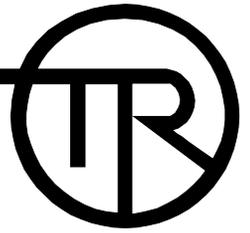


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"Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws



President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello TRNA Members, Our annual General Membership Meeting was held on March 24th at the Don Newton Community Center. We had a very full agenda with wonderful guest speakers. The

full list of the election results will be published in our next newsletter.

I want to thank our Social Committee for the work they put into the event. I also want to thank Fred van Berkel and Jane Webster for their years of service. They are stepping down to spend more time pursuing other interests, as am I.

Every member of the TRNA Board Of Directors has my heartfelt gratitude for their hard work and commitment to the Association. Having such a great BOD made my job very easy by comparison. Thank you all.

Please remember... "Our mission is to promote, protect 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 ®

Social Committee Report

Our next big event will be the Easter Egg Hunt - April 3, 10:00-1:00, Mariposa Basin Park. Bring your children and grandchildren to the Park for a fun event: food, games, and an Easter egg hunt with lots of prizes! We still need volunteers willing to be there at 8:00am to help set up and run the services. There are never enough volunteers, so get involved: call June or Ken at 898-5447.

Also, if you or your group are able to help with filling the 5,000 eggs needed for the hunt - call June at 898-5447.

Also let's all hope for good weather. That's something we can't control.

We will hold our scholarship fundraiser Rummage Sale on

Saturday, May 15th. See the flier on page 8. Social Committee, social@trna.org ®

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

It is with great delight that I am able to announce the two winners of the TRNA Scholarship for 2010. Congratulations to **Hayden Schaap** and **Patrick Gozur**. Both of this years winners are currently students at Cibola High School. These two accomplished and active young men were chosen from an excellent field of six applicants. Patrick and Hayden were introduced to all TRNA members at the TRNA General Meeting at the Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center on March 24th. I'm sure you join your encouragement and support to that expressed by members who attended the meeting to these fine students.

Many thanks to the hard-working scholarship committee members who met on March 10: Larry Walsh, Rene Horvath, Fred van Berkel, Ceil van Berkel, Ken Newman, David Waters, and Hanna Sorrells.

The LBJ Middle School National Junior Honor Society has offered to run the games for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd. Twenty-five students will help to set up games and support the social committee. These eighth graders are so excited to participate in this community event. Remember to plan to bring your young ones for a fun morning.

This is a very busy time for the TRNA Board of Directors. We have been planning the General Meeting in March and the Easter Egg Hunt in April. There's a new event coming up that we are excited about- a TRNA Garden Tour. It's time for new board members to come on and support TRNA. We need members to participate in the board of directors and the association in general. There are so many great activities and people in Taylor Ranch. Have a wonderful springtime. Let's make our yards the prettiest in Albuquerque and our kids the best young citizens in the city. education@trna.org ®

Beautification News

Dave Waters, Director, Beautification

What wonderful weather we are having. We were snowed out of our park clean up on the first day of spring. I know many volunteers were saddened to see the morning snow and now we have to wait another month to do our civic duty again.

Speaking of that, since the time has changed to daylight savings time, we will start the next cleanup at 8:30 AM on April 17 and continue the third Saturday 8:30 AM start time for the rest of the summer.

There's not much to report on this time so I'll see you all next month when the weather will be warm and dry. beautificaton@trna.org @

Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. Bus Rapid Transit Study Public Meeting: On February 23rd at Cibola High School, the Rio Metro Regional Transit District hosted the first of a series of public meetings to look at the transportation system for

the Westside. The meeting focused on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the Paseo Del Norte Corridor between Unser and I-25. Right now an average morning or evening commute between Golf Course and I-25 takes approximately 20 minutes. Within the next 20 years the same trip is expected to take approximately 45 minutes. Most of the population growth is on the west side and the employment growth is on the eastside. There are no plans to construct any new bridges or widen existing river crossings. The goal of this meeting was to improve transit services from the northwest mesa to the Journal Center, the Rail Runner station in Los Rancho's, the Downtown district, UNM, and the Hospital areas. The transit study will look at different transit options. A slide show presentation showed different transit systems. One system, known as the BRT Guide-way System is being used in other Countries. This system uses regular buses which travel on a special guide-way lane, using a curb barrier to separate it from regular traffic. These buses can also travel on regular traffic lanes. To view the presentation, go to the web site: nmrailrunner.com, and then search for "BRT" study. Several comments were taken after the slide presentation. One man said he didn't

