

ADULT OLDIES SOCK HOP

Fred van Berkel

On Saturday, February 26, 2005, we are hosting a sock hop at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. The reason? To kick-off the TRNA Silver Anniversary Celebration. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the June 4th all day Silver Anniversary Party: parade, kids amusements, live entertainment, historical display.

Day: Saturday, February 26th (TRNA was incorporated on Feb 24th, 1980.)

Time: 7 pm – 11 pm

Place: TR Community Center Gym

Cost: \$2.50 per person

Door Prizes! Refreshments and commemorative T-shirts will be available...for a price! Bring your friends for a fun evening! (must be 21 years or older to attend) For more information call 899-2738. ☎

Land Use Update

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) approved the Hoffmantown West Church Project and the Montano & Winterhaven Shops Project at its December 16, 2004 meeting. Both projects were approved with conditions, some of which were requested by TRNA. Also at the December 16 meeting the EPC voted to accept the withdrawal of the Eagle Ranch Road Project. This project was to change the zoning from residential to commercial.

TRNA has been notified of a project proposed for the northwest corner of Paseo del Norte and Eagle Ranch Road. The proposed project includes retail stores, office buildings, and service establishments such as banking, restaurants, hotel, and residential condominiums in high rise buildings. Two facilitated meetings have been scheduled to present the project to the neighborhood and to introduce the development team. The meetings will be held at Petroglyph Elementary School on January 10 and 24 at 7:00 PM. ...continued on page 5.

President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

Hope everyone had a happy and safe New Years. Wow, does June Newman know how to throw a party? The TRNA Holiday Luncheon was the place to be on December 4. Thanks to your generous donations several Taylor Ranch families were given large food baskets containing a holiday meal complete with a turkey. Raleys and Smiths were very generous as well. When you see June, please tell her how much you enjoyed the party.

During the General Meeting I suffered from a brain freeze and failed to introduce two of the TRNA Board Members. Virginia Klebesadel has served Taylor Ranch tirelessly for a number of years. She has served in every position at one time or another. Currently she is serving as Secretary as well as serving on the Environmental Planning Commission. Donna Rigano is our newest Board member. She was kind enough to step up and fill a vacant position. She is a great asset to TRNA. Thank You Virginia and Donna for all your efforts. ☎

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Beautification News

Lily Andrews, Dir. Beautification/Education, TRNA

Our November 20th clean up of Mariposa Basin Park was once again a great success. The park looked beautiful! Even if you don't use the park itself, when you drive down Golf Course by the park area, remember that TRNA helps keep this area clean and pleasant looking. Special thanks to the following individuals that made it all possible: Laura Lakin, Don and Lynn MacCornack, Jennifer Russin, Barbara Keen and Mike Andrews. Please mobilize your family, group, or organization for our next clean up!

On the same day, there was a clean up of the Unser

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From the desk of Lieutenant Edmond Perea

and Dayshift Officers of the Westside Area Command

Dear Friends,

In assuring that you have a safe and healthy holiday I want to remind you that this is the time of year when frost often covers our vehicle windshields. When we're running late and we really don't have the time to deal with the task of scraping the ice off, some of us might be tempted to chance it and jump into our car before the ice on the windshield is completely defrosted. We then turn our vehicle defrost switch on high and hope the ice on the windshield melts away before anyone notices. This can create unsafe situations.

So for your safety, as well as others, take a few extra minutes to scrape the ice off your windows before you drive off in your vehicle. Police officers investigate many accidents where a driver attempts to drive a vehicle before the car windows are completely defrosted. It is important that all windows are clear before you drive your vehicle. This might sound a little obvious but invariably I see some individuals driving on our streets with a little hole cleared out for them to peek through while on the road. Sometimes these drivers don't make their next destination in one piece and that goes for their cars too.

Another potential problem we can create for ourselves on these cold winter mornings is when we leave our cars unattended and running outside our homes waiting for the car to warm up. Officers investigate, virtually on a daily basis, reports of stolen vehicles where owners have left their vehicles unattended and running while they wait for their car to warm. No area of town is immune from these thieves. These thefts happen at anytime. The lengths that criminals will go to in order to commit a crime is amazing, but

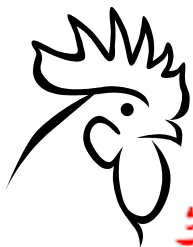
believe me they're out there just waiting for their next victim. I care about you and want you to give yourself a little extra time in the mornings. Be aware of your surroundings and be safe.

