

President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

By the time you read this newsletter, thoughts of Thanksgiving, the Taylor Ranch Christmas Party and the holidays will be present. Please plan to attend the Christmas party as it is a great time for families to get together, plus Santa Claus will be there.

The big issue on the West side is the Paseo del Norte road extension. The discussions are hot and heavy in Washington concerning this issue. Personally I am for the extension as is the majority of the Board of Directors. But getting the road through the Petroglyphs will be a challenge. Mayor Elect Jim Baca is against the extension so it may be years before anything is accomplished. There doesn't seem to be any new major construction projects planned for Taylor Ranch but we will keep you posted.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families involved in the Marie Hughes bus accident. Everyone I talked to was heart-broken when they heard about the incident. It is truly tragic when something of this magnitude happens.

With Thanksgiving approaching I hope we will all stop to give thanks for those we love and the blessings that we have been given. Hoping you have a wonderful holiday, until next month. ☺

Another View

Ron Chapman, Resident TRNA

"Montaño Road [through Taylor Ranch will be six lanes wide with pedestrian bridges, just like Coors Road south of the freeway."

-Mayor Martin Chavez in response to concerns for children crossing Montaño Road. (At a meeting with the TRNA youth committee and its adult advisors)

It goes without saying that growth and development seem to have always been presumed to be inevitable and essential. Unfortunately, the consequence of this so-called progress has been to produce urban areas such as Dallas, Phoenix and Los Angeles, cities which most Taylor Ranch residents do not wish to emulate in our community.

TRNA Annual Christmas Party

**6-9 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 6th**



One of Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's most popular events is just around the corner. See the article (page 3) and reservation form (page 5) of this newsletter.

Still, the truisms of the growth model are convenient and well entrenched. As a result, most experts, politicians and residents parrot them as if they are etched in proverbial stone.

Are you aware:

- National transportation planning expert, Robert Morris, developed a plan to expand west side intersection capacity and alleviate... *Continued on page 4...*

Important Dates:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| 21 Nov | a.m. | Fall Yard Waste Collection, yard waste will be picked up in place of recycle. |
| 25 Nov | midnight | Return TRNA Christmas Party form |
| 4 Dec | 9 am-12 | Albuquerque Senior Winter Sports Program sign-up; see page 2. |
| 6 Dec | 6 pm | TRNA Annual Christmas Party |

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Eye on Education

Teresa Chavez, Director TRNA,
Education Chair

The west Region Citizens Advisory Council sponsored an educational forum with Governor Gary Johnson on October 2nd at West Mesa High School. Here are some of the highlights from the Governor concerning his views on education in NM:

- he supports annual standardized testing
- he would like to see the State School Superintendent become a cabinet position
- he supports a school voucher system which would make schools more competitive
- he would like to repeal "Little Davis Bacon," a law that requires paying constructions workers a prevailing wage. The Governor believes we would stretch our public works projects further without Little Davis

Bacon.

- 46 percent is spent on education now. Fifteen years ago, 50 percent was spent on education. He believes the "thieves" that have taken away money from education are Medicaid (which has increased 441 percent in the last 10 years) and prisoner costs (NM has the 4th highest incarceration cost in the nation.)
- NM teachers salaries are 45th in the nation, which Governor Johnson correlated to our per capita income, which is also 45th. He believes NM as a state needs a raise!

In other educational news, APS is currently looking at new boundaries which would affect all of our Taylor Ranch elementary schools (Marie Hughes, Chaparral, Chamiza, and Petroglyph). A boundary committee is being formed and will be meeting in late October to look at current boundaries and possible changes. Please watch your local newspaper and school newsletters for more information about this in the

coming months. Public hearings will be scheduled for parents and community members to give input to the suggested changes. ®

For the 55+ Crowd

Genny Michael, Member TRNA

The **Albuquerque Senior Winter Sports Program** will again be held in January, February, and March of 1998. (El Niño will help.) Beginning cross-country ski lessons, trips for downhill and cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing will be held every week and some overnight trips are scheduled.

First sign-ups will be at **Palo Duro Senior Center** on December 4th from 9 a.m. to noon. Pick up a booklet after mid-November at any senior center, health club, or sporting good store. ®

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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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fortunate families in our own neighborhood. With your generosity and that of local grocery stores, we were able to make up 8 large boxes for 8 families. Lets see if we can make up a few more than that this year. Again, this year we are asking for a donation of a non perishable item, you can bring it with you to the party. The recipients of the food baskets were very grateful.

