

## THE VISION MATERIALIZES – IF YOU VOTE YES!

By Virginia Klebesadel, TRNA President

A Community Center in Taylor Ranch—a vision that may finally be realized! As with all dreams come true, there has been a lot of hard work in achieving it! About twelve years ago, the City of Albuquerque, the TRNA Board, and a Community Center Task Force began working together to develop a Community Center for Taylor Ranch residents. A major survey was conducted among residents to identify the community's needs and concerns. The Task Force deliberated for many months to develop its final recommendations based on that survey.

In 1994, the State Legislature approved approximately \$1,269,000 for the City of Albuquerque to purchase land for and design the Taylor Ranch Community Center. Both unoccupied land and existing buildings were considered. The final location selected was the unoccupied land at the corner of Taylor Ranch Road and Kachina. The land was purchased in two sections in 1994 and 1995 for a total cost of \$1,069,000 and will provide a 55-acre Community Center site!

The chosen location is between the City-owned Sierra Vista Pool/Tennis Complex and Mariposa Basin Park. With connecting footpaths, Taylor Ranch residents can swim and play tennis; cross the road for football, soccer, baseball, basketball, a children's playground and other community wide activities; or enjoy a full gym, computer labs, class and craft rooms, and many other facilities at the new Community Center. It will be a

first of its kind for the City! Is it any wonder excitement is running high?

The remaining \$200,000 of the original funds secured the services of Kells and Craig Architectural Firm. This firm is responsible for the impressive, newest community center in the city, the Cesar Chavez Center in Southeast Albuquerque. After six years of designing and multiple revisions, all the necessary City Boards have approved the Taylor Ranch Community Center Plans.

Now, after twelve years of hard work, there remains only one more obstacle! The General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Issue slated for the October 2 ballot contains the \$5.3 million needed to let the bid. If voters approve the Bond Issue, the contract will be let in February 2002 and construction will begin in March with a projected completion date of March 2003!

**The Community Center can finally become reality—but only if you vote YES for the G.O. Bond, October 2. Please vote and VOTE YES for your Community Center! You'll be glad you did!**

### MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM

September 9 at 2 p.m.

**Bosque Prep at Coors & Dellyne**

Sponsored by Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

### MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM

DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL

September 26 at 7 p.m.

**LBJ Cafeteria**

Sponsored by Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

### ◆ ◆ ◆ NOTICE ◆ ◆ ◆

**General Meeting – September 26 – 7:00 PM – LBJ Cafeteria**

**TRNA Board Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month) – September 19 – 7:00 PM**

**Vaughan Co. Realtors – 4801 Montañó Road NW (Across from the Fire Station)**

## ZONING UPDATE

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transit

### The Trails – Montano between Pojoaque & Whiteman Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, September 4

This project is before the Development Review Board for Preliminary Plat and Grading Plan approval. The review was deferred to September 5<sup>th</sup> so that the developer could redraw the lot layout. While the property is zoned for apartments (R-3), the proposal is for small lot individual dwellings. At issue are whether the project will build a street connection to Montano and the degree of reliance on adjacent streets to provide access. TRNA is hosting a neighborhood meeting with the developer, Thompson Engineering, at **8 p.m.** on September 4, at the **Soward's** residence, **6401 Pojoaque Drive NW**, 899-0652.

### Quanz Expansion – SE corner of Eagle Ranch & Paseo del Norte Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday, September 6

Quanz is planning to expand their facility with additional service bays. The site development plan will be reviewed by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) on September 20. Their new building will match the architecture and block work of the existing building, including windows. At this time, the City is requiring that the service bays open to the east and west. TRNA invites anyone interested in this project to attend a meeting on September 6 at **7:00 pm** at **Coffee Sensations**, 6961 Taylor Ranch Drive (next to Garcia's).

