

President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

I hope everyone had an opportunity to attend the Taylor Ranch Christmas Party. It is always nice to see our friends and neighbors. A big thanks goes out to Rosemary Freelin and her elves for the great job of putting the party together. We are blessed to have such a devoted person in our neighborhood.

I would like to personally thank Michael Skroch as our Editor, as this is his last publication. He has done a great job putting the Newsletter together. It is a very demanding activity, and we appreciate the time he has devoted.

GANGS BEWARE! Taylor Ranch has no tolerance level for any activity and will be working with the Albuquerque Police to develop a comprehensive plan to prevent any activity in our area. Through the efforts of David DeMoss, our Crime Director, Taylor Ranch will lead the City in Gang Prevention. Please call David at 899-0735 to join the committee.

In other Board news, Patricia Rodriguez will be forming a membership committee. Don't wait until we have a crisis to join. We need members and involvement to decide our own direction.

On another subject, did you know, besides the extension of Paseo Del Norte, the plan is to extend Unser through the Petroglyph Park? If Paseo Del Norte is not extended then Unser may still be extended. This could mean that a lot of the West Mesa traffic could end up driving through Taylor Ranch via Unser and Montaño to get to the Heights. I think this will be a big issue for Taylor Ranch.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ☺

Please take the time now to renew your TRNA membership. Send in the form in this newsletter along with your check. Those that volunteer in TRNA need your support!

Lights out in Taylor Ranch - ed.

Tired of the constant power outages in Taylor Ranch? It seemed ridiculous to me, and has probably cost our family several hundred dollars in lost revenue, not to mention the time setting clocks. It's getting so bad we went out and bought more flashlights. A while ago I called PNM to see what the problem was and talked to Paula Sperling, Distribution System Reliability Engineer at 241-3312. She said there was a bad power cable going into TR, and that it would be fixed in a week. Surprise, about two weeks later on Dec 12th we had another outage. Paula said you could call her. I suggest you do, as well as calling as many upper-level PNM management to tell them what you think. I also suggest you write the Mayor's office and State Corporation Commission to let them know what poor service we have been receiving from PNM over the last many months. PNM doesn't seem to be addressing this on their own, so please help remind them about this problem. ☺

Crime Prevention

David De Moss, TRNA Director, crime prevention

On November 6th, the citizens of Taylor Ranch and Paradise Hills set forth a statement to tell the gangs of Albuquerque that **they were not wanted and would not be tolerated in these two communities**. With the help of the Albuquerque Police Department, Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime, Office of Neighborhood Coordination, and concerned citizens, we can do something about this problem.

The TRNA is going to start organizing OPEN DOOR meetings to get the suggestions from the residents on how to best deal with this growing problem on the west side. We will try for a speaker to give a short informational talk and then open it up to comments from the group. These meetings will start after the first of the year and will be coordinated with all interested neighborhood associations so that a central location can be agreed upon. If you have any questions regarding this, please call David De Moss at 899-0735.

Holiday Tips: With the holidays coming, it is time to be even more aware of things going on around you. If shopping at the mall, make sure your car is locked, and your presents in the trunk of your car if you are going shopping and don't want to carry all those presents. Have a very happy holiday and New Year's. ☺

Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Editor Mesa
Messenger



This is my last issue as editor the Mesa Messenger. I've been at the keyboard as editor since July 1995 and a TRNA board member for about one and a half years of that time. I certainly enjoyed editing the newsletter and assisting TRNA, but it is time for new blood and new ideas. I'm not aware of who is going to take over this position; if you have questions, please call the President, Rick Lackey.

Many thanks to those that have provided articles through this time. Thanks also to our current production staff: Katie Tucker for producing and mailing the newsletter, Roger Suppona for our membership data base and making

mailing labels, and new volunteers Debbie Tatum and Martha Elmer.

TRNA has been in the midst of calm recently. There have been no high-profile major threats to our neighborhood. That has contributed to a decline in interest in TRNA. However, as Rick points out in his *President's Message*, there are many potential problems that we will have to confront in the near future. As past president of Laurelwood's neighborhood association (between I-40 & Ladera), I know that problems are always present and a neighborhood association is just about the only way we can protect the quality of life in our community. The City reports all important actions to TRNA which then reviews them and makes sure they benefit our neighborhood.

Do you want those important decisions that affect the quality of life for you, your children and the value of your home made without your review or comment? If not, then participate at

TRNA events, offer your help, and attend meetings held by TRNA. Many forces outside and within our association boarders are not concerned about your welfare or desires for a safe and peaceful community. TRNA is just about all that stands in their way. Those active in TRNA and perform these functions are volunteers. We need your help.