Included in this newsletter is the one and only reservation form. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible. I apologize for this short notice, but time just escaped me, I'm sure you can relate!! Please make sure children's ages and all guests are on the form. Return by NOVEMBER 25. This will help us plan accordingly. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call 899-2450. HAPPY THANKSGIVING! ®



Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner. It will be December 6, at LBJ cafeteria from 6-9 p.m. Please come and join in the festivities. Meet some new neighbors, chat with some old neighbors, and celebrate the holiday season.

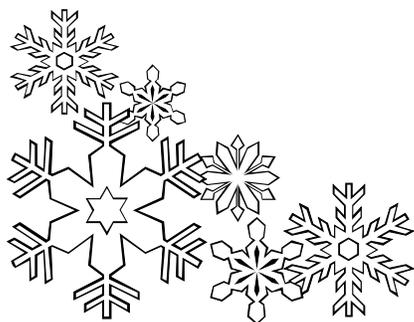
Dinner will be served at 6:30. Once again, we have the honor of **Cross of Hope's** choir to perform. Their presence last year sure added a special touch of holiday spirit. We appreciate their return.

I am assured there will be a visit from Santa Claus and he usually has a little something for all the boys and girls. Don't forget your cameras!

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Christmas Party is an annual event and is complimentary for members and their children. However, members should bring a dessert to share. If you would like to invite other family members or friends, it is certainly encouraged. The charge is minimal, only \$3.00 per guest.

We had a **FOOD DRIVE** last year, it was very successful and we'd like to continue the idea of caring about less

wild birds unlimited



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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: Oct 11, Fourth of July Trail, Nov 8, Caja del Rio Canyon, Dec 13, Rio Grande Nature Center, Jan 10, Bosque del Apache. Thur multigenerational hikes: Nov 20, Phoenician Inscription Rock, Dec 18, Rio Grande Nature Center, Jan 15 Bosque trail beginning at Alameda.

Basketball: Boys and girls, K-12, register started Nov 8, first meeting Nov 24, 8 games on Fri evenings or Sat, 9 Jan-28 Feb, \$43, practices start week of Dec 1.

Karate: Shorin-Ryu, ages 5-12, 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 Dec 1-18.

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

Dance & Creative Movement: Instructor Molly Thornburg, classes at West Side YMCA, creative movement, ages 3-4, Mon., 6-6:45 p.m., \$25/5-wk session, Pre-Ballet, ages 5-6, Mon. 6:55-7:45 p.m., \$25/5-wk session

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traffic congestion simply by adding a right and left turn lanes at key intersections. This would cost a mere \$2.2 million, \$46 million less than the Paseo-Unser project.

- A recent, state-of-the-art analysis of a proposed Chicago freeway project concludes that the addition of road capacity will necessarily increase traffic congestion.

If you are absolutely certain the Paseo

del Norte extension is the solution to our traffic woes, then so be it. However, if there is the slightest inclination to question it as a status quo approach doomed to repeat the errors of the past, I encourage you to do some research.

In the words of some anonymous sage:

"If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got." ®

Youthful News

Alysia Cordova and Amanda Guteiruz

Over the past month, the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee has participated in various events such as the Autumn Bosque Fest, volunteered at Chamiza's carnival, attended Neighbor Fest, and sponsored a dance for teens. Autumn Bosque Fest may be more familiar to you as the Montaña Bridge opening.

At this event we had the opportunity to raise money for our committee by selling Pepsi products. Many people helped out with this fund-raiser. The committee

would like to thank Sue Gonzales, June Numan, and Albertson's for supplying ice and sodas. Recently we volunteered at Chamiza, a local elementary. Everyone in the committee enjoyed the children.

Every year the youth committee attends a banquet called Neighbor Fest. This year Amanda Tatum received the award for Future Leader. On behalf of the committee, we would like to congratulate Amanda. Throughout the year, the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee sponsors dances. The Halloween Dance just occurred. It was a success. All of the events we have done this month have been successful, so we are quite pleased. ®

Marie Hughes Elementary School PTA thanks the community for their support during this difficult time.

A memorial fund has been established in the names of Anthony Coccia and Charlotte Cobo. Proceeds from this fund will be used to purchase playground equipment at Marie Hughes in memory of Anthony and Charlotte.

