



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

May 2004

Thanks to Our Easter Party Sponsors

We would like to give a BIG THANKS to the sponsors listed below for their generous donations. They provided over 2,200 coupons, food and prizes for our hunt this year. Let's support them as they have supported us! ~ Lily Andrews (899-9140) ☀

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Thanks to Our Easter Party Volunteers

These are the folks who made the Easter Party happen! First, the organizers:

- ◆ June & Ken Newman: Easter Egg Hunt, food stand
- ◆ Lily Andrews: Solicitations
- ◆ Rachel Griego and Debbie Tatum: Games
- ◆ Rosemary Freelin: Cake walk
- ◆ Ceil van Berkel / Virginia Klebesadel: Coordination

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President's Farewell Message

I have had the opportunity to serve as President of The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association this past year. It has been a very rewarding experience for me. Elections were held in March at the General Membership Meeting for new Board Members. Congratulations to new Board Members Brett Lopez, Lily Andrews, Curtis Smith and Gene Stone.

New Officers were elected at the Board Meeting on April 21 and I am very pleased to announce that Don Mac Cornack is the New President of TRNA.

I would like to thank all of the Board Members and volunteers who have donated their time and money to help make TRNA what it is today! Thank You for Your Continued Support of TRNA. ~ Eddie Costello (362-6700) ☀

TRNA Easter Egg Hunt Was Fun For All!

It had rained all week but we were all still hopeful that the hunt would go on and sure enough . . . the rain stopped just in time for a nice day for our Easter egg hunt!! Everyone, particularly the children, were enjoying either playing games to win prizes or grabbing a bite to eat as anticipation mounted for the hunt to begin. But before it could start the Easter Bunny had to arrive. It was an exciting entrance as our own Taylor Ranch Fire Station 18 roared into Mariposa Park with its siren on and lights flashing, bringing the Easter Bunny himself along with his friends Sylvester, Tweety, Tigger and Sparkey to help him with our egg hunt! The kids had fun following them down to the hunting area, especially since they were giving out lots of candy! Councilor Michael Cadigan was on hand to start the hunt for each of four age groups. The delight on the children's faces as they gathered the eggs and then opened them was priceless! About 5,000 eggs were found by the children. They were filled with delicious candy, coupons and golden egg prizes hidden inside. There was also a raffle that gave away great prizes, a kids jump, and lots of yummy cakes given away at the cake walk. Everyone had such a fabulous time. We can't wait till next year to do it again! ~ Lily Andrews (899-9140) ☀

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Board Meeting — May 19, 2004 — 7:00 PM

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

Thanks to Our Easter Party Volunteers

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But it takes more than organizers to make it happen. Many thanks to the selfless, cheerful TRNA families who worked to provide a wonderful celebration for the children of our community on April 10th at Mariposa Basin Park:

- ◆ **Debbie and Vern Tatum**
- ◆ **Brett, Karen, Sydney and Brittany Lopez**
- ◆ **Rosemary and Kurt Freelin**
- ◆ **Paul and Audrey Swetman**
- ◆ **Holly, John, and Bryn Whisnand**
- ◆ **Jennifer Russin**
- ◆ **Susan Sisson**
- ◆ **Fred and Ceil van Berkel**
- ◆ **Amanda Gozar**
- ◆ **Michelle and Rachel Griego**
- ◆ **Tom and Dianne Kooi**
- ◆ **Wanda and Sam Salazar**
- ◆ **Don MacCornack**
- ◆ **Bryant Moore**
- ◆ **The Unknown Volunteer...thank you and I'm sorry I forgot to write down your name!**

Thanks also to our Firefighters at Station 18: they gave their time to bring the Eater Bunny and his friends to our party and stayed to show our children the fire truck and equipment. They provided excitement and adventure to the event.

