

Beatification Update

Lily Andrews, Director Beatification & Education

Our first monthly clean up of Mariposa Basin Park was held on October 23rd. It was a great success and it was so nice to see support for our Adopt-A-Park program. Thanks to the following individuals that made it all possible: *Jennifer Russin, Brooke Parsons, Susan Smith, Don & Lynn MacCornack, Charlotte & Marinda Lane, Gene Stone, Michael Andrews Jr., and Mike Andrews III.*

The park looked beautiful when we were done! **The next park clean up will be November 20th, 10:00-11:00.** Mark your calendars and hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact me at 899-9140.

Also, a special thanks to those of you who participated in Dia Del Rio [*see trna.org for pictures*] at the new parking area for access to the Bosque at Montano and Coors. There were many people busy planting and cleaning up to make this area nice for those of us that use it. There were too many to name names but you know who you are and we **THANK YOU!** ☺

Membership Renewal Time

Virginia Klebesadel, Secretary, TRNA

Early renewals will once again be eligible for Special Prizes. Be one of three lucky winners in the Holiday Party Early Renewal Drawing, December 4. As you know, the membership period is January to December of any given year. Check-out the mailing label of this issue to see if you are among the 2/3 of the memberships due to renew this year. The greeting line will tell you that your 'Membership expires December 2004, please renew.'

Your membership is important to the ongoing TRNA voice. Avoid the January bill paying blues and send your check today, see the renewal form on the inside back page of the newsletter. Thank you for your participation in TRNA. ☺

President's Message - WOW

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

That was a **GRAND** opening! Everyone had a great time touring the new Taylor Ranch Community Center and visiting the food court. The kids had a great time with the outdoor activities. Many thanks to all who worked so hard and volunteered their time to make the day such a success. This facility has been a dream of TRNA for 20 years. Now that it is realized, it is our responsibility to volunteer to help the staff, which are few in numbers. [*see trna.org for pictures*]

There was a good turnout for the October Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup, but more hands are always welcome this month. Lily Andrews is doing a great job as our Beautification Director. When you see her, say Thank You.

The Holiday Luncheon to held in our new Community Center, fast approaching and the luncheon will be great. Make your reservations soon. Happy Thanksgiving! ☺

Taylor Ranch Web Site - TRNA.ORG

Michael Skroch, Director, Web Site

TRNA's web site is now ready for your use! The web site features information for TRNA members and residents of Taylor Ranch. Although we're still building the site, much content already exists. One thing you might want to look at right away are some pictures of the Community Center opening in the TRNA Photo album. The best way to see what's there is to get on the Internet and explore; the location of the site on the Internet is <http://trna.org/>. Some of the features you'll find include the following:

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Zoning Update

Brett T. Lopez, Vice President, TRNA
and Zoning Chair

Was that a great grand opening or what? The US Secretary of Commerce, the Mayor, and a host of other officials there to open our Community Center. If you weren't there you simply must go and see it for yourself, fabulous! It just goes to show you what a neighborhood can do once it sets its mind to it. This leads me to other issues that still prevail in our community. We as a neighborhood can achieve great things if we stay the course and assist our neighbors in aspiring to Current City zoning ordinances.

Speaking to aspiring hats off to Diana Dorn-Jones, COO City of Albuquerque, who was able to get AMAFCA to finally clean up the dam at Mariposa Basin. It has been a Herculean effort on the part of Ms. Dorn-Jones as well as this board member to get them to do anything but stall as long as possible to do nothing.

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New School at *Shoppes at Taylor Ranch*

Virginia Klebesadel, Secretary, TRNA

Walking into 4801 Montano Drive, Ste A-2, located at The Shoppes at Taylor Ranch, the first thing you note is 90 or so students intently working at their individual computer stations. These students, seriously absorbed in their work seemed undisturbed by visitors.


The Creative Education Preparatory Institute # 1 (#2 is located at 69 Hotel Drive NE) is a Charter High School under the APS Umbrella open and free to students who need an alternative to traditional high school classrooms. Thomas Crispin, Director and Co-Founder, states that the school in its first year of operation is already at 90% capacity of the maximum allowed 100 students per half-day session with a waiting list. Students are chosen through a lottery system so everyone has an equal opportunity. These students come from the Cibola, West Mesa and Rio Grande Traditional High Schools. The Student-Teacher Ratio at CEPI #1 is 20:1.

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Trash Recycle - Every Week Starting Jan

We soon won't have to worry about storing our recycle trash for two weeks. Albuquerque's Solid Waste Division will resume weekly pickup of recycle materials as of January 2005. In other refuse news, if you didn't notice, the convenience centers have been open seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. since July. These are the locations you can bring a pickup truck load of trash and yard debris for under \$4. Remember, no trailers, no tree limbs in excess of 8 feet, and all the convenience centers are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. See trna.org or cabq.gov for more information. @

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TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 4, 2004 * 12:00 Noon 'til its' over!

Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Taylor Ranch Rd NW

The Outback Steakhouse has graciously consented to cater our Holiday Luncheon being held at the TR Community Center. A delicious lunch, served promptly at Noon, will be followed by the annual meeting, door prizes, and Santa's visit. Please bring a dessert to share. TRNA members make great desserts!

