



# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

July 2004

## TRNA's Silver Anniversary: Theme Contest



In June, 2005, we will celebrate TRNA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Are we having a party? You bet, but parties work better around a theme. We have had a couple suggestions for a theme for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary: "TRNA: 25 Years of Success" and "TRNA: celebrate Community".

What are your thoughts? We are looking for a good slogan that can be used to advertise the event and, perhaps, be used on commemorative T-shirts. Let your imagination go wild and send your ideas to Fred van Berkel, 5716 Morgan Lane NW, 87120, or call 899-2738 or send email to TRNA.editor@att.net. Contest ends August 31, 2004.

The winner will receive nice prizes, still to be determined. (Board members are not eligible for prizes.) ~Fred van Berkel, 899-2738. ☀

## Parks and Recreation Report

Response to my last article on "Dog Parks" indicates that I need to give some additional information.

Dog Parks do not take the place of "People Parks" but in fact complement them and become a small part of them.

Dog Parks are fenced areas that have a double entry gate [so the 4 legged users don't get out unless they are leashed]. The parks are dirt only but if done correctly, they have trees and other plants, shelters and benches, and there might even be equipment for dogs to 'perform'. They are not noisy and most users of the parks are very conscientious about picking up after their pets. There are even a few of us that will pick up after our pets and pets of others.

Those of you that have concerns need to visit one of the parks. The Albuquerque Journal reported that a new "Dog Park" was dedicated recently in Rainbow Park in Rio Rancho. ~ Curtis Smith (899-2696) ☀

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## President's Message

TRNA's mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch. This mission is keeping your board members very busy.

On June 19 the place to be was the TRNA Flea Market. Everyone had a great time visiting with old friends, making new friends, and peddling their wares. Curtis Smith, Parks & Recreation Director, is in contact with the City about dog parks for our area. APD has asked TRNA to assess the need for lights at Mariposa Park. Councilor Cadigan is working on a new sign ordinance and has asked TRNA board members to review and comment on the proposed bill. The board is following the proposed development of 238 acres surrounding the Bosque School. The board has also started the process to replace the "Welcome to the Communities of Taylor Ranch" sign that was removed so long ago.

TRNA is hoping to install a permanent Joel & Nina Mae Taylor exhibit or memorial at the new community center as part of our 25th anniversary celebration. As you may have noted, Nina Mae Taylor passed away last month.

Speaking of the community center, the City informs us of a mid-September opening.

Looks like the "lazy days of summer" are anything but for TRNA! Hope you enjoyed a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. ~ Don MacCornack (897-1593) ☀

## Fall Flea Market Announcement

September 25th is the date for TRNA Fall Flea Market and Crafts Sale. It's another great opportunity to clear out your attics and garages.

We make this early announcement to give Crafters time to get their Holiday inventories ready for market. Mark your calendars! Details will follow in August Newsletter. Let's make it another great success! ~ Virginia Klebesadel (898-9173) ☀



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Board Meeting — July 21, 2004 — 7:00 PM

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

## Christmas Ornament Premiere - July 10th

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## Spring Flea Market a Success!

The flea market is one of TRNA's favorite social events, promoting camaraderie and community spirit among neighbors. But even better, in addition to the opportunity to visit with neighbors as we clear out our garages, we raise money for a good cause. The proceeds from space rental, food sales and the TRNA donated goods table provide funding for the annual Scholarship Program. We are very proud to announce that the spring Flea Market set an unprecedented profit record and fully funds one \$500 college scholarship for a Taylor Ranch high school senior!

Hats off to Lily Andrews and Gene Stone, Education Directors, and the dynamic trio of June and Ken Newman and Brett Lopez, Social Committee stars! Their energy and efforts produced the most profitable and fun TRNA Flea Market ever! This writer handled the pre-paid reservations logging in 32 vendors of excess household goods, arts/crafts and other products, while another 5 joined in on market day.

The event profited handsomely due to the aforementioned dedicated team, but other board members, (in alpha order) Virginia Klebesadel, Don MacCornack, Don Newton, and Ceil van Berkel were on hand doing their part to ensure the event ran smoothly. Certainly the beautiful weather was a contributing factor.

