

President's Message

Brett Lopez, President, TRNA

I want to encourage the membership to send in their Holiday Party reservations now. The cut off date is the 18th of November, after that your reservation will not be honored. This is one of the many benefits that your membership in TRNA provides you and I strongly urge all new members to participate in this wonderful lunch time activity. The reservation form is in this newsletter.

On the 21st of October I had the pleasure of a breakfast meeting with your crime prevention chair Mr. Gary Guddell. Gary is working to put together the civilian patrol for the Taylor Ranch neighborhood. What he is doing is forming patrols sanctioned by APD and the City of Albuquerque to patrol the streets of your, mine and our neighborhood. This is truly admirable. To think that one person is willing to give of their time and energy to recruit, inform and assist in the protection of other persons and property is one endeavor we should all be willing to give a few hours a month to. Thank you Gary.

As with all the Board members that head committees, each and every one of us does what we are passionate about. All I can do is encourage you to follow your passion: help Don MacCornack clean Mariposa Basin Park, call René Horvath on land use issues, work with the scholarship committee, help organize middle school dances, or just pick one of the 100 things that interest you. I'll call it responsibility as a resident of Taylor Ranch. Let's just get it done, all of us together in unison making a difference for one neighborhood united, working together to make a difference. After all, isn't that one of the reasons you moved here in the first place?

Okay, stepping off my pulpit, I would like to say that being your President for the last two years has been a true pleasure and honor. Seldom do people get the opportunity to work towards making a true difference. Thank You. Our general meeting for the purpose of electing board members is coming in March of 2008. During my time as your President I have seen and

experienced many things that would have otherwise passed me by. These moments are truly special to me. To watch the neighborhood and it's personality grow and change is a wonderful thing. I would encourage everyone to be on the Board of Directors, to help effect change, to participate in the process, and to make a difference. To be passionate about where you live and how you can make it a better place if only, a little, it's still big in my book. These are the things neighbors bring to neighborhoods.

Thanks. See you December 8th. Brett ®

Beautification News

Don MacCornack, Director, Beautification, TRNA

All I can say is "WOW". On October 20 TRNA held its monthly Mariposa Basin Park cleanup and Brownie Troop 2917 turned out in a big way. It was very evident that the Troop leader and the parents are instilling in these young people a strong sense of community. The troop is from Marie Hughes Elementary School and was well organized. Troop 2917 rocks!!!

The October volunteers were Brenda and Sarah Romero, Hailey, Worth and Lisa Shepherd, Estrea and Alan Blanton, Ruthie Madrid and Lynn MacCornack. I apologize if I have misspelled anyone's name.

Weather permitting our last park cleanup of the year is scheduled for **November 17 at 9:00 am** at the Mariposa Basin Park entrance. Trash bags will be provided. This park is our Central Park and is used by many in our community, so we need to keep it beautiful. Please come out and make some new friends and remember "Don't trash the Ranch".

If anyone has any ideas for a park improvement project, please email me at beautification@trna.org

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director

WTF (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities): On October 11th, EPC held a special hearing for the concealment of WTF (cell phone towers). Last year,

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Councilor Harris sponsored legislation to conceal all cell towers, including existing towers. Since then, the Cell Phone/ Tower Industry representatives and Neighborhood representatives have attended numerous meetings to work on the proposed legislation. At the hearing, Industry wanted fewer restrictions placed on them to conceal all new towers. They claim concealed towers are less efficient than the non-concealed towers. The Planner told the EPC Commissioners that compromises have already been made for the Industry, and that the legislation needs to focus on the concealment of cell towers; which is the purpose of the legislation. The compromise is that existing towers will remain as they are, unconcealed. New cell phone services will either have to collocate onto existing towers or build a new tower that is concealed. Three services can go onto one tower. Neighborhood representatives supported the legislation for the concealment of cell towers. TRNA testified that language from the current regulations should remain strong, as we add on the new legislation. TRNA also didn't want to decrease the current 85-foot tower set back from residential property. TRNA also supported updating the inventory of existing tower locations. The Industry expects that number of cell towers will more than

double in Albuquerque area in order to provide for future services. There will be another special EPC hearing, November 8th.

