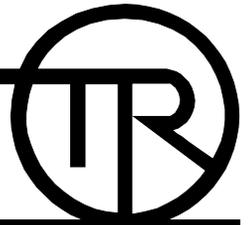


MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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

President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

Dave is on vacation! He'll be back next month.

Beautification Update

Dee Hettick, Beautification Director

Thanks to everyone who came to the clean up on Saturday, October 16th, and to those in the past that have helped in the beautification of the Mariposa Park. We had eight people there. Very nice turn out!! We are at the park from 9:00 am to 10:30 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet near the gate leading into the Children's playground area. We provide garbage bags. Hope to see you all there next time, 11/20th. Also, thanks to June for posting this message for us on the TRNA message board! For more information, contact beautification@trna.org ®

Education Update

Lily Andrews, Education Director, TRNA

As the director of education, I'm very happy to report that the TRNA board has voted to increase the amount awarded to the scholarship fund from two \$500 scholarships this year to two \$750 scholarships. This increase is due to the amount we raised from the two flea markets this year that fund the TRNA scholarships. Many thanks go out to the social committee and the many individuals that helped in the fundraising that make these scholarships possible. In this newsletter is the 2011 Scholarship Application Form for those individuals that would like to apply for the TRNA scholarships. The requirements are:

- Reside within the boundaries of the TRNA (north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte/Western Trail; east/west boundaries: the river/the escarpment.);
- Submit this completed Scholarship Application Form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2011, mailed to the address at the bottom of this form;

- Demonstrate community involvement and service whether through school and extracurricular activities or other service organizations;
- Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2011.

Details of all requirements are on the application form provided on page 7 of this newsletter.

A committee will be formed to review all applications and a point system will be used to evaluate the applications based on reference letters, application, G.P.A, community involvement, and TRNA membership.

Good luck to all applicants. I am privileged to be involved in the two awards that will help further the education of the recipients of the TRNA scholarships. The committee looks forward to reviewing all of the applications that are received! For more information contact education@trna.org ®

In Memoriam



John Vaughn Hemler, former director of TRNA, died on September 25, 2010, in Peoria, Arizona. He and his wife Marjorie, who had died on March 16, 2007, were active members of our association during their 30 years in Taylor Ranch.

During his years on the board of TRNA, John helped start our Youth Group, the Graffiti Paint-Out campaign (later adopted by the city), and organized Founder's Day parades and carnivals in Taylor Ranch. He was part of the Association team that spent three years fighting the disgraceful mobile apartments that moved into a lot across the street from his house. His leadership skills, dedicated service to others, sense of humor, joy in life and unfailing courage are gifts treasured by all who were privileged to know and work with him.

In the name of our association the Board of Directors of TRNA sent a donation to the USO in grateful memory of his many years of service to our community.

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. Volcano Mesa Plans November 4th EPC hearing:

The next EPC hearing for the Volcano Mesa Plans will be Thursday November 4th at the Plaza Del Sol Planning Building on 600 2nd street, in the basement, starting at 8:30am. TRNA sent out a letter to the Planning Director to have the Planning Department address TRNA concerns. There have been two meetings for the general public who have made comments at the time and also sent in letters, but none of the comments have been addressed. So far the Volcano Cliff property owners are quite happy with the plans. They formed a steering committee and have met with the planning department numerous times and had their concerns addressed. We have been able to meet with the planning staff a few times, but have not had our concerns addressed. Their lawsuit is what is driving the plan. It is important to realize that good planning is not solely about private property rights. Good Planning is having a vision for the future and looking out for the best interests of the overall public. Neighborhoods downstream will be impacted by the amount of traffic that is generated by the mesa development. Therefore, we would like to see a new traffic study done to look at

the capacity of our road system and bridges. Petroglyph National Monument will also be affected by subdivisions being built too close to the escarpment with their drainage basins adjacent to the edge. It would be a huge mistake if this was allowed to happen. The Open Space department does not have the funds to purchase the land at this time. It usually requires the public to make known their interest to have public funding focus on acquiring lands that are under an immediate threat. So far public monies have been used to build roads on top of the mesa, schools, drainage basins and water lines to serve the mesa development. We now need public money to be used to preserve, protect and buffer the escarpment. Funding can come from all government levels. In addition, property owners should participate in dedicating land to deal with the storm water flows in the floodplains on their property and to pay development impact fees. The impact fee program envisioned for this area in 2006 would help to generate funds from those now able to develop. The impact fee program customized for this area is an important implementation item that needs to be restored to the Volcano Mesa Plans. **We urge your participation at the November 4th hearing.** For more information you can call me, at 898-2114.

