



President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

It looks like the development of the large lot at the SE corner of Coors and Montañño will be the chief topic for the next few years. As you know the TRNA board has been busy trying to get as much information as possible and distribute it to our members.

We have held two general meetings concerning the proposed Walmart at that location and a majority of attendees do not want to see this project go forward. There are, however members and neighbors who do not feel this way. The city government, I believe, also does not agree with those of us who do not want another Walmart in our Coors corridor. We need to use real issues, facts and legal reasons in order to stop this big box store from happening. At our last meeting we formed a sub-committee to come up with a working plan that will allow us to present reasonable arguments to the city council and Environmental Planning Commission. We are fortunate in that we have some great new volunteers to help us out. We will release any pertinent information as it becomes available to all who have given us their e-mail address. Also we will post meeting information on our signs in Taylor ranch. I hope we can prevail with our opposition. I know we will all meet new friends and neighbors through out the process and I also hope when a meeting is held at city council or EPC that I see all of you there.

Once again a big thanks goes out to the Cub Scouts of Pack 122 for their hard work cleaning up the Mariposa Park. Great job guys.

By the time you read this we will have a half dozen new trained citizen patrollers. Thank you Fred for your hard work and don't forget to close that garage door. president@trna.org ®

Social Committee

Ken Newman, Social Committee Director

Don't forget – Flea Market on September 24th at Cross of Hope – 8-12. For reservations, complete the form on p. 6

and mail it in or call me at 898-5447 or e-mail at Juken1974@q.com or Social@trna.org. Also remember our holiday lunch is scheduled on December 10th. ®

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director

1. Walmart facilitated meeting rescheduled for September 28th at Cibola High School 6:00 pm: As you know the August 11th meeting was cancelled. This was quite a surprise for everyone including the meeting facilitator, Diane Grover, who had spent weeks coordinating a time and place for the meeting. Ms. Grover, TRNA, and other Neighborhood Associations did their best to try and get the word out, but unfortunately not everyone received the notice in time and several people showed up downtown for the cancelled meeting. We were told that the reason for the change was that the site plan was being revised, and was not ready to be presented. I recently received a message from Diane Grover. The meeting date has been reset. Here is Diane's message:

Hi, Folks,

The pre-application facilitated meeting for the WalMart being proposed for Montano and Coors has been re-scheduled, and will now take place on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, with a viewing of some plans from 6:00 to 6:30, and the facilitated meeting beginning promptly at 6:30 at Cibola High School, 1510 Ellison Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114.

Please watch for future emails with additional information including the agenda and meeting guidelines, as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

Thank you all for your patience over the last month or so, as we work to conduct the most productive and informative meeting possible.

Diane Grover

TRNA has held two meetings for the Taylor Ranch residents to discuss the proposed Walmart. Residents who attended both meetings expressed that they did not want a big box development at this location. They want something more suitable for the Bosque, Bosque School,

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and surrounding area. I urge you to attend the facilitated meeting at Cibola High School on September 28th, at 6:00 pm.

2. City Council approved LED sign ban / Mayor vetoed it: The LED sign legislation was heard by City Council on August 1st. Councilor Benton introduced two amendments to the legislation. 1) The first amendment was a cap and trade for LED bill boards. One LED bill board can be put up, if three standard bill boards are taken down. 2) The second amendment was to ban “on premise” LED signs citywide. Westside residents and one EPC commissioner testified in support for a citywide ban for “on premise” LED signs. Note: The EPC had earlier recommended a ban on LED signs. TRNA also commented that the LED billboards should not be allowed either. The community feels that the LED signs are too bright, too distracting, and difficult for code enforcement to enforce. The sign industry testified they did not support the ban for “on premise” LED signs. But they did support the cap and trade for LED billboards.

