call Candy Nartonis at 617-851-8151 to order cards or calendars, or both. You may also download the order form from our web site, **[www.ParklandVillageABQ.org](http://www.ParklandVillageABQ.org)**, and include a check if you like. Delivery will be prompt, and you may pay by credit card, cash, or check. Think of these calendars and cards as perfect holiday, birthday, or hostess gifts, too.



Winning photo by Jim Fisher

## New Holiday Cards!

**New Holiday Cards:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> place photograph captures our winter season perfectly and makes a lovely holiday card. Cards are packaged 12 to a box and ready for your own mailing, or as gifts to others. Marj Patrick is the winning photographer. The cards are \$20 per box, and blank inside.



Winning photo by Rob Ankel



The First-Place winning photo by Marj Patrick is also our holiday card

## Village to Village Network Annual Conference

As many of you know, Parkland Village is a member of the national Village to Village Network, a non-profit organization that supports the more than 300 villages in the U.S. They have annual conferences every October, and for the past three years, the conferences were held on Zoom. That meant that the Parkland Village Board and a couple of committee members were able to attend the three-day conference without having to travel to a distant city or incur hefty costs for transportation, lodging, meals, and conference registration.

The conference was excellent, and we all learned a lot. There were workshops on fundraising, volunteer recruitment, strategic planning, and strategic partnerships. There were presentations on creative aging and on technology. The presentation on technology was given by a non-profit organization, Dorot, which provides training for “tech coaches.” This presentation was particularly exciting, because Dorot could provide support to our volunteers who are offering tech assistance as a service.



Winning photo by Kari Converse



### Join Us!

If you are interested in receiving services, providing services, or both, please contact us at [info@ParklandVillageABQ.org](mailto:info@ParklandVillageABQ.org). You can also let us know if you wish to help with the organizational aspects of the Village.

Dues are \$150 per year for individuals and \$200 per year for households. Assistance is available for people who can't afford the full dues.

People receiving services are required to be members. Membership is optional for volunteers. Membership dues help pay for insurance, the platform that includes our website, development of the website, telephone expenses, accounting software, Zoom, mailing expenses, office supplies, Village literature, events, and more.

We held three volunteer orientations on Zoom during the summer. We will plan further orientations when there are more people who would like to volunteer. For more information about Parkland Village, read further and visit our website at: [parklandvillageabq.org](http://parklandvillageabq.org)





Winning photo by Ellen Fogg Kersh

If you wish to help with the organizational aspects of the Village, we could use your help.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Services Committee:** This committee handles all aspects regarding members and volunteers of direct services, including matching volunteers with members who request services. The committee orients new volunteers, provides training updates to volunteers as appropriate, and facilitates meetings with volunteers to share experiences and suggest changes. The committee helps to recruit new volunteers and follows up on requests to volunteer. The committee also arranges home visits and orientations for new members.
- **Events Committee:** This committee plans events and programs, both on Zoom and in person.

- **Resource Evaluation and Coordination Committee:** The committee researches the work of other agencies (City and non-profit) and meets with key people in those agencies to create cooperative arrangements and avoid the duplication of services.
- **Other:** Do you have a special set of skills that might be helpful to us? Let us know!



Winning image by Ken Tabish



Winning photo by Katie and Amar Joshi





Winning photo by Josie Rielage



## Zoom Forums

Since Parkland Village's last newsletter in July, we held one Zoom forum – in August -- for neighbors to have an opportunity to meet the Village Board and to ask questions about the Village.

These forums provide a way for neighbors to get together without doing so in person. Some forums feature speakers on various important topics, some are purely social, and others are for people to learn about the Village.

In the future, we will have meetings, either in person or on Zoom for members and volunteers to meet each other.

**If any of you have skills and/or interests that you would like to share in a future Zoom forum, please get in touch with us and let us know. Or you could request a topic.**



Winning photo by Nicole Smalley

## Online Yoga Classes

The **Villages of Santa Fe**, in collaboration with AARP, has been sponsoring online classes in exercise and gentle yoga. Any of you are welcome to register for and join these classes. Some classes are free, and some involve a nominal fee. You can get more information about and register for these classes at: <https://villages.punchpass.com>.

### Parkland Village Board of Directors and Key Volunteers

Rich Weiner, President  
Mara Hoffman, Vice President  
Kim Seidler, Secretary  
Candy Nartonis, Treasurer  
Eva Ceskava, Member of Board of Directors  
Nancy Musinski, Volunteer Service Coordinator  
Teri Hogan, Volunteer Service Coordinator  
Marj Patrick, Volunteer Service Coordinator  
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Saoirse performs for the Launch Event on July 10, 2022



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