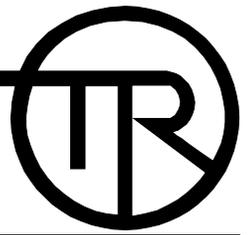


# MESA MESSENGER



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  
As you will read later in this issue, Fred van Berkel has come up with a great way to increase our membership. At very low cost to the association, he has had 4000

fliers printed up to hang on neighborhood doors. Fred has calculated that each of us would only have to hang 14 or so if we all pitch in. I will promise to hang over 100 and challenge all to pitch in and help. I'm told the last time this was done it doubled our membership numbers. Why does this matter? Just think of an organization with 500 citizen members petitioning the City Council on issues that directly affect us. That is a lot of power and if used responsibly could be very beneficial to Taylor Ranch. Please contact Fred at [patrol@trna.com](mailto:patrol@trna.com) if you are interested in delivering these fliers.

We have a general meeting coming up in March, the date and time will be announced in the March Mesa Messenger. Among other things we will elect several new board members. We need interested people to think about running for the board. At the next board meeting in April, the board members will vote to elect their officers. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again.

I received the following from Eric Webster, the Middle Rio Grand Council of Governments transportation planner.

## Hello from the MRCOG

The Draft 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is now available on the MRCOG website at <http://tinyurl.com/4c4hpfj>. Comments on the Draft are welcome, and can be made via the website or at the following public meetings:

Los Lunas: Village Council Chambers, 660 Main St, 5:30 March 1st.  
Rio Rancho: Cabezon Community Center, 2307 Cabezon Dr, 5:30pm March 2nd.

Albuquerque: MRCOG Board Room, 809 Copper Av NW, 5:30pm March 3rd.

A Final Review Draft will be available the first week in March. If you would like a hard copy of the Draft MTP, please feel free to contact me directly.

You may enjoy his presentation on our transportation needs up to 2035. How does 650,000 new citizens on the Westside sound? Are you ready to ride a bus or find work over on this side of the river? Believe me, his presentation is an eye opener. Well, that all I have for this month and we look forward to the General meeting in March.

## Beautification Update

Dee Hettick, Beautification Director

We are at the Mariposa Park from 9:00am to 10:30am on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet near the gate leading into the Children's playground area to do clean up. We provide garbage bags. Hope to see you all there on Feb. 19th.

Thanks to everyone that have helped in the beautification of the Mariposa Park in the past!

For more information, contact [beautification@trna.org](mailto:beautification@trna.org)

## Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

## Volcano Mesa Plans/ EPC hearing / February 3rd 8:30 AM/ Plaza Del Sol

**Hearing room:** The next hearing for the Volcano Mesa Plan is coming up. The EPC will once again review the three Sector Development Plans for the Volcano Mesa Plan. This will be the third hearing and a very important one to attend. There are four parts to the Volcano Mesa Plan: Volcano Cliffs, Volcano Heights, Volcano Trails, and the Westside Strategic Plan Amendment. The ideas and concepts for the Volcano Mesa Plan are taken from the original 2006 Plan. The original 2006 Plan has been divided into three Sector Development

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**Board of Directors Meeting —Wednesday, Feb 9th—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center**

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Plans. It is very important that the language in the Sector Plans provide good design standards for the development on the mesa top. Unfortunately, the language which provides for preservation of views and open space has been weakened in these new proposals. The EPC will hear the three Sector Development Plans on February 3rd, at 8:30 AM in the basement hearing room at the Planning Department in the Plaza Del Sol building. We encourage people to attend this important hearing.

Note: Mr. Shine the EPC commissioner who represented District 5, will no longer be on the EPC. His term expired in December. He was very supportive in dealing with controversial issues such as the LED signs and the Volcano Mesa Plans. Unfortunately he was not reappointed to be on the EPC for another term. Instead, Hugh Floyd was appointed to take Mr. Shine's place on the EPC. Mr. Floyd's first hearing will be Feb. 3rd for the Volcano Mesa Plans. Commissioner Shine already went through two hearings on the Volcano Mesa Plan and was a strong advocate for having Westside Neighborhood concerns addressed. We want to thank Mr. Shine for his sincere support for the Westside through his involvement in serving the public and encouraging good development.

