

Don't miss these Taylor Ranch events!

Fred van Berkel and Brett Lopez, TRNA

Easter Egg Hunt

One of our most popular events, the Easter Egg Hunt is being held Saturday March 26th, Mariposa Basin Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Bring the kids and enjoy the fun! There will be games, egg hunts, the rabbit, and his friends. This year we are working on something brand new for the festivities (it's a surprise). There will be plenty of fun for all, so don't miss out on what promises to be a great day in the park



TRNA Silver Anniversary Celebration

Come be a part of your community's celebration of TRNA's 25th anniversary! Enjoy some fun right in your own neighborhood. It will be held Saturday June 4th, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at two locations:

Taylor Ranch Community Center

Learn more about the history of TRNA at the indoor historical display, then get some exercise (or entertainment watching) outside on the climbing wall, and viewing the equipment displays.

Mariposa Basin Park

Enjoy the celebration outdoors with "A Ton of Fun Kids Zone," live performances, food and drink, games, a Hot Rod display, and more! ®



President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

Is it that time of year again? Board members will be elected at the March 24 General Meeting at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. Please support TRNA by attending and voting.

This will be an exciting year for Taylor Ranch. Your Board is working with Michael Cadigan's office to install not one but two entrance marquees. You old-timers can remember the sign that welcomed you have you entered Taylor Ranch on Montano. The second marquee will be installed on Golf Course just south of Paseo del Norte. In June TRNA will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The celebration will be an all day event, with something for everyone.

Don't forget to tell your neighbors how important you think TRNA is to you and our neighborhood. Consider getting your neighbor started with a gift membership. The TRNA Newsletter is an award winning publication.

Now for some bad news. Due to busy schedules, Virginia Klebesadel and Michael Skroch have resigned from the Board effective after the March meeting. Both have served Taylor Ranch well and will be missed.

Please send your comments and concerns to me at president@trna.org. ®

Beautification News

Lily Andrews, Dir. Beautification/Education, TRNA

The February park clean up of Mariposa Park had to be cancelled due to rain but the next one is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for **March 19th at 11:00**. This is the weekend right before our annual Easter Egg hunt and we want the park to look extra nice for the Easter bunny and all those kidos out there in Taylor Ranch land! Come join us! ®

History Corner #7, Part II

The Apartments—The fight continued

Fred van Berkel, Treasurer, TRNA

By John Hemler

[Before you start reading about the apartment mess – part two, I have to make a correction. When I introduced John, our author, in the last issue, I demoted him to Lt. Col. WRONG! It should have been Colonel John Hemler. Furthermore I butchered his wife's name as well. Her name is Margie. Sorry John and Margie! ~ Fred van Berkel, Historian]

RECAP: On June 12, 1989, some dilapidated, unsightly apartments, circa 1940s-50s, were moved into Taylor Ranch and onto a site at the northwest corner of Montañó and San Ildefonso. TR residents strongly opposed this action and responded with pickets, petitions, and proposed lawsuits to halt construction and to condemn the apartments as "private" or "public" nuisances. Our City Councilor (Pat Baca) drafted a council resolution to condemn the apartments. On July 10, Mayor Shultz and his staff met with some of the apartment owners to negotiate a possible trade. The owners made such absurd trade demands that the Mayor closed these negotiations because the demands were "unreasonable".

The day after these negotiations failed, TR formally filed papers in District Court to obtain a stop work injunction and to condemn the apartments as a private/public nuisance. Succeeding events are chronologically recorded below:

1. July 16, 1989: Jim Arnholz (Belshaw) devoted his entire Journal column to what he initially dubbed as the "Ancient Mariner Apartments". Later in his column, he wrote: "Then it hit me. These are the UNM Student Ghetto apartments of my college days! So what I propose is that we make them a permanent display: The Albuquerque '60s College Apartment Museum.".....Failing that, I think the least we can do is chip in for a small plaque with the following inscription:

ANCIENT MARINER APARTMENTS

As idle as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean
Renters, renters everywhere,
And not a cleaning deposit to be had.

2. July 17, 1989: A District Court judge issued a temporary injunction to stop work on the site. This injunction was lifted a short time later, primarily because TR residents/ associations were unable to post a \$25,000 bond to cover owners' potential losses. However the lawsuit seeking removal because of private/public nuisance remained on the court docket.

3. July 20, 1989: A special meeting of the City Council was held concerning the apartments. TR residents showed a video of the apartments, presented a petition to have them removed, and individuals spoke to the council, pro and con. Two bills were also presented: a) Councilor Baca's proposal to condemn the apartments; b) Councilor Pete Dinelli's proposal to have the City Planning Department examine whether the site could be purchased and used as a park or other use. The Council delayed action on these proposals until their next regular meeting, and asked the City, TR residents, and owners to continue negotiations.

4. July 31, 1989 : The City Council, at its regular meeting, postponed action on the proposed condemnation bill (R-393) for 3 months. By a 5-4 vote, the Council approved the Dinelli bill(R-413). An onerous amendment was added, instructing the Planning Department Director to meet with TRNA to determine if it would be willing to see other City-funded projects in TR postponed or dropped in order to acquire the site.

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Equestrian Center Update

Ciel van Berkel, Treasurer, TRNA

As you may recall, almost three years ago the zoning on the Westside Equestrian Center parcel of land was changed from SU-1 for equestrian use to SU-1 PRD for 43 Single Family Dwelling Units. The boards of the Westside Equestrian Center and of Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association appealed this decision. The City Council upheld our appeal, the land owners appealed the Council's decision to District Court, and recently a District Court judge ruled the City Council should rehear our appeal. In his opinion he stated that the zoning should be residential and that the Council should come to a conclusion consistent with his opinion. The City Council reheard our appeal on February 7th and denied our appeal but changed the maximum number of single family dwelling units to 38. Now the neighborhood association is considering an appeal of that decision. In the meantime, the board will meet with the developer to review his plans for the property. Any appeal must be filed by March 17th. For more information contact Ceil van Berkel (899-2738; treasurer@trna.org). ®

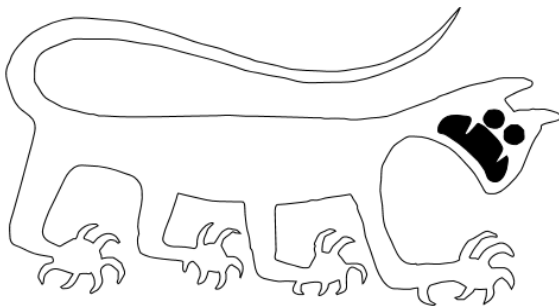
Be Editor of our Newsletter!

Michael Skroch, Editor Mesa Messenger

It is with regret that I step down as editor of the Mesa messenger. It's a great position to help communicate important news to our membership and a way to express one's creative side. Fortunately, that means one of you or someone you know in Taylor Ranch have an opportunity to contribute in this position!

What does it take? It only takes a little time and dedication, a good computer, an email account, and some knowledge about how to edit documents and images. Some number of editors ago, someone picked Microsoft Publisher as the layout tool for the newsletter, so most of our existing files are in that format. It would be good to have this program; however, you could lay out the newsletter in a different program. Most articles come in via email and we can point "editor@trna.org" to your current email account.

As one of the primary communication vehicles to our membership, this is really an important position, and one that lets you become acquainted with all the goings on in the association. There are a number of board members and members that will help with content and getting you up to speed. Contact Ciel at treasurer@trna.org if you can help! ®



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5. August 16, 1989: A strongly worded TRNA letter to the Mayor condemned the amendment to R-413, stating that it would create "dissension and discord" (among the residents) and "would divide the community." It also stated that TRNA had met with the Planning Director and found that "there are no projects to be negotiated under current law and funding."

6. September 6, 1989: The Planning Department report was presented to the City Council. It estimated that the property/ apartments value, when fully completed, would be \$850,000 to \$1,000,000. It also stated that "such an acquisition would have long term effects on the Capitol Program and several projects would need to be deferred." It recommended that "Due consideration must be made before any such land purchase." It also concluded that acquisition of the property through the process of eminent domain would be difficult to achieve and would increase the cost. The resolution was tabled.