Resolve to make 2005 a Great Year:

- ◆ Do something nice for someone else everyday
- ◆ Write a letter to an old friend
- ◆ Enjoy the beauty of a sunset
- ◆ Forgive yourself for occasionally making a mistake
- ◆ Strive to be Healthy and Happy

Happy New Year,

Ed ®



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Directors and volunteers!*

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History Corner #6

Country Living in the City

Fred van Berkel, TRNA Historian

I wrote this article for the *Coalition of Albuquerque Neighborhoods Newsletter* over 20 years ago. It was also published in our *TRNA Newsletter* in August 1983. It emphasizes the need for a strong neighborhood, which is still true today.

Country Living in the City

“Oh, what a view”... With that picture in mind, many of the present Taylor Ranch people bought a piece of the West. Golf course, equestrian center, single family homes... all too good to be true. Bulldozers and moving vans met each others on the dangerous Coors Road and the unpaved Dellyne. But things started changing. The master plan had to be revised: the developer proposed smaller lots, apartment buildings, a six lane highway that would cut Taylor Ranch in two (running next to the power lines), a shopping center the size of Winrock/Coronado combined, and out with the equestrian center and the golf course. It became a matter of money: what could the developer squeeze out of the land (we can't blame them; they are in business to make money) and how could the developpee keep up the value of his home?

Against this background the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association was born. I believe we have one of the finest associations in town: maybe not in quantity but certainly in quality. We may not always agree among each other (an example below), but we have successfully made deals (what politics is all about). We do not have a six lane highway through the middle of Taylor Ranch, we will have a sized down shopping center, we have a small park, we have a dust ordinance (recently acquired), and we still have an equestrian center. In our dealing with other organizations, developers, or the city, the Board tries to keep in mind that it is not a choice between good and evil, but between two goods and that it is better to compromise than to antagonize.

Now we have the bridge issue. In our June [1983], newsletter we asked people to answer the following question: “Do you favor a bridge at Montano?” 46 said yes, 7 no, and 6 preferred a bridge at El Pueblo. The circulation of the questionnaire was approximately 1100 homes during June and July. Assuming that two people per household could have read the question, approximately 2200 people could have answered. Only 59 did. A 2.5 % response is hardly overwhelming. The Board members themselves are split on the issue and the response to our survey,

although strongly preferring a bridge at Montano, wasn't a large enough number for us to be able to say: “the residents of Taylor Ranch want a bridge at Montano”

There are good arguments for and against a bridge at Montano: “The bridge at Montano is the cheapest.” That is a good point. “Why bring half of Rio Rancho down Coors past Paradise Hills before they can cross the river?” That's a good point too.

When all the committees' and subcommittees' work is done, when the politicians find the issue no longer attractive, when the traffic becomes so overpoweringly messed up, the bridges (wherever they may be) will come. In the meantime give us something that is politically attractive to solve the traffic problems: more buses, a lane for share-a-ride, or widening the entrance to I-40 East at Coors.

General Patton ordered parts for his tanks from the Sears Catalog. He was a manager. He could have waited; he didn't. He chose to solve the problem.

Fred van Berkel, President, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association [1983]

P.S. At the August 1983 Board meeting, the TRNA Board of Directors voted 7-6 to support a bridge at Montano.

Tell me about your “historic moments” while living in Taylor Ranch. I can use your memories in a future column. Please call or E-mail it to vanberkel@att.net (or historian@trna.org). ®

What's New at TRNA.ORG

Michael Skroch, Director, Web Site, Editor

A new addition to the TRNA web site are scrolling messages on the home page and news/events page. These areas were added in order to provide our members and residents the latest on meetings, events and other issues. They are updated frequently, so log on and check them out periodically to know what's going on in Taylor Ranch, TRNA, with events of wider community interest.

If you have TRNA-relevant information to post to the web site, send an email to webmaster@trna.org

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Another area of the web site you might use frequently is the "INFO & LINKS" section of the site. It lists local resources in Taylor Ranch as well as many government services and phone numbers you might want to access. About half of these have links to web sites, some with forms you can fill out online. For instance you can now do these things online with the city:

- ◆ Report a street pothole for the city to fix
- ◆ Report graffiti for the city to paint over
- ◆ Report an abandoned vehicle to be removed

Reporting these online may save some time on the phone, not to mention keeping your neighborhood in shape.

