

## President's Message

Brett Lopez, President, TRNA

Well fall is upon us and now is the time to start preparing for winter. Be sure to check your heater to be sure it is good working order and the filters are fresh and clean before it gets to cold. Also, now is a great time to really work over your swamp cooler as it is not too hot and by spending the time on it now it will make next season a breeze. (This I know first hand).

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had our fall TRNA Scholarship Rummage Sale and know that we appreciate the participation every time we hold one of these fund raising events.

**Our annual Holiday Luncheon is set for December 8, 2007.** A change this year from the past. The Whisque located at Coors and Montano has graciously agreed to host this wonderful annual event. As always please keep your reservations to immediate family only. This years invitees are to include the Mayor Martin Chavez, City Councilor Michael Cadigan, West Side APD Command Capitan Conrad Candelaria, APS Board Member Robert Lucero, and Governor Bill Richardson.

You will need to get your reservation form in early as space will be limited. Please remember to bring a shared dessert and your holiday spirit. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Board is planning a **winter dance for all the middle school students in Taylor Ranch.** It will be held at the Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center **December 15, 2007.** We have asked the student council at LBJ Middle School to work on a theme and help decorate the CC for the event. This will be the second dance this year. We are always looking for a volunteer or fifty to help out with all of our neighborhood events. If you can spare a couple of hours now and again I sure would appreciate it.

A special thanks goes to **Alice Demi**, who has graciously agreed to be TRNA's Secretary. We are very grateful!

Recently, I have had many inquiries about trees being to tall, front yards being a mess, roofs that need fixing because the shingles are falling off, etcetera. I need to emphasize that we are not a Homeowners Association (HOA) but a Neighborhood Association (NA). The differences are vast. An HOA has the authority to tell you what color you can paint your trim, what type of landscaping you may have and how tall your trees and shrubs can be. An NA does not have the authority to enforce any of those items. But instead works for the betterment of the neighborhood via scholarship programs, community events and political interaction with the City and State officials and departments on behalf of the neighborhood in an effort to enhance your overall quality of life.

Citizenship and being a good neighbor should be enough to get those in the neighborhood to act responsibly. We all know that there are those who will always strive to destroy the quality of life and great neighborhood environment that TRNA has worked for so many years to attain. We will continue to do so.

If there is a problem with a house, car, tree, shrub and the like you can call 311 or zoning enforcement to see if there is something that can be done. Short of that, it would seem to me as though it would make sense to homeowners and landlords alike to keep their property and possessions in good order but alas, some just don't care.

Happy Fall Ya'all, Brett



## Welcome New Business Member

Robert Bye, Independent Associate, for Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. located in Taylor Ranch, is a specialist in Small Business, CDLP, Employee Benefits, and Identity Theft Shield. He can be reached at 410-4631 or [rbye103@yahoo.com](mailto:rbye103@yahoo.com). Check out his website for more information: [prepaidlegal.com/hub/rbye48](http://prepaidlegal.com/hub/rbye48).

## Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director

**Homestead Hills Shopping Center:** On September 20th, the EPC voted to approve the site development plan for building permit for Mr. Rich's 530 self storage units and manager's residence. This has been a yearlong process where Mr. Rich has worked to gain the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association and the adjacent residents support for his proposal. Some last minute details were hashed out at the EPC, which included drainage issues, landscaping and signage. Two additional signs will be added at the entryways into the shopping center, each will have a maximum height of 13 feet. Several residents attended the hearing in support of Mr. Rich's proposed development.

**Vista De La Luz/ Commercial development:** This project was deferred for a second time by the EPC. The reason for the deferral was to address several concerns that were brought up by the EPC commissioners. The commissioners felt that the 200-foot long commercial building backing up to Coors lacked sufficient architectural features to provide an attractive appearance, and did not take full advantage of the views this site had to offer. The architect made changes to the project since the last EPC hearing by changing the architectural design, reducing

signage, and by lowering the building height by 6 feet to a maximum height of 26 feet to comply with building height regulations. Pedestrian access from the shopping center to bus stops along Coors Blvd. still need to be worked out. Two real windows were added to the back of the building along with three false windows. The Commissioners said that this was not enough. Either the building would have to be relocated so that it faces Coors and the mountains, or the building would need to be dressed up with real windows, not fake windows. They also wanted more architectural features to make the building look more inviting and attractive. Other suggestions included having more outdoor seating areas to enjoy the views and to make those areas more pleasant by providing more landscaping and shade. The EPC deferred this project for 30 days and will allow more time if needed.

