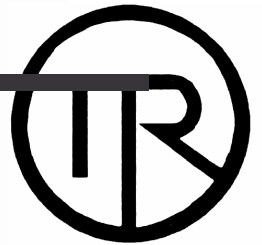




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

July 2002

President's Message

By Ceil van Berkel, TRNA President

I'd like to report the results of the Board of Directors' strategic planning session held June 15th. This means the column will be a little long, but I hope you'll find it interesting.

Survey Results

I'd like to thank those who responded to the survey in last month's newsletter. We started the meeting by reading what you liked best about TRNA and what you'd like to see improved. The most prevalent concern was the deterioration of our neighborhoods.

In response to this concern, TRNA will prepare a series of newsletter articles describing actions you can take when yards and streets start to look run down.

TRNA Committees

Most of TRNA's work is done by committee chairs and their committee members. We have very active Youth and Social Committees; dedicated Membership and Newsletter chairs; and directors working hard on our behalf in the areas of Land Use & Transportation and Governmental Affairs. Education, Crime Prevention, Parks and Recreation, and other committees need to be reconstituted

and started on their programs for the year.

I will focus on helping committee chairs strengthen our committees. I will look for an adult Youth Advisor to work with the Youth Committee. I will write articles describing the



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Taylor Ranch and the City's Planned Growth Strategy

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use and Transportation

Did you realize that 40% of all single-family homes built in Albuquerque over the past eight years were built in our northwest community?

In Taylor Ranch, we are experiencing "growing pains" of overcrowded schools, ever-increasing traffic, stagnant home resale values, inefficient utility extensions that drain tax dollars, and low paying service jobs. This is because Albuquerque lacks a vision of when, where, and how it should grow. If Albuquerque continues in this direction, it will soon have big city problems like Phoenix has.

The City Council is currently reviewing a Planned Growth

Strategy that has been under development over the past three years. One of the key sponsors is District 5 Councilor Michael Cadigan.



The PGS gives a vision of how Albuquerque will grow over the next 25 years. Here is my view of how the PGS would most affect Taylor Ranch.

• The PGS promotes West Side development that is spread more evenly from north to south. This will relieve pressure for developing the upper mesa above the escarpment, which has financially burdensome infrastructure costs. Public monies can be redirected to services needed in Taylor Ranch. Schools won't be further taxed to absorb new students. And many additional cars will not be added to our streets. This will also mean that the value of your existing home will appreciate more rapidly and be more competitive for resale because it is not competing with subdivision after subdivision of new homes.

• The PGS focuses resources on existing neighborhoods. Taylor

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TRNA Board Meeting — July 17 — 7:00 PM

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

Active Youth Committee—Looking for Fresh Faces

By Amanda Tatum, Youth Director

Summer is a time where we like to get our feet wet. Sierra Vista West Pool and Tennis complex has been the home of the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee's pool parties for years, and each year it grows. On May 25 we had approximately 70 teens at our annual pool party, and it was a success.

Other summer events we have helped with are the Special Olympics, bagging lunch for the Olympians, and delivering school supplies to schools (LBJ, Chaparral, Marie Hughes, and Adobe Acres). The school supplies were donated by students at our last dance in March. In early April, we tore down illegal signs on streetlights and walls around Taylor Ranch. So summer's just not for swimming, but hard work in the sun, too.

In August, the Youth Committee traditionally helps with the LBJ 6th Grade Jump-Start. This is a good time for us to gain new members. If anyone is interested in joining the Youth Committee, please call at 897-5071 and talk to Debbie Tatum. Any new 6th graders are welcome to join, as we always need help. Requirements are that you must be between the ages 12-18, and your family must be a member of TRNA.

The Taylor Ranch Youth Committee has been active in this community for 10+ years. It is our job to serve Taylor Ranch's teens, giving them things to do and a sense of self-pride. We have done everything from paint faces at carnivals to organize dances at LBJ, and leadership is a huge part of our group.

