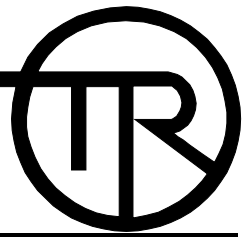


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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws

President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello My Friends & Neighbors,

The last Board of Directors meeting another good gathering. As a reminder, the BOD meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Taylor Ranch Community Center and everyone is welcome.

This Newsletter issue will be a June/ July summer edition. Editors need time off too!

We will be having our TRNA Rummage Sale coming up on Saturday, June 27th. Please join us for a great time at this fundraiser!

Hanna Sorrells will be presiding at our next BOD meeting on June 10th. All are welcome to attend.

I hope everyone has a great start to summer. Be safe and have fun.

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.

Thank you, Patsy Rippo, president@trna.org ®

Beautification News

Dave Waters, Director, Beautification

Well it's summer in the Mariposa Basin again and with summer come the crowds. With that many people every day, there is bound to be a lot of trash.

There were five of us last Saturday and everybody did a great job of cleaning up the park. Many thanks to Don & Connie Smith, Rene Horvath, and my better half Carol for their help. We will be there every third Saturday of the month from 8:30 AM until 10 AM all summer long, so we can use all the volunteers we can get! If you can't give an hour a month, then even a half hour would be welcome. We don't have a time clock out there so come when you can. It's a great way to get out and meet some of your neighbors.

Due to the good work of Peggy Minich it looks like the city will install Mutt Mitten dispensers on the perimeter trail and at the entrance to the park. Those are the plastic bag dispensers that dog walkers can use to clean up after their dogs. If the city installs them, we will be responsible for keeping them stocked.

If you use the park and see something that needs ® attention please contact me at parks@trna.org.

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

The traditional school year is over, but the learning never stops. What do you want your children to learn this summer? There is great value in simple lessons like chores around the house and family excursions. Evaluate what you want your children to learn by remembering your own learning. It's much easier to learn courtesy and punctuality at home. Learning those valuable skills at school and on the job frequently come with negatives and learning things the hard way. Say what you mean, mean what you say, and follow through on your promises. Learning to read and write are essential, but when combined with character education at home, they are unbeatable lessons that last a lifetime and pave the way for an easier future.

Spend some time at the Taylor Ranch Public Library this summer. Encourage your students to read for fun and allow them to see you reading for enjoyment too. Maybe reading a book together is in your plans for the summer. Give it a try. Reading the newspaper, a magazine, or studying up on a place you plan to visit are all authentic ways to integrate learning into a busy summer. Cooking and shopping together can be great ways to include math in everyday activities. Learning happens naturally, let it happen at your house.

Our libraries have wonderful summer reading opportunities as part of the 2009 Summer Reading Program that runs from May 29-July 25. Call 897-8816 to sign up at our TR Library.

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The Taylor Ranch Rummage sale is ready for space rentals. Call June Newman at 898-5447 to reserve your space for June 27 at Cross of Hope Church. The people at Cross of Hope are so great to work with every year. We are grateful for their generosity and community spirit. It's a great morning to sell your stuff and acquire somebody else's stuff!

Plan to have your own space or go together with a neighbor. This is how TRNA funds the two scholarships we give in the spring and as always, we need your support.

Have a safe and happy summer. ®

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Report—May 6, 2009

Larry Walsh, WSCN Director, TRNA

The meeting was called to order by President Brett Lopez. Guests in attendance were State Representatives Bill O'Neil and Tom Anderson, PRC Representative Jason Marks, and Mayor Martin Chavez.

APD Captain Warfield reported that response times for priority one calls have significantly improved. The main reason for this improvement is the establishment of the new command center for Northwest Albuquerque.

Mayor Chavez spoke at length. He reported that because of the flat economy there is no budget growth this year. In prior years it has been based on three percent growth. Other cities are not doing as well, such as Tucson which decreased its budget by six percent. There are no city positions being filled except the critical ones such as 911 operators. Filling the director vacancy at our community center is not a priority.

He also said the city had acquired federal stimulus money to rebuild the I-40/ Paseo del Vulcan interchange. This project will begin in a few months. Ladera and Pat Hurley Park landscaping projects are almost completed. Mayor Chavez also reported the Montano Bridge artwork has degraded over the years and the city is looking at real tile to redo it as opposed to paint.

Discussion occurred about the proposed new soccer field complex the mayor wants to build near I-40 and Paseo del Vulcan. APS is currently planning to build a sports complex near there, and Chavez believes it is productive to piggyback on the infrastructure APS builds.

State Rep Anderson reported that the gang recruiting bill died and the three-strikes sentencing bill failed. The failure of this legislature is disappointing because New

Mexico laws are not tough enough on gangs, and gangs from other states know it and are coming here.

City Councilor Ken Sanchez (Dist. 1) reported they are in discussions with the property owner and victim families to build a memorial park at the site where the bodies were found several months ago.

Councilor Michael Cadigan (Dist. 5) reports that he does not agree with the Mayor's proposal to build the soccer park near I-40 and Paseo del Vulcan. He believes that a much better location would be one near Ventana Ranch. He also addressed his disagreement with the mayor about the city budget, which may be going to court. He questions the need for \$60,000 for a hot air balloon, another \$60,000 for a billboard, and that a safe house for domestic violence victims is out of the budget.

Cadigan also expressed concern about the federal stimulus funds being used for the I-40/ Paseo del Vulcan interchange (which he believes was pushed by developers), the I-40 exit for Route 66 Casino, and the I-25/ Tramway intersection, when the Jefferson/ Paseo del Norte/I-25 area is much more heavily used and in much more need of rehabilitation.

Jason Marks, PRC Representative, reported that a PNM rate increase is likely on July 1, 2009.

In new business, it was reported that the Coalition's website goes down on May 22 if it is not funded. Since a quorum was not present at this meeting, an online vote will take place. There were also concerns about the tiny little flag, to which we faithfully pledge our allegiance at each meeting. A larger more dignified flag will be donated.

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Treasurer's Report

Ray Shortridge, Treasurer, TRNA

TRNA Account

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| Beginning of FY09 (4/1/09) | \$ 6,837.73 |
| Deposits | 836.25 |
| Checks | <u>(431.23)</u> |
| Balance 5/11/09 | \$ 7,242.77 |

TRCC Account (we maintain for Comm. Ctr.)

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning of FY09 (4/1/09) | \$ 1,349.77 |
| & Ending Balance 5/11/09 | |
| (no activity 4/1-5/11/09) | |

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Mark Your Calendar!
TRNA RUMMAGE SALE
June 27, 8:00 am—noon

Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot

It's that time of year! Clean out the closets, garage, shed, storage unit, etc. It's time for the semi-annual TRNA Scholarship Rummage Sale. As you are all aware, this is how you can give back and have some fun at the same time. This one activity is what pays for the scholarships we give out each year.

Space rental for members is \$6.00 and for non-members \$12.00. Just fill out the form below and mail it along with your check made payable to TRNA. A "space" is one parking space, so if you've got lots of "stuff" you'll probably want to rent at least two spaces. This has become a popular event with good crowds and lots of buyers, so get your space reserved quickly.

TRNA will have a space and will sell your donations if you are not able to attend. Please bring them to us that morning. Of course we will always be grateful if you wish to simply send a cash donation to probably the most worthwhile thing we do each year! There will also be a table set up for donations to support the litigation ongoing about the zone issues with Coors/La Orilla big-box store at SW corner.

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE! As always we will have light breakfast items such as chili dogs with jalapenos (if you have not had one for breakfast you don't know what you are missing) and a host of other TRNA favorites.

APD will be there to do free etching of VIN between 10 am and 2 pm. Also, pet adoption clinic will be present.

Many volunteers are needed to make this happen — people to help set up, work the food booth, man the TRNA tables. Call **June Newman at 898-5447** if you are willing to help.

Once again we are indebted to Cross of Hope Church for allowing us to use their parking lot. For those who may not know, Cross of Hope is located on Taylor Ranch Road, between Montano and Golf Course/ La Orilla, across from the Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center.

Call June Newman at 898-5447 if you have any questions. The shady spaces will be reserved in the order in which your reservation is received, so complete and mail the following with your check right way!

Yes, I want to reserve space for the TRNA Rummage Sale on June 27, 2009!

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

TRNA Member? _____

Spaces Needed? _____

Enclose your check (\$6.00/space for TRNA members, \$12.00/space for non-members) and mail to:

TRNA Rummage Sale

P. O. Box 66288

Albuquerque, NM 87193

CRIME PREVENTION UPDATE

Fred van Berkel, Director, Crime Prevention

Here are the APD call for service stats for Taylor Ranch for the most recent two months available:

| | April | March |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Robbery | 3 | 2 |
| Assaults | 3 | 0 |
| Auto Burglaries | 30 | 21 |
| Residential Burglaries | 13 | 7 |
| Stolen vehicles | 9 | 5 |
| Suspicious persons | 71 | 74 |
| Vandalism | 15 | 15 |
| Disturbances | 44 | 45 |

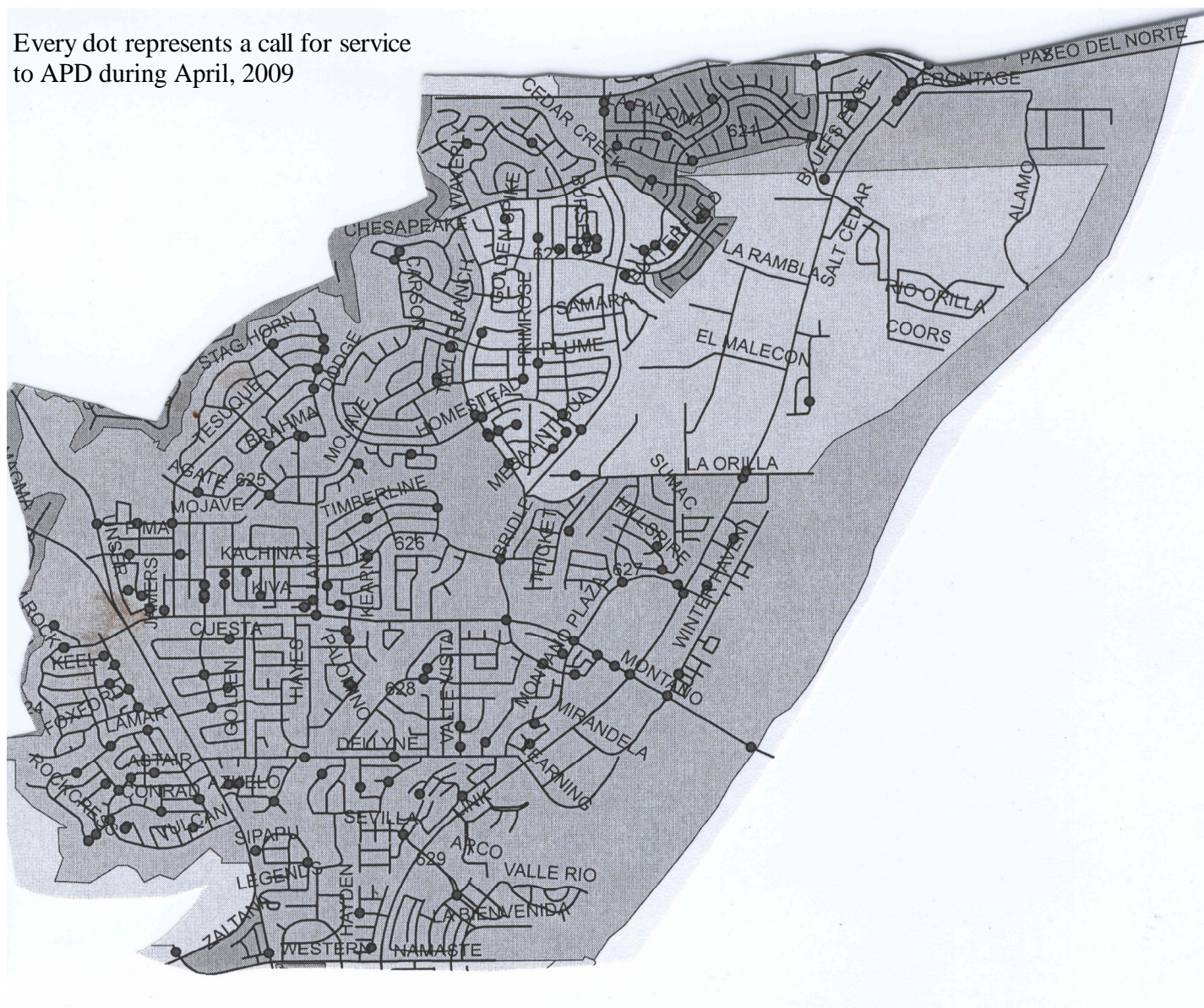
Auto Burglaries went up 43% and Residential burglaries 86%! From March to April!!! I always had a little problem with these kinds of statistics. Just look at the numbers and they don't look THAT bad. But nevertheless they are on the rise.