**Concealment of WTF (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities):** This was scheduled to be heard at the Sept. 20th EPC hearing, but was deferred. At the August 16th EPC hearing, the EPC wanted more neighborhood input. An August meeting was held with Cell Industry representatives and Neighborhood representatives. The initial goal a year ago, was to conceal all cell towers. The

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## West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Assoc.'s Meeting—Sept. 5, 2007

Walt Sala, Director, WSC

Residents near the new proposed Costco in the Cottonwood area had many complaints about the construction, work at all hours, day and night, and many other concerns. These were addressed and the neighborhood association and State Representative Tom Anderson promised to look into and try to do something about the problems.

Lovelace West Side Hospital will be having a Health Fair on October 20, and everyone is invited to attend. It should be interesting and informative.

West Side Coalition will be having a new website which will keep everyone informed as to what's going on. More info to follow.

Fire Commander David Chavez indicated that a new fire station will be built on the far NW side. He also was asked why city paramedic units transfer patient to private ambulances, rather than take patient to hospital. The answer was the usual, not enough city units, seems like this is the answer to everything in ABQ NM. Seems ridiculous when this state has more money than most other states who seem to have all the necessary equipment and facilities. Regarding the 3 houses that burned up, and the lateness of response time by fire department was discussed, and we were assured that steps have been taken to prevent it ever happening again.

APD Deputy Chief introduced the new North, Northwest Side Police Commander, Captain Steve Warfield, who will take over this new area. Captain Warfield is a native NM and lives on the west side. The station will be across from Cibola High School. A temporary portable building will be used until the permanent structure is built.

Brett Lopez (TRNA President), Lara Horton, Dr. Joe Valles were named to a new Neighborhood Task Force. These are three of the best go-get-em and get-it-done people on the west side, so we can look forward to getting things looked into and done as never before.

State Rep Tom Anderson told us that the County After School Program is out, reason, buses have to have 4 wheels on back, but seems like rest of the state seems to ignore that, and run regular 2 wheel buses. Does this sound familiar, another one of those New Mexico foibles. The gift tax law has loopholes that he felt have to be addressed.

Crime is a major problem here, seems like a burglar can be arrested many times but is still out on the street, because the judges do not put them away, slap them on the wrist and tell them not do that anymore, which does not do any good. Burglars have no fear of our judicial system. Seems like there must be something that can be done about that. The murder in Mariposa Park was discussed, with some possibilities, such as an autogate, lights, call box, etc.

Miles Lessen spoke of a national non-profit after school program called "Citizen School" which has an emphasis on mentorship and is funded by grants, etc. More information will be forthcoming.

Walt Sala, 890-7035, wscn@trna.org

## Crime Prevention Update

Gary Guddell, APD Liaison Director, TRNA

Hi all you good folks who have shown an interest in crime prevention. It has been almost two weeks since the TRNA newsletter has been mailed to all our members. So far I have received one answer.

I am sure you are aware that there has been 3 home invasions in the last 10 days. A civilian patrol might not rid Taylor Ranch of crime forever, but it sure can help.

The shooting in Mariposa Park might have been avoided if the shooter was aware that a patrol might have shown up at any second.

It seems the worst hours are between 9PM and 3AM for criminals to practice their art!

We have over 13,000 homes in Taylor Ranch. The more guys we can get together would help spread out the time for any one person to patrol. The Police Dept is in favor of this! They will help educate us as to what has to be done. When we form the crime committee, we will discuss what has to be addressed first.

I am also planning a class in the proper handling of firearms, but need people who are really interested!

Please contact me as soon as possible, the sooner the better, so we can start to make Taylor Ranch a place to be proud of. Let's set an example for Albuquerque!

**I KNOW WE CAN DO IT!!**

Call me at 710-5191.