## 2. Westside Strategic Plan Amendment / Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) hearing:

The fourth part of the Volcano Mesa Plan is the Westside Strategic Plan Amendment. The Westside Strategic Plan (WSSP) is a planning document that sets land use policies for Albuquerque's West Side. It encompasses 96,000 acres of land between the Rio Grande River to the Rio Puerco Escarpment, and from the Artrisco Land Grant Line to the Sandoval County Line. The focus of the Westside Strategic Plan Amendment is to provide land use development policies for the Volcano Mesa area. The Westside Strategic Plan Amendment was approved by the EPC at the last November 4th hearing. It then went to the LUPZ committee in January. The LUPZ committee is made up of 5 City Councilors. The LUPZ committee reviewed the amendments on January 12th, on the 9th floor of City Hall. One of the more controversial parts of the hearing was the Town Center. There was discussion on whether the Town Center is too intense. Should the Town Center remain as a Major Activity Center which serves a broad region of the Westside or should it be a Community Activity Center serving the surrounding communities nearby. Several residents from the Paradise Hills area, such as Tom Anderson who is the State Legislator from Paradise Hills and Kirt Anschuetz a resident and Anthropologist felt that a Major Activity Center was too intense for the mesa top. They felt that a less intense Activity Center would be more appropriate, and that it should go back to the Planning Dept. to be revised. Members from the development community and those who own land in the Town Center area supported the Major Activity Center and felt that in the future this would be the center of town.

Jolene Wolfley from Taylor Ranch who worked on the 2006 Plan wanted the language that was taken out of the 2006 Plan to be put back into the new Volcano Mesa Plan or else have the language in the Westside Strategic Plan Amendment be strengthened to provide a quality development for the mesa top. TRNA agreed with Jolene that the language needed to be stronger and also that additional land should be acquired along the escarpment to buffer the petroglyphs from development. The buffer would help preserve the visitor's experience at the National Monument. TRNA also commented on our concerns of future traffic impacts the development would have on the Taylor Ranch community and river crossings. A representative from the Santa Fe Village Neighborhood Association, located near the Taylor Ranch Library, attended the hearing and was glad that TRNA brought up the traffic issue, which is a concern they have as well.

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After the public comments were heard, the LUPZ committee voted to approve the Westside Strategic Plan Amendment without change. The Town Center will remain a Major Activity Center. Several Councilors commented that they felt that it was important to do this development right and that more needs to be done to protect the cultural and natural resources. Some of the Councilors thought that a lot of the concerns that were brought up at the LUPZ hearing will be dealt with when the EPC reviews the Sector Development Plans on Feb. 3rd. The Westside Strategic Plan Amendment will now go before the full City Council in February, possibly Feb. 7th or 23rd. Note: (The 23rd is a Wednesday. City Council usually holds it's meeting on Monday evenings but moves to Wednesdays when there is a holiday on Monday. )

3. First Baptist Church at La Orilla and Golf Course/ Alban Hills/ County hearing February 8th 2011:

Last month I reported that the First Baptist Church of West Albuquerque purchased a lot in the Alban Hills subdivision. The Church was requesting that the property be annexed by the City and be rezoned for Church and Church related facilities. The County

Commissioners were scheduled to hear the annexation request on January 11th. The Church instead asked for a 30 day deferral at the County Commission hearing. According to the County Planner, the Church wanted to expand their campus to the adjoining lot which is north of their existing Church site. They had recently purchased the lot, which is in the Alban Hills subdivision. The Alban Hills restrictive covenants states that only a one single family residence can be built on a lot within Alban Hills. The County Planner recommended denial to the proposed annexation request. This would be the first incursion into the Alban Hills subdivision which would set a bad precedent. The proposal would also impact a future trail system along the north boundary of their existing site. Alban Hills and TRNA both sent letters to the County opposing the annexation request. Two summers ago, the Church went through the process to get approval from the City's Development Review Board to expand their Church building on their existing site. The DRB approved their request. Alban Hills and TRNA were satisfied with the results. It now appears they want to expand to an even bigger campus. The County Commission hearing is

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now set for February 8th, 5:00pm at the City Council Chambers.

