



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

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President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Goodness, where did 1989 go? Has the pace been that quick or is it that I'm getting older? Maybe it's been a combination of both. I can honestly say, though, that 1989 has been the busiest of any of the six years I've been on the TRNA Board of Directors.

In just the past six months, we have had three MAJOR items of concern for our community: the trucked-in apartments, setting "parkway" standards for Unser Boulevard, and the conversion of the Marie Hughes Satellite School. *Your Board of Directors is continuing to work on all three of these issues on a daily basis.*

This year, we have dedicated our Taylor Ranch Branch Library. We have approved two community shopping centers that will be built in 1990. We won a battle to keep Taylor Ranch Drive's name changed. Three new parks are on the way, one of them being a major 30-acre recreational facility. Association membership has more than doubled. Many Neighborhood Crime Watch areas have been set up. Crime statistics are down a whopping 80%. The *Mesa Messenger* has greatly improved. Whew!

I know that 1990 should be exciting and challenging. The "major" three will be resolved. We will be working toward receiving our community center and our "area command" police station. And much more...

Hope to see you all at the TRNA Christmas Party.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Membership

Are you proud to say, "I live in Taylor Ranch"? Most of us think it is a great place to live, play and raise our children. Many of us joined TRNA because we want it to stay nice, and even improve.

All of the TRNA committees work hard on behalf of our neighborhood. The Membership Committee has had a membership table set up at Albertson's and Marie Hughes on election days, and now we are walking the sidewalks leaving membership applications at our neighbors' homes. The graph below shows the results of our efforts. We are proud of our accomplishments, but still have a long way to go. You can help us by taking even more pride in your neighborhood and signing up a neighbor. It takes a little work and costs a dollar a month, but ask yourself and your neighbor, isn't our community worth it?

New members that have joined since October have their dues paid up until the end of 1990. If you joined prior to Oct., you will be receiving a notice that it's time to pay your

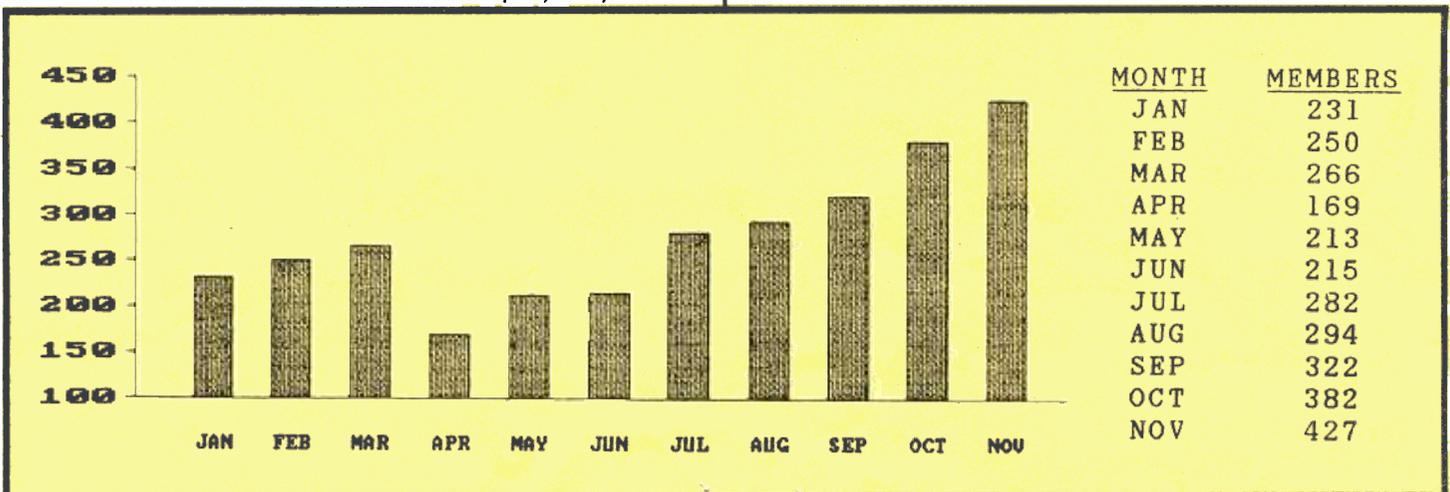


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1990 dues. Without our continued support through our dues, the Crime Prevention Committee would not have money to buy the paint they use to cover graffiti, and the Social Committee would not have funds to put on the Christmas and Easter parties. And by the way, one of our biggest expenses is the monthly Mesa Messenger! Your \$12.00 a year (less if you sign up for two or three years) helps Taylor Ranch stay the great place that it is. If you pay your 1990 dues in December, it will help us save on mailing costs.

Happy Holidays!