Our youth advisor, Debbie Tatum, has announced her retirement after 7 years of volunteering, and the Youth Committee is sorry to see her leave. But things must move on, and a kind and determined Youth Advisor will help keep the tradition of this recognized group active. Any one interested in helping should call Debbie Tatum at 897-5071. Thank you. ☀



(Planned Growth Strategy continued from page 1)

Ranch is just beginning to see some of our neighborhoods decline. A city emphasis on existing neighborhoods will help us maintain quality homes, help get the retail services we need in our neighborhood centers, and build parks and fire stations for neighborhoods that never got them.

- PGS coordinates the development of streets and water and sewer lines along with parks, fire stations, and schools. So when areas grow on the Westside, they will not get basic infrastructure without the schools, parks, and libraries they need.

The City Council is now reviewing the PGS with the public. Discussions should continue over the next year. You can learn more about the PGS on the www.cabq.gov website under the City Council Hot Topics. 1000 Friends of New Mexico will also be sponsoring some educational forums in the next few months. ☀

Keepsake Ornament Premiere Event

July 13th

Refreshments & Prizes



Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Road NW
Petroglyph Plaza
890-3909

A HUGE THANK YOU To Flea Market Helpers!

Raley's and Starbucks for food items—you always donate to our events;

TRNA Youth Committee—you always come through for us;

TRNA Board Members for your unending gift of time;

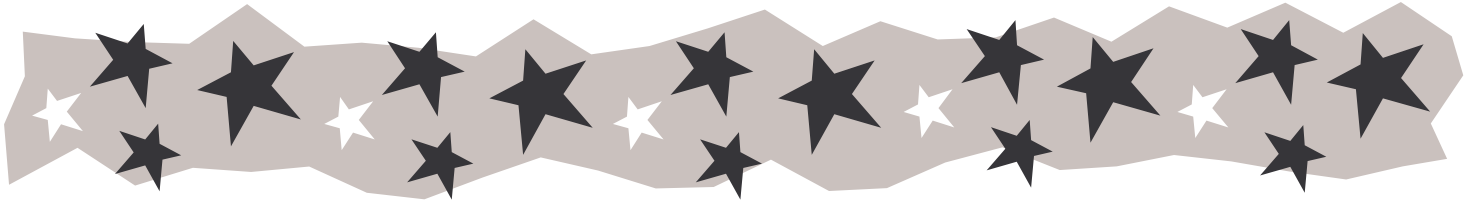
Wanda, June, Jerry and Ashley for always being willing to give when asked;

RayeAnn for the really great Newsletter spots;

Virginia for the marketing, the chile, the buying; I can't remember what else you did.

Thank you all again so very, very much!

~Diana Manning ☀



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Residential members	230
Business members	8
Courtesy members	21

Let your friends and neighbors know that when they join TRNA, they help the neighborhood, they get informed about community issues, and they strengthen our voice in the City, County, and State.

Encourage those who benefit from reading your copy of the Mesa Messenger to support TRNA by joining. Call 897-4684.



Westside Equestrian Center Update

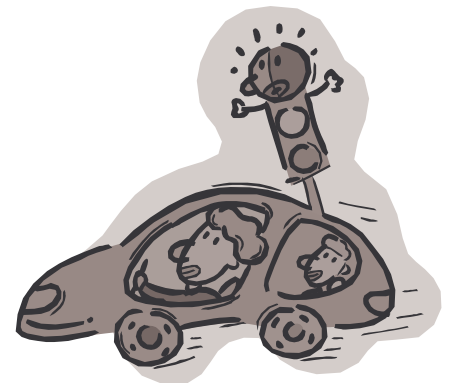
On the night of June 26th, the equestrian barn stalls were empty, but the City Council Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee signaled hope that horses might gallop there once again. In April, the EPC decided in favor of rezoning the parcel. TRNA appealed that decision. In June, the WEC lease expired and the horses were moved because the property owner would not renew the lease.

On June 26th, the City Council subcommittee voted 4-0 to have the TRNA appeal heard by the full City Council on August 5th. Should the Council decide to retain the equestrian center zoning, TRNA will work with the property owner and other entities to rebuild an equestrian center on the site. ☀

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

Red Light Violations

Red light violations are not only a criminal act but could result in a civil issue. The social costs of traffic accidents with injuries can be quite expensive—several of the evening news magazines have documented the medical and emotional cost of traffic accidents across the country. We cannot afford any more red light violations. New Mexico has recently risen to one of the top states in seat belt usage...we can also rise to the upper portion of the nation in proper traffic signal usage.