Vista de La Luz: The EPC approved the commercial/ office development, located on the west side of Coors Blvd. between the San Antonio Arroyo and Sevilla Ave. at its October 18th hearing. The plan had already been deferred twice, because the commercial building, which backed up to Coors, did not contain enough architectural features facing Coors, and did not take advantage of the spectacular views of the mountains. The building also did not comply with building height regulations or provide adequate pedestrian connections to transit stops. A different set of plans was presented at the Oct. 18th EPC hearing. The long commercial building was separated into two buildings. Both buildings still back up to Coors, but each building provides an area with windows and doorways facing the Sandia Mountains. There is now a plaza area between the two buildings, providing a sitting area with a water feature, and viewing opportunities. Two pedestrian connections are now directed from the bus stop at Coors towards the development. This plan is a great improvement over the first two proposals.

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November 17, 2007

December 1, 2007 January 12, 2008

January 26, 2008 February 2, 2008

9:00 - 11:00 am

To register, call Suzie Castilleja at Bosque School

505-898-6388 / 4000 Learning Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
one block south of the Coors and Montañó NW intersection
rtoev@bosqueschool.org or scast@bosqueschool.org
www.bosqueschool.org

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Assoc.'s Meeting—Oct. 3, 2007

Walt Sala, Director, WSC

Lovelace West Side Hospital will be having a health fair on October 20, and everyone is invited to attend, 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 information to follow.

State Representative Tom Anderson indicated that the county was trying to get two new 12 passenger buses, but would not be able to get them before April due to funds will not be available till then.

Bernadette Sanchez indicated that the **Los Volcanos Senior Center** will have a new exercise center, money has been approved.

Ken Sanchez gave an "F" to APS on the School on Wheels program. It was moved onto school property without telling any one about it. Robert Lucero said that West Side wants it, but neighbors don't want it at the grammar school location.

Captain Candelaria indicated that some offenses should be civil suits rather than criminal, such as wild parties, false alarms, etc. These type of calls tie-up officers, when they should be taking care of important cases. The APD is badly understaffed, for instance El Paso has two officers per 1000, ABQ has one officer per 1000. Reason is that APD officers are paid less than any other police force, and constantly lose officers to other cities. It's time our administrators woke and smelled the coffee, and paid our police force in line with other cities.

40% of our crime is committed by repeat offenders, the police catch them, but our judicial system, DA's office and judges have let us down.

Jason Marks, PRC, explained that PNM will be collecting old refrigerators and will offer a \$30.00 rebate to those buying new energy efficient ones. He also indicated that the new CFL lights will save money and environment. You can get more information on www.nmprc.state.us or jasonmarks.com.

Michael Cadigan indicated that at Mariposa Park Basin Park new safety lighting, cameras and more patrols and locked gates after dark are being considered when no games are scheduled. Water conservation is leveling off, due to all the new construction.

Karen Sanchez-Griego will be the new principal for the

new SW High School, which will be devoted to College Prep, with emphasis on the fine arts, including film making. I personally have some questions for APS: why are they only offering college prep, when some students can't make the academy scene? Some students may not want to go college, and offering only college prep courses means they will drop out of school or just be there physically. Why not offer a choice? College prep, Fine arts, or a technical shop course. For the first two years they could do basics and some shop courses, and for the second two years specialize in their choice of College, Art, or Shop/Technical.

Those who choose shop/tech would take courses in electrical, plumbing, carpenter, auto mechanics, etc. so they can be prepared to get jobs in those fields, rather than drop out. This has a proven record in many other cities, such as Chicago.

