



President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello My Friends & Neighbors,

We have a few events coming up that are perfect for getting rid of household items you no longer use as well as great bargains to be had. The first event is being held at the Taylor Ranch Self Storage site in the Homestead Shopping Center across the street from LBJ. That "Swap Meet" is being sponsored by Dan Rich of Taylor Ranch Self Storage. Two very important points, EVERYONE is encouraged to participate as either a seller or a buyer. The second point... it's FREE! Please come out and support this wonderful event on September 26 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain date is Oct 3rd).

The other event I want to encourage everyone to come to is the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale. Come join us on October 17th at Cross of Hope Church, across the street from the Taylor Ranch Community Center.

One other issue I want to mention is the Taylor Ranch Civilian Patrol. Now that summer is coming to an end and kids are back in school, it's a perfect time to re-commit to doing one or two patrols a month. This is a wonderful program that IS very effective. Please check your calendars and let Fred (patrol@trna.org) know when you can patrol. This only works if we all participate.

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. ®

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

Taylor Ranch schools are open and exciting learning is happening in our part of Albuquerque. Remember to watch carefully for students near schools and follow the posted speeds when driving. If you need after school care for your students, check with your site to find out what is

offered that would work for your entire family. Reading through the after school options together will allow your child to feel some sense of ownership and control over his or her schedule.

Everyone is so busy this time of year, but please take the time to visit the school of your student and be aware of what his/ her day is like. It will make each of you feel more comfortable with the new school year and give you both of you some common ground for discussion. Parent and curriculum nights are now scheduled. Watch the backpack mail or the school marquee for more information.

Welcome to Michael Bachicha as the new principal at LBJ Middle School. Mr. Bachicha brings thirty-three years of experience as an elementary teacher, coach, and middle and high school principal. Please stop by and welcome him to Taylor Ranch. Marcie Johnson has moved from LBJ to Madison Middle School in the heights. She brought excellence to LBJ and our community will miss her. The TRNA Board of Directors wishes Mrs. Johns well working with the Madison Magic.

The TRNA scholarship recipients Lauren Salvato and Staci Drangmeister are each beginning their freshman year of college and are excited to begin with the help of the TRNA scholarships. To fund raise for our next two scholarships, we will hold our next TRNA Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at the Cross of Hope Lutheran Church parking lot. Please plan to clean out your closets and garage and join the fun for a good cause. I'll see you there! ®

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Report—June 3, 2009

Larry Walsh, WSCN Director, TRNA

There was no regular meeting of the Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations in August. The coalition did, however, sponsor a City Councilor Candidate forum at the Taylor Ranch Community Center on August 5. All three candidates for the District 5 seat were present, including

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Michael Cadigan, Dan Lewis, and Jeremy Toulouse. Toulouse recently dropped out of the campaign.

I struggled with strategies for reporting to you on this forum without appearing biased in any way. I concluded the only way I could fairly report was to request from each candidate to explain why you should vote for him. Their submissions are below. I have not edited them in any way, and they are published in the order received.

One thing we know for sure of both candidates is that they can count. I asked for 100 words, and both submissions are exactly that!

From Dan Lewis . . .

“Teacher, Small Businessman, Athletic Coach, Pastor, Husband, and Dad

Taylor Ranch and the Westside need a new councilor who will strengthen public safety, expand parks and athletic fields, and complete our roads.

I will help small businesses create jobs, and ensure the city manages money the way our families and my small business must. I'll complete Unser North and build the I-25 / Paseo Interchange.

I pledge to serve with integrity, and to remember for whom I work. My wife Tracy and our children Madison and Jensen thank you for the kindness you have shown our family during this campaign.”

From Michael Cadigan . . .

“It has been my privilege to serve Taylor Ranch as city councilor for eight years. Together we made great progress, making Montañó four lanes, building Paseo del Norte, building numerous parks and playgrounds and a new fire station. My proudest accomplishment is establishing a Northwest Area Police Command which has significantly reduced emergency response times in Taylor Ranch. I worked to protect neighborhoods from inappropriate development. In the future, I am committed to partnering with YMCA to build a public/private community center, completing needed roadways and improving mass transit to the Westside. I look forward to serving Taylor Ranch again.”

