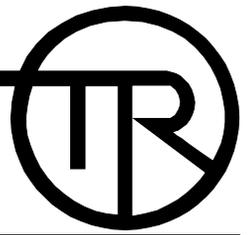


# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Vol. 31 No. 8 Aug 2010

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

## President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. If you are reading this before August 3rd, then let me tell you about National Night Out. It will be held on August 3rd between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. It's a way for you and your neighbors to get together. One of the best ways to fight crime is to know your neighbors. If you plan to participate, please call 311 to register. Our City Councilors and other city officials will try to get to as many neighborhoods as possible.

Rene Horvath and I attended a meeting at the Open Space Center concerning the Art in Public Places Project that will be constructed just off of Coors, if it passes the City Council. This has been a long process for all of the volunteers involved. One thing that came up at the end of the meeting was the large number of vacancies that currently exist on the city boards. These are all volunteer but important positions. There are a variety of positions of all interests open to people who are willing to give their time to better our city.

On that same subject, Citizen Patrol needs more patrollers. There will be a training session at the end of the month. If you are interested e-mail Fred van Berkel at [patrol@trna.org](mailto:patrol@trna.org). It may not seem like it but according to the Crime mapping web site, Taylor Ranch has the lowest crime rate in Albuquerque. I think the Citizen Patrol has something to do with that.

I have received several calls this month about cars parked in yards and perimeter walls that are falling down along with other issues. Although we are not a Home Owners Association and have no legal power to do anything about these issues, we do represent a large constituent in Taylor Ranch. The City does seem to listen to us more than to individuals. Therefore, there is power in numbers so encourage your neighbors to join TRNA.. You can reach me at [president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org) @

## Membership Update

Larry Walsh, Director, Membership

Taylor Ranch is a gigantic area, extending from the Rio



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Grande on the East, Paseo del Norte on the North, the Petroglyph escarpment on the West, and Western Trail/ Namaste Roads on the South. By looking at a map, you can see that we cover quite a large geographic segment of the Westside.

Within TRNA are other Neighborhood Associations and Home Owner Associations such as Alban Hills, Quaker Heights, Rancho Sereno, Las Terrazas, Santa Fe Village, Cottonwood Trails HOA, Bosque del Rio HOA, La Luz Landowners, and La Luz del Sol. Although each association may have its own specific concerns, we know

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**Board of Directors Meeting —Wednesday, Aug. 11—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center**



## Come Worship with Us

Sunday Services at 8:45 & 11:00 AM

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## First Presbyterian Church

215 Locust NE Phone 764-2900  
[www.firstpresabq.org](http://www.firstpresabq.org)

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that every family wants to preserve, protect, and improve the quality of life on its block.

Why not work together? We all want traffic to flow smoothly. We all like our streets maintained and repairs made promptly. We all want our property protected from vandals. We all want our trees to grow and our ecosystems to flourish. We all want our kids to be able to play outside without fear. We all want to be able to exercise at Mariposa Basin Park, coach our kids at Riverview Park, walk our dogs at Santa Fe Village, or just relax and meditate at any of our dozens of clean and pleasant parks.

At this moment, there are people working to put bright LED advertising signs in places that would blast into our bedroom windows at night. There are hoodlums that want to distribute drugs near our schools and in our parks where children congregate. There are groups that want to widen our streets against agreed-upon plans and block our mountain views with ugly buildings. There are bored kids that drive around shooting out our tires and tagging our walls. It doesn't matter if you live north or south of Montano, or east or west of Coors.

Despite these threats, life in Taylor Ranch remains convenient, carefree, and relaxing. And we've made it that way—together. Let's protect it—together. All of our

families and all of our neighborhoods can work together, as one. Let's keep all of Taylor Ranch—from Alban Hills to Santa Fe Village to Quaker Heights—a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Share this newsletter with your neighbor and ask him to join TRNA, even if he's a member of another association. He'll have an even stronger voice that is unified with hundreds of others. ®

## Social Committee Update

Ken Newman, Director, Social Committee

The next Flea Market will be held at the Cross of Hope on Saturday, September 25, 8-1. For Reservations call 898-5447, e-mail: [Juken1964@q.com](mailto:Juken1964@q.com), or send in the reservation form on page 6.

