

President's Message

By Virginia Klebesadel

I am passionate about the Taylor Ranch Community Center. You've heard about the need, the design, and the benefits of such a center. (If you've missed something, call me!)

Now it's time for some last words about making it a reality. This center will be a major selling point for Taylor Ranch. It will increase the desirability of the community to potential residents, thereby increasing values of our homes.

Building the center will not raise your property tax because new bonds are issued as older bonds are retired. **Please pass the word on to friends and neighbors: VOTE YES for G. O. Bond Number 2!**

[Editor's Note: If you have questions about the bond program or would like more information about the ballot questions, please call Barbara Taylor, Manager Capital Planning, at 768-3830. The entire program is available online at www.cabq.gov/cip/go2001.html.] ☀

VOTE OCT 2

Planned Growth Strategy

[Excerpts from Sept/Oct 2001 *Neighborhood News*]

Implementation of a sound plan is the key to managing growth. The City and County recently issued a major new study, the *Planned Growth Strategy*, which has the potential to make important changes for the better in the quality of Albuquerque.

The major focus of this strategy is effective implementation. Some positive outcomes of implementation can include:

- Guided growth and development to achieve the community's vision for the future.
- Funds provided to stay current with infrastructure rehabilitation needs.
- It is easier to get to work, school, shopping and

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Candidates Forum a Success

A City Council District 5 candidate forum, sponsored by the TRNA, was held on September 26. It was the first for the District 5 race and provided an opportunity for community members to meet and talk with the candidates.

Jeff Armijo and Michael Cadigan participated. Sander Rue was unavailable due to an unavoidable delay in Chicago. However, Wendy Rue stopped by to express Sander's regrets and invite attendees to call him with their questions.

The forum, moderated by TRNA member Richie Spangler and timed by Director Peggy Minich, consisted of a series of prepared questions followed by questions from the 30+ member audience.

Armijo and Cadigan provided their views on topics ranging from Westside traffic and development to concealed weapons. There was not enough time for all of the many good questions from the audience. However, after adjourning, the candidates spoke with people on an individual basis.

Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success! ☀



The TRNA Board extends its sympathies to the families, friends, and neighbors affected by the attack upon our country and its prayers for the Armed Forces and citizens of all nations.

WANTED: Youth Committee Advisor

After over eight years of fun and hard work with the TRNA Youth Committee, Advisor Debbie Tatum is hanging it up. TRNA needs an energetic, fun-loving person(s) to lead our happy, productive and community-spirited youth.

Debbie will be happy to discuss the responsibilities and rewards of this job with anyone who is interested. Give her a call at 897-5071! ☀

◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

TRNA Board Meeting (3rd Wednesday of each month) – October 17 – 7:00 PM
 Vaughan Co. Realtors – 4801 Montañó Road NW (Across from the Fire Station)

Heart of a Community

Opinion Editorial by Virginia Klebesadel

Why a Community Center? Why a core? Why a heart? Why a life sustaining center for a wonderful place to live?

A Community Center is not just another place to go, it becomes the heart of a community. It becomes a seat of communication among the Neighbors. Have you not sometimes longed to have a central bulletin board where you could post notices? Have you not longed to have a place for your organization to meet without having to beg space from a local church or school? How about having a happy, safe environment for our kids to congregate?

A center for all ages works well in that the various age groups tend to use the facility at different times of the day. However, I see such a center also amiably mixing those age groups. How about productive senior citizens who want to share their time and experience? Tutoring young folks immediately comes to mind. A Community Center is a place where this could easily happen. There are latch key kids who would love to have an adult to turn to after school – someone near-by as they do their homework. I believe society makes a serious mistake when age groups are segregated—we can bring them back together in a center for community activity.

As you can see, I'm passionate about this need of an axis for Taylor Ranch. I believe the chosen acreage emphasizes that heart-center by its accessible central location and proximity to LBJ Middle School, Mariposa Basin Park and the Sierra Vista Pool/Tennis Complex. This center will be a major selling point for Taylor Ranch. It can only increase property values as this becomes an even more desirable place to live! ☀



Key Players for Taylor Ranch

Opinion Editorial by Jolene Wolfley

Our next City Council Representative and Mayor will *greatly* affect the quality of life in Taylor Ranch

We have been the “new” part of town on the west edge of the City. However, land for residential subdivisions is close to being built out. Pressure is mounting for development of new land tracts above us to the west.