--Debbie Tatum



Fun Run for Noel

Noel Brunk is three years old. She is a little girl with a big problem. While most children dream of candy canes and other



Christmas delights, Noel dreams of being well. Struck with life-threatening cancer, she has spent the last two months in a Dallas hospital undergoing a bone-marrow transplant.

Modern medicine brings both good news and bad news. The good news is that there is hope for a full recovery. The bad news is that the cost is almost beyond comprehension. Noel's friends and neighbors in Taylor Ranch would like to help. And YOU can help, too.

Bring your families and run or walk for Noel, on Saturday December 16 at 10:00 a.m., at the new Taylor Ranch Branch Library. There will be a one-mile course and a five-kilometer course. Entry fees are:

Adults \$5.00
Children \$3.00
Families \$12.00

You can register by mail, or at the library on race day at 9:00-9:45 a.m. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winners for men and women, and all entrants will be eligible for prize drawings.

For more information, call Julie Dahl at 898-2742.

--Bill Ghormley

Social Committee

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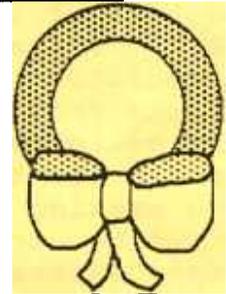
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Xmas Party

The TRNA Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 15, at 6:30 pm, at Marie Hughes Cafeteria.

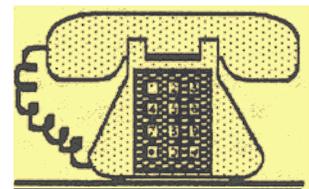
Please bring your favorite pot luck appetizer or dessert dish to share. The main course and drinks will be provided by TRNA. There will be a \$3.00 charge for any guests you wish to bring. If you would like to help, or want more information, call Dolores at 897-0967.

--Dolores Gonzales



It's For You...

If you have ever wondered who to call about a problem, or to get some information, this is for you. The City has compiled a new list of phone numbers for offices in City Hall, and we have reprinted this list in this month's Mesa Messenger. So, before you recycle this issue, take out the phone list and put it in a safe place. Then you WILL know who to call.



Parks and Recreation

The Steering Committee for the Mariposa Basin Park met on November 2. Committee members include



three residents from Lamy Street, one from Brindle Street, people representing youth baseball and soccer, a representative from Horseyways, members of TRNA and the Santa Fe Village Neighborhood Association, and several people from the City Parks and Recreation Department and its design agent for the project. The meeting began with an orientation trip to the site, where several features of the current master plan concept were pointed out on the grounds. Concerns with the alignment of bicycle trails, security and lighting were discussed. The Steering Committee will probably meet on a monthly basis until the master plan is completed. *The next meeting is scheduled for December 5 at 5:00 p.m., to review the bike trail locations proposed by the design agent.*

The Taylor Ranch Branch Library was dedicated on November 18. Several City officials lauded the cooperative efforts of local residents in bringing the project to fruition. Brief mention was made of the proposed park site north of the library. Negotiations between the site's owner and the City Parks and Recreation Department have reportedly commenced.

The City Parks and Recreation Department is developing a scope of work for the Taylor

Ranch Park on Homestead Circle. This document will be the basis for contract negotiations with the design team which will collaborate in the planning of the park. The City is also putting together a steering committee for this project that will include representatives from TRNA, the National Park Service, and Albuquerque Public Schools.

Boy Scout Troop 126 is in DIRE need of a Scoutmaster. The troop meets at Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, and is Taylor Ranch's only Boy Scout Troop. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding position, please contact Phil Smith at 897-4495. *If the troop cannot find a Scoutmaster, it will probably have to disband.*

A 5 kilometer run/1 mile walk is being organized to raise money to help fund a bone-marrow transplant for three-year old Noel Brunk, who is stricken with a life-threatening cancer. The event will be held Saturday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m., at the new TR Branch Library. The cost to participate is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, \$12.00 for families (parents and children only). Prizes are being provided by local sponsors. Road guards are still needed for the event. If you can help, call Phil Smith at 897-4495. For further information about the run/walk, contact Julie Dahl at 898-2742.



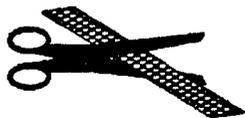
--Phil Smith

New Library Park

The new Taylor Ranch Branch Library and the Santa Fe Village Park were dedicated Saturday, November 18. Alan Clark, head of the joint City-County library system, presided over the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies. Also present were Pat Westbrook, Chief Planner for the City's Parks and Recreation Department, District 1 Councillor-elect Alan Armijo, State Senator Martin Chavez, TRNA's President Don Newton, and Branch Librarian Toni Osborn.



