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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

February 2003

Albuquerque Public Schools' Critical Needs

APS is having an election on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. The proposed General Obligation (GO) bond and Mill Levy are needed to protect our community's investments by maintaining and repairing aging facilities and adding facilities to address major growth and educational needs.

Approval of the \$70,010,100 GO bond will **not** increase the tax rate. The Two Mill tax levy is a reinstatement of a tax approved in the past by APS voters, but not levied in the current tax year. Approval by voters will increase the mill levy from its current rate by \$2 per \$1000 of net taxable value, or \$8.33 a month on a \$150,000 home—a good investment in our children's education.

A NO vote will mean using options including forced bussing and year-round multi-track schools to address overcrowding in our community's schools.

A YES vote will provide for our community's schools as shown in the Cibola High School Cluster Project list on page 3 of this newsletter. A YES vote supports our schools and children today and helps build a better tomorrow.

For more information contact APS Community Relations at 842-3606 or visit www.voteaps.com.

[Material provided by APS Community Relations] ☀

VOTE on Feb. 4

KEEP ALBUQUERQUE BEAUTIFUL Has Grant Money for Small Public Projects

Keep Albuquerque Beautiful has grant money of \$4000 for neighborhood projects in beautification, litter control, landscaping and maintenance of right-of-way or streetscapes. Projects must be on public property.

This grant money must be shared by all Albuquerque neighborhoods and is considered leverage funding, so projects with funds from other sources are favored. Grant money may *not* be used for gravel, concrete walls/fencing, benches, picnic tables, playground

Zoning and Transportation Update

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Traffic in Boca Negra Canyon

How many cars are now using Universe? John Castillo of Public Works reported at the District 5 Neighborhoods Meeting that there are approximately 3400 cars on Universe, with roughly 3000 of those traveling through the Boca Negra Canyon. This number is in line with what a local road would carry. However, the Council of Governments has predicted that traffic will reach 4000 to 6000 cars in the first six months and then continue to increase.

Golf Course Road Improvements

The Golf Course Road project from Irving to Ellison is delayed because of new federal requirements for noise walls. They would require the City to purchase the private fences of homeowners along the corridor if the fence heights are raised. The City is trying to work a new angle to avoid this costly and cumbersome acquisition. (Reported by John Castillo at the District 5 meeting.)

Bosque Trails, Homes, and More Stores?

The strip of land between Coors and the Bosque continues to be an active area of development proposals. TRNA has recently reviewed residential projects and a new store proposal north of Montaño. Other commercial projects are being considered south of Montaño. And interest is growing regarding how Taylor Ranch trails can

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Board Meeting — February 19 — 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, continued from page 1)
connect to the trails near the river.

Now is an opportune time for all of us to consider the best uses and designs for this area. If you are interested in these topics, come to Councilor Cadigan's District 5 Neighborhoods Meeting at 7 pm on March 13th at the Open Space Visitors Center. City planners will discuss development activity in the area. Contact Diana Trujeque at 768-3101 for more information on this meeting.

Message to Mayor and Our Councilor on Universe and Kimmick

The TRNA Board voted to send a letter to the City expressing appreciation for the traffic calming that has occurred thus far to protect neighborhoods downstream from Universe Boulevard. In addition, the Board asked that monitoring of the traffic and travel speeds continue.

The Board also expressed concern regarding Kimmick Road. The Kimmick alignment is above the Escarpment but east of Universe. When a major residential project called Legacy develops, it will build Kimmick and connect it south to Universe. TRNA is expressing its preference that Kimmick not connect north to Paradise Boulevard until the Unser dogleg is built (which will replace the road now in the Boca Negra Canyon). ☀



City-County Unification Public Meetings

The Unification Charter Commission (UCC), Albuquerque-Bernalillo County has announced it's public forum schedule. The first meeting, to discuss the wording of the charter preamble and the name of the new unified government was held on January 11th.

Future public meetings will all be held on **Saturday mornings** in the City-County Chambers (basement level of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center) at 5th Street and Marquette, from **9 am to 12 noon**.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>
February 1	Options for Creation and Powers (Article 1)
March 1	Options for Composition (Article 2)
April 26	Options for Administration and Elections (Articles 3 & 4)
June 7	Options for Finance (Article 5)
August 13	Planning; Initiatives, Referenda, Recalls; Employee Provision, Ethics, Transitions (Articles 6-10)
September 10	Presentation of Completed Charter

Additional information can be found at the UCC website:

<http://www.abcucc.net>. [Submitted by Ceil van Berkel.] ☀



Clarification Regarding Advisory Board Positions

The Advisory Board positions listed in the January issue are City boards. City councilors nominate candidates and Mayor Chavez makes the appointments to the boards. This can take several to many months. Please contact Councilor Cadigan at 830-2076 if you are interested being nominated. ☀

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Thanks to TRNA from Marie Hughes

In December, Principal Jami Jacobson of Marie Hughes Elementary sent a big Thank You to Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association members for their donation of holiday food baskets and to June Newman for her hard work and garage space. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! ☀

Pardon the Dust at Raley's

Can you believe it's been almost 18 years since Montañó Plaza got its big grocery store? Raley's is now undergoing a remodel to bring state-of-the-art amenities and convenient services to its customers. Estimated completion of the remodel is May 2003.

Raley's is a generous contributor to TRNA and our community. Thanks, Raley's! ☀

Mail Boxes, Etc Goes the Extra Mile

Many thanks to Jerry and Nadine Beck at Mail Boxes, Etc. Their speedy service with a smile helps get this newsletter to you on time each month. Drop in to say hello to these fine folks—they're in Petroglyph Plaza next to Starbucks, just south of Smith's. ☀

Cibola High School Cluster Total Project Costs: \$13,137,151

<p><i>Cibola High School</i> Reroofing Projects Floor Tile Repair and Renewal Concrete Sidewalks and Plaster HVAC Improvements Technology</p> <p><i>LBJ Middle School</i> Structural Study/Corrections Technology</p> <p><i>James Monroe Middle School</i> Technology</p> <p><i>Taylor Middle School</i> Reroof Project HVAC Improvements Technology</p> <p><i>Chamiza Elementary School</i> Technology</p> <p><i>Corrales Elementary School</i> Reroof Existing Buildings Lighting Improvements Facilities Painting School Facility Floor Tile and Renewal</p>	<p><i>Corrales Elementary School, con't</i> Irrigation Controls Playground Equipment Renewal Technology</p> <p><i>Marie Hughes Elementary School</i> HVAC Improvements Technology</p> <p><i>New Ventana Ranch Elementary School</i> Design Fee New Core Elementary School Technology</p> <p><i>Petroglyph Elementary School</i> Technology</p> <p><i>Seven Bar Elementary School</i> Phase II Classroom Multi Purpose Facility Addition Technology</p> <p><i>Sierra Vista Elementary School</i> Upgrade Electrical/Lighting Mechanical Systems HVAC Improvements Technology</p>
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(See related article on page 1 of this newsletter.)



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From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . .

APD Westside Area Command

GRAFFITI

To Report graffiti call

Graffiti Removal 24-hour Hotline.....768-4725
Leave full street address of defaced area and texture/color of surface to be painted.

To Report graffiti vandals in action and their license plate number call

ABQ Police Department Hotline.....242-COPS(2677)

Property Owner Consent

Any effort to clean up graffiti on private property must be done with the property owner's consent. A consent form

is available from:

Graffiti Removal Services.....857-8055

Take Responsibility

The City of Albuquerque can and will seek damages from graffiti vandals and/or their parents.

Tagger Alert

Volunteers have an opportunity to expand on our graffiti removal program efforts by posting this "Tagger Alert" signs in their neighborhood. Graffiti Removal will provide for willing participants signage that is 2 feet by 3 feet with information on where to report graffiti and if you witness graffiti in progress what number to call.

2003 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2003

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$500 Scholarships must meet all four of the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of the Association (north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande and West Mesa Escarpment);
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2003, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service through school-wide and extracurricular activities, church and/or other organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2003.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Name _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ - _____ - _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico, ZIP Code _____ Telephone Number _____

Is your family a member of TRNA? _____ Yes _____ No (Membership is not required)

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2002) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: _____

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: _____

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

Please provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Send your application to: Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association,
P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.**

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.

If you have already renewed, pass this on to a neighbor!

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>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911
 <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>
 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 Information 768-2000
 Crime Stoppers 843-7867
 Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850
 Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7390
 Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-5700
 Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline & Removal 768-4725
 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr 345-1650
 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8334
 Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140
 Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000
 Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600
 Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) 924-3914
 Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650</p> | <p>Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
 Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
 <i>Public Works Department</i>
 Pothole Repair 857-8025
 Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
 Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8000
 Ridepool..... 243-7433
 Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
 <i>Solid Waste Department</i>
 Recycling Information 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
 <i>Vehicle Information</i>
 Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
 Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
 Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
 Vehicle Emission Testing..... 764-1110
 Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
 Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
 Zoning Violations 924-3850</p> |
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TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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 Director/Westside Coalition: <i>Tom Dietz</i> 899-9231
 Youth Director: <i>Amanda Tatum</i> 897-5071
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 Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i> 899-2738
 Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> 897-4684
 Newsletter Editor: <i>RayeAnn Tucker</i>..... 898-5262</p> |
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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 22nd of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. Copyrighted material requires written permission.

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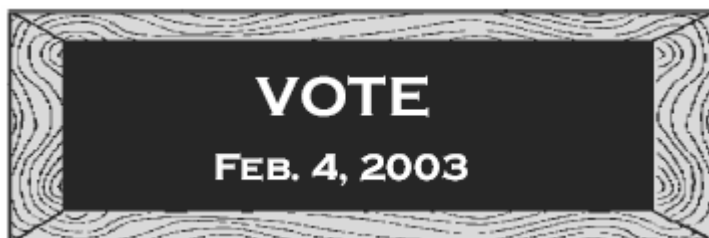
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