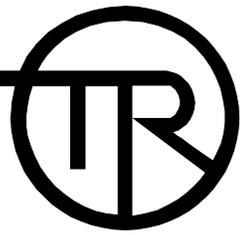


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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws

## President's Message

Brett Lopez, President, TRNA

Our thoughts go out to Col. John Hemler on the passing of his wife Marjorie. John was a founding member of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. He and Marjorie were tireless leaders, as well as volunteers, in the community. They especially worked hard to fight the "ugly apartments." organize the Youth Committee, Founders' Day parades, and our graffiti paint-out committee, and volunteered to register voters and work in every event TRNA sponsored. Marjorie's contributions helped make TR what it is today.

Well, our general meeting had light attendance and I wish I knew a way to generate interest in our surroundings, our neighborhood. Just a few highlights of the meeting for your consideration; Captain Conrad Candelaria who was an unexpected participant came and introduced Lt. Shawn O'Connell (a Taylor Ranch resident) as a new contact for TRNA to APD. I wish to thank the Captain for taking his at-home time to be at our meeting. Useful information from the meeting: if your cell phone does not connect to 311 then dial 768-2000 to get assistance.

Our annual budget was passed with a unanimous vote (16 to 0)...thank you. Rene gave a very concise presentation on the land use issues that affect each and every one of us everyday.

Mr. Cadigan had an emergency and was unable to attend we hope that all is well. Councilor Cadigan's right hand person attended, Mimi Aledo, and gave a great overview of what we should expect in the coming months. Those who commute east may want to consider alternative routes when going to work. Also, after many years of wishing, wanting and asking the medians along Golf Course Road are going to be landscaped...YEAH!

Much to my surprise and pleasure we had two residents step forward to volunteer to work on your Board of Directors, Mr. Smith and Mr. Rippon. Additionally, Mr. Gary Gudell was ratified and is putting in place a crime preven-

tion committee. Gary received a very strong endorsement from Captain Candelaria. We welcome these individuals and look forward to working closely with them.

The Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching my heart is warmed by the number of citizens who have volunteered to help this year. It's inspiring. That's about it for now. See you all on the **7<sup>th</sup> of April at the Easter Egg Hunt in Mariposa Basin Park.** Brett (836-7831, president@trna.org) ®

## Beautification News

Don MacCornack, Director, Beautification

On March 17 TRNA held its monthly Mariposa Basin Park cleanup. The March heroes are Dwane Lane, Rene Horvath, and Lynn MacCornack. As you can see the number of people volunteering for this community project is low, which makes these individuals community heroes for their willingness to give up some of their precious free time for this community project. Please thank them. The park looks great.

Our next park cleanup is scheduled for **April 21 at 9:00 am at the Mariposa Basin Park entrance.** Trash bags and gloves will be provided. This park is used by many in our community, so we need to keep it beautiful. Please come out and make some new friends.

If anyone has any comments, please email me at beautification@trna.org ®

## West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Assoc.'s Meeting—March 7, 2007

Walt Sala, TRNA Director, WSCNA Representative

The District Attorney's Office and the Police Department reported and requested citizen's help in eliminating crime and DWIs in Albuquerque. Most crime is created by repeat offenders, 80%. Many of these offenders are career criminals, and the DWIs are also repeat offenders. The question is why are they still operating ?

The APD and the DAs office are doing their job, and very

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efficiently, so seems like it is a breakdown in the judicial system, where the judges seem to feel sorry for the offenders rather than the offended, and they slap the offenders on the wrist, rather than putting them where they can't hurt someone. Both problems can be solved by court watchers, and any citizen can be a court watcher by contacting Bill Hoch of the DAs Office. They can call Bill Hoch at 841-7114 for more information. Something has to be done. Albuquerque is one of the worst areas in these offenses in the country.

Here is an example of the revolving door justice system that we as citizens and police officers alike face. An active criminal on the WestSide, lets call him John Doe, has the following record: 3/ 5/ 07 Agg. assault. poss. of firearm - 1/ 30/ 07 drugs, stolen property - 7/ 4/ 06 Agg. assault w/ deadly weapon - 7/ 4/ 05 Prob. violation - 1/ 14/ 05 parole violation - 7/ 23/ 97 Res. burglary - 12/ 4/ 95 Agg. burglary - 6/ 30/ 95 DWI - 7/ 3/ 93 Agg. burglary - 5/ 23/ 93 Res. burglary, Larceny - 3/ 16/ 93 Res. burglary - 8/ 13/ 91 Agg. burglary, stolen firearm, possessing of firearm, larceny, resisting arrest etc. - 7/ 2/ 91 Agg. Res. burglary - 9/ 20/ 90 Res. burglary - 8/ 8/ 89 DWI - 4/ 11/ 89 Res. burglary - 2/ 22/ 84 CSP, kidnapping - 2/ 16/ 82 Grand larceny. **In total, arrested 18 times in 25 years** . In the past 30 days police have made 25 criminal arrests. Rehabilitation, you have to be kidding. This is why citizens have to become involved as court watchers.