We will be collecting non-perishable food items or toiletries for our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need. TRNA members traditionally gift generously to the food baskets. Let's outdo ourselves again this year. 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. TRNA members only please. If you have any questions, please contact June Newman at 898-5447.



Reservation Form

Yes, we will attend the party on Saturday, December 4! We will bring a dessert to share and non-perishable food items 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 through fifth grade), please list age for each child:

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

Your reservation must be postmarked no later than November 19. Mail this form to:

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As a technology-based school, it has a highly sophisticated "Smart Lab" consisting of four computer stations containing software where students can learn about many subjects and skills. There are hands on experiments as well, one of which is a hydroponics laboratory ready and waiting to grow out-of-season vegetables. Mr. Crispin describes the school as one where a student can 'discover learning' or the secondary equivalent of the Montessori primary schools. ®

History Corner No. 4

A Brief History of Marie M. Hughes Elementary School

Fred van Berkel, TRNA Historian

Marie M. Hughes Elementary School (5701 Mojave) was named after Dr. Marie M. Hughes, professor emeritus at UNM. She retired in 1974 from UNM. She had joined the UNM faculty after earlier distinguished careers at the universities of Utah and Arizona. Marie M. Hughes Elementary School opened in August 1979 with 12 portable classrooms plus an administration building. The projected enrollment was 243 students. By August 28, 1979, the enrollment was 389 students. That same year, in November, construction started on Phase One: 2 kindergarten classrooms, counselor's office, resource room, library, teacher workroom lounge, and cafeteria. The enrollment in August of 1980 was 467 students. In September 1980 construction started on Phase Two: 17 classrooms, music room, landscaping and playground. By August 1981 the school enrolled 505 students and the principal was Harold J. Mercer. The building was dedicated on Sunday, October 18, 1981. (Thanks to Rita Rincon and Karyl Farris who provided this information.) Today the enrollment is 750 and the principal is Jami Jacobson.

A related tidbit from the TRNA files: "Jim McCutchen, Bellamah Corp, informed TRNA that the bridge to Marie Hughes Elementary school is scheduled to be completed by March 1981." ®



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Welcome New Business Members

This month we welcome three new business members to the TRNA. The **Just-A-Dollar Store**, 890-5474, is located at 6200 Coors Blvd, suite C1. Their initial business card add will appear next month as will a description of their business. **Purified Water-to-Go** is located at 8201 Golf Course Rd, suite A4. While there to talk to these new business members, there was constant customer traffic coming in to fill their water jugs, with curbside help from the staff. They also have a 24-hour fill station at this location. See their initial ad on page two. **Type-thing Services** is a secretarial support and virtual assistant company that provides medical and business transcription in addition to other related services. More information on these businesses, see the trna.org web site! ®

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- ◆ A library of past newsletters, TRNA history, other documents
- ◆ A community forum to post questions and comments
- ◆ Community resources - parks, facilities, and activities
 - ◆ Important phone numbers, links for the city, county, and state
 - ◆ List of board members and email accounts
 - ◆ TRNA business, minutes, bylaws, and other documents
 - ◆ Information about how to join TRNA
 - ◆ Listing of business members, their ads, and offers to TRNA members.

Some of these items are in a members-only area that requires the username "member" and password that changes every month or two. This month the password is 2trna3.

With establishment of this web site, we now have new email addresses for most of our board members. New email accounts are also available for committee members and other TRNA helpers that want a separate account that is of the form name@trna.org. If you have comments or ideas, send them to webmaster@trna.org. ®

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I'm a new member, enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

Resident: \$22.50 (15 mo, to Dec 2005) \$38.50 (27 mo., to Dec 2006)

Business: \$62.50 (15 mo, to Dec 2005) \$102.50 (27 mo., to Dec 2006)

I'm an existing member, enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

Resident: \$18 (1 year extension, Dec 2005) \$34.00 (2 year extension, Dec 2006)

Business: \$50 (1 year extension, Dec 2005) \$90.00 (2 year extension, Dec 2006)

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 898-9173 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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts

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C'mon AMAFCA, you are part of the city and the neighborhoods, step up.

I've noticed an appreciable reduction in the "For Sale" signs around Taylor Ranch I'd like to thank the Albuquerque Metropolitan Board of Realtors for their assistance in getting the word out to their members about the ordinance as it is currently written. However, there are still a few non- believers in the real estate community I'll see what I can do.

Last item, congratulations to all whom ran for office, you are our heroes. Don't forget that your signs must be removed no later than ten days after November 2nd 2004. If I'm not mistaken there are going to be some busy people for the next couple of weeks. Till next month, call me anytime 836-7831 @



Standing-room only crowds, filled corridors, great food, and fun events were found at the October 30th Taylor Ranch Community Center grand opening. If you haven't had time to visit this impressive new Center, stop by soon!

Newsletter Email Address: editor@trna.org

Web Site: <http://trna.org/>

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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November 19, 2004: Register deadline for Holiday Luncheon

November/December: Renew your membership!

December 4, 2004: Holiday Luncheon

North of Montaño: Nov. 12, 24 **CURBSIDE RECYCLING** South of Montaño: Nov. 5, 19

CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS CHANGING TO EVERY WEEK STARTING JAN 2005