If the information in this newsletter doesn't satisfy your civic appetite, you should try the link to Albuquerque's Office of Neighborhood Coordination's newsletter "Neighborhood News." In the past each neighborhood association received a copy; however, you can now access all the information yourselves online.

Did you know that last year Albuquerque started providing free wireless Internet access at various hotspots in Albuquerque? Our Taylor Ranch Library is one location. Others include Civic Plaza and the Sunport. Check out <http://www.cabq.gov/wifi/> for more locations.

This month's username is member and password is 5trna4. These are required to access certain member-only features of our web site. ®



Nearby Taylor Ranch

Recent Developments within and nearby Taylor Ranch

In December, the Albuquerque Biological Park announced the opening of the greatly-anticipated Africa exhibit area at the Rio Grande Zoo. The new section of the zoo comprises six acres of land, 17 separate exhibits and 23 species of mammals and birds.

"Thunderbird Express," a three-quarter scale train sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories and Lockheed-Martin Corporation, runs in a loop through the zoo from 10am to 3:30pm daily at 20 minute intervals. Train tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and may be purchased at the Out of Africa gift shop.

Digital Fine Art Society of NM presents Digital Albuquerque at the Kimo in January and February. New on the art scene, this unique expression of the high-tech times we live in is fast making a foothold in the fine art world.

Every Monday except holidays, Explora opens an hour early just for toddlers and their adult companions. Join Explora staff in the KneeHiSci area and the theater for exploration and play designed just for toddlers. For the older crowd, starting Mon., Jan. 10, 4:00-5:30pm, ESI: Explora Science Investigators is Explora's new semester-long science club for 4th - 8th graders. Pre-registration is required. Call 224-8341 to find out how to participate in this after-school exploration of various science concepts.

At our own TR Library, "Storytime for Toddlers," 18-36 months, with an adult, on Tuesdays, 11-11:20 am, starts Jan. 11 through April 2005. Each session consists of picture book stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, flannelboard stories, music and/or action activities geared toward this young audience. No registration is required.

"Storytime for Preschoolers," 3-5 years is on Wednesdays 10:30-11:10 am, starting Jan. 12 through April 2005. These forty minute sessions consist of 3 to 4 stories and activities developed for the preschool audience. No registration is required. ®

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 - Environment
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 - Youth Committee
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 - Other _____

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

Resident: \$18.00 (12 mo, to Dec 2005) \$34.00 (24 mo., to Dec 2006)

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

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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 Susan at 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**

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The Board voted to change the Board Meeting time to 6:30 to 8:30 starting in January.

Please remember to vote in the APS Bond Election scheduled for early February.

Finally, the TRNA Board elections are just around the corner, so if you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact me at president@trna.org. ®



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The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) conditionally approved the Village Inn Site Development Plan for approximately 2.85 acres on the northern most lot of the SE corner of La Orilla and Coors Rd. Conditions of approval included major upgrade of proposed landscape plan to include 75% coverage of xeriscape plants, living ground cover, with gravel being used as accent and gap fillers only. The Village Inn agent agreed that the landscaping would be maintained. Other conditions included bike lanes, widening of Coors landscaped area to provide for public use, non-invasive parking lot lighting and other road and access agreements. Access to the restaurant will be along Bosque Plaza Loop Road via La Orilla Road." ®

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bike trail that was coordinated by the city Parks and Recreation Dept. Thanks to all that participated in this event!

It's wonderful to see such support from residents that help keep Taylor Ranch the great place it is to live. The next Mariposa park clean up will be January 22, 2005 at 11:00. Please contact me at 899-9140 to volunteer. Hope to see you this new year! ®

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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UPCOMING TRNA EVENTS

- ◆ January: Renew your membership! Form on page 5.
- ◆ Jan 22, 11 a.m., Mariposa Park Clean Up. Email/Call Lily Andrews.
- ◆ Feb 26th: Sock Hop @ TRCC, 7 PM. Email/Call Fred van Berkel.

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” ~Ghandi

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