



# MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

January 2003

## Happy New Year!



### President's Message

By Ceil van Berkel

On behalf of the board of directors of TRNA, I offer our best wishes for a healthful and happy 2003!

TRNA finished 2002 with a wonderful Holiday Party at Outback Restaurant. I hope your family enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a fine way to end 2002 and begin the holiday season leading into 2003.

I hope you'll be able to join us at the General Membership Meeting on January 22. [Please see announcement below.] See you there! ☀

### General Meeting Announcement

Our first general membership meeting of 2003 will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22nd, in the new Ministry Center of Mesa View United Methodist Church at Taylor Ranch Road and Montañó (east off of Taylor Ranch Road).

Come to hear what the board has been doing on your behalf and to present your concerns and opinions to the board: zoning issues, overcrowded schools, traffic, speeders, sex offenders in the community, deteriorating houses and streets, new roads, petition to recall our city councilor, widening of Montañó, future development, updates on pending issues, etc.

Enjoy refreshments, meet your neighbors and board members, voice your opinions and concerns. ☀

### Montañó Trailhead: Access to the Bosque

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

The City is planning a two-acre trailhead site at the northeast corner of Montañó and Learning Road for access to the Bosque in our area. The site will have about 22 parking spaces, bike racks, a horse fence, and picnic tables along a nature trail that loops through the trees. All significant cottonwoods will be preserved.

The TRNA Board reviewed the site plan at its December meeting and voted unanimously to recommend support to the Environmental Planning Commission. While members thought more parking was still needed, they agreed that they wouldn't want to take out trees for parking. Jim Strozier of Consensus Planning said the City will seek additional parking by sharing parking areas that commercial projects will build to the west, across Learning Road.

The Bosque is a beautiful eastern boundary for Taylor Ranch. We are fortunate to have the river, cottonwoods, and the recreational trails so close to our community. And we are thankful to Mayor Chavez for moving this trailhead project forward to facilitate easier and safer access for our community. ☀

### WANTED: Nominating Committee Members



Nominating Committee chairman Don Newton is asking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee finds people who are willing and able to serve on the TRNA Board of Directors.

The committee will develop a list of board candidates by the end of January. If you can serve on the committee, or if you are willing and able to serve as a director and want to be nominated, please call Ceil van Berkel (899-2738) or Don Newton (898-2185). ☀

### ◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

**General Membership Meeting — January 22 at 7:00 PM — Ministry Center (see article)**

**Board Meeting — January 15 — 7:00 PM**

Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)  
If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the President three (3) days in advance.

## Zoning and Transportation Update

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

### Southwest Corner of Eagle Ranch and Coors

Can you imagine Coors Boulevard looking like Rio Rancho's section of NM 528? Albuquerque city planners and TRNA continue to work to make sure that does not happen. The Westside Strategic Plan calls for the commercial projects along Coors to be concentrated in Centers and not all along the road, i.e. strip commercial. The Coors Corridor Plan requires special landscaping and preservation of views.

TRNA faced a dilemma with a small two-acre remnant parcel at the southwest corner of Coors and Eagle Ranch Road. The County originally zoned the parcel multifamily; the City has now annexed it. Tim McNaney, who is also developing a large residential project across Eagle Ranch to the north, requested rezoning as Mixed Use with a restriction that no more than 50% of the site could be C-2. The request included a provision for public site plan review (SU-1 zoning) and design guidelines.

TRNA agreed that the parcel's small size and adjacency to heavy Coors traffic did not lend itself to a quality residential project. The TRNA Board told the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) that it did not want to see any commercial use that would generate high amounts of traffic on the site. TRNA noted particular concern about zoning that would allow a fast food restaurant. TRNA's intent was to seek for low intensity commercial uses that would have the highest compatibility with nearby residences. Further, TRNA did not want this area to detract from the 'Centers' concept on Coors Boulevard.