A joint APS and YMCA program has been approved. A new Y will be built close to the new NW high school, and the students will be able to use the Olympic size pool at the Y. A win-win situation for both the APS and the YMCA.

### **Mayors Budget agenda for D5 (which encompasses Taylor Ranch)**

1. Ventana Ranch Regional Park
2. Golf Course Road Medians
3. New Far NW ABQ Community Center
4. Paseo I-25 Jefferson Roadway Improvements
5. New Petroglyph Nat'l Monument Trails Mgmt Plan
6. New Police Command Station ( Westside area will be split into 2 area commands and additional police will be assigned here.)
7. Community Park Development
8. NW Arterial Roadway Improvements
9. Swimming Pool Facility Development & Renovation
10. Open Space Land Acquisition, Fencing, & Protection

11. Chamiza Elementary Soccer Field
12. Taylor Ranch Library Improvements

**We need more voices so to be heard at City Hall, get your neighbors to join TRNA!** For more information contact [wesehs@earthlink.net](mailto:wesehs@earthlink.net) ☎

## **Crime Prevention Update**

Gary Gudell, APD Liaison Director, TRNA

To the members of TRNA who were at the General Membership Meeting Wednesday Eve 3/ 21: Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will try my best as liaison between TRNA and APD. I already have three potential members for our crime prevention committee. We could surely use a few more members who are interested in crime prevention to join us!

Anything you see that looks out of the ordinary is reason enough to contact me or APD. It is our responsibility to report suspicious activities.

So many of our streets are very dark, even though there are street lights. Every home owner should make an attempt to have some kind of lighting on their property!

I'll be providing APD news and crime prevention information in our next report.

Fro more information, or to join the crime prevention committee, contact me GARY GUDELL, at 710 5191 or e-mail me at [vmgudell@msn.com](mailto:vmgudell@msn.com). Enjoy the Spring! ☎

## **Land Use Update**

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. **County/ La Orilla:** The hearing was scheduled to be heard March27th, but was again deferred for another 30 days. It was mentioned in the last newsletter that the County offered to negotiate. So far what has been discussed, is to move the grocery/ Wal-Mart/ building an extra 10 feet away from the back wall of the Rio Oeste residents who are just south of this site. The architecture would be changed to territorial style. The hours would reflect the same hours as Raley's and Smith's. The location of the loading docks on the eastside of the building facing Coors is a problem that still needs to be addressed. The La Orilla roadway design and alignment issues, still needs to be resolved, but they are not part of the negotiation. If things are agreed upon, then the County wants TRNA to drop the replat appeal. The next hearing date will most likely be **April 24th** before the **County Commissioners**. If you have any comments or questions about this issue, please call me.

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2. **Andalucia:** Deferred again until **May 17**. There is nothing new to report, but this is still an important issue.

3. **Coors Corridor Plan:** The new plan, is scheduled to be heard **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, by the **EPC**. There are unresolved issues that need to be addressed such as the view regulations. I have not heard anything new from the City yet. It is very critical that these issues get resolved and that this plan is evaluated carefully before it's approved. If you have any time to give this project and are interested in the outcome of this plan please give me a call.

4. **Oxbow Town Center:** This project was presented to the Westside Coalition at the start of the year. There was one facilitated meeting since then. The project consists of 47 acres on the west side of Coors, across the street from St. Pius. There are two parts to this project. The southern half of the project will be a shopping center. The northern half will be a big office complex. The shopping Center portion of the project, is scheduled to be heard **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, by the **EPC**. There is no known opposition. Any comments from TRNA will likely focus on details such as design, lighting, signage, etc.

5. **Lee's Bosque Subdivision:** 6.82 acres located on the eastside of Coors Blvd., just north of Bosque Meadows subdivision. The owner would like to change the zoning from RD to SU-1 for C-1 (commercial) uses. A second facilitated meeting was held March 20. People from Bosque Meadows, Coors Trails, and TRNA were there to participate. RD zoning was originally thought to allow 85% residential, and 15% commercial. But as it turns out that in this case the only choice would be to keep residential or change the zoning to allow commercial. A majority of the people at the meeting did not want the zone change. **The EPC Hearing** is set for **March 19**.

As it turns out the next few months will be very busy. There are five projects that need to be addressed. They are all along Coors Blvd. If you interested in any of these projects please let me know. René Horvath 898-2114 or land@trna.org ☺

## Four Scholarships Awarded

David Freeman, Education Director, TRNA

The Board of Directors of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association congratulate the winners of the 2007 TRNA scholarships and the Don Newton Memorial Scholarships:

- Brittany Lopez
- Cedric Snoy
- Tasha Serna-Gallegos
- Lauren Hannah Snyder

Each student will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship check from the TRNA Scholarship fund. This money was raised from the sales at the semiannual flea markets. Each student will receive an additional \$250.00 from the Don Newton Memorial Scholarship fund. This money was donated to the fund in memory of our former president, Don Newton.