*[See Captain Candalaria's comments on this subject on page 6]*

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cell phone industry said it would be too costly to change their existing towers. So now the goal is to only conceal the new cell towers that will be built, and to co-locate new services onto the existing cell towers that won't be concealed. The Cell Tower Industry still has a problem with concealing all new towers. Neighborhood representatives support concealment and prefer certain tower designs over others and would like to see more towers integrated into buildings. A major concern for residents are how close cell towers can be placed next to their homes. The Industry representatives proposed that the distance be determined by the height of the cell tower, which can be 65 feet to 90 feet. Residents feel this is too close and would prefer a greater distance between them and the towers. Current regulations provides an 85-foot setback from the property line. Residents also want to know how many towers are currently in Albuquerque, how many more towers are being proposed, and where they plan to put them. No one knows exactly how many towers there are now. Industry would like to double or triple the number of towers in Albuquerque. The planner is requesting that an inventory be taken of the existing towers and their locations. The service range of each cell tower is approximately three miles. Industry calculates that there needs to be a tower every one and half miles from each other to get full coverage of service. This may be heard at the October EPC hearing.

**Andalucia:** Has been deferred for 90 days. They will be heard after the revised Coors Corridor Plan is heard by the EPC, which will be in November.

**Coors Corridor Plan:** The City Planning Department wants to update all the sector development plans in the city. They have been working on the Coors Corridor plan for almost two years. The City Planning Department has been working on revising the view regulations. They have mapped out three elevation zones to run parallel to Coors Blvd. on the east side, facing towards the river. These elevations will dictate how high the buildings will be built in relation to the mountains. Low buildings will be built close to Coors Blvd.; high buildings will be built in the background close to the river. More work needs to be done and comments taken. One thing that needs to be done is to figure out how views of the Bosque will be preserved and how views for area residents living on the east side of Coors Blvd. can also be preserved. Anyone who wants to get involved in the revised Coors Corridor Plan should call me.

**La Cuentista:** It was mentioned in the August newsletter that Ms. Pavich came to our July Board meeting to discuss

her La Cuentista development located on top of the mesa. She addressed why so much excavation had been done by PNM, which damaged quite a bit of the natural landscape, especially in the open space designated areas. A concerned resident of Taylor Ranch inquired about the damage to the area, so Ms. Pavich wrote a letter explaining the restoration plans. This letter will be distributed to nearby residents. Following is a portion of what she wrote:

“As President of Legacy Development, I would like to let you know that we fully intend to reclaim, restore and mitigate any damage or disruption that we have caused (through the Calle Nortena easement and open space land) during the initial construction phase of our development. Because of utility & city requirements, we had to create more disturbance than was originally planned. We are working with the National Park Service, City Open Space Division and other technical experts. That includes plans for creating a walking trail that will go along the escarpment for the entirety of our land. In the years of planning & development, we have taken the time and effort to create a development that can be an example of the very best in land planning and conservation. We will be utilizing 10 custom “green” builders in the project. Over 30% of quality usable land is dedicated to open space throughout our subdivision.”

**Petroglyph Edge:** Is the new name for the Mojave street subdivision that received a zone change from O-1 to R-1, last month. They will be going to the DRB (Development Review Board) on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tierra West will be handling this case. Since they are next to the National Monument they will have to comply with the NW Mesa Escarpment Plan, and its building height requirements, which is 15 feet. Comments provided by the residents at the facilitated meeting last July are written on the site plan. The DRB suggested adding a variety of trees along Mojave street, rather than having only one species of tree.

**Harvest Homes/ La Luz del Oeste:** Located on the west side of Coors Blvd., south of Dellyne. Wanting to complete their 1970's development on the upper half of the bluff, they received an administrative amendment from the planning department, to build single story duplex units, rather than the usual eight units to a cluster. Neighbors that back up to this development have noticed piles of dirt being placed behind their properties and have expressed concern about potential drainage problems which could affect them when the development is completed. The City Engineer/ Hydrologist for DRB has been notified about this concern and will let us know more once the drainage plans are completed.

For any questions call me. Rene' Horvath, 898-2114



TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon  
 Saturday December 8th 2007  
 11:00 am till 2:00 pm  
 The Whisque Restaurant  
 Coors and Montano

A delicious meal will be served buffet style, followed by the annual meeting and door prizes.

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. In the past TRNA members have been very generous to the Food Baskets. Boxes will be available at the door for your donation.

Reservations are required, so please send in your reservation now. Must be received by no later than November 18th. Please note that space is limited, so this event is **for TRNA Members ONLY**. There is no charge for the lunch.

Reserve your place now! Mail the following form to:

**TRNA Holiday Party**  
**c/o Brett Lopez**  
**4815 Northern Trail NW**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87120**

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**Reservation Form**

We will attend the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8!

We will bring a dessert to share and a non-perishable food for the needy in the area.