Development of the upper mesa will change Taylor Ranch. More traffic on our streets is likely as those new residents “pass through” us to get to other parts of town. Our inventory of homes will be older and could be less competitive with newer subdivisions unless we have rigorous property maintenance.

Our next Councilman and Mayor will be key players in determining if, when, where, and how growth will occur on the upper mesa. They will determine when major streets get built; who pays the substantial costs of water and sewer lines and roads; and where land can be rezoned. They will also determine TRNA's level of influence in making those decisions.

Please consider growth on the West Side in your vote for District 5 Council Representative and Mayor. ☀

Happy Halloween!

Brownell's

Come in and say Hi!

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

**TRNA Flea
Market**

**Saturday, October 20
7:30 to 11:30 am**

**Reserve your space now!
Call 898-5447**

**\$5/Members
\$10/Non-Members**

**Cross of Hope
Parking Lot**

ZONING UPDATE

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

The Trails ◇ **Quanz Expansion** ◇ **Xpress Lube**
Petroglyph Shadows ◇ **Upcoming EPC Cases**

The Trails **(Montano between Pojoaque & Whiteman)**

Neighborhood concerns were aired in the September 4th neighborhood meeting. Many thanks to Karee Sowards for hosting the successful meeting of approximately 50 neighbors, Thompson Engineering, and Consensus Planning.

The current site proposal consists of one long street ending in a cul-de-sac next to Kachina. Traffic for the new subdivision will have access only from Montano. A sidewalk will connect to the adjacent neighborhood. This design is desired by most adjacent neighbors. One concern is that it requires cutting a turn lane into the Montano median, reducing the landscaping there. Another is the very long wall along Pojoaque and Kachina.

The Development Review Board (DRB) will review this project on September 26 for Preliminary Plat and Grading Plan approval. TRNA wrote to the DRB supporting the current design but asking that the perimeter wall be of brown split face block (for aesthetics and to prevent graffiti) and include some landscaping.

Affected neighbors should keep up their dialogue with Thompson Engineering and the future homebuilder regarding the specifics of the wall, landscaping, and the design and quality of homes built on the site.

Quanz Expansion **(SE corner of Eagle Ranch & Paseo del Norte)**

Quanz Automotive Services received both approval and praise from the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) and TRNA for their expansion plans.

The new building will be just south of the existing building on Eagle Ranch Road and will match that architecture. Trees and other landscaping will be planted along Eagle Ranch Road and along both sides of All Saints Road.

Xpress Lube and Automatic Car Wash **(East of Montano & South of Oxnard)**

Xpress Lube and an automatic car wash received approval but no praise for development on the vacant parcel next to the Texaco station. TRNA and neighbors met with the developers on September 6th, and the EPC reviewed the site plan on September 20th.

The EPC and TRNA both expressed disappointment that this Community Core has developed predominantly automotive services, which do not enhance a community as a synergy of other commercial uses could. TRNA efforts focused on making the best transition from the businesses to the adjacent apartments and homes.

The developers are matching the architecture and landscaping of the adjacent businesses. They desire responsible and clean operations. They agreed to work with city staff to provide more landscaping along the west and south..

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Health Clubs of America

Your Neighborhood Family Fitness Center

State of the Art Cardio and Resistance Training Equipment

- ★ No Waiting or Hassle

Free Personalized Programs

- ★ Reduce, Tone, Proportion, Build
- ★ Certified Instructors
- ★ Regular Feedback

Aerobic Classes for All Levels

- ★ Low Impact Floor

We've made getting fit easy...

- ★ Free Babysitting while you work out
- ★ Clean, Safe, Friendly Atmosphere
- ★ Convenient Location Across from LBJ Middle School

... and affordable!

- ★ Low Prices
- ★ Couples, Corporate, and TRNA Rates



890-0040

Homestead Hills Shopping Center
6911 Taylor Ranch Road NW

Mesquite Dr NW Gets Together

By Jeanne Rousseau

In July, the residents of Mesquite NW gathered on the half-circle for a street picnic. From the 28 homes, 48 people attended and had a great time. We had a few new people on the block who joined in and all got acquainted.

We all brought our own table service, drinks, meat or sandwich desired and a dish to share. Residents brought tables and chairs. We even had a triple awning for shade! We met at 6:30 p.m. and visited until around 11, so you can see we had a great time!

At that picnic, we planned a yard sale for August. Several residents took part in the sale, and those not selling visited up and down the street with friends they had made at the picnic.

Jeanne Rousseau and Margaret Saucido made and distributed the posters and Clay Blanco and Donnie Martinez erected the tents and provided the barbecue grill.