### Texaco Station Expansion – East of Montano & South of Oxnard Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday, September 6

The EPC will review the site plan of an expansion of the Texaco Station on September 20. Texaco would add three express lube bays and two automatic car wash bays just south of the existing convenience store. The current plan shows the bays open to the east and west. Access to the services is from Oxnard to the west and the private road on the east. The plan calls for honey locust, purple plum, and Austrian pine dotted throughout a landscaped border on the west, south, and east edges of the site. Between the trees are palm yuccas and autumn sage bushes with buffalo juniper as a groundcover. TRNA wants to make sure that views of the bays and noise will not be a problem for adjacent neighbors. As a start, TRNA would like to review the orientation of the bays along with the density of trees in the landscaped border. TRNA invites anyone interested in this project to attend a meeting on September 6 at **7:30 pm** at **Coffee Sensations**, 6961 Taylor Ranch Drive (next to Garcia's). Note: this meeting will directly follow the Quanz project meeting.

(Continued on page 6...**Petroglyph Shadows**)



**We have a new Look!  
Come In and See**

## Brownell's

**A Really Great Sale  
Going On!**

**8201 Golf Course Road NW  
Petroglyph Plaza  
890-3909**

### Proposed Zoning Amendment

The City Planning Department is proposing a *Zoning Code* amendment to provide conditional use placement of shade structures within the required rear setback of residential properties. For most properties, this is the back 15 feet of the lot adjacent to the rear lot line.

The EPC hearing on this proposed amendment is **Thursday, September 13, beginning at 5 p.m.** Upon EPC recommendation, it will be sent to the City Council for final determination. For copies of the proposed legislation, contact the Planning Department at 924-3860 or email Bob Paulsen, Principal Planner, at [bpaulsen@cabq.gov](mailto:bpaulsen@cabq.gov).

(From OCNC *Neighborhood News* Aug/Sept 2001)



# CLEAR THOSE TUMBLEWEEDS!

**Clean-up Day at Riverview Park**  
**Saturday, September 22**  
**9am to Noon**

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association invites those who use or live in the vicinity of Riverview Park (at Golf Course Road & Butterfield) to a morning of “clean-up the park.”

TRNA is committed to the City of Albuquerque’s Adopt-a-Park program, which relies on adoptees to keep parks clean. Riverview Park is our adopted park. Won’t you help with this effort on September 22<sup>nd</sup>? Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—many hands make lighter work!

Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, weed diggers, wheelbarrows, brooms, etc. Lunch will be provided by TRNA. Come join us—make it a family affair!



**RALEY’S SUPERSTORE** 6200 Coors Blvd NW  
 Support the Store That Supports TRNA!

## TRNA Block Party for National Night Out A Success!

Despite the wet weather, the first annual TRNA Block Party for National Night Out was a success! On August 7, we gathered at Mariposa Basin Park to celebrate “National Night Out,” get information on the Neighborhood Watch Program, invite other folks to sign up, and hold a brief general meeting.

Approximately 50 people enjoyed refreshments and visiting, while the kids had a blast in the Kidz Jump, at the Face Painting Booth, and playing games organized by the TRNA Youth Committee. Albuquerque Police Chief Gavin, Lt. Ed Perea, two APD Westside Beat Officers, Mayor Baca, Ken Sanchez and State Representative Sanchez all stopped in to say hello and speak to members.

Susan Sisson and her team did a fabulous job of putting the event together on short notice! Huge thanks to Susan and Scott Sisson and their children for their considerable time and effort! Thanks to the planning committee for their ideas and hard work: Susan, Virginia Klebesadel, RayeAnn Tucker, and Mary Warrick. And many thanks to all those who helped when they were called or when they saw a need: the Youth Committee, the Freelin family, Mackie Greaser, Russell Edwards, the Sanzero family, Richie Spangler and RayeAnn Tucker & family, Lawrence Klebesadel, the Sanzero family, Debbie Tatum, Peggy Minich, Jerry Beck, Jolene Wolfley, Diane Manning, and various other members who came and went doing whatever needed to be done. We apologize if we’ve missed naming you—there were so many who gave their time and effort for this event!

**Raley’s** Manager Dan Heavner donated bottled water and ice. **Raley’s** has always been a strong supporter of TRNA and the quality of life in our community. Thank you, Dan!

