



MESA MESSENGER

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Fall Flea Market Date Change

September 18th is the new date for TRNA Fall Flea Market and Crafts Sale. The dedication of the Taylor Ranch Community Center has been set for September 25th, and we don't want to conflict with this major celebration in our community.

Table fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

Clean out your attics and garages or bring your arts and crafts. Food and refreshments will be available at the event. Proceeds from space fees and food sales will benefit the TRNA high school scholarship fund.

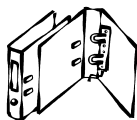
Items may be donated to the TRNA table. The proceeds from this table will also benefit the scholarship fund. For information call Virginia Klebesadel (898-9173)☀

The History Corner - No. 1

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association was incorporated on February 28, 1980. That is why we will celebrate the Silver Anniversary next year. However, before this Neighborhood Association was formed, a small group of residents organized the College Heights-Taylor Ranch Homeowners Association in 1976 and incorporated the Homeowners Association in 1978. The boundaries were: Coors on the East, Montañó on the north, Calle Nuestra on the West and Dellyne on the South. This Homeowners Association became inactive when TRNA was formed.

What were the issues at that time? The Coors Corridor Study, where will a bridge be built, air and noise pollution, traffic congestion, and school overcrowding. This list was compiled long before LBJ, the Paseo del Norte Bridge or the Montano Bridge were built and before Dellyne was paved. I remember going door to door back then, with a petition to beg the city to give us a street lamp on the corner of Montañó and Coors so we could find Montañó at night !!!

Do you have historical items about Taylor Ranch? Call and I'll pick them up! ~ Fred van Berkel (899-2738)☀



President's Message

Great News. Lily Andrews has agreed to be Beautification Committee Chairperson. Lily is very enthusiastic and has started the process for TRNA to adopt the Mariposa Park. Please contact Lily if you are interested in helping with the beautification effort. This is our community and we should take an active role in improving the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

The Kiwanis Club of the West Side has adopted the Taylor Ranch Road median from Montano to Homestead Circle. Illene Harrison heads up the cleanup project. Ray Cummings, George Cruz, John Gutierrez, Rick Mason, Kelly Rameriz, Charlotte Nelson-Levine, Anne & John Wiker and Rick Paul are members of the Kiwanis Club who help Illene Harrison with keeping the median clean. It is a huge undertaking for a small group. For more information about Kiwanis, go to www.kiwanis-southwest.org.

The Community Center Grand Opening Gala is scheduled for September 25 from 10 to 2pm. Please come out and see our long awaited center. Hope to see you there. ~ Don MacCornack (897-1593)☀

Welcome to Our New Director

Michael Skroch has been appointed as a TRNA director to fill the remainder of the term vacated by the resignation of Jenifer Russin. He is no stranger to the board, since he served on the board several years ago and also dramatically improved the quality of this newsletter when he served as the editor for several years. I'm delighted to announce that he has agreed to take on that task again, beginning in September. Welcome back, Michael, and thanks. ~ Ceil van Berkel. ☀

Back to School

Traditional schools operating on the standard APS schedule will hold registration August 12 and 13. The first day of school will be August 16. ☀

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Board Meeting — August 18, 2004 — 7:00 PM

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

Barbie is 45!

See our special gift collection
Commemorating the event.



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TRNA's Silver Anniversary: Theme Contest

You still have time to enter the contest. We are looking for a 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. ☀



TR Community Center News

Congratulations to our own TRNA director, Don Newton, has been appointed Director of the Taylor Ranch Community Center. He was transferred from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, where he has done an outstanding job



strengthening the role of neighborhood associations in the city. Now we are fortunate that he will be focusing his energy in our own community through his leadership at the Community Center. Don assures us that the Center will offer a full range of services to all age groups in our community. Programs will be phased in as personnel are hired, volunteers are found, and funding is allocated.

The Taylor Ranch Community Center will be dedicated on September 25th with a festive schedule of events beginning at 10:00 am and continuing until 2:00 pm. See our next issue for times and activities.

Your association has been a prime mover in working with our elected officials to plan, acquire land, and fund the Community Center. For more than 10 years TRNA directors and volunteers have worked to make the dream of a Taylor Ranch Community Center a reality. Many thanks to all of you. TRNA will hold its meetings in the Center, once it is open for business. It will be wonderful to finally have a home! ~ Ceil van Berkel ☀

Thank you, Cut Scout Pack 134

The June issue of "The Tree Press" reported that Cub Scout Pack 134 planted and mulched 125 trees in Mariposa Basin park on April 24th. The trees were provided by the Albuquerque Community Foundation, The Killin Endowment Fund, PNM Vegetation Management, and Tree New Mexico. ~ Don Newton (898-2185) ☀

Recruiting New Members

We are always eager to welcome new members. Help build TRNA by offering the membership form on page 5 to a neighbor or to the owner of a business in our community. ☀

Equestrian Center Update

We are still seeking a buyer or renter for the Equestrian Center on Montañito, between Valle Vista and Equestrian. The land remains zoned for equestrian use, since the City Council upheld the TRNA appeal of the change of zoning to residential. The owners have sued the city to reverse the City Council decision, but that lawsuit is still pending. ~ Ceil van Berkel (899-2738) ☀



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Zoning Update

There is a young man named Alan Dahl who is getting ready to make the leap to Eagle Scout. This is a position in The Boy Scouts of America that is not easily achieved. Mr. Dahl, as one of his projects to become an Eagle Scout, has volunteered to refurbish some of the original neighborhood signs on Dellyne. These landmarks are original to Taylor Ranch as it began some 25 years ago. We in the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association applaud Alan's commitment to his community. It is selfless acts of beautification and enhancement to our neighborhood that keep and make Taylor Ranch what it is and what the Taylor family envisioned when they allowed the first developments to begin.

We said we will and we did. A few Fridays ago we collected the "for sale", "for rent" and "for lease" signs around Taylor Ranch. One sign every 94 seconds! Since that time we have noticed a dramatic decrease in signs placed in the public right of way. I must say it is nice not to have a sign of some sort on every corner.

We contacted those who owned the signs and asked them if they would like them back, as it is not our intention to destroy other peoples property, and while doing so we advised them of the current City Ordinance that is in effect. All contacted parties were unaware of the ordinance and promised to follow the law. Thank You.

I as your zoning chair would ask you, as residents of our community, to be diligent in keeping the population of signs, whatever they might be, to a minimum. Please pick up your yard sale signs as soon as you close for the day. Be aware that the City Council has increased the funding for zoning enforcement, so illegal signs are being cited.

The City Council also is drafting a new sign ordinance, consolidating all ordinances relating to signs in one place. If you have concerns or suggestions for this ordinance, give me a call.

Enjoy the monsoon season and don't forget those weeds! Till next time. ~Brett Lopez (839-4805) ☼

Unification Charter

A Unification Charter will be presented to the voters at the November general election. If it is accepted by a majority of the voters in the County, the governments of the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County will merge into one Albuquerque-Bernalillo County government.

The current draft of the charter provides for 11 County Commissioners, elected by district, a County Mayor, elected at large, a Sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer of the county elected at large, and an elected County Clerk. It also provides for special tax districts to allow for different levels of service within the County.

The charter determines the structure of the new government for Albuquerque-Bernalillo County and establishes a process and time period for the transition from the old governments to the new.

To learn more about the charter, consult the website <http://www.abccucc.net>, call the UCC administrator Sandy Chavez at 768-3147, or attend one of the public meetings listed below.

Schedule of Meetings

Friday, Aug 6: Vista Grande Com. Center, East Mountains

Friday, Aug. 20: City Council Chambers, 4-7m

Saturday, August 28: Public Forum, South Broadway
Cultural Center, 2-5 pm.

Thursday, Sept. 2: City Council Chambers, 4-7 pm

For additional information you may also contact Ceil van

News Briefs

ARTS and Crafts Show

An American Soldier Fund is holding an arts and crafts show at Montano and Taylor Ranch Road from 9:00am - 6:00 pm on August 21st.

Slow down for school zones

School starts August 16th - watch for children in the crosswalks.

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

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Over the past several weeks members of our community have contacted me regarding concerns with Registered Sex Offenders living in their neighborhood.

A web site exists that lists all individuals who have been required to register as a sex offender and have done so. Anyone interested in obtaining the information can do via the internet.