Walt Sala, 890-7035, wscn@trna.org ®

Crime Prevention Update

Gary Guddell, APD Liaison Director, TRNA

We had our first meeting to discuss the neighborhood patrol Thursday Eve. Oct 18th 6pm at the Substation on Volcanes Rd. Three men attached to APD attended, as well as Tom Borst who runs the patrol in Tres Volcanes. He had a load of important information for us!!

There were 11 people from Taylor Ranch including My wife and myself. Not a very good turnout from 13,000 homes. It is very important that we have many more volunteers because it takes quite a while to get this patrol up and running. There must be 2 people in a car, and at least one of these must take a 4-hour course, which isn't given that frequently.

Many thanks to my neighbors who showed up for the meeting. I will try to get this moving as soon as possible.

I urge all Taylor Ranch Residents to consider volunteering so that we can make this patrol work, and let the criminal element know that they better keep away!!!

If you're willing to join the patrol, or have other issues to raise with APD, let me hear from you soon as possible. Call me at 710-5191. ®

Community Calendar

Calvary Temple Craft Fair
5331 Montañó Rd NW ,
Saturday, Dec. 1
9:00-4:00 p.m.

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La Cuentista: On Oct. 18th, the EPC approved an amendment to the Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan, to allow La Cuentista's request for a new medium lot size. Planning staff recommended approval of the amendment to address 60 medium lots, in the La Cuentista development, which is located on top of the Mesa. The Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan had large lot (11,000 sq. feet) and small lot (6,000sq. feet) designations, but did not contain medium size lots (9000sq. ft.). According to Staff, this was an oversight, in which the medium size lots that were already planned by the La Cuentista development were not included in the Volcano Heights Plan.

A separate submittal, by the Volcano Cliffs property owners also contained suggested amendments to the Volcano Heights Plan. Staff recommended a 60 day deferral to allow additional time for the Volcano cliff property owners to draft a reasonable justification of the proposed changes within the context of the City's applicable plans and policies.

According to the staff report and comments taken at the EPC hearing the property owners want the same consideration for their amendments, as La Cuentista. Some of the amendments include increasing the maximum residential building heights to 26 feet, adjusting the development envelopes, subdivide larger lots into smaller lots, change some of the language in the plan regarding conservation easements, and to increase the maximum average density from 3 du/acre to 4du/acre.

TRNA submitted a letter to the EPC prior to the hearing requesting that these amendments don't deviate from the intent of the Volcano Heights plan. We have concerns about traffic, density, and preservation. The Volcano Cliff request was deferred by the EPC.

Coors Corridor Plan: There were two recent articles in the Westside Journal, (one being an editorial), referring to the Coors Corridor Plan Update, in which preserving views was a major component of the plan, in which the residents strongly support. The City is again working on a contract to hire a consultant from Denver to develop view regulations along Coors. This is very promising news.

Harvest Homes: The developer will present their plans to the DRB on November 7th, starting at 9:00am.

Bosquecito: The plan for this project, was withdrawn, by the developer.

Our committee is always open to new members who would like to follow any of these land use issues for our members. To volunteer or to ask any questions call me. Renè Horvath, 898-2114. ☎

Community Kudos

Ceil van Berkel, member TRNA

NM Teacher of the Year: Cibola's activities director, **Ben Shultz**, was named the 2007 New Mexico Teacher of the Year by the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation and Phi Delta Kappa International. The award came with a \$10,000 check for Cibola from the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation. Shultz has been at Cibola for nearly 15 years and served as head football coach from 1993 to 2005. He has taught several subjects and currently teaches drivers education in addition to his duties as activities director.

Hal Cheser , "Mr. Sierra Vista", is Retiring: Many years ago when the dinosaurs roamed Taylor Ranch, okay, a slight exaggeration I admit, **Hal Cheser** started working for the Sierra Vista Swim and Tennis Club. He's been a familiar white-haired fixture at the front desk, where, over the years (and years and years....), he has given away hundreds of pounds of cookies to young kids and brought hundreds of smiles to their faces. The more mature patrons of Sierra Vista were treated to his wit, warmth and hugs .Many TR residents know Hal as a friend and not only "the guy who takes the money for tennis."