Our neighbors are so good about watching out for each other! ☀



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The EPC required an outdoor patio on the east side of the site for employee breaks, waiting patrons, and a more pedestrian feel. Concern remains about car dryer noise and about teens congregating in the area late at night. The EPC determined that these were enforcement issues requiring follow-up by the owners and neighbors.

Petroglyph Shadows (Mojave just east of Unser)

Petroglyph Shadows, a 29-lot subdivision just south of Petroglyph Park, is moving ahead with development. The owner, Phil Ward, has submitted Preliminary Plat and Grading Plans to the DRB. The plans include view corridors into Petroglyph Park and other features required by the EPC.

Upcoming EPC Cases

On October 18th, the EPC will review three cases of annexation and the establishment of zoning. The first case involves four parcels along Coors and near Paseo del Norte. The second involves two parcels along Western Trail near Coors. The third involves two parcels generally along Winterhaven and Montano Plaza.

Send any email questions or comments on any of these zoning matters to jostler_wofley@hotmail.com or write to TRNA, attention Jolene Wolfley. ☀

A big thanks to COFFEE SENSATIONS in Homestead Hills Shopping Center for hosting our neighborhood meetings in such a warm, pleasant setting.



Riverview Park Work Party Strikes Again!

By Virginia Klebesadel

At 9 a.m. on September 22, people came from all directions bearing gloves, rakes, shovels, hoes and lopping shears with wheelbarrows and children in tow. They converged on the "Dreaded Weeds to Eradicate" display in the park pavilion.



Frances Howe cheers folks on: "Wow, that's looking really great!"

Upon getting their instructions, over 30 people—from age 3 to "I'm not telling"—set out to battle the enemy of the day. From nine to noon, these industrious folks dug, scraped, pulled, pruned, pushed, piled and bagged weeds and clippings. What an amazing difference they made!

This was the second annual "Fall Clean-up" of TRNA's adopted Riverview Park. Steve and Frances Howe spearheaded this project, outdoing their previous year's accomplishments! TRNA provided lunch for the group. To all who lent a hand in any way—thank you! ☀



Jennifer and Rachel hard at work!

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recreation.

- Walking, biking, and transit use increase.
- *Neighborhoods*, not just residential subdivisions, are built at the urban fringe.
- Older neighborhoods are stabilized and improved so that investments in homes and businesses are protected.
- The people-resources needed to solve local problems are retained in older neighborhoods
- The natural environment is protected and incorporated into new developments through design standards.
- Our built environment becomes more attractive and provides a greater sense of neighborhood and southwestern identity.

Check out the report. The *Planned Growth Strategy* can be viewed on the City Council's web site and copies of the study can be obtained on CD-Rom at the Council office for \$5. Chapter 2 of Part 2 is a good place to start.

Anyone interested in being the *Strategy* guru for TRNA, please call Virginia Klebesadel at 898-9173.



From the desk of Lieutenant Perea . . .

Westside Area Command, Cottonwood Substation

A Taylor Ranch resident recently came across a situation one night and asked how this situation might be handled by others who may have a similar experience. This is a very good question and one that I'm often asked.

Question: Last weekend my neighbors were having quite the argument which woke us up and probably some of the others neighbors. It was clear a dispute of some sort was taking place, possibly a domestic dispute. This went on for a few minutes with one party leaving then coming back. I wasn't sure what was the best course of action--should I have just called 911?

Answer: I always encourage members of our community to get involved when they encounter an incident that doesn't seem right. While I don't recommend jumping in the middle and becoming physically involved, I do suggest they call police if they feel a crime may be occurring.

If a suspicious or unknown situation is taking place but you don't really know what is happening, call the non-emergency number 242-COPS (242-2677). If the situation changes or you get new information and learn a crime is in progress or someone is being injured, call back using the 911 emergency number.

Any time you come across a crime in progress, call police using 911 emergency number and be a good WITNESS. If you don't know the parties involved, document for the police any pertinent information such as descriptions of any vehicles, including license plate numbers, and persons involved.

In the mid 1960's in New York, an incident occurred outside an apartment building where witnesses observed a woman being violently assaulted and stabbed. Her screams went on for some time. Many people heard and observed what was taking place but no one bothered to call the police. The woman died of her stab wounds.

While I don't think the people of Albuquerque would ever let that happen here, it is important to get involved.

**Santa
is
making
his
list...**



...and it's not too early to reserve space for your family and guests!

