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President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

From The President...Hello My Friends & Neighbors! At our last Board positions. Historian Fred van 8:30 AM. our

Berkel who is also going to be our Secretary and Patrol Director. Ray Shortridge is now our Treasurer. Westside Coalition Liaison duties will now be covered by Larry Walsh. Parks and Recreation is being taken over by Dave Waters. And our new Vice-President is Hanna Sorrells.

I would like to thank Gary Gudell for doing such a wonderful job getting the TRNA Patrol off the ground. He started with nothing and established a program that is now seen by other associations as a roll model. Kudos Gary.

Special thanks to Don MacCornack and Walt Sala as well. It is the dedication of individuals like Walt and Don that make TRNA the success it is.

And finally, thank you Ceil. You consistently make us all look good!

Egg festivities. This was our first weather cancellation in community and to two special grads, Lauren Salvato and 30 years.

T'ai Chi anyone? I will be hosting a T'ai Chi class for everyone interested. This will be a beginning class that is open to all ages and physical capabilities. There are no requirements other then showing up and having fun. If interested, please drop me а line at PatsyRippo@gmail.com and when we have enough people at education@trna.org. I will be happy to set you up. I we'll have a class.

Please remember... "Our mission is to promote, preserve and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch". The larger our membership, the more successful our mission will be. Don't be shy, ask a friend or neighbor to join.

Beautification News

Dave Waters, Director, Beautification

Hello neighbors! My name is Dave Waters and I have now assumed the duties of Don MacCornack in regards to Park maintenance and clean up.

of We will continue to welcome anyone who wants to help Directors (BOD) meeting we clean up Mariposa Basin Park on the third Saturday of had some people take new each month. I will make sure the signup sheets and Changes include supplies are at the entrance to the playground area by

> I have admired Don's hard work since I moved to Taylor Ranch and hope I can do as well. I'll see you out there on **May 16^{th.}** Dave Waters, beautification @trna.org ®

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

The school year has flown by and Taylor Ranch students and teachers are coming down to the wire on the traditional school year. May 22 will be a full school day and the last day of the school year for 2008-2009. Some calendar changes have been made because of the snow day in January so that families can begin their summer break with Memorial Day weekend. As state-mandated testing finishes and final exams are coming up, it's very important for your students to attend school every day and be at their Our apologies to everyone on the cancellation of the Ester best. Congratulations to all the graduates from our Staci Drangmeister, the recipients of the TRNA scholarships this year. The two TRNA Scholarships are funded by two rummage sales during the year. Ours is coming up in late June and we need to help to make it a big success. If you would like to reserve a space to set up a booth or donate to the TRNA booth, please contact me am in the process of securing the location and the date now and will have definite information for the June It would help me to have an education newsletter. committee to run these events. Please see if your schedule can manage a Saturday morning committment just twice a

Thank you, Patsy Rippo, president@trna.org ര (Continued on page 4)

Board of Directors Meeting —May 13th—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

WSCN Report

Larry Walsh, WSCN Director, TRNA

This is a short report, because I just took over the responsibilities of reporting to you on the West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods meetings and did not attend the April meeting.

Since I've got space to write something, I thought I would introduce myself as a new director of TRNA.

I have lived in Taylor Ranch for 11 years, on a quiet little street near Marie Hughes Elementary School. I make my living teaching high school business, history, and economics. I am an author with a motivational book for teens, just published last fall, and I intend to start a novel this summer. I am also passionate about politics and relish a good debate.

Although I have no spouse and no kids, I have two little dogs that keep me quite content. You may have seen me walking them around the park. Life couldn't be any better for me here in Taylor Ranch.

I thank you for trusting me to be on your TRNA board of directors. I hope I can contribute to making your life just as good as mine here in our great neighborhood.

If you have any questions or comments, I welcome your emails to wscn@trna.org . You may also visit my n blog at http://findingrabbits.blogspot.com. Larry Walsh

Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Director, Crime Prevention This is my first newsletter article about the Civil Patrol. Gary Gudell, founder and organizer of the Patrol for two years needed a break. Thanks, Gary, I hope I can fill your shoes.

Crime Statistics

In this issue of the Newsletter, you will find a map of TRNA full of dots on page 5. There should be 172 of them, each representing a call for service to APD in March. (Lower then the 207 calls in January and 197 calls in February).

