



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

August 2003



National Night Out On Your Block

By Tom Knutilla, Director/Social Activities

TRNA would like to encourage everyone to participate in what has become a major event, **National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 5.** This purpose of this event is to promote neighborhood awareness through programs such as Neighborhood Watch and to just plain get to know people on your street and have fun doing so.

When we were robbed several years ago, a neighbor's description of the thieves' vehicle resulted in police catching the perpetrators. We recovered some of our stolen items and, believe it or not, got restitution from the perps for our insurance deductible. The best crime prevention tool is vigilance—pay attention to what is going on and get involved.

TRNA will not sponsor an centralized get-together this year. The original intent was to help folks with unorganized blocks get organized. This year, let's all do it block by block, neighborhood by neighborhood. Go door to door, organize something for August 5, get to know your neighbors, and have some fun.

If you can't organize a block get-together, take a walk through your neighborhood that evening. Maybe there will be someone else out doing the same thing. Maybe someone down the street has organized their half of the block. Stop by, say hello. It's what makes a neighborhood! ☀

Please Send in a Photo From Your National Night Out Get-Together!

[Ed.: I would love to do a Taylor Ranch PhotoMosaic!]

Prevent Crime with Neighborhood Watch

The "cornerstone" of the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) crime prevention effort is the Neighborhood Watch Organizing Program. APD has over 2000 neighborhoods in Albuquerque participating in the program, and they would like to organize (or "reorganize") your neighborhood on a block-by-block basis. Initially, APD looks for someone who would be willing to host in their home an organizing meeting for their block. If you would like to be a host, follow this procedure:

1. Talk with some of your neighbors on your block to see if there is general interest in participating in a Neighborhood Watch.
2. If so, and if you are willing to host the initial organizing meeting, call APD at 924-3600 to schedule.

APD will then work with you to set up the meeting.

What happens at a Neighborhood Watch Organizing Meeting?

Presented to residents of a one block area (20-25 houses maximum), APD staff discusses residential burglary prevention and home security with particular attention to doors, windows, and other potential points of illegal entry. Those attending are registered in the Operation Identification program and are informed of area crime data. Toward the end of the organizing meeting, the neighborhood will officially select someone to be the BLOCK CAPTAIN, who is the APD contact person with the group from that point onward. By selecting a Block Captain to function as a neighborhood leader in crime prevention, the organized neighborhood may then purchase NOAC (Neighborhood Organized Against Crime) street signs featuring the "Watching Eye."

This program is presented only in neighborhoods and residential areas.

[www.cabq.gov/police/prevention/crime_prevention_programs.html]

**TRNA Youth Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 3
Call Dana Davis at 792-2234**

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Board Meeting — August 20 — 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.**

School Zone Safety is for Everyone

By Don MacCornack, Director/Education

School is back in session and children will be sharing the road during our daily commute. Nowhere is this more important than in the vicinity of schools. We can make our community safer by following these rules.

Obey All Traffic Laws

Exceeding the speed limit or passing in a school zone may mean that you will be unable to stop should a child suddenly step onto the street. Remember, no U-turns or lane changes either.

Obey Crossing Guards

Motorists must yield to pedestrians. Always be prepared to stop when approaching a crosswalk, as children expect you to stop and may dart out in front of your car.

Use the School's Designated Drop Off Area

Stopping in the street to drop off your child impedes traffic flow and will irritate the drivers behind you who may make unsafe traffic maneuvers as a result.

Know The Rules For Stopping For a School Bus

When a school bus stops and displays its stop sign, traffic approaching in either direction must stop before reaching the bus. After stopping for a school bus, watch for children along the side of the street and drive slowly until you have passed them.

Hang Up the Phone

There is no question that a telephone conversation, even hands-free, distracts a driver. Give driving through a school zone the full attention it requires.

The bottom line is safety in school zones is everyone's responsibility.



TRNA Fall Flea Market

Get ready, it's garage cleaning time! The TRNA Fall Flea Market at the Cross of Hope parking lot is September 27 from 8:00 AM to Noon. Booth space is available and the usual food and refreshment booth will be at hand. Come early, stay late, and enjoy the community camaraderie.

Booth rental is slightly different this year. TRNA members' advance reservation with payment is \$5.00 per booth space, \$10.00 on the day if advance arrangements have not been made. Non-member advance reservation with payment is \$10.00 per booth space, \$15.00 on the day. Send your reservations ASAP to assure your space.