Teen Drivers

Summer means free time to many of our teenagers. How well does your teenager drive? We all know teenagers have quick reflexes. But driving skills require more than good eye and hand coordination: a defensive driver knows to watch out for the other guy. Many of our teenagers may not have developed this driving skill to their full potential. Review your teenager's driving skills closely and set some firm rules.

Two important teenage driving rules come to mind:

- 1** Under no circumstance will they drink and drive. If they go to a party and accidentally have one beer, give them the opportunity and positive environment to call home for a ride. The legal limit for persons 20 years of age and younger is .02 breath alcohol content. This .02 level is approximately 1 to 1.5 beers, depending on the size of your teenager. Teenagers do not have the capacity to drink alcohol and drive.
- 2** Limit the number of friends they can have in a car with them. Perhaps start out with one friend and monitor their success. For many teenagers, the maximum number of friends should not exceed two. The safety of our most prized resource needs to be protected.

Please contact Lt. Perea at the Cottonwood Substation if you have any problem properties, houses of ill repute, or other issues that need to be addressed.

(Submitted by Detective Terre Molander)

Solid Waste Management Convenience Centers Easily Accessed from Taylor Ranch

City and County residents and small commercial haulers can take trash and recyclables to one of three public drop-off locations, known as Convenience Centers. The two centers listed below are both about 8.3 miles from the intersection of Montano & Coors NW.

The residential disposal fee is \$3.35 per load; small commercial disposal is \$8.85 per load. Uncovered and/or unsecured loads will cost an additional \$5.30 per load. Securing loads saves money and is much cleaner and safer.

Eagle Rock Convenience Center, 857-8318, at 6301 Eagle Rock NE (north off I-25 & Alameda to Eagle Rock just south of the Coronado Airport) is currently open 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., due to construction at the Montessa Park Convenience Center.

Don Reservoir Convenience Center, 836-8757, at 114th St. SW (west of 98th Street off West Central Ave.) is open Wednesday to Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday. No trailers in excess of 5 ft. No tree

limbs in excess of 8 ft.

Prohibited waste includes construction & demolition, hazardous, radioactive, industrial process, biomedical, pesticides or herbicides, auto batteries, PCB's or bulk liquids, motor oil, asbestos or sludge, ash, offal, dead animals, flammable or explosive materials, and any other waste as determined by the Solid Waste Management Department. If you are unsure, please contact the convenience center. Auto tires are limited to four per visit. ☀

Report Neighborhood Problems to the Police

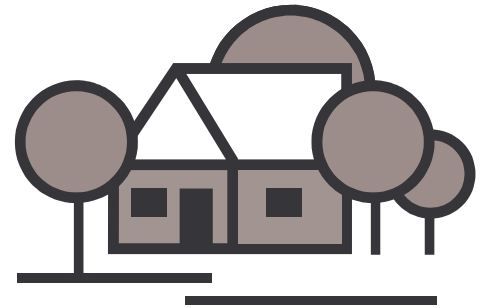
By Ceil van Berkel, President

One intention of community policing is effective police response to problems reported by neighborhood associations. If there are problems in your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the Problem Report form below.

When we receive a report, we will review it and then deliver it to the APD West Side Substation. If the problem cannot be addressed by the police, we will determine which city

department is responsible for responding. We will then send them the report or inform the person who filed it of the alternatives available for dealing with the problem. These will be handled on a case by case basis. In the past, we have had prompt and satisfactory response from our local officers.

I'd also like to urge you to report all crimes, including vandalism, to the police department. Use 911 to report emergencies and 242-cops for non-emergencies.



