



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

June 2003

COMMUNITY CENTER IN PROGRESS!



Mayor, City Leaders, & Community Celebrate Groundbreaking

(Thanks to Deborah A. Nason, Office of Neighborhood Coordination, for the photograph.)

President's Message

From Eddie Costello, TRNA President

The Official Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Taylor Ranch Community Center was held on May 13, 2003. The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association has worked diligently to make this project a reality. Special thanks to all members of TRNA for their hard work and dedication.

Our next Board Meeting will be held June 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm. This will be a strategic planning session to set an agenda for the remainder of the year. ☀

Planned Growth Town Hall Meeting

City Councilor Michael Cadigan will host a Town Hall Meeting to facilitate a community dialogue regarding the Planned Growth Strategy (PGS). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at LBJ Middle School, 6811 Taylor Ranch Rd. NW.

The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the PGS and make comments and suggestions.



Nextel Proposes Eyesore TRNA Recommends Against

Nextel is proposing placement of a cell tower behind Allsup's at Homestead Hills Shopping Center. The proposal is a 50-foot tower with a top similar to the tower on the south side of Montaño approaching Unser.

TRNA discussed how this outdated cell tower design is an eyesore and that cell towers now try to blend into the community by using existing structures or designs that are not immediately identifiable as towers.

TRNA is communicating that this design is not acceptable and that Nextel should explore potential sites where there are already high structures to which the antennae could mount, such as the LBJ Middle School roof or a flagpole. [By J. Wolfley] ☀

Auto Repair Shop at NE Corner of Unser & Western Trail Proposed

TRNA Requests Additional Design Elements

An auto repair shop (no bodywork) is being proposed for a parcel at the northeast corner of Unser and Western Trail. The use is allowed, only the site design is under review with the EPC in June.

The TRNA Board reviewed the project in May with the architect and

(See Requested Design Elements in continuation on page 2)

◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

Board Meeting: Strategic Planning Session — June 14 — 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Paradise Hills Golf Course Clubhouse — 10035 Country Club Lane, Paradise Hills

If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the President three (3) days in advance.


TRNA Requests Design Elements for Auto Repair Shop,
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thought the design was good quality. The building has windows on the Unser side and will be tans and browns to blend with the open space escarpment across the street.

TRNA requested subtle signage on Unser to maintain the natural landscape and non-business 'feel' of this area. The site will be well landscaped and TRNA requested high desert landscaping and no ornamental trees. The site also uses walls to screen parking and work bays. TRNA requested that the walls be split face block and non-white colors to discourage graffiti. [By J. Wolfley] ☀

Mixed-Use Concept for Revised Site Plan for SW Corner of Coors & La Orilla

The proposed commercial and residential project at the southwest corner of Coors and La Orilla has postponed its hearing with the EPC until July. The applicant is working with the City on a revised site plan that uses a mixed-use concept. [By J. Wolfley] ☀





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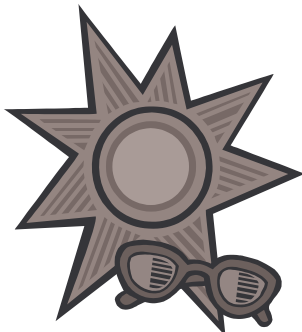
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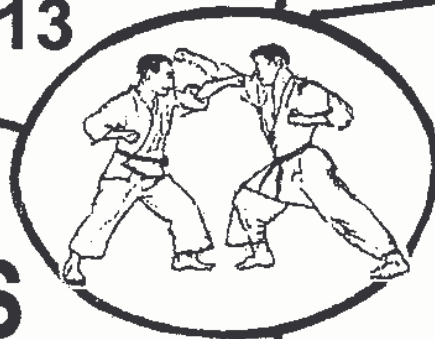
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Boca Negra Canyon

Take a walk back in time while learning about the geology, cultural and natural resources of Albuquerque's West Mesa at **Petroglyph National Monument's Boca Negra Canyon every Sunday at 10:00am.**

The "Petroglyph Walks" series starts **May 25th and runs through August 31st.** There is a \$2.00 parking fee. Boca Negra Canyon is located near the end of Unser Boulevard, just north of Montañito Road.



The Open Space Family EdVenture Series

This free series is geared for children 7 years and older and their families to learn about native plants, hummingbirds, gardening, nature observation, map and compass skills, pond ecology and nature poetry. These dates vary throughout the summer. Parents must participate with their child.

Plant Power! Learning About Plants of the Foothills

June 1, 9:00am, Elena Gallegos Amphitheater

Kids Hummingbird Class

June 7, 10:00am at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

Kids Gardening Class

June 11, 9:30am at Los Poblanos Fields Open Space

Observing Nature With Children

June 21, 9:00am at the Elena Gallegos Amphitheater

Map and Compass for Kids

June 29, 9:00am at the Elena Gallegos Amphitheater



From Lt. Ed Perea and the Westside Patrol Team

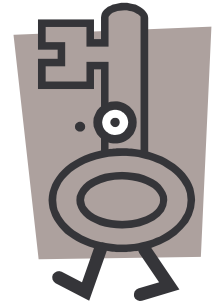
APD Westside Area Command

Summertime Crime Prevention Tips

This is usually the time of year that many of us choose to travel to see family and friends as well as enjoy a vacation. The following tips for securing your residence and travel safety should be observed before and during a trip.

Securing Your Residence and Preparing for Travel – Reduce Criminal Opportunity:

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity.
- If possible, have a trusted friend or family member stay at your home.
- Install automatic timers on lights, TV's and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If you have a rollout trash dumpster, have a neighbor place it in the street on pick up day and return it that evening. Also ask them to park a vehicle in the driveway when ever possible.
- Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- Unplug your garage door opener.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow for good natural surveillance of your property.
- Make arrangements to have exterior lights on each night.
- Each entrance should have a solid core or metal doors and deadbolt locks.
- Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.



Travel and Hotel/Motel Safety:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Lock all personal items in the trunk or away from view – roll up windows, lock doors and take your keys.
- Park in well lit areas with a lot activity. Park as close to an entrance as possible.
- Hotel/Motel Rooms should have solid core or metal doors and an eye viewer.
- Always verify who's at your door. If you are not expecting a visitor, call the front desk if the person claims to be with the facility and do not open the door to strangers or solicitors.
- If you observe suspicious behavior notify hotel/motel personnel or call the police.
- Look for establishments that have the unit doors and walkways enclosed as well as electronic card access verses the outdated door key.
- Turn on the TV or radio when you are away from the room and leave a light on.
- Request a room closest to the main office – avoid end units. Higher floors are preferred.
- Be aware of emergency exits and review with family members.
- Keep valuables in the hotel/motel safe or leave at home.
- Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. Place money and credit cards in front pocket or jacket.

If you have any questions contact Vicky Miera, Westside Crime Prevention 831-4705.

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)

- 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 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

- 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 857-8000
- Ridepool..... 243-7433
- Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
- Solid Waste Department*
- 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
- Vehicle Information*
- 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**

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Magical Mystery Summer Reading Club

Children thru 5th grade join the reading club, keep track of their summer reading, and get prizes!

Teen Scene Investigators

Every library branch is a detective agency and every teen becomes a detective. Teens keep track of what they read, solve puzzles and mysteries, and get prizes.

and Events & Performances for All Ages

Where's Waldo? Come meet Waldo on Wednesday, June 4 from 1 to 3 pm
Photos are welcome, parents be sure to bring your cameras!

3:00 pm on Wednesdays

4 June: John Polinko, Magician

11 June: Jamie O'Hara presents: "Magic, Magic, Magic"

18 June: Wise Fool Puppet Theatre

25 June: Joy Ginther and the Pink Elephant Theatre

at the Taylor Ranch Branch Library

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