Every time we go on patrol, we find numerous garage doors open. Please close them. According to Pete Gelabert (my source of information) from the APD Crime Prevention Unit, open garage doors are an invitation. To theft (not quite his quote).

The Taylor Ranch community appreciates the time and effort of the active TRNA patrollers. If you have questions or would like to join the patrol, call 899-2738 or email patrol@trna.org.

Life is good! Fred

Every dot represents a call for service to APD during April, 2009



Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

Waste Water Treatment and Reuse Facility/ Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority/ Sites Southwest: The Water Utility Authority held a facilitated meeting on May 7th at the Community Center to discuss their proposed zone change request to build a waste water treatment facility. They are seeking a replat and a zone change from SU-1 PRD to SU-1 for the public utility facility before they purchase 4.5 acres from Bosque School. The property is located between the School and the Open Space Parking lot.

The facility will be used to provide irrigation water for large turf areas such as Bosque School, Mariposa Park, and the Ladera Golf Course. They will tap an existing interceptor line that currently runs through the Bosque School property for a source of wastewater. Solid material in the wastewater will continue to travel on to the south side water reclamation plant for treatment. In the winter months, when irrigation demand is low, the reclaimed water from this facility will be discharged into the river. The facility includes an underground treatment area, with a permanent enclosed building above it, fitted with odor and noise control equipment.

There was good attendance at the meeting from the community. Residents questioned how large the facility would be and how would it look. They also questioned compliance with the Coors Corridor plan view regulations and the 100 ft. buffer as well as the odor and cleanliness of the discharge.

John Stomp from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) said there should be no odor. The facility would be similar to the Cabezón and Mariposa waste-water facilities in Rio Rancho, but bigger. There was no commitment on the size of the proposed building. John Stomp said the discharge would be clean enough to discharge into the river and parks but would not be used for drinking water.

The former owner of the property, Ray Graham, donated the property to the school for school uses. The school had talked of selling the property for town homes or offices. Now they are interested in the wastewater reuse facility, which they are planning to use for educational purposes for their students.

The La Luz representative expressed a concern on how the proposed facility will affect the neighborhoods in obtaining a high quality commercial development at the Daskalos property when it is eventually developed. La Luz has pushed for quality development on the Daskalos site

and has encouraged restaurants to be located closer to the Bosque instead of near Coors, in order to enjoy the natural setting.