Before the city bought it, Sierra Vista was a private Club and Hal was the front desk man. Once the Club transferred from private ownership to the City, so many people wrote to the city asking them to keep Hal at the Club, that they did indeed hire him.

Through the years he has received gifts of home baked cakes, cookies, (recently an apple pie), home grown fruit and vegetables, as well as home grown friendships. He has made people laugh and he has had many laughs. He's watched ten-year-old children learn tennis, and known them all the way to their college graduations. From kids to successful adults, he watched them with pride. Hal is well liked by those he works with and even won an award for going above and beyond the call of duty. His family often kidded Hal could be Mayor of Taylor Ranch!

Then again, some will remember Hal as the "Batman of Taylor Ranch," as he was bit by a rabid bat many years ago. Just last week a teen at a grocery store said "Hey, you're the batman!" What a legacy!

Hal has been a fixture for almost 30 years at the Sierra Vista Swim and Tennis Club and he will be missed when he retires this month at 83 years old. If you like, you can send him a note and jot down a memory to: Hal Cheser (c/ o Robbye), 4801 Montañño NW, A6-216, Albuquerque, NM 87120. ☎ *(Article submitted by Rita and Kelli)*





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

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**.

All immediate family living at the member's residence are members.

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

Reservation Form

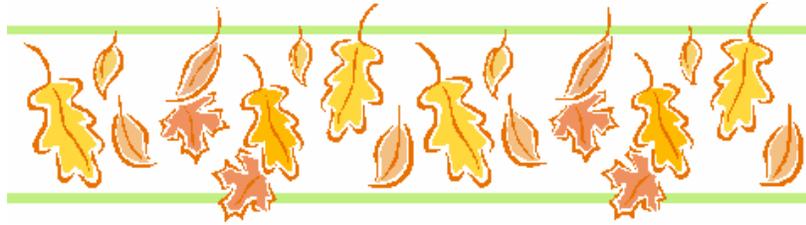
We will attend the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8!

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

Member Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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





All are invited to join
Councilor Michael J. Cadigan
for the
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Fall Meeting

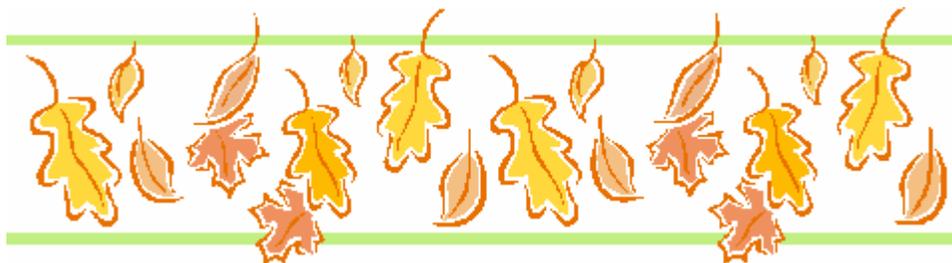
When: Thursday, November 15th, 6:30pm

Where: Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center

Councilor Cadigan welcomes and encourages your participation – bring your questions and concerns.

Pumpkin pie and ice cream will be served.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP
to Mimi Aledo at 768-3189 or Maledo@cabq.gov



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____
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- I'm interested in the following:
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| <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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| 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

- Nov 14—TRNA Board Meeting, TRCC, 6:30 pm
- Nov 15—District 5 Meeting
- Nov 17—Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup, 9:00 am
- Nov 18— Registration Deadline for Holiday Lunch



Happy Thanksgiving!

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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



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PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP!**

“DON'T TRASH TAYLOR RANCH!”