7. September 6, 1989: TRNA and other neighborhood associations sent a letter to Mayor Shultz stating that the approach by the Planning Department was misdirected and that attention should be concentrated on eminent domain condemnation.

8. September 7, 1989: Mayor Shultz responded, stating that he was continuing to try all methods to resolve the issue

9. September 22, 1989: Mayor sends a letter to the City Council President (Steve Gallegos) stating that his conversations with the owners' attorney have indicated that they are willing to negotiate the sale of the apartments /land on reasonable terms, based upon appraisals from 2 independent sources. Mayor asked City Council to approve this negotiation process.

10. October 25, 1989: Because of campaigns and Mayor/ Councilor elections in early October, a resolution (EC-458) to authorize the negotiation process was not introduced to the Council until this date.

11. November 5, 1989: City Council approved EC-458 by a 5-4 vote. TR residents packed the chambers. Consideration of the condemnation bill (R-393) was postponed another month.

12. December 1, 1989: A new Mayor (Louis Saavedra) and 4 new councilors took office.

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Nominees for Board of Directors

Ciel van Berkel, Treasurer, TRNA

At our March 24th Annual Membership Meeting we will elect six directors. In addition, we are seeking a person to fill the year remaining for a director who is resigning.

Three of the nominees are current board members who have consented to be nominated again: Don MacCornack, current president; Ceil van Berkel, current treasurer; and Donna Rigano, current director at large. In addition, three new volunteers, Walter Sala, David Freeman, and Bill Jack Rodgers, have agreed to be nominated. Each of the nominees will introduce themselves at the Annual Meeting.

We are still accepting nominations. Ballots will be printed on March 21st and will include all those who have been nominated by that date. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. If you wish to be nominated or want to nominate someone else, please contact Ceil van Berkel (899-2738; treasurer@trna.org) ®

New Businesses in Taylor Ranch

Lily Andrews, Dir. Beautification/Education, TRNA

Some of you may be wondering what will happen to the empty Eckerd's building on the northwest corner of Coors and Montano since it has been vacant for some time. We are happy to hear that a bank has purchased the building. Additionally, a bookstore, Hello Deli, Thai Noodle Restaurant and Brake Masters are among the stores slated to occupy the land between the apartments and the former Eckerd's store. When we learn the completion dates, we will pass the information on to you. ®

Ken Newman
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- Business: \$37.50 (9 mo, to Dec 2005) \$77.50 (21 mo., to Dec 2006)

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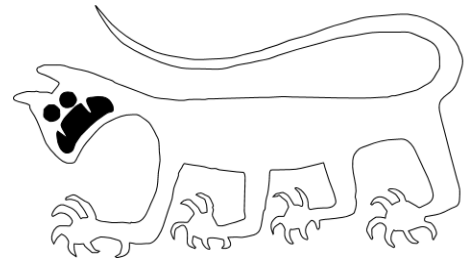
Our mission is to Promote, Preserve, and Improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

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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13. December 8, 1989: The newly reconstituted City Council rejected R-393, the condemnation resolution.

December 22, 1989: A spokesman for the new Mayor stated that the new administration had dropped the proposal (EC-458) for the City to purchase the apartment complex because "there are no funds to purchase it." He went on to state that "The City's role will be to only ensure the complex is brought up to codes."

These actions stunned TR residents, and, although the lawsuit to condemn the apartment complex as a "private/public nuisance" was still in the court system, all seemed lost!! Next : A Surprise Ending. ®



What's New on TRNA.ORG

Michael Skroch, TRNA Webmaster

Log on and explore to see what's new! Check out the TRNA Forum message board where you can post what you think.

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

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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

- Saturday March 19th, 11:00 a.m., Mariposa Basin Cleanup
- Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting at TR Community Center
Refreshments, Door Prizes, Guest Speaker, Board election, By-laws vote
- Saturday March 26th, Easter Egg Hunt, Mariposa Basin Park, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday June 4th, TRNA Silver Anniversary Celebration, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at both the TRCC and Mariposa Basin Park. See page one.

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

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