John Stomp is scheduling a time for the neighborhoods to participate in a tour of the Rio Rancho Cabezón facility. He said that the proposed facility would take 10 to 20 years to complete. Sites Southwest is the consulting firm representing ABCWUA. So far the EPC hearing is scheduled for June 18th.

Coors Corridor Plan: On May 7th a group of west side neighborhood representatives met with city planners and members from the development community to go over the proposed Coors Corridor draft. The following questions came up:

- Should Coors Blvd. be eight lanes? The Coors plan will not be addressing how many lanes Coors should be, but this question comes up a lot. Many people from the Westside feel that eight lanes would be too much, and would make Coors even more difficult for pedestrians to cross. TRNA has taken a position to not support eight lanes for Coors Blvd. at this time.
- There were several questions concerning the view regulations. Should views be for people driving in the average size car or for people who ride higher in buses and SUVs or should views be for the residents already living along Coors? The Westside group pointed out that the current regulations are based on people driving the average size car not just buses, which mean everyone should be able to see the views along Coors when they drive or walk. The Westside group also favors residents living along Coors having views, but pointed out that recent development projects in the area are not designed to preserve views.
- The existing Coors Corridor plan (CCP) encourages contour grading and cluster developments like La Luz to preserve views. Current developments have been ignoring the CCP design recommendations. It was pointed out that the new proposed view regulations are weaker than the existing view regulations. The development community thinks the current regulations are too strict and would like to see the view regulations changed. The Westside group pointed out that the existing regulations have preserved views along Coors.
- We will be meeting with the City planners again on May 27th. The EPC is scheduled to look at this plan in July. If you are interested in the EPC hearing or any meeting on this subject, please let me know.

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La Orilla/ Wal-Mart/ Appellant Issues: Councilor Cadigan completed his compilation of the appellant issues for the Taylor Ranch, Alban Hills, and Rio Oeste Neighborhoods. His report addresses all the issues that were brought up at the County hearings such as: traffic; the taking of Campbell's land; not following the current adopted Westside area plans; not following the conditions placed on the special use permit; and not following the County zoning code when the 1994 special use permit was approved. He will write up the Campbell's issues separately. The County now has to respond to our appeal and then the package will be presented to the Judge. We will set up a table at the TRNA flea market on the morning of June 27th, to collect money to help defray legal fees. Please give me a call if there are any items you would like to donate to this table to support our Appeal. Rio Oeste is also scheduling a neighborhood flea market for their homeowners association on Saturday morning June 20th. The money they collect will help defray the cost of their portion of the legal fees. Please feel free to attend both events to help support the appeal effort.

Dan Rich/ Storage Units/ Open House, May 8th: Dan Rich held a public open house to show off his attractive new storage facility. We wish him a lot of success.

City's Storm Water Quality Team/ Kathy Verhage: The City's Storm Water Quality team is offering to do a 15 to 20 minute presentation at Neighborhood Association general meetings, which make a request. They will explain the EPA's mandate for Cities to clean the discharge from storm drains before it enters our rivers. Unfortunately, they will point out that some citizen's believe that storm drains are convenient places to dump chemicals, yard wastes, paint and other harmful substances. To schedule a presentation at your Association meeting: please call Kathy Verhage at 768-3654. The Water Quality team is currently arranging a time to speak at the July Westside Coalition meeting.

City Open Space News: The City Open Space Department has bought the property at Coors Blvd and Bosque Meadows Road. This property known as Bosquecito was recently approved for a town home development by the EPC in January. It will now be an Open Space strip along Coors from Bosque Meadows Road to the Good Will Shopping Center, providing a nice buffer for the Open Space Visitor Center.

Open Space Visitor Center

Bosque Meadows/Coors

Calendar of Events

Thursday June 4th — Wild for Weeds. Edible plant tour & cooking demonstration, 9:30 am to noon, \$20. By Joran Viers, Horticulture agent, and personal chef Teresa Franklin. Call 505-897-8831 to register.

Saturday June 6th — 'Quick Carve' Demonstration. Mark Chavez, local artist who did the carvings at the Montano/ River Open Space renders the diverse collections of animals indigenous to NM in a totem style wood carving. 10 am to

Sunday June 7th — Guided Bosque Nature Walk. 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Join our naturalists the first Sunday of every month for a walk into the riverside forest that so many of us pass on our way through the city.

Sunday June 7th — Primitive Wooden Bowls & Utensils. 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. \$40, registration required. Limit 10. Survivalist Mike Bochnia will teach you to make a container out of wood then rock boil water to remove biological matter that might be life threatening.

Saturday June 20th — Nature Writing & Sketching, 9:00 am to noon. \$25. Workshop by Jim O'Leary & Margy O'Brien will give participants tools for learning and recording their personal responses to wild things. Bring pencils, pens, and unlined journal.

Saturday June 21st — SUMMER SOLSTICE. 6:00 am, Sunrise Yoga. No experience necessary. 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Land/ Art Opening. 2:30 pm, Sixty Water Weaving Women. 7:00 pm, Chatter, A Chamber Ensemble, \$25.

Saturday June 27 — Poedras Marcadas Pueblo Tour. 9:30 am. Archaeologist Dr. Matt Schmader will interpret and take you on a tour. Space is limited. Call 897-8831 to register.

Saturday June 27 — Backyard Composting Made Easy, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Free, but registration required (limit 30). By Jim Brooks, Soilutions Inc, and Greg Baker, Compost Specialist.

Sunday June 28 — Meet a Friendly Wolf. 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Stephanie Kaylan, founder & president of Wanagi Wolf Fund will bring three of her wolf/ wolf-dogs for a discussion of these animals & the role humans play in their lives. Free event. All donations go entirely to the Wanagi Wolf Fund.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

I'm interested in the following: ☐ Active Participation ☐ Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)

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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 _____ |

Please give this form to a neighbor who'd like to join!

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

Resident: ☐ \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2009) ☐ \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2010) ☐ \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2011)
 Business: ☐ \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2009) ☐ \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2010) ☐ \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2011)



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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AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered at the DN-TR Community Center in June and July. The complete sessions run from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on June 13 and July 11. Cost for the course per person is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Please pay by check when you arrive at the class. To reserve a place, please call the instructor, Mr. Dan Bravine, at 892-4827.

Taylor Ranch Community Center

Summer Recreation, June 8th—July 31st, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Only registered participants will have access to Basketball Gym, Computer Lab, and Game Room during these hours.

Gym Hours are M-T-Th 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm, W & F 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm, Sat. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Volleyball: Mondays, 6-6:30 pm adults & kids, 6:30-8:45 pm adults only. Saturdays 1-3:00 pm adults only.

Basketball: Tues & Thurs, 6-6:30 pm open shooting, 6:30-8:45 pm, adults only, both courts. Saturdays 10 am-noon, adults north court, adults & kids south court.

All participants must acquire membership cards and must sign in at front desk each time they enter the facility. Children under 11 years old MUST be supervised by an adult at all times. No one under 18 years old is allowed in the Fitness Room.

Senior Lunch program will continue M-F during summer.

TRCC is located at 4900 Kachina St. NW (at Taylor Ranch Road). Phone 768-6006.

Newsletter Email Address: editor@trna.org

Web Site <http://trna.org>

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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Happy Fathers' Day!
Have a safe 4th of July!



Mark Your Calendar!

TRNA RUMMAGE SALE

June 27, 8:00 am—noon—Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot

Bring your treasures to donate to the TRNA table. All proceeds go to the high school scholarships awarded each year. You can reserve your space(s) now: Members, \$6 for one parking space; non-members, \$12. See article page 3. First ones to reserve spaces will get the shady sites!

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