After public comment City Council voted to support the cap and trade on the LED billboards. They then, however, voted yes to ban “on premise” LED signs citywide. The vote was 5 to 4 vote. Councilor Sanchez, O’Malley, Harris, Garduño, and Benton voted to support the LED ban. Councilor Lewis, Winter, Cook, and Jones voted to not support the ban. Councilor Harris said that if the City wants to attract new business it is important to maintain the quality within the City. Councilor Benton said the only way to really enforce LED signage is to have a ban. The Councilors who did not support the ban felt that it was important to create a business friendly environment in the Albuquerque area by not banning the LED signs. Councilor Sanchez later said that while he does support business he has noticed that the brightness of the LED sign at the Flying J Truck Stop can be seen from 98th street to Coors. This helped influence his decision to support the ban.

Two weeks later, Mayor Berry vetoed the ban on the LED signs. He felt the ban did not create a business friendly environment for businesses in Albuquerque. Councilor Benton plans to reintroduce LED legislation on September 21st. But it will not include a citywide ban for “on premise signs.” It may include a ban on LED signs on certain scenic corridors such as Alameda, Rio Grande, Griegos, and Tramway. It is unclear whether this list can be expanded to include other scenic roadways. The Sign Industry had become very upset at an earlier LUPZ

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hearing when the list included other roadways such as Coors Blvd. I will keep you posted by e-mail as I learn more.

3. City Council redistricting meeting/ September 15th Taylor Ranch Community Center/ 6:00 pm: The Federal, State, and the City Government are redrawing the lines for several districts based on the census results. For the City, the west side may get 3 City Council districts based on the population growth. The redistricting may affect Councilor O’Malley, and Councilor Benton’s district. Several meetings are planned this month to discuss the City Council redistricting. Please see the message below sent from the City:

After the completion of the Census, the City Council Charter requires that the boundaries of the nine City Council districts be changed to reflect changing populations. A committee of two representatives of each council district was appointed with the responsibility to consider the public’s concerns and suggestions, and present a recommendation for changes to the full Council.

In fact, redistricting affects EVERYONE living within

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the City Limits and your thoughts, comments, and ideas are encouraged.

There will be a redistricting meeting at the Taylor Ranch Community Center on September 15th at 6:00 pm. I urge you to attend this important meeting to learn more.

4. Volcano Mesa Plans/ The Trails/ final approval - August 15th: City Council approved The Trails Plan which is part of the Volcano Mesa Plan, on August 15th. Amendments that were introduced by Councilor Benton for the Volcano Cliff Plans were also included in The Trails Plan. These amendments were: 1) to control blowing dust. 2) to ban cul-de-sacs that dead-end. This is to get subdivisions to connect to other subdivisions and to provide access to trails and mass transit. The existing walled subdivisions have neglected to do this. 3) Face houses onto collector streets to make the environment more pedestrian friendly. Other amendments were introduced at City Council to address public concerns. The City Council approved them also. They are: 1) buffer existing neighborhoods from higher density zoned neighborhoods, by extending the boundaries for R1 zoning along the existing neighborhoods. 2) One out of three houses within a subdivision must have a porch or a court yard in the front yard. This is to provide more architectural variety within the subdivisions to avoid a monotonous look. This was the final approval for the Trails Plan.

5. Volcano Mesa Plan/ Volcano Heights/ Focus Group meetings: The City Planning department is now focusing their attention on the Volcano Height Plan, which is the Town Center. This is the last portion of the Volcano Mesa Plan that needs to go through the City process. Focus group meetings were held on August 23rd. The developers, the National Park Service, TRNA and

other Neighborhood representatives were there to see what is being proposed. The next Focus group meeting will be held September 14th. If you are interested in attending let me know.