#### 4. Anderson Fields/ Open Space Visitor Center:

What do these two places have in common? They both have large open fields of cut grain in Albuquerque's Open Space preserves and both are currently host to hundreds of Sandhill Cranes. You will also see Ducks and the Canada Geese spending their days in the fields. Anderson Fields is located north of Montano Blvd. on the eastside of the River where the corn maze is located. The Open Space Visitor Center is off of Bosque Meadows Rd. on the east side of Coors Blvd. The Sandhill cranes will be here for only one more month. They will migrate north at the end of February. The best time to watch them is when they take flight in the early evening, just before the sun goes down, usually between 4-5pm. I have recently taken my friends and family to view the birds taking off at dusk when they return to the river to bed down. We have enjoyed this experience immensely.

For more information contact [land@trna.org](mailto:land@trna.org). 

### Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Patrol Coordinator, TRNA

This month we are holding a membership drive for the Patrol and for Membership in the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. The advertisement we will deliver comes in the form of a door hanger. They are being shipped and will be printed by Michael and Lily Andrews, owners of Digitech Office Equipment. (round of applause please).

Here is our challenge. The logistics of distributing 4000 door hangers is something that boggles the mind. We

could hire a contractor, but then the board and the treasurer would gladly hang me in effigy. So, that option is out. It is our Association and we have to do it. If each member could distribute 14 door hangers, we'd have it made. If even half of the members would participate, it would be 28 door hangers to distribute per active member.

Are you willing to help hang these ads on your neighbors' door knobs? If so, please send me your name and address and we will personally see to it that you get a packet of door hangers to distribute in your neighborhood. You can email [patrol@trna.org](mailto:patrol@trna.org) or [membership@trna.org](mailto:membership@trna.org) or you can write a note to Patrol, PO Box 66288, Albuquerque NM 87193-6288 to volunteer to help.

I don't know if this has ever been done this way, but what the heck: we are residents of Taylor Ranch and we are different! Hope to hear from you soon. [patrol@trna.org](mailto:patrol@trna.org)

For more information contact: [patrol@trna.org](mailto:patrol@trna.org) 

### West Side Coalition Update

Derald McPherson, WSCNA Director, TRNA

For more information contact: [wscn@trna.org](mailto:wscn@trna.org)

Since this was my first time attending a meeting of this Organization, I ask myself what does someone who reads an Account of this meeting want to know. For me, I would to know four things: who, what, where and when.

The where: The Don Newman- Taylor Ranch Community Center

The when: January 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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The who: This was a meeting of the Westside Coalition made up and consisting of the south and north neighborhoods of Albuquerque' Westside. It was attended by a group of neighbors who are interested in what was going on, is going on and will go on, on the west side of our city. Some people were there to express concerns. Others to hear what future plans were in the works for the area.

In attendance were representatives from the local office of our Washington House of Representatives, our Santa Fe Senate, our city's Mayor's office, our city councilman and many officials from the City. All expressing the need for more concern citizens to voice their opinions about what was happening on the Westside and in our city.

Senators Lopez and Rue addressed the issue of redistricting to accommodate the growth on the Westside, in order to get a fair representation for these neighborhoods. Councilman Ken Sanchez addressed the issues of police car take home and the incident at Pat Hurley Park along with other things such as Westside traffic and opening of access to better conditions of travel on the west side of Albuquerque. Ceil van Berkel reported on the conditions of our libraries, and the people who were creating ways to do more with less money and fewer people. All these issues are a vital part of the makeup of the Westside and every one of these issues revolve around the huge lack of funds to get anything accomplished.

February 1, there will be an election of school board members for our schools on the Westside. Several candidates were in attendance and addressed the meeting. Education is one of my big concerns because of the wide spread effect that it has on the whole community; socially and economically and my biggest concern is the discipline or [the lack thereof] in our school-aged children. I feel that both the lack of money and discipline contribute the failure of our society. Please let your voice be heard.

**A Message from Commander Warfield, APD Northwest Area Command**

I am initiating a report to all of the Neighborhood Associations that are located within the Northwest Area Command. My intent is to send a monthly message and its content will be general in relation to public safety. Specifically, I hope to provide pertinent information which you can share with your association members in your meetings, publications or by forwarding the information through your choice of avenues. Also my hope is that this



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I am pleased to report the completion of the new substation is weeks out. I will provide a date to all as soon as I am informed of when the Grand Opening will occur.

I am also pleased to report that our efforts to reduce crime have met with significant success. Through our UCR reporting, the initial figures are showing a double digit reduction of property crimes throughout the City of Albuquerque for the calendar year 2010. What that says is Mayor Berry and Chief Schultz' anti-crime policies are working! Specifically, the Northwest Area Command statistics are exceptional due to the hard work of the men and women of the command and just importantly the efforts of citizens that reside and work in our command. Our preliminary numbers for a few of the statistics are as listed :

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Residential Burglary 34% reduction from 2009

Auto Burglary 20% reduction from 2009

Commercial Burglary 35% reduction from 2009

Traffic Related Issues 12% reduction from 2009

Armed Robbery 41% reduction from 2009

## HEADS UP

Our analysis of incidents over the last couple years we have shown an increase in residential and auto burglary for the months of January and February. This occurred in calendar years 2009 and 2010. We must assume that because of the post holiday increase it must be tied into a common factor(s). Bad guys/gals are active during this time due to many factors. We must take the stance that we will not provide opportunity for those individuals to make victims of us. We need to properly dispose of any containers, wrappings, boxes which may indicate a purchase by effectively disposing of these items. We are currently experiencing a number of burglary issues within the N.A. which border I-40 and south of Western Trails. Be aware of who is in your environment and we encourage everyone to utilize our non-emergency phone number if you feel it is warranted 242-2677 or the 911 number if it is a high risk incident.

Secondly, we have noticed that many of our auto burglaries are related by certain circumstances. Leaving items such as electronic equipment visible in the car over night or by merely leaving the vehicle unlocked seem to be the most common factors. Lock your vehicles and remove items from sight, take garage door openers and GPS devices inside your home at night!

Thirdly, we must be cognizant of what we do with our paperwork. I am talking specifically about your credit card bills, utility bills, etc. Anything which would provide someone with the ability to harm your identity or credit. If you don't own a shredder, buy one. Don't throw documents into the garbage with personal information which would expose you or your families to some sort of white collar crime.

Be forewarned there are individuals who are cruising your neighborhoods looking for vehicles that are being "warmed up" in the early morning hours. Although we have seen a significant reduction in these type of incidents it is still a very popular method for auto thieves.

Also, like myself, many people have made a "New Year's Resolution" to get fit! We are seeing an increase in auto burglary in the parking lots of our gyms in the command. These opportunities are created because we leave items in our vehicle which create a temptation for the bad guy. Be aware of what you leave inside of your car.

One of my efforts is to increase the awareness of prescription drug issues. Many of us have prescription drugs which we store within our homes and are no longer used or outdated. The Albuquerque Police Department Crime Lab has a "No Questions Asked" prescription drug drop off day. This happens every Thursday at the Crime Lab located behind the Valley Substation and A.P.D. Training Academy at 5350 2nd St. N.W. The phone number to the lab is 823-4600 if you have any questions.



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# 2011 TRNA Scholarship Application

## Application Deadline: March 1, 2011



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- 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.

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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:

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

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(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.**

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: America's Night Out Against Crime – 2011 TRNA event – Planning Sub Committee.**

As a neighborhood watch block captain, I have witnessed firsthand how the involvement of community and Albuquerque Police interaction can make a huge impact to reduce crime and show a sign of real unity. We are really fortunate to have the North West Area Command, under the leadership of Commander Steve Warfield, which is fully concerned with the well-being and safety of the Taylor Ranch residents. Last fall, our neighborhood made an effort to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime," and it was a remarkable experience. In fact, neighbors were so excited that we immediately discussed how to make this event a much bigger event for all of Taylor Ranch residents—Perhaps holding the event at Mariposa Park?

We'd like to extend an invite to brainstorm, plan, and help organize "America's Night Out" event in fall of 2011. Keep in mind this is a nationwide event, and I fully believe that Taylor Ranch residents would support and participate at an association level. If you are a block captain, a citizen's patrol member, or interested in any way helping with this event, please contact Felix Franco at tel. 922-7176 or email [secretary@trna.org](mailto:secretary@trna.org). Stay tuned for more information regarding TRNA's Night Out Against Crime.

**APD Class for Civilian Patrol Members**

Fred van Berkel, Patrol Coordinator

Thinking about joining the TRNA civilian patrol? Good news! There will be a class for new patrol members on Saturday, February 5th. The class lasts four hours, from 8:00 am to noon, it is free and it is held at the Police Academy on Second Street just south of Montañño. Please let me know if you would like to take this training. If you are thinking of joining our patrol, one of the two persons on patrol must have taken the training. This is your chance to be prepared. Call or email me to register. 899-2738; [patrol@trna.org](mailto:patrol@trna.org).



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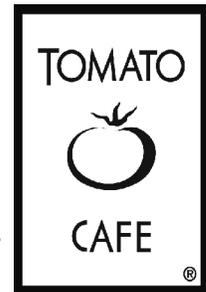
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**BYLAWS SUMMARY OF CHANGES PROPOSED BY TRNA BOARD– January 10, 2011**

The TRNA Board recently reviewed the current BYLAWS to ensure that the document was accurate and truly reflective of current policies and general procedures. Rene' Horvath, Ken Newman, and Felix Franco worked on the sub-committee and provided their final recommendations to the Board for approval during the January meeting. The following table provides a summary of these proposed change(s), the location of the change(s) and the corresponding reason. In accordance with Article X – By Law Revisions, " All members shall receive a written copy of any approved revision/s at least seven (7) days prior to the general membership meeting at which these are to be considered" we are submitting these proposed changes for your review. The final vote to approve these changes will be tallied at our general membership meeting in March. The current BYLAW document can be accessed on the [www.trna.org](http://www.trna.org) website. If you have any questions or feedback regarding the changes below, please contact Felix Franco at [secretary@trna.org](mailto:secretary@trna.org).

**BYLAWS SUMMARY OF CHANGES PROPOSED**

Proposed Change	Located	Reason
1) Add "professional services"	<a href="#">ARTICLE I: Section 5. POWERS</a> , C Page 2	Needed to explicitly add professional services to clarify this section.
2) Add "and"	<a href="#">ARTICLE II: Section 1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS General Members</a> : A, Page 3	Grammatical
3) Add "of this section"	<a href="#">ARTICLE II: Section 1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS Associate Members</a> : Page 3	Clarification
4) Changed "voter" to "vote" and added sentence "A membership unit is 1 vote per household."	<a href="#">ARTICLE II: Section 4. VOTING REQUIREMENTS</a> Page 3	Grammatical
5) Changed four (4) to two (2) and added "and September"	<a href="#">ARTICLE II: Section 9. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS</a> , Page 4	Fixed general membership meeting times and added the September time frame.
6) Added "Board of Directors" & "Officers" to help identify titles. Changed "(9 nine)" from "eleven (11)"	<a href="#">ARTICLE III: Section 1. OFFICES</a> Page 5	Improved titles and reduced the number of board members from 11 to 9.
7) changed "four (4)" from "six (6)"	ARTICLE III: Section 2. OFFICES, Page 5	Since the total number of the board was reduced to 9, this change reflects the reduction as well.
8) Added sentence "but any decision to purchase goods and/or services shall be disclosed to the fellow board members."	<a href="#">ARTICLE III: Section 4. COMPENSATION</a> , Page 5	Added a statement to allow for board transparency.
9) Added "unless this requirement is waived by vote of the board because of special qualifications of a candidate."	<a href="#">ARTICLE III: Section 5. QUALIFICATIONS</a> Page 5	We needed a little wiggle room such when opportunities for candidates arise.
10) Added "meetings"	ARTICLE III: Section 6. RESPONSIBILITIES Page 6	Clarification
11) Added "and ask questions"	<a href="#">ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS</a> Section 2. ELECTION PROCEDURES	Clarification
12) ADDED: the five( 5) and four (4) Also added "vote per director" to numbered list 2	ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS Section 3. MINIMUM VOTES REQUIRED Page 6	Since the total number of the board was reduced to 9, this change reflects the reduction as well.
13) Added "Names of those elected shall be announced before the close of the General Membership Meeting and in the next newsletter."	<a href="#">ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS</a> Section 3. MINIMUM VOTES REQUIRED Item 1, Page 6	Clarification on announcing the newly elected board members.

## Public Library News

Ceil van Berkel, Chair, Library Advisory Board

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### Special Programs

Saturday, February 5, 2011: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.; February Music - Warm your heart and get in the mood for Valentine's Day with a flute and harp performance by Bonnie Schmader.