Watch for Taylor Ranch National Night Out again next year! ☼

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By Peggy Minich, Director/Education

Welcome and *muchas gracias* to the confirmed new members of the Education Committee (and the school with which they will serve as liaison):

- Beth Cantrell (Chamiza E.S.)
- Yvonne Chavez (Cibola H.S.)
- Diana Shea (Marie M. Hughes E.S.)
- Jerome Shea (UNM)
- Marcie Woodruff (Marie M. Hughes E.S.)

Committee members want to promote both communication with the schools serving students who live in Taylor Ranch and community involvement with and assistance to those schools.

More committee members are needed so that we can connect with all of the schools that serve Taylor Ranch children. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm** at Peggy Minich's home. If you can be the liaison for a school or are otherwise interested in joining us, please phone Peggy at 899-8590. ☀

### CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE: DO WE NEED IT?

By Diana Manning, Director/Crime Prevention

For the last two years at TRNA's annual meetings, the Albuquerque police officers have shared statistics and their views on the neighborhood's crime. [They say] the crime on our side of town is not high enough to be too worried about? Do you feel this way?



If you do *not* feel this way and are interested in helping with crime prevention in our community, please give us a call. Contact Diana at [dmanning\\_cpa@yahoo.com](mailto:dmanning_cpa@yahoo.com) or 821-2427, or Connie at [HectorGomez@qwest.net](mailto:HectorGomez@qwest.net) or 899-3361. We will be calling those people who have already indicated an interest in helping with the crime prevention committee and inviting them to meet. ☀

### *From the Desk of Lieutenant Perea*

**Westside Area Command, Cottonwood Substation**

Summer is almost over which means fewer residential burglaries. Taylor Ranch has not had a huge number of them this summer. APD apprehended a few offenders earlier this summer and the community has been involved being the eyes and ears for us! Many crooks are opportunist, taking advantage of open garage doors, unlocked cars and unattended property. Do not be victimized by giving an offender a chance or opportunity.

We continue to experience a slight increase with the amount of graffiti on walls and businesses. If you see graffiti, please call the Graffiti Removal Hotline at 768-4725 and the city will come out to remove it. Also, please report any information or anyone involved in the damaging of property.

#### FEATURED OFFICER FOR SEPTEMBER:

Many police officers volunteer time to worthy organizations such as Child ID Program, Make A Wish Foundation, food drives and Special Olympics. We are fortunate to have **Officer Gerald Sandoval** assigned to the Westside Area Command. Gerald is actively involved with the New Mexico Special Olympics program and has spent a lot of his personal time helping these kids.

One such event Gerald helps coordinate is the Law Enforcement Torch Run. This event raises awareness and money for the special Olympics. If you, your business, or organization would like to sponsor or have questions regarding this event please call Gerald at 897-8802.

**Sergeant Coordinator for TRNA: Sergeant Paul Romero 897-8802**

# ◆◆◆ YOUTH COMMITTEE NEWS ◆◆◆

## Successful Conferences

By Amanda Tatum, Youth Director

The Taylor Ranch Youth Committee is pleased to announce that our JOOI conference in Orlando, Florida, was wonderful and informative. (JOOI is the International Optimist branch for youth.) We attended the four-day conference July 4-10, with a few days to relax and enjoy what Orlando is made for (theme parks). Eleven Youth Committee members attended workshops that taught leadership skills and trained us to become true Optimists within our community.

The Youth Committee has worked very hard for the majority of this year fund raising for the conference. We have done everything from car washes to teen dances to selling snow cones at Arts in the Parks to raise over \$6,000. We would like to thank all of the businesses and individual contributors to this trip. Special thanks to

Raley's, Dions, Breakfast Club Restaurant, Barnes and Noble, IFS Fundraising, Travel Gallery, Avon, McDonalds, City of Albuquerque Special Events, the Northwest Optimist Club, LBJ Middle School, June Newman, and Wanda Salazar. Without your help, we would be unable to represent the New Mexico/West Texas District of Optimist International.

The Youth Committee joined the Northwest Optimist Club about one year ago to also become the Northwest OMEGA'S. The Youth Committee has branched out not only to the Optimists, but also the COPS (Community Oriented Policing) project with the City of Albuquerque, which is responsible for creating at least ten other neighborhood youth groups throughout Albuquerque. These two organizations provide the 30+ youth on the committee with service projects to help make our neighborhood a better place for kids.

