



President's Message

Dave Otto, President TRNA

Once again it is time for the **annual meeting**. This year's meeting will be held at **LBJ middle school on March 18**, at 7PM. We will elect several new board members and approve a budget for next year.

Over the last several years, the attendance at the meetings has been really low. I think this is due to the fact that there are no crises (or perceived crises) in Taylor Ranch. Back when I first got involved in the association, we had the now infamous (thankfully) traveling apartments. During that period the membership numbers increased dramatically and the meetings were always full. Other than the 1995 fight for the bridge, there really hasn't been much to unite and inspire the whole neighborhood. Of course there have been some smaller battles, but generally these have affected only small sections of the association. That doesn't mean these battles haven't been important. They have.

A little over a year ago we lost a "small battle" over a zoning change along Valle Vista. You might say "Big deal, it's only a couple of acres and really doesn't affect me." My response is it may in the future. If you have any vacant land near you that you think will be full of houses one day, don't be too sure. That's what those folks thought, too. Then the city reversed their own position and approved a bunch of townhouses. One of the points of the story is that the City is really stressing high density infill. Another point is there are still things going on in the area and these need our attention.

On the lighter side, how about the fact that we hosted several "teen" dances over the past year. In addition, we had our traditional Christmas Party and Children's Easter Egg Roll. We were also involved in the beautification of the corner of Paseo and Golf Course Road.

The point of all this is that there are plenty of things to do in the neighborhood association. Whether it be education or environment, government or youth, the neighborhood association is a good place to vent some of that passion. We are still looking for board members to fill the seats of those who have done their part and are now moving on. If you have a few hours a month to give to the community and would like to see how all this stuff works, please contact Regina Chapman at 899-8904. We can find a place for you.

God bless your family and see you in next month's newsletter. ☺



TRNA Annual Easter Party
March 29th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Santa Fe Village Park
(near the TR Branch Library)

Important Dates:

18 Mar	7 pm	TRNA General Meeting @ LBJ
28 Mar	9 pm	Mesa Messenger Apr. deadline
29 Mar	10am-1pm	TRNA EASTER PARTY! Santa Fe Village Park (by the library)
24-28 Mar		APS Spring Break

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Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Director TRNA,



Editor Mesa Messenger

I've gotten both spring fever and hay fever in the same week...I'd much rather be outside than typing this on this Saturday March 8th. I'd also rather be breathing easy. Which reminds me, if you're going to landscape or add vegetation to your home this spring and summer, ask the nursery or read about which plants and trees produce the least pollen. TRNA's own Elmer Neuman and our representative Alan Armijo helped make Albuquerque more aware about this problem. Now it's up to us to follow through.

See you at the Easter party and General meeting this month. ☺

jean wozniak

Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Community Center

As you know, the legislature is still in session. I haven't heard from Senator Carraro to set a date for the task force meeting. If you are interested in this project, let me know and I'll keep in touch on the latest information. Thanks for your interest. ☺

Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Easter Party

Easter is March 30th this year. APS's Easter break is March 24-28. TRNA's Easter Party is always the Saturday before Easter. This year it will be held **March 29th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Santa Fe Village Park**, next to the Taylor Ranch branch Library. We are still looking for volunteers. Call me if you can help. We will be having another meeting March 13th at 10 a.m. We sure could use extra bodies and minds. Again, we are in need of cakes or cupcakes. If you can help out, we would appreciate your involvement in the community. Hope to see you then. ☺

Eye on Education

Rexanna Jones, Director TRNA

No article this month. ☺

Mesa Messenger is published just about monthly by the *Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.* (TRNA) and is distributed to paid TRNA members. Membership information may be found on the last page of this newsletter. **Deadline for articles** and advertisement is the fourth Friday of each month prior to the month of publication; however, it is appreciated if they are turned in earlier. *Mesa Messenger* is distributed by the 15th in the month of publication, usually earlier.

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.

Business advertisement is accepted from any business members or resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA. Business ad rates, payable in advance, are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, \$33/mo. 1/3 page and \$100/mo. full page plus tax. There is a minimum run of three months and there is a 30 percent discount for runs of 6 months or more. *Mesa Messenger* editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article.

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.). Third page at 7.5"x3.2" (3 col.) or 5"x4.75" (2 col.) or 2.5"x9.5" (1 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".

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 advertisement, production and distribution staff:

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News from the City

*Excerpts and information from
Neighborhood News,
Office of Neighborhood Coordination*

Waste Management Recycling Tours

The City's Waste Management Department and Public Works Department will provide special public guided tours to their recycling facilities during the week of Earth Day in April. The tours to the Cerro Colorado Landfill, Intermediate Recycling Processing Facility, and Soils Amendment (composting) Facility on the West Side will be on Tuesday and

Wednesday April 22nd and 23rd from 8 a.m. to noon. Each tour, limited to 35 people, will depart promptly at 8 a.m. from the Solid Waste offices, 4600 Edith NE. For further information and to make reservations, call the Solid Waste Recycling Hotline, 761-8176, TTY 761-8119.

Safe Streets '97

If you haven't noticed the numerous flashing police car lights on the highways or related articles in the news, you should be aware that the Mayor's office has increased police attention to speeding by city and state police. Be careful or you're likely to get a ticket. Here's some information from Neighborhood News:

A recently-designed brochure explaining the Safe Driver Pledge is available at many City facilities...when you turn in your pledge, you will receive a bumper sticker and additional driver information. Look for forms at any Police substation, City community center, City Hall information desk, Office of Neighborhood Coordination, or the Mayor's office.

Safe Streets was prompted by many calls about speeding in neighborhoods, disregard for traffic signals and signs and

lack of courtesy evidenced by so-called road rage incidents. *(ed. I've see and felt action on the highways but nothing in our neighborhoods.)* There will be increased enforcement of traffic laws by APD and State Police. A combination of local funding and over \$329,000 of federal and State funds will provide for the additional resources needed by the Safe Streets effort.

The Mayor stated that officers will also be pulling over drivers who are courteous and who watch out for safety by yielding the right of way, letting in traffic and other small acts of kindness that ensures safe traffic flow. These drivers will be given "Courtesy Coupons," including passes to the Rio Grande Zoo and Aquarium or coupons for free fast food and drinks. So if you're stopped and you don't know why, you now have a small hope that you'll get something other than a ticket! ®

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

Hiking Club: Two groups. Sat family hikes: Apr 12 Starvationi Peak, May 10 Bandelier. Thur multi-generational hikes, Apr 17 Bandelier, May 15 Tent Rocks..

Dance: For boys and girls, creative movement and dance, develop coordination and rhythm through ballet and jazz techniques. Two groups on Tue, ages 4-6 at 6-6:45 p.m., ages 7+ at 7:7:50 p.m., Apr 8-29, all \$20 for four classes.

Dynamic Duo: Develop balance running and jumping skills, greater hand-eye coordination while learning basic tumbling movements. Ages 22-36 mos., Tues 5:15-6 p.m., \$30 for 8-week session, May 6-Jun 24.

Karate: Shorin-Ryu, ages 5 up, instructor: Bryan Gross, 2nd degree black belt, Mon & Thur, 6-7 p.m. beginners, 7-8 p.m. intermediates, \$30, Apr 7-May 1, May 5-Jun 2, Jun 5-30, (8 classes each).

Summer Safari: Summer vacation activities, field trips, swimming, exploring, games, crafts, etc., 5-12 year olds, M-F, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., May 29-Aug 13, .573/wk, registration starts Mar 3.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Games, free fitness tests, prizes, scavenger hunt, refreshments, free t-shirt for the first 150 participants, FREE IMUNIZATIONS., bring your child's official immunization records, Apr. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cottonwood Mall.

Babysitting Workshops: Ages 11 and older, what to expect, what to do, first aid and CPR, May 3 & 10, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40. ®

If you haven't yet renewed your TRNA membership, please take a few moments now to fill out the form on the back inside cover of this issue.
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The TRNA Board of Directors is collecting information on problems requiring police attention and referring them to our APD Substation for you. Just fill out this form printed below and send it in. 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 3/97

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): _____

(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

TR Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

This is a: new membership renewal membership Type of membership: Resident / Landowner Business 3/97

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
New resident memberships only: You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:
 \$12 if join Jan-Feb-Mar, \$9 if join Apr-May-Jun, \$6 if join Jul-Aug-Sep, \$12 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

Business: \$50 1-year \$90, 2-year \$125, 3-year
New business memberships only: You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:
 \$50 if join Jan-Feb-Mar, \$37.50 if join Apr-May-Jun, \$25 if join Jul-Aug-Sep, \$50 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

Please mail this application with a check to: 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	761-8176
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



Crime Prevention Unit.....	764-1090
DWI Report Line	1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round).....	242-RIDE
Emergency	911
Fire (non-emergency)	243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office.....	888-8124
Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report	768-2020
Poison & Drug Information	843-2551
Police (non-emergency).....	242-COPS
Police Substation (Westside)	831-4705
Police Substation (Valley)	761-8800
Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)	768-4160
State Police	841-9256
Urgent Care, Presbyterian @ Atrisco	224-7575
Urgent Care, St. Joseph West S. Hospital	893-2000
Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors.....	839-2300

Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbors' 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.



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