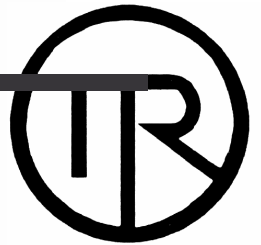




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

August 2002

ANNOUNCING TRNA'S SECOND ANNUAL

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN TAYLOR RANCH!

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 6 PM TO 8 PM
MARIPOSA BASIN PARK**



Music
Volleyball
Horseshoes
Kids Games

Information on
Community Policing
Neighborhood Watch

Fun Jump
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50¢

Hot Dogs
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**BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!
NEW MEMBERSHIPS JUST \$9 (JUL-DEC)
PRIZE DRAWING!**

To volunteer or for more information, call Susan Sisson at 897-4684

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General Membership Meeting — August 6 at 7:00 PM — Mariposa Basin Park

TRNA Board Meeting — August 21 — 7:00 PM

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

President's Message

By Ceil van Berkel, TRNA President

I hope you're enjoying a restful summer, especially now that we've had a little moisture fall from heaven to refresh us.

There have been a couple interesting events so far this summer.

In July, members of the Board of Directors had coffee with the Mayor Martin Chavez. He requested a meeting to hear our concerns about city services in our neighborhood. We told him about the insufficient number of police officers assigned to the West Side; the crowded schools; the deteriorating condition of parts of our neighborhood; the need to maintain medians, trails and parks; the need for additional trails and other quality of life amenities such as the long-awaited community center; and our desire to keep the equestrian center land for equestrian use. We talked about the need for completing the planned West Side road system to relieve the traffic on Coors. We discussed the Planned Growth Strategy and debated its effect on our neighborhood.

Despite the 7:00 am hour, the session was useful. We were able to keep our community's needs fresh in Mayor Chavez's mind.

In fact, the 7:00 am coffee meeting is getting to be a habit. In June, several Board members had coffee with Council Michael Cadigan to check on the funding status for the Taylor Ranch Road median work. We were able to confirm that the median landscaping would be fully funded. Councilor Cadigan also provided us with a copy of the Planned Growth Strategy report. Both these early morning meetings have helped the Board maintain a positive, cooperative relationship with City administration.

Looking to the future, we have two exciting events planned.

The first is National Night Out, August 6th. We'll be combining an outdoor celebration in the park with a brief general membership meeting. Come to catch up on neighborhood news. What's the story on the medians? Did we win the appeal of the zoning change for the Equestrian Center? What are the plans for the new TRNA web page? What's the latest on the Community Center? What zone changes and development plans are in the works? Does anyone understand the Planned Growth Strategy and what it will mean to Taylor Ranch? What can we do about deterioration in our neighborhoods? Come to bring up the issues that concern you and to hear what your Board and your neighbors have to say.

And bring some neighbors along....we'll be recruiting new members and would love to welcome some of your friends to TRNA.

The second event is the Candidates Forum to be held in conjunction with our next general membership meeting in October. See the candidates in person, ask your questions, hear how they respond to your neighbors.

Between now and October, schools starts. See the article on page 3 for a description of the Education Committee work. TRNA is ready to support your efforts to improve the quality of education for children in our community through our committee structure. Take advantage of it to work on problems that affect you and your family.

I hope to see you at National Night Out and wish you summertime fun during the weeks remaining until the unofficial start of fall: the first day of school. ☀



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Albuquerque residents may schedule a large item pick-up by calling the Solid Waste Department at **761-8100** (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm) at least 24 hours before their regular pick-up day.

Items that will be picked up include large appliances, lawn mowers, doors, sinks, toilets, mattresses, furniture, and televisions.

See <http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste> for more information about the City's Solid Waste disposal program and services.

Getting a Handle on the Planned Growth Strategy

By Jolene Wolfley, Director of Transportation and Land Use

The Planned Growth Strategy (PGS) is a group of legislative measures intended to guide how the City grows and extends its infrastructure, i.e., water, sewer, roads, storm sewer, parks, libraries, fire and police stations.

Today, the City generally **reacts** to private developers proposals to build in one or another area of the City. Under the PGS, the City would become an active player with developers in directing growth to various areas of the City. The City's intent would be to direct growth to where it can most efficiently serve it with infrastructure.

On August 5th and 19th, the City Council will review a 'first step' ordinance and resolution that sets a framework for managing urban growth. It adopts initial steps of a Planned Growth Strategy while leaving work to be done in the future. In the years to come, other PGS legislative steps would be fully developed and publicly heard.

This first step legislation establishes a forecast of population, housing, and employment growth called the Preferred Alternative. The City would use the housing and job counts in the preferred alternative along with level of service standards to plan its Capital Improvement Program. The City would request that Albuquerque Public Schools also use the Preferred Alternative for school planning purposes.

