

## President's Message

*Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA*

We certainly started off the school year well with our quarterly meeting August 26th.

Our \$100 quarterly award for service to the community was awarded to Janice Chase for her outstanding service to our community. Janice has been active for years in the PTA, Girl Scouts, and various youth sports.

In addition, TRNA VIP bumper stickers were awarded to the volunteers who kept our association functioning over the last two years. Through their efforts TRNA put out a monthly newsletter, sponsored social events, recycled trash, sponsored youth activities, painted out graffiti, beautified the neighborhood, worked to improve the schools in our area, built up our membership, monitored government actions that affect Taylor Ranch, and raised money to carry on all these activities. They are the heart of the association and we thank them all.

- € **Crime Prevention:** *Manuel Prieta and Paul C De Baca;*
- € **Education:** *Lori Apt;*
- € **Environmental/Beautification:** *George Radnovich, John and Kathy Harrison, Rene Horvath, and Paula Mortensen;*
- € **Membership:** *Kathleen Hume, Tom Kooi, B.C. Pender, Jeanne Rousseau;*
- € **Newsletter:** *Roger Suppona, Delyly Rooney, Don and Janis Briggs, Dorothy and Fred Manville;*
- € **Social Activities:** *Teresa Chavez, Maria Martin, Carmen Antram, June Newman, Michael and Michele Skroch, Sue Grogan, Teresa Black, Robyn Keller, Pam Bowlin, Vigie Hansen, Sheryl Kerby-Lane, Lillian Cuollo, Paul and Audrey Swetman, Kathy Lydic, Brett Lopez, Fred van Berkel;*
- € **Youth:** *Ron, Regina, and Natalie Chapman, Lillie and Ian Norstad, Alisa Pavlakovich, Gary, Nanci, Michael and Courtney Siliccia, Ida and Monica Cordova, Dana Krill, Michele and Bob Lang, Mikka Miller, Stu Lamb, Jessica Espinosa, Mark Pringle;*
- € **Summer Festival:** *Dan and Grace Curtiss, Diana Shea, Michael Rivera, Vernon Tatum, Steve and Tish Saddoris, Michele Griego, Bruce Barth, Kelly Fugelso, Jim and Paula Hensley;*

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## Montaño Bridge Blues?

Everyone was welcome to have watermelon during the August 26th quarterly meeting at Montaño West Park.

**See what's new with the  
Horrific Everyday Routine Drive  
on page 6!**

### Important Dates:

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|----------------|----------------|---|
| <b>21 Sep.</b> | <b>7 pm</b>    | <b>TRNA Board Meeting.</b>  |
| <b>22 Sep.</b> | <b>9 pm</b>    | <b>Mesa Messenger Oct. Deadline</b>                                 |
| <b>22 Sep.</b> | <b>10-4 pm</b> | North Valley Senior Center Country Fair, 3825 4th St. NW. 761-4025. |
| <b>30 Sep.</b> | <b>8-1 pm</b>  | <b>TRNA Fall Flea Market at Calvary Temple. See page 3.</b>         |

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## Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,  
Director TRNA,  
Editor Mesa Messenger



We've had a suggestion by one of our neighbors to have classified ads in the Mesa Messenger. Its a good idea that should be discussed at the next board meeting. Since we're a monthly publication, this is a possibility; however, we'll have to take a look at issues such as cost, rules, and how things will be organized. If you have an opinion, let me know by mail or giving me a call. I'll let you know about this in next month's column.

Remember that we currently take advertisement for 

## Government News




Bob Woody, Director TRNA

### Zoning:

€ The zone change request for the La Mariposa Addition (Z-95-79) R-1 to R-T was again deferred by the EPC indefinitely.

- € Banes SouthWest Construction has applied with the City to build a car wash at 6640 Camito Coors NW.
- € Berovich & Associates' plan for a 600 unit apartment complex on the SE corner of Coors & Western Trail is scheduled for a hearing before the EPC on 9-21-95.
- € Centex Real Estate is seeking a preliminary plat approval from the City for a housing development at Rancho Sereno subdivision, units 3, 4, and 5.