2. LED signage regulations: There is an up-coming City Council meeting that will be reviewing the proposed LED signage regulations. The Council meeting is Monday November 1st, at the City Council Chambers starting at 5:00 pm. I hope that the TRNA newsletter will reach you in time before the hearing takes place. As of this writing, Community representatives who served on the task force wrote a minority report and submitted it to the City Council. The minority report makes four recommendations:

- 1) The Federal Highway Administration is now doing a study on the safety impacts of LED signs. The City of Albuquerque should adopt a moratorium on any new or converted electronic signs until the Federal Highway Administration's study is released.
- 2) The city should also conduct an independent, scientific poll/survey to ask ABQ residents whether they want to see: a) more, b) fewer, or c) about the same number of electronic signs along the public roads in Albuquerque.
- 3) The city should prohibit new off-premise electronic signs.
- 4) Electronic sign regulations should incorporate specific elements to minimize adverse safety and aesthetic impacts.

The minority report represents the community concerns.

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The sign industry has prepared their own report. The public and neighborhood associations are encouraged to share their opinions about LED signs at the Council meeting. The public can also call and leave comments for City Council by calling this number 768-3100. Our City Councilor is Dan Lewis.

3. West Bluff LED sign Appeal: On September 8th, the City Council on a 5-4 vote, denied the neighborhood appeal of a 5-story 'Bell-Tower' structure at the West Bluff Center. Councilor Dan Lewis and four other Eastside Councilors, voted to allow this structure which is designed to hold two 125 sq. ft. LED signs. Two Coalitions and ten Neighborhood Associations were involved in that appeal. The Grande Heights and West Bluff NAs have now filed another appeal in District Court, based on the City Council's decision. Joe Valles, who is leading this effort, recently prepared the following update:

As many of you know an appeal is an uphill battle, however, we strongly believe that the City Council's and EPC's decision was arbitrary, capricious and not in accordance with applicable policies. It is a safety issue primarily, but also sets a bad precedent for the West Side and the rest of the City. As a 5-story structure it

erodes policy protecting vistas while the two huge LED signs serve as a distraction to drivers at one of the most complicated merging patterns on Coors Boulevard.

Even if the appeal is not successful, we feel it is an investment to show City Councilors and the City that neighborhoods will fight for their rights when pushed. Currently, the City shrinks from giving the burden of the courts to developers—but has no qualm about 'sticking it' to neighborhoods. We state it as an 'investment' because without push-back from neighborhoods these kinds of projects could well proliferate and diminish the West Side with such ill-advised projects.

4. CVS free standing sign Appeal: The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board voted to appeal the ZHE decision to grant a variance for a freestanding sign at the corner of Montano and Coors Boulevard. ZHE had reached its decision to grant CVS a variance for a freestanding sign on October 7th stating the property was exceptional because the site's grade elevation is higher than Coors, making it an unnecessary hardship for the owner. A variance can only occur when the site is exceptional and creates a hardship. TRNA, Alban Hills, La Luz maintain that the high elevation of the site

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provides an advantage for CVS allowing their building mounted signs to be extremely visible to motorists and pedestrians from the roadways making it unnecessary to add a free standing sign on the corner. In addition, the zoning code clearly states that a freestanding sign is not allowed on a site that is less than 5 acres and designated developing urban. This site does not qualify for a freestanding sign because the site is designated developing urban and is approximately 1.6 acres. Even though ZHE added a condition that the freestanding sign cannot be an electronic sign, according to code enforcement personnel, CVS can seek a variance in the future for an electronic display sign to be added to the freestanding sign. TRNA, La Luz, and Alban Hills have always been consistent in promoting the Coors Corridor plan on view preservation and limitations on excessive signage along Coors Boulevard. We need to stay diligent in defending the quality of life in our area. We hand delivered our appeal to the City on October 22nd. The case will go before the Board of Appeals, potentially in late November. I will keep you posted. For more information contact land@trna.org.

Mesa Messenger Stops in February

Ceil van Berkel, Editor, Mesa Messenger

We have not had anyone volunteer to take over as editor, so this publication will cease in February. It is a pity that after 31 years TRNA will no longer have a regular newsletter.

The Board will mail out notices of general membership meetings and other special events, but unless we find someone willing to take over as editor, there will no longer

be a monthly newsletter starting with February 2011.

If you would like more information about what the role of editor entails, please call 898-2738 or email editor@trna.org.

Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Patrol Coordinator, TRNA

The TRNA Civilian patrol members are the eyes and ears of the Albuquerque Police Department in Taylor Ranch. We patrol from the river to Unser; from Calle Norteña to Western Trail/ Namaste. We work in two-person teams, one of whom must be certified by APD.

TRNA provides:

- Magnetic signs for the sides of your patrol vehicle identifying the patrol
- Revolving orange light for top of vehicle
- Other equipment for use while on patrol Monthly patrol calendar and patrol member list
- A partner, so you never patrol alone
- Information from APD, including the schedule of certification classes

What TRNA expects of patrollers:

- They patrol at least two hours per month
- They are enthusiastic about working to lower the crime rate in Taylor Ranch
- They plan to attend an APD certification class, when one is available

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- They have fun and get to know fellow patrollers and their community
- They call 242-COPS or 911 if they see anything or anyone suspicious (eyes & ears!)
- They report any graffiti to 311
- They patrol in their own vehicles or the vehicles of their partners
- When they drive, they have a valid driver's license and auto insurance
- They patrol at their own risk
- They do not carry a weapon and do not confront anyone
- They do not enter private property
- They take care of the provided equipment and deliver it to the next team after their patrol

For more information or to join this elite team, contact: patrol@trna.org

Vandalism Alert: We have had a report of someone shooting a BB gun or air gun in the vicinity of Primrose and Butterfield during the day. One window has been damaged. If you hear or see any indication of shooting, call 242-cops and report it. No one has been hurt yet, but there has been property damage. ☹

Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center

4900 Kachina St. NW (Kachina & Montaño)
Phone: (505)768-6006 Fax: (505)768-6009

Contacts:

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Patrick VanHorn, Community Recreation Activities Coordinator
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Marvin Pohl, Community Recreation Activities Coordinator
(MPohl@cabq.gov)

Senior Meal Program Meal Site:

M-F, 11:30am-1:00pm, Must be 60 yrs old and over, Must call the Center by noon the day before to make a reservation if you would like to attend. Suggested donation: \$2 per meal. ☹



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Life in Taylor Ranch is Going to Change!

Jolene Wolfley, Member, TRNA

We've All Invested in Petroglyph National Monument.

Your voice is needed to let the

Planning Commission Know that

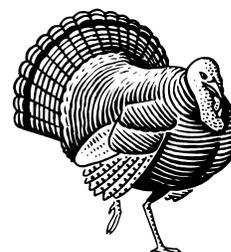
We Expect New Homes and Businesses

Built on the Upper Mesa to Enhance the Area.

Please attend the Abq EPC hearing

On Thursday, November 4th--starts at 8:30 am.

See the Land Use article on page 2 for more information.





Project Share

Feeding the hungry and homeless in an environment
which fosters the opportunity for growth, education and
change.

September 27, 2010

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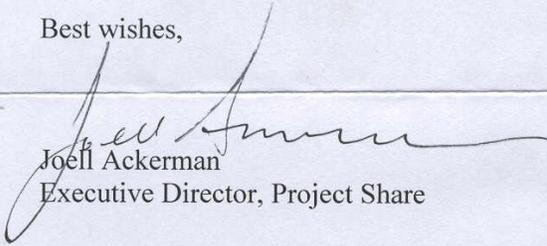
Dear Mrs. June Newman,

Thank you so very much for your generous contribution of Outback Steakhouse food for the homeless and working poor of Albuquerque. Your donation of time, food and smiles is priceless to the homeless and working poor of our community. On September 24th when your delicious food arrived, it was like a special holiday for the homeless, there was not one morsel of food left over that night.

I can not express the joy your food brought to us here at Project Share. We work hard every day to ensure the homeless and working poor have a place to come for a well balance, nutritious meal. September 24th was a day that will be remembered by our clients for a long time.

Everyone that came to service was friendly and kind. It was clear to our staff here at Project Share that Taylor Ranch Neighborhood knows how to give back to the community and have fun while doing it. We love your group.

Best wishes,


Joell Ackerman
Executive Director, Project Share

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2011 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2011

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$750 Scholarship must meet all four of the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of the Association (north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande (river) and West Mesa Escarpment);
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application Form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2011, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service, whether through school and extracurricular activities or other service organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2011.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the schools in which the selected students are enrolled.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Street Address _____ ZIP Code _____

Is your family a member of TRNA? _____ Yes _____ No (Membership is not required)

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2010) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation:

Please describe your extra-curricular activities, stressing community service:

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

Please also provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but all must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your completed application to: Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.



TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 4, 2010

12:00 Noon 'til 2:00 pm

Food service: 12:00—12:30

Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center



Buffet Luncheon provided by **Outback Steakhouse**

Choice of BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken or salmon — 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 Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, December 4th!

Member Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Number of persons attending :** _____

Salmon will be prepared on site. If you plan to request salmon, please indicate the number of servings your family will be ordering: _____

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
c/o 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 (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 _____

Renewal Rates:

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2012) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2013)
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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:
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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2 — General Election
- Nov. 4 — Volcano Mesa
- Nov. 10 — Board Meeting
- Nov. 20 — Park Clean-up
- Nov. 25 — Thanksgiving
- Dec. 4 — Holiday Lunch



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AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course is usually offered once each month at the DN-TR Community Center. Those who take the class can usually receive a substantial discount on their car insurance. The complete class runs from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on a Saturday. Cost for the class per person is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. You pay by check when you arrive at the class. To learn the next available date and to reserve a place, please call the instructor, Mr. Dan Bravine, at 892-4827. ®



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

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