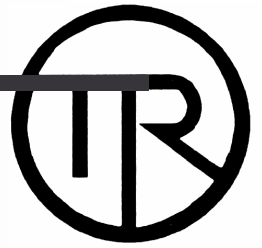




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

March 2002

Don't Miss This Event!

By Virginia Klebesadel, President

It's Annual Meeting time again! Mark your calendars: March 20, 7:00 p.m. at LBJ. We are honored to have Mayor Marty Chavez as our guest speaker. Our Councilman Cadigan will be among the other distinguished guests. The meeting agenda includes board member elections, budget considerations, scholarship awards and the all important door prizes!

You'll find numerous displays set up for your information and questions, including Taylor Ranch Road median landscaping, Community Center update, Westside Equestrian Center and APD Neighborhood Watch. SkateWave, manufacturers of modular skatepark systems, will have a skatepark educational display booth. Don't miss this meeting.

Come early and stay late! Bring neighbors and friends—it's a great time to join TRNA as there will be a drawing for one free membership from among the new registrations. The annual meeting is a perfect chance to socialize and communicate with the rest of the membership and the board. A spread of home-made cookies (the president also bakes), nuts, mints, and assorted beverages donated by local merchants await you. See you there! ☀

Announcing the TRNA Annual Meeting

Wednesday,
March 20, 7:00 pm
at LBJ Middle School



Information "Booths"
Board Elections
Scholarship Awards
Refreshments
Door Prizes



Taylor Ranch Easter Party

10:00 a.m. on March 30 at Mariposa Basin Park
Boys and girls, families, and neighbors – gather for lots of fun, games, and egg hunts! (Egg hunts start at 10:45)

Volunteers are stuffing over 5000 eggs! The cake walk will include 40 cakes—we'll be calling members for cake donations for this exciting event. Lots of set-up is needed on the big day—all volunteers are welcome, come early and help! For more information, call Debbie Tatum at 897-5071.

List of Board Nominees

A committee of three board members and three non-board members assembled the following list of nominees for the seven board positions to be filled:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Tom Dietz | Peggy Minich |
| Mike Dillow | Don Newton |
| Virginia Klebesadel | Ceil van Berkel |
| Tom Knutilla | Jolene Wolfley |

Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. However, please first determine that the person is willing to serve. ☀

Our Youth Committee Shines Again

By Virginia Klebesadel

Have you noticed the absence of those tacky-looking, illegal signs wanting you to "lose 40 pounds in no time at all," "put your computer to work," etc? Mike Cadigan and the TRNA Youth Committee hope so! A few weeks ago, Mike, Debbie Tatum, Cathy Lubold and seven members of the Youth Committee spent a couple of hours one Saturday morning filling one car trunk, the bed of a pickup truck and the entire backend of a van with all those eyesores. Mike provided donuts for energy, laughter prevailed and a lot of work turned into fun. Tidying up is just one of the ways the Youth Committee serves our community.

In other community activity, the Youth Committee provides Child Care for the Chamiza PTA family socials in September, November and February.

The kids host teen dances at LBJ several times a year. This not only provides fund drive opportunity for the Youth Committee, but an outlet for supervised community teen activity as well. Parents, Youth Advisors and TRNA board members assist in organizing and chaperoning these activities.

The next Youth Committee planned activity is the St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 15, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. With the absence of an advisor, your TRNA Board has pledged to support the Youth Committee in this activity with set-up, chaperone and clean-up assistance. The Youth Committee welcomes any and all help from interested membership. For this activity, please call Amanda Tatum at 897-5071 to sign up. ☀



**HELP!
HELP!
HELP!**

Are you going to let our neighborhood kids have all that fun without you? These kids rock! What's that you say? Come on now . . . let's hear it: I will be an **advisor**; I **will** be an advisor; I will be an advisor! Now, doesn't that feel good! Seriously, get a buddy and volunteer to co-guide and advise the TRNA Youth Committee. These kids are our future—you could have a hand in how they turn out!

The TRNA Youth Committee is calling for your HELP! The Youth Advisor post is now open for an energetic, committed person or persons who care. Please call Virginia at 898-9173 to apply. ☀

Happy Easter!



Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Road NW
Petroglyph Plaza
890-3909

St. Patrick's Day Adopt-A-Thon

March 16, 2002
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
East & Westside Animal Shelters
8920 Lomas Blvd NE &
11800 Sunset Gardens NW

Lucky Elves will be present to help you pick your lucky pet. A pot of gold at the end of the rainbow can be your lifelong companion and your best friend, a brand new pet.

For more information, contact Karen Davis, City of Albuquerque Public Outreach/Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 764-1137.



Welcome, Principal Jacobson!

By Peggy Minich, Director/Education

Jami Jacobson was selected to serve as the principal of Marie M. Hughes Elementary School last November. Except for a few years, this Albuquerque native has lived on the West Side for most of her life. She remembers when Coors was a two-lane road and Taylor Ranch was still a working cattle ranch!

Ms. Jacobson attended Sierra Vista Elementary, Taylor Middle School, Cibola High School, and the University of New Mexico, where she received her undergraduate degree and Masters degree in Elementary Education. She taught at Valle Vista Elementary for seven years. She served as assistant principal at Painted Sky and Petroglyph Elementary Schools for several years and briefly at Chamiza Elementary before moving to Marie Hughes

Elementary. Marie Hughes currently has a staff of 85 serving 723 students.

What's been her biggest challenge? Making the transition to a new school in the middle of a school year and settling in while getting priorities in line. Ms. Jacobson explained that when you're the principal, you "feel the full weight of more responsibility for the outcome" of decisions.

And what have been the rewards? She says that "this is the first time that large groups of children know who I am...and they've been so positive" and, as a result, she can build trust, relationships, and knowledge of her students much more easily. And she says that her staff "are the friendliest group of people. I feel extremely welcome and very included!"

Her goals for Marie Hughes Elementary include strengthening three instructional programs:

- Maintaining and improving site technology (through increased funding and personnel) because technology skills support math and literacy development necessary to daily life;
- School and cluster-wide Balanced Literacy, which aims at reaching students wherever they are as readers (and writers) and moving them to a higher level through a combi-

nation of methods, modeling, and guiding;

- In the long term, implementing full-time programs for music and art because she firmly believes those skills connect with other ways of learning that help children with math and reading.

When asked how our community can support Marie Hughes Elementary, Ms. Jacobson replied:

- Organize resources to help maintain school grounds;
- Spend time reading with your children, talk with them about school and its value, and make sure they have a time and place to study;
- Vote and actively communicate with your legislators;
- Volunteer to assist in the library or classroom or on the playground;
- Remember to give positive feedback and kudos for what you see and hear that you like; and
- Share your ideas about how the school can best meet the needs and provide for the safety of its children.

Thanks, Ms. Jacobson, for all that you do! ☀

National Women's History Month: Nominate An Unsung Heroine!

In honor of National Women's History Month, Congresswoman Heather Wilson is asking New Mexicans to nominate women in New Mexico who have given special service to our community, but may never have received recognition for their good deeds.

All nominations must be received by March 19th and all nominees must be female residents of New Mexico. Nominations can be made posthumously.

Fax your nomination to Heather at 505-346-6723. Include the following: (1) Your name, phone

number, and complete address; (2) Nominee's name, phone number, and complete address; and (3) in 100 words or fewer, explain why you are nominating this individual. ☀



CRIME in TAYLOR RANCH

Annual Crimes Reported

1995 to 2001



NOTE: Information pulled from the New World (AS400) System by Sgt. Romero. This report is case-based and counts the number of crimes committed, not the number of statutes violated. Due to system deficiencies, only 96% of crimes may be listed.

[Editor's note: This report lists only crimes that have been reported. Please report all crimes so APD gets an accurate picture of what's happening in Taylor Ranch.]

Part I Crimes	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Aggravated Assault	28	29	27	25	37	22	36
Arson	2	1	2	1	5	1	4
Burglary	103	111	105	118	64	71	94
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Larceny	275	276	356	407	346	264	336
Motor Vehicle Theft	41	52	85	82	64	61	40
Rape	7	0	1	3	2	3	1
Robbery	4	7	5	13	8	11	16
Part I Subtotals	460	476	581	649	526	434	527
Part II Crimes	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
All Other Offenses	134	185	214	256	261	304	330
Bad Checks	0	1	3	4	7	1	1
Bribery	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	1	2	9	13	7	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	149	130	214	214	193	162	220
Disorderly Conduct	25	19	25	22	24	34	34
Driving Under the Influence	18	19	15	29	15	42	37
Embezzlement	10	7	10	18	5	9	13
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	168	173	195	196	186	172	173
Fraud	14	15	22	22	17	22	36
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Intimidation	16	16	29	29	25	40	27
Kidnapping	1	4	5	4	1	2	5
Liquor Law Violations	3	5	12	15	11	13	8
Narcotics Offenses	6	7	16	25	19	11	17
Runaway (Not a crime)	20	15	13	15	20	17	12
Sex Offenses/Forcible	6	5	2	5	7	5	5
Sex Offenses/Nonforcible	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	113	106	94	107	115	92	103
Stolen Property Offenses	2	7	5	5	5	7	5
Traffic Accidents	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Traffic Offense	21	45	60	127	98	135	118
Trespass of Real Property	8	4	5	10	8	6	13
Weapons Law Violations	5	4	4	3	8	5	6
Part II Subtotals	723	770	953	1120	1034	1082	1163
Total Annual Crimes	1183	1246	1534	1769	1560	1516	1690

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Inc. Member Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

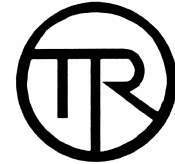
(All information is for TRNA use only. We never share our members' information with other parties.)

I'm interested in the following:

- Active Participation Beautification Board of Directors Calling
- Community Center Crime Prevention Education Environment
- Membership Newsletter Parks & Recreation Social Activities
- Traffic Voting/Voter Education Zoning Other _____

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

- Resident: \$18.00 (1 yr) \$34.00 (2 yrs) \$48.00 (3 yrs)
 - Business: \$50.00 (1 yr) \$90.00 (2 yrs) \$125.00 (3 yrs)
- NEW members joining in JULY THROUGH DECEMBER, prorate the first year's dues:*
 Prorated Resident: \$9.00 (July-Dec) • Prorated Business: \$25.00 (July-Dec)



Call 897-4684 if you have questions or need more information.

Please mail this form with your 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**
- Albuquerque Police Department*
- Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS
- Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705
- Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802
- Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030
- Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935
- Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876
- City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777
- City Council Office..... 768-3100
- City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076
- City/County Information..... 768-2000
- Community and Neighborhood Coordination ... 924-3914
- Crime Stoppers 843-7867
- Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850
- Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7300
- Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-7474
- Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline..... 768-4725
- Graffiti Removal Services..... 857-8055
- Household Hazardous Wasteline 345-1650
- Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8188
- Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140
- Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600

- Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650
- Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
- Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
- Public Works Department*
- Pothole Repair 857-8025
- Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
- Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8685
- Ridepool..... 243-7433
- Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
- Solid Waste Department*
- Recycling Information and Hotline 761-8100
- Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
- Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100
- State Information 1-800-825-6639
- State Police..... 841-9256
- SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200
- SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
- Vehicle Information*
- Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
- Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
- Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
- Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
- Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
- Zoning Violations 924-3850

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

- Virginia Klebesadel, President 898-9173
- Jerry Beck, Vice-President 890-5478
- Eddie Costello, Secretary..... 362-6700
- Tom Knutilla, Treasurer..... 897-2751
- Diana Manning, Director/Crime Prevention..... 898-6547
- Peggy Minich, Director/Education 899-8590
- Don Newton, Director/Governmental Affairs 898-2185
- Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation . 890-9414
- Tom Dietz, Director..... 899-9231
- Dana Krill, Director..... 898-9117
- Amanda Tatum, Youth Director 897-5071
- Cathy Lubold, Youth Advisor 899-4152
- Susan Sisson, Membership Chair 897-4684
- RayeAnn Tucker, Newsletter Editor..... 898-5262

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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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At the Albuquerque Museum ...

Family Art Workshops

Saturdays in March, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Free with Museum Admission; Supplies provided.


Colorful Kite Tales

Beginning March 5 in the History Hopscotch area. Learn about the history of kites, find out what makes them fly, and see different types of kites. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. A family program for all ages! Space is limited; call 897-8817 to register.

Aztlán Cinema Series: Enamorada

Saturday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission. Starring Maria Felix and Pedro Armendariz, two of Mexico's biggest stars of 1945, and inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Enamorada* recounts the fiery relationship between an aristocratic woman and the revolutionary general whose army occupies her town. Subtitled.



**TRNA
General Meeting
March 20
7:00 p.m.**

A graphic showing a group of five stylized human figures (three men and two women) of various ages and ethnicities, representing a diverse community.

Kayaking Clinic

March 16, 3:30—5:30 p.m.
at Highland High School Pool

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

