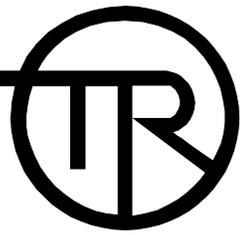


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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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



Happy Holidays
to you and yours
from the
TRNA
Board of Directors

President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello My Friends & Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a FUN and SAFE Halloween and Thanksgiving. My street had a great turnout of Trick or Treaters, somewhere between 150 and 200 kids by my count. It was great fun. And of course Thanksgiving was GREAT. One of my favorite holidays.

We had another great BOD meeting on Wednesday, November 12th. We had a guest speaker, Glenda Spears of PHI. Formerly called Lifeguard, this is 911 dispatched air ambulance service now serving New Mexico. In addition to our guest speaker we also had Ray Shortridge join the Board. Thanks very much Ray for stepping up.

There was a news report this week on increasing police calls to the Ladera area. Gary Gudell is doing the best he can with the TRNA Patrol BUT he needs our help. ALL of us can help. Give Gary a call and get involved.

Our Holiday Lunch is coming up December 13th at Whisque Restaurant. There is still time to be included! (See page 2)

The Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the DN-TRCC. The BOD meetings are open to the public. Feel free to join us.

Thank you, Patsy

Contact me at 306-2244, or president@trna.org. ®

Crime Prevention Update

Gary Gudell, Director, APD Liaison

Hi all you residents of Taylor Ranch!

Got the crime stats for the months of August, Sept., and Oct. July '08 showed 240 calls for service in Taylor Ranch. August 222; Sept. 196, Oct. back up to 202 calls. It appears that our Patrol's are working to help reduce calls to APD for service. It's about a 15% reduction.

I am trying to get a TV spot to help recruit more of our friends and neighbors to volunteer for the patrol.

There might be a class given in December by APD to certify drivers for the patrol. We need more certified people! Traditionally the class is 4 hours. If you can volunteer 2 hours a month, please call me!

I have been asked several times if there is an age limit. There is none, so don't let that stop you! Taylor Ranch NEEDS YOU ... young or old!

Have a safe holiday. ®

Beautification News

Don MacCornack, Director, Beautification

Our park looks great. The Clean Team is making a huge impact on our park and is being noticed by many. The November Community heroes are Carol Waters, Dwane Lane, and Lynn MacCornack.

Now for some Mariposa Basin Park trivia. Did you know the park has three walking trails? The shortest trail is ½ mile and the longest is 1 mile. Also Mariposa Basin Park is one of if not the largest in the City of Albuquerque. More fun facts next month.

Our first park cleanup of 2009, weather permitting, is scheduled for January 17 at 9:00 am. Please consider making getting involved in the community a New Years resolution. Our cleanups are informal and last about 90 minutes.

If anyone has any questions regarding the park, please email me at beautification@trna.org ®

Board of Directors' Meeting —Dec. 10th —6:30-8:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center



TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon
 Saturday December 13th 2008
 11:00 am till 2:00 pm
 The Whisque Restaurant
 Coors & Montano



A delicious meal will be served buffet style, followed by a 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 December 4th! 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Brett Lopez, 839-4805.

There is no charge for the lunch. Reserve your place now!

Reservation Form

We will attend the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13th!

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)

Mail the above form to:
TRNA Holiday Party
c/o Brett Lopez
4815 Northern Trail NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120



Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Director, Land Use

La Orilla/ Wal-Mart/ Continuation of County Planning Commission Appeal hearing/ Dec. 3rd:

Since the October 1st County Planning Commission hearing, Tierra West submitted their revised site plan to the County. The County Planning Commissioners gave a 90-day continuance so that Tierra West could revise their site plan to address the issues that the Commissioners brought up, such as: hiding the mechanical equipment on the roof, more landscaping, moving the sidewalk three feet, providing colored architectural renderings of the buildings, and moving the trash compactor and storage pallets to the west side of the building. Tierra West completed these revisions by the end of October. Therefore the hearing date has been moved up to **December 3rd, at 9:00 am at the City Council Chambers.**

The remaining issues are: 1) The 1994 Special Use permit was approved illegally because the County did not follow the Bernalillo County Zoning Code that was in effect at the time. 2) The County did not follow their own adopted plans and policies for the Westside when they approved

the La Orilla/ Wal-Mart 2006 site plan such as the Westside Strategic Plan and the Coors Corridor Plan. 3) They also ignored the concerns of the residents who will endure the impacts, and loss of property values due to this inappropriate development. 4) Drainage issues, and the cost associated with upgrading La Orilla and Coors to accommodate the estimated 8,000 vehicles/day accessing the shopping center have yet to be addressed. We urge people to come to the hearing. Your participation really helps in providing the support that we need.

Senior Housing Facility: The EPC finally heard the case for the Senior Independent Living facility on November 13th. Several commissioners were disappointed that the site plan had been changed. The first plan was better. There was concern that the commercial portion will now become a strip mall. Since there was no expressed opposition to this, TRNA pushed for design standards to create a Main street concept to tie the commercial portion to the Senior Living facility to create a more village-like pedestrian friendly center. Unfortunately, a majority of the Commissioners voted to allow two drive through businesses when the planner only recommended one.

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January 24, 2009

January 31, 2009

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Bosque School, 898-6388

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Join us for a
Bosque School
Information Session
Tuesday, January, 13, 2009

(Land Use Update, cont'd from page 3)

Lee's Bosque: The project is located on the east side of Coors between Bosque Meadows and the Goodwill shopping area. It was on the agenda to be heard by the EPC November 20th. The Planner recommended a deferral because the plan has numerous problems. Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, the agents who represent the developer, is requesting a zone change from RD to SU-1 PRD to allow 41 town homes and single-family units. They are also asking for a variance to the height restriction to the Coors Corridor Plan view regulation for five two-story dwellings. The Planner feels that the applicant has not adequately justified the zone change request. There is partial policy compliance overall, but conflicts still arise from the site layout, and some non-compliance with the view regulations. In addition there are issues with connectivity, access to transit, open space, parking and streets. Dekker/Perich/Sabatini decided to defer the Lee's Bosque. Lee's Bosque project was deferred for 30 days.

Sun Cal: This was the last case for the EPC to review on November 20th.

The EPC took public testimony, but deferred the project, because they were running late and the review would take several hours. The Planner recommended deferral based on 11 pages worth of findings for the project. Sun Cal didn't want a deferral and didn't want to make any more changes. Public testimony given by the Park Service stated that erosion and drainage is a huge concern, and that the Park Service and Sun Cal will have to work together to help prevent problems along the Monument boundaries. Any fencing that an individual property owner would construct would most likely not hold up to the sand build up behind it resulting from erosion from the Monument. An area in the Monument known as the Artrisco Terrace is of particular concern, because of the sandy hills. The Park Service gave an example of houses in Taylor Ranch that back up to the National Monument. Over time sand dunes have formed pressing up against the back walls. There is concern over the protection of Petroglyph National Monument resources from vandalism. A community center is planned within the Sun Cal development, which will abut the Monument's boundary. Experience with the open space areas along the foothills of the Sandia Mountains suggests that after hours attracts illicit behavior. They would not want to see a similar situation happen at the community center where it will spill over into the monument.

Taylor Ranch gave testimony saying that many westside residents value Petroglyph National Monument, and it's important to develop sensitively around it. TRNA

thought the planner did a good job in her report which integrated different land uses to serve the residents. There is a need on the Westside to build communities with public facilities and neighborhood commercial / office, rather than just subdivisions with only houses. TRNA supports using single loaded streets along the Monument boundaries to buffer the Monument. We showed pictures of how much better a single loaded street looks, versus houses backed up to the Monument. There also needs to be more thought put into providing access for the National Park visitors to enter the Monument which doesn't conflict with the residents living there, and does not encourage damage to the resources.

Testimony was also taken from a resident that lives in the area and who serves on the Board of a Sun Cal neighborhood advisory group. He was there to support the Sun Cal plan. After taking comments, Sun Cal agreed it was late and that they should defer until next month, which will be December 18th.

Coors Corridor Plan: I have been told that the New Coors Corridor Plan will be presented to the EPC in December. They would like to present it to the west-side residents before they do. There have been changes to the existing view regulations. No dates have been set on when the meeting will be held.

Hometown Buffet: We have information for those of you wondering what happened to Hometown Buffet at the Target Shopping Center. Even though the restaurant was doing well and paying twice the amount of rent as the other Hometown on Eubank, they were told they would have to leave because the property owners, located in Phoenix, would not renew their lease. We understand that the property owners want to replace the restaurant with a vitamin store.

If anyone wishes additional information on any of these issues, call me at 898-2114. Rene Horvath ☎

Newsletter Correction

Rae Phillips, Co-Editor

The last four issues (Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov) listed the wrong "Volume" number. Apparently being temporarily brain dead, I advanced the numbers one each month. That is in error. The Volume indicates the years of publication, so 2008 is our 29th year and hence the newsletters should reflect "Vol. 29" all year. Only the Issue "No." advances one number each month, indicating which month of that year we are currently in (1-12). Anyway, this is to go on record correcting this information. ☎

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Assocs' Meeting—Nov. 5, 2008

Walt Sala, TRNA Director, WSCNA Representative

Coors and I-40 shopping area will be getting some road updating, which is needed.

Missy Collier, Lovelace West Side Hospital Rep, indicated that new medical equipment is being installed which will make it a full functioning hospital. The West Side Hospital is the only hospital in New Mexico to have been recognized as the best in the state.

Regarding the gang problem here in New Mexico, after hearing what the problem is here in NM by the head of the gang unit, it was decided to hold a town hall meeting, November 12, at the West Mesa Community Center, 4 to 7 pm regarding this problem. The state politicians as well as law enforcement people will be there for this meeting. The keynote speaker will be the sheriff of LA County, Lee Baca. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce a legislative package, "Gang Prevention Act of 2009" aimed at toughening up New Mexico's anti-gang laws. The forum is open to the public.

Northwest Area Police Commander Steve Warfield said that the department has been very successful. Response time has been reduced, officers are working traffic enforcement in school zones and detectives are cracking down on crime in large apartment complexes and retail areas. He did mention that the gang problem is very severe, and one of the reasons is that New Mexico has no definition of what is a gang or gang member.

Robert Lucero, school board member, was happy that the Westside will be getting additional board members. He brought up the subject of naming our new middle school for Tony Hillerman, who really has done an outstanding job of telling the story of the southwest, as no one else has

been able to do. The coalition did not have a quorum, however it did take a poll of the members present and agreed that this was an excellent idea.

APS Update: Kizito Wijenje and Karen Alarid said that all new school additions are on schedule. 70% of all construction in ABQ is for schools. The Westside is finally getting some of the needed schools.

Belinda Clifton, JD, of IIA College introduced information on this small accelerated program college which will be offering degrees in health Care, Business, Legal, & Nursing, with flexible schedules. You can get more information at their website: www.iaa.edu, or email to Clifton@iaa.edu. They are located at 4201 Central Ave NW, Suite J, in Albuquerque.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting of WSCNA will be January 7, 2009.

If anyone wishes additional information about the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, you can contact me, Walt Sala, at 890-7035, or wscn@trna.org. ®



Scholarship Fund

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who reside within our area. Each year TRNA awards three \$500 scholarships to worthy students wishing to continue their studies at a college, university, or post-secondary school in the fall of 2009.

The application form is on page 6. Deadline to submit the application, along with two letters of recommendation, is March 1, 2009. You can also add an additional page of information you think would help your chances of being granted one of the scholarships. ®



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- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2009, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service through school-wide and extracurricular activities, church and/or other organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2009.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Name _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ - _____ - _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico, ZIP Code _____ Telephone Number _____

Is your family a member of TRNA? _____ Yes _____ No (Membership is not required)

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2008) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: _____

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: _____

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

Please provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application to: Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- I'm interested in the following:
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Check your expiration date on the mailing label.

If your membership expires December 2008, please renew now!

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

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Call Patsy Rippo at 306-2244 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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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 3—Hearing on Coors & La Orilla/ Wal Mart

Dec. 10—Board Meeting

Dec. 13—Holiday Lunch

Dec. 18—EPC Hearing



A Town Hall Meeting was held at DN-TRCC on November 15th on Cyber Stalking. This is considered one of the most disturbing crimes against our youth. Mayor Chavez has been instrumental in forming a partnership with the Albuquerque Police Dept, Sandia Labs, and the Albuquerque Public Schools to combat cyber stalking. Attending were members from these organizations, plus the City's Legal Dept, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, APD's Crimes Against Children Unit. There was also good representation from our various neighborhoods and members.

A recent USA Today story revealed that, nationwide, there are over 600,000 unique computer trafficking child pornography cases over the internet. It is extremely important for parents to have the right tools and information in preventing this crime from victimizing their children. In addition to an in-depth overview of cyber stalking, topics also included how to report a cyber crime, how to protect against cyber crime, and what to do if you and your child are a victim. Those who were unable to attend but would like more information can contact the mayor's office. ®

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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 to reprint.

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