

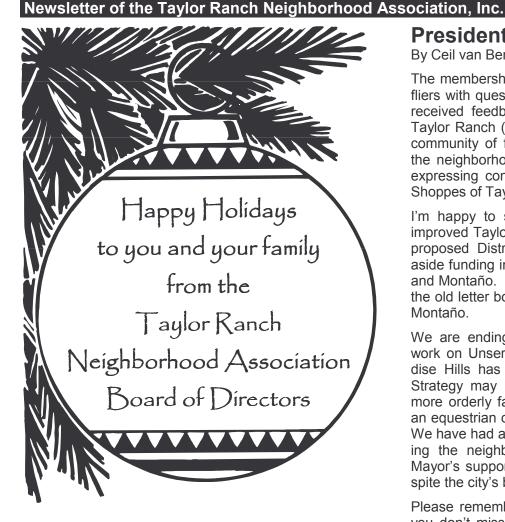








December 2002



## New Building in the "Fountain Park" at Taylor Ranch and Montaño

By Ceil van Berkel, President

On November 17, the Mesa View United Methodist Church, Mayor Chavez, and members of the Taylor Ranch community gathered in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Ministry Center on the northeast corner of Montaño and Taylor Ranch Road. This property will continue to play a significant role in the Taylor Ranch community as it has in the past.

The "fountain park" was the heart of Taylor Ranch at the

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## **President's Message**

By Ceil van Berkel

The membership committee has been distributing TRNA fliers with questionnaires in several neighborhoods. We received feedback commenting on the good things in Taylor Ranch (low crime rate, quiet, safe neighborhood, community of families who know each other and keep the neighborhood clean, good schools, and parks) and expressing concerns (speeders, empty buildings at the Shoppes of Taylor Ranch, and auto thefts).

I'm happy to say that one of the items mentioned improved Taylor Ranch signs—is being worked on. The proposed District 5 Capital Improvement Program set aside funding includes a new sign at Taylor Ranch Road and Montaño. A volunteer has also offered to help fix up the old letter board that was taken down from Coors and Montaño.

We are ending 2002 with several marks of progress: work on Unser Road between Taylor Ranch and Paradise Hills has become a priority; the Planned Growth Strategy may help manage future Westside growth in more orderly fashion; we still have hope of maintaining an equestrian center; and our membership is increasing. We have had a high-profile known sex offender frequenting the neighborhood lately, but the police, with the Mayor's support, have maintained 24/7 surveillance despite the city's budget problems.

Please remember to renew your TRNA membership so you don't miss out on the exciting activities planned at the beginning of 2003. It's going to be a good year. In January we will announce and begin using our new TRNA web site and we will have our first general membership meeting of the year on January 22.

Best wishes for a happy and healthful holiday season from your Board of Directors. See you at the TRNA Holiday Lunch on December 7! 🌣

#### Name/Address Corrections

Please send name and/or address corrections to Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288 or call Virginia Klebesadel at 898-9173.

♦♦♦ NOTICE ♦♦♦

Board Meeting — December 18 — 7:00 PM

## **Zoning and Transportation Update**

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

**Medians.** In the past month, you may have noticed crews landscaping the Montaño median from Equestrian to Unser. The original project (Coors to Equestrian) did not have funding all the way to Unser. However, Councilor Cadigan and Pat Montoya of the City's Capital Improvement Office were able to acquire funds so the entire median could have quality landscaping. Taylor Ranch is fortunate to have this landscaped median along with the recently landscaped Taylor Ranch Road. Efforts are being made to allocate funds to landscape the Golf Course medians in the future.

**Upper Mesa.** Discussion continues on how to deal with the outdated platting on lands just west of the Escarpment on the Upper Mesa (roughly extending from Dellyne to Calle Norteña). Councilor Cadigan has recently been able to acquire funds to hold an intensive design workshop to explore how this area can develop while preserving the fragile escarpment environment.

**Unser Dogleg.** The Mayor and our Councilor are lining up funding for the Unser 'dogleg' to be built sooner than later. This segment is from the Montaño intersection, through the escarpment and connecting to Universe. Councilor Cadigan has earmarked \$500K in the current budget and the Mayor is lining up the millions needed in next year's budget.