And, finally, a very special thanks to the youth groups of our community. Without their donated labor we wouldn't be able to stuff the eggs and run the games and egg hunt. Without their enthusiasm, it would not be the same fun event:

- ◆ **Don Newton and Boy Scout Troop 126**
- ◆ **Scott Jeffries and the LBJ honor Society**
- ◆ **Girl Scout Troop 1057**
- ◆ **Girl Scout Troop 1102**
- ◆ **Omega Jr. Optimist Club**
- ◆ **TRNA Youth Group**
- ◆ **St. Pius and Cibola volunteers**

~ Ceil van Berkel (899-2738) ☼

EMAIL Notifications

As editor, I often receive notices of meetings after the newsletter has been published. I have started forwarding these notices to the members of TRNA who have given us their email addresses on their registration forms. If you wish to be taken off this distribution, or added to it, please send an email notice to trna.editor@att.net. ~ Ceil van Berkel ☼

Happy Mother's Day!

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Zoning Update

The Mayor's new push on cleaning up Albuquerque via the removal of abandoned vehicles, those stored in driveways and the like is starting to show signs of progress. You can see it as you drive thru our neighborhoods. Taylor Ranch is looking better all the time!

Speaking of looking better, now is a great time to get out and rip out those weeds that are growing in the parkway by our houses. In fact, there is a City Ordinance to this effect (who knew?) The Ordinance reads: It is the property owner's responsibility to clean up weeds and litter from the property. The area between the sidewalk and property line, such as medians or wall, is the owner's responsibility. (The City removes weed and litter in the public right-of-way). The area between the property line or wall and the curb is also the property owner's responsibility. Article 8: Weed, Litter and Snow, Section 9-8-21. Together we can make Taylor Ranch a more desirable place to live and increase our property values at the same time. ~Brett Lopez (839-4805) ☀

GET THE FACTS ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

One of the most challenging and frightening parts of planning for college is paying for it. But it doesn't have to be.

According to a recent study by the National Center for Education Statistics, 91 percent of students and their families don't accurately estimate the cost of college. Families tend to overestimate the cost, especially when it comes to public colleges and universities.

The best way to make something less frightening is to gather information from a reputable source. The federal Department of Education has a new website, Student Aid on the Web, that can do this.

At www.studentaid.ed.gov, students can find information on the entire federal student aid process, including information on the federal aid programs, tax credits, student and parent repayment options and links to private scholarship sites, as well as the online free application for federal student aid (the FAFSA). The website also provides other general college planning information.

The Department of Education has a variety of resources and programs to help you plan for college. If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Federal Student Aid Center (1-800-433-3243) to find out about the free booklets and brochures for students. Your guidance counselor or public library may also have these publications available. ~ From ACT submitted by Don MacCornack (897-1593) ☀

Report Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles

Residents can dial 768-CARS or use the on-line abandoned hicle form to report abandoned or inoperable vehicles left on the street or standing on private property. Owners will be cited, and if the vehicles are not removed, they will be towed. For more information call 768-3036 or visit www.cabq.gov/police/abandonedvehicleform.html ☀

Land Use and Zoning Workshop

Thinking of becoming more active in TRNA? Increase your knowledge of all aspects of zoning and land use issues at EPC, DRB and ZHE hearings.

Saturday, May 22, 2004—9:00 —4:00 pm, lunch provided

Call the Office of Neighborhood Coordination at 924-3914 to register. ☀

Elected Officials—Info on the WEB

Find names and contact information for your elected officials at web.state.nm.us/roster/Index-Ro.HTM. ☀

A Warm Welcome to Taylor Ranch Family Chiropractic

Please welcome our new business member, Taylor Ranch Family chiropractic. Our business members provide wel-



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"Talk Back To Me"

Petroglyph Monument Special Events

- May 8, 9:00 am-12:00: Cultural Landscapes Talk
- May 8, 1:00 pm-3:30 Hike Piedras Marcadas Canyon
- May 9, 11:00 am: Hike to the volcanic cinder cones
- May 9, 1:00 pm: Lecture on Hispanic textile weaving

For complete schedule for May, see www.nps.gov/petr, or call Cheryl Ford (899-0205, ext. 337) ☀



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

Pets in Vehicles

Most drivers I've stopped, and I've stopped many, say they did not know it was against the law to drive around town with their pet on their lap. Well it is. The following is the City Ordinance as it relates to carrying animals in vehicles.