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LISA W. ARNHART, DDS, PC

Family and Cosmetic



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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want to pay any more taxes to pay for mass transit. Another man said he supported mass transit. He pointed out that taxpayers already paid a lot of money for new roads and bridges, but with the anticipated increase in west side population and the limited access to the east side of Albuquerque, the quality of life will deteriorate unless there is an increase in mass transportation. Other comments included the need for more bridges, a need for regional transit planning with Rio Rancho, and the need for more designated park and ride areas for transit users, especially along Coors Blvd. It is unfortunate that by tolerating unconstrained development on the Westside, and allowing this expansion without the necessary transportation corridors in place to handle the additional traffic, we are allowing the City of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho's poor planning practices to undermine our quality of life.

2. Trash Dumping on the mesa: Recently, while on a hike along the escarpment, I discovered several sites where illegal trash dumping occurred. I called Diane Souder, Chief of Outreach for the National Park Service about this garbage. Patsy Rippo, TRNA President, and I took a drive with Diane to look at the situation. Unfortunately, we discovered more dump sites along the Monument boundary. Some of the trash is from households and some of it appears to be construction debris. It has been dumped on private and public land and is blowing onto the escarpment. The National Park Service and Open Space are responsible for cleaning up trash on public land. Diane Souder is planning to organize a clean up effort with City Open Space to remove the trash in and near the public land. If she needs volunteers to help in the clean up effort, I will send out an e-mail with the contact information. Illegal dumping needs to be addressed right away before it gets worse. To report illegal dumping, call 311. Residents can dump trash at any of Albuquerque's Convenience Centers. Albuquerque also has a free pickup service to pickup large household items. The City's 311 information number can provide you the location of the nearest convenience center and can assist you in arranging for a pickup service. We all have a responsibility to keep our environment clean. land@trna.org ®

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Report— Jan, Feb 2010

Larry Walsh, WSCN Director, TRNA

The Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations met March 3.

The week before this meeting, an issue had come up through email regarding a split of the Coalition, by

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forming new coalitions along city council district lines. Some emails expressed concern that the Coalition was not effective because it did not follow council district lines. Other emails stated that anyone could form any group or coalition they want, which need not risk the effectiveness or existence of a larger group like the current one. Many coalition members and visitors expected debate on this issue at the meeting, but President Laura Horton announced that a second March meeting for members only would be held March 31 to discuss the issue. The public is apparently not invited. I will be there to represent the interests of Taylor Ranch.

Antonio Sandoval, representing Congress Heinrich, announced that the congressman will be hosting a job fair March 8. He also informed the attendees that there is now a Veteran Services Guide available. Contact the congressman's office if you would like one.

Albuquerque Fire Chief James Breen reported that the administration is considering moving Fire Station 7 near 57th and Central. A new station, number 23, to be located near Volcano Vista High School, is in the development phase. APD, Open Space, the Park Service, AFD, and the Sheriff's Department are cooperating to patrol the bosque during the fire season. The public is encouraged to stay

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alert and to report anything suspicious. Like every year, Fourth of July patrols will be increased. There were praises regarding these patrols last summer.

APD Commander Warfield reported that burglaries have been significantly reduced in the last three years. Auto burglaries are down 49 percent, and stolen vehicles have decreased 35 percent.

Long-time Westside APD Commander Conrad Candelaria just retired. The Coalition presented him with an thank you plaque and a cake was served in his honor.

Tito Madrid, representing the mayor's office, reported that there are still many openings on boards and commissions. Anyone interested in servicing should visit the city's website for details.

