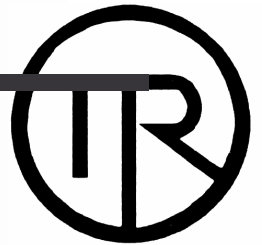




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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

July 2003



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SAFE & HAPPY
JULY 4TH!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

Youth Committee News

Thanks to all who helped out with our pool party at the Sierra Vista Complex! About 60 kids attended to swim, eat pizza, and show off their diving skills. Everyone had a lot of fun. We will have two more pool parties over the summer. The dates have not been confirmed yet, but we will post notices around the community.

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 6th. We will discuss adopting a median in Taylor Ranch, plan future community service projects with TRNA and plan our next pool party. Please call me for more information; 6th through 12th graders are welcome. It's easy to join, fun, and you can earn community service credits for school! Dana Davis, 379-1391 [By D. Davis, Director/Youth Committee Advisor] ☀

President's Message

Eddie Costello, TRNA President

The TRNA Strategic Planning meeting was held June 14, 2003. A number of topics and new ideas were discussed that will help the Board define goals for the rest of 2003. One of the goals is to increase membership 25% by September 30, 2003. Each Board member has a specific goal to recruit new members. I would like to thank all Board Members who gave up part of their Saturday morning to attend this meeting!

As President, I would also like to ask YOU to help increase our membership. Please share this newsletter with a neighbor or friend who lives in Taylor Ranch and is not a current member. The cost for a new member to join for the rest of the year is only \$9.00! Please have them fill out the membership form in the back of this newsletter and mail it in. This is a great way for residents of Taylor Ranch to keep up to date on what is going on around our neighborhood.

Our next Board Meeting will be July 16, 7:00-9:00pm. ☀

Auto Repair at Unser & Western Trail

TRNA, the Ladera Heights, and the Quaker Heights neighborhood associations are concerned that the proposed auto repair at Unser and Western Trail would detract from the quality of the Petroglyph National Monument, the surrounding neighborhood, and the elementary school across the street.

City zoning does allow auto repair in a neighborhood commercial zone, so technically only the site plan is under review. The TRNA Board contends that developing this auto repair as the first business in this neighborhood commercial area would contribute to a trend for the corner to develop as highway commercial rather than neighborhood commercial.

The EPC hearing was postponed from June to July. [By J. Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation] ☀

Westside Equestrian Center Rezoning Issue Remanded to City Council

The proposed rezoning of Equestrian Property on Montano is still pending. The City Council's decision not to rezone the property was appealed to District Court by the property owner.

The City agreed to a settlement wherein the case is remanded back to the City Council for another hearing on August 11th. For more information contact Jenifer Russin at 899-7604. [By J. Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation] ☀

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Board Meeting — July 16 — 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.

ROADS, ROADS, ROADS

By City Councilor Michael Cadigan

As your City Councilor, the issue people talk to me about most is west side roads and traffic. In the upcoming City of Albuquerque bond election there will be more than \$26 million in road projects for District 5. It is imperative that all west side voters turn out to support this bond package. This is a brief update on some long-overdue road projects the City is working on and I am supporting:



1. **Coors/I-40 overpass:** I have met several times with Senators Bingaman and Domenici and Representatives Wilson and Udall to discuss federal funding for rebuilding Coors/I-40. They have each agreed to make Coors/I-40 a priority in the upcoming reauthorization of the federal TEA-21 road building legislation. The environmental studies for Coors/I-40 are almost complete, so the road will soon be eligible for federal funding.
2. **Paseo del Norte:** The City Council recently approved \$12 million to be placed on the 2003 bond issue for the design and construction of Paseo del Norte. The Council also approved two contracts for the design of the roadway. Assuming the bond issue passes, construction may start in 2005 or earlier. It is expected that west side homebuilders and developers will pay to develop at least half of the final roadway. Over the next few months, I will be holding town hall meetings with the road engineers present to take public comment on the design of the road, accompanying trails, and other amenities to protect the Monument and the neighborhoods. Also, I have begun an effort to identify \$2.8 million in state and local funding to purchase 80 acres of buffer land for the Monument to replace and mitigate the 8 acres the roadway will take.
3. **Unser:** The City Council approved \$6.5 million in the 2003 bond question for design and construction of the Unser Dog leg that will take Unser, a.k.a. Atrisco, a.k.a. Universe, out of the environmentally and culturally sensitive Boca Negra Canyon. Construction could start on this project in 2005. Construction of the leg of Unser connecting to Paseo del Norte will be paid for with a combination of developer and city funds.
4. **Golf Course/Irving:** After acquiring final rights of way and resolving final disputes with the Federal Highway Administration, this project should start within 3 months. This involves expanding Irving to a full 4 lane divided highway west to Golf Course, widening Golf Course to 4 lanes from Irving to Rio Rancho, flattening the hill near the West Side Hospital, and straightening the road. The County is preparing to widen Golf Course from Irving to Paradise.
5. **McMahon:** The extension of McMahon has been approved and funded (\$4.5 million) and should start this year some time.

We will be subjected to a large number of orange barrels in the coming months, but we hope the result will be a greatly improved transportation system on the west side. We all need to support the 2003 City Bond Election to help pay for these important road projects. ☀

Summer Sale!

25 % to 75 % Off



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TRNA Business Members

Let Them Know We Appreciate Their Support!

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 Paper Pusher Bookkeeping, Kathy Falter, 898-9539
 Sensé Skin Care, Pamela Heater, 890-8913

In Petroglyph Plaza

Brownell's Hallmark, Steve Brownell, 890-3909
 The UPS Store, Jerry & Nadine Beck, 792-0917

In the Shoppes at Taylor Ranch

Pack & Mail, Kelly Brown, 899-6065
 Westside Shorin-Ryu Karate Dojo, David Erler, 898-1313

In Homestead Hills Shopping Center

Coffee Sensations, Rose Ortiz, 890-6696

In El Mirador Shopping Center (5115 Coors NW)

Family Dentistry, Dr. Mark Johnson, 922-9611



From Lt. Ed Perea and the Westside Patrol Team

APD Westside Area Command

I would like to follow up to a question from a Westside Coalition Meeting and take a few minutes to discuss Road Rage and ways to avoid finding yourself in a road rage situation.

Road Rage is not any worse here in Albuquerque than in other parts of country. But it is a problem in our society. As a Police Officer I have seen road rage on the streets of Albuquerque along with the unfortunate results of road rage such as serious injury and even death.

Some government estimates indicate that two-thirds of highway traffic fatalities are as a result of "road rage." Dr. Arnold Neremberg, a psychologist, says there is no excuse for the dangerous behavior exhibited on America's roads today. He says that road ragers don't consider their "road rage" a problem, but he labels road rage "a mental disorder." Road ragers need to admit they have a problem.

With the volume of traffic increasing and temperatures rising so too are stress levels. With that comes the possibility you could be involved in a road rage situation. Often it does not take much to trigger one person's bad day into aggressive or violent behavior. Things like failure to use your turn signal or driving faster or slower than someone would like can be triggers. It doesn't matter how old, young, big, or small—each of us can be a victim if we're not careful and in control of our own emotions.

Ten Ways to Avoid Road Rage (from AAA):

- * Be courteous behind the wheel.
- * Don't honk your horn excessively.
- * Don't block the passing lane
- * Don't switch lanes without signaling first.
- * Don't take up more than one parking spot.
- * Don't let the door hit the car parked next to you.
- * Don't tailgate.
- * Avoid unnecessary use of high beam headlights.
- * Don't inflict your loud music on nearby cars.
- * Allow plenty of time for every trip.

Added to those above: Do not allow someone who is upset to engage you and draw you into their anger.

Report road rage situations to the Police.

So this summer be careful out there and Stay Safe!

Lt. Ed Perea

Planned Growth Strategy Advisory Task Force

The Planned Growth Strategy (PGS) was adopted by the Council and signed into law by the Mayor in Autumn 2002. Implementation of the PGS is underway. Recent PNM retiree and former Environmental Planning Commissioner Susan Johnson was hired in March to manage the implementation process.

The PGS Implementation Management Committee (Planning Director Vic Chavez, Sr. Policy Analyst Laura Mason, APS Superintendent for Business Michael Vigil) meets every other Tuesday. There is also a seat for the county on the committee, but it is currently unfilled. The Management Committee makes decisions about how the implementation process should take place.

The 19-member PGS Implementation Advisory Task Force is fully constituted and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The Advisory Task Force is the principal citizen advisory group for the Planned Growth Strategy implementation. The members of the group represent Real Estate and Development; Neighborhoods, Civic, Environmental, Planning, Religious or Education Organizations, and Business and Economic Development Organizations. They are:

Real Estate and Development

Lynne Andersen
Chuck Gara
Chris Leinberger
Robert Lupton

Business & Economic Development

Margy Hernandez
Bo Johnson
Debbie O'Malley

Neighborhood

Kim Amano (District 6)
Laura Feight (District 6)
Laura Horton (District 5)
Trudy Jones (District 8)
Rick Linkous (District 7)
Antonio Maestas (District 1)

Mary Strickman (District 9)
Ramona Tafoya (District 2)
Pat Verrelle (District 4)

Civic, Environmental, Planning, Religious or Education Organization

Skip Cowan
Tanda Meadors
Walter Miller

At its next two meetings, the Advisory Task Force will review and comment on the PGS Infrastructure and Growth Plan – a forecast of where growth will occur, and at what rate, over the next 25 years. Ultimately, the Infrastructure and Growth Plan will be adopted by the City Council and will serve as the basis for Capital Improvement Programming.

An upcoming major work item is the development of impact fees, as called for in the enabling legislation for the PGS and authorized by the NM Development Fees Act. A 20-member Impact Fee Committee will be appointed soon. Twelve of the Implementation Advisory Task Force will serve on the Committee. The Management Committee will propose additional members. The scope of technical assistance work that will be required for the Impact Fee Committee to carry out its responsibilities is being determined. [From the ONC *Neighborhood News* June/July Edition Volume 19, No. 7] ☼

The World's Premiere Digital Filmmaking Competition Returns For Another Encore

The 4th Annual Flicks on 66/ DigiFest Southwest film festival takes over Albuquerque this July. This year's festival is organized by the Albuquerque-based non-profit Digital Filmmaking Institute, Inc.

Seven emerging filmmakers from around the world will get the chance to see their cinematic visions brought to life, starting July 13, when movie crews fan out across New Mexico in a race against time.

The filmmakers will have just 7 days to shoot, edit and premiere their short movies. The movies will be screened at the Hiland Theatre on **July 19.**



The 7 scripts were selected from nearly 200 entered in this year's contest. Winners include: "Lifters," by Faisal Azam Qureshi of Cheadle, England; "Cluck," by Peter Darchuk of Seattle; "BABOF," by Michael Flowers of Albuquerque; "Clown Camp," by Dan Borengasser of Springdale, Ark.; "Blueberry Muffins," by Suzie Bohannon of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; "Medicine Wind," by David Stebbins of Oakland, Calif.; and "The Family Sausage," by Katie Landon of Albuquerque.

Confirmed mentors include Donal Logue, star of Fox TV's "Grounded for Life" and the made-in-New Mexico-movie "The Tao of Steve"; sitcom guru, Alan Walker, director of photography for shows including "The Cosby Show," "Soap," among others; and Barry Alexander Brown, longtime editor for Spike Lee.

The festival also hosts a digital animation competition, with a focus on animation designed specifically for planetarium domes. The event will be held at the Lodestar Planetarium at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History in Albuquerque.

Major sponsors for this year's festival include Vizeon, Monarch Broadcast Services, the New Mexico Film Office, the New Mexico Department of Tourism, Bexel, Red Bull and Madstone Theaters.

For more information, log-on to <www.digifestsouthwest.com>. For interviews, contact executive director Jim "Grubb" Graebner at **505-280-4070** or **505-255-1991**. [From the ONC *Neighborhood News* June/July Edition Volume 19, No. 7] ☼

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

I'm interested in the following: Active Participation Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)

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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:

Resident: \$9.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2003) \$27.00 (July 2003 - Dec 2004)

Business: \$25.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2003) \$75.00 (July 2003 - Dec 2004)

(Regular annual dues are \$18 resident and \$50 business. The above has been prorated for partial year membership.)

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)

- 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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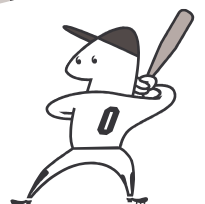
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