The EPC responded by granting mixed use with C-1 instead of C-2 commercial zoning. (C-1 is a much less intense commercial zone.) Other mixed-use components could include office or residential, while only office is likely. The EPC also limited the height of buildings to 26 feet, on par with the height for residential structures. Finally, the EPC required that any restaurants on the site have full-service liquor, which effectively allows only a sit-down and not a fast-food restaurant.

TRNA appreciates the EPC, Consensus Planning, and Mr. McNaney for working toward a promising solution that respects Westside plans for this area.

### Las Casitas del Rio



The TRNA Board is recommending approval of the site plan for a residential subdivision off Winterhaven, just north of Montaño, and immediately north of the Raylee townhome project. The developer is proposing 31 single-family detached homes on the 6.8 acres.

The site plan complies with a requirement for a 100-foot buffer along the Lower Corrales Riverside Drain. This buffer area will be a private commons area for the subdivision. The developer is placing a trail running north and south through this buffer area. The trail is intended to be open to the public and to connect to trails on adjacent sites. TRNA is emphasizing to the EPC the need for this trail to connect to other trails north and south of this parcel. ☀

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# Friends and Neighbors Enjoy TRNA 2002 Holiday Party

By Tom Knutilla, Director/Social Committee

Fun, fellowship and good cheer were the order of the day at this year's TRNA Holiday Party at the Outback Steakhouse on December 7<sup>th</sup>. There were few if any empty seats, and once again Pat Hafner and his staff did an wonderful job of hosting and serving, and we thank them for the great meal. Also, thanks to the TRNA members who contributed a dessert—I think I sampled most of them.

As expected, Santa appeared right on cue and presented each elementary school aged child with a beautiful gift. The elves on staff at TRNA helped with a door prize drawing for the adults.

Honored guests included Mayor Martin Chavez with his son, Zeke, and Lieutenant Edmund Perea with his daughter, Madison. TRNA members James Lewis and the Cadigan family also attended, along with over 200 other TRNA members. It was a fabulous turnout.

The wonderful volunteers made this event possible. We would like to thank June Newman, the master behind it all. There is a long list of helping hands: Peggy Minich; Brett, Karen, Brittney & Sidney Lopez; Ken Newman; Courtney Knutilla; Dana Krill; Amanda Tatum; Scott & Susan Sisson and Virginia Klebesadel for membership renewal prize and drawing. Thanks go to Deborah Nason for the photos. I'm sure there were more—thank you all.

Donations of canned goods enabled us to donate five food baskets through Marie Hughes Elementary. Many thanks to our members for their generous donations and to Raley's for donating a turkey for each basket.

Have a happy, safe, and prosperous 2003! ☀



Mayor Chavez & his son with the outstanding Outback Staff

Happy faces from one of the "Kids Only" tables...  
Santa's on his way!



## Advisory Board Positions Open

Councilor Cadigan is looking for volunteers for the following boards and committees. The number listed in parentheses is the number of vacancies on the board or committee.

- Advisory Board for Mobility Impaired (6)
- Animal Welfare Board (11)
- Arts Board: Vacancy in City Council District 1
- Commission on Immigrant Affairs (1)
- Customer Advisory Committee (4)
- Environmental Planning Commission (2)
- Ground Water Protection Advisory Board (3)
- Housing and Neighborhood Econ. Dev. Committee (1)
- Human Rights Board (2)
- Joint Advisory Board for Persons with Disabilities (4)
- Joint Air Quality Board (1)
- Landmarks (1)
- Library Advisory Board (3)
- Transit Advisory Board (2)
- Urban Enhancement Trust Fund
- Veterans Board (3)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1)

If you would be willing to serve, please contact Councilor Cadigan's office at 830-2076. ☀



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

**APD Westside Area Command**

**\* \* \* Happy New Year from the Officers of the Westside Area Command \* \* \***

Dear friends,

Our goal is to provide for opportunities to work in partnership with our community to provide for safe and secure neighborhoods. It is our pleasure to serve you.

On behalf of the officers assigned to the Westside Area Command. I'd like to wish you and your families a very safe, healthy and peaceful Holiday Season.