Please join us for the holiday party luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse! Bring a delicious dessert to share and a nonperishable food item or toiletry to donate to our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need.

The restaurant is reserved exclusively for TRNA, so we can walk around and share our holiday cheer. There will be door prizes and Santa will visit to deliver presents for boys and girls (newborn to fifth grade).

Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30, then the kitchen will close for Santa's arrival. Adult meal choices are Chicken on the Barbie or Walhalla Pasta. The child's meal is Kookaburra Chicken Fingers. Due to limited space, guests are limited to two per family and are \$7 each. TRNA members will have priority over guests.

Please mail your reservation form by November 24, 2001, so we can plan for food and get the list to Santa well in advance. We will contact you to confirm your reservation. If you have any questions, please contact June Newman at 898-5447.

See you at the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2001

11:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.

Outback Steakhouse

(On Coors Across from Cottonwood)

TRNA Annual Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, we will attend the party on Saturday, December 8! We will bring a dessert to share and a non-perishable food item to donate.

Member Name _____ Phone _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Guests (\$7 each) _____

Total of enclosed check made out to TRNA if necessary \$ _____

Adult meals: Chicken on the Barbie (Grilled Chicken) _____

Walhalla Pasta (Alfredo Pasta w/Vegetables) _____

Child meals: Kookaburra Chicken Fingers _____

For children's gifts (newborn to fifth grade), please list age for each child:

Boys' Age(s) _____ Girls' Age(s) _____

Please mail this reservation form by November 24 (with check if guests are included) to:

TRNA Holiday Party, c/o June Newman, 6301 Kearny Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

- New Member* Resident Active (See interest areas below) 10/01
 Renewal Membership Business 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:

- Beautification Board of Directors Calling Community Center
 Crime Prevention Education Environment Library
 Membership Newsletter Parks & Rec. Social Activities
 Traffic Voting /Voter Education Zoning 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	Neighborhood Crime Prevention	924-3600
Animal Control (Westside).....	768-1935	Open Space or Bosque	873-6632
Burn/No-Burn Advisory.....	768-2876	Parks Mgmt. (Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers)	857-8650
City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas).....	768-4777	Poison & Drug Information.....	272-2222
City Council Office.....	768-3100	Police (non-emergency).....	242-COPS
City/County Information.....	768-2000	Police – Westside Area Command.....	831-4705
Community and Neighborhood Coordination ...	924-3914	Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall	897-8802
Community Planning	924-3860	Police Telephone Reporting Unit.....	768-2030
Crime stoppers.....	843-7867	Police/ Fire/ Rescue (Emergency).....	911
Dumping on Vacant Lots.....	924-3850	Pollution Hotline.....	247-2273
Environmental Health Offices.....	768-2600	Pothole Repair.....	857-8025
Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks).....	833-7300	Recycling Information and Hotline	761-8176
Garbage Collection Problems	761-8100	Ridepool.....	243-7433
Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week).....	246-7474	Sheriff's Department (non-emer.)	768-4160
Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline.....	768-4725	Sidewalk Obstructions	857-8685
Graffiti Removal Services.....	857-8055	State Information	1-800-825-6639
Household Hazardous Wasteline	345-1650	State Police.....	841-9256
Housing Code Enforcement	764-3959	Suntran Information (Bus)	843-9200
Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property	924-3850	Sunvan Information (Bus/handicapped)	764-6165
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB).....	761-8188	Wasted Water Hotline.....	768-3640
Large Item Pick-up	761-8113	Water & Sewer Emergencies.....	857-8250
Library (Information & Reference).....	768-5140	Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians).....	857-8060
Mayor's/CAO Office.....	768-3000	Zoning Violations	924-3850

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Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 25th 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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Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 66288
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Return Service Requested

TRNA Youth Committee Halloween Dance

Saturday
October 27

7 to 10 pm
LBJ Middle
School

Admission:
\$3 plus a
can of food



Sponsored/Chaperoned by TRNA & Youth
Committee, Northwest Optimists Club,
and LBJ Middle School Initiative



TRNA Flea Market

Saturday, October 20

7:30 to 11:30 am

Cross of Hope
Parking Lot

Literary Costume Parade

October 27, 2001 from 2 to 3 P.M.
Taylor Ranch Branch Library

Come dressed as your favorite literary
character, you can join the parade read
aloud a selection featuring your favorite character. All
ages welcome! Call 897-8816 for more information.



Sandia Peak Ski Patrol **Ski Swap** November 3-4 at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds