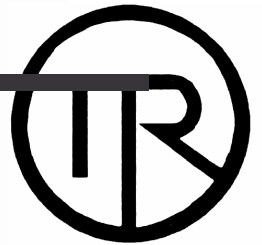




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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

October 2002

Project Updates

By Virginia Klebesadel, TRNA Treasurer

Community Policing

Recently, there have been problems getting an answer when calling 242-COPS. APD is working on that. The following are additional contact numbers to reach officers in our area. Please report all crimes as well as any suspicious activity you see.

Westside Area Command: 831-4705

Day shift: Sgt. Gary Granberry, Sgt. Harold Prudencio

Graveyard shift: Lt. Liz Mercado

Cottonwood Substation: 897-8802

Evening shift: Sgt. Paul Romero

Sgt. Danny Klein

Community Center

The latest word from the Office of Family and Community Services is that the Taylor Ranch Community Center (TRCC) construction bid is to be let in late October of this year.

Because of City budget constraints, operation and staffing funds for the TRCC are planned for the City's 2004 Operating Budget. The TRCC construction has been delayed to avoid having an empty building sitting for an extended period of time. Barring any further delays, we should see our Community Center up and running sometime in 2004.

Taylor Ranch Road Medians

It appears that the Taylor Ranch Road Median work has been completed. We are grateful to Frank Lopez and unnamed others who helped get the median reconstruction underway, and we are especially grateful to Mayor Chavez and Councilman Cadigan for finding the additional funds needed and coaxing the project to completion. You did a great job—we appreciate your efforts on our behalf. ☀



TRNA Comments on Universe Blvd

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board met on September 18, 2002 and discussed the construction of the temporary Universe Boulevard, its connection to the Boca Negra roadbed, and its implications for our community.

The Board voted unanimously to communicate the following items to in a email letter to Mayor Martin Chavez, City Council President Brad Winter, City Council Vice-President Hess Yntema, and District 5 Councilor Michael Cadigan. Copies were also sent to Planning Director Victor Chavez, Public Works Director Ted Asbury, and John Castillo of Public Works.

TRNA has a long history of working for the construction of westside major streets. TRNA leaders spent five years working on the Paseo del Norte bridge and alignment, three years working on the entire Unser parkway alignment, led efforts to build the Montaño bridge and alignment, led efforts to widen Coors Boulevard, and has advocated many other westside road projects. Given TRNA's extensive background in working on street issues for our community, TRNA wishes to express concern regarding the process that was used to construct Universe Boulevard and connect it to the Boca Negra road segment.

TRNA is a recognized neighborhood association. The Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance (0-92) Article 8. (14-8-2-6) Item B states:

"The mayor shall make reasonable attempts to give directly affected recognized neighborhood associations prior mailed notification of pending major city development and redevelopment projects and changes in services by the city which will have a direct, significant impact on that neighborhood; street construction and major repair, total closing of streets, changes in size or type of city parks, building of new city facilities, or rerouting of bus service are examples."

Notification of Universe was not given to TRNA nor was notice given to any of the property owners whose land is directly affected by connecting Universe to the Boca Negra Roadbed. Therefore, TRNA requests that the City establish a public notification process to alert affected neighborhood associations and property owners within 100 feet of any of the following actions: (1) the construction of a temporary

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◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

Board Meeting — October 16 — 7:00 PM

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

General Membership Meeting — October 23 — 7:00 PM

LBJ Middle School on Taylor Ranch Road

TRNA Position on the PGS Sent to City Council

The TRNA Board has been making a major effort to learn about the Planned Growth Strategy (PGS), how it affects our community, and how Taylor Ranch residents feel about it. The following statement of TRNA's official position is an excerpt from a letter sent to the Albuquerque City Council.

At its September 18, 2002 meeting, the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board voted unanimously to support the Planned Growth Strategy legislation as modified by the Planned Growth Strategy Task Force (version released 9/16/2002). In addition to offering its support, TRNA has a few specific comments:

Schools

Given the crisis in providing educational facilities for students on the westside, the TRNA vote included a strong emphasis on the need for these PGS provisions:

- Coordination of the capital programs of the City and Albuquerque Public Schools,
- Development of impact fees for schools,
- Development of concurrency provisions wherein school capacity is monitored as new development occurs.

Special Use Zoning

TRNA recommends that a landowner/developer may elect to use special use zoning in the new zones being created under the PGS.

PGS Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

TRNA recommends that Ordinance language regarding the Comprehensive Plan and the PGS relationship to each other be clarified, specifically modify Section 5. (A) second sentence only to read: "The Planned Growth Strategy will be used as a tool to implement the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan in guiding the future growth of the Albuquerque urban area." ☼



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road; (2) change in the function of an existing street due to new connections and/or due to other actions resulting in a substantial change in traffic flow; (3) permitting a road to be used for 18-wheel truck traffic where it was previously not permitted.

TRNA requests that prior to the opening of Universe Boulevard to traffic, staff: (1) analyzes the traffic flow implications for Universe and connecting streets; (2) identifies traffic mitigation measures to be implemented to protect residential areas; and (3) analyzes the ability of the existing Boca Negra roadbed to handle the projected volumes of traffic; and makes these analyses be available for public review and comment.

TRNA requests that an action plan be prepared to identify the steps that will be taken to move traffic to the approved Unser alignment and to discontinue use of the temporary Boca Negra roadbed. TRNA offers its abilities to help achieve the action plan.

TRNA supports the Council action to disallow any development/utility connections to Universe Boulevard, with the exception of Legacy which already has development approvals and for which TRNA has expended much effort to work out project plans. ☼

Ornament Debut

90 New Ornaments!
Saturday, October 5



In Petroglyph Plaza

Brownell's Hallmark
8201 Golf Course Road NW
890-3909

The AMBER Alert

There are three criteria for activation: 1) A stranger abduction of a child or an abduction where there is probable cause to believe the child may be harmed; 2) Positive information that can be passed on to the public via TV and radio; 3) Implementation through designated police personnel (APD implements through the Child Exploitation Detail Sergeant or Lieutenant).

Phone 9-1-1 to report for activation of the emergency alert system. The Child Exploitation Supervisor will call KKOB radio with the information. KKOB then activates the broadcast statewide via both radio and TV.

The AMBER Alert system covers the entire state. It will be used only for fresh, stranger abduction with good information that the public can help with. It will not be used for custodial interference cases (unless life threatening).

The New Mexico Broadcaster's Association (NMBA) is the administering agency. The Albuquerque Police Dept., the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept., local law enforcement, and the NMBA are the participating agencies.

[From the online issue of the OCNC Neighborhood News, September/October 2002 issue.]



Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Outside

- Check weather stripping and caulking around windows / doors. Replace or repair as needed.
- Check for cracks and holes in house siding; fill with caulking as necessary.
- Remove window air conditioner; put weatherproof cover on permanent air conditioner.
- Take down removable screens. Clean and store.
- Put up/check storm windows and doors; clean and repair as needed.
- Drain outside faucets.
- Clean gutters, drainpipes, and canales so leaves won't clog them.
- Check roof for leaks; repair as necessary.
- Check flashing around vents, skylights, and chimney for leaks.
- Check chimney for damaged chimney caps and loose or missing mortar.
- Check chimney flue; clean obstructions. Make sure damper closes tightly.



Inside

- Check insulation whenever possible. Replace or add as necessary.
- Have heating system serviced; have humidifier checked. Change or clean filters on furnace.
- Drain hot water heater and remove sediment from bottom of tank; clean and adjust burners.
- Check all faucets for leaks; replace washers if necessary.
- Check and clean humidifier in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Clean refrigerator coils.

[From a Housing and Urban Development publication published in the 1980s]



Attorney General's Opinion Clarifies Status of Recognized Neighborhood Associations Pertaining to Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Act

The State Attorney General's Office has clarified the applicability of the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act as it pertains to neighborhood associations recognized by the City of Albuquerque.

The letter from the AG's office states that *the Open Meetings Act does not apply* to meetings conducted by the governing bodies of recognized neighborhood associations.

It further states that a neighborhood association that has been recognized pursuant to City Ordinance is not a City agency or otherwise part of the City of Albuquerque government. Accordingly, *it is not a "public body"* whose records are covered by the Inspection of Public Records Act.

[Excerpts from an article in the September/October 2002 issue of the OCNC *Neighborhood News*. It was originally printed in the February/March 2000 issue of that publication.] ☀



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Thanks for your support!

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.

Send it to: *Problem Report, TRNA, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288* or email it to vanBerkel@compuserve.com ☼



Santa's making his list!



The Outback Steakhouse has graciously offered to host our Holiday Luncheon again this year. Arrive at noon for a delicious lunch (kitchen closes at 12:30), followed by our annual meeting, door prizes, and Santa's visit. Please bring a dessert to share. It's wonderful to see and taste the great desserts!

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items or toiletries for our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need. TRNA members have given these wonderful gifts for several years. Boxes will be available for your donation.

Please send in your reservation as soon as possible so we can plan for food and get the list to Santa well in advance. Due to the limited space, this luncheon is members only (no guests, please). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact June Newman at 898-5447.

TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 7, 2002 * 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m.
 Outback Steakhouse, 10022 Coors Blvd NW



Reservation Form

Yes, we will attend the party on Saturday, December 7! We will bring a dessert to share and a non-perishable food item to donate.

Member Name _____ Phone _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____ (TRNA members only, please)

Adult meals: Chicken on the Barbie (Grilled Chicken) _____
 Walhalla Pasta (Alfredo Pasta w/Vegetables) _____

Child meals: Kookaburra Chicken Fingers _____

For children's gifts (newborn to fifth grade), please list age for each child:

Boys' Age(s) _____ Girls' Age(s) _____



Please mail this form to the address below. We need to receive your reservation by November 22.

TRNA Holiday Party, c/o June Newman, 6301 Kearny Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

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

- 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

- Ceil van Berkel, *President*..... 899-2738
 Eddie Costello, *Vice-President*..... 362-6700
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 Tom Knutilla, *Director/Social Committee* 897-2751
 Dana Krill, *Director* 898-9117

- Don Newton, *Director/Governmental Affairs*..... 898-2185
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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 requires written permission. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions.

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TRNA General Membership Meeting

TRNA will be holding a general membership meeting at LBJ Middle School at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2002. TRNA has invited some candidates from the November 5, 2002 election to be there to take your questions. Look for more details on the TRNA bulletin boards!



Dia del Rio 2002
October 19th at the
Albuquerque Botanic Garden
& the bosque at Central

Live Entertainment
Educational Information Booths
Storytelling and the BioVan
Tree planting in the bosque

Bike Ride at 8:00 am, Volunteer Projects 9:00 am

For more information or to request booth space, contact On-drea Hummel at 452-5211 or olineroth@cabq.gov

CANDIDATE FAIR

Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 pm
Bosque School

The Westside Coalition is holding a Candidate Fair at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 27, 2002 at the Bosque School.

Candidates for a variety of public offices representing the Taylor Ranch area will be participating. The format of the fair will provide an opportunity for members of the public to interact with the candidates on an informal one-on-one basis. Bring your questions and meet the candidates!

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: North of Montañño: Oct 4th, 18th South of Montañño: Oct 11th, 25th