

November Update on Parkland Hills Village

I last updated you in late August on the progress made by Parkland Hills Village (PHV), which, as you will recall, aims to help residents of Parkland Hills age in place through appropriate volunteer services. Since August, we had two picnics in Eunice Kalloch Park, one in September and another in October. The picnics were well attended and fun, and at each picnic those of us on the steering committee met some new neighbors and got to know better a few neighbors we had already met at prior events. Some attendees played croquet at both picnics while the rest of us chatted. A couple of weeks ago, most of our steering committee attended the Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association semi-annual meeting at Whittier, and Kim Seidler, on behalf of the steering committee, gave a presentation toward the end of the meeting on the “village” concept and about PHV in particular.

The steering committee has finalized the bylaws (except for a few technicalities), which we plan to file in the next month or two as part of the process of becoming a New Mexico nonprofit corporation. After that, we will apply to the IRS to acquire 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, which we expect to happen quickly. That will enable us to seek tax-deductible donations, among other benefits.

We have also completed a needs assessment survey, which we will disseminate through Nextdoor Parkland Hills, the Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association mailing list, and this mailing list. You will be provided with a link to our survey on Survey Monkey. Whether you might consider volunteering for the Village or think you or a household member may need to receive services – or both, please complete the survey for yourself and other household members, and please encourage and/or assist your friends and neighbors in Parkland Hills to do the same. This is especially important if there are people you know who need or receive services now (we plan to complement or augment existing available services) but may not be on any of these mailing lists or may not be in a position to answer the survey by themselves. The survey will provide valuable feedback for the steering committee (and the Board of Directors after we incorporate), and it will help inform the direction we take as we move toward the provision of volunteer services.

If you have any questions or would like to help our efforts, please contact me by responding to this e-mail. If you would prefer not to receive these updates, please let me know.

-- Rich Weiner.