In April at another Optimist convention in El Paso, Texas, Jackie Wilson (TRNA Youth Committee President) was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the New Mexico/West Texas District for JOOI, and Alysia Cordova (former Youth Committee President) was elected to be our representing Governor. These are very high honors not only for them, but for the Youth Committee and Taylor Ranch also. We are very proud of both of them and wish them well as they are inducted.

Again, thank you to all who made the JOOI trip possible. We met many new friends from around the country and even Canada that are in similar youth groups in their home towns. Teens around the globe are really making differences. Your future is in our hands, and if we all make this world easier to live in by reaching out, we can all make a huge difference. ☀

## Getting Involved with the Albuquerque Police Department

By Debbie Tatum, TRNA Youth Advisor

This past few months, Youth Committee members attended classes given by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD).

Three members attended the GREAT Camp where they received instruction in gang resistance and went on a different field trip each day. The week-long course gave them the opportunity to get acquainted with local police, learn valuable information about stopping gang activity, and have a fun time. They will be able to use this training in our efforts to keep Taylor Ranch the great place it is!

Three older Youth Committee members were hired to work for the camp. They, too, learned valuable information, made a little money, and were able to work with younger teens and APD officers.

Britanie Lubold attended the Junior Police Academy. Students graduating from this course can take pride in their accomplishments. As you can read in Britanie's article, the young teens get a close-up experience of the hard work that goes into becoming a police officer. ☀



## Junior Police Academy

By Britanie Lubold

The Junior Police Academy is an awesome experience for kids between the ages of 11-14. The kids in the program experience rappelling, rock climbing, defense training, pursuit driving, and paintball shooting. They have daily military-style movement drill and complete a physical fitness course.

Officers from different professions—S.W.A.T. team, horse-mounted patrol, canine units, undercover units, etc.—give exciting demonstrations and informational units. There is also an awesome explosives demonstration. At the end of this weeklong program, the kids have a challenging tug-of-war against the instructors. ☀

This month, the Youth Committee is presenting "The Purpose of Starting a Group" at the Partnering with Youth in Your Neighborhood workshop sponsored by the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination. Thanks, Youth Committee, for this contribution to the city!

(Zoning Update, cont'd from pg 2)

## **Petroglyph Shadows – Mojave just east of Unser**

Kudos to the EPC for its careful, reasoned, two-hour review of Petroglyph Shadows, a 29-lot subdivision just south of Petroglyph Park.

The Commission seemed particularly concerned that the residential streets not be dominated by a view of garages. They required that one-half of the lots have the garage set back at least 5 feet from the living space or that the entry to the garage be from the side yard. The EPC was also sensitive to the design of the northern edge of the property, which abuts Boca Negra Arroyo and will be most visible to visitors to the National Park.

The developer's proposal had six homes backing onto the open space. TRNA was concerned about this design because it visually closes off the open space and increases the tendency for individual lot owners to become possessive of the public open space.

TRNA expressed its first preference for a street edge along the open space, similar to Stag Horn Drive, which creates a pedestrian street which many individuals can use to enjoy seeing the open space. One difficulty with creating a street edge along the Boca Negra Arroyo is that Petroglyph Shadows is just one of four individual parcels along Mojave which are developing separately.

Because of this limitation, the Commission elected to go with TRNA's second preference which was to allow for view corridors. The corridors will allow a continuous view from the two north-south internal streets into the open space. In addition to the view corridors, there will be a pedestrian access to the open space through the northeast corner of the site.

TRNA found this developer easy to work with and was able to resolve many issues before they went to the EPC. One of the most important is the use of view fencing along the southern and western edges of the site. The view fencing is wrought iron atop a 3 foot base of cmu block. The openness of the wrought iron will soften the transition from natural desert land to development, will allow views into the open space, and will avoid a 'walled' off look.

The Northwest Mesa Escarpment Plan also adds requirements for this development, such as no homes over 15 feet in height and exterior colors that blend with the natural area.

*Please direct comments to Jolene Wolfley at [jostler\\_wolfley@hotmail.com](mailto:jostler_wolfley@hotmail.com) or at the TRNA address on the back of this newsletter.* ☀

# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

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|---|-----------------------------------|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Member*</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Active (See interest areas below) | 10/01 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (Newsletter only)      |       |

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For Newsletter and TRNA contact only. TRNA never shares its members' information with other parties.)

***I'm interested in participating in the following areas:***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification   | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors      | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling      | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education               | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Library           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter              | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Rec. | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic          | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting /Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       |

***I'm enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:***

Resident:     12.00 (one yr)         22.00 (two yrs)         30.00 (three yrs)

Business:     50.00 (one yr)         90.00 (two yrs)         125.00 (three yrs)

\***NEW** RESIDENT MEMBERS PRORATED:     \$12 (Jan-Mar)     \$9 (Apr-Jun)     \$6 (Jul-Sep)     \$12 (Oct-Dec) (15 mos)

\***NEW** BUSINESS MEMBERS PRORATED:     \$50 (Jan-Mar)     \$40 (Apr-Jun)     \$25 (Jul-Sep)     \$50 (Oct-Dec) (15 mos)

**Please mail application with check to:** TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (TTY Users call through Relay NM 1-800-659-8331)

Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets..... 768-2277 Animal Control (Westside) ..... 768-1935 Burn/No-Burn Advisory ..... 768-2876 City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) ..... 768-4777 City Council Office..... 768-3100 City/County Information ..... 768-2000 Community and Neighborhood Coordination..... 924-3914 Community Planning ..... 924-3860 Crime stoppers..... 843-7867 Dumping on Vacant Lots..... 924-3850 Environmental Health Offices ..... 768-2600 <b>Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks) ..... 833-7300</b> Garbage Collection Problems ..... 761-8100 Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week) ..... 246-7474 Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline ..... 768-4725 Graffiti Removal Services ..... 857-8055 Housing Code Enforcement..... 764-3959 Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property ..... 924-3850 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8188 Large Item Pick-up ..... 761-8113 Library (Information & Reference) ..... 768-5140 Mayor's/CAO Office ..... 768-3000 Neighborhood Crime Prevention ..... 924-3600	Open Space or Bosque ..... 873-6632 Parks Mgmt. (Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers) ..... 857-8650 Poison & Drug Information..... 272-2222 Police (non-emergency) ..... 242-COPS Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705 Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall ..... 897-8802 Police Telephone Reporting Unit..... 768-2030 <b>Police/ Fire/ Rescue (Emergency) ..... 911</b> Pollution Hotline ..... 247-2273 Pothole Repair ..... 857-8025 Recycling Information and Hotline..... 761-8176 Ridepool..... 243-7433 Sheriff's Department (non-emer.) ..... 768-4160 Sidewalk Obstructions ..... 857-8685 State Information ..... 1-800-825-6639 State Police..... 841-9256 Suntran Information (Bus)..... 843-9200 Sunvan Information (Bus/handicapped) ..... 764-6165 Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640 Water & Sewer Emergencies ..... 857-8250 Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060 Zoning Violations ..... 924-3850
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Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. Copyrighted material can be used only with written permission. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject any submissions.

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### **Basketball League Registration**

Adult League, ages 16+  
September 10 – 28  
City Sports Office, 10130 Lomas NE  
For more information, contact Jim Dunn 291-6239

### **CORRALES HARVEST FESTIVAL**

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

9 AM to 5 PM



**Clean-up Day at Riverview Park**  
**Saturday, September 22**  
**9am to Noon**

### **The Albuquerque Museum Family Arts Workshop**

#### **Creative Arts Activities for All Ages**

Every Saturday in September  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission  
For more information,  
Call 243-7255

### **State Fair Park & Ride**

Cottonwood Mall (NE corner, off 7 Bar Loop)

September 7 – 22, 8:30 a.m. to Midnight  
September 23, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Call 843-9200 for fares and information.  
Fare does not include State Fair gate admission.

**TRNA Flea Market – October 20 – Great Crowd & Location! Watch for details next month!**