Directly due to your support we have accomplished a tremendous amount of good things for Albuquerque. I thank you and appreciate you and eagerly await 2003 with expectation that the best is yet to come.

Lieutenant Edmund Perea

**Westside Area Command 831-4705**

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**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):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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



# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

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

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

- 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"/> 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:**

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| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (3 yrs)  |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (3 yrs) |

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)

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| <p><b>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911</b><br/> <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i></p> <p>Police (non-emergency) ..... 242-COPS<br/>                 Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705<br/>                 Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall..... 897-8802<br/>                 Telephone Reporting Unit ..... 768-2030</p> <p>Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935</p> <p><b>Burn/No-Burn Advisory ..... 768-2876</b><br/>                 City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) ..... 768-4777<br/>                 City Council Office..... 768-3100</p> <p><b>City Councilor Michael Cadigan ..... 830-2076</b><br/>                 City Information ..... 768-2000<br/>                 Community and Neighborhood Coordination .... 924-3914</p> <p><b>Crime Stoppers..... 843-7867</b><br/>                 Dumping on Vacant Lots ..... 924-3850<br/>                 Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7390<br/>                 Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-5700<br/>                 Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline &amp; Removal ..... 768-4725<br/>                 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr .... 345-1650<br/>                 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8334<br/>                 Library (Information &amp; Reference)..... 768-5140<br/>                 Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000<br/>                 Neighborhood Crime Prevention ..... 924-3600<br/>                 Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers ..... 857-8650</p> | <p>Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669<br/>                 Poison &amp; Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222</p> <p><i>Public Works Department</i></p> <p><b>Pothole Repair ..... 857-8025</b><br/>                 Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640<br/>                 Sidewalk Obstructions ..... 857-8000</p> <p>Ridepool..... 243-7433<br/>                 Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160</p> <p><i>Solid Waste Department</i></p> <p>Recycling Information ..... 761-8100<br/>                 Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100<br/>                 Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100</p> <p>State Information ..... 1-800-825-6639<br/>                 State Police..... 841-9256<br/>                 SunTran Information (Bus) ..... 843-9200<br/>                 SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165</p> <p><i>Vehicle Information</i></p> <p>Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets ..... 768-2277<br/>                 Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property ..... 924-3850<br/>                 Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273<br/>                 Vehicle Emission Testing..... 764-1110<br/>                 Water &amp; Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250<br/>                 Weed &amp; Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060<br/>                 Zoning Violations ..... 924-3850</p> |
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## TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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| <p>President: <i>Ceil van Berkel</i> ..... 899-2738<br/>                 Vice-President: <i>Eddie Costello</i> ..... 362-6700<br/>                 Secretary: <i>Diana Manning</i> ..... 898-6547<br/>                 Treasurer: <i>Virginia Klebesadel</i> ..... 898-9173<br/>                 Director/Education: <i>Dana Krill</i> ..... 898-9117<br/>                 Director/Governmental Affairs: <i>Don Newton</i> .... 898-2185<br/>                 Director/Land Use &amp; Transportation: <i>Jolene Wolfley</i> ... 890-9414<br/>                 Director/Parks &amp; Rec. Chair: <i>Dana Davis</i>..... 379-1391</p> | <p>Director/Social Committee: <i>Tom Knutilla</i> ..... 897-2751<br/>                 Director/Westside Coalition: <i>Tom Dietz</i> ..... 899-9231<br/>                 Youth Director: <i>Amanda Tatum</i> ..... 897-5071<br/>                 Education Co-chair: <i>Jerry Vaughn</i> ..... 898-6547<br/>                 Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i> ..... 899-2738<br/>                 Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> ..... 897-4684<br/>                 Newsletter Editor: <i>RayeAnn Tucker</i>..... 898-5262</p> |
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**General Membership Meeting**  
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7:00 PM  
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<http://www.cabq.gov/animalservices/index.html>

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2. Click on the image of the animal to obtain the animal ID
3. Call the phone number listed

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**CURBSIDE RECYCLING:** North of Montaño: Jan 10, 24      South of Montaño: Jan 3, 17, 31