

President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

It is hard to believe that it is already September. School has started, the State Fair will soon be in full swing, and the balloons will begin to take shape. I believe September and October are the two best months in Albuquerque.

Several interesting developments are in progress within our borders. Lot for Dana's Westside Gym to begin construction on Montañito between Valle Vista Drive and Montañito Pointe. There has also been a zone change request to develop a business office complex just south of Nations Bank on Coors.

The past month we have experienced a large number of turnover of Directors, losing Rexanna Jones and Harry Antram. Rosemary Freelin would also like to step aside. We appreciate their past efforts and will miss them. This brings a great opportunity for fellow Taylor Ranch residents to get involved. If you are interested in helping, please let me or another board member know. We appreciate all involvement.

I apologize to anyone who tried to attend the meeting with the police officers. LBJ had an open house scheduled at the same time and we had to postpone until a later date.

Thank you go out to Monica Cordova, our Youth Director and Debbie Tatum. The Youth Committee has taken over marquee duties. Look for new and refurbished signs with current information.

Until next time, God Bless... ☺

A Bit of This & That

*Illene Harrison, TRNA Director
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During the City's Neighborhood Notebook Workshop in early June, each neighborhood association was given a notebook chock full of information about services available (or not available) from the city. Most of the information is in the form of questions and answers and all have been carefully researched to be sure they comply with law or regulations.

There were representatives from each of the major City departments. Will Hoffman, of the Solid Waste Department, said that they plan to provide the big, black garbage cans to all residential homes by the end of the year. That was no surprise, but he did mention that even though some of us won't get the new black cans until the end of the year, we won't receive a coupon on our water bill to get free trash bags! Of course, they still want us to put our trash in bags and tote it out to the curb on "trash day," but we have to purchase our own trash bags from here on out.

Back to the Q&A's. We'll try to carry a few in each newsletter, as space permits. Here are some examples:

Question: How does an elderly or disabled individual deal with those enormous trash carts?

Answer: The Albuquerque Solid Waste Department can arrange to have the driver wheel out your trash cart, empty it, and return it to its place. The individual needs to

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Volunteers are needed!

Marie Hughes Elementary School PTA will be starting an after-school program this fall for students in grades 1 to 3. Our goal is to provide reading opportunities to students.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this project. If you enjoy working with young children and have a little spare time, please come and help us.

For more information please contact Tish Saddoris at 899-0272.

Important Dates:

10 Sep	6:30 pm	Chaparral Elementary open house
20 Sep	7-9 pm	Clean up day at Chaparral
late Oct	TBD	Halloween Dance, sponsored by TRNA Youth Committee

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Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Editor Mesa
Messenger



I'm glad that this newsletter is a bit more timely. I didn't get August's issue until the 30th! Hopefully we have a new article series in "A Bit of This and That." My apologies to Illene for inadvertently delaying insertion of her very interesting article. ☺

Eye on Education

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

For Taylor Ranch, **Chaparral Elementary's** boundary is Dellynnne. This school is the largest elementary school in the state with over 1000 children. For those of you with kids there, you know...APS had

playground equipment removed which was to be removed WHEN they had replacements. The ironic part is that they left two structures that were definitely supposed to be removed. The children have very little to play on. Think about it...500 kids on the playground at one time. Please call APS for their solution. Chaparral will have their "open house" September 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Set aside September 20th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for **CLEAN UP DAY**. Take the opportunity to work with your kids, side by side. Bring hoes, shovels, water, gloves, and clean up the school grounds. There's plenty to do and you just start doing it. The more the merrier! ☺

Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

I hope everyone had a great summer. Sure went by real fast. TRNA usually has a **flea market** in the fall; however,

I won't be able to chair or organize it this time. So, I am eagerly looking for someone to come forth and serve their community. I am more than happy to help by sharing information and past experience. Please call me if you can chair the flea market this year.

There are several other events throughout the year that TRNA hosts and we are also looking for recruits for those. It would be ideal if different members could chair each event, such as the flea market, Easter party, etc. These days everyone is really busy, but at the same time people do want to get involved and this might be the way to do it. Plus it adds personality, varied interests, ideas and connections which would surely be an asset to the community.

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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.