Remember, this is how we finance our Scholarship Program for two (2) students each year. We use the proceeds from space rentals, TRNA tables, and food to fund these.

Also; the TRNA Board of Directors will be serving dinner (food provided by another organization) at Project Share on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a prelude for all of us as TRNA and a local merchant will be sponsoring dinner for Project Share on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Project Share is a non-profit organization that provides a daily dinner meal for the needy. For more information on this organization you can contact Joell Ackerman, 1515 Yale Blvd, SE at 242-5677 or June Newman at 898-5447. It is our chance to give back to those in need.

More to come in next months Newsletter. Hope everyone is enjoying a safe summer . ®

## Open Space Center Activities

### Open Space Visitor Center

Jodi Hedderig, Manager

6500 Coors Blvd NW

*(between Montano & Paseo del Norte*

*at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd)*

Tuesday – Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

505-897-8831

[www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace)

(now on Facebook)

**Bosque Wild: Guided Nature Walk  
Sunday, August 1st 7:30 am FREE**

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Join our naturalists for a walk into the riverside forest that so many of us pass on our way through the city.

Space limited. Registration encouraged: 897-8831

**The August 7th Trail Watch Volunteer Training** is being held at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area from

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**“Spin-In” Spinning and Dye Demo with Las Aranas Saturday, August 14th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (call to confirm times)**

Open to all fiber enthusiasts. Learn the art of dyeing wool to your own aesthetic desires. Denise Davis of Las

Aranas is knowledgeable about the techniques used to extract color from native New Mexico plants and the

historical value of these natural desert pigments. Join or watch the “Spin-In” with Las Aranas Weavers Guild.

<http://www.lasaranas.org> Limit 15 for the Dye Demo – please call 897-8831 for more info.

**Wolf Meet & Greet with the Wanagi Wolf Fund Sunday, August 29th 12:30 am – 3:00\*pm**

FREE Or you may show support with the purchase of a wolf photo shoot.

“Breeding an animal that has innate wild tendencies, such as wolves, with a dog is not showing

any kind of wisdom. As a Canine Behaviorist, I understand their brain, temperament and

attitude and help to socialize and then place these loving animals in secure and loving homes”.

Stephanie Kaylan, Founder Wanagi Wolf Fund. End time depends on the wolves! Come early for the best experience.

**3rd Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival September 18th 10am-4pm FREE**

Did you know that the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division preserves over 366 acres of farmland within the Albuquerque area? Open Space is proud to be a part of Albuquerque’s agricultural heritage, and we’re celebrating with a unique event for the whole family.

\*MUSIC! Enjoy live music with Juniper Hill and Wild Frontier on our shaded patio overlooking our wildlife farm preserve.

\*WORKSHOPS AND TOURS: Author Bill Dunmire describes and illustrates the adventure of how Mediterranean plants changed the course of American

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farming. \*Check back soon for a full schedule of music and workshops.

\* FOOD! Delicious food will be available to purchase, or bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on our grassy lawn. Graze booths from local farmers and businesses.

**Yoga with a View**

**Wednesday Evenings 5:30 pm, Sunday Mornings 7:30 am and 9:00 am**

Open to students of all levels. First class \$5.00. Ask about punch cards.

30% of the \$15 class fee is a donation to the Open Space Alliance.

If you or someone you know wants to receive monthly calendar updates by email, send us an email at [openspace@cabq.gov](mailto:openspace@cabq.gov) ®

## Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. **Open Space Land Art Project** update: I mentioned in my last article that the Finance Committee of the City Council recommended not to fund the art project known

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as the "Fly Way". The Arts Community questioned the reason for this. City Council decided to hold a public hearing on August 2nd to give the public a chance to comment on the art project. Janet Laros, President of Coors Trail Neighborhood Association organized a meeting, at the Open Space Visitor Center on July 17th to discuss the situation. There was a good turn out for the meeting. Westside residents and representatives from Coors Trail, Bosque Meadows, Taylor Ranch, and other Westside neighborhoods, including members from the Arts Board and Councilor Lewis attended the meeting.