Thanks vendors for your participation, without you there would be no Flea Market. Most especially we wish to thank Dan Heavner and Raley's for the generous donations of food and goods for the food concession table. As always, that provisioning makes it happen! TRNA thanks you, Dan and Raley's, for your community interest, support and for always 'being there' for us. ~ Virginia Klebesadel (898-9173)☼

### Brief Notes

TRNA member Nancy Swigger reports that one reason it is not safe to let dogs ride in the front seat of cars is that, in case of an accident, the dogs would be crushed by the airbags.☼

Mesa View Christian Preschool reports that it is now enrolling for summer and fall sessions. Call Tammy at 220-2973 or stop by Mesa View Christian Preschool at 4701 Montano NW☼



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## Zoning Update

A big thank you to Mr. Joseph Padilla and his crew for weeding the area in front of Sierra Vista Pool and in Mariposa Basin. It's a great thing when the public and City departments work together. Now, if we could only find out which department is responsible for cleaning the dam areas around the flood basins in the area.

Well, summer is officially here and with that comes time to clean out you garage or sell your home. Which are all wonderful things, however, this does not mean that littering the public right of ways with garage sale, for sale by owner or for sale by any real estate company sign is acceptable. Actually there is an ordinance to this effect. If you are selling your house please ask your realtor or your neighbor not to place signs on the corners unless there is an open house., when you may place up to four directional signs for the day. Mr. Carl Garcia who is with the City of Albuquerque provided this information. One other item, those "stop foreclosure" eyesores: feel free to yank them out of the ground and throw them away I know I will. Till next month, stay safe. ~Brett Lopez (839-4805) ☀

## Be a hero today

In the summertime, United Blood Services can really feel the heat. When patients need blood, but the supply of blood is low, the pressure mounts quickly.



Blood centers can only keep their commitment to patients when the community provides the basic ingredient: blood.

Unfortunately, summer donors often are in short supply because they're on vacation or involved in all the fun summer activities everyone enjoys.

Officials at United Blood Services report that the demand for blood is constant, even in the summer months.

They stress that it's important that people remember to take some time out of their busy schedules to donate during June, July or August to help maintain a safe and plentiful supply of blood for our community.

The demand for blood is growing, as medical care becomes more complex and as baby boomers age. To make sure patients have blood when they need it, United Blood Services invites all current donors to give at least three times a year, and invites anyone who hasn't given in a while, as well as brand new donors, to join them. So be a hero today and call United Blood Services at 843-6227 to schedule an appointment to donate.☀

## Unification Charter Commission

As you may have noticed, when the Commission began work in March, there was very little publicity about the work being done. The newspapers and radio/TV stations didn't seem very interested. This has changed since the Commission hired contractors to provide information to the public. Newspaper coverage has improved and the first public forum, held in June, provided an opportunity to better inform the public. A second forum will be held on August 8th, location still to be determined.

All meetings of the Commission are open to the public. Working meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, basement of the City/County building at 5<sup>th</sup> and Marquette, every other Friday from 4:00 – 7:00. To supplement this schedule, a few Monday afternoon meetings, from 2:00 – 5:00, have also been scheduled. A few of these working meetings will be relocated to community venues, at the request of those attending the first public forum

At the public forum, most of the time will be dedicated to hearing public comment. At working meetings the public may comment briefly at the beginning of the session, and again at the end, if time permits.

For changes to the schedule or a copy of the draft charter in process, consult the website <http://www.abccucc.net> or call the UCC administrator Sandy Chavez at 768-3147.

### Current Schedule of Meetings

- Friday, July 9: TVI Smith-Brasher Hall, 4-7 pm
- Monday, July 12: City Council Chambers, 2-5 pm
- Friday July 23: 2039 Isleta Blvd SW (S. Area Com. Cntr.)
- Friday, Aug 6: Vista Grande Com Cntr. East Mountains
- Friday, Aug. 20: City Council Chambers, 4-7pm
- Saturday, August 28: Public Forum, Nat. Hisp. Cult Cntr.
- Thursday, Sept. 2: City Council Chambers, 4-7 pm

For additional information you may also contact Ceil van Berkel, 899-2738, who is one of the 11 Commissioners.☀

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

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

I dropped in at the TRNA flea market last month and enjoyed seeing many neighbors at the event. One question did come up while I was there that I thought would be worth putting in the newsletter.



The question was regarding abandoned vehicles. The Westside currently has the most reported abandoned vehicles of any of the police area commands in the city. So needless to say they keep us pretty busy. If anyone wishes to report an abandoned vehicle either on public or private property they should call the new 768-CARS number to report the vehicle. That information is forwarded to my office and it is then assigned. Abandoned vehicles on private property are processed through a different unit in our department.

