



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

October 2003

Developer Looks to New State Law for Workaround to City Opposition

The owner of the southwest corner of Coors and La Orilla is facing opposition to developing this corner commercially in the City of Albuquerque. He appears to be petitioning to get his zoning and water hookup through Bernalillo County.

This unfortunate outcome is made possible by recent State legislation that gives a water board (not controlled by the City) power to approve hookups to the City water system. The TRNA Board voted to forward their opposition regarding the commercial components of this project to Bernalillo County. ☼ J. Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

TRNA Requests Zoning Ordinance Change Regarding Cell Towers

TRNA has made a formal request of the City to modify the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to allowing cellular towers (monopoles) to be located at neighborhood shopping centers.

The recent case at Homestead Hills Shopping Center alerted the Board that the Zoning Ordinance does not adequately protect neighborhoods from unsightly poles. In general, cellular companies have the means to install poles that have a 'concealed' design, it just costs them more.

The Albuquerque Zoning Ordinance does not have design guidelines for these poles. Therefore, the cellular companies tend to use their least costly designs here. ☼ J. Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Taylor Ranch Keeps Equestrian Zoning TRNA Appeal Granted By City Council

In early August, the City Council voted 5 to 2 to grant the TRNA appeal and maintain the Special Use-Equestrian zoning of the Equestrian Center land on Montaño. The crux of the case was that the land was established within

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President's Message By Eddie Costello

Several TRNA members and I attended The Mayor's Town Hall Meeting called "America's High Desert Community". This Town Hall Meeting was held to get a perspective from the community and developers regarding future growth in our City.

Victor Chavez, director of the city's planning department, was the host. Rex King, Pat Verelle, Bob Fosnaugh, and Bob Murphy served on a panel to present to and take questions from the audience. The panel also handed out a copy of the Development Process Review Committee Report prepared for the Mayor. A Process Improvement Matrix was also prepared and handed out to all attendees.



I learned at this meeting that there are three perspectives in building a great community: City Government, Neighborhoods, and the Development Community.

The consensus was that we (the neighborhood) and the developers don't always agree on every project. However, we can work together if there is communication between and education of both parties. This education needs to be early on in the process so both sides have an understanding of how the project is or is not going to impact the current neighborhood. TRNA is very fortunate to have a Land Use Director who is very passionate and does a tremendous job educating the TRNA Board and Members on zoning issues in Taylor Ranch.

To have a healthy and vibrant local economy, we must embrace quality growth to retain and attract better paying jobs. I believe we all have a common goal to make Albuquerque a great place to not only raise our families, but to provide future generations with higher quality of life. ☼ Eddie Costello, President

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Board Meeting — October 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.**

TRNA Flea Market Success Funds Scholarship, Builds Fellowship

Balmy fall weather provided a perfect day for the TRNA annual flea market held Saturday, September 27. Thirty-six vendors who cleaned out their garages or offered their handicrafts filled the Cross-of-Hope Church parking lot to overflowing. This year's flea market had the largest net profit in recent years, fully funding a single \$500 TRNA Scholarship.

As always, this event couldn't have happened without donations, vendor participation, and willing hands. Many thanks to all who helped in any way, and specifically to:

- Cross-of-Hope Church for their parking lot and facilities, tables, and chairs
- Boy Scouts for tables and chairs
- Raley's for concession stand food
- Youth Committee advisor, Dana Davis, and members Brad Beckstrom, Erica Davis, Jaki Davis, Ashley Freelin, Monique Freelin, and Bryant Moore for food stand staffing
- TRNA board members and other volunteers, Eddie Costello, Don MacCornack, Heather and Rob Peragine, Ceil and Fred van Berkel, Audrey Swetman, and Kurt Freelin for their generous donation of time, talent, and muscle (sign placement, truck loading, and hauling)
- Non-Taylor Ranch residents Diana Manning and Norma Tech for cooking and cleaning.

Virginia Klebesadel and June Newman organized this event and saw it through to the last vendor out of the parking lot. Special thanks to them for their organization, hard work, and enthusiasm!

Thanks also to all the vendors who participated and community members who stopped by. Each year, neighbors get a little sun and have some fun selling, browsing, buying, and visiting--one even reconnecting with a high school friend not seen in over a decade! We'll do it again next year...join us for the fun! ☀ Flea Market Committee



Public School Land Update

The growth on the West Side appears to have the Albuquerque Public Schools Board's attention. With Cibola High School's enrollment at 2838 students, a new high school is needed. At its August meeting, the APS Board approved purchasing 75 acres near the future intersection of Paseo del Volcan and Ladera.

Board member Robert Lucero said, "It's a good future site for the district, possibly for a high school." The district has an option to purchase the property for \$22,500 to \$26,321 per acre depending on the year purchased. Mr. Lucero is also working on another land deal near Paseo del Norte and Unser involving 45 to 50 acres.

So next time you see Mr. Lucero, thank him for all of his hard work on behalf of our students. ☀ Don MacCornack, Director/Education

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Help Us Help the Community

A Message from the President of the National Junior Honor Society at LBJ Middle School

National Junior Honor Society is an organization of high-achieving 8th graders throughout the nation that provides a great opportunity for these young teenagers to be involved in the community.

Each member of the society is required to complete six hours of community service during each 9-week school period. Mr. Jeffries, head of the National Junior Honor Society at LBJ Middle School, clarifies these requirements: "Community service is anything benefiting someone else that the member is not compensated for. It does not have to be done in an event or in an organized group."

Based on this philosophy, the members of our group have brainstormed ideas for community service: tutoring, park cleanups, school campus cleanups, foundations such as Make A Wish, friendly helping such as raking a elderly neighbor's leaves, tree planting in the Bosque, and visiting nursing homes.

My goal as president is to foster community service as a mindset, not a chore. We plan on habitually doing things that benefit the community, no matter how big or small.

Help us contribute by contacting me at 898-5223 if you have an further ideas or needs for community service. ☀ Lauren Tucker, President, LBJ National Junior Honor Society

TVI on the Westside

The Westside branch of the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) opened September 2 with an unexpectedly massive enrollment of 3200+ students. The campus is impressive, with an 80,000 sq. ft. modern building, 33 classrooms, five computer labs—on 109 acres of open land.

Go check it out at 10549 Universe Blvd NW, just north of Irving Blvd about two miles west of Unser.

Westside offers the whole gamut of TVI courses in Business, Tech, Vocational, and Arts & Sciences. It's a great asset to the Taylor Ranch community, right next door in Paradise Hills. For information, call 224-5301 or visit their internet site at www.tvi.edu. ☀ Gerald Galant, TRNA Director



(Equestrian Zoning, continued from page 1)
 the Taylor Ranch Community with specific zoning for an equestrian center.

TRNA has continued to support the Equestrian Center because it has been a good neighborhood asset and has the potential to be a great community asset. We still have members of our community who want to board their horses nearby. Under new ownership, the Center could be better integrated with our Community with events like the Barn Days held in 2001. ☀ J. Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

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Reading Program Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for the Reading Program for 1st and 2nd graders at Marie Hughes Elementary. All materials are provided. If you can give two hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, beginning October 21, please call Marie Hughes Elementary School at 897-3080. ☀

Notes from the community...

On Saturday night, August 16, at 6:30 in the evening some of the families on Mesquite Street met to eat together, visit with one another, and to discuss current happenings in Taylor Ranch. Eighteen people attended but we hope to have a better turnout another year. We had a good time, got better-acquainted with neighbors, and gave information concerning membership in Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. ☀ Jeanne Rousseau

Editor's Note: Thank you, Jeanne, it's great to hear from you! Members' letters and photos are always welcome.

TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 6, 2002 * 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Outback Steakhouse, 10022 Coors Blvd NW

The Outback Steakhouse has graciously offered to host our Holiday Luncheon again this year. Arrive at noon for a delicious lunch (kitchen closes at 12:30), followed by our annual meeting, door prizes, and Santa's visit. Please bring a dessert to share. It's wonderful to see and taste the great desserts!

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items or toiletries for our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need. TRNA members have given these wonderful gifts for several years. Boxes will be available for your donation.

Please send in your reservation as soon as possible so we can plan for food and get the list to Santa well in advance. Due to the limited space, this luncheon is members only (no guests, please). If you have any questions, please contact June Newman at 898-5447.



Reservation Form

Yes, we will attend the party on Saturday, December 6! We will bring a dessert to share and a non-perishable food item to donate.

Member Name _____ Phone _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____ (TRNA members only, please)

Adult meals: Brisbane Chicken Caesar Salad (Chicken) _____
Steakhouse Caesar Salad (Beef) _____
Walhalla Pasta (Alfredo Pasta w/Vegetables) _____

Child meals: Kookaburra Chicken Fingers _____

For children's gifts (newborn to fifth grade), please list age for each child:

Boys' Age(s) _____ Girls' Age(s) _____



Please mail this form to the address below. Your reservation must be postmarked no later than November 21.

TRNA Holiday Party, c/o June Newman, 6301 Kearny Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

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 |
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| <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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

- President: *Eddie Costello* 362-6700
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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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Albuquerque Botanic Garden
and the Bosque**

Bosque activities: information booths, planting projects, trail work, the BioVan, trash clean up.

At the Rio Grande Botanic Gardens: Local musicians, environmental education activities, face-painting, storytelling, art workshops.

Project descriptions and sign-up sheets for Dia del Rio volunteer projects will be posted at the REI store at 1550 Mercantile NE. For more information, contact Bonnie Dils at 452-5205.

LBJ Craft Fair: Saturday, November 22, 10 am-5 pm
Crafters still needed. \$25 per booth.
Call Janet at 890-0657 or 897-3080.

How the City Bonds Will Get the Westside Moving

- Paseo del Norte from Golf Course to Kimmick
- Unser Blvd Extension and Dog-Leg
- McMahon Extension and Widening
- Construction of Coors/Ellison Fire Station
- West Side Police Command
- Median Landscaping
- New Soccer and Baseball Fields
- Taylor Ranch Library Improvements
- New Neighborhood Park Construction
- Purchase of New Police Cars
- Purchase of New Fire Equipment including West Side Ladder Truck

VOTE on October 28!

Oct 15 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Vaughn Co Realtors
Oct 18 Cross of Hope Fall Festival,
9am-1pm, 897-0047
Oct 28 City Election
Nov 5 Westside Coalition Meeting, 7 pm, LBJ