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TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC

NEWSLETTER

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Some of you noticed the recent use of our new letterhead. This lovely expression of our neighborhood and this group was designed by Sandi Black and refined by Dick Scott (who soon begins a term as president of the A.I.A.). Sandi is our ex-president Lee Black's wife. Dick is an architect with Long & Waters. We really appreciate the time and effort they put into presenting us on paper!

Say- wasn't the Christmas Party Great! Barry Simmons, city traffic department engineer was chairman and he had assistance from Ken Allen and Fred VanBurkle of the board of directors and several hard working folks from the general membership. The food was good- both that purchased & that brought by members. The fellowship was better-getting to know each other in a relaxed social setting. And the kids seemed to enjoy Santa and the "big dog and the pinatas.

In the informal survey filled out by members the third question was, "Should TRNA continue to sponsor social events" etc. You gave a resounding yes. To this end the Board has appointed as "Social Events Chairperson" Bob AliCarr. It will be Bob's job to oversee the social events of the year and the individual chairman of each event will be responsible to Bob. If there is an event you'd like to see held, or if you'd be willing to serve on the committee for some of our upcoming events such as the Easter Egg Hunt give Bob a call at 898-8287. He'll be happy to hear from you.

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Vernon Rollerson has moved from Taylor Ranch. Since, according to our by laws, you have to live here to be a member, Vernon regretfully submitted his resignation.

To fill his uncompleted term which expires in March, Brandy Turner has been appointed by Mike Creusere our president and confirmed by the Board of Directors. Brandy is one class shy of her Masters in Public Administration. She's employed by the law firm of Suttin, Thayer, & Browne. She's done some consulting work for individuals with land problems and has brought those problems before the E.P.C. Her work has made her very familiar with "City Hall" and can only benefit this organization. Brandy moved here 5 years ago from the New York City area and we are the winner!

Do you read the newspapers? Even the weeklies dropped on your door step? Then you must see articles now and then on TRNA. Save them. Cut them out put them in a folder. We need all these press clippings for a scrap book. Let us know you have them. Call Mike (897-1464) or Ellen (898-4450).

Do you know someone who would like to serve on the Board? Are you someone who

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would be willing to serve? The nominating committee is chaired by Norma Eager 898-1643 and elections are just 3 months away. All terms are for 2 years and there are about 7 or 8 positions which will be filled by general election of the membership. We also need people to serve on the nominating committee. Please call. This is a committee that only meets a couple of times and has an important job to do!

The By Laws Revision Committee has begun its meetings. You can still get on this one by calling Mike (897-1464). The informal survey taken at the Christmas Party showed that 84% of those responding favored keeping our prohibition on any affiliation with commercial, political, or religious organizations. This does not stop us from holding forums such as the one we had for Mayoral & 1st district candidates. It does stop us from endorsing any one candidate. Perhaps it should also limit any candidate from serving on the Board. If you have an opinion call Mike.

In other questions on the survey a proxy vote got a 50-50 split as did the question of \$10. dues for the year & a reduced rate for new members joining in the last quarter of the year. Using Roberts Rules of order, or making up our own got a heavily mixed vote. These are the questions, then, that this committee will be dealing with. All opinions are sought and welcome. We can't promise that your opinion will take the day but we do say the majority view will dominate.

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In the other survey taken majorit opinions were for a midschool in Taylor Ranch, for a library here, wanting to know how our elected officials vote in issues concerning Taylor Ranch. You were for meat and produce and gasoline being sold by Allsups and opposed to liquer being sold. (How opposed? Call any phone number listed here to express your opinion).

In parks up here you mentioned you wanted lots of green, picnic tables, benches, small children's play areas. Have you seen Montano West? Construction is moving right along and it will have all these things. Also wanted were tennis courts, playing fields, better access to the soccer field. Lets get a committee going here; Surely it wouldn't cost too much for a curb cut about where the turn around in Taylor Ranch Road occur Surely Bellamahs people must know if it's possible, legal, etc.

You said we needed a light at Dellyne and Coors. We've tackedled that one casually and got a lot of negetive response. Such as, "no one's" been killed there yet and Coors Road only will have lights at mile intervals, etc. It took 3 years to get the light at Montano. If some of you want to start the fight, this group will probably back you, but we need concerned people, willing to fight for a couple of years!

Another suggestion is an information brochure on Taylor Ranch organizations, etc...and this group in particular. It could be

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given to new residents as well as old to help find answers to "Who do I call?" It's a great idea and all it needs is a couple of people willing to put in some long hours. Please, if you think it's a good idea call us and volunteer your time for the good of all.

One of our members, Mr. Dale Dunn who lives in Volcano Cliffs area attended our January Board meeting and presented "the dust problem", caused by Coda Roberson's Construction west of Atrisco. Mr. Dunn's photos show how the dust is picked up by a good breeze and carried for miles. The heavier the particulars are, the sooner they fall; meaning in this case that Taylor Ranch gets a sand shower. But it all contributes to the brown haze over the city. The Board agreed to support Mr. Dunn's position by a letter to the Air Quality Control Board asking for stronger regulations on contractors who expose the surface of the earth to dust erosion. If you want to help Mr. Dunn's campaign in any way you can, call him at 897-4308. This is an issue which effects us all.

It's that time of year Members, Your \$10.00 check should be sent to Membership Chairman Wheeler Green, 5805 Open Sky, Albuquerque, N.M. 87120. (Come on now, isn't receiving this epistle once a month worth it?) So, OK, ----- Send it anyway.

Don't forget to water your trees on the street or yard or they'll die! They need water all winter long about once every 2 weeks.