Sometimes owners of what looks to be an abandoned vehicle will be made aware of the complaint and will move the vehicle temporarily. If a vehicle is drivable it normally isn't considered abandoned. Also just because the vehicle is old or UGLY, that isn't considered abandoned either, as much as some would like it to be.

If you have reported a vehicle abandoned and want to know the status of your complaint, you can call me. My new office number is 831-4705 and I will look up the information for you. Stay safe, ~ Ed☀

**Westside Area Command 831-4705**

**McWethy Substation 831-4705**

## First TRNA Outstanding Volunteer Award Presented at Annual Meeting

For those of you who didn't attend the annual meeting in March, we thought you'd like to see the text of the first TRNA Outstanding Volunteer Award, which was presented by the Mayor to June Newman.

### **Executive Order**

*Mayor Martin J. Chavez*

*Whereas, June Newman has faithfully served the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association as a diligent volunteer for over seventeen years; and*

*Whereas, June should be known as the "Hostess with the Mostess" for her many years of organizing the Association's Annual Holiday Luncheon with great food for all and gifts for the kids from Santa Claus; and*

*Whereas, June should be bestowed with the rank of General because of her dedicated leadership and successfully running the Association's largest event: the TRNA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic and Games (3,000 eggs!); and*

*Whereas, June and her husband Ken tirelessly change the information on the TRNA message boards; and*

*Whereas, June has been one of the motivating forces in guiding the events held by the award-winning Taylor Ranch Youth Committee; and*

*Whereas, June masterfully controls up to 500 Middle School ?students at the Youth Committee's Valentine and Halloween Dances at LBJ Middle School; and*

*Whereas, June leads the Youth Committee in periodic neighborhood clean-ups by removing the clutter of advertising signs all over Taylor Ranch; and*

*Whereas, June also coordinates the Association's annual flea market; and*

*Whereas, June administered for many years the volunteers for the Second Grade Reading Program at Marie Hughes Elementary School; and*

*Whereas, June serves daily, rain or shine, as the "Traffic Cop Extraordinaire" as she watches out for the safety of Marie Hughes Elementary students, where she maintains parking lot duty; and*

*Whereas, June accomplishes all these tasks and more...yet she does not drive.*

*Now, therefore, I, Martin J. Chavez, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby recognize*

**JUNE NEWMAN**

*For services to the citizens of Albuquerque and especially her community of Taylor Ranch by being a Most Outstanding Volunteer!*

Signed: Martin J. Chavez

Order # 04-0033

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

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

- Resident:  \$9.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2004)       \$27.00 (July 2004 - Dec 2005)  
 Business:  \$25.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2004)       \$75.00 (July 2004 - Dec 2005)  
 (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.

*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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| <b>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency) ..... 911</b>        | 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                                  |
| <b>Burn/No-Burn Advisory.....768-2876</b>              | Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) ..... 768-4160      |
| City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) .....768-4777    | <b>Solid Waste Department</b>                            |
| 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        | <b>Vehicle Information</b>                               |
| Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr .....345-1650 | 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 Prevention .....924-3600            | 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>vacant</i>                   |
| Vice-President: <i>Brett Lopez</i> ..... 839-4805                     | Director/Parks & Rec (Comm.Center): <i>Curtis Smith</i> ...899-2696 |
| Secretary: <i>Virginia Klebesadel</i> ..... 898-9173                  | Director/Education : <i>Gene Stone</i> : ..... 897-4615             |
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| Director/ Zoning Enforcement;Social.: <i>Brett Lopez</i> ... 839-4805 | Director/ At large: <i>Eddie Costello</i> ..... 362-6700            |
| Director/Education: <i>Lily Andrews</i> ..... 899-9140                | Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i> ..... 899-2738                    |
| Director/Governmental Affairs: <i>Don Newton</i> .... 898-2185        | Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> ..... 897-4684                |

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Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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**West Side Coalition Meeting:  
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## UPCOMING TRNA EVENTS

**Fall Flea Market: September 25, 2004**

**Candidate Forum: October 12, 2004**

**Holiday Luncheon: December 4, 2004**

**Easter Egg Hunt: March 26, 2005**

**Call 768-CARS to report abandoned  
or inoperable vehicles**

North of Montañño: July 9, 23 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

South of Montañño: July 16, 30