Each of the above students, in their applications and letters of recommendation, demonstrated a strong history of service to the community. In addition, they met the qualification criteria of living within the boundaries of the Association, submitting the Scholarship Application form by the deadline, and being enrolled at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2007.

These awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' college, university, or post-secondary school.

We congratulate each of these students on their accomplishments and wish them the very best in pursuing their educational goals. ☺

## General Membership Meeting Report

Ceil van Berkel, Member, TRNA

At the Annual General Membership Meeting held Wednesday, March 21st at the Taylor Ranch Community Center, the membership unanimously approved the budget for the coming year and the election of new directors. Those elected to 2-year terms were: Don MacCormack, Walt Sala, Gary Gudell, Patsy Rippo, and Jason Smith.

Current Directors, whose terms expire in 2008 are Brett Lopez, Hanna Sorrells, and Rene Horvath. There are still 3 vacant director positions. If you would like to volunteer to serve temporarily until the next general membership meeting, please email Brett Lopez at [president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org) or call 839-4805. ☺

## In Memoriam ~ Marjorie Hemler



Marjorie died March 16th after a long battle with cancer. She and her husband John had moved to Taylor Ranch in the 70's and were actively involved with the Association for almost 30 years. Marjorie will be missed, but her legacy lives on through the many lives she enriched.



**TRNA Annual Financial Report and Budget for 2007-2008**  
**Presented at the General Membership Meeting—March 21, 2007**

**PROPOSED BUDGET— FY 2007**  
 4.1.2007 TO 3.31.2008

**INCOME**

Advertising	
Newsletter	100
Education	
Flea Markets	1500
Donations	80
Membership	4150
T shirts & License sales	100
Easter	1200
Youth Committee	0

**TOTAL INCOME** **7160**

**EXPENDITURE**

Administrative	150
Bank Charge	20
Dues (Westside Coalition)	20
Education Committee Education	
Flea Market	100
Scholarships	2000
Gross Receipts Tax	30
Insurance	1550
Mailbox-Postal Permit	160
Box Rent	70
Membership	
Mailings etc	205
Website expense	115
Newsletter	
Postage	550
Printing/Labels etc	200
Christmas Party	900
Easter	300
TRNA Advertising	150
Website	300
Zoning	300

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **7160**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of MARCH 15, 2007

**STARTING BALANCE \$ 5,564.41**

**CLOSING BALANCE \$ 6,987.42**

**INCOME**

T-SHIRTS	\$ 30.00
DON NEWTON –	
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 920.00
DONATIONS	\$ 82.00
FLEA MARKET	\$ 714.56
INSURANCE PROCEEDS	
SIGN DAMAGE	\$ 900.00
NEWSLETTER ADV	\$ 285.00
NM CRS	\$ 19.24
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 4,161.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 7,111.8</b>

**EXPENSES**

ADMIN EXPENSE	\$ 93.60
WEBSITE EXPENSE	\$ 119.88
BANK FEES	\$ 31.00
EASTER PARTY EXP	\$ 192.72
CHRISTMAS EXPENSE	\$ 764.00
FLEA MKRT EXPENSE	\$ 389.71
INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$ 1,534.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	\$ 93.00
NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$ 661.66
NM CRS EXPENSE	\$ 28.59
POSTOFFICE EXP	\$ 232.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 0.0
SIGN MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,198.63
ZONING EXPENSE	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,688.79</b>

# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm interested in the following:
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Participation     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification           | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention         | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter               | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/ Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation       | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic                             |

**Check your expiration date on the mailing label.**

**If membership does not expire this month then please pass this form on to a neighbor!**

**If it does expire this month, please renew now! Enclose a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2007) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2009)  |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2007) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2009) |

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Apr. 2006

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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## Membership Report

Current as of 03.02.07

166	Residential
5	Business
<b>171</b>	<b>Paid</b>
22	Courtesy
<b>193</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Taylor Ranch License Plates



Once upon a time, the developers of Taylor Ranch gave new home owners a Taylor Ranch license plate as part of the closing. In response to popular demand, TRNA has reissued these plates with the original brown and gold design. They are available at the Community Center. \$10.00 for one plate, \$15.00 for two plates. Proceeds to benefit the TRNA scholarship program. ®



## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7th  
Mariposa Basin Park

10:00 AM

- Games
- Rides
- Food



11:00 AM

- Egg Hunts grouped by age
- Toys, coupons, surprises



For information call 836-7831

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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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**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday April 7th**

**10:00 am —noon Mariposa Basin Park**

**Games, Rides, Food, Prizes**

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