Other elements of the legislation are: (1) implementing impact fees for development that must be spent in the sector where they are collected; (2) providing a system of impact fee reductions for builders who redevelop land conforming to established plans and who build in areas where infrastructure already exists; and (3) establishing seven new zoning categories to give landowners options from traditional zoning standards.

The PGS covers many areas of public



policy. The initial release of PGS material put much into one ordinance and was difficult to digest. It led to confusion and controversy. Many efforts are being made to 'work' on the legislation and address the concerns of various interest groups.

The City Council has appointed a PGS task force, of which I am a member, to consider amendments to the original bill. Since I represent neighborhood interests on this task force, you can email your comments to me at jostler_wolfley@hotmail.com. In addition, the PGS will be discussed at the next TRNA Board meeting and the Board welcomes your participation.

Go to the council's website at <http://www.cabq.gov/council/pgs.html> if you want more information. ☀



Community Projects Update

Our City Councilor, Michael Cadigan, sent a brief update regarding Taylor Ranch projects.

- The Taylor Ranch Community Center will "come on line" in Spring of 2004. The project will be bid with the gym as an added feature, so it can be added to the plan before the construction begins. They are working on getting some additional money into the project to fund the gym.
- The Montaño medians are fully funded for full build out. They will also do some landscaping south of Montaño.
- The Sierra Vista pool is in line for a bath house renovation (\$600,000-\$700,000). This renovation is slated for next year's capital plan.

Thanks for the good news, Councilor Cadigan!



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What is the Education Committee? And why should you care? By Ceil van Berkel

Over the years, the TRNA Education Committee has been one of the most active standing committees of the Association. It's primary function is to work with the principals and schools to improve education in Taylor Ranch.

Members of the committee represent the community at Albuquerque Public Schools board meetings. They present education-related issues with

recommendations for action to the school board. And finally, they manage the TRNA program which awards scholarships to Taylor Ranch high school seniors.

Today, there are many pressing education issues to be addressed: school over-crowding, the safety and security of our children while at school, a plan for raising money for the

scholarships, and the possible impact of the proposed Planned Growth Strategy on our schools.

This month I will be contacting TRNA members to recruit committee members and a chairman for this vital committee. If you would like to work for a better educational climate in Taylor Ranch, don't wait for me to call. Call 899-2738 and volunteer! ☀

Energetic Youth Pick Up in the Community

Youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints swarmed through the West Side last Friday bagging up litter and weeds. In Taylor Ranch, they cleaned up portions of the Montaña median and the Boca Negra Arroyo.

Cheerful city staffers make it easy for church and community groups to do cleanup projects. If you have a group (large or small) and want to clean a park or median, contact Michelle Herrera at 857-8657. For cleanup along roads, contact Natalie Howard at 761-8188. ☀



COMMUNITY PROBLEM?

Please report it to TRNA. Tell us the location of the problem (street address, building, etc.), the days of week and times of day the problem most often occurs, and a description of the problem.

Include your name and phone number. Let us know if we may give your name and number to the police and whether you would like a TRNA Director to contact you.

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Zoning Update

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use and Transportation

The Westside Equestrian Center rezoning will be reviewed by the City Council the evening of August 5th. We encourage all TRNA members to attend and show support for keeping the equestrian zoning which has been in place for 20 years.

The vacant 22 acres at the northwest corner of Coors and Western Trail is proposing a site development plan of 126 units or 5.9 units to the acre. TRNA is concerned that the initial proposal with narrow 45 foot wide lots had garages as the dominant street feature. The developer is planning to meet with TRNA and Quaker Heights Neighborhood Association (NA) the last week of July.

Two vacant acres at the southwest corner of Coors and Eagle Ranch is proposed for rezoning from multifamily to Special Use Commercial which can specifically limit the use to a type of commercial and would require site plan review. TRNA and Rancho Sereno NA's are reviewing this proposal and its impact on containing commercial development to established nodes on the Coors Corridor. ☀

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:
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| <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
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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
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 Ridepool..... 243-7433
 Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
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 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
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 SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
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 Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
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 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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Newsletter Email Address: TRNAeditor@aol.com

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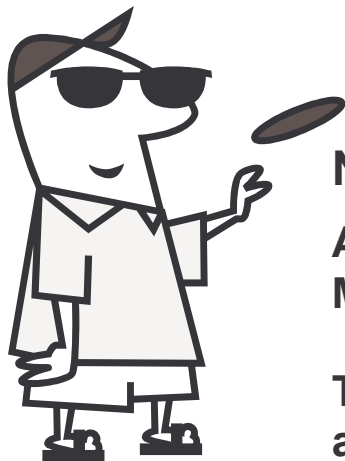
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In August**

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South of Montañó: 2nd, 16th, 30th