The breakdown is as follows: one assault, five stolen vehicles, twenty-one auto burglaries, one commercial burglary, seven residential burglaries, one rape, forty five disturbances, two armed robberies, fifteen cases of vandalism and seventy four suspicious persons/vehicles.

Crime Prevention

If we want to prevent these crimes (or at least keep them in check) we need your help.

Here is how:

1. Keep your garage door closed (going inside for a

minute is just enough time for a thief to get your bike or power tools; ask my wife.

2. Notify the police, if you are a victim or see something suspicious.(242-COPS). The police look for patterns. No data, no patterns. Also, the number of officers assigned to the NW Command depends on how many calls for service are recorded. Let no crime, or suspected crime, go unreported!

3. Join the Civilian Patrol. The next APD training class will be held Saturday, 23rd of May, 2009, at the Police Academy on second street, just south of Montaño The class is not limited to Taylor Ranch, it is for the whole city. There is no cost for the training.

To register:

If you wish to take the training class for Civilian Patrol, e-mail NW Command Crime Prevention Officer Pete Gelabert at pgelabert@cabq.gov Include in your email: Full name, home address, phone number and the fact that you belong to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. You may also contact me for additional information: 899-2738 or patrol@trna.org.

Life is Good!

B PS. Thanks to Pete Gelabert for the info!!!

Easter Party Report

Ken Newman, TRNA Social Committee

As always we planned an Easter Egg Hunt – however this year it was scheduled for April 11th - Mother Nature did not cooperate and we had to cancel for the first time in 30 years. Not to be outdone - we rescheduled it for the 18,th which turned out to be another bad weather day in Taylor Ranch. The volunteers that we cannot do without responded as always - both times. We were very disappointed that it did not occur as we planned.

Never can we thank everyone that gets involved but you know you make our community a better place! Some of the people we would like to acknowledge are the members from the Civitan Club, Ms Janie and her volunteers from LBJ, the Optimists, Kiwanis, Cibola Key Club folks, Taylor Ranch Community Center personnel, our merchants that we have recognized but can't do without, the van Berkels, the Tatums, the Freelands, the Newman's, the Lopez's and of course the Whisenand's. By the way the Whisenands have been involved for many years. First John as our Easter Bunny and then Bryn their son as the Bunny and when we had to reschedule this year - Bryn was going to be our Bunny on the 11th but could not on the 18th because he could not get out of a track meet guess who came forward and this years "Bunnyette" yep you guessed it - it was going to be Mom - thanks

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Holly and the Whisenands for all your support to TRNA over the years. Many thanks to our character volunteers -Sparky, Sylvester, Tweety, Little Red Riding Hood, our Wolf and our firefighters from Station 18 who as always were available to participate and wanted to make it a big event for all the kids. Thanks to all the people that baked the cakes (twice by the way). Next year we promise it will happen. Thanks for everyone's help and again it makes us better as a community. If I forgot to recognize anyone I apologize.

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. County Appeal / La Orilla site plan/ Wal-Mart: Mr. Cadigan who is legal Council for Taylor Ranch N.A., Alban Hills N.A., Rio Oeste H.O. and the Campbell's, has submitted a statement of appellate issues to the Second Judicial District Court opposing the County's decision to approve the La Orilla site plan. Mr. Cadigan did a fine job in expressing the neighborhood issues in his report. I continue to receive calls from Taylor Ranch residents who are concerned about the intensity of this development, and are glad to hear that there is an effort to try and stop it. We appreciate the support we have received from the Taylor Ranch community and want to thank everyone again for their financial donations to help in this effort. It has been very helpful. If you would like to contribute please make your checks out to TRNA and note that it is for the County appeal. Mail it to: TRNA, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.

2. Sites Southwest/ waste water treatment and reuse facility: I received a letter from Sites Southwest who is representing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. The Water Authority is purchasing 4.5 acres between Bosque School and Montano, between the Corrales Riverside drain and Mirandela Road, to build a waste -water treatment and reuse facility. They are seeking approval from the city to amend the Site Plan for subdivision, in order to secure the site. They will use the interceptor line that currently runs through Bosque School property and turn the black water into reusable gray water. Noise and odor will be controlled by state of the art technology. The applicant is in the process of arranging a time for a facilitated neighborhood meeting. Though not confirmed yet, the meeting may be on May 7th. If interested in attending, please call or e-mail me to get the correct time.

