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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

Greetings Neighbors! I am pleased to begin this new year by introducing our newest member and Newsletter Editor, Christine Dillow. Christine has a desktop publishing business located in Taylor Ranch, which she manages from home. Please give Christine a call and thank her for undertaking the toughest job in our Association. I am sure Christine would appreciate any business also. We are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletter. Please send in your news.

This newsletter would not be complete without mentioning the sincere devotion of Michael Skroch, our past Editor. This newsletter is our main method of communication throughout this association. Michael did a great job and we appreciate all he has done for our community.

The next General Meeting of TRNA will be an important one. It will be held March 26th at Chamiza Elementary. Discussion will be held on the new proposed boundaries. We will also have elections for the Board of Directors. I encourage anyone interested in serving on the board to submit their name. We have at least four openings and as always, need committee members. We have many interesting committees, it doesn't require much time, and you get to meet many new friends.

As in the past, I have preached and preached (to the choir) about membership. **WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!** Please share this newsletter with a neighbor. Please recruit someone. P.S. If your mailing label doesn't have a 1998 date on it - it's time to renew your membership!

Until next time. Gods Speed. ☺

Eye on Education

Teresa Chavez, Education Director

New Elementary School Boundaries

The new boundary proposals for westside elementary schools were presented to the APS Board of Education on January 1, 1998. The Taylor Ranch schools that are affected are: Chaparral, Chamiza, Marie Hughes and Petroglyph. The proposal gives relief to Chaparral Elementary by sending some of their students to the new westside ele-

mentary school being built near I-40/98th St./Unser (See map of the proposed changes on page 2). Chamiza Elementary will gain approximately 150 by taking in some students who are currently at Petroglyph. Marie Hughes will also increase its enrollment under the new boundary proposal by picking up additional students who are currently at Petroglyph and Chamiza. The Board will vote on the new boundaries at their February 4th meeting at Taft Middle School.

TRNA Supports Local Schools!

Your TRNA Board recently approved \$250 to be allocated to schools in our area. Each of the 5 schools (Petroglyph, Chamiza, Marie Hughes, Chaparral and LBJ) will be given \$50 to help support their Science Fair or other designated school activity. Thanks TRNA for making a difference in our community by supporting the education of our students!

New Westside Middle School

Speaking of middle schools, it looks like the Taylor Ranch/Paradise Hills area won't have another middle school in our area until 2003. Two sites were under consideration for the next middle school -- one in the vicinity of West Mesa High School and

Editor's Note

Hi! My name is Christine Dillow and I am very excited to be the new editor of the TRNA newsletter. I am a desktop publisher and I work out of my home. My family and I have lived in Taylor Ranch for 6 years. I am currently serving as co-president of the Chamiza Elementary PTA. Please feel free to give me information to put in the newsletter. You can e-mail it to me at pmactina@aol.com, fax it to me at 899-8518, call me at 899-2270, or drop it off at my home!

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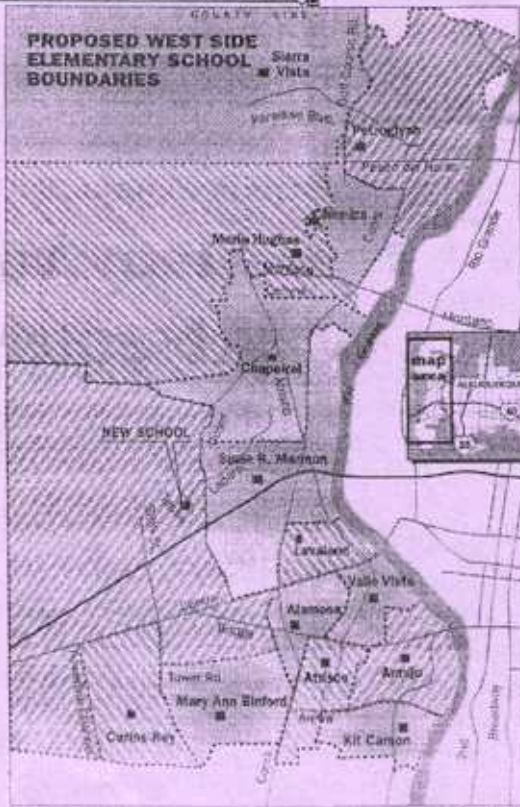
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one in the far west section of Paradise Hills (near Ventana Ranch). The Superintendent and Board made the decision to build the next middle school to the south to relieve overcrowding at John Adams and Truman. The site selection committee for the new middle school actually recommended that both sites on the westside be built simultaneously and that both schools were desperately needed. Many westside parents have voiced their concern over this issue of crowding in our schools. Please keep the pressure on the APS Administration and Board to address this crisis we're facing with a shortage of schools to keep pace with the growth and development. ®



Proposed Boundary Changes reprinted from the Albuquerque Journal

**Don't forget to
renew your
memberships!!**



(We've even included an envelope for your convenience!)

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Volunteers are needed to help with a reading program at Marie Hughes Elementary. Help children reach their reading levels! Program is in the library Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:40 - 4:30. Call Tish Saddoris at 899-0272 for more info.

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