We also have power in numbers. I hope that all of you, who are concerned and interested in participating with the Neighborhood Association, will take the time to encourage your neighbors to participate and become members. Take an issue over to them once you've finished reading it and ask if they are members. By the way, it's time to send in your check for membership renewal! ®

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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:

Roger Suppona Katie Tucker
Michele Skroch
Deborah Tatum

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Other Committee Chairs and Helpers			
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contributing to establishment of the ordinance were printed in the August 1997 issue of Mesa Messenger.]

The law bans the sale in Albuquerque of the greatest pollen allergy trees. These are the pollen producing varieties of juniper, cypress, mulberry, elm, and most cottonwood /poplar. It leaves plenty of good trees to plant. No existing trees need to be cut down. It provides for increased monitoring and for pollen awareness measures.

Over 100,000 people in the region are estimated to suffer from allergies to the pollen from these trees. A report two years ago based on a medical study estimated that over 65,000 people were already seriously affected. Anyone can get these allergies. No one is immune. There is no cure. The problem will

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Homework Club

Rio Grande Valley Library System, Middle School Initiative Program


Taylor Ranch Library and the LBJ Middle School Initiative Program introduce the Homework Club.

Where: Taylor Ranch Library, 5700 Bogart St NW, 897-8816.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A certified teacher will work with the Homework Club participants and assist students with their homework assignments. Come prepared with textbooks, notebooks, pencils and paper.

The Taylor Ranch Library is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require other forms of assistance to enjoy Taylor Ranch Library activities or

to obtain this information in an alternative format, please contact Taylor Ranch Library at least five days before the scheduled activity at 897-8816 (voice) or 768-5199 (tty). TTY users may use NM Relay at 1-800-659-8331. 

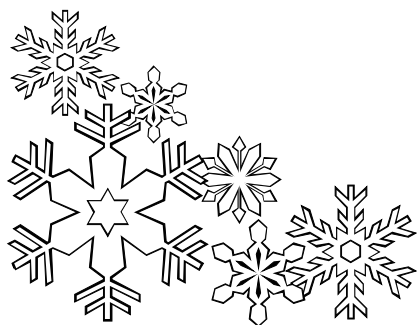


Pollen Ordinance

Excerpts from Elmer Neuman

[ed - Elmer's recognition awards for

wild birds unlimited



Business Members



***Our business members support
TRNA. Please support them!***

- Blake's Lotaburger
- Great Harvest Bread Co.
- Fred van Berkle, Gen. Contractors
- West Side Family YMCA
- Wild Birds Unlimited, Westside
- U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union



Call 899-8417 for more information. The YMCA is located at 4701 Montaña 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: Jan 10, Bosque del Apache. Thur multigenerational hikes: Jan 15 Bosque trail beginning at Alameda.

Karate - Adult Program: Shorin-Ryu, ages 13 & up, instructor: David Erler., 2nd degree black belt, Wed & Fri, 6-7:30 p.m., \$40/6 sessions, \$50/8 sessions, Jan 7-30, Feb 4-27, Mar 4-27.

Karate: Shorin-Ryu, ages 5-12, instructor: David Erler., 2nd degree black belt, Mon & Thur, 6-7 p.m. beginners, 7-8 intermediates, \$30/8 sessions, Jan 5-29, Feb 2-26, Mar 2-26.

Babysitting Workshop: May 2 & 9, 8:30-3 pm., \$40, preregister by Apr 29.

Tumbling & Gymnastics: Jan 6-Feb 24, \$34, Mar 3-Apr 28, \$34, May 5-26, \$17. Tumbling, ages 3-5, 3 year at 5:15-6 p.m. Tue., 4 & 5 year at 6:05-6:50 p.m. Tue., Intro to Gymnastics: ages 6-9, 6:55-7:40 p.m. Tue.

Dance & Creative Movement: Instructor Molly Thornburg, classes at West Side YMCA, Jan 5-26, Feb 2-23, Mar 30-Apr 27. 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, \$20/4-wk session.



...from page 3, Pollen.


worsen as more of the thousands of young trees planted in recent years grow bigger and put more pollen in the air (which already has too much from the older trees).

The problem is of sufficient concern to warrant providing medical public health oversight in the region. Also still needed are similar laws in other parts of the region where these trees are sold.


Albuquerque has already received inquiries from other parts of the country and Europe about the new pollen law. ®

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 12/97


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 12/97

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
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<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 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



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

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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