The new library is the largest in the City, after the Main Library downtown. It presently has over 50,000 books, housed in space of 12,000 square feet. Mr. Clark said that the library will grow as the West Mesa area grows, to as much as 25,000 sq. ft. He noted the library had almost 2000 circulations on its first day of operation, which is remarkable considering the size of its staff.



The library is located on a new park, thanks to an agreement between the library system and the Parks and Recreation Department. According to Mr. Clark, this agreement saved the City about \$250,000, since the land was donated to the library by the Department. While most of the 6-acre site has been landscaped, an area next to the library is still bare. Mr. Clark said that this area will be used for a memorial to the

library's architect, who died recently.

The library completed its move from its old facility in less than a week, thanks to volunteer help from some of our neighbors. Because of the small staff, Librarian Osborn says that any volunteer effort anyone can provide is appreciated. If you can spare an hour a week to help, contact Ms. Osborn.

--Bill Ghormley

Talk With Steve

Congressman Steve Schiff will conduct a Town Meeting on Saturday, December 9. Sponsored by TRNA, this meeting will be held at Marie Hughes Elementary School, 5701 Mojave NW, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

According to one of Schiff's aides, the purpose of this meeting is for the Congressman to listen to his constituents



talk about their problems, concerns and issues. For those with specific problems, a case worker will be available to help with such matters as Social Security and Veterans benefits.

The meeting will have no agenda--the Congressman will be available as long as there is someone who wants to talk, even if it runs past 3:00 p.m. Those who would like more information can call the District Office at 766-2538.



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Monthly Crime Tip

THE GRAFFITI PROBLEM REVISITED

[An article similar to this one appeared in the January Mesa Messenger. The subject is here again because of our many new members, and because the issue has not gone away.]

Have you looked around your neighborhood lately? Or around Taylor Ranch in general? If so, you know that we STILL have a graffiti problem.

Why are we addressing this as a "Crime Tip"? Because those individuals or groups who are painting or spraying graffiti on walls, sidewalks, etc. are guilty of vandalism--a misdemeanor in most cases, but a felony when the cost of removal or repair is high. Also, as has been evidenced in Los Angeles, New York and other metropolitan areas, certain graffiti mark the boundaries of gangs.

Last January, your TRNA Board of Directors and Crime Prevention Committee formulated a plan to combat this problem. The main course of action was to organize ourselves and eliminate the graffiti. In January, April and July, teams of volunteers equipped with brushes and rollers, paint, and enthusiasm, spread out all over Taylor Ranch (and Montano Plaza shopping center) to cover graffiti wherever they found it. Several businesses and individuals have contributed money and paint to help in these efforts.

It has been successful, for a time. But now, it is back--

not as much as before, but still enough to present a detrimental image of our community.

So, on December 9, we are going out again to have an "anti-graffiti party." If you want to help in this effort, please call me and I'll give you details. If you can't help paint, there are other ways you can assist:



- Locate existing graffiti and inform one of your Directors (or me directly).
- Watch for people engaged in creating graffiti. Try to get descriptions, license number, etc., and provide this data to the APD and Crime Prevention Committee.
- Talk to your neighbors about this problem and what we are doing about it, and enlist their support in watching, reporting and removing.
- Get the businesses you work for to contribute money or paint.

ON WITH THE BATTLE!

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Home and vehicle burglaries have continued to decline in the latter half of 1989 in TR, but the Holiday Season is the time for significant increases, according APD, so BE AWARE. Also, vandalism has been very high in Taylor Ranch. This has primarily consisted of smashed windows in vehicles parked on streets, but some house windows have been shot with pellet guns.

--John Hemler

City Recycling

Many of those involved in recycling are aware that the prices paid by recycling centers are at an all-time low. Many cities, like Albuquerque, have found that they are having to pay recyclers to accept materials which have been collected. As a result, recycling has become an expense, rather than the money-maker it was expected to be. The City of Albuquerque reports that the cost of its residential curb-side recycling Pilot Program far outweighs the money received from its recyclers.



The great value and benefit from recycling lies in the long-term savings in land-fill space and trash collection costs.

And we must not forget the environmental NECESSITY of keeping non-biodegradable materials out of our ecology. We must continue to recycle, and urge our neighbors to separate and recycle as much as possible.

If you have any questions about recycling, you can call the City's Office of Recycling, 761-8176.

Community Calendar

- Dec 7 Crime Prevention Committee, 7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home
- Dec 9 Anti-Graffiti Party, Montano Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 14 Membership Committee, 7:00 p.m., Dan Curtiss' Home
- Dec 15 TRNA Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m., Marie Hughes
- Dec 16 Fun Run for Noel, 10:00 a.m., TR Branch Library
- Dec 19 TRNA Board of Directors, 7:00 p.m., Dan Curtiss' Home

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COMMENTS: _____

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Want More Information? Call Dan Curtiss, 897-1700

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