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of children** \_\_\_\_\_ (TRNA Members only, thank you)

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## Beautification News

Don MacCornack, Director, Beautification, TRNA

The September Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup Team was short in number but was still able to make a huge impact due to the enthusiasm of the volunteers. These individuals are willing to give up some of their precious free time to improve our park. The September heroes are Rene Horvath, Diane Sirois, and Lynn MacCornack.

Our next park cleanup is scheduled for **October 20 at 9:00 am at the Mariposa Basin Park entrance**. Trash bags 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.

In an effort to reduce the amount of trash in our community, please remember to bag your trash before you place it in your trash container.

If anyone has any ideas for a beautification project, please email me at [beautification@trna.org](mailto:beautification@trna.org). 

## Police News

Letter from **Conrad E. Candelaria, APD Westside Area Commander** to Gary Guddell (APD Liaison Director for TRNA): "I applaud you for taking an interest in our community. It is through a collaborative approach that lends toward a safer community. The idea of beginning a citizens' patrol for the Taylor Ranch Association is an effective and viable means of enhancing the partnership between the police department and the community. I look forward to assisting and participating in this endeavor and I strongly encourage our constituents to take an active role in making our community safer." So what are you waiting for? Call Gary NOW to sign up to participate in TRNA Citizen Patrol. 710-5191.

We recently heard from **Lt. Ed Perea**, who was very active in Taylor Ranch for a number of years, prior to leaving to attend law school. In part he states: "I have been impressed with the hard work TRNA continues to put into the neighborhood, making it a strong vibrant voice for the community. I miss working with you all on those issues we felt were important in making Taylor Ranch safe. In law school I have become the resident law enforcement expert for my colleagues. I guess my nearly 24 years in law enforcement have come in handy. Last spring I was elected student body president of UNM's School of Law, and head of the Student Bar Association through my final year." He went on to talk about the valuable public service work being done by law students.

## Senior Support Services

Catherine Aragon-Marquez, Volunteer Coordinator for Catholic Charities Senior Support Services, spoke briefly at TRNA's last board meeting about her organization's ability to provide transportation for Westside seniors (age 60 and over) who are no longer able to drive. It helps seniors remain in the familiar surroundings of their own neighborhoods and to be empowered to lead productive and independent lives.

Rides are provided by trained and screened volunteers for medical appointments, grocery shopping, banking, pharmacies, post offices, and government offices. Priority is given to medical appointments. There is no charge for the service; however, donations are greatly appreciated.

**To register for Senior Support Services, contact them at 724-4634.** For more information on this and other programs, check out their website: [www.ccasfnm.org](http://www.ccasfnm.org).

## Volunteers Needed!

This Senior Support Services Transportation Program greatly needs volunteers for the Westside! Currently there are only three in the 87120 area. Catholic Charities receives no state funding for this program, so it must rely on the generosity of its supporters and volunteers.

As has been noted in past city council meetings, Westside transportation is a major concern in this rapidly-growing part of Albuquerque, and public transportation will not be able to fill this particular void in a long time, if at all.

If you would like to make a difference, and are able to volunteer to assist getting senior citizens to their various appointments, **please contact Catherine Aragon-Marquez at 724-4634.**

# 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"/> Calling           | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education          | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment       | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter               | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/ Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |

**Check your expiration date on the mailing label. If membership does not expire this month, then please Pass this on to a neighbor! If it does expire this month, please renew now!**

**Enclose a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:**

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| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$27.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2010)  |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2010) |

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

Call Patsy Rippo at 306-2244 if you have questions or need more information.

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Please mail this form with your check to: TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 2—City Election – Vote!
- Oct 10—TRNA Board Meeting, TRCC, 6:30 pm
- Oct 20—Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup, 9:00 am
- Oct 26,27– Albuquerque’s Make A Difference Days

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Mayor Martin Chavez’s Office of Volunteerism & Civic Engagement is promoting its annual Make A Difference weekend, October 26-27. This year’s theme is “Connecting Generations to Make A Difference.” Check out the various projects at [dsaine@cabq.gov](mailto:dsaine@cabq.gov) or call Debra Saine, 767-5815.



# Have a safe and happy Halloween

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

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 18th 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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December 8, 2007**

**MARIPOSA BASIN PARK CLEANUP—OCTOBER 20, 9:00 AM  
PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP!**

***“DON'T TRASH TAYLOR RANCH!”***