



# MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

April 2002

## President's Message By Virginia Klebesadel

In my final column as President, I'll briefly touch on a few current topics beginning with our Annual Meeting.

Combine a well-spoken accessible Mayor, an active and knowledgeable City Councilman, an enthusiastic board and members, door prizes, and homemade cookies, and you've got the recipe for a successful Annual Meeting!

About 100 members and 50 guests heard Mayor Chavez and Michael Cadigan speak. Both covered several pertinent Westside topics and answered many questions. Notably, Mayor Chavez repeated that which we've been pressing for months: If you want more policemen in Taylor Ranch, then you MUST report each and every crime, even if you believe it may be trivial or unsolvable. Thank you, Mayor Chavez and Michael Cadigan.

There were many favorable comments regarding all the information booths: Kells & Craig Architects with the Community Center, Daniel Gardiner of SkateWave regarding the SkatePark, Tag Gay (TRNA member) with the City's plan for the Taylor Ranch Road median, Westside Substation with crime prevention, and the Westside Equestrian Center.

Thanks to all of the folks who helped make this Annual Meeting a success!

Regarding the Community Center status, it will be let for bid in July. I've found no real answer for cause of the delay. The project is in the architects' office with the design construction plans unfinished and the Kachina driveway alignment approval

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## Congratulations to TRNA Scholarship Winners Susannah Lane and Amanda Tatum!

Diana Shea presents Scholarship Awards to Susannah Lane (left) and Amanda Tatum (right).

This year's recipients of the TRNA Scholarships were introduced and honored at the General Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Susannah, the daughter of S. Dwayne Lane and Sheryl A. Kearby, plans to major in engineering at either UNM or NMSU. Amanda, the daughter of Vernon and Debbie Tatum, plans to begin her studies in psychology, French, and history at UNM. Both attend Cibola High School.

The fourteen eligible applications (from six different schools) were rated and reviewed individually by Beth Cantrell, Yvonne Chavez, Maureen Meyer, Peggy Minich, Diana Shea, and Jerry Vaughn. They were all impressed by the outstanding and numerous accomplishments of the youth in our community.

The two \$500 awards are budgeted by the TRNA Board and underwritten by the profit from the TRNA Flea Markets.

Our thanks go to the Scholarship Review Committee members, Pam Wenzinger for her invaluable assistance with application materials and correspondence, Virginia Klebesadel for her unflagging support, and June Newman and all those who made the Flea Markets happen! ☀



## TRNA Flea Market Coming in May!

### ◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

**TRNA Board Meeting — April 17 — 7:00 PM**

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

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yet to be obtained from the City Design Review Board. Upon completion of these two items, the final plans go before the City Design Review Committee for approval. How slowly the wheels turn—how long we have waited!

There is a plan for the torn-up Taylor Ranch Road medians between Montano and La Orilla. Frank Lopez, Project Engineer, says, "The design has reached my desk as of today [April 2]. It will be given to the contractor for cost estimate. We should be able to start construction mid-April tentative to materials availability."

Our resident landscape architect, Tag Gay, has been working with the city's chosen landscape architects to obtain an acceptable plan. Tag has been able interject some low-water-use ground cover ideas into the design. The trees remain, but water and parks budget shortages preclude grass!

Finally, it has been a busy and productive year for TRNA, the Board, and me. While I've enjoyed being president and working with a really great board, I've decided to serve in a less time-consuming position in the upcoming year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve both you and the community I've chosen as home. ☀



## New Board of Directors Takes Office on April 17th

The election at the Annual Meeting filled the open board positions. The new Board of Directors is as follows:

Eddie Costello	Diana Manning
Tom Dietz	Don Newton
Mike Dillow	Amanda Tatum
Virginia Klebesadel	Ceil van Berkel
Tom Knutilla	Jolene Wolfley
Dana Krill	

Welcome to new members Mike Dillow and Ceil van Berkel. Thank you to the returning members for their commitment to TRNA. Thanks to retiring board members Jerry Beck and Peggy Minich for their efforts. And thanks to all the members who work with TRNA in various capacities. It takes the community to make this work! ☀



## Letter to the Editor

I have been volunteering at Albuquerque Meals on Wheels (MOW) since December 2001 and it is a rewarding experience. Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization that prepares and delivers meals to the elderly, homebound, convalescing and disabled.