It is important to record the actual crime rate in Taylor Ranch because the police department budget and personnel assignments are proportionate to the levels of crime reported. If we underreport neighborhood crime, our Area Command will be understaffed. ☀

TRNA COMMUNITY PROBLEM REPORT

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

May we give your phone number to the police? Yes No

Would you like to be contacted by a TRNA Director? Yes No

Location of problem (street, address, building, etc.): _____

Date(s) and time(s) of occurrence (days of week and times of day most often occurs): _____

Description of problem (be as specific as possible): _____

Return this form to a TRNA Director or mail to: Problem Report, TRNA, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

You may also email your report to: vanBerkel@compuserve.com

Zoning and You

By Lawrence Klebesadel & Richie Spangler, TRNA Members

Just about everyone who lives in Taylor Ranch has heard about zoning, but what is zoning and how does it affect you?

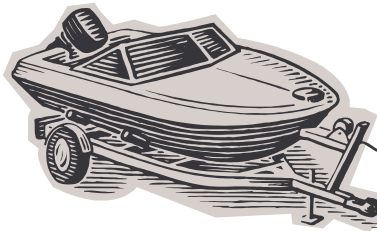
The Albuquerque city government has a Zoning Code Services division that is responsible for administering and implementing more than a dozen codes and ordinances, including the Comprehensive City Zoning Code and the Weed and Litter Ordinance. These codes and ordinances are intended to ensure that the nice neighborhoods that we live in remain that way. This is done by establishing basic rules for everyone to abide by on topics ranging from home based businesses to how tall the weeds in your yard are allowed to be.

To find out more about the zoning code, you can visit the City of Albuquerque's web site at www.cabq.gov or contact the Zoning Code Services division directly at 924-3849. The web site www.cabq.gov/planning/pages/contactinfo/questions.html also has a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list that may answer some of your questions about zoning. Knowing about zoning will help you keep yourself out of trouble and keep you neighborhood looking good. The following are three examples from the FAQ list. (Note that an R-1 zone is single family housing).

Is there a limit to how many garage sales my neighbor can hold?



Each home in an R-1 area may have a garage sale or yard sale once every twelve (12) months. The sale may not exceed three (3) days in length and only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Only one non-illuminated sign, not more than six (6) square feet in area, may be located on the premises where the sale is being held during the period of the sale. No off-site signs may be located in public right-of-way median or on utility poles.



Can a recreational vehicle be parked on private property in an R-1 zone?

Recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers may be parked inside or outside in the side yard or rear yard, provided that no part of the unit extends over a public sidewalk. They may also be parked in the front yard if the unit is parked perpendicular to the front curb, the body or the RV or boat is at least

11 feet from the face of the curb, and no part of the unit extends over the public sidewalk. The unit can only be used for dwelling purposes for a maximum of 14 days. Cooking is not permitted and there can be no permanent connection of water, sewer, or electricity.



Can a car repair business be conducted at a home in a residential neighborhood?

The Zoning Code does not allow auto repair done as a business to take place in residential zones. The provisions for an allowable home occupation provide that such businesses must be conducted entirely indoors. Cars parked outside must be operative and may not be wholly or partially dismantled. A declaratory ruling issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer in January of 1996 speaks to the regulation of minor maintenance or repair of the resident's own private vehicle and notes that if there is a complaint a 2-week grace period may be given to allow the repair to be completed. ☀

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

6 to 8 pm August 6th
Mariposa Basin

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Crime Prevention Awareness
Membership Sign-Up & Drawing
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functions of the committees and ask for volunteers to serve on and chair them. Directors will call those of you who indicated an interest in one or more of the committees to ask if you will be able to serve this year. If this year isn't good for you, there is always next year! We will always need volunteers to keep the Association moving forward.

As a step toward building our Crime Prevention work, we have provided a Problem Report Form. The form and the procedures we will follow when we receive a report are included in this newsletter (on page 4). We will also encourage members to report all crimes to the APD Westside Substation so that accurate crime statistics can be gathered from Taylor Ranch.

Calendar of Events

Many survey responses mentioned liking TRNA's social events. Our calendar of events for the rest of the year include three general membership meetings: National Night Out on August 6th, a



Candidates Forum in mid-October, and a Holiday Party (at no charge for members) in December. In

TRNA FALL FLEA MARKET

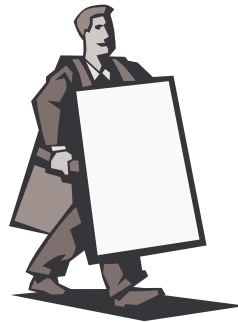
Have you already had your one-per-year garage sale but found more great stuff to get rid of? Don't fret...TRNA sponsors spring and fall Flea Markets at the Cross of Hope parking lot.