3. City Council April 6th/ General Obligation Bond proposal for election Oct. 2009: On April 6th, the City Council approved \$155 million for the General Obligation Bonds for Capital Improvement Projects. There were two items in the Mayor's \$160 million budget, that the Council did not approve, which the Mayor was very interested in: the Tingley Beach swimming lagoon, and the Soccer complex located at Paseo del Volcan and I-40. Sun Cal had offered to donate land for the Soccer Complex as long as the City included \$8 million in their budget to construct the complex. If the City did not agree to pay right away Sun Cal was not going to donate the land. Councilors disapproved both proposals because they lacked sufficient detail and were already competing for funding with other neighborhood parks and projects already slated for development. Westside residents from Ventana Ranch and Taylor Ranch testified that the City should focus their attention on funding parks that were already slated for development. Taylor Ranch also testified that funding to complete the City's obligation in purchasing open space for Petroglyph National Monument was more critical than building a Soccer complex on top of Nine-Mile Hill, miles away from any existing neighborhood. The Council approved the Capital Improvement budget on a 7-2 vote without the Tingley Beach Lagoon A week later, the Mayor added and Soccer Complex. them back in the budget saying the Council missed their 60-day deadline in approving the Mayor's budget. The City Council feels the Mayor has overstepped his authority, and that the City Legal Department did not advise them about the deadline when the Council had earlier inquired about it. They are now considering whether to take it to Court. The Albuquerque voters will be voting on the budget in the October Bond election. As of today, the Tingley Beach swimming lagoon and the soccer complex are included in the bond package.

MRCOG/ TIP/ Transportation Improvement 4. Plan/ open house April 2: The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) held an open house for the public on April 2nd. They presented their draft of the (TIP) Transportation Improvement Plan for FY2010-FY2015 for road projects, transit services, and a few trail projects in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, and local areas. The public comment period ended April20th. Taylor Ranch sent in comments to support the expansion of public transit services for the west side and to promote the development of a well-connected west side trail system that would extend to the eastside trails. Many times transit and trail planning are overlooked when development plans are reviewed for approval. TRNA also expressed concern that the NW Loop road being proposed

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west of Albuquerque would have the potential of creating year. I need your help. I met with APD Sgt.Lou Heckroth leapfrog development, making transit services impossible and traffic congestion worse.

5. Homestead Hills Shopping Center-Storage Facility: Dan Rich is planning to have an Open House on May 8th. We encourage you to attend. Dan Rich has spent an enormous amount of time adding amenities to the storage facility. Features include the installation of artistically designed tiled flooring inside the lobby and the construction of a public sitting area with trees and tables next to the storage complex. He has received many favorable comments on these amenities. The manager of the Both coeditors will be out of town in July. We need a subfacility will live on the site in an attractive two storyhousing unit. An elaborate security system has also been installed. Many people have been inquiring about R the storage units and have been anxiously waiting for them to open. Dan hopes everyone will stop by and take a look at his new facility during the May 8th Grand Opening.

Still Seeking a Webmaster

An accomplished web designer volunteered to be our original webmaster and set up the pages we have today. Our current webmaster has learned just enough to be able to update the pages and keep the news current. Would you like to take over this updating job? It is a work-fromhome volunteer opportunity! Call or email Ceil at 899-2738 or email webmaster@trna.org ി

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and I'm trying to schedule the APD Auto Theft Unit to consider setting up a free vin-etching event at our rummage sale. More information on that next month. Be safe everyone and watch out for our kids on the streets and in the neighborhoods. Remember it takes a whole village to raise a child. Taylor Ranch kids are lucky to live in a caring, active community like ours.

Editor needed for August Newsletter

stitute editor July 22-25th to edit the August newsletter. Contact Ceil (899-2738) or Rae (899-1273) or both via editor@trna.org for more information.

If no one is available, we will put out a combined July/ August newsletter at the end of June.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors

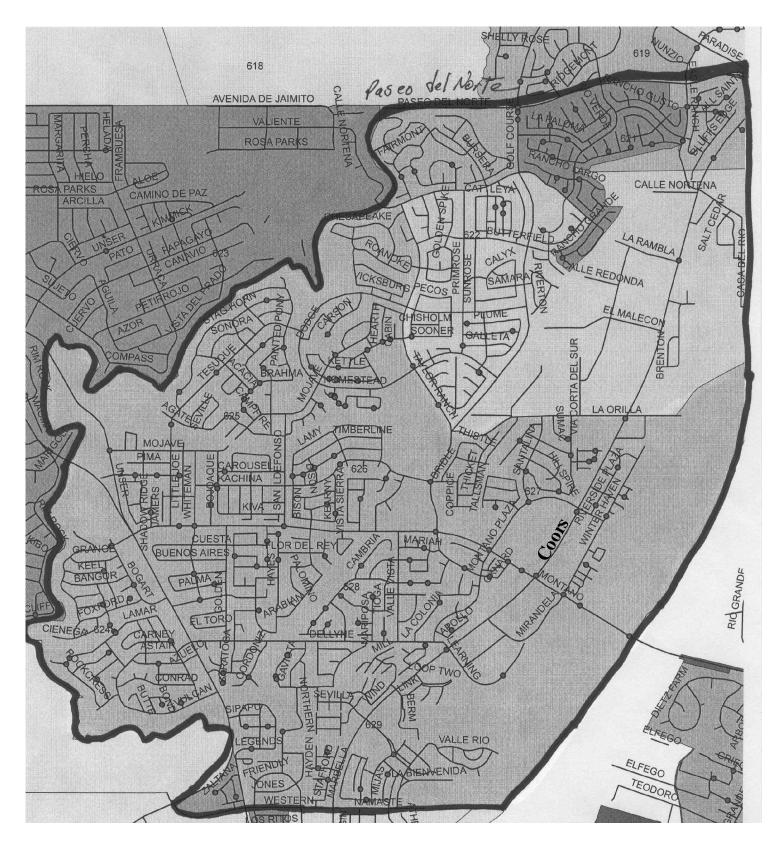
Two director positions are vacant. Directors meet once a month from 6:30-8:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Community Center. Each director takes responsibility for some aspect of the community which he or she cares about:: crime prevention, parks, youth, education, zoning, social activities, transportation, land use, or other area of concern. If you are willing to serve, contact Patsy Rippo at 306-2244 or email president @trna.org.



They Support TRNA!				
ARCA Group Homes	332-6700			
Cake Fetish at Montaño and Coors	899-2425			
Taylor Ranch Self Storage, Homestead Circle Center	r890-7400			
KANDU Plumbing, Inc.	899-8944			
Paper Pusher Bookkeeping	898-9539			
Patsy Rippo, Keller Williams Realty				
Robert Bye, Prepaid Legal Services, Inc	410-4631			

Calls for Service to APD from Taylor Ranch, March 2009

(For selected categories of calls; each dot represents a call)



COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION May 8th at 7:00 PM (Refreshments Served)

Taylor Ranch Self Storage



Located in the Homestead Hills Shopping Center across from LBJ Middle School

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- Computerized gate access
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- Best quality design including dust reduction

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Driver Safety Program: The Driver Safety course will be at the DN-TR Community n May, and June. The sesn from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm 9th, and June 13th. Cost for se per person is \$12 for nembers and \$14 for nons. Please pay by check when e at the class. To reserve a ease call the instructor, Mr. vine, at 892-4827. 🔞

TR Self Storage Open House: Taylor Ranch Self Stor- Albuquerque 350 Kites for Climate Action: age invites TRNA Members and Neighbors to celebrate On Sunday May 3, at 4pm at Mariposa Basin Park, NM the opening of the neighborhood's new self storage facility Interfaith Power & Light wants to fly 350 kites to publicome familiar with the premises and staff. Refreshments There'll be door prizes as well as prizes in various categowill be served.

Please come, Friday, May 8th, at 7:00 PM at 6971 Taylor Ranch DR NW (Across From LBJ Middle School)

Questions or more information, please call 890-7400

and redevelopment of the Homestead Hills Shopping cize the need to reduce and stabilize the concentration of Center. The owner and manager would like to meet atmospheric carbon dioxide to a safe upper limit of 350 the community and give everyone the opportunity to be- parts per million. Bring kites or materials for making kites! ries for the kites themselves. Bring a picnic supper and enjoy the displays. For more information e-mail intern@uuabq.org or info@nm-ipl.org or call (505) 884-1801 and ask for Andrew. ി

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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.

Mesa Messenger

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May 8, 7:00 pm, Open House at Taylor Ranch Self Storage. Tours and Refreshments Available (See pp. 6,7)

TRNA Flea Market planned for June, Date TBD; save your treasures to donate to the TRNA table. All proceeds go to the high school scholarships awarded each year. More information next month! You can reserve your space(s) now: Members, \$6 for one parking space. For information email education@trna.org.

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