Thursday, February 24, 2011: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; The Friends for the Public Library & AMP Concerts Present - Caroline Herring. Musician Caroline Herring has built a name for herself by crafting in-depth story songs, with critics continually describing her work as "timeless", "pure", "graceful" and "powerful." Her 2008, Lantana, was named by National Public Radio as one of the "Top Ten Best Folk Albums for 2008."

Thursday, March 17, 2011: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; The Continental Divide Trail -A presentation by the Continental Divide Trail Alliance. Join us as we discover the many ways to explore and enjoy the Continental Divide Trail, here in New Mexico and beyond. New Mexico contains nearly 800 miles of the CDT and during the multimedia presentation we'll suggest hikes of different experience levels as well as some of our personal favorites. More information is available at [www.cdtrail.org](http://www.cdtrail.org).

### Library Advisory Board News

City Library Bonds being debated: This year the city will propose library bonds to the voters of Albuquerque in November. For the next month or so the city administration will be deciding how much money to propose in bonds to the voters as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The city council has scheduled the following meetings on the CIP:

Thursday, February 10 - Committee of the Whole, CIP Presentation by Administration

Thursday, February 17 - Committee of the Whole, CIP Mark-up

Wednesday, February 23 - Regular Council Meeting and Final Approval of CIP

Monday, February 28 - Potential Special Council Meeting (if needed) for Final Approval of CIP

All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 5:00PM.

The Library System has asked for \$3 million in CIP funding for materials: books, CDs, DVDs, e-books, and subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and electronic databases. Funding at this level is necessary to build up the collections after years of declining bond funding and to reduce the waiting time for popular materials. In addition, the Library System is asking for \$500,000 for automation: replacement of outdated PC's, servers, and self-checkout machines; annual fees for service contracts for hardware and software used by the library; and upgrades to Internet access and the library catalog software. Because of the past few years of lower than normal library bond issues by the state, county and city, the Library has a lot of catching up to do. Approval of these bonds will not raise taxes for the citizens of Albuquerque.

In addition, Councilor Ken Sanchez is asking for funding for a special library construction bond for the new Unser and Central regional Library. Two small libraries in the area will cease operations and merge into the new regional Library, in order to provide a full range of services to the community using existing staff members. Funding is needed to build the new branch now, when the need for these services is the greatest because of the bad economic environment.

The Library Advisory Board supports this request and will urge the city to find a way to incorporate the funding needed to construct the new Library in the Capital Improvement Program this year so that the voters will have the opportunity to approve it in November. Councilor Sanchez is working with the council and the mayor's office to find a way to restructure the proposed bonds to be able to fund this construction without raising taxes.

You can support funding for these important library bonds by attending the Feb. 10th and/or Feb. 17th meetings and speaking in favor of the Library bonds. If you are shy about speaking, just being in the audience wearing a yellow "SUPPORT LIBRARIES" button will express your support. If you need one of these buttons, I'll be at the meetings with extras or you can contact me to get one. Ceil van Berkel, 899-2738, [trna.vanberkel@comcast.net](mailto:trna.vanberkel@comcast.net)

# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

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

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- 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  
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 Social Activities       Transportation/Traffic       Land Use       Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 9 — Board Meeting  
 Feb. 19 — Park Clean-up  
 April 23 — Easter Party & Egg Hunt 10:00—1:00, Mariposa Basin Park



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Nancy Douglas

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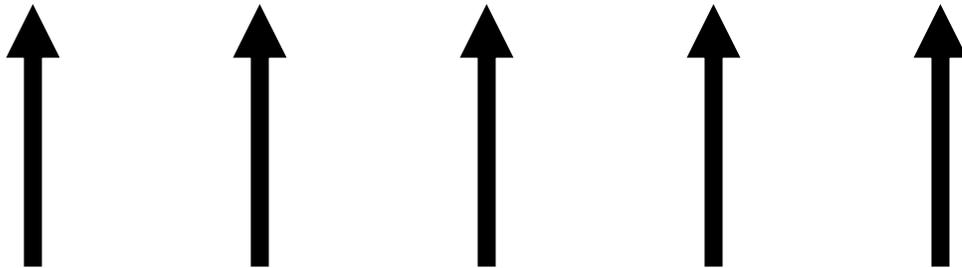
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