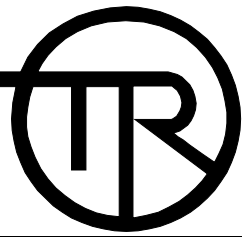


# MESA MESSENGER



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

I am going to start this message with some very sad news. We lost two of our favorite members this month. Paul Ingley was very active in the association. His wife Kathy patrols every month with the citizen patrol and he was a joy at all of our meetings. I never knew how much we had in common until he passed and I found out just what a Triumph motorcycle aficionado he was. Those of you who went to his services at French Mortuary know just what I mean.

Juanita Coulter also passed this month. Juanita was always at the park clean up events and gave very generously of her time.

These are the type of people that always seem to be there to give back to their community. You've seen them at all of the meetings and when called upon they always offer their help. They will both be missed.

Now for the good news, Terry Spiak has become our latest board member as of our last board meeting. Terry is a very welcome addition to TRNA and is already busy working for the association. If you went to the flea market you may have met her at the TRNA table and she is on the Wal-mart subcommittee. Welcome Terry.

Do you oppose LED signs along Coors Boulevard? Do you expect to get support from your City Councilor? Forget it. It isn't going to happen. As a pro business conservative, I agree we need to do what is necessary to help the private sector create new jobs, not however at the expense of our neighborhood lifestyle. If you oppose the LED signs along Coors Blvd. then you must attend the City council meeting on Wednesday October 5th. If you don't mind the signs then do nothing and Coors Blvd will become the strip that we all dream of.

The same is true of the new proposed WalMart. If you oppose the big box store at Coors and Montano, then please attend any meetings to be held this month. If you don't care, then congratulations. Just like the Ford Model T that you could get in any color you wanted, as long as it

was black, if you want a new pair of jeans, you will be able to get any brand you want, as long as WalMart sells them.

On the subject of the WalMart, I know many of you don't want it but they have every right to build their store at that location. It is zoned for that kind of use and they are putting up the money. I think the only chance we have of stopping it is in the overwhelming number of people that oppose it. Are there really more people opposing than approving a Wal-Mart at that location? We will see.

If you go to Mariposa Park on the third Saturday of the month you will see the Cub Scouts of Pack 121 out cleaning up the junk. They have been doing this for the last six months and it really shows. I am so impressed with the boys hard work and this month the TRNA board voted to reward them with some pizza's at Dion's. They did not ask for any reward but we all felt it would send a nice message to the lads for a job well done. Good Karma.

I hope to see you all at the next important meeting.  
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## Social Committee

Ken Newman, Social Committee Director

Hope everyone is having a nice summer. We held our second Flea Market of the year on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Cross of Hope. The weather was perfect and I believe everyone had a good day. We have raised enough money from our two Flea Markets to again award two scholarships in the spring. Thanks to all and especially our Vendors.. Of course I need to recognize all those that helped with this event. Thanks to Fred, René and Joe Horvath, Annie, Mrs. Newton, Lily, our newest Board Member Terry, Brett for cooking, Ronnie and June. Thanks to those who donated items to our TRNA table and especially Dan Rich (Taylor Ranch Self storage). I would like to especially thank the Cross of Hope staff for their support to us and the community, also Albertson's and Dan Szuch for their donations and support and lastly the staff of the Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center for their

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**Board of Directors Meeting —Wednesday October 12th—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center**

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support..

Remember our Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the DN Taylor Ranch Community Center. Again, Outback Steakhouse will be providing the food as last year. A buffet consisting of chicken, ribs with all the trimmings and also salmon. There is no charge for this luncheon, but **reservations are required**. Please use the form on p.6 to register. If you want salmon please identify it on your **Reservation Form**, as the salmon will be prepared separately. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food items for our Holiday Basket Project for Taylor Ranch families in need. [social@trna.org](mailto:social@trna.org) ®

### Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director

**1. Walmart pre-application facilitated meeting Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Cibola High School, 6:00pm:** By the time you receive this newsletter the facilitated meeting for Walmart will have already taken place. As you may remember the pre-application meeting was originally scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>, but was postponed. The reason given for the change was that the site plan was being revised. On Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Tierra West, a consulting firm hired to represent Walmart, held an open house at the Desert Greens golf course in Paradise Hills. This was not the facilitated meeting, but an open house to give the public an opportunity to look at their drawings and pictures of Walmart. There was a good turn out for the open house. There were approximately 100 attendees, mostly from the Taylor Ranch area and parents from Bosque School. The attendees could ask the consultants standing next to the displays questions about traffic, compliance with the Coors Corridor plan, and what products would be sold there. Would there be alcohol? How close was Walmart to the school? Etc. The traffic engineer hired by Walmart said that the trip generation for Walmart would be less than the previous site plan

proposed by Daskalos in 2005. They said Walmart plans to sell groceries, bakery goods, have a pharmacy, deli, nail salon, small restaurants, nursery, and a small bank in the store. They were not sure about the alcohol. The main meeting will be the September 28<sup>th</sup> pre-application meeting. This is when the public should be able to learn more about the proposal and hopefully get more details about the project. We will report on that in the next newsletter.

**2. City Council Redistricting meeting/ Thursday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>/ Taylor Ranch Community Center:** The City hosted several public meetings throughout August and September to discuss the City Council redistricting boundaries. One of the public meetings was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. The City has 9 City Council Districts: basically 2 on the west side, 7 on the east side. The Census shows that the population has grown on the west side, therefore the west side will receive one more district making the west side 3 districts and the east side 6 districts.

There were 15 maps to review at the redistricting meeting. Each map showed 15 different scenarios to redistrict the

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City. Most of the maps showed the west side with the middle district going from Central to Montañito, or from Central to Mojave. It appears that the City is trying to get 60,000 residents in each district, plus or minus, to keep the population numbers equal. The decision is based on these "Redistricting Principles" to determine the new districts: 1) equal population 2) protect minority rights 3) be contiguous 4) be compact 5) protect communities of interest. We were told that none of the boundaries were set in stone.

There was a good attendance at the redistricting meeting. Several members from TRNA attended the meeting and commented on adjusting the boundaries of the middle district so that Taylor Ranch could be in the middle district as a whole community. It would mean that the boundaries would have to be moved from Central to I-40, and from Montañito to Paseo del Norte. This would maintain communities of interest, be compact and contiguous and make allowances for future population growth on the westside. Other comments from residents further south wanted to keep the division at Central and not I-40. They wanted to have two Council districts that aligned with Central. A few residents from the eastside commented that it was important to maintain the City Council districts which represent the older neighborhoods such as the downtown area, Old Town area, and the University and Nob Hill areas. They said the three City Councilors in those districts have been very helpful in revitalizing and rebuilding the older sections of Albuquerque's core. There is also flooding issues in those districts which the incumbents have been most helpful with.

A panel, consisting of approximately 15 commissioners, were at the meeting to take public comment and will make recommendations to City Council on which maps to look at for redistricting and what adjustments should be made.

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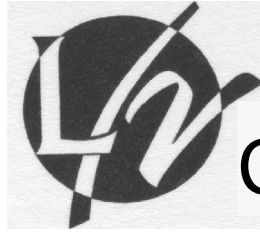
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City Council will be reviewing the maps on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the City Council chambers at 5:00pm.

**3. LED sign regulation/ Sept.19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting:** The Mayor had vetoed citywide ban on LED signs that was approved by City Council on Aug.1<sup>st</sup>. Councilor Benton who proposed the citywide ban, was now proposing new sign regulations that were developed by the LED Sign task force. The electronic signs will be part of the same sign ordinance as the traditional illuminated signs and would be treated the same way with some restrictions. Four concerned citizens, 3 from Westside Neighborhood Associations, including TRNA, attended the hearing. They pointed out that the proposed sign regulations were developed by a task force that had more sign and business representation, than neighborhood representation, which influenced the task force recommendations. The EPC recommended a city wide ban. Currently code enforcement is already having a difficult time enforcing the existing LED signs for any length of time. In addition it is hard to tell just how bright the signs will be and the proliferation of the bright signs is

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a problem, especially on the Westside around Coors and I-40. The signs have become bigger and brighter to out-compete the next sign. The rest of the city will be seeing the same proliferation in a few years. We also questioned why 4 roadways on the eastside of the river were allowed to ban LED signs and yet no west side roadways were included? The east side roadways are: Tramway, Rio Grande, Alameda, and Griegos.

**Councilor Sanchez then** introduced an amendment to ban LED signs on Coors Blvd. and Unser Blvd. He stated that Coors Blvd. is considered a view corridor on the west side, just like Tramway is to the eastside. He included Unser because it is a 4-lane Parkway with design standards due to its close proximity to Petroglyph National Monument. He quoted sections from the Coors Corridor Plan and Westside Strategic Plan pointing out that the intent of these plans is to not allow signage to dominate the landscape. City Councilors Benton, Garduño, and Harris said they would support the amendment. Councilor Lewis said he could not support the amendment until the sign industry had a chance to see it. He recommended a deferral. Councilor Winter, Jones, and Cook supported Councilor Lewis. It was pointed out that the moratorium would expire September 30<sup>th</sup>. Legal Staff felt a few days would not make that big of difference. **The next City Council hearing to address this issue is Oct. 5th (Wednesday).**

**4. Volcano Height Plan:** The City Planning Staff have organized several focus group meetings recently with neighborhood representatives, developers, and property owners to discuss the Volcano Heights Plan. This is the Town Center portion of the Volcano Mesa Plan area. The

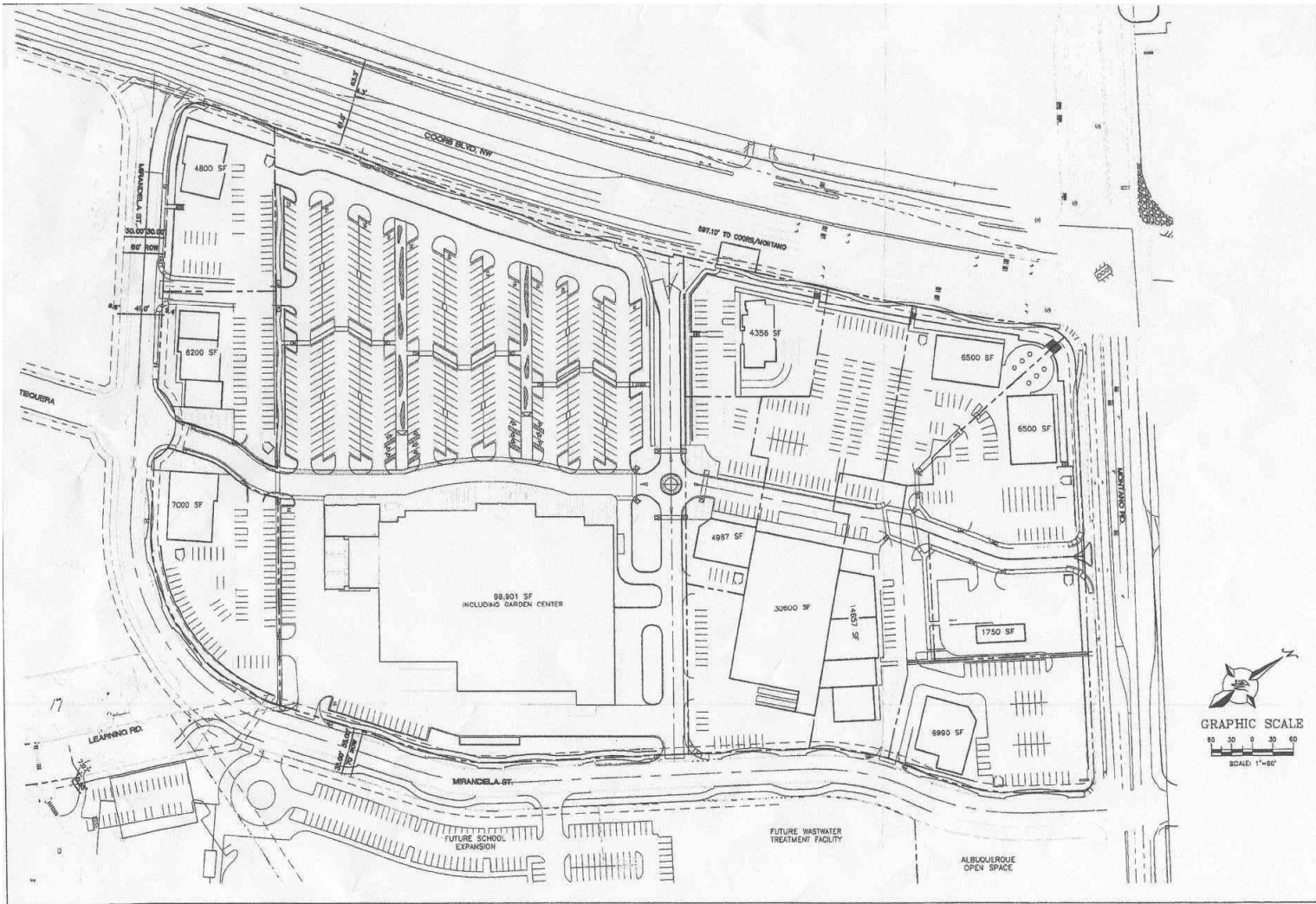
Town Center is planned to be a high density urban setting. There are still concerns about traffic and having a traffic study done. There also needs to be funding to purchase open space and parks to help preserve the rock out crops and a buffer along the escarp. Right now there is no funding. There are other details that need to be considered also. The focus groups have really been helpful in understanding what is being planned, but much more needs to be worked out.

**5. Taylor Ranch Medians:** On September 21st several TRNA members met with Dave Flores from the City to discuss the medians along Taylor Ranch Drive. The City is planning to replace the grass in the medians to a drought tolerant landscape similar to the landscaped medians along Golf Course. The big trees will stay. The group met at homestead shopping Center. Jolene Wolfley and Terry Spiak, both who live in the nearby neighborhood, a representative from LBJ, and the owner of the shopping center, Dan Rich, attended. The plan is still in the design phase and may be constructed next summer. The group was very excited about providing input to the design. If you would like to learn more please contact me.

**6. Flea Market/ September 24th:** We had a good turnout at the TRNA flea market table. I want to thank Annie de Steiger, and Marjorie Newton who were a great help in manning the TRNA table and for contributing items to be sold. I also want to thank Dan Rich who donated a big trailer full of household items that were sold at our table. We made close to \$200 in sales for TRNA's college scholarship fund. Thanks to all that participated! For more information email [land@trna.org](mailto:land@trna.org). ☺



## Proposed Development at SE Corner of Coors and Montañó: Preliminary Conceptual Site Plan



### Thanks to Cub Scout Pack 121

Lily Andrews, Treasurer TRNA

Many of you that have been following the articles in the newsletter know that the cub scouts (and their parents) have been diligently cleaning Mariposa Basin Park. At the last board meeting, we approved a donation to the cub scouts for their many hours of service to our community. At the last Mariposa Basin Park cleanup, I presented them with the following letter and a gift card.

September 17, 2011

Michael Gonzales

*The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association is extremely thankful for the hard work the cub scouts have done each and every month toward the cleaning of Mariposa Basin Park. We are so fortunate to live in such a great community as Taylor Ranch and have such a beautiful park. The troop has made it possible for many people to enjoy a clean environment. What a great community service you and the troop are providing!*

*In appreciation, please accept this gift card to Dion's for \$100.00 for the troop to enjoy a pizza party.*

**THANK YOU FROM A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY!!!!!!!!!!**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association.*

Lily Andrews, Treasurer

## TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 10, 2011

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**

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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.

### Reservation Form

We will attend the Holiday Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, December 10th!

**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.

**Reservations are required. Please send in the following form no later than Nov. 22nd.**

Any questions, contact June at 898-5447.

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TRNA Holiday Luncheon



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

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

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## Upcoming Events

Council Mtg —Oct. 5th

TRNA Board— Oct. 12th

Lunch Registration – Nov22

Holiday Lunch—Dec.10



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

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**Registration Form for December 10th Holiday Luncheon on page 6.  
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