If you have only an item or two, get together with a neighbor or friend to share a space or donate your items to the TRNA booth.

Flea Market proceeds fund the annual TRNA scholarship awards.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Member: Yes _____ No _____

Number of spaces needed: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail reservation with payment to: TRNA Flea Market, PO Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

American Girls Back to School In-Store Event

August 16



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



7 am - 3 pm Mon—Sat
Closed Sun

Biscuits & Gravy! (MWF)
Waffles! (TThS)

Homestead Hills Shopping Center
6961-D Taylor Ranch Road NW
890-6696

Rose Ortiz, Proprietor

Land Use Update

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use and Transportation



Master Planned Community at Coors and Montaño

A major new development is fine-tuning its plans for the land southeast of Coors and Montaño. ASW Realty Partners is proposing a master-planned community of commercial and residential components covering 230 acres.

The TRNA Board reviewed proposed changes to the site plan and voted unanimously to support the density transfers. The zone map amendments propose reducing the density from 8-10 dwelling units per acre to 5-6 dwelling units per acre of approximately 100 acres and increasing the density from 10 dwelling units per acre to 20 dwelling units per acre of approximately 40 acres.

The first component to be approved for a site plan for building permit is a 46 acre site with 161 single-family lots, a private commons area, a private recreation area, and a 2-acre public park along the San Antonio Arroyo. The TRNA Board liked the design concepts that were presented for the first single-family component. The Board also felt that high quality condominiums or apartments in two parcels (about 40 acres) of this master planned community would be desirable and would fit into areas where there was more commercial and travel activity.

Anyone interested in learning more about this project may contact Jacqueline Fishman at Consensus Planning 764-9801. The EPC will hear the case on August 21st.

Commercial/Residential Project at Coors and La Orilla

The proposed commercial and residential project at the southwest corner of Coors and La Orilla has again postponed its hearing with the EPC; it is now scheduled for September.



Auto Repair Shop at Unser and Western Trail

The EPC approved the site plan for an auto repair shop (no bodywork) for a parcel at the northeast corner of Unser and Western Trail. TRNA expressed concern about the use, but recognized that it was permitted by the neighborhood commercial zoning on the property.

This site plan is important because it will set architectural and landscaping trends for the entire corner. TRNA supported a design concept to make the screening wall and building wall along Unser the color of the grey-black basalt of the escarpment. TRNA requested subtle signage on Unser to maintain a non-business 'feel' in this area. The site will be xeriscaped in keeping with the escarpment open space across Unser.

Cell Tower at Homestead and Taylor Ranch Road

The TRNA Board met with a representative from Nextel to explore ways of reducing the visual clutter of a Nextel's proposed cell tower behind Alsup's at Homestead Hills Shopping Center.

Nextel claimed that working to locate the tower at LBJ could take 9 months



with an uncertain outcome. They also pointed out that the 50-foot tower was shorter than the 65-feet allowed by zoning. The proposed array is triangular with 12-foot long sides on which hang 8-foot panels; this provides Nextel with the highest amount of capacity.

The TRNA Board voted unanimously to request Nextel to scale back the size of the array even though it would mean a loss of capacity for the tower. Further, TRNA requested that the pole be painted the color of the exterior stucco of the Homestead Hills shopping center to blend as well as possible in its site.

Eckerd Parcel Rezoning at Coors and Montaño

TRNA sent a letter to the EPC opposing the rezoning of a triangular parcel at the northwest corner of Coors and Montaño.

In the Eckerd Drugstore site plan for that corner, a small triangular parcel to the north was included to provide a driveway connection to Coors. At that time, the applicant said that this parcel was to be used only for a driveway.

The parcel was later presented for rezoning from multifamily residential to commercial. TRNA discussed the already intense commercial zoning in the area and voted unanimously to oppose the rezoning. The applicant deferred their EPC hearing on this case from July to October for unknown reasons. ☀

New Laws for Parked Vehicles

By Don Newton, Director/Government Affairs

Changes were made in the ordinance relating to cars, trucks and other parked vehicles on private residential property. The new rules, passed by the City Council in May, are now in effect.



It is now illegal to have a vehicle parked in a driveway or yard that does not display a registration (license plates) and a current sticker. As in the previous version of the ordinance, the vehicle must also be operable.

Anyone with either an inoperable or unregistered vehicle will want to know that the penalties are severe. When police find such a vehicle, it will be red-tagged and the owner given 7 days to correct the violations.

After seven days, if it is still unregistered or inoperable, it will be towed to the city impound lot. If violations remain uncorrected after 30 days in that lot, the vehicle will be sold, with the money going to the city.

Violations may be reported to the police after the vehicle has been parked for 3 days on private property or after 36 hours if on a roadway or public right of way.

Car collectors note: you can garage an operable car on your property without a current sticker if it remains in a garage or is briefly worked on or shown somewhere on your property. If the car is out of the garage for more than 3 days, it must have a current sticker. ☼

Rinchem to the Rescue: Household Hazardous Waste

By Virginia Klebesadel, TRNA Treasurer

Household hazardous waste includes cans of old paint, dead fire extinguishers, expired yard and garden chemicals, batteries, oils, acids, pool chemicals, and the like. These wastes are as much a hazard to dispose of as they are to keep and must not be thrown out in the regular curbside trash.

Rinchem, located at 6133 Edith NE between Montano and Osuna, will take your hazardous waste for safe disposal. However, anything larger than 5 gallons is unacceptable. This service is free of charge to Albuquerque and Bernalillo County residents, who may deliver the waste to the center Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Rinchem spokesperson cautions that residents must deliver their own waste. A good neighbor who rounds up all the hazardous waste from a neighborhood is going to look like a contractor and will be charged accordingly.

If you have questions please contact them by telephone at 345-3655. See www.rinchem.com for more information. ☼



Sierra Vista Sea Monkeys Win at Water Polo!

By Jenifer Russin, TRNA Secretary

The Sierra Vista Sea Monkeys beat the previously undefeated Montgomery Marlins in an adrenalin-filled game last week at the Highland Pool. Left-handed Megan Lloyd scored first for the Sea Monkeys, slamming a quick two goals. Brooke Parsons and Staci Drangmeister also scored one each, bringing the game to a blistering 4-0 in the first half.

The Marlins came back steadily in the second half, with their Viking-like goalie scoring two long, cross-pool shots. Thanks to some tremendous defense by Sea Monkey goalie Aaron Lucero, the Marlins were held to five goals, while Kenny Hayes and Staci Drangmeister scored one each to bring the score to 6-5, Sea Monkeys.

The Sea Monkeys are coached by Shay Kemsley and meet every weekday at Sierra Vista at 7:00 AM. Good work and congratulations! ☼

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

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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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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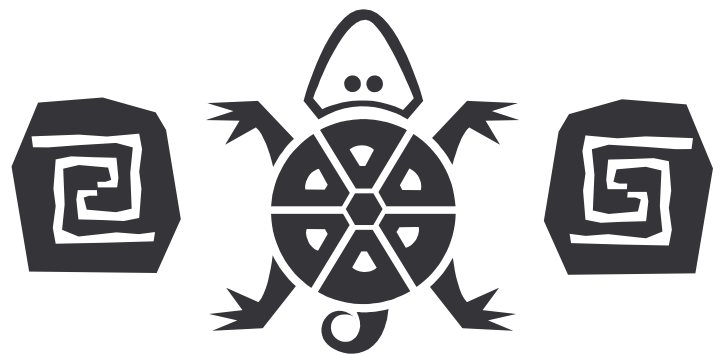
Taylor Ranch is fortunate to have a National Park as part of the neighborhood. The Las Imagines Visitor Center (4735 Unser Boulevard) is the site for Saturday evening programs from 7-8 p.m.

August 16 “The Mysterious Universe” Black holes, nebulas, and the “Big Bang” with VIP astronomers Paul and Vera Nietupski.

August 23 Susi Wolf, storyteller, will tell fun, fast-paced stories of Native American and Hispanic traditions.

August 30 “The Language of Birds” Learn what birds have to teach us with Beverly McFarland.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/petr look under events calendar or call 899-0205 ext. 337



August 3 Youth Committee Meeting
August 5 National Night Out—Plan/Join a Block Party
August 20 TRNA Board Meeting
August 22 Newsletter Submission Deadline (send in your National Night Out photos)
September 27 Fall Flea Market