

President's Message

Jolene Wolfley, TRNA President

Spring and summer is a great time to enjoy Taylor Ranch. We have great parks and walking and biking trails. We can hike in the Bosque and Petroglyph National Monument. We get together in our yards and meet our neighbors and barbecue.

Unfortunately, the warm season also brought graffiti to Taylor Ranch. Walls along arroyos and streets seem to be most commonly tagged. I want to ask all of you to help stamp out graffiti in Taylor Ranch by reporting it to 311. Graffiti Removal's paint crews are on the job Monday - Friday to eradicate graffiti on public and private property free of charge. The crews either remove graffiti through water blasting or use computerized paint matching for graffiti paint-overs.

Why should we be concerned about graffiti?

Neighborhoods, homes, and businesses are devalued from the negative image that graffiti generates. The presence of graffiti can send the message that our community is in decline or over-ridden with crime. We don't want the careless acts of a few to hurt our neighborhood image.

How do we report graffiti?

Help reduce graffiti by immediately reporting all graffiti sightings. The faster graffiti is cleaned up, the less it appears.

- Report graffiti by dialing 311, the Citizen Contact Center
- You may also report graffiti online at cabq.gov/311
- There is even "an app for that" — ABQ311

What if I see someone committing graffiti vandalism?

If you witness an act of graffiti vandalism in progress, call the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS. Graffiti is a crime, and the police would like to catch those in the act of committing it.

***Thanks to the APD NW Area Command and cabq.gov for providing this information.*

Speaking of the warm season, we had probably the warmest flea market on record. It brought out the warm hearts of many board members and their families. I was so impressed with how our Board members and helpers dug in deep and endured the heat....especially Terri and Steve Spiak. Thanks so much!

Flea Market Wrap Up

Terri Spiak, TRNA Vice President

The TRNA Scholarship Flea Market was held Saturday June 20. We exceeded all expectations hosting more vendors than ever before at 53 total vendors! 60 spaces were filled with all sorts of goods and despite the hot weather which topped 100 degrees everyone had a great time.

Albertsons' manager Frank Gonzales, TRNA's business community partner honored at the March membership meeting, donated the majority of the food and beverage for the concession stand. Without his unwavering help with these donations, we couldn't meet our scholarship goal of \$1,500 per year in the two flea markets we hold. Thank you, Albertsons and Frank Gonzales!

The net proceeds for the summer flea market are approximately \$750.00, which meets the goal set for one of the two scholarships. Matthew Andrew, one of the two 2015 Scholarship Award winners attended the flea market and helped by volunteering in the concession stand, loading and unloading, and helping wherever needed! The other 2015 winner, Jackson Shaap, could not attend due to family travel plans and we missed him.

The new hot dog cooker was a lifesaver for 'chef' Steve Spiak. We even retired the grill by selling it at the flea market! Thanks to the many other volunteers who served TRNA on a very hot day and worked hard to achieve our goals. Thanks especially to Rene' and Joe Horvath, Deb Salvato, Cat Trujillo, Marianne Pendleton, Michael Sullivan, Jay Dinerstein, Jolene and Steve Wolfley along with their sons Karl and Rick, my husband Steve Spiak and daughter Caitlin Armijo and finally Matthew Andrew! Without many hands the work could not have been accomplished.

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(Flea Market Wrap Up cont'd)

The membership table was a great success as TRNA signed up the highest number of new paid members ever at 5 new families! Thanks to these new members for joining with us to improve the association in service to the neighborhood.

Mark the date now for the fall flea market scheduled for Saturday, **September 19**, 2015. Due to the full lot of vendors we will try to keep the total vendor number at around 45. Current and past vendors will receive a reminder the middle of August to reserve space. We are working to improve the volume of shoppers and traffic direction for the next event. If you want to help in any way, please contact Terri Spiak at trnaeducation@gmail.com so we can add you to the list!

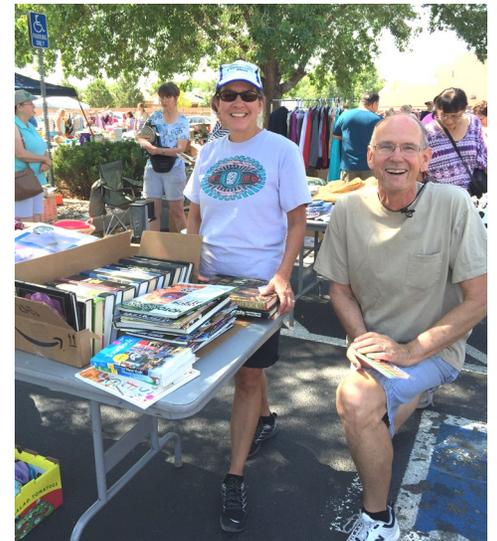


Photo by Deb Salvato



Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center Experiences Fire Damage

Terri Spiak, TRNA Vice President

Friday evening June 19th many TRNA residents likely saw the tall black plume of smoke coming from the neighborhood community center. Solar panels on the roof caught fire on the corner of the gymnasium, causing twenty foot high flames and billowing smoke coming from the roof. Staff members calmly & quickly evacuated everyone from the building as soon as the fire was noted. Fortunately the Albuquerque Fire Department is located right across the street and responded within minutes to have the fire quickly contained. Investigation into the specific cause is continuing.

Unfortunately a new gymnasium floor was finished only days before the fire and has sustained water damage, causing the gym to remain closed and off-limits as roof and floor repairs are completed. This closure is indefinite.

The good news is Taylor Ranch Community Center opened as usual Monday June 22. "Parents do not have to find an alternate place for their children," said Douglas H. Chaplin, Director of the Department of Family & Community Services. The children will have a safe place to stay during the day and will be able to continue to enjoy their summer at the center."

Regular summer programs for enrolled children will proceed as scheduled with the exception of the gym closure. The City Department of Senior Affairs will serve their regularly scheduled hot packaged meals to neighborhood senior citizens. For more information, call the center at 768-6009.

Remember to thank our first responders, the Albuquerque Fire Department, for their hard work and dedication each and every day for all our citizens!

Keep this guy out of your neighborhood!

Garage Door Security

Kathi Ingley, TR Patrol Coordinator

Summer has arrived, and many of you leave your garage door open for air circulation. PLEASE be aware, this is a security vulnerability. Although Taylor Ranch enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the city, break-ins do occur. And the majority of break-ins occur through open garage doors! The weakest lock in your house is that on the door between the garage and your interior living space, and I'll be most of you don't even keep it locked! An open garage door is an invitation for a would-be thief to find out.

In winter the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Security Patrol encounters an average of three open garage doors per patrol (2 hour period). In Spring that jumps to 10, and we find even more in the summer. If you want to leave your garage door open for air circulation, APD's Crime Prevention Specialist for the Northwest Area Command recommends you leave it open no higher than your knee (personally I use my ankle as a benchmark). If someone tries to enter, they will have to make themselves very obvious crawling underneath. Attracting attention is the last thing a burglar wants to do.

For further information on TRNA's Neighborhood Security Patrol, contact patrol@trna.org. We always need additional patrollers! It takes very little of your time.; two-hour shifts (time of your choice) just twice a month. Ride with a certified patroller (APD trained), or sign up for the training yourself. We always patrol with two individuals in the car.



I-40 through Coors Interchange Pavement Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (Project A301260) continues

June 1 through October 2015

Traffic reduced to two lanes in each direction on I-40 in project area. For up-to-the minute information on this project, log onto <http://coorsi40.nmroads.com>

Land Use Fund Update

Jolene Wolfley, TRNA President

At the annual meeting in March, we geared up to have Attorney Tim Flynn-O'Brien represent us in front of the City Council regarding the Coors Corridor Plan. We received donations to the land use fund for this purpose. We held a long strategy session with Mr. Flynn-O'Brien and were able to use those donations to pay for that legal session. Since no councilor would sponsor the update, the updated CCP is off the table. Our early efforts to appeal the EPC decision and to acquire legal services likely helped make this happen.

What Can We Do to Help?

Terri Spiak, TRNA Vice President

In the face of continuing violence across our nation at large, some citizens may wonder what can one person do to help heal the wounds and social divides caused by the acts of a relatively few individuals. Like a wave, the emotions, along with hatred, fear and racial division travel across our great country, affecting everyone. As neighbors, perhaps we can help by considering these ideas:

- If you can, reach out to others in the community with friendliness and small acts of kindness like just saying hello. What a difference these small acts of kindness can make, not only in the hearts of others but in your own heart as well!
- Talk to your children and friends about the importance of

putting careful thought into actively seeking and spreading peace in your own corner of the world. This means many different things to many people. Take your own beliefs and use them to guide your own personal "peace plan".

- Carefully read and search for the truth of individual situations in these horrific circumstances. Don't be led too much by mass media, as the same "sound bites" often don't tell the whole story.
- Be prepared to be a leader by example in our diverse community by treating every person with respect and care. Sometimes this is not by direct action but by your own conduct. Our thoughts really are communicated without the spoken word.

To forge a community that is strong and cannot be threatened by these isolated acts of violence we need to stand together, reaching out and doing our part every day to keep our corner of the world in Taylor Ranch a better place.

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got to hold for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. — George Bernard Shaw

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Land Use Report

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director, Land Use

1. County Commissioners approved the Santolina Master Plan and Development Agreement: On June 16th the County Commission approved the Santolina master Plan and a zoning change for the 13,851 acres of Santolina property from generally rural agricultural to a planned community zone. Both measures passed on a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Art De La Cruz, Wayne Johnson and Lonnie Talbert voted in favor of the Master Plan. Commissioners Maggie Hart Stebbins and Debbie O'Malley voted against it.

There has been a total of 6 County Commission hearings on the Santolina Master plan, this year alone. Here is a summary of the last three hearings: May 28th, June 16th, and June 24th.

(I) The May 28th Appeal Hearings: Five appeals were filed last December when the CPC approved the Santolina Master plan. The County Commission began hearing the appeals in March. One appeal had already been reviewed and denied on May 11th. This left 4 remaining appeals to be reviewed. Western Albuquerque Land Holdings (WALH), told the Commission that they were withdrawing their appeal because they had been working with County staff on revising the findings and conditions that they thought were unnecessary or restrictive. This left the following three appeals filed by SWOP, South Valley Coalition, and South Valley Association of Acequias to be reviewed. Here is a summary of these appeals. Two expert witnesses Kelly O'Donnell, an economist and Norm Gaume, a water expert, gave excellent testimony at the May 28th hearing.

Kelly O'Donnell - former State Economist: Ms. O'Donnell made 2 points. 1) The Santolina proposal is not economic development. 2) It's only good for the County if it provides full time permanent jobs, not just temporary construction jobs. Economic Development has a simple definition: To bring in new funding as a result of jobs. Economic development does not take away money from one portion of the community to give to another, or recirculate money within the community. Economic Development should bring new money into a community. Below are some written comments from Ms. O'Donnell, worth noting:

- ... The Santolina Level A Master Plan predicts that businesses at Santolina will create 75,000 new jobs over the next 40 to 50 years and 25,000 new jobs by 2035. In contrast, employment growth forecasts by population experts at BBER and the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), project the creation of only 7,700 new jobs in the area encompassing Santolina by 2035.

- Santolina's Level A Master Plan forecasts a 2:1 jobs-to-housing ratio (double the County's current ratio), but, if the MRCOG/BBER jobs forecast is accurate and residential development at Santolina proceeds as planned, the development's jobs-to-housing ratio will be closer to 0.6:1, a ratio considerably lower than that of the overall County and one very likely to worsen rather than relieve traffic congestion on the already over-burdened east-west corridor.....

- The jobs at Santolina that reflect a true increase in the overall number of jobs in the County are referred to as "net new", those that are relocated to Santolina from elsewhere in Bernalillo County are "displaced". Only "net new" activity confers significant economic benefit. Displaced jobs do not generate positive economic impacts.....

- If the economy is not producing jobs and development decisions are instead driven by good land opportunities, most economic activity at the site will be the result of displacement and thus will not confer economic benefits to the regional economy. Albuquerque's commercial vacancy rates – 20 percent for office space, 12 percent for retail and 10 percent for industrial space – indicate excess supply, not surplus demand.

As noted previously, two thirds of Santolina's businesses and homeowners are expected to have come from elsewhere in Bernalillo County, primarily Albuquerque. Another 20 percent of residents are likely to have relocated from neighboring communities outside Bernalillo County, many from Rio Rancho. The relocation of a business from the incorporated part of Bernalillo County to the unincorporated part of the County will have a small positive impact on the County's revenue and a relatively large negative impact on the City's because most County imposed taxes are levied in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas, while City imposed taxes are collected only within City limits....

- Cities also bear the cost of businesses divestiture from the urban core. Reduced density in urban areas diminishes the return on investments in city infrastructure and lessens the efficiency with which city services can be delivered.

- Uncertainty about the long term cost and availability of water is already the single most serious challenge to economic growth in both the County and the region. Development on the scale envisioned at Santolina will be a tremendous drain on an already tenuous water supply and the increased pressure on this critical and scarce commodity will not go unnoticed by companies seeking to locate a new facility or expand production.

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....economic models are only as good as the data they contain, and there is ample evidence that the Santolina economic and fiscal impact analyses are based upon a number of weak assumptions about population growth in the middle Rio Grande valley and the very nature of the region's economic development and job creation. When these assumptions are replaced by more realistic ones, estimates of Santolina's net benefit and the likelihood of its meeting the "no net expense" criteria are dramatically reduced.

Norman Gaume - former Director of the Interstate Stream

Commission: *"Neither the County nor the WUA have found any basis for any finding that water for the Santolina is legally available. The County has not considered the cumulative impacts of reduced water supply for existing customers and likely requirements for the WUA to acquire Middle Rio Grande agricultural water rights to serve Santolina." Mr. Gaume made the following points:*

- *"Water to meet Santolina's large annual water demands is not legally available for two reasons:" The ABWUA does not have the Water Rights to supply the Santolina, and the existing consumptive uses of water in the Middle Rio Grande already exceeds the legally available water supply.*
- *The County commissioners must disapprove the Santolina Master Plan because it fails to meet the Planned Community Criteria threshold requirement of showing that water is legally and physically available and that the master planned community will be self sufficient.*
- *Santolina's new depletion of water will aggravate the Middle Rio Grande current water budget deficit, and the associated trend toward New Mexico's failure to comply with the Rio Grande Compact delivery requirements, and the impacts of noncompliance on the ABCWUA water rights portfolio. Those impacts could severely constrain ABCWUA's ability to supply water to existing customers and meet its considerable commitments for future water supply.*

Mark Sanchez from the ABCWUA testified on March 25th that Santolina would receive less than half of the CPC's recommended condition of 14,380 acre feet of water per year. Santolina requested 22,000. I am not aware of Bernalillo County Staff or Santolina's response or acceptance of this policy limit.

Commissioner Art Del La Cruz, spent a lot of time interrupting and questioning Norm Gaume's expertise during his testimony. Despite the excellent testimony by the expert witnesses, Art Del La Cruz, Wayne Johnson and Lonnie Talbot voted to deny the appeals. Mary Hart Stebbins and Commissioner O'Malley

voted against denying the appeals. This hearing lasted 6 hours. After the final vote, several members of the public got up and expressed very emotional statements, expressing deep disappointment in the County process which has been confusing and disrespectful to them as citizens. They felt that they spent a lot of time, hearing after hearing, staying involved in an important community issue only to have their concerns ignored. There was also the question of whether the Santolina was a quasi judicial or legislative issue.

(II) June 16th Hearing/ Adoption of the Master Plan/ Findings and Conditions:

The County Commissioners adopted the 'Santolina Master Plan' at this hearing. They also reviewed and approved the revised 'Findings and Conditions' which the County staff and WAHL worked on. It again was a 3 -2 vote. This is the largest Master Plan ever considered by the County. Santolina has a projected population of 90,000. Rio Rancho currently has a population of 87,000.

- There was a lot of discussion regarding the controversial tax incentive known as TIDD's -Tax Increment Development District. Fortunately the Commissioners added language in the 'Findings and Conditions' that "This does not commit the County in any way to provide public financing, or subsidies for the development."
- Commissioner Mary Hart Stebbins wanted jobs to be defined as permanent full time positions. But Commissioner Art Del La Cruz disagreed and Stebbin's motion failed on a 3-2 vote. Unfortunately, the definition of a 'Job' in the Findings and Conditions does not exclude construction jobs.

Commissioner Debbie O'Malley sought to make water reuse/ recycling an integral part of the water strategy for Santolina. That motion also failed.

Commissioners Stebbins and O'Malley are to be commended for their votes, asking the tough questions, and trying to strengthen the conditions in favor of the County.

(III) June 24th Hearing/ Approval of the Development Agreement:

The Commissioners reviewed the 'Development Agreement', which is an agreement between the County and the Developer. The Agreement was written by the Developer. Commissioners Mary Hart Stebbins and O'Malley tried to make the Agreement more stringent for the developer and more flexible for the County. Their focus was on revising the language for the definition of a 'Job', future tax incentives, and eliminating the language that prevents the County from having a say in Santolina's water and sewer service. Commissioner Stebbins and O'Malley again wanted the job definition in the Development Agreement be limited to permanent full time jobs in order to reduce commuter traffic that would be coming from Santolina. (cont'd page 7)

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Unfortunately, their efforts failed and construction jobs can be included in the projected goal of 75,000 jobs. The Commissioners removed and revised language referring to the provision of public incentives such as TIDD's. This does not prevent the developer from applying for a TIDD's in the future. Commissioner Stebbins and O'Malley also failed to remove language in the Agreement that said the County won't support any legislation or policy that interferes with the Santolina use of water provided by the ABCWUA unless the use harms the County's own water service. The ABCWUA and Santolina will have their own Development Agreement, and they did not want the County involved. During the hearing, Commissioner Art Del La Cruz surprisingly made a motion to restrict the Commissioners discussion to 10 minutes on the items they discuss. O'Malley and Stebbins did not support this motion, saying this is a huge issue for the community and the details of the Development Agreement are important to discuss as long as may be necessary. After 3 ½ hours, the Development agreement was approved on a 3-2 vote. The Developer now has an approved Land Use Plan, which counts as a 'Level A Plan' which contains conceptual zoning and density. This is the first step of a three step process before development can occur. The next step in the process would be 'Level B' village plans. The final step 'Level C' includes the building permitting process. They will have to go to the Water Utility Authority for water for each 'Level B' plan. It's unclear whether the appellants will appeal this decision.

2. Update on the Open Space \$11 million Trust fund/The June 8th City Council Finance Committee meeting: The City Finance committee is made up of 5 City Councilors. In the last 3 months the committee has reviewed the issue of whether to dissolve the Open Space Trust Fund in order to acquire lands on the City Open Space priority list which include the Northern Sand Dunes (Rio Puerco), Tijeras arroyo, the remaining portion of the Northern Geological Window on the mesa top, and La Cuentista. Currently the Trust Fund is \$ 11 million. The lands on the priority list are valued at \$30 million. There is not enough in the Fund to acquire all the land on the list.

The Trust Fund was set up in the 1980's as the result of the Elena Gallegos Open Space purchase. It was intended to help maintain and manage the Albuquerque Open Space lands, from the interest it generates from the Fund. The Fund used to generate a decent return on the yearly interest when it was with the State Permanent Fund, up to \$1million. It once, generated \$2 million in 2003. It was removed from the State Permanent fund when the interest rates dropped to \$381,000, in 2011. It was placed in the City's Cash Fund account, which only generates less than a half of a percent. The interest

earned on the Fund this year, was only \$45,000.

Alan Reed, a former City Councilor who developed the Trust Fund back in the 80' s is looking into how to improve the City's investment strategy for the Trust Fund in order to generate a better return. Mr. Reed has explained to City Council, the Open Space Advisory Board and the TRNA Board, the history and the intent of the Open Space Fund. He feels that it would be better for the City to keep the fund, invest it wisely, and sell off the exchange lands to rebuild the Fund. The exchange lands are part of the Elena Land Grant land deal, and are located in the Farmington, Las Cruces, and Moriarty area. During the June 8th Finance Committee meeting - City Councilors Sanchez, Lewis, Clarissa Pena, Benton, and Don Harris (filling in for Brad Winter), discussed whether to dissolve the Open Space Trust Fund to purchase Open space lands, or keep \$1 million in the Fund and use \$10 million to acquire land now. Janet Saiers from the Open Space Advisory Board, and Alan Reed, and I testified at the hearing expressing concern over dissolving the fund. I also conveyed that the TRNA Board does not support dissolving the Open Space Trust Fund, and restated that more money needs to go into the CIP budget for Open space land acquisition. After listening to the testimony, the Finance Committee voted to not dissolve the Open Space Trust fund. Thanks to Councilor Sanchez motion, they also voted to defer the other issue of spending the \$10 million of the Trust Fund on land acquisition. It was deferred to August. There are strong feelings on this issue so we appreciate the deferral.

3. ABC-Z Planning to Zoning /Community Meetings: This effort, by the Planning Department, is to update the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan. Last February, it was referred to as the Unified Development Ordinance. The Planning Department held several community meetings within the last month. One of the meetings was held on June 24th, at the new Library on Unser and Central. According to the hand out provided at the meeting, the Planning Department's goal is to update the Comprehensive Plan, in order to integrate land use and transportation planning for more transit oriented developments, and emphasize development in key centers and corridors. They want to develop a Development Ordinance that is user friendly, better aligns with the City's planning