6. Open Space Art Project/ Fly Way/ Ribbon cutting event: A ribbon cutting event for the art project “Fly Way” was held August 25th. You may have seen it along Coors Blvd. and Bosque Meadow road (the road that leads to the Open Space Visitor Center.) A good size crowd attended the event. Councilor Sanchez and Councilor Lewis both attended the ribbon cutting event. The artist Robert Wilson, a Corrales resident, explained that the Sand Hill Cranes, and the jetty jacks that are used for flood protection in the Bosque inspired his creation of the “Fly Way”. The “Fly Way” is a Land Art style of Art. Land Art is intended to relate to the environment it is located in. The jetty jacks that were used to build “Fly Way” were placed in the Bosque, over 50 years ago, by the Corp. of Engineers. The jetty jacks were designed to collect floating debris and sediment to form and maintain the Bosque overbank. This overbank area confines main river flows to the central portion of the channel minimizing damage to the flood control levees. They were removed from the Bosque because they hindered fire fighting equipment access during fire events. Robert Wilson wanted to reuse the jetty jacks and to line them up in rows in order to give an illusion of movement that motorist can observe when they drive past the structure. This illusion of movement represents the Cranes taking flight over Albuquerque’s Bosque. land@trna.org ®

Library Update

Ceil van Berkel, Chair Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library Hours

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

Phone: 897-8816

Program information: <http://libguides.cabq.gov/tr>

On October 4th the city will propose a \$9.5 million Library Bonds question to the voters. If the voters approve these bonds, the Library System will receive \$3 million to buy new books, e-books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs and to pay for subscriptions to databases, magazines and newspapers. In addition, the Library System will receive \$500,000 for new computers, software, and network hardware and software. The Library has no other source

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of funding for these things except City, County and State bonds. The rest of the funding will be used to build two new large libraries to replace smaller existing ones, and to provide some needed improvements to existing libraries.

Approval of these bonds will not increase our taxes!

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors about how important it is to vote in this election and to approve the Library Bonds question.

There will be early voting in September and you may request an **absentee ballot** by calling 311, via email to absenteeapplication@cabq.gov or at the Office of the City Clerk.

Early Voting: Any person qualified to vote may vote early, in person on a paper ballot. Early Voting will be available at the Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina St. NW (Kachina and Montano) beginning at 8:00 am on September 14 until 5:00 pm on Friday, September 30. The hours of voting will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also vote at the Community Center on election day itself or at any of the newly established vote centers.

For more information on the Library Bonds, visit supportablibraries.org.

City council Redistricting Meeting

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present a recommendation for changes to the full Council.

In fact, redistricting affects EVERYONE living within the City Limits and your thoughts, comments, and ideas are encouraged.

The Taylor Ranch meeting of the Redistricting Committee will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Street NW. ®

Open Space Visitors Center September Calendar of Events

Location: 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montano & Paseo del Norte, at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Phone: 505-897-8831

Web: www.cabq.gov/openspace

Half-day Reflective Practice with Grateful Life Yoga

Lead by Jennifer Dominique

Sunday, September 11th 7:30 am – 12:30 pm

We'll begin with a silent hike (approximately 3 miles round trip) into the natural beauty of the Bosque, pausing to practice some mindful movement at the inspiring Arboreal Dome Land Art project. Then we'll walk back to the OSVC for an invigorating yoga practice from 9:00 - 10:30 am. After our yoga practice, we'll join in the gallery space for a meditative chanting circle of "Loka Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu" ("May All Beings be Happy and Free,") followed by 20 minutes of silent seated meditation. We'll end our morning with a delicious vegetarian lunch.

Cost: \$35 (or \$20 if you already have a class card.)

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4th Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival Sunday, September 18th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

We've joined forces with local farmers, businesses, and conservation organizations to bring attention to local agriculture and how you can help preserve the traditions of farming in our great city. Enjoy live music and presentations on our shaded patio overlooking our 24 acre working farm/wildlife preserve, including:

- * Live music: The Red Rooster Trio and others
- * Food: Healthy food provided by the Chopping Block
- * Featured Presentation: Joran Viers of the Bernalillo County Extension office will talk about how to extend the life of your garden into the fall and winter.
- * A magic show by the Pink Elephant Theater
- * Children's parade and costume contest
- * Composting Demo
- * Topbar Beehive Assembly Demonstration
- * Cooking demo
- * Agriculture workshops for children
- * Wildlife Rescue with live raptors
 - * Beekeepers and information about the Open Space Beekeeping program
- * Hay bale ride
- * Self-guided tours of our demonstration garden

Book signing with Matt Schmader, author of "Albuquerque's Parks and Open Space"

Saturday, September 24th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This mile-high city has always attracted outdoor enthusiasts, as this chronicle of its parks and magnificent open space system attests. Contributions of Aldo Leopold, Clyde Tingley, Harry Kinney, and many community activists have melded with native and Hispanic traditions to create a place unlike any other.