Robert Wilson, who is the artist for the project, explained how he developed the idea for the project. He is a long time Albuquerque resident, who was always fascinated with the Bosque and the jetty jack structures that were placed in the Bosque for flood protection. The Corp of Engineers is now removing them from the Bosque because they are no longer needed and they prohibit fire trucks from reaching fires in the Bosque. Mr. Wilson wanted to recycle the jetty jacks into an art design and relate the design to the crane migration. He named the project the "Fly Way". He designed it so that it could be seen from the roadway, but at the same time not block the views of the Bosque and Mountains. He explained that this style of

art is known as Land Art which is different from other styles of art. It's not like statues which can be placed anywhere in Albuquerque. Land Art is site specific. It is intended to relate to the environment of the area it is located in. The jetty jacks and the cranes of the Bosque influenced his design. Because there will be many rows of jetty jacks, the design will create an illusion of movement, like birds taking flight, while motorists pass the structure while driving along Coors Blvd.

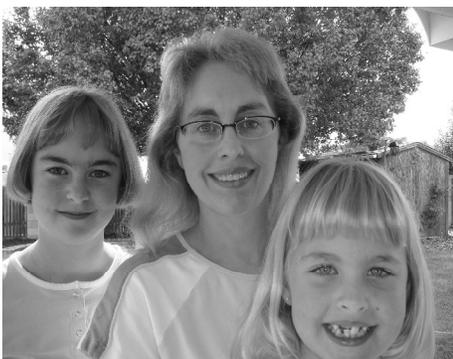
Lee Gamelsky chairman of the Arts Board explained that there was a selection process made up of volunteers who were asked to select a Land Art project from 40 entries. The selection committee was made up of volunteers from the Arts Board and representatives from Westside Neighborhood Associations. They spent many hours reviewing the entries.

The Public Arts Program began in 1978. The funding comes from the 1% for the Arts which is part of the general obligation bond money that can only be used toward the acquisition of public art. Twenty percent of the 1% is used for maintenance of existing projects. He discovered that of the 650 art projects in the city, only 3% are located on the Westside. There are two other art

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# LISA W. ARNHART, DDS, PC

## Family and Cosmetic Dentistry



A Taylor Ranch mom is celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### TRNA Special!!!

FREE Home Bleaching Kit upon completion of a new patient exam visit and x-rays. Fees apply to exam and x-rays. For new patients only. Limited-time offer—get your bleaching kit while supplies last!

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projects that went through a similar process by other committees in other parts of City. So far “Fly Way” was recommended to not receive funding for the project. If this project is not approved for funding by the City Council, the money will be used for other art projects.

Councilor Lewis explained that because of the budget situation, it seemed that the money would be best spent on other needs of the city such as repainting the chipped paint on the Montano Bridge. He said that City Council is also part of the process to which it can decide whether to fund a project. He also felt that because city workers are receiving a cut in pay that it gives a bad impression to be funding an art project at this time.

Sherri Brueggeman the City Art Program manager explained that the Albuquerque voters are the ones who vote to approve the general obligation bonds. Once the bonds are approved that money must go for that purpose. For example, road bonds go to roads, libraries bond funds go to libraries, etc. They cannot legally be transferred for another purpose. It’s an ordinance. The Montano Bridge repainting was never part of the art fund so it will not receive funding from the Arts program.

Most of the comments received by the attendees seemed supportive of the project. They appreciated the Artist’s presentation and how much thought he put into the design. They felt public art is a good investment for the city. Art helps to bring up property values. It went through a City sponsored selection process. The volunteers on the selection committee did everything required of them. The Westside could benefit from public art and this site, near the Open Space Visitor center, is a good location. Art is very subjective. People will either like or dislike a piece of art. Since the funding is already assigned to this art project it should not be transferred for another purpose.

The discussion at the meeting was very interesting and informative. It put things in perspective on how public funds are generated and used. The Artist gave a good presentation. All parties had a chance to comment and to hear the other side. Now it will go before City Council on August 2nd.