Attend the Mayoral Forum in September, continually educate yourself on the issues, and VOTE! ®

The WSCN Mayoral Candidates' Forum

When: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 6:30 - 8:45 PM

Where: Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center located at 4900 Kachina NW ®

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bar & bistro

Welcome to Paradise!

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Great food, view and décor without the high prices!

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792-8776

jinjabistro.com

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. **Impact Fee waivers- City Council:** The City Council is reviewing whether to waive impact fees for building permits for at least one year. The matter was to be heard by the Council August 3rd, but was deferred to September 9th. The Mayor and two City Councilors, Councilor Jones and Councilor Sanchez, are pushing for the waivers in hopes that it will help stimulate more housing construction on the Westside, develop more jobs and gain gross receipt taxes. But how will waiving impact fees solve this problem, when there is already an over abundance of new housing on the market, especially on the Westside, with not enough consumers to buy them? The average home is on the market for one year before it sells. In addition, the Mayor and the two Councilors have never really been big fans of impact fees. Meanwhile impact fees are used to help keep up with the infrastructure costs. They help pay for drainage facilities, roads, parks, open space, trails, and public security facilities. It has been difficult for the City to keep up with infrastructure costs for new development and at the same time maintain existing infrastructure in older

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Mark Your Calendar!
TRNA RUMMAGE SALE
October 17th, 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!

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.

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 Montañño 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 October 17, 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

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neighborhoods. That's why City Council approved the Impact fees in 2005. It was a way to keep up with infrastructure costs by having development share in the costs and not place the entire burden on the Albuquerque taxpayers. Money collected in each district goes to that district. The fees are higher on the Westside than the eastside of town because the infrastructure is already in place on the eastside. Impact fees were adopted by the City as part of the planned growth strategy. Councilor Cadigan was a strong proponent for impact fees in 2005 and would like them to remain in place. Impact fees have been used for decades by other cities and counties in states such as Texas, Florida, California, and Colorado. Other cities found that because of the rapid growth, they could not keep up with their obligations. Cities such as Fort Collins, Colorado, have been collecting impact fees since the 1970's. This has enabled them to keep up with the infrastructure for new development, and also provide their citizens with plenty of green space to maintain the quality of life in their City.

The TRNA Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed legislation at our last Board meeting and took the position to not support the Impact Fee waivers. We will present our position at the City Council.

2. Double Eagle II Airport runway extension: On August 28th, the City and the FAA held an open house for the public to review the Draft Environmental Assessment for a proposed runway extension at the Double Eagle II airport (located just west of the volcanoes). The airport serves as a reliever airport for the Albuquerque International Airport for smaller aircraft. The airport has two existing runways. They intend to lengthen one of the two runways in order to serve corporate jets.

The benefits and impacts of extending each of the two runways were evaluated in the assessment along with a "no action plan". The environmental assessment recommended the extension of the north/ south runway. This alternative would reduce aircraft traffic over the volcanoes especially in the northern part of Petroglyph National Monument. The volcanoes are visited by park visitors and are culturally significant to the area pueblos and tribes. The Double Eagle II Pilots and Owners Association prefer the extension of the southwest/ northeast runway. The extension of this runway would cost less to implement because it is already longer than the north/ south runway, requiring less new pavement to meet the necessary 9,000 ft length. The north/ south alternative would require relocating the (ILS) Instrument Landing System from its current location at the southwest/ northeast run way to the north/ south runway thereby

making it more expensive. Air traffic over the Monument and subsequent noise could further be reduced if the airport implements a program, called the 'Fly Friendly Program' which redirects approaching and departing flights away from the Monument.

For more information contact land@trna.org or call 898-2114. ®

Civilian Patrol News

Fred van Berkel, Director and Patrol Leader, TRNA

The summer is almost over and we are ready to resume patrolling at the normal pace.

We are having a hard time getting the crime statistics for our neighborhood. Maybe for the next issue we'll have cumulative numbers for the whole summer.

Would you like to patrol? There are two options.

You can contact me and volunteer to ride along with a certified patroller. I'll let you know who needs a partner.

Or you can attend a Civil Patrol certification class (free and given by the APD). With that certification in hand, you can take anybody 18 years of age or older with you as a "co-pilot" when you patrol. The next class will be held on a Saturday in either September or October.