Limited Edition "A Good Place to Stumble Upon"

Sunday, September 25th 3:00 – 5:00 pm

\$7.00 a booklet

Come Celebrate the release of "A Good Place to Stumble Upon," a zine or small book of Haiku poems that describes the intrinsic value of the Open Space properties which surround and travel through the heart of Albuquerque. This zine is a culmination of the "A Good Place to Stumble Upon" art show March and April 2011, where poems were placed on the walls of the OSVC gallery. Sales will benefit the Open Space Alliance and will assure the success of this project into the future.

Bosque Wild: Guided Nature Walk

First Sundays: October 2nd, 9:00 – 10:30 am FREE

Is the Bosque a mystery to you? Or would you like to learn more about its wild residents and its history? Join our naturalists for a walk into the riverside forest. Registration required 897-8831

Yoga with a View Wednesday Evenings 5:30 pm & Sunday Mornings 9:00 am

First class \$5.00. 30% of the \$15 class fee is a donation to the Open Space Alliance. Punch cards offer a discount. 897-8831 <http://www.gratefullifeyoga.com/> ®

Patrol Update

Fred van Berkel, TRNA Patrol Coordinator

On Saturday August 27th, we had a patrol training class at the new headquarters of the Northwest command. Pete Gilbert led the session and did his usual excellent job. Thanks Pete.

Fourteen potential TRNA patrollers signed up. Unfortunately four could not make it due to work, surgery and illness in the family. I hope they all do well and did not lose their enthusiasm for the patrol.

Of the ten others, five were from Santa Fe village! You remember that about six months ago we stopped patrolling Santa Fe Village due to lack of personnel. Now they will start their own Patrol. We wish them the very best. Another chunk of TR is taken care of!

That leaves us with five potential brand new patrollers for our patrol. (David and Gail who are active patrollers also took the course).

The new folks are Don McLean, Janet Skeen, John Gusich and Ralph & Ann Schmidt. I will arrange an introductory "maiden" patrol for each one of them (About an hour or less).

Go get them and have a peaceful patrol! patrol@trna.org ®

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Mark Your Calendar!
TRNA FLEA MARKET
September 24th, 8:00 am—12:00 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 Flea Market. 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. (If you are not yet a member, print out the membership form and join for the rest of the year. Half-year dues are only \$9.00).

Call **June Newman at 898-5447** or email social@trna.org, 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 away!

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.

Yes, I want to reserve space for the TRNA Flea Market on September 24th, 2011!

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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Spaces Needed? _____

Enclose your check (\$6.00/space for TRNA members, \$12.00/space for non-members) and mail to:

TRNA Flea Market
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:

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

Resident: \$9.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2012) \$39.00 (Thru Dec 2013)
 Business: \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$65.00 (Thru Dec 2012) \$100.00 (Thru Dec 2013)

Call Dave Waters at 897-5771 if you have questions or need more information.

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Upcoming Events

- TRNA Board—Sept. 14
- Redistricting Mtg—Sept. 15
- Flea Market—Sept. 24
- Walmart Mtg—Sept. 28
- Holiday Lunch—Dec.10





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TRNA Flea Market



Saturday, September 24th, 8:00 am to noon in the Cross of Hope parking lot. Come meet your neighbors, browse the tables, enjoy the food and help raise funds for the TRNA Scholarship fund. Call it a Rummage Sale, call it a Flea Market, call it anything you please, but come and enjoy the fellowship and lovely weather!

Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch”