

June update on Parkland Hills Village

Since our last update in March, we have continued to make progress in creating a “village” that will provide volunteer services to help people in our neighborhood age in place. We have done community outreach by having a table at EarthFest (outside La Montanita Co-op) in April and have more recently initiated discussions about the village (including seeking help) on the Nextdoor Parkland Hills site. As a result of our postings on Nextdoor, we’ve had several new people attend our recent steering committee meeting, and they plan to continue participating. We also plan to have a table at the upcoming Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association picnic in Eunice Kalloch Park on Sunday, June 24, and we hope to see many of you there.

We are getting close to finalizing the bylaws so that we can begin the process of incorporating and obtaining non-profit status. That will enable us to seek tax-deductible donations, among other benefits.

Earlier this month, five of us met in Corrales with the officers of a village there (“Village in the Village”), which is part of the Village to Village Network and has been providing volunteer services for four years. The meeting included several people who have recently begun trying to form a village on the west side of Albuquerque. We learned a lot from the Village in the Village that will help in our thinking about how best to provide services in Parkland Hills.

We will be having a village potluck on Saturday, July 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 at the home of John and Bernice Comstock, [address deleted]. There will be live music and a mingling of neighbors. Please save the date.

If you have any questions or would like to help our efforts, please contact me by responding to this e-mail.

-- Rich Weiner.