If you are interested in either option, email me at patrol@trna.org or call 899-2738. Just give us two or four hours per month and your neighbors in Taylor Ranch will thank you. Happy Patrolling! Fred ®



Taylor Ranch Crime Stoppers Alert

Victim: Isaac Wildenstein

Age: 18 Years Old,

Height/Weight: 5'9- 160 lbs

Hair/Eyes: Brown Hair/ Hazel Eyes

On August 16, 2009 at approximately 0200 hours, Isaac Wildenstein was found deceased on **Dellyne St. NW and the Mariposa Diversion Channel**. Upon investigation, it was found that Isaac may have attended a concert in Santa Fe (Atmosphere) on the evening of August 15th and then traveled to Albuquerque to attend a party on **Gorrion NW**.

Police are asking for anybody who may have come into contact with Mr. Wildenstein or have knowledge of his movements prior to his death to call Crime Stoppers at 843-stop. You could earn a reward up to \$1,000. ®

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City Election October 6th

The next regular election is scheduled for October 6, 2009. The Mayor and Council Districts One, Three, Five, Seven and Nine are up for election. In addition, voters will be asked to approve 10 municipal general obligation bonds, 10 proposed amendments to the City Charter, and a transportation tax measure.

The League of Women Voters of Central NM will publish a voters' guide on September 9th. There is also a website for their information at <http://www.lwvcnm.org/>

Important Dates:

- 9/8 Voter Registration Closes at 5:00pm
- 9/9 League Voters' Guides distributed
- 9/16 First day for Early Voting
- 10/2 Last day Clerk will mail Absentee Ballots
- 10/2 Last day to cast Absentee Ballots
- 10/2 Last day for Early Voting
- 10/6 Election Day: polls open 7am to 7pm

Absentee Voting:

Any person qualified to vote may vote by absentee ballot. Apply by phone, 768-3030, or mail for an absentee ballot with the Albuquerque City Clerk's Office, located in the Basement of One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. An application form for an absentee ballot is available online at http://www.cabq.gov/clerk/documents/absentee_application_request.pdf

The City Clerk's office will verify the application information and mail your absentee ballot to you. Friday, October 2 is the last day the City Clerk's Office will mail out absentee ballots. The ballot contains instructions for completion and return.

Deadline for Absentee Voting: Your completed ballot must be received in the City Clerk's office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, October 6. Absentee ballot packets delivered in person to the City Clerk's office must be delivered by the voter or by members of the voter's immediate family. Immediate family means spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters.

Early Voting:

Any person qualified to vote may vote early, in person on a paper ballot. Early Voting is available at four locations:

- the City Clerk's office, One Civic Plaza, Basement, Fifth and Marquette
- the City of Albuquerque Record Center (Micrographic Center), 604 Menaul Boulevard NW (West of the intersection of 6th and Menaul.)

- Uptown: APS City Center, 6400 Uptown Blvd NE, Suite 540.
 - Westside: Ladera Plaza, 5300 Sequoia Rd. NW, Suite G
- Hours: Early voting at all locations begins at 8:00 am on September 16 until 5:00 pm on Friday, October 2. The hours of voting will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For additional information, call 311. ☎

Public Library News

Ceil van Berkel, TRNA member

I am the City Council District 5 representative on the Library Advisory Board. If you have any suggestions or comments about the Taylor Ranch Library, please feel free to contact me at trna.vanberkel@comcast.net or call 899-2738.

Until I joined the advisory board I was unaware of many of the amazing services that are available through our library. Did you know that free **online** homework help is available through the library? Try **Live Homework Help** during September and let me know what you think of it.

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Live Homework Help© from Tutor.com

You can use this service from a library branch or use it from home. From home, **Navigate** to the Library's website for online services: <http://www.cabq.gov/library/online.html>

Then, **browse by Category** – Education and Tests

When is it available?

Live Homework Help© – one-to-one help with a certified instructor – is available every day from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm (in English and Spanish). (SkillCenter Resource Library is available 24/7).

What is exactly is available?

K-12 learners have access to free tutoring in math, science, social studies and English) – plus homework help, SAT prep, skills review, essay writing, and college intro.

Offerings for adult learners include free tutoring in math, science, social studies, English – plus real-time writing assistance, resume review, GED prep and Citizen prep, job search help and skills building.

How do I get to a live tutor online?

1. Select level (default is English K-12, click on Adult Learners or En Español to change)

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2. Select subject
3. Connect with a tutor

What browsers and operating systems are needed to access Live Homework Help®?

Browser	Operating System
Internet Explorer (6.0 or 7.0)	Windows Vista Windows XP Windows 2000
Safari (2.0 or higher)	Mac OS X
Firefox (2.0 or higher)	Windows Vista Windows XP Mac OS X

Additional Requirements:

Internet connection – minimum speed of 56K
 Internet Explorer 8.0 currently is not supported for use with Live Homework Help®.

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Finally, I'd like to point out Library bonds will be voted on in the October 6th municipal election. In addition to money for library materials and automation for the whole system, there are individual projects being funded. One such project is the feasibility/ development project for a new NW library, to provide services for the Paradise Hills/ Ventana Ranch area. ®

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY

SWAP MEET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th, 8:00 – 3:00

BUY! SELL! SWAP! BARTER! RECYCLE!
CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE! BRING YOUR ITEMS!



WHERE: Homestead Hills Shopping Center, 6911 Taylor Ranch Drive. In front of Taylor Ranch Self Storage.
DIRECTIONS: Across from LBJ Middle School at Homestead Circle and Taylor Ranch Dr.
WEATHER: If rainy weather our back-up date is Saturday Oct. 3rd.

Vendors will be permitted to set up at 7:00. Don't forget to bring your own tables and change.

Vendors: Please call 890-7400 to reserve your free space!

August Treasurer's Report	
Ray Shortridge, Treasurer, TRNA	
Balance 7/7/09:	\$7,185.44
Income:	88.00
Expenses:	(70.76)
Balance 8/12/09:	\$7,202.68

Mark your Calendars!

- Sept. 9 (Wed.): Mayoral Forum, DN-TRCC, 6:30 pm
- Sept. 10 (Thurs): TRNA Board Meeting DN-TRCC
- Sept. 19 (Sat): Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup 8:30 am
- Sept. 19 (Sat): Open Space Festival 1pm—6 pm
- Sept. 26 (Sat): TR Self Storage Swap Meet, 8 -3
- Oct. 6 (Tues): Municipal Election
- Oct. 17 (Sat): TRNA Rummage Sale, 8—noon
- Nov. 12 (Thurs): TRNA Board Meeting DN-TRCC
- Dec. 5 (Sat): TRNA Holiday Lunch at DN-TRCC

2nd Annual Open Space Festival

What: A celebration of Open Space, urban agriculture, local food and community
When: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, from 1 pm—6 pm
Where: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd NW (between Montano and Paseo del Norte, at the end of Bosque meadows Rd).
Cost: FREE
Contact: Kent Swanson, Alb. Parks & Rec, Open Space Division, 452-5216 or kswanson@cabq.gov

There will be activities for all ages including live music, arts and crafts for the kids, puppetry, art projects, food demonstrations, apple harvesting, an apple cider press and more. Visit with local farmers, participate in free workshops, talk to local organizations working to preserve agriculture.

See www.cabq.gov/openspace for more information. ®



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"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <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!

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

- Resident: \$9.00 (Thru Dec 2009) \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$39.00 (Thru Dec 2011)
 Business: \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2009) \$65.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$100.00 (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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts

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AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered once each month at the DN-TR Community Center . The complete class will run from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sept. 12th, Oct. 17th, Nov. 14th, and Dec.12th. Cost for the class 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. ®

Support our Business Members ~ They Support our Neighborhood!

- ARCA.....332-6700
- Cake Fetish at Montañó and Coors.....899-2425
- Taylor Ranch Self Storage890-7400
- Jinja Bar & Bistro792-8776
- KANDU Plumbing, Inc.899-8944
- Paper Pusher Bookkeeping.....898-9539
- Patsy Rippo, Keller Williams Realty306-2244
- Robert Bye, Prepaid Legal Services, Inc.....410-4631

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22nd of the month.

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Vote in the Municipal Election Oct. 6th!

TRNA RUMMAGE SALE

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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. More information on page 3. First ones to reserve spaces will get the shady sites!

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