Donations for this fund are being accepted at any branch of First Security Bank, account #6201019855. If you need additional information, please call Teri Driscoll, 899-1846, or Mylan Geisert, 898-5725.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Annual Christmas Party Reservation Form

Yes! We will be attending the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 6th! To reserve gifts for the children and food for everyone attending, I am providing the following information for the Christmas Party committee:

Resident's Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Guests Attending: _ Child guests @ \$3 each = \$_____ TRNA

Residents Attending: _____ Children: _____
_____ Adult guests @ \$3 each = \$ _____ Adults:

Total of enclosed check made out to TRNA = __\$

For gifts, the age of each child attending is: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

A BIT OF THIS & THAT

Illene Harrison, TRNA Director

As Rosemary mentioned in last month's Mesa Messenger, Mariposa Park is looking better and better every day. It is wonderful that we'll soon have a park as nice as any on the other side of town. But there are still a couple of problems that require the help of all of those who use this great facility.

Is there a "force field" of some type surrounding the trash barrels? Seems as though folks just can't get their trash into them. Granted, there could be more trash barrels considering how much the park is used, but folks could be more considerate of those who also want to use the park.

I have a suggestion. If you are having a picnic, bring along some trash bags and take your trash away with you! This simple step will save a lot of work for city employees, make the park a lot more attractive, and definitely improve our environment.

Many folks use the parks and sidewalks to exercise their dogs and they usually keep them on a leash (City Ordinance

requires that dogs be on a leash not more than 8 feet long). BUT, these folks let their beloved pets violate other Ordinances.

Section 6-2-6-G - Animal Nuisances on Sidewalks, Public Parks, and Other Places Open to the Public. It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to commit any nuisance upon the sidewalk or public park. Section 6-2-2-V provides. Nuisance means but is not limited to defecation, urination, disturbing the peace, emitting noxious or offensive odors or otherwise endangering or offending the well being of the inhabitants of the City of Albuquerque.

I enjoy taking long walks around the neighborhood, but it is becoming difficult to enjoy the walk (definitely impossible to enjoy the view of the mountains) when you have to watch the ground to avoid stepping in "doggie do!" In addition, "dd" doesn't have a pleasant fragrance, in fact, it just plain stinks! The solution? All folks need to do is take along a plastic bag and what is known as a "pooper scooper" when they take Fido for a walk-and then use that equipment whenever Fido answers nature's call. A simple act, but one that

will make life much more pleasant for all of us.

Now that school is back in operation, you'd think there would be less graffiti. Not true. Guess there are still some young folks who don't have enough to do. If you see somebody in the act of painting graffiti, call 242-COPS as soon as possible. APD generally needs to see the activity to make an immediate arrest. If you know who is doing the dirty deed, notify the beat officer or local substation. It is a good idea to take a photograph of the graffiti before it is removed.

The most important thing you can do after notifying the police is to remove the graffiti as soon as possible. The City's Graffiti Removal Services Hotline at 768-4725 will help with the cover up if they can get the property owner's permission and if time permits. They are swamped with keeping commercial areas and freeways clean. If they are overloaded with work, they will provide the paint so you can clean up the graffiti. Let's do our best to keep our neighborhood clean and graffiti-free.

Oh yes, if you have paint you no longer need, call 768-4725. They'll welcome the paint for use in covering graffiti. ☺

Taylor Ranch Residents

Thank you for participating in the raffle during the Taylor Ranch promotion at U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union in September. The lucky winners were:

First Place - 19" Sony Color TV
Cheryl Davis

Second Place - \$100 Gift Certificate at Cottonwood Mall
Robert C. Shirley

Third Place - \$50 Gift Certificate at Cottonwood Mall
Denise Archibeque

And thank you to all of the residents who became members of U.S. New Mexico!

Time to Renew Your Membership! 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 11/97

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 11/97

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Subdivision Name: _____

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

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| <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: _____ | | |

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 \$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

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)..... | 246-7474 |
| Gas Leaks (nights & weekends)..... | 880-7300 |
| Graffiti Removal Services..... | 857-8055 |
| Graffiti 24-hour Hotline..... | 768-4725 |
| Los Volcanes Senior Center..... | 836-8745 |
| Office of Senior Affairs..... | 764-6400 |
| Ridepool..... | 243-7433 |
| Recycling Information..... | 761-8176 |
| State Information..... | 1-800-825-6639 |
| Wasted Water Hotline..... | 768-3640 |
| Water & Sewer Emergencies..... | 857-8028 |
| Weed & Litter Complaints..... | 924-3850 |

Police & Emergency Phone Numbers



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|---|----------------|
| Crime Prevention Unit..... | 924-3600 |
| 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..... | 768-2030 |
| Poison & Drug Information..... | 272-2222 |
| 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 |

Black Holes are where God divided by zero.

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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