A representative from Presbyterian conducted a presentation on the new hospital being built in Rio Rancho, near Unser and Westside Drive.

District 5 Councilor Dan Lewis announced a meeting for district constituents to be held on March 23. He also announced that construction of Unser, from Boca Negra to Paseo del Norte is scheduled to begin by the end of summer this year.

As always, please contact me if you have any issues, concerns, or questions. I represent you! Meetings are always held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center. You do not need to be a member to attend. wsc@trna.org ®

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered once each month at the DN-TR Community Center. For the next three months the class dates will be April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th.

The complete class will run from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on these Saturday mornings. 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

Civilian Patrol News: This month (March 2010) we did 36 hours of patrolling. If you see a patroller, say "Thanks."

Taylor Ranch is a BIG neighborhood: from the river to the base of the escarpment (where the national monument and



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volcanoes are) and from Paseo del Norte to Western Trail/ Namaste. At our last meeting we concluded that such a big area is not workable with 26 active patrol members. Since patrol members use their own cars and pay for their own gas, they naturally prefer to patrol more or less within their own areas. Therefore we decided to temporarily suspend patrolling in the areas north of Calle Norteña, west of Unser, and east of Coors from La Orilla to Paseo del Norte.

We have divided the rest of Taylor Ranch into six manageable sections for patrols. As soon as we get more volunteers we will cover the areas mentioned above.

Crime Statistics: In February, APD received 217 calls for service (within selected categories) from Taylor Ranch. These calls were categorized as:

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| Assaults | 3 |
| Auto Burglary | 26 |
| Commercial Burglary | 1 |

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| Residential Burglary | 13 |
| Stolen vehicles | 14 |
| Suspicious Persons | 89 |
| Vandalism | 14 |
| Disturbances | 57 |

Here's a hint from APD: Thieves are again kicking in front doors to burglarize houses. Invest in a heavy duty steel screen door which swings open to the outside. This will make it hard for them to kick in your door.

Call 899-2738 if you have an hour or two per month to help patrol your neighborhood! Fred van Berkel, patrol@trna.org

Public  Library News

Ceil van Berkel, Chair, Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library Hours

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| M - Th | 10 AM - 8 PM |
| F - Sat | 10 AM - 6 PM |
| Sun | 1 PM - 5 PM |

Branch Manager: Linda Morgan Davis

Library Phone: 897-8816

Special Programs

Saturday 4/3- 3:00 PM

Three American Poets- Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams and Kenneth Rexroth. Celebrate National Poetry Month. Join Don Gutierrez, Professor Emeritus of English for a discussion of these three famous poets. Gutierrez has taught at the University of Notre Dame and is retired from Western New Mexico University. He has authored six books on literary criticism and has published over 100 articles. This program is made possible by the Friends for the Public Library and the New Mexico Humanities Council. Free and open to the public.

Saturday 4/17- 3:00 PM

The Laughter Workshop- Finding Joy and Resiliency in Everyday Life

This fun, energetic and inspirational workshop shows you how to access your infinite reservoir of inner laughter. Topics include: timeless principles of Laughter Yoga, breakthrough findings in medical research, coping with stress better, and how to enjoy life more.

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Basic word processing, including customizing font, using bullets, cutting and pasting, and examining page layout options. 

Mark Your Calendar!
TRNA RUMMAGE SALE
May 15, 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 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 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 May 15, 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

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

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- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
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Check your label to see if it is time to renew. If not, pass this form on to a neighbor!

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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

- April 3:** Easter Party & Egg Hunt 10:00—1:00, Mariposa Basin Park
- April 17:** Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup 8:30 am
- May 15:** Rummage Sale



New Password for TRNA.ORG

Did you know that membership forms, scholarship application forms, flea market registration forms and information about upcoming events are all available on the TRNA website? If you're looking for any information about the Association and can't find your newsletter, just look online. You'll be amazed at what's available!

The **members only** section of the website is available to you. We print the ID and Password at the bottom of this page each month. ID: **member** PW: **7trna9**. This is a new password as of April 1st—not an April Fool's Joke! ☺

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