**Temporary Roads.** The Council Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee has passed legislation on temporary roads to the full City Council for hearing in early December. Councilor Cadigan's measure states that neighborhood associations within one mile of a temporary road must be notified when the City intends to construct a temporary road. ☆



# **District 5 Meeting Topics Include Jobs and Capital Improvements**

By Ceil van Berkel, TRNA President

On November 14, a small group of District 5 Neighborhood Association representatives attended Councilor Cadigan's monthly meeting. The focus was on economic development and the impact that the Philips plant closing may have on District 5.

Mike Alberts, of the Albuquerque Office of Economic Development, is trying to find new uses for the building that will be vacated and jobs for the people who will be unemployed. He also is looking for ways to attract new businesses. One suggestion was that various city offices provide points of contact on their web pages for businesses considering relocating to Albuquerque. (The Albuquerque Office of Economic Development has been downsized and does not have a web page on the city site.)

The second topic was the list of projects proposed for the District 5 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) set aside. The list is not yet final, and there is still a possibility that some of the funds may have to be diverted to the Unser road project. [See page 3 for a preliminary list.] 🔆

# Happy Holidays!

Come in and see our Snow Cub Club Collection



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

#### TRNA BUSINESS MEMBERS

Dr. Marty Armijo, DDS 6100 Coors NW 897-7740

Brownell's Hallmark Petroglyph Plaza 890-3909

Family Dentistry/Dr. Mark Johnson 5115 Coors NW 922-9511

Mail Boxes Etc.
Petroglyph Plaza 792-0917

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Raley's in Montaño Plaza 897-1800

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Vaughan Company Realtors
899-4077

Thanks for your support!



## Watch Your Car

Over two-thirds of stolen cars are taken at night with

most stolen between 1 am and 5 am. The New Mexico State Police have developed a program to assist you in retrieving your vehicle if it is stolen. The program is called Watch Your Car.

You register your car with the New Mexico State Police who affix a sticker on it to verify ownership. If your car is seen on the road between 1 am and 5 am, an officer will pull the car over to verify that the driver is the owner. This sticker also alerts the Border Patrol who will ask for the identity of anyone driving a vehicle with this sticker across an international border.

To find out more about this program call the NM State Police office at 841-9256. ☆

### Fall Flea Market a Success!

We held our Fall Flea Market on November 16. The weather and turnout were both good.

A big "Thank You!" goes to all volunteers who helped with this project, all the wonderful vendors, Cross of Hope, and Raley's. 100% of supplies for food sales were donated by Raley's.

All proceeds from the event will go to the funds being collected for the Quinn Burdett Family. [See "The Mighty Quinn," November 2002]

## How "Pampering Yourself" Can Lead to a Steady Income

Its time to indulge your senses and take care of yourself. And if the time is right, you can build an excellent income as well.

Sense' Beautiful Science. Building your beauty inside and out. Experience our facial today.





## Proposed 2003 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects for District 5

The following is a preliminary list of projects proposed for the District 5 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) set aside. This list is not yet final, and there is still a possibility that some funds may be diverted to the Unser road project. Also listed are projects that were suggested but are not feasible.

Traffic Calming Devices (speed humps/rumble strips):

Las Ventanas, Las Terrazas, Sagittarius from Bandelier to end, Bandelier from Unser to end, Olympic and Golf Course, Olympic and Seven Bar, Driftwood and Olympic.

#### Median Landscaping:

Golf Course from Paseo del Norte to Taylor Ranch Road, Golf Course from Eagle Ranch to Golf Course, Coors north of Montaño, Golf Course from Paradise Hills to Marna Lynn, and trees for median from Irving to Bandelier off Unser.

#### Sidewalks:

Golf Course from Shelly Rose to end of McDonalds, Homestead Circle from Tesuque to Chamiza Elementary School.

Traffic Signals: Countdown walk signs at Coors & Montaño.

#### Park Improvements:

Pave trail around top of Mariposa Basin Park

Ramp from sidewalk to school access from Richland Hills Park

Pave Boca Negra Arroyo trail from San Ildefonso to Tesuque

Develop Boca Negra Arroyo trail from Tesuque to Unser Overhead lights in Salido del Sol Park

#### Miscellaneous:

Median signs at Taylor Ranch & Montaño (Welcome to Taylor Ranch)

### **Non-Feasible Projects**

Pedestrian Bridge at Coors & Montaño:

Cost prohibitive at \$1-2 Million; studies show that these bridges are not widely used in Albuquerque.

Sidewalk from eastbound Paseo to southbound Coors:

The estimate of construction is contingent on the safety requirements of the barrier wall and the sidewalk due to the proximity of high speed traffic. (This is in NM State right-of-way.)

