

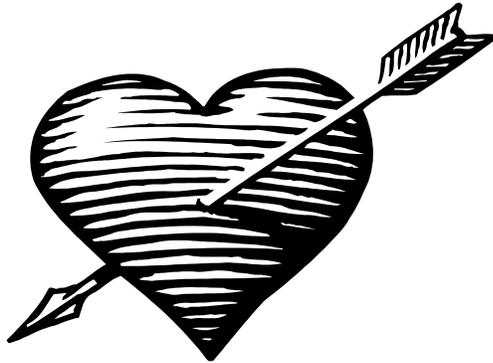


MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

February 2004



Happy Valentine's Day !

President's Message By Eddie Costello

One of the topics at our last Board Meeting was a concern about the increase of litter in our neighborhoods, medians, parks and other public places in Taylor Ranch.

What can be done about this???

Education is the first step. We must educate everyone that littering is not acceptable! TRNA will be working with the Mayors Office to help with an anti littering campaign and clean up projects over the next several months.

We are always looking for volunteers to help organize trash pick ups and help with other projects. If you would like to be involved and learn more about what's going on in your community, please come to our next Board Meeting on February 18th from 7:00-9:00pm. ☀

Democratic Caucus February 3rd

For information on voting locations call 830-3645 or see the Internet web page <http://nmdemocrats.org>

Holiday Party Drawing Winners

Thank you to the 80 TRNA members who renewed their memberships early and so were entered into our "early renewal" drawing at the Holiday Party on December 6th.

Christine & Don Schneider won the beautiful Alberta Spuce tree donated by Sunscape Landscaping. Anthony & Lucille Andolina won the singing snowman and snowwoman donated by Brownell's Hallmark located in Petroglyph Plaza.

Many thanks to Sunscape and Brownell's for their generous donations. Please think of them when you need the services and goods which they provide.

Westside Coalition Meeting Report

You may have seen the Albuquerque Journal's report on the January Westside Coalition Meeting.

The controversial topic of the evening was State Senator Joe Carraro's proposal that Westside residents be allowed to decide whether or not they wish to remain in the city of Albuquerque. While some attendees were concerned that secession would result in increased taxes and decreased services, most were interested in having the option to vote. They felt that Westside residents have never received their fair share of city services. Sen. Carraro said that if the vote is allowed and if the vote passes, a new city could be established in two years.

Other news from the meeting:

- ◆ More funding is needed for the I-40 & Coors interchange work
- ◆ Plans are going forward to build homes in Volcano Cliffs on the escarpment above Taylor Ranch
- ◆ A dog park will be established on the Westside in a few years

☀ C. van Berkel

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Board Meeting — February 18 — 7:00 PM

Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)

From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . . APD Westside Area Command

Over the last couple of years we have met to discuss areas of public safety and issues of concern from Westside residents. What is usually at the top of the list of concerns is traffic and speeding in your neighborhoods.

We will continue to work hard to address those concerns.

During the last legislative session Westside representatives, spearheaded by Representative Ray Ruiz, secured \$75,000.00 for police radar/laser equipment to be used here on the Westside.

That equipment has been ordered and is expected very soon. The monies allocated will purchase 14 Radar units and 15 Laser units. This equipment will go a long way towards achieving our traffic objectives and will help make our streets safer.

If you have any questions give me a call 897-8803.

BE SAFE

~ Ed



Westside Area Command 831-4705

Cottonwood Substation 897-8802

Easter Party

Planning for the 23rd Annual Taylor Ranch Easter Party is underway. April 10th is the day; Mariposa Basin Park is the place.

Volunteers are still needed to help organize events .

Please contact TRNA president Eddie Costello, 362-6700, ecsold@aol.com to volunteer. ☀

Thanks to TRNA from Marie Hughes

Marie Hughes Elementary Staff sent thanks to Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association members for their donation of holiday food collected at the December 6th Holiday Party:

"Thank you so very much for your donation of three food boxes and turkeys. Your kind donation helped three Marie Hughes Elementary families enjoy the holidays."