Our fall event is planned for September. So save your stuff a little longer and come on out for some fun and great selling!

addition, we are planning a Fall Flea Market in September and we will look into participating in several small meetings with block captains, block parties, and other neighborhood associations in Taylor Ranch.

Other Topics

To improve communication, we will work with a volunteer to replace the TRNA sign boards that have been removed. We will also restructure the TRNA web site to make the pages more useful to the community.



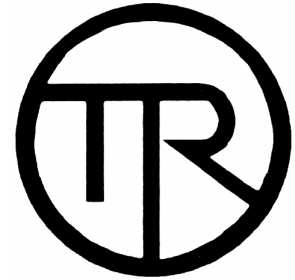
We will continue to support this newsletter, which was mentioned in many survey responses as one of the things liked best. We will continue to take an active role in representing the community's interest at city planning sessions and zone change hearings. We will also continue to provide scholarships for Taylor Ranch High School seniors and work toward improved parks, medians, and community services such as the community center.

A Message from the Attorney General of NM Regarding Elder Abuse, Fraud and Neglect

The New Mexico Medicaid Fraud Division of the Attorney General of NM has begun a public awareness program on the growing concern of elder abuse, fraud and neglect. Four informative brochures are available on the Internet at <http://www.ago.state.nm.us>.

The Attorney General wants all to know that help is available if someone suspects elder abuse,

Finally, in order to accomplish all these things, we adjusted the budget and set ourselves more challenging goals for fundraising so that we can do even more in the future.



All participants agreed that the planning session helped us focus on goals for this year, and therefore was satisfying and successful. Next year the session will be in April so new directors begin their terms with an overview of the goals, then plunge into the details in the monthly board meetings. We will solicit your opinions at the March general membership meeting and in the newsletter.

The session ultimately encouraged the directors to rededicate themselves to achieving the goals of the association: "To promote, protect and improve the quality of life in the Taylor Ranch Area by fostering a sense of community among members, hearing and acting upon matters pertinent to the community, and presenting a neighborhood point of view to city, county, state, and federal agencies."



fraud or neglect. Elder abuse should be reported to the Adult Protective Services Division of the Children, Youth and Families Department at 841-6100. Additional assistance is available through the Medicaid Fraud Division, which investigates incidents of resident abuse, fraud and neglect in long-term facilities. If you know of someone who needs help, contact the division at 222-9065. ☀

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:**
- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting/Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

- Resident: \$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec) \$34.00 (2 yrs) \$48.00 (3 yrs)
 Business: \$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec) \$90.00 (2 yrs) \$125.00 (3 yrs)

NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN JULY THROUGH DECEMBER, prorated first year's dues:

Prorated Resident: \$9.00 (July-Dec) • Prorated Business: \$25.00 (July-Dec)

Our mission is to Promote, Preserve, and Improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

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

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| Diana Manning, <i>Secretary</i> 898-6547 | Amanda Tatum, <i>Youth Director</i> 897-5071 |
| Virginia Klebesadel, <i>Treasurer</i> 898-9173 | <i>Youth Advisor</i> vacant |
| Don Newton, <i>Director/Governmental Affairs</i> 898-2185 | Susan Sisson, <i>Membership Chair</i> 897-4684 |
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| Mike Dillow, <i>Director</i> 899-2270 | |

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 requires written permission. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions.

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From the Desk of Lt. Perea

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Annual Breed Rescue Fair
11 am to 4 pm on July 27

Eastside and Westside Animal Shelters
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11800 Sunset Gardens SW

FUN ♦ FOOD
RESCUE GROUPS ♦ VENDORS

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our shelters, adopt a pet *and* to learn about various breeds and responsible pet ownership. There will be a dog obedience demonstration at 11:00 on the Eastside and other attractions. For more information, contact Karen Davis, Public Outreach Coordinator, at 764-1137.