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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West Side Family YMCA

Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

We have some news from the City. I spoke with Sandy Zugschlag, and she said the City has received \$300,000 from the 1997 G. O. Bond Program. The money will be divided into three stages. The first and largest sum will go into paving the parking lot. Yes, you read that right. The date on that is November 1997. The next stage will be into Spring and will involve grassing the shade structures. The third will be connecting the bike trail at Taylor Ranch Road and Golf Course Road with Mariposa Park. Another improvement will be the construction of an emergency access road, the spillway, and sprucing up the landscape.

Ground breaking is to be Tuesday August 19th for a long awaited park on Butterfield and Golf Course (Riverview). Completion of the park should be March 1998. Also, if anyone is interested in changing the name of the park, you can contact the Advisory Board, and they will guide you through the process.

There is also funding for Homestead Circle Park. It is between Chamiza and Marie Hughes. Jane Sprague has more information at 768-3830.

The City will be looking for landscapers to contract for a park southeast of Petroglyph Elementary School on Paradise Hills Blvd. They will start that process in late 1997 or early 1998. ®

Youth Committee News

Dana Krill, Youth Committee

As the TRNA Youth Committee continues to grow, we are still having lots of fun. There will be an upcoming **Halloween Dance** being held at LBJ Middle School around October 25th. There will be more informative details later. Some members will also be helping out at Marie Hughes for an after school reading program. We hope that it will help encourage kids to stay in school which we hope will help the neighborhood.

Helping the neighborhood is one of the most important reasons for the TRNA Youth Committee. The Youth Committee will be getting a grant of money called the Law Enforcement

Youth Grant. With the money, there will be intergenerational activities put on. The committee will also be going to a lot of workshops to build our assets and learn more about the **Character Counts Program**.

The Youth Committee will be attending the annual **Neighborfest**, which is a formal dinner at the Marriott Hotel to learn more about other neighborhoods and receive awards (wish Monica Cordova, our president, and the TRNA Youth Committee good luck. This will be held around October 18th.

The next project that the Youth committee is planning to take on is to fix the message boards that update upcoming neighborhood events. We will also be changing them more often in the future. Elections will be held in the near future for those who want to run for the vice president position, which was previously held by the hard-working Natalie Solomon.

The TRNA Youth Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the **Fab Friday** held at LBJ Middle School. It was a great success and was very fun for everyone that came. There was wall climbing, fly fishing teaching, and other great things. Thank you again! ®



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

YMCA Child Care: Before & after school, K-5th, M-F 7 a.m.-6 p.m., register at YMCA - space limited, \$20-\$56 depending on # hours/days.

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

Hiking Club: Two groups. Sat. family hikes: Sep 13 El Morro National Monument. Thur multigenerational hikes: Sep 18 Tesuque Creek - Santa Fe.

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, Sep 2-Oct 21, Oct 28-Dec 16.

Tumbling for Pre-Schoolers: Ages 3-5, \$30 for 8-week session, Sep 2-Oct 21, Oct 28-Dec 16.

Intro to Gymnastics: Ages 6-8, \$30 for 8-week session, Sep 2-Oct 21, Oct 28-Dec 16.

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 8-class or \$22.50 short session*, Sep 4-29, Oct 2-27, Oct 30-Nov 24, *Dec 1-18.

Babysitting Workshop: Dec 6 & 13, 8:30-3 pm., \$40, preregister by Dec 2.

Indoor Soccer: Coed, two leagues: K-1st grade & 2nd-3rd grades, \$43, register starts Aug 18, practices start Sep 8, games begin weekend of Sep 19 through Nov 8, total of 8 games.

Flag Football: Grades 4th-8th, two divisions, 4th-5th & 6th-8th, register starts Aug 18, practices begin week of Sep 8, games Sep 20 to Nov 8, total of 8 games, \$43.

Maintaining the Spark of Vitality "Creative Aging": Class for active older adults, explore the new consciousness of aging and acquaint yourself the resources available to older adults in the Albuquerque community, 4-part seminar by Kathy Gaiser-Lichtenberg, Fridays Oct 17, 24, 31 & Nov 7, \$32, register - space limited.

Youth Volunteers in Partnership: Teens ages 13-16, volunteer with YMCA as role model for younger children, training in Sep, commit for one day/wk for 4 months, Q&A meeting on Sep 5 to learn more.

Awakening the Creativity Within Us - Part 2: A day of exploring and expressing visually through art, for adults, no talent needed, instructor Jan Mikkelsen, \$28. ®

U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union Supports TRNA Membership Drive

by Michael Skroch, Editor TRNA

The U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union is supporting the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association membership drive. All Taylor Ranch households that sign up as new members of both this credit union and TRNA in the month of September will have their TRNA membership paid for the remainder of 1997 and all of 1998. They'll sign people up for TRNA when they join the credit union.

If you're already a TRNA member (you should be if you get this newsletter), you're dues will not be paid; however, please help your neighborhood association membership drive by letting all your neighbors, who might not be a member of TRNA, know about this opportunity. It's a small service you can do to help TRNA and it will hopefully benefit your neighbors in more than one way.

Also, if you've never been a member of a credit union, now is a great opportunity to see what they're all about! I've been a member of two credit unions associated with places I've worked. I can tell you that they are much more interested in you and your financial health than large corporation-run banks. Why? Because they are member-owned and non-profit. They traditionally have lower fees, pay higher interest on your deposits, charge less interest on their loans, and offer more conveniences and services. It has been my experience that the people who serve and interact with you at a credit union are a bit more friendly and responsive to your needs. Why do you think they call you a member and not a client or depositor? They're also safe places to hold your funds since deposits are insured similar to regular banks.

Another good reason to join now is that not just anyone can become a member of a particular credit union. You have to meet certain membership requirements. In this case, member of TRNA meets

one of the rules governing U.S. New Mexico FCU membership.

Keep an eye out in your mail box! U.S. New Mexico FCU will be sending you a post card which you can fill out **to win a Sony color television**. Stop by their office at 4411 Irving Boulevard NW (just west of Coors past Rolands) and drop off the card for the drawing. If you haven't yet received a post card from

them and don't receive one soon, drop by to pick one up. While you're there, look around, ask questions about membership. I'm sure it will be worth your effort!

See their ad here and on the back cover of this newsletter. ®

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Social Committee

At this time, we (the Social Committee) have started organizing the TRNA **Christmas Party**. If you are interested in joining us and finding out more about the association., PLEASE call Rosemary at 899-2450.

Community Center: Keep writing and calling our representatives and congressmen. Let them know that we would like a community center SOON! In the last session, the legislation did not ward many moneys for community centers in the State. We do have the land, now we need the money for a building. I have seen Paradise Hills' community center and it's very nice. If you are interested, you might go check it out. The staff was very cooperative and happy to answer any questions I had. ®

operative and not wholly or partially dismantled.

Finally, it would sure be nice if all residents would check their front yards and/or the area near sidewalks to be sure that all weeds are removed. In case you haven't noticed, sandburs are maturing and they are terribly painful to either animals or humans who happen to be walking in the neighborhood. And while you're out there, why not pick up any trash in the street, including copies of

newspapers that a lot of folks fail to pick up? Such an easy thing to do, but it would certainly improve the appearance of the neighborhood. ®

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A Bit of This and That

... have his/her doctor write a note stating name, address, and phone number and the reason why the person is unable to move the cart. This information should then be faxed to the Albuquerque Solid Waste Department at 761-8787, Attention: Residential Collection; or mailed to Solid Waste Department, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque NM 87103.

Question: What do I do if my neighbor's home or car alarm goes off?

Answer: Call the police non-emergency number, 242-COPS, unless you think there is a life-threatening situation going on. In that case call 911. If your neighbor keeps having false alarms, they can be cited and fined. Call the APD Alarm Ordinance Unit at 768-2059 if repeated false alarms are becoming a nuisance.


Question: Can an inoperative car be stored in the driveway or yard of a house in a residential zone?

Answer: No, all motor vehicles which are not parked inside a building must be


It's time to renew! Help those that volunteer to operate the TRNA by taking a moment now to renew your subscription. Thanks.

Renewed already? Thank you! Please pass this issue to one of your neighbors who is not a member of TRNA and suggest they join! Thanks.

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 9/97


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 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application



This is a: new membership renewal membership Type of membership: Resident / Landowner Business 9/97

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Subdivision Name: _____

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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 Membership, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

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.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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