I am the Chairman of Drivers for the volunteers out of St. Joseph West Mesa Hospital and I am responsible for making sure that there are drivers each day to deliver meals. We are in need of some volunteer regular and substitute drivers at the hospital site. Drivers usually volunteer one day a week for about two hours.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Pam Webb, at 823-8061.

Sincerely, Debbie Dean

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Your neighbor!

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**Raley's Store #805**  
6200 Coors Blvd NW  
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## Watering Your Bluegrass Lawn

MONTH	Inches Required	Average Rainfall	Average Water Needed	Days Between Watering
March	1.15	0.54	0.61	10 to 15
April	2.21	0.52	1.69	5 to 7.5
May	3.66	0.50	3.16	3 to 4.5
June	5.10	0.59	4.51	2 to 3
July	5.74	1.37	4.37	1.5 to 3.5
August	5.14	1.64	3.50	2 to 3
September	3.54	1.00	2.54	3 to 4.5
October	2.02	0.89	1.13	5 to 7.5
November	0.74	0.43	0.31	15+

**Water in inches, not minutes:** Place six straight-sided tin cans of equal size on your lawn. Run the sprinklers for 10 minutes. Pour the contents of all of the cans into one can and measure the depth with a ruler. This is the average rate in inches per hour.

If there are vastly different amounts of water in the cans, your system has poor uniformity and requires maintenance or modification.

**Water only the root zone:** Remove a plug of grass from your lawn to determine the soil type and root depth. Bluegrass is inherently shallow-rooted with most of the roots only 4-6 inches deep. Remember, plants can only use the water they can reach. *Apply only enough water to saturate the root zone. In sandy loam soils (such as the West Side), it takes 1/2 inch of water to soak a 6-inch root zone.*

Soil type has little impact on how much water plants use, but it greatly affects the required amount and frequency of water applications. Water plants in sandy soils lightly and frequently.

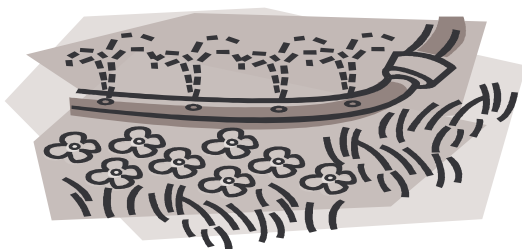
**Water at the right time:** Low wind, low evaporation, and high water pressure make early morning ideal for watering. Night watering is also efficient, but may encourage disease problems. *Remember, beginning April 1 and running through September, City water customers are limited to operating sprinklers before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.*

**Consider other turf and grasses:** If you want to cut your water usage, consider blue grama, buffalograss, or ornamental grass such as blue fescue. You can re-sod, seed, or slowly convert a lawn. See the City of Albuquerque's Complete How to Guide to Xeriscaping and talk to folks at the local nurseries. ☀

[From Environmental Committee Report by Terri Clarke, *Mesa Messenger*, June 1996; Albuquerque 2002 calendar, City of Albuquerque Public Works Dept.; and Albuquerque Soils Map and Management Plan, Albuquerque Field Office, Soil Conservation Service.]

TRNA thanks the following businesses for their donations to our Annual Meeting:

- Defined Fitness
- Great Harvest
- Outback Steakhouse
- Starbucks Coffee



## Easter Party a Sunny Success!

By Deb Tatum, Coordinator

The weather cooperated and everyone had a wonderful time! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all that helped with and donated to this year's Easter Party. Plain and simple, a function like this one could not happen without the help of volunteers and area businesses. Please let our businesses know how much we appreciate them by supporting them. ☀

The following Taylor Ranch area businesses gave their generous support:

**Bank of America**  
**Brownell's Hallmark**  
**Burger King**  
**Calvary Temple**  
**Chili's Restaurant**  
**Comet Cleaners**  
**Dairy Queen**  
**Dion's**  
**Dwayne Johnson Family Dentistry**  
**First State Bank**  
**Garcia's Kitchen**  
**Great Harvest**  
**Hometown Buffet**  
**Imperial Group Realtors**  
**Karate Institute of Chinese Kenpo**  
**McDonald's**  
**Outback Steakhouse**  
**Phillips 66**  
**Quanz Auto Care**  
**Raley's Supermarket**  
**Ray Pick/State Farm Insurance**  
**Scraps Galore**  
**7-11**  
**Starbucks**  
**Walgreens**  
**Wendy's**  
**Zio's**



Our dedicated volunteers include folks who helped from the early planning stages to those who lent a hand on the big day. We couldn't do it without all of you:

Deb Tatum, Coordinator  
 Susan Sisson, Chair/Eggs  
 Traci Cadigan, Chair/Solicitations  
 Virginia Klebesadel, Chair/Concessions  
 Dana Krill, Chair/Games  
 TRNA Youth Committee  
 LBJ Honor Society  
 Scott Jefferies  
 Bret Lopez, aka Easter Bunny  
 June and Ken Newman  
 Tom Tatum  
 Vernon Tatum  
 Pam and Carl Wenzinger  
 Wanda and Sammie Salazar  
 Sue Gonzales  
 Rosemary and Kurt Freelin  
 Bob Hume  
 Diane and Jason Kooi  
 Michele Griego  
 Hollie Greaser  
 Tom Knutila  
 Mackie Greaser  
 Nancy Allison  
 Ken and Ruth Tiernan  
 Ed and Rose Machin  
 Ellie Owings and Cub Scout Pack 121 Den 9  
 Janis Carrasco and Girl Scout Troop 109  
 Fire Station 18  
 And the many Egg Suffers & Cake Donors

### Chamiza Elementary's Fairy Tale Carnival

Saturday, April 13th  
 11 am to 3 pm  
 Bring Family & Friends!



Food Booths Prizes  
 Hair Painting Bike Safety  
 Kids Jump Community Booths  
 Games Much More!

Punch Cards for Sale in the Courtyard  
(Must be used for all games and food)

Silent Auction in the Library!



# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Inc. Member Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check One:  New Member  Renewing (For TRNA use only. We never share our members' information with other parties.)

- I'm interested in the following:**
- 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)

<b>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911</b>	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
Eddie Costello, Secretary..... 362-6700	Dana Krill, Director..... 898-9117
Tom Knutilla, Treasurer..... 897-2751	Amanda Tatum, Youth Director ..... 897-5071
Diana Manning, Director/Crime Prevention..... 898-6547	Youth Advisor ..... vacant
Peggy Minich, Director/Education ..... 899-8590	Susan Sisson, Membership Chair ..... 897-4684
Don Newton, Director/Governmental Affairs ..... 898-2185	RayeAnn Tucker, Newsletter Editor..... 898-5262

**Newsletter Email Address: [TRNAeditor@aol.com](mailto:TRNAeditor@aol.com)**

**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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<b>April 6 &amp; 20</b> Cherry Hills Library 6910 Barstow NE	Xeriscaping Principles Plant Selection Design Strategies
<b>May 4, 11, 18, &amp; 25</b> Taylor Ranch Library 5700 Bogart NW	Drip Irrigation How to Get a City Rebate

**For more Information, call 768-3655  
City of Albuquerque**



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Details Inside!

**NEW RECYCLING SCHEDULE: Every-other-week Pickup**

**North of Montaño: pickup Schedule A (April 5 & 19)  
South of Montaño: pickup Schedule B (April 12 & 26)**

**Questions? Call 761-8100. Thank you for recycling!**



### **FIESTAS de ALBURQUERQUE**

April 27th & 28th 9 am til 5 pm

Celebrate Founder's Day!

Entertainment & Artist Booths

At the Albuquerque Museum & Tiguex Park  
\$2 Adults, \$1 Seniors 65+ & Children 4-12