



President's Message

Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA

TRNA is beginning a new year! We elected new directors at our March 26th Annual General Membership Meeting, and we will elect new officers at the April board meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions to the welfare of our community. Meeting you, hearing from you, working with you has made this year as president a most enjoyable year. I urge all of you to consider serving on the board of directors or on one of our many committees this year. There is much to be done!

We need to organize our streets into structured neighborhood watch groups and then have the block captains meet as part of our Crime Prevention committee. The Education committee will be working to move up the APS time table for a new Middle School in our community. Our Youth committee will be organizing many activities during the year and would appreciate some adult advice and assistance. We are in the process of planning new parks and a new community center for our neighborhood. There are many city requests for input to planning new developments, to approving zoning changes, to planning transportation routes. We want to continue to gather together for social events so we can get to know new neighbors and have fun together, as well as work together.

All of these activities rely on the willingness of residents to take time to help build their community through their neighborhood association. The annual reports from the committee chairs published in this issue will give you a good sense of what the committees work on. Call one of our committee chairs and offer to help. You'll be glad you did.

Be sure to check out the Important Dates box this month. There are some fun events coming up. The June 23rd Arts in the Park will be an Oldies concert again. Last year's Oldies concert was delightful and successful. This one should be even better.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. I'll see you at the next TRNA event! ®



TRNA EASTER PARTY:

A SUCCESS!

*Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA,
Social Committee Chair*

1996 Annual TRNA Easter Party once again was a huge success and we were blessed with a beautiful day. Local Fire Department Station 19 in Taylor ranch helped the Easter Bunny along with Sylvester and Tweety make a grand entrance. Team work from the Youth Committee, other young members from our community, as well as adults from our community made it a very special event.

All activities were held at the library park basin area. There were several egg hunts for children in different age groups.

We had face painting, fishing game, cake walk, wheel of fortune, ring toss, and other fun games for the children.

Because of **Sports Corral of Rio Rancho**, the kids enjoyed jumping in the castle of air while waiting for their Easter egg hunt. Many thanks also go out to those from Taylor Ranch that provided cakes for the cake walk.

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Important Dates:

20 Apr.	9-11 am	Bike safety program @ Chamiza
27 Apr.	10-2	Healthy Kids Day @ YMCA
27 Apr.	TBD	All Americans Bike Day @ Unser
27 Apr.	9 am	Keep ABQ Beautiful Bag-A-Thon
23 Jun.	TBD	Arts in the Parks @ Mariposa Basin

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Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Director TRNA,



Editor Mesa Messenger

Part of our newsletter production staff is changing. Many thanks to Dorothy and Fred Manville for all the work they've done copying, folding, stapling, labeling, and mailing the newsletters. They'll be passing on their duties to other volunteers.

I had a person volunteering to help with the business advertisement campaign... unfortunately I lost your name and phone number! Please call back! She'll help solicit ads for the newsletter from local west side businesses. As always, we encourage you to solicit our advertisers who help pay for production of this newsletter and provide us the convenience of west side merchants.

By the way, this month's issue is only six pages due to all the Spring work for the board and slow news in the neighborhood (Montaño Bridge seems to have a chance of being completed and it seems Cottonwood Mall will be finished in July or August). ®

Government Affairs



Bob Woody, Director TRNA

McDonald's has submitted a site development plan for a restaurant at Paseo del Norte and Golf Course Road.

"Water Waste" the city sent me a letter defining what this means: any water, other than natural precipitation, that flows or sprays onto the public right-of-way or adjacent property. ®

Eye on Education

Rexanna Jones, Secretary TRNA

The Education Committee has worked to facilitate communication between the schools within our boundaries and members of the Association. Our quality of life in Taylor Ranch depends in great part on the quality of our schools, and the involvement of our parents.

TRNA also sponsored a \$50 award to **Chamiza, Petroglyph, Chaparral** and **Marie Huges** Elementary Schools and to **LBJ** Middle School to be used for

science fair expenses or science education materials. The Marie Huges Science Fair is still upcoming. If you would be interested in judging entries on April 25th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., please call Rexanna Jones, 899-0642. ®

Bike Safety Program

Debbie Tatum, Director TRNA

A bike safety program will be held at **Chamiza Elementary School** on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program will include an obstacle course and a safety talk from **APD** bicycle patrolmen. All children are welcome. All they need to do is bring their bike, the program is free. Two bicycles will be given away along with many other prizes. Sponsors of the program are the **Northwest Optimist Club** and the **City of Albuquerque** Cultural and Recreational Services. For more information, call Debbie Tatum at 897-5071. ®

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Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471 voice & fax, may be mailed to the TRNA post office box. Articles are accepted typed on paper or faxed to the above number; however, they are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word or text files on 1.44 Mb disks are also accepted. You may also email your articles to ambidex@swcp.com.

Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Non-business text-only classified ads such as for-sale, wanted, garage sale, etc. are offered to our paid members at \$5 for up to 50 words, \$0.10 per word extra, tax included. For timely insertion, call the editor. Please advertise early.

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The editor can help design or lay out your ad and can take camera-ready copy. To place a business ad, please call Michael Skroch.

Many thanks to our newsletter production and distribution staff:

Roger Suppona	Dorothy & Fred Manville
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 TRNA Contacts 			
Board of Directors (new officers to be elected this month)			
Name	Office	Chair/Activity	Phone
Monica Cordova.....	new Director		899-8501
Robert DeMoss	new Director		899-0735
Dave Otto	Past Vice President.....	PR.....	897-7733
Rexanna Jones	Past Secretary.....	Education	899-0642
George Havins.....	Past Treasurer		899-4522
Terri Clarke	Director	Environmental	899-1803
Richard Farris	Director	Crime Prevention.....	898-2632
Rosemary Freelin	Director	Parks & Rec, Social	899-2450
Michael Skroch.....	Director	Newsletter, Editor	899-4471
Bob Woody.....	Director	Government Affairs.....	899-3391
Thom Wright.....	Director	Membership	897-0476
Other Committee Chairs and Helpers			
Name	Chair/Activity		Phone
Ron Chapman.....	Youth Committee Chair		899-8904

airfare and gives him a small stipend. However, to keep expenses low, local families are asked to host the counselor in their homes for 2-4 weeks each. The responsibility of the host family is to provide a place to live and three meals a day for the visitor. He will be working 8:00 - 1:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:00 - 5:00 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

On the weekends host families are asked to include the counselor in their normal activities. It is a great opportunity to learn about Brazil and to share the generosity of the American spirit with a visitor.

If you are interested in more information, call Ceil van Berkel at 897-2541. ☎



Environmental Committee

Terri Clarke, Director TRNA

April 27th is the day scheduled of the city-wide clean up. I am sure many of you plan to attend, after all this is such a positive opportunity to improve the appearance of our community. I look forward to seeing you at 9:00 a.m. in the Walgreen's parking lot where we'll get organized! Remember we will have cold ones there to drink and free food coupons. To sign up, call me at 899-1803. ☎

voted on by the City Council (768-3100). A letter to Councilor Armijo, all councilors, and the Mayor would also help move the process along.

However, banning the sale of offensive trees in Albuquerque won't be effective unless the county and surrounding municipalities also ban the sale of these trees. If Albuquerque bans the sale of these trees, then the next step will be to contact county commissioners and the officials of other municipalities in the region to urge them to pass a similar ordinance.

The mailing address for the Mayor and the City Councilors is PO Box 1293, Albuquerque NM 87103. ☎



Last month we reported about an apparent child

abduction in Taylor Ranch. We've learned more from the police incident report and it appears that the child was not actually grabbed; however, the child was certainly frightened by the event. Another witness that saw the entire incident says that the driver of the truck leaned from the driver side to the passenger side (toward the child on the sidewalk) of the car while slowing the vehicle and that the door of the truck did not open. ☎



Pollen Control Ordinance

Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA

Councilor Alan Armijo is sponsoring an ordinance to ban the sale of those trees which produce disease-causing pollen. City staff is in the process of finalizing the ordinance. If you would like to support this ordinance, call the City Council office to find out when the ordinance will be



Host Families Needed for Brazilian Camp Counselor

Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA

Do you live within biking distance of the Westside YMCA, located at Taylor Ranch Road and Montañito? The Westside YMCA will host a Brazilian young man as a camp counselor for the summer (May 12th - August 17th). The Y pays for his

OOPS! Last month we incorrectly reported two items about the upcoming **All Americans Bike Day** being held on April 27th. First, there is no apostrophe in the event name. Secondly, the event will use (and therefore close) the two **east** lanes of Unser. Two-way, single-lane traffic will flow in the west two lanes. Personnel will guide traffic at intersections where traffic wishes to cross the east event lanes of Unser. Sounds like you might want to use Coors or Paseo del Norte that day. ☎

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.

Tee-Ball & Coaches Pitch: For boys and girls in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration Apr 22 to May 24 at the Y. Practice begins week of May 20. Games Saturday mornings Jun 8 to Aug 3.

Preschool: Licensed, emphasizes fun, safety, exploration. Ages 3-5, potty-trained, 9:00-noon, M-F, extended care 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F. \$48/wk preschool, \$71/wk full day, daily rates available.

YMCA Child Care: Before & after school, licensed. Y is an APS bus stop for Chamiza. K-5th grade, M-F, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Y. \$5-\$56/wk depending on hours/days. Registration for 96-97 year is open.