Stoplight at Education and Paradise at Pino Post Office: Public Works Dept. has determined that a traffic light at this intersection is not warranted.

#### Sierra Vista Pool:

Cost prohibitive at \$4 Million (long range CIP Plan)

#### Taylor Ranch Branch Library roof:

Other funds are available for roof repair.

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## Looking for the perfect Holiday Gift for your Neighbor?

Let them know how much you appreciate them by giving your special neighbor a TRNA Membership! It's a gift that keeps giving all year long. We will hand-address a gift announcement card with your name and mail it directly to each recipient. (For orders received on or before December 10, we will send gift announcement card(s) to you, if you prefer.)

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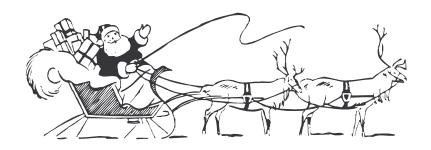
The following projects are not feasible because we cannot expend public funds on private property:

Sidewalk landscaping at 7 Bar Elementary School Design & landscape UNM Turnover land Bosque Farm—back of sidewalk/hardscape

Design & landscape triangle of land at southwest intersection of Marna Lynn and Golf Course

Small tot play lot at "Paseo del Norte Park" near Golf Course and Rancho Largo: The city does not have a park site in this location. There is a strip of land north of Rancho Largo that is a drainage easement into the Piedras Marcadas Detention Pond. This strip of land and the pond are both owned by AMAFCA.

Piedras Marcadas Park (increasing vegetation to restrict access): As noted above, the land is an AMAFCA facility.





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## Renew Your Membership Today and Stay Involved with TRNA!

Thank you all very much for your past support of your neighborhood association! You are very much appreciated and you play a vital role in improving the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

If your membership expires at the end of this month, please consider renewing today. (Your expiration date is printed at the top of your mailing label.) A renewal form is provided on page 7. Paid renewals received before or during the Holiday Party (December 7) will be entered into a special Prize Drawing to be held at the party. You do not need to be present to win.

~Susan Sisson, 897-4684 🌣

# What is a TRNA Director? Why would you want to be one?

By Ceil van Berkel, President

In January, the nominating committee will be soliciting volunteers to serve as directors. The election of directors will take place at our March general membership meeting. The following information may help you decide whether you'd like to volunteer.

In general, the directors manage the association and are responsible for promoting, protecting and improving the quality of life in the Taylor Ranch area on behalf of the entire membership. Their mission is to foster a sense of community among members, hear and act upon matters pertinent to the community, and present a neighborhood point of view to city, county, state, and federal agencies.

Why would you want to serve as a director? To use your talents for the good of your community; to get to know your neighbors; to know what's going on in the city and community; to solve a problem that bothers your and your family; to influence decisions that will affect us all for years to come; to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions; and, finally, to preserve TRNA, because if no one serves, the association dies.

TRNA bylaws define a governing body of 11 directors. The directors serve two-year terms, beginning April 1 of the election year. Directors are volunteers who receive no pay for their services. Each director spends between 5 and 30 hours per month on TRNA activities, depending on time available and responsibilities assumed.

Specifically, each director:

Assumes responsibility for some aspect of TRNA activities

- By serving as an officer (President, Vicepresident, Treasurer, Secretary)
- By accepting responsibility for an area of concern, such as

Newsletter Education
Social Activities Youth Committee
Membership Crime Prevention
Zoning Parks & Recreation
Transportation Beautification

#### Attends TRNA meetings

- Quarterly general membership meetings
- Monthly board of directors meetings
- Special meetings, as required

#### Represents TRNA

- By voting on issues to establish a TRNA position
- By attending and speaking at public hearings and meetings, if required

If you are interested, please contact any officer or other director listed on page 7 in this newsletter. 🜣

## **Protect Our Children** from the Office of Mayor Martin Chávez

In light of the many recent tragedies that have happened to our nation's children, Mayor Martin J. Chavez and First Lady Margaret Aragon de Chavez are urging families, schools, and neighborhoods to be proactive in protecting our children.