Whenever members of the community learn that a Registered Sex Offender lives in their community or has moved into their community it usually gives many reason for concern. When this occurs don't hesitate to contact me or an officer working your neighbor. We now have a unit within the Albuquerque Police Department that specializes in tracking and assisting with issues associated with registered sex offenders.

We can assist you in verifying if a registered sex does live in your neighborhood. What happens on occasion is a sex offenders registers but does not list his correct address. This can make life difficult for some who live at the incorrectly listed address. What also occurs is that a registered sex offender moves from the registered address and does not update the address as required by law. This can also create problems for anyone moving into the address location.

If any issues arises involving a registered sex offender please give us a call we will assist you with any questions you and your neighbors may have. I can be reached at 831-4705. Be safe. ~ Ed☀

Westside Area Command 831-4705

McWethy Substation 831-4705

West Side Coalition Report

At the July 7th meeting of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods two important topics were discussed. First, City Councilor Michael Cadigan asked a city representative to describe the new developments planned for the SE corner of Montaño and Coors. The 160 acres at this site will be developed into 100 acres of residential and 60 acres of office and retail. Just south of La Luz, another 350-400 houses will be built. Because of this, the city is taking a serious look at improving the Coors and Montaño intersection.

Second, The APS board member from our district, Robert Lucero, reported that APS has still not bought land for any additional high schools on the west side and that APS will not consolidate schools in other areas with low enrollments. He suggests that the west side area from I-40 north to Rio Rancho, from the river west to the city limits, form a separate school district. This area has a \$1.5 billion assessed property value, almost double the assessed value of Rio Rancho. This district would have 14,425 students, compared with Rio Rancho's 12,000.

This is a controversial proposal, since the representatives for the area south of I-40 and for the area between the river and either I-25 or the railroad tracks wish to be included in any west side school district. A simpler solution would be to find a way to convince the APS board to consolidate schools with low enrollments and to build the schools needed on the west side. The only way to do that is through public pressure: letters to the board and to the newspapers; attending and speaking at every board meeting; writing to elected officials demanding action.

Superintendent of APS: Beth Everitt 842-3633; 725 University Blvd.,SE, Albuquerque NM 87106

APS School Board President: Mary Lee Martin 842-3758

Our APS representative: Robert D. Lucero 842-3758

To volunteer to serve on the TRNA education committee, contact Lily Andrews 899-9140 or Gene Stone 897-4615. ☀

November Election - Bond Issues and the Unification Charter

This November a very important bond issue will be on the ballot. It is the bond issue for roads. Last year the roads bond issue was defeated, leaving many important projects unfunded. As the election draws nearer, information on the bond issues will be available in the press and from public information sources such as the league of women voters. Become informed and discuss the issues with your friends and neighbors.

Also on the ballot will be the Unification Charter. Adoption of this charter would merge the governments of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county into one government. An article on page three of this newsletter provides a list of the public meetings scheduled on this important topic and also provides the URL for the web site of the Unification Charter Commission. Become informed before the election so you can vote your convictions. ☀

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: \$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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| <p>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency) 911
 <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>
 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 Office768-3100
 City Councilor Michael Cadigan.....830-2076
 City Information.....768-2000
 Crime Stoppers.....843-7867
 Dumping on Vacant Lots924-3850
 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 Ctr345-1650
 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)761-8334
 Library (Information & Reference)768-5140
 Mayor's/CAO Office768-3000
 Neighborhood Crime Prevention924-3600
 Neighborhood Coordination (ONC)924-3914
 Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers...857-8650</p> | <p>Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks 857-8669
 Poison & Drug Information 1-800-222-1222
 <i>Public Works Department</i>
 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</p> |
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TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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 Director/Education :<i>Gene Stone</i>: 897-4615
 Director/ At large: <i>Eddie Costello</i>..... 362-6700
 Director/web page: <i>Michael Skroch</i>..... 899-4471
 Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i>..... 899-2738
 Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> 897-4684</p> |
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UPCOMING TRNA EVENTS

- September 18, 2004: Fall Flea Market**
- September 25, 2004: Community Center Dedication**
- October 12, 2004: Candidate Forum**
- December 4, 2004: Holiday Luncheon**



Back to school!

North of Montaño: Aug. 6, 20 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

South of Montaño: Aug. 13, 27