



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

February 2002

President's Message

By Virginia Klebesadel

A character element of Taylor Ranch is in jeopardy and the Westside Equestrian Center (WEC) is asking for our help.

For twenty years, Taylor Ranch residents have enjoyed the WEC open space on Montaño west of Taylor Ranch Road. Original Saddle Ridge homebuyers were promised that the 8-acre site would be developed and given *in perpetuity* as an Equestrian Center. However, financial difficulties forced the developer to seek an equestrian group to build and operate a barn in exchange for a 20-year lease. Since then, the site has had a succession of owners.

The lease that the WEC has held since 1982 expires in June. The new WEC Board of Directors is pursuing all financial options in attempting to purchase the land.

The current owners plan to build 43 single-family dwellings on the site. To do so, they need a zoning change from Special Use Equestrian to Special Use Planned Residential Development.

In December, the WEC requested help from TRNA. The TRNA board believes the center to be an important element of our community and conceivably a component in the overall Taylor Ranch recreation and educational facilities. While we are sensitive to the interests of both parties, we are committed to the interests of Taylor Ranch residents. We believe that it is important to retain the site as an equestrian center.

We assisted in obtaining a deferral of the zoning change hearing until April 2002. In return, the WEC Board has committed to diligently seek financing for the site purchase and to fully explore adding community outreach programs.

To find out how you can help, please contact the WEC Board president, Kathy Falter, by phone at 897-2842 or email to ppb@falter.com, or Pam Peterson at 899-2957, email rlpete@prodigy.net. ☀

Taylor Ranch Resident Carries the Olympic Torch! By Lisa Lundin



On Saturday evening, January 12, 2002, Taylor Ranch resident and former Olympian Roxanne Pierce carried the Olympic torch two blocks north along University Boulevard as the torch made its way toward Salt Lake City. Roxanne's family and friends gathered to cheer her on and share in the joy of this momentous event.

After the torch relay, the runners and onlookers gathered at Civic Plaza where Mayor Chavez declared January 12th to be Roxanne Pierce day. It has been almost 30

years since Roxanne represented the United States as a member of the women's gymnastic team in the 1972 games in Munich, Germany.

Roxanne works for the Fire Department in the 911 dispatch center. She has kept in shape over the years by participating in activities such as soccer, rock climbing, running and currently tennis. Roxanne is the mother of two and a long-time volunteer at Marie Hughes Elementary School. ☀

Nomination Committee for TRNA Board

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| Don Newton, Chair | 924-3906 W or 898-2185 H |
| Eddie Costello | 362-6700 Cell |
| Tom Knutilla | 897-2751 |
| Richie Spangler | 898-5225 |
| Debbie Tatum | 897-5071 |
| Ceil Van Berkel | 899-2738 |



Please call any of the above committee members if you are interested in running for the Board of Directors or wish to nominate another person. If nominating someone else, please get his or her permission and consent to serve. ☀

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TRNA Board Meeting — February 20 — 7:00 PM

Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)

General Membership Meeting — March 20 — 7:00 PM

LBJ Middle School on Taylor Ranch Road

Zoning and Land Use Update

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use and Transportation

Development on Coors Between Paseo del Norte and the Extension of Eagle Ranch

The TRNA Board reviewed plans for the 36-acre parcel located on Coors between Paseo del Norte and the Extension of Eagle Ranch Road. The current zoning requires site plan approval for a Planned Residential Development for apartments (maximum of 20 dwelling units per acre).

The owner is proposing 145 single-family homes with no public site plan review (approximately 4 dwelling units per acre).

The TRNA Board is recommending the zoning be R-1 and that the site plan review be retained. The Board felt that: (1) the size of the parcel justifies public site plan review and (2) R-T zoning might allow for single-family homes to be built on lots that are too small for that use.

San Miguel Apartments at Coors and Paseo del Norte

Simpson Housing is proposing to add 72 new apartments to the San Miguel complex just east of the River Point Health Club at Coors and Paseo Del Norte. Four buildings with three stories each are proposed.

The TRNA Board discussed the point that well designed apartments with on-site amenities for residents hold their value over time. A large complex of poorly designed apartments often becomes a drag on the community. TRNA thinks the San Miguel apartments have been well kept, but is concerned that the new addition does not include any residential amenities.

TRNA is asking that the site plan be altered to include a common space amenity, such as a playground or barbecue/picnic area. ☀

Letter to the Editor and Membership

I'm Kathy Falter, President of the Westside Equestrian Center Board of Directors. In the past, WEC has operated as a private boarding stable giving Taylor Ranch residents first preference for stalls. You've not heard much from us; however, it's my goal for WEC to become a permanent *community* stable as it is a defining characteristic of Taylor Ranch.

I implore the Taylor Ranch neighbors to get involved and help us:

- Save the equestrian center.
- Help us create a barn with community outreach programs, such as summer horse camps, dressage, riding lessons, rental horses, etc., in addition to our already scheduled Special Olympics and Handicapped Children's programs.

Everyone who believes that Westside Equestrian Center should remain at it's present location, leaving the "Ranch" in Taylor Ranch, please call:

Kathy Falter at 897-2842 or email ppb@falter.com; or Jenifer Russin, 899-7604, jenifer@russinreporting.com; or Pam Peterson, 899-2957, rlpete@prodigy.net

Happy
Valentine's Day!



Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Road NW
Petroglyph Plaza
890-3909

Easter Party

Taylor Ranch Easter Party is scheduled for March 30, starting at 10 am at Mariposa Park.

The Social Committee is just in the beginning stages and is looking for volunteers. Chairpersons are still needed for the concessions, entertainment, and cake walk. Many other volunteers are also needed on the day of the party.

Please consider helping plan or helping at the event. Call Deb Tatum at 897-5071.



Annual TRNA Holiday Party Update

By June Newman

This year's TRNA Holiday Party was held at Outback Steakhouse on December 8. Many thanks to Managers and staff for all you did. Everyone had a nice time, enjoying the company, food, and wonderful desserts provided by TRNA members. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

All the elementary aged children received a beautiful gift from Santa. They also received an ornament decorated by Police Officers and staff of the Cottonwood Mall office.

Lieutenant Perea and Sergeants Romero and Santiago were guests of TRNA for the luncheon. Fellow member and newly elected councilman Michael Cadigan and family also attended.

Thank you so much, members and guests, for your generous canned food donations. Thanks also to Raley's Superstore for their generous donations of turkeys for the food baskets. We collected enough canned goods to provide three baskets to Marie Hughes Elementary and one basket to LBJ Middle School.

Special thanks to: Peggy Minich; Mike Newton; Rosemary Freelin; Brett, Karen, Brittany & Sydney Lopez; Paul Swetman; Ken Newman; Debbie Tatum and Donna Hannon. And thanks to Youth Committee members Heather Dinerstein, Ashley and Monique Freelin, Calab Rees, Adrain Salazar, Amanda Tatum and Barbara Krill for their help in making this year's party a success.

Happy & Healthy New Year!!! ☀

Announcing Business Memberships



These businesses have joined us in supporting the prosperity and quality of life in our community. We welcome the following new business members:

Pack and Mail,
4801 Montaña Rd NW, 899-6065

Paper Pusher Bookkeeping, 898-9539

Westside Equestrian Center
5400 Montaña Rd NW, 897-2842

And thanks for their continued support go to the following businesses who have renewed their memberships:

Brownell's Hallmark 890-3909

Family Dentistry (Dr Mark Johnson) 922-9511

Mail Boxes Etc in Petroglyph Plaza 792-0917

Vaughan Company Realtors 899-4077



Want to meet other Stay-at-home moms?
Want to join a playgroup for your child, but don't have any money? Feeling like going back to work would be easier?
Feeling isolated?

MOMS Club.



We've got what you need! We are a club for stay-at-home moms (and dads too!). We meet during the day! We offer weekly get-togethers, playgroups, babysitting co-op, moms night out, and so much more!

Please feel free to call us at 831-5028 to find out when and where our next gathering is, or check out www.trmomsclub.home.dhs.org for more info. We look forward to meeting you!

From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . . Westside Area Command, Cottonwood Substation

Good news! On January 4th, 2002, our West Side officers made an outstanding arrest of some auto burglars.

It took a car pursuit, the use of a spike belt, and the assistance of a K-9 officer with his police dog to apprehend two offenders that early morning. Three other suspects were also identified and West Side property crimes detectives have advised that all but one suspect were taken into custody.

These leaches on society were responsible for multiple auto burglaries in the northern Taylor Ranch and Paradise Hills area. About 90% of the stolen property has been returned to the victims.

A concerned and observant citizen who heard and saw something she knew wasn't right made this arrest possible. I strongly encourage everybody to take notice of events and people in your neighborhood. When you observe a crime occurring, or about to occur, please call the police. We at the Albuquerque Police Department need and welcome the community's assistance.

Together, we can make your neighborhood a safer place to live. This is the basis of "Community Policing."

Submitted by Sergeant Paul Romero



2002 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2002



Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$500 Scholarships must meet all four of the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of the Association (north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande River and West Mesa Escarpment);
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2002, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service through school-wide and extracurricular activities, church and/or other organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2002.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Name _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ - _____ - _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico, ZIP Code _____ Telephone Number _____

Is your family a member of TRNA? _____ Yes _____ No (Membership is not required)

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2001) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: _____

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: _____

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

Please provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application to: Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee, c/o Peggy Minich, 5553 Gold Rush Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120-5252. (Phone: 899-8590)

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

- New Membership* Resident Active (See interest areas below)
 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: 18.00 (one yr) 32.00 (two yrs) 48.00 (three yrs)
Business: 50.00 (one yr) 90.00 (two yrs) 125.00 (three yrs)
 ***NEW** RESIDENT MEMBERS PRORATED: \$18 (Jan-Jun) \$9 (Jul-Dec)
 ***NEW** BUSINESS MEMBERS PRORATED: \$50 (Jan-Jun) \$25 (Jul-Dec)



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)

Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911	Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650
<i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>	Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS	Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705	<i>Public Works Department</i>
Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802	Pothole Repair 857-8025
Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030	Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935	Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8685
Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876	Ridepool..... 243-7433
City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777	Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
City Council Office 768-3100	<i>Solid Waste Department</i>
City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076	Recycling Information and Hotline 761-8100
City/County Information..... 768-2000	Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
Community and Neighborhood Coordination 924-3914	Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100
Crime Stoppers 843-7867	State Information 1-800-825-6639
Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850	State Police..... 841-9256
Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7300	SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200
Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-7474	SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline..... 768-4725	<i>Vehicle Information</i>
Graffiti Removal Services..... 857-8055	Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
Household Hazardous Wasteline 345-1650	Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8188	Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140	Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000	Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600	Zoning Violations 924-3850

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

Virginia Klebesadel, President 898-9173	Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation . 890-9414
Jerry Beck, Vice-President 890-5478	Tom Dietz, Director..... 899-9231
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Newsletter Email Address: TRNAeditor@aol.com

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 Lt. Perea

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Attention TRNA High School Seniors!

Submit your application for the TRNA \$500 Scholarships by the March 1st deadline. See page 4 inside!

Kayaking Clinic

February 16, 2002

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at Highland Pool

For registration and information contact Duwayne Ordonez, 857-8627, City Sports & Recreation Department



XeriScape Council of New Mexico's 8th Annual Xeriscape Conference

Exhibit hall sessions, mini-sessions, interactive booths, and demonstrations. Free to the public Saturday, February 23, 7:30 am - 2 pm at the Albuquerque Convention Center. See www.xeriscapenm.com for more info.

Tuesday, February 5 School Improvement Election for Albuquerque Public Schools

**See www.voteaps.com
for more information.**

At the Taylor Ranch Branch Library . . .

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Register at the door

Celebrate Black History Month with African Crafts

Saturday, February 16, 2:00 pm

Come create greeting cards using African designs and patterns. Make your own mask using notions and recyclable materials from home. The library will furnish some supplies.

A family program for all ages! Space is limited; call 897-8817 to register.