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TRNA Annual Meeting Coming in March

- ◆ Election of Directors
- ◆ Speakers
- ◆ Displays

Watch for date and place in next month's newsletter!

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Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Free Workshops Offered by The City of Albuquerque
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Land Use And Zoning Work Shop

Saturday, February 21, 2004 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(lunch/snacks provided)

This workshop will be held in the Plaza Del Sol Building Hearing Room #160, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW.

It is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of Zoning and Land Use issues at EPC, DRB and ZHE hearings. We utilize the Planning Department division managers and selected community and board members to provide this informative training.

**Advanced Neighborhood Association
Patrol Training Workshop**

Saturday, March 13, 2004 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This workshop will be held at the Roger A. Hoisington APD Training Academy, 5412 Second Street NW (behind the Valley Substation)

“Community policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable.” Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve upon safety in the neighborhood.

Register on line at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/pages/neighborhood/newsletter/newsletter.html> or call 924-3914.



TRNA Board of Directors Election

New directors will be elected at the March Annual Meeting.

If you are willing to serve as a director, please contact the nominating committee, Ceil van Berkel 899-2738, Eddie Costello 362-6700, or Don Newton 898-2185. ☀



Bullying: Is It Just a Normal Part of Growing Up?

Bill and Mary tried to figure out why their son, Jason, had started skipping school. He had always been an enthusiastic student who got along with his teachers and had good friends. But, soon after Jason started 7th grade, they began receiving calls from school notifying them of Jason's absenteeism. They tried to talk to him about it, but he was reluctant to tell them what was going on.

When Bill and Mary discussed the problem with the school principal, he suggested that Jason might be being bullied by the tougher kids. He explained that bullying has become a major problem in this country. Each day, 160,000 students miss class because they're afraid of being bullied. The problem has become so widespread that the U.S. Department of Justice even commissioned a study on the effects of bullying and possible solutions.

Just what is bullying anyway? Bullies typically harass, tease or physically assault other kids. One youngster may pick on another child, or a group of kids may gang up on others. Bullying peaks in the middle school years. Boys are more likely to be bullies than girls, but that trend is changing.

Kids with low self-esteem and poor social skills are prime targets, especially if they cry easily or can't assert themselves verbally or physically. Children who speak or look different are also vulnerable. They may be overweight or slightly built, dress differently or simply live on a particular side of town.

Youngsters who are being bullied may experience sleep disorders, depression, low self-confidence, frequent bouts of crying, tics and other nervous habits, bedwetting, changes in appetite, academic problems, intense rage, and even suicidal thoughts or attempts. Both bullies and their victims are more likely to develop substance abuse problems as adolescents.

Some suggestions for parents whose children are being bullied:

- Encourage your child to stay with friends. This helps develop their social skills and there is strength in numbers. They should also avoid going alone to isolated places like bathrooms or empty classrooms.
- Teach your child to project confidence by standing tall, holding up their head and looking others in the eye when talking.
- Tell your child to ask for help if they feel threatened. Having good communication skills with adults can help deter bullies, and helps children deal with other life challenges.

From the New Mexico Family Connection—Submitted by Don MacComack ☼

Editor's Farewell

Dear Neighbors:

It is with much regret that I have resigned my position as Editor of the Mesa Messenger. Family considerations necessitate that I withdraw from this level of service at least for the foreseeable future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the newsletter for all of you and am particularly sorry to give up my position. Please give the new editor, Ceil van Berkel, a warm welcome and send your articles or event notices to her at trna.editor@att.net.

Sincerely,

RayeAnn Tucker ☼

TRNA Board's Response

Dear RayeAnn,

Many thanks from the TRNA board for your dedication. We have enjoyed a timely, informative, and professional newsletter during your term as editor. We'll miss your special touch.—The Board ☼

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Moving?

Moving is a busy time with lots of things to remember.

Please put one more item on your list: call TRNA to enter an address change for the Mesa Messenger.

Not calling means you'll miss the mailing and we'll have to pay 1st class postage on the returned newsletter.

Also, if you are going to be away for an extended period, but will return, please let us know before you leave where you are receiving mail and when to resume your regular address delivery.

