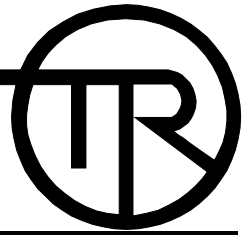


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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws

President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

According to the Albuquerque Police Department there has been a significant increase in criminal activity, particularly residential and auto burglaries in and around Taylor Ranch.

Please report ANY suspicious non-emergency activity via **242-COPS (242-2677)** or **911** if an emergency. A non-emergency call is a situation where a person's life and/or property are not in immediate danger. Included under this definition are crimes against property, crimes against persons where the victim is not injured and offenders are not at or near the scene. An emergency call is defined as a situation where a person's life or property is in danger or threatened.

The Northwest Substation is located across the street from Cibola High School (4051 Ellison Ave NW) and their phone number is 505-768-4850.

Tips provided by APD include:

Ensure you have adequate illumination and/or motion sensor lights.

Trim bushes and shrubs to below window level.

Entrance doors should have 180-degree eye viewers.

Record make, model and serial number of all valuable property.

Engrave an ID number on the back of valuables (NOT your SSN).

Make a video of the contents of your home.

Also, I'd like to thank EVERYONE who participated in and helped make the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale a success... again! And in particular, I'd like to thank Dan Rich of Taylor Ranch Self Storage (across from LBJ) for his significant help and contributions to our efforts.

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

What a beautiful fall day we experienced at our last park cleanup. The trees were turning and the weather was crisp. There was lots of activity going on in the Taylor Ranch community with the fall rummage sale and the cleanup of Mariposa Park, but we managed to complete both. My thanks to our October volunteers including Diane Sirais, Juanita Coulter, Don MacCornack, Dwane Lane and Carol Waters. It looks like the Mutt Mittens are being used as I had to replace several empty boxes this month. With daylight savings and winter rapidly approaching, **our next scheduled cleanup will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 21st.** Please consider donating an hour of your time, every third Saturday of the month, to help us keep Mariposa Basin Park one of the nicest and most utilized parks on the Westside. ®

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

It's fall in New Mexico! TRNA partners at Marie Hughes Elementary and Chamiza Elementary have promised me updates on their schools. I'm pleased that Mrs. Newman, a Marie Hughes volunteer and Mrs. Garcia from Chamiza's office, will make sure that we all find out about what's happening at their schools. Thank you ladies! With the holidays coming up, there will be much information to pass on to members next month.

I spoke with Rich Sivertson, LBJ Band Director, to find out about upcoming band events. Mark your calendars for the LBJ Middle School December events. On December 2 at 7PM, the LBJ Intermediate Band will team with the new

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Board of Directors Meeting —Thursday, Nov. 12—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

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Hillerman Middle School Band at Volcano Vista High School for a concert. Later in December all LBJ MS bands will join for the Winter/ Seasonal Concert. Join us for this wonderful event on December 15 at 7PM. Perhaps your student would like to see an LBJ concert in hopes of playing in the band someday. This is the time to get he or she thinking about it. Please join us for this great holiday concert.

Our TRNA Fall Rummage sale was a terrific success. Thanks to all who donated their leftover goods from the Taylor Ranch Self Storage rummage sale to the TRNA booth for October 17 at Cross of Hope Church. We made almost enough to fund one TRNA scholarship. Great neighbors like Dan Rich and Jan from Taylor Ranch Self Storage and the wonderful folks from Cross of Hope helped to make this fun community tradition happen. Many amazing TRNA volunteers participated by working at the rummage sale. Thanks to you all! Your gracious donation of time and effort will help to make two scholarship recipients' dreams come true for college.

I had an interesting visit with the LBJ Assistant principal Rosalind Deasy about the new web-based communication tool that LBJ is piloting for Albuquerque Public Schools. Starting in November parents from LBJ will be able to sign on and view the grade logs for their student's teachers. Comments on individual assignments and notes on the type of assignments given will greatly assist parents trying to understand what their middle school kids are doing at LBJ. Grades will be listed for each student as they are entered by the classroom teacher. Security issues have been addressed in programming. Parents will receive a letter on how to access this information by the end of October. Let's hope this goes as well as we hope. The LBJ staff has been waiting for this component to be readied for about three years. Give it a try!

Be safe and keep an eye out for our Taylor Ranch kids. Remember, we can all help to make this neighborhood as safe and happy as we choose for our families. Let's work together so that the kids know we care!

Jane Webster, education@trna.org ®

CRIME STOPPERS ALERT ...

If you park your car on the street, do NOT leave your garage door opener in it. That's a perfect invitation for someone to not only break into your car, but gives them a way to break into your house.

Westside Transit Study Meeting

Nov. 12, 6:00 pm

Taylor Ranch Community Center

The City of Albuquerque is in the process of completing the Westside Transit Improvement Study. As part of this process, Lee Engineering and Dekker Perich Sabatini are hosting public involvement meetings to solicit needs and ideas from the community.

If you will be unable to attend, or wish to provide them with input and ideas prior to the meeting, they can be contacted at 338-0984, or westsidetransit@lee-eng.com.

This is an important issue for those on the Westside. While increasing public transportation is important, there is concern about security issues, especially in downtown routes. Various individuals have reported being accosted by panhandlers.

There is also a need for additional Park & Ride locations, especially at Eagle Ranch and Coors. People are currently parking on a vacant lot at that corner, so it has been suggested the city should purchase the land for that purpose. ®

Spotlight on Business

Digitech Office Equipment

Michael and Lily Andrews are much more than just TRNA business members. They support TRNA by printing this newsletter each month, and have been doing so since 2004! Plus they've provided the copying services for our membership drive, our 25th anniversary flyers, and many other special projects. Lily served on the TRNA Board both as Education Director and Beautification Director and also served on the committee organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. They have lived in Taylor Ranch for 24 years.

Digitech has been in business since 1986, and Andrews have owned it since 1997. They rent, lease and sell Kyocera Mita and Copystar multi-function copiers, printers and fax machines. Equipment can be leased for 36, 48, or 60 months and products range from table tops to large high output machines. Michael says "Kyocera Mita and Copystar make an excellent product that is durable and cost effective for small or large businesses."

The money saved by Digitech printing the newsletter each month allows us to supplement the money raised by the flea markets so that we can offer at least two \$500 scholarships each year. Visit them at digitechoffice.com, 505-888-7575, 4310 Paseo del Norte NE, Ste D, Albuquerque, NM 87113. ®

LISA W. ARNHART, DDS, PC

Family and Cosmetic Dentistry



A Taylor Ranch mom is celebrating the 4th anniversary of her dental office. Her practice emphasizes gentle, preventive care for the entire family and accepts most dental insurances. She is a Delta Dental Premier provider. Dr. Arnhart's hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Please bring your coupon to redeem offer.



Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

Land Use table/ TRNA Rummage Sale/ Oct. 17th:

Our Land Use table sold \$60 worth of items at the TRNA rummage sale. All proceeds derived from our table will be used to reimburse TRNA for the County appeal [on the La Orilla/ Coors development]. I would like to recognize several people who made our table a success: Anni de Streiguer, Richard Bibra, and Don MacCornack. We sold the rest of the items Kathleen Ingley and Bernice Dalby had provided us for our June rummage sale. Thank you so very much!

County Planning Commission (CPC) reviewing amendments for the County Zoning Code:

On October 7th the County Planning Commission was scheduled to review several amendments being proposed for the County zoning code. One of the amendments being proposed was to add a requirement that there be a 500 ft separation between package liquor stores and residential properties. This is only for package liquor stores. I submitted a letter in support of the proposed 500 ft separation. I also made a suggestion that they remove a

sentence that says that the advisory design guidelines do not necessarily have to be followed by the developers. The CPC deferred the proposed amendments to the November 4th hearing, which starts at 9:00 a.m.

Sincere Appreciation: On December 1st, Councilor Cadigan will no longer be our City Council representative. We want to extend our appreciation for all the hard work he has done for Taylor Ranch and the Westside. He has been a strong advocate for the Westside by working to get more needed services, such as schools, police and fire facilities, libraries, and parks. He has helped to encourage quality development, preserve views along Coors, control the dust problem, preserve open space, build trails, and expand bus service such as the Rapid Ride. He has been a watchdog in discouraging urban sprawl, water waste, and tax giveaways. He is very knowledgeable about the issues and has taken on difficult challenges in regards to water, roads, insensitive big box development, TIDDS for green fields, and impact fees. Councilor Cadigan has been very supportive of good planning, responsible budgeting, and preserving the quality of life for the Westside. We appreciate all that he has done for our community! Thank you very much Councilor Cadigan!

KEEP THIS GUY OUT OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Help us deter, observe, and report possible criminal activity in Taylor Ranch.

Eyes, ears, a car, and only 2 hours a month are all that is needed to help us make Taylor Ranch a safer place to live.

JOIN THE TAYLOR RANCH CITIZEN PATROL

Organized by the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

Call **899-2738** (Fred van Berkel) for more information

Other Volunteers Needed!

Are you willing to be nominated as a Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board member? Elections are coming up in March and we need a bunch of names to submit.

Ever wonder how you can serve your neighbors and keep up the quality of your community without spending a penny? Try joining the TRNA Board of Directors! It's the best way you can be sure you are making a difference in your life here in Taylor Ranch. As our part of town matures, we have new challenges to contend with each year. Only with YOUR participation and involvement will we continue to be a great location to nurture our families.

Without TRNA's involvement in development on the Westside for the past 30 years, no telling what sort of community we would now be living in. Our influence has been critical in maintaining a sense of community balance and bringing us the services, schools, library, bridges, parks, and building controls necessary to give us such a great place to live.

The board meets once a month, generally the second Wednesday of each month (except this month, when its on Thurs, 12th). Attend a board meeting and check us out! Or contact Patsy Rippo for additional information about what's involved.
PLEASE HELP!

Public Library News

Ceil van Berkel, TRNA Member

& Dist 5 Rep, Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library isn't just for books! It offers ongoing programs of interest to the general public. Here are some special activities coming up:

Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 am: Reduce Holiday Stress by Reducing Holiday Spending. Cindy Davis from NMSU will give tips on reducing stress in this busy season and how to save money on holiday gift giving. Ideas will be shared for inexpensive homemade treasures. Cindy is the Home Economist for Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service. Much of her work deals with foods and nutrition as well as children and family issues.

In November the Library is advertising a special online capability for learning languages called "*Auralog – TELL ME MORE®*"

You can use this language tool from home by going to <http://www.cabq.gov/library/online.html> and then browsing by Category and picking **Languages** and picking as your "access point" *use from home.*

The languages available are Dutch, English, French, German, Italian or Spanish.

To begin you will create a login, determine your learning level and objectives and then jump in at the learning level you want or take a placement test to help you select a starting point.

The software will not work with a MAC or a dial-up connection. Pop-up windows must be turned off. The first time you log in, Auralog will check your computer's configuration and automatically install its software.

Let me know what you think of it! Ceil van Berkel, trna.vanberkel@comcast.net 899-2738.

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 1:30 pm on 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.

Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Director, TRNA

"CALL THE POLICE" — That was one of the pleas of Commander Warfield, chief of APD's NW Area Command. If you see or hear something that seems strange to you, call the cops. They love to hear from you (and if you wish you can stay anonymous).

His second plea: leave your porch light on at night. (I made a quick calculation: one kilowatt hour = 1000 watts = 13 cents. A 40-watt bulb over 8 hours consumes 320 watts. That comes to a grand total of FOUR AND ONE HALF CENTS per night!!)

Remember: there were 23 residential burglaries, 7 auto burglaries, 7 auto-thefts, 4 aggravated assaults, 3 vandalisms and 62 suspicious persons/cars reported in the first 25 days of September in Taylor Ranch (plus a whole lot of disturbances). In total: there were 163 service calls made to the police from Taylor Ranch during those 25 days. (Thanks for Pete Gelabert of APD for the statistics.)

We need more volunteers for the TRNA Civilian Patrol if we want this great program to continue! Please give me a call at 899-2738 if you are interested in donating a couple of hours/month to this program. Be Safe!

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TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 5, 2009

12:00 Noon 'til 2:00 pm

Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center



Meal provided by Outback Steakhouse

Choice of steak or chicken with all the trimmings

Please bring a dessert to share

There is no charge for the lunch, but please note that this event is for TRNA Members ONLY. All immediate family living at the member's residence are considered members.

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 this worthwhile project. Boxes will be available at the door for your donations.

Reservations are required. Please send in the following form no later than November 20th.

Reservation Form

We will attend the Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 5th!

Member Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Number of adults: _____ Specify number of each choice: Chicken _____ Steak _____

Number of children (under 15): _____ Special youth/child meal served

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

Mail completed form to:

TRNA Holiday Luncheon
June Newman
6301 Kearney Trail NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Any questions, contact June at 898-5447.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- Active Participation Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)

I'm interested in helping with the following:

- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
 Environment Membership Newsletter Parks & Recreation
 Social Activities Transportation/Traffic Land Use Zoning Other _____

Check your label to see if it is time to renew. If not, pass this form on to a neighbor!

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

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2012)
 Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2012)



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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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Dates to Remember

- November 12—Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 pm, DN-TRCC
- November 12—Westside Transit Study Meeting, 6:00 pm, DN-TRCC
- November 20—Mariposa Basin Park Clean Up, 9:00 am
- November 26—Thanksgiving

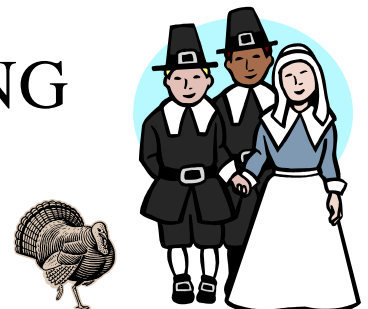
Renew Your Membership!

Is your membership about to expire? Check your label now before the busy holiday season. Consider multiyear renewals ... you save money and we have fewer opportunities to make a mistake when updating our membership list!

YOU ARE TRNA!



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS



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

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