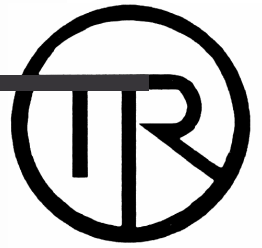




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. December 2001

President's Message

By Virginia Klebesadel

We are working on two major issues this month—the first is already in progress but the other is in planning stages and we need your opinions!

Construction on Taylor Ranch Road

The current Taylor Ranch Road construction between Montano and La Orilla is a part of the Coors Widening Project. That project was presented in a public meeting at Chamiza Elementary School over a year ago. TRNA Board members and other Taylor Ranch residents do not recall this part of the project being mentioned at that time, nor did the City notify TRNA of the current construction before beginning.

Telephone calls from TRNA to Frank Lopez, Project Engineer, resulted in the lighted information sign appearing on the construction site. Three of us then met with Mr. Lopez to learn just what 'median upgrade' meant. The project is to provide bike lanes, two dedicated left turn lanes from southbound Taylor Ranch Road to eastbound Montañó, and a cross-over median in front of the fire department for easier fire truck return access.

TRNA, Mr. Lopez, and a local landscape architect are currently working together to design appropriate replacement landscaping for the new medians.

Skateboard Park East of Mariposa Basin Park Along Taylor Ranch Road

The City Parks and Recreation Department has proposed building a skateboard park just east of Mariposa Basin Park between the sidewalk and the berm on Taylor Ranch Road.

As the proposed site is part of the gateway to our community, I believe it is an inappropriate place for a skateboard park. There are more appropriate places to build the proposed park, if it should be built at all.

We have recently learned that Bernalillo County has plans in full swing to build a state-of-the-art skateboard park at the Paradise Hills Community Center only four miles from here. If the city proceeds with it's plan to

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Happy Holidays
to you and your family
from the
Taylor Ranch
Neighborhood
Association
Board of Directors

TRNA General Meeting Agenda

- Meeting Call to Order 12:40 p.m.
- President's Message
- Presentation of Board Recommendation for raising membership dues
- Vote and Ballot Collection
- Presentation of Awards
- Closing Comments
- Meeting Adjourned by 1:00 p.m.

The TRNA Board of Directors recommends a yes vote on raising the annual membership dues to \$18.00, effective immediately.

If you wish to vote but will be out-of-town, you can arrange for an absentee vote by calling the secretary, Eddie Costello, at 362-6700. All absentee votes must be made by 5:00 pm, Thursday, December 6. ☀

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build a similar park in Taylor Ranch, it would be duplicating effort and spending money that could be better spent on improving and maintaining existing parks and medians.

I believe that with an already over-burdened Parks and Recreation Department budget, this idea should be dropped entirely. However, we need your opinions. **Mike Cadigan, our city council representative, has asked TRNA to survey our community concerning opinions about the proposed park. Please let us know what you think by writing to us at: TRNA, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288, or email to vmkinabq@aol.com, or calling 898-9173.**

Please discuss this proposal with your neighbors and ask them to express their opinions. This is **very important** and **your** chance to have a say about what happens in Taylor Ranch. ☀



Neighborhood Notification: The Trails at Taylor Ranch

Thompson Engineering Consultants, Inc. will be resubmitting the Preliminary Plat for The Trails at Taylor Ranch Subdivision, located north of Montano Road between Whiteman and Pojoaque. This is the same subdivision that was presented to the neighbors in August. The only difference is that the property owners are now the developers instead of Falconridge Development.

The subdivision is proposed to have 41 single family residential lots. The layout includes a full access to Montano Road and a cul-de-sac at Kachina. The property, legally described as Tract C1, Volcano Cliffs Subdivision, Unit 3, is currently zoned R-3.

It is anticipated that the Preliminary Plat will be heard on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at the Development Review Board. ☀



Letter to the Editor

Many people in the Taylor Ranch area, myself included, like to run, jog, or just plain walk on the area trails.

When I first started running these trails a couple of years ago, I was appalled by the amount of trash along the sidewalks, streets and walking paths. One day I decided to pick up a discarded beer can and took it home to my garbage can. Soon I was bringing home all kinds of trash and litter. The trail which I run on now looks great and has no trash at all.