This may seem like a small thing in the overall picture, but it would ensure that you receive your newsletter in a timely fashion and reduce postal costs for the organization.

Please call 898-9173 with address or delivery changes and leave the details in a voicemail message.

Thank you.

Virginia Klebesadel, Database Steward ☀

New Newsletter Editor

We are seeking a volunteer who would be able to use TRNA's copy of MS Publisher to continue this vital service to our members.

The editor is supported by the membership committee, which maintains the mailing list, and the mailing committee, which copies, folds, labels and mails the newsletter.

The editor is not required to attend board meetings or become a board member.

If you are interested in becoming the editor, please contact the interim editor by email at trna.editor@att.net or by phone at **899-2738**. C. van Berkel ☀

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TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2004



Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$500 Scholarship 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, 2004, 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 2004.

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 2003) _____

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: TRNA Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288 (Phone: 897-1593)

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"/> Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I'm enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

Resident:	\$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2004)	\$34.00 (2 yrs)	\$48.00 (3 yrs)
Business:	\$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2004)	\$90.00 (2 yrs)	\$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

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| Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency) 911 | Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks 857-8669 |
| <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i> | Poison & Drug Information 1-800-222-1222 |
| Police (non-emergency).....242-COPS | <i>Public Works Department</i> |
| Police – Westside Area Command831-4705 | Pothole Repair..... 857-8025 |
| Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall897-8802 | Wasted Water Hotline 768-3640 |
| Telephone Reporting Unit..... 768-2030 | Sidewalk Obstructions..... 857-8000 |
| Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935 | Ridepool 243-7433 |
| Burn/No-Burn Advisory.....768-2876 | Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) 768-4160 |
| City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777 | Solid Waste Department |
| City Council Office768-3100 | Recycling Information 761-8100 |
| City Councilor Michael Cadigan.....830-2076 | Large Item Pick-up 761-8100 |
| City Information.....768-2000 | Garbage Collection Problems 761-8100 |
| Crime Stoppers.....843-7867 | State Information 1-800-825-6639 |
| Dumping on Vacant Lots924-3850 | State Police 841-9256 |
| Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)833-7390 | SunTran Information (Bus)..... 843-9200 |
| Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week).....246-5700 | SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped) 764-6165 |
| Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline & Removal..... 768-4725 | Vehicle Information |
| Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr345-1650 | Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277 |
| Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB) 761-8334 | Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850 |
| Library (Information & Reference) 768-5140 | Pollution Hotline 247-2273 |
| Mayor's/CAO Office 768-3000 | Vehicle Emission Testing 764-1110 |
| Neighborhood Crime Prevention924-3600 | Water & Sewer Emergencies 857-8250 |
| Neighborhood Coordination (ONC)924-3914 | Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians) 857-8060 |
| Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers...857-8650 | Zoning Violations..... 924-3850 |

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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| President: <i>Eddie Costello</i>362-6700 | Director/Land Use & Transportation: <i>Jolene Wolfley</i> 890-9414 |
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| Director/Crime Prevent. & Zoning Enforce.: | Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i>899-2738 |
| Director/Education: <i>Don MacCornack</i>897-1593 | Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i>897-4684 |
| Director/Governmental Affairs: <i>Don Newton</i>898-2185 | Newsletter Editor: <i>Ceil van Berkel</i>899-2738 |

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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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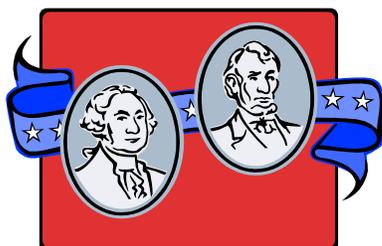
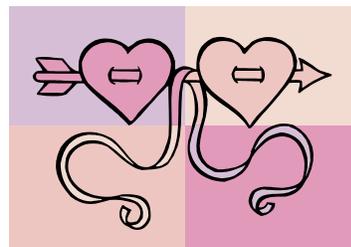
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Scholarship by the March 1st deadline.
See page 6 inside!



UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

March 1	Scholarship Application Deadline
March 24 or 31	TRNA Annual Meeting
April 10	Easter Party