Babysitting Workshop: Learn responsibilities, what to expect, CPR, many babysitting skills. May 4 & 11, 8:30-3 (12 hours), \$40.

Tumbling & Gymnastics: Two age groups. Ages 3-5, 6-6:45 p.m. Wed; Ages 6-8, 6:50-7:35 p.m. Weds. Dates: May 1-22. \$15.

Volunteer at the YMCA: Kids need attention. Parents need support. Teens need something to do. And we want our community to be a healthy place to live and work. If you want to solve these problems close to home or better yet, prevent them - then do something good. Volunteer at the West Side YMCA. For more information or volunteer opportunities, please stop by or call 899-8417.

Hiking Club: Twice a month groups gather at 9:00 a.m. at the Westside Y to carpool to nearby scenic locations. Saturday family hikes,

Thursday multi-generational hikes. Call for details. May 11: Jemez Falls to Battleship Rock. Apr 18: Embudo Trail, May 16: Piño Trial (from Elena Gallegos).

Summer Safari: Indoor and outdoor activities, swimming, sports, field trips. Staff certified in first aid and CPR. May 22 to Aug 14, ages 5-12, M-F 9:00 a.m.-4:30 with precare at 7 a.m., postcare to 6 p.m. \$73/wk (no pro-rate for attending partial weeks), 10% discount for 2nd child. Registration open now. ☎

Youth Committee News

by Ron Chapman, Youth Director

In recognition of the end of a very successful fiscal year, the members of the Youth Committee celebrated by spending a night at Block Party on March 16. Congratulations to the following youth for their contributions to the Taylor Ranch community:

- ♥ Monica Cordova
- ♥ Jessica Espinoza
- ♥ Matt Fleming
- ♥ Chris Jones
- ♥ Dana Krill
- ♥ Stuart Lamb
- ♥ Melissa Montoya
- ♥ Donnie Newton
- ♥ Mike Newton
- ♥ Ian Norstad
- ♥ Alisa Pavlakovich
- ♥ Heather Pelletier
- ♥ Courtney Silecchia
- ♥ Michael Silecchia
- ♥ Brianne Solomon
- ♥ Natalie Solomon
- ♥ Amanda Tatum
- ♥ Rebekah Zachritz

Over the next two months, the committee will be performing several acts of service

for the community. This includes assisting with the Easter Party on April 6, involvement in a community wide clean up on April 27, purchasing equipment and supplies for use at **LBJ Middle School** youth programs, and creation of a mural also at LBJ. Special thanks are due to Mr. Calnan of **St. Pius X High School** and some of his art students for assisting the committee with the mural project.

Tentative plans are being made for summer events for youth. Please let and of the members know if you have ideas.

P.S. As you can see, I continue to serve as Youth Director. The committee was able to accommodate my needs for other commitments, so I expect to further act in this capacity. ☎

TRNA Q&A

Have a question about something existing or happening in Taylor Ranch or about where to find resources in our area? Have the answer to questions listed here? Then send in your questions and comments and share them with other TRNA members. Send to:

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(Easter Party... from page 1)

We served hot dogs, hamburgers, frito pies, chili, and sodas. Unfortunately we ran out of food due to the large community turnout. Sorry for any inconvenience! A big thanks is owed to those who operated the concession stand.

A special thank-you goes to June Newman and Debbie Tatum for their dedication and hard work for our community. We need more people like these ladies. *[ed: And don't forget all the work put in by Rosemary Freelin.]*

Of course this Easter Party was only possible with the generous support of our local community-minded businesses which are listed.

Our *Youth Committee helpers* were Monica Cordova, Jessica Espinoza, Dana Krill, Donnie Newton, Mike Newton, Alisa Pavlakovich, Courtney Silecchia, and Amanda Tatum.

Other *young helpers* were Whitney Butts, Rebecca Bowlin, Kim Bustemanate, Lee Brewington, Ann Cox, Elizabeth Derby, Elena Griego, Ashley King,

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Laura King, Marissa Mendoza, Kimberly Montoya, Sarah Ross, Karlin Saddoris, Joel Saddoris, and Madison Whatley.

And our *helper moms* were Tish Saddoris, Michele Greigo and Barbra Glinski. ®

26 March General Membership Meeting:

A quick recap of some of the events at the last general meeting:

- € City Counselor Alan Armijo was in attendance.
- € Dave Otto, Rosemary Freelin and George Havins were reelected as board members.
- € Monica Cordova and Robert DeMoss were elected as a new board members. They replace outgoing members Ceil van Berkel (president) and Debbie Tatum.
- € Officers will be elected at the next board meeting.
- € The 1996 budget was passed.

More details should be available in next month's *Mesa Messenger*. ®

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