**2. Appeal of the West Bluff Shopping Center LED Sign:** There has been a change in the date to hear the appeal on the West Bluff Shopping Center LED sign. It was originally scheduled to be heard August 16th. Not all parties in the appeal could attend the hearing, so it will be postponed to September. I will keep you posted.

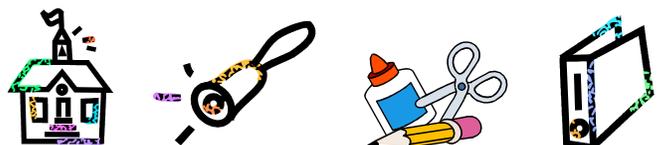
**3. Volcano Heights revised Sector Development Plan Open House:** Recently I found out that the draft for the

revised Volcano Heights Plan draft was ready for review. An Open House was scheduled at the Taylor Ranch Community Center on July 20th. TRNA sent out e-mail notices to alert the membership to this important meeting. I will report in the next news letter about what took place at the Open House. Taylor Ranch participated in the original plan. There is concern about the amount of traffic generated by the development, and preservation of open space along the top of the escarpment to provide a buffer for the Monument and to set the houses further back from view. Natural arroyos and view protection is also important. TRNA also wants enough time to review the revised plan and to provide input, before it goes to the EPC.

**4. Impact Fee Moratorium:** Recently I have learned that there may be a proposal to extend the moratorium on Impact Fees. It will go before the City Council, but no date has been set yet. I also learned that the City has hired a consultant to examine the Impact Fees to see what’s working and what is not, and compare it to the way other cities have successfully used it. I will keep you posted as I learn more.

**5. Open Space Visitor Center:** The Open Space Visitor Center recently built a wetlands area along the road leading to the Center. It looks nice and the wildlife is already moving in. I also inquired about the proposed farmers market at the Open Space Visitor Center. I told Open Space Staff that several Taylor Ranch residents were asking about it. Staff told me they are still working on getting more people who will be able to sell the produce. They want to insure that they get a reliable group of producers and enough buyers to support the market. They appreciate Taylor Ranch’s interest and will keep us posted. ®

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### TRNA RUMMAGE SALE

**September 25th, 8:00 am—1:00 pm**  
**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** or email [Juken1964@q.com](mailto:Juken1964@q.com), 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 or email [Juken1964@q.com](mailto:Juken1964@q.com) 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 September 25th, 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Participation       Sustaining Member (Not able to work on committees at this time)

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       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Pass this form to a neighbor! New Member rates for rest of this year:

Resident:  \$9.00 (Thru Dec 2010)       \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2011)       \$39.00 (Thru Dec 2012)  
 Business:  \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2010)       \$65.00 (Thru Dec 2011)       \$100.00 (Thru Dec 2012)

Call Larry Walsh at 401-0965 if you have questions or need more information.

Please mail this form with your check made out to TRNA 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 on a Saturday morning at the DN-TR Community Center. The date of the next class is August 14th, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Cost for the class is \$12 per person 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. ☎

## Dates to Remember

Aug 3rd: National Night Out  
 Aug 11th: TRNA Board Mtg  
 Aug 21st: Park Clean-up  
 Sept. 25th: Rummage Sale



## Back to School in Taylor Ranch

**Marie Hughes Dates:** Registration - **August 6th and 7th**, 9:00 - 11:00 am or 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Meet the Teacher - **August 13th** 9:00 - 11:00 am

First day of school - grades 1-5 - **August 18th**

First day of school - kindergarten - **August 20th**

**Chamisa Dates:** New and Returning Student Registration—July 28

First Day of School (1st - 5th Grade) - Aug 18,-(Kinder) Aug 20

**LBJ Dates:** Registration: Pre Registered Students

Thursday, **August 12**, 2010 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

(8th GRADE 10-10:45 am; 7th GRADE 11-11:45 am; 6th GRADE 12 -12:45 pm)

Registration: New Students Friday, **August 13**, 2010 9 A.M.-12 NOON

First day of school—Thursday, **August 18**, 2010

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

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