Section 8-2-1-24. Drivers Prohibited Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

A) Drive while having in his/her lap any animal, ... person, adult or minor, ... nor shall the driver be seated in the lap of any other person.

D) carry any animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel, inhumane or unsafe manner. Animals carried in the bed of trucks must be crated or restrained upon a non metal mat so they can not fall or jump from the truck.

Identity Theft

On another topic, The staff of the Cottonwood Mall Substation has reported an increase of Identity Thefts reported to the office. The staff asked me to remind you of the following: The most valuable thing in your wallet or purse is your personal information such as address, social security number, bank account numbers, credit card numbers. An identity thief uses your personal information to access your financial accounts and open new ones. Some people spend years trying to undo the damage caused by identity thieves.

Prevent identity theft:

- * Don't keep personal identification such as passwords, PINs and Social Security numbers in you purse or wallet.
- * Carry only credit cards you need.
- * Order a personal credit report at least once a year to see who has reported and who has requested your credit information.

If you lose your wallet or purse:

1. Contact the fraud department of each of the three major Credit bureaus.
2. Request a fraud alert be placed on you credit file. (this requires creditors to call you before opening new accounts in your name)
3. Close bank and credit accounts that have been compromised.
4. Closely monitor your credit card statements.
5. File a report with APD or the jurisdiction where the loss or theft occurred.
6. Contact the Federal trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline 202-326-2502
7. Contact Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline 800-269-0271.

The Cottonwood Substation staff can assist you with copies of police reports and referrals to proper authorities.

Be safe, ~ Ed☀

Westside Area Command 831-4705

Cottonwood Substation 897-8802

City Council Vote on Paseo del Norte

The City Council will vote on whether Paseo del Norte should be extended west from Golf Course on Monday, May 3rd, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information call 768-3100 or visit the City Council website at www.cabq.gov/council. ☀

Westside Coalition Meeting Report

The April 7th meeting at LBJ was a star-studded event, with Gov. Richardson, Rep. Heather Wilson, Mayor Chavez, State Senators Sanchez and Carraro, City Councilors Cadi-gan and Winter, County Commission Chair Armijo, APS Board Member Lucero, and APS Superintendent Everitt. Most were there to announce that complete funding had been accumulated from multiple sources to do a complete renovation of the I-40/Coors interchange, including the intersections north and south of the interchange. The APS discussion centered on acquiring land for two new Westside high schools. One possible location is off Universe, well-situated between Cibola and West Mesa. For more information contact our District 2 Board of Education Member, Robert D. Lucero, 842-3758. ☀



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
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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 Command 831-4705 | Pothole Repair..... 857-8025 |
| Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802 | 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 Office 768-3100 | 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 Lots 924-3850 | 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>Don MacCornack</i> 897-1593 | Director/Land Use & Transportation: <i>Jolene Wolfley</i> 890-9414 |
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| Director/Governmental Affairs: <i>Don Newton</i> 898-2185 | Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> 897-4684 |

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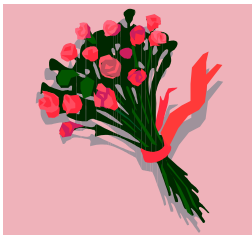
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**Happy
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**West Side Coalition Meeting:
May 5th, 7 pm, LBJ Library**

Call 768-CARS to report abandoned or inoperable cars. See

**Paseo del Norte City Council Vote:
May 3rd. See page one.**

NOTE: Free Green Waste Pickup on your recycling day May 10 through May 21st.
Place leaves, grass, and brush in trash bags (each not more than 40 lbs) on the curb by 7 am on May 14th (North of Montañño) and May 21st (South of Montañño) for free green waste pickup by the city.