Please follow this advice:

- Don't leave toys outside the house.
- Tell children about specific lures that a child predator may try to use.
- Emphasize to children that a stranger is anyone that they do not know, and will not always look like a monster
- Tell children that if they are approached by a stranger in a car, they should run in the direction opposite of which the car is pointing, yelling as loudly as possible things like "Fire! Stranger! I don't know this person!"
- Know your children's friends, their parents, and current addresses and phone numbers for the families.
- People lie (especially on the Internet).
- Pleas for sympathy such as "I lost my dog" or promises of rewards such as "I'll give you candy or toys" are usually lies.
- Tell children that if they are taken by a stranger, they should kick, scream, bite, scratch, and do anything EXCEPT go quietly.
- DO NOT WAIT 24 HOURS before contacting police if a child is missing.
- Place a young child's computer in a common family area, not in a bedroom, monitor their use closely, and utilize Internet safety programs.
- Have a secret code word known only by the parent and the child. Tell the child not to go near any stranger who does not know the correct word.

Contact: Detective Jay Barnes 761-4060. ☼



## TRNA Board States Position on Cadigan Recall Attempt

The Board of Directors of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association reaffirmed its opposition to a recall vote in District 5. TRNA appreciates Councilor Cadigan's work on behalf of the neighborhoods in his district.

The following motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the Directors present at our November 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting: "The Board of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association has enjoyed a positive working relationship with Councilor Cadigan and opposes his recall."

TRNA communicated this to Councilor Cadigan via a letter from our president, Ceil van Berkel. ☼



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beginning of its development. Early July 4<sup>th</sup> concerts and fireworks displays were held there. The two-story building at the east end of the property was the first Taylor Ranch library and has since become the home of the Westside Family YMCA. TRNA held its annual Easter Egg Hunts there for many years, the board of directors met in those buildings, and our Founders' Day parades ended there with games and food in the park.

The property has always been privately owned. When Mesa View United Methodist Church bought the property, we were concerned that this special place would no longer be available to the community. However, this has not been the case.

Although the original high fountain was too difficult for the Church to maintain, they have re-graded the pond and installed a smaller fountain to keep the Taylor Ranch fountain tradition alive. They have also been very generous in allowing the YMCA and community groups to use their facilities over the years.

The new Ministry Center, with its large hall, kitchen, meeting rooms, and large parking lot on the north side, is available to non-profit community groups for meetings and fundraisers. If your nonprofit group would like to use the Ministry Center, call 898-3506 to make arrangements.

## From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea...

This time of year is a busy time for most of us. Unfortunately, it is also a convenient time for opportunists to find new victims. Below are a few safety tips to keep in mind.

- \* Even though you are in a rush shopping, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- \* Shop with a friend whenever possible.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- \* Pay for purchases with check or credit card.
- \* Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse tightly under your arm and don't leave it unattended, even for a minute.
- Don't display gifts where they may be seen through a window or doorway.
- \* Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you go out, even for a few minutes.
- \* Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to

be out late.

\* Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall. They should never go into a parking lot alone.

These are just a few things to think about when you're out this holiday season.



The Cottonwood Mall will have additional police officers assigned during the holiday season. If you are at the Cottonwood Mall and feel uncomfortable about a situation, don't hesitate to come by the substation (lower lever west end next to Foleys) and report the situation to police.

**APD Westside Area Command** 

The Cottonwood Mall Substation will remain open during the regular mall hours. If you have any questions, contact me at 897-8802.

Stay safe and keep an eye out for each other.

~Lt. E. Perea

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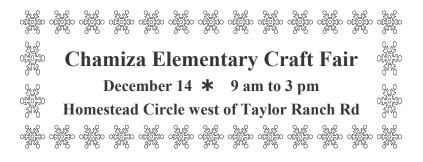
Green Yard Waste Collection December 2—6
Telephone Book Recycling December 9—January 24
Christmas Treecycling December 26—January 6
Call the City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Dept. at 761-8100 for more information or visit www.cabq.gov/solidwaste.

## NORTHWEST OPTIMIST CLUB Annual Christmas Tree Lot

Opens Sunday, December 1st 10:00 am to 9:00 pm daily

On Corrales Road just north of Alameda Blvd./Hwy. 528

All proceeds go to the support of area youth activities. For information call 899-5107 or 280-8105.



## TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 7 \* Noon - 2:30 pm Outback Steakhouse, 10022 Coors Blvd NW

Our current reservations fill the house for the TRNA Holiday Luncheon on December 7! Please arrive by noon (kitchen closes at 12:30) and *bring a dessert to share.* We are looking forward to sharing the holiday season with neighbors!

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items or toiletries for our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need. Boxes will be available for your donation.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: North of Montaño: Dec 13, 27 South of Montaño: Dec 6, 20