If every walker or runner was to pick up only one piece of litter each time they were out, the difference would be very noticeable in a short period of time. One piece of trash isn't asking a lot; I bring home two handfuls almost every day and I'm expanding my territory because my old one is now so litter free.

This might reflect my training; I'm retired from the NM Environment Department where I used to file charges against loiterers and illegal solid waste dumpers! I guess it is in my blood now.

Charles Hendrickson ☀

West Mesa Desert Willows

4-H Club for Youth
Ages 5 to 19

"Head, Heart,
Hands, Health"



Welcomes New Members

The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Vista Nazarene Church (near Golf Course and Paseo del Norte).

For more information, contact
Julie Morrell at 899-4167

Happy Holidays!



Brownell's

Open Sundays 12 to 4 pm

8201 Golf Course Road NW
Petroglyph Plaza
890-3909

TRNA Flea Market A Success!

By June Newman

Our Flea Market that was held on October 20th was a resounding success. Even the weather cooperated with us; it was a beautiful day. Many thanks go out to Diana Manning and Jerry Vaughan, Ken Newman, Pam Wenzinger, Matt Rasmussen, Debbie Tatum and Kimberly Newman for all their help. Special thanks to Raley's, Krispy Kreme, Pastor Dale at Cross of Hope Church and all our wonderful vendors. All proceeds from the food and rental space go into our scholarship fund. See you in the spring. ☀



Raley's

DAN HEAVNER
Store Director

Raley's Store #805
6200 Coors Blvd NW
897-1800

An Important Message from the Youth Committee Director

Kudos to our outstanding teens! Jackie Wilson, President of the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee and Secretary/Treasurer of the NM/West Texas District Jr. Optimist Club was a recipient of the YMCA Youth Achievers Award in October. Her picture and biography hung on the Wall of Honor at Coronado Center for the month of October. Jackie was recognized for her accomplishments for young people in our community who persevere by making the best of the resources they have available through good character and positive choices.

Also, Elena and Rachel Griego, as well as Britainie Lubold were nominated for the NM Chiefs of Police Young Citizens Award. These three Taylor Ranch teens demonstrated outstanding work in the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee to strive to make Taylor Ranch the great neighborhood it is.

It is my firm belief that keeping youth involved through positive activities, teaching them the importance of caring for their neighborhood, and then recognizing them for their efforts is the key to a desirable community. **After working with the youth in our neighborhood for the past six years, I would appreciate a caring adult to step forward and help with this rewarding job. Several youth committee parents have said they would help if someone would assist them.** It really only takes a little guidance, a few hours volunteering at the events the kids plan, and helping them achieve their goals.

I have truly enjoyed every minute working with the youth of our community. They are recognized throughout the city and are considered an asset to not only Taylor Ranch but also to the City of Albuquerque. They have traveled across the nation and have received recognition by the City Council. I am proud to have been a part of their accomplishments, but feel it's time to move on. Please give me a call and I'll be more than glad to fill you in on all the rewards of this committee.



Deb Tatum
897-5071



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Homestead Hills Shopping Center
6911 Taylor Ranch Road NW

How to Access the *Neighborhood News*

Neighborhood News, a publication of the City of Albuquerque Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination, is available online at the City's website, www.cabq.gov.

A printed copy for in-library use is also available at all City libraries. Just ask for it at the Reference Desk at Taylor Ranch Branch Library.

The November/December issue includes information about heightened security at the Sunport; a report from Councilor Alan Armijo regarding the City budget crunch; news from many City departments, including anthrax recognition and procedures from APD Crime Prevention; notices of meetings, workshops, and cultural events; and more. ☀



Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

3709 Ellison Drive NW Albuquerque, NM
(505) 890-7300

From the desk of Sergeant Paul Romero . . . Westside Area Command, Cottonwood Substation

I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season. Here are some safety tips to follow while out and about this holiday season.

- Use extra caution while driving, especially in and around the shopping centers. There is a lot more vehicular and pedestrian traffic during this time of the year.
- Place all purchased items or any other valuables you have in your trunk. Having items visible in your vehicle increases the chance of being burglarized.
- While doing your shopping be observant of your surroundings and do not leave shopping bags or purses unattended.
- When walking through parking lots be aware of the people around. We are seeing an increase in con artists taking advantage of young women. If an offer sounds too good to be true then it probably is. If you feel that you are being followed or see somebody suspicious go back into the store and notify security. Ask for an escort out to your car.

I would also like to remind people not to leave garage doors open while the garage is unattended. We take several reports of burglary where the garage door was left open. This is a crime that can be easily reduced with your help. Enjoy the holidays and if you are thinking of giving me a Christmas present, you can't go wrong with chocolate.

What's Up With Membership?

TRNA Membership is currently at 261 members, with an additional 19 complimentary newsletters mailed to offices of local schools and city, county, and state government representatives.

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out in December for those expiring at the end of this year.

A mass mailing to interest new members in the Association will be sent out in January to a mail route in Taylor Ranch. If you, as a member, receive one of these mailings please pass it on.

For more information, call Susan Sisson, Membership Chair, at 897-4684. ☀



Coming in Future Issues of the *Mesa Messenger*...

Crime Statistics Analysis: A Comparison of Crime Incidence in Taylor Ranch Over the Years

2002 Proposed Residential Street Rehabilitation

Future Bike Route Plans and Their Impact On Our Community

Zoning: A Quick Guide for Residents

Member Survey: What's Important to You

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 Councilor Michael Cadigan	830-2076	Police – Westside Area Command.....	831-4705
City/County Information	768-2000	Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall	897-8802
Community and Neighborhood Coordination.....	924-3914	Police Telephone Reporting Unit.....	768-2030
Community Planning	924-3860	Police/ Fire/ Rescue (Emergency).....	911
Crime Stoppers	843-7867	Pollution Hotline	247-2273
Dumping on Vacant Lots.....	924-3850	Pothole Repair	857-8025
Environmental Health Offices	768-2600	Recycling Information and Hotline.....	761-8176
Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)	833-7300	Ridepool.....	243-7433
Garbage Collection Problems	761-8100	Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)	768-4160
Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)	246-7474	Sidewalk Obstructions	857-8685
Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline	768-4725	State Information	1-800-825-6639
Graffiti Removal Services	857-8055	State Police.....	841-9256
Household Hazardous Wasteline.....	345-1650	SunTran Information (Bus)	843-9200
Housing Code Enforcement.....	764-3959	SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)	764-6165
Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property	924-3850	Wasted Water Hotline.....	768-3640
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB).....	761-8188	Water & Sewer Emergencies	857-8250
Large Item Pick-up	761-8113	Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)	857-8060
Library (Information & Reference).....	768-5140	Zoning Violations	924-3850
Mayor's/CAO Office	768-3000		

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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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From the Desk of Sgt Paul Romero

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Northwest Optimist Club of Albuquerque
meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm, Paradise Hills
Community Center, 5901 Paradise Blvd NW.

The Northwest Optimist Club is a group of men
and women devoted to helping the youth of our
community. Call 872-1934 for more informa-
tion. Guests are always welcome.



Green Yard Waste Collection December 10—14
Telephone Book Recycling December 5—January 25
Christmas Treecycling December 26—January 7
Call the City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Dept. at
761-8100 for more information.



City Parks & Recreation Department
Programs For Kids Ages 10-18

Beginning Ski or Snow Boarding Lessons
Session I: Three weekends in January
Session II: Three weekends in February
Small fee includes equipment rental.

Call 857-8627 for more information.

Chamiza PTA's
**WINTER FEST
CRAFT FAIR**

9 am - 3 pm December 15
Chamiza Elementary School Cafeteria
5401 Homestead Circle NW
All hand-crafted by local artisans and
reasonably priced. Free admission.

4TH ANNUAL OLD TOWN HOLIDAY STROLL

Shopping, live performances, lighting of a 60-foot tree and Santa Claus. 9 am - 9 pm on December 7th in Old Town



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TRNA General Meeting — Saturday, December 8 at 12:40 pm — Outback Steakhouse
No TRNA Board Meeting in December