The USEPA has proposed a remedy to address contamination problems at Sparton Technologies Coors Road facility. A public meeting will be held on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Cibola High School.

Bell Atlantic Mobile is applying with the city to build a 62-foot transmission tower at the Montañó Shopping Center. A clock tower facade will be built around the metal tower to lessen the visual impact on the community. *(Drawings were available at the last board meeting and impressed most board members – ed.)* 

## Environmental Committee

Terri Clarke, Director TRNA

### Gardening Tips for September:

TRNA President, Ceil van Berkel, presents Janice Chase TRNA's \$100 quarterly award for her outstanding service to our community.

1. Now is the best time to re-seed bluegrass lawns and to plant cool season grasses.
2. Plant chrysanthemums for fall color.
3. Plant pansies and snapdragons for winter and spring color. They usually winter over.
4. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other Spring flowering bulbs should be planted mid-September through January.
5. Best time to fertilize cool-season grasses. If you want to have the greenest lawn on the block next Spring, be sure to fertilize in the Fall.
6. Do not fertilize roses after September 1st. 

Mesa Messenger is published monthly by the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. (TRNA) and is distributed to paid TRNA members. Membership information may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. **Deadline for articles** and advertisement is the fourth Friday of each month; however, it is appreciated if they are turned in earlier. Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471. Articles are accepted typed on paper but are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word and text files on 1.44 mb disks are also accepted. Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Advertisement is accepted from business members and resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA. Ad rates, payable in advance, are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, and \$100/mo. full page with a minimum run of three months. Mesa Messenger editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article. To place an ad, please call Michael Skroch. Ad copy in the following sizes only: Full page at 7.5" wide x 9.5" long. Half page at 7.5"x4.75" (3 col.) or 5"x7" (2 col.). Quarter page at 7.5"x2.5" (3 col.) or 5"x3.5" (2 col.) or 2.5"x7.5" (1 col.). Business card at 3.5"x2". Other sizes may be arranged with the editor. We can help lay out your ad.

Many thanks to our newsletter production and distribution staff:

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Delly Rooney	

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. is recognized by the Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination under the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (O-92.) It is also a member of the League of Neighborhoods.

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Ron Chapman.....	Youth Committee Chair.....	899-8904	
Michele Duran Skroch.....	Christmas Party Chair.....	899-4471	


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**Presidents Message**

€ **Board Members who served more than 5 years:** *Don Newton, John Hemler, Bob Hume.*

We have been asked to nominate one member as our 1994/95 outstanding member to the Neighborfest '95 Recognition Committee. The Board voted to nominate *Ron Chapman* for his outstanding work in organizing and promoting our youth activities over the past year. More than a year ago Ron came to the Board and volunteered to reach out to various neighborhood

churches, businesses, and service organizations in an effort to sponsor a united, shared youth program. His enthusiasm and commitment has never wavered! He and his committee have sponsored dances, swim parties, roller hockey, girls softball, a Players night, and fund-raising activities. This coming year the committee will sponsor an event at LBJ every month and will work with the LBJ student council to coordinate activities. Ron has been the catalyst that made all this possible. Congratulations Ron, and thank you!

Please plan to attend some of the TRNA fall events: youth activities (watch the signs and newsletter for dates), flea market on September 30th at Calvary, quarterly meeting in October (date TBD), and

Holiday party in December. When you come to these events you get to know your neighbors and feel more a part of the community, so I hope to see you there. 

## Social Committee


### Fall Flea Market

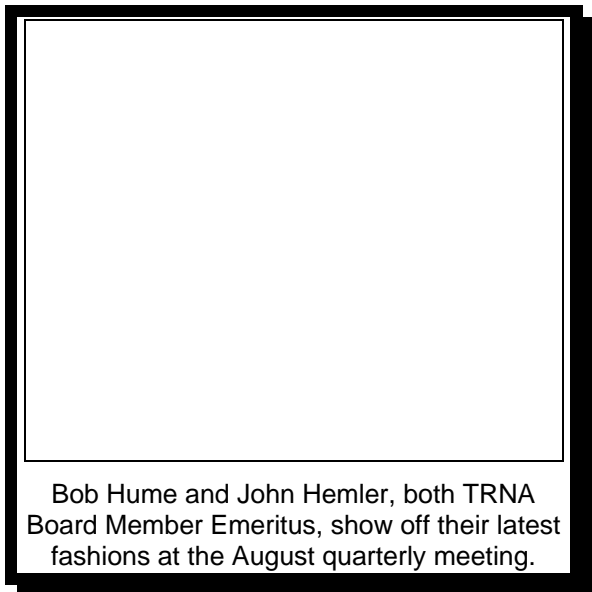
*Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA*

**F**all TRNA Flea Market is scheduled for September 30th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Calvary Temple parking lot (5331 Montañó Rd. NW - Across from the Equestrian Center). Selling areas are the size of a parking space and will cost \$10 each for non-TRNA members or \$5 each for paid members of TRNA. To reserve a space call Rosemary Freelin at 899-2450.

### Christmas Party

*Michele Duran Skroch, Christmas Party Chair*

**W**e've had several more people volunteer to help with the TRNA Christmas Party so far but we still need your help to pull things together. We appreciate involvement from those with just a little time or a lot of time to contribute. Call me at 899-4471 to learn more and find out when our next organizational meeting will be held! 



Bob Hume and John Hemler, both TRNA Board Member Emeritus, show off their latest fashions at the August quarterly meeting.

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	Montano Plaza Coors & Montano Phone: 897-1404	Northdale Shopping Ctr. 4th Street & Osuna Phone: 344-7701
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## West Side Family YMCA Activities



Call Anne at 899-8417 for more information. The YMCA is located at 4701 Montano Rd. NW (at Taylor Ranch Rd.) YMCA membership fees may also apply.

**Shorin-Ryu Karate:** Sep. 7-28; Oct. 2-26; Nov. 2-Dec 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Mon. & Thu., ages 5 years and up. Cost: \$30/mo, \$45/mo Nov/Dec.

**Hiking Club:** Twice a month groups gather at 9:00 a.m. at the Westside Y to carpool to nearby scenic locations. Saturday hikes are 4-6 miles, Thursday hikes are 2-4 miles with lunch after the hike. Sep. 21, Manzano's Forth of July Canyon

(bring lunch); Oct. 21, Tent Rocks near Cochiti (easy); Oct. 26, Tsankawi Ruins (Bandalier, lunch in Los Alamos); Nov. 11, Piedra Lisa trail (more difficult); Nov. 16, Volcanoes to Rinconada Canyon. No fee for hikes; membership required after your first hike.

**Dance:** A creative movement and dance class teaches fundamentals while focusing on fun. For boys and girls age 4-6, 6-6:45 p.m., ages 7-older, 7-7:50 p.m., both on Tuesday. Enrolls monthly. Sessions: Oct. 3-24, Nov. 7-Dec. 12. Parents may enroll with their children. Cost: \$15 to \$22.50.

### Growing Up & Sexuality

Three-hour workshop about the physical and emotional changes of puberty. \$10 for parent/child couple, pre-register by Sep. 14.

**Becoming a Woman:** Girls age 9-12 and their mothers, Sat. Sep. 16, 9:00 a.m to noon, and

**Becoming a Man:** Boys age 9-12 and a parent, Sat. Sep. 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**5-Day Van Trip sponsored by the Active Older Adults of the West Side YMCA:** Oct. 17-21, Clines Corners, Vaughn, Roswell (UFO museum), Rattle Snake Springs and Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe Mountains Ntl. Park Headquarters, McKittrick Canyon, Living Desert State Park, Sitting Bull Falls, return via Alamogordo, Carrizozo, Valley of Fires, Socorro. Cost includes four nights lodging, breakfasts, entrance fees, transportation, bird and botany experts, excludes lunches and dinners, \$200/person double-room or \$270/person single-room. Registration begins Sep. 5th, 24 spaces, \$50 non-refundable deposit. ®

## Do You Suffer from Pollen Allergies?

*Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA*

Last month we ran an editorial written by *Elmer Neuman* describing the allergy problems resulting from certain trees in our area and asking people to contact their representatives and doctors about banning the sale of the worst offenders. Elmer would like to turn over the responsibility for keeping this problem before the public and on the agenda of government officials to TRNA.

Are you interested in becoming the champion of this cause? Would you like to organize a neighborhood meeting on this issue? Would you like more information? If so, contact Ceil van Berkel at 897-2541. ®

Some of the honored volunteers at the August general meeting and picnic showed off their VIP bumper stickers and T-shirts. Those we caught for a picture were from left to right (back row) Dave Otto standing in for X, Ron Chapman, man, woman, man, man, man, woman, (bottom row) woman, woman, man, woman, man.



## Youth Committee News

Ron Chapman, Chair  
TRNA Youth Committee

**O**n behalf of the youth of Taylor Ranch: The thirteen young people who comprise the Youth Committee of TRNA are coming off an extraordinarily successful summer of events. The climax to the summer occurred on August 12 when the group put together a most excellent Moonlight Dance at the Santa Fe Village Park. Comments from the one hundred and fifty youth who attended were unanimous, a good time was had by all. Better still, feedback from the residents around the park as well as the adult chaperons confirmed that the

## HELP WANTED

Cutting edge Youth Committee seeks energetic, community minded adults and organizations with a concern for community values and an interest in the well being of youth. Single Position Requirement: willingness to get involved. Unlimited potential and satisfaction, unexpected rewards. Contact Ron Chapman, 899-8904.

dance was an ideal and problem free event.

Throughout the summer, the members of the committee have worked diligently to provide activities for Taylor Ranch youth. In addition to the Moonlight Dance they successfully staged a pool party, a billiards and video game night, two nights of roller hockey, six nights of pick up softball, a fundraiser at the Arts in the Park Oldies event, and a graffiti paint out project.

The committee will be meeting in early September to begin the planning process for events during the upcoming

school year. There are still two committee slots available, preferably for enterprising young men who would like to play a role in our community. We should note that the committee meetings in themselves present activities for the young people involved including pool parties, volleyball, pizza and game rooms.

As always, there is a need for involved adults, businesses and other organizations. Many hands make light work!

We were recently informed that the Youth Committee is the only group of its kind in Albuquerque. In addition, the groups process and results place it on the leading edge of community building processes. No wonder it has been so successful.

Please take the time to congratulate the following members: *Monica Cordova, Jessica Espinoza, Matt Fleming, Dana Krill, Stuart Lamb, Chris Lange, Michelle Lange, Miika Miller, Ian Norstad, Alisa Pavlakovich, Courtney Silecchia, Michael Silecchia, and Natalie Solomon.*

In addition, many thanks to our benefactors who have allowed the Youth Committee to achieve success: *Albertson's, Creamland Dairies, Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, Dion's, Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School Staff, Mimmo's, and Target.* And to the adults who have consistently delivered their time: *the TRNA Board, Bonnie Martinez-Jackson, and Lille Norstad.* ®

## "Workshops bring kids into the fold as community assets"

21 August 1995

by Susie Gran, Tribune Reporter

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Taylor Ranch teens Michael Silecchia and Natalie Solomon helped throw a dance for about 150 neighborhood kids in a nearby park. It was a blast, they said, and no one complained about the music. As Members of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's youth committee, Michael and Natalie have become involved in a citywide push to make all neighborhoods safe.

At monthly meetings, the committee's 15 members work on projects to "get kids off the street, give them something to do and keep them away from illegal stuff," said Natalie, 14, a Valley High School freshman. "We don't want our neighborhood to become a crime statistic," said Michael, 16. "We want a clean, safe place where kids can grow up happy."

The youth committee sold ice cream and bottled water to raise money for activities, circulated a petition to make sure neighbors didn't object to a dance outside, hired a D.J. and partied to rap and rock until 10 p.m. on a recent Saturday. Their fund-raising also has supported swim parties, girls' softball nights, roller hockey and graffiti cleanups. "Our committee is special in every way," said Michael, a lifelong Taylor Ranch resident who has been active in the youth group since it formed four years ago. He has recruited his younger sister, Courtney, to help. "We're all real close. And we're proving to adults who don't like teen-agers that kids care."

The Taylor Ranch youth committee is the only one of its kind in Albuquerque and is a prime example of how neighborhoods can involve children in community policing and help them become good citizens, said Patricia Torn, Albuquerque neighborhood coordinator for community policing.

# Westside traffic protest going forward!

An editorial by TR resident  
Richard Stoneking  
August 22, 1995

If the village of Los Ranchos' refuses to drop their law suit in response to the most recent city council vote to approve construction of the Montañó bridge, the planned Westside demonstration to divert morning

commuter traffic through the village, called "H.E.R.D.", will go forward. Westside residents are rallying around the idea to take a voluntary detour to work on the mornings of September 12, 13, and 14th. along Rio Grand Blvd.

"The idea is to give the board of trustees of Los Ranchos a taste of the kind of tie-ups they have been subjecting the Westside to for years." Richard Stoneking, a supporter of the Montañó bridge project and a Taylor Ranch resident, has launched a word of mouth campaign throughout the 35 Westside neighborhoods including Corrales and Rio Rancho. The 3 day protest is being fueled by local publicity and the increased support of Westside residents, who; are distributing flyers and passing the word among various neighborhood associations.

"The H.E.R.D. is bringing us together out here. I believe that the H.E.R.D. will demonstrate unity and help vent

the general frustration experienced by those of us who spend 13 days a year in our cars just coming and going to work."

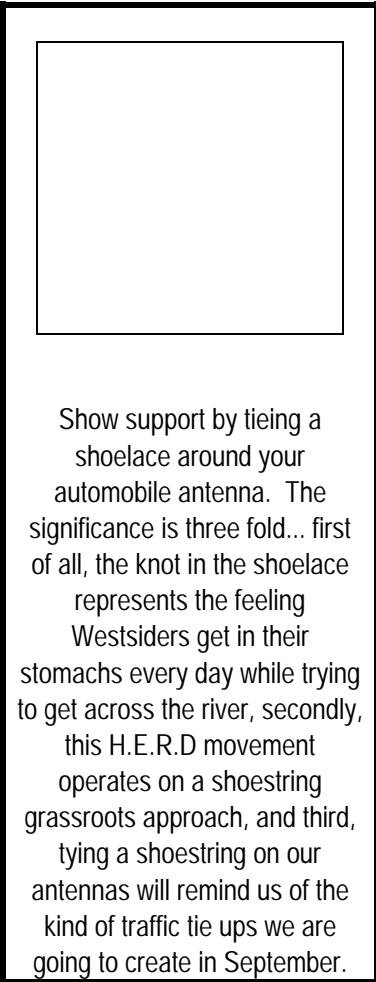
**"THE REFRIGERATOR MEMORY SYSTEM"** is what Stoneking hopes will keep the drive alive. "Write it down...**Sept. 12,13,&14** on a piece of paper and stick it on your fridge, so you won't forget, then, please participate. Three days of inconvenience will be a drop in the bucket compared 30 years some Westsiders have waited for the

Montañó bridge to be built." People are coming out of the woodwork in support of this protest. I am not surprised at the response. It seems that literally 9 out of 10 people have offered support."

The Horrific Everyday Routine Drive is a daily event in the lives of the Westside commuter, and the saying "Join the H.E.R.D." is becoming a kind of motto for this planned voluntary demonstration. The only action that can stop this H.E.R.D. along Rio Grand Blvd. is for the village trustees of Los Ranchos to drop their lawsuit and cease to create future legal obstacles on the construction of the Montañó bridge." "We are the Westside community, and we are


your neighbors, but enough is enough."

For more information contact Richard Stoneking, (505) 897-7759. ®




Show support by tying a shoelace around your automobile antenna. The significance is three fold... first of all, the knot in the shoelace represents the feeling Westsiders get in their stomachs every day while trying to get across the river, secondly, this H.E.R.D movement operates on a shoestring grassroots approach, and third, tying a shoestring on our antennas will remind us of the kind of traffic tie ups we are going to create in September.

The TRNA Board of Directors is collecting information on problems requiring police attention and referring them to the McWethy Substation for you. Just fill out the community Problem Form printed below and send it in to us. If we submit the information for you, your problem will receive priority attention. The substation Captain will give priority staffing to problems reported through a recognized community organization such as TRNA. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor; take a few minutes to report dangerous situations, scenes and times of increased vandalism or other criminal behavior!



## TRNA Community Problem Report



Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

May we give your phone number to the police?  Yes  No

Would you like to be contacted by a TRNA Director?  Yes  No  Only if necessary 9/95

Location of problem (street, address, building, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) and time(s) of occurrence (days of week and time of day most often occurs): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of problem (be as specific as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

*Return this form to any TRNA Director or mail to: Problem Report, TRNA, P.O. Box 75157, Albuquerque, NM 87194*

### Useful Phone Numbers

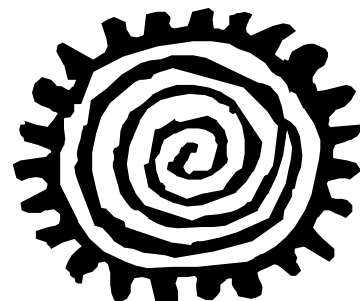


Animal Control .....	768-1935
Burn/No-Burn Advisory .....	768-2876
City Information .....	768-2000
County Information .....	768-4000
Garbage Collection Problems .....	761-8100
Gas Leaks (days) .....	880-7460
Gas Leaks (nights & weekends) .....	880-7300
Graffiti Removal Services .....	857-8055
Graffiti 24-hour Hotline.....	768-4725
Office of Senior Affairs.....	764-6400
Ridepool .....	243-7433
Recycling Information.....	761-8100
State Information .....	1-800-825-6639
Wasted Water Hotline .....	857-8250
Water & Sewer Emergencies.....	857-8028
Weed & Litter Complaints.....	764-1661

### Police & Emergency Phone Numbers



<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Fire (non-emergency).....	243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office .....	888-8124
Poison & Drug Information .....	843-2551
Police (non-emergency) .....	242-2677
Police Substation (Westside) .....	831-4705
Police Substation (Valley) .....	761-8800
Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) .....	768-4160
State Police.....	841-9256



 **Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application** 

This is a:  **new** membership  
 **renewal** membership

Type of membership:  **Resident / Landowner**  
 **Business**

9/95

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*We can always use your help! Areas of interest in which I will help the Association:*

- |   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Library      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning       | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center      | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic      | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling        | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |   |   |

*I am enclosing a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:*

- Resident:  \$12, 1-year    \$22, 2-years    \$30, 3-years  
Pro-rated resident dues are  \$9, Apr.-Dec.    **\$6, July-Dec.**    \$12, Oct.-next Dec.
- Business:  \$50 1-year

*Please mail this application with a check to: TRNA, P.O. Box 75157, Albuquerque, NM 87194*

Please pass this form on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going on in and around your home in Taylor Ranch.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 75157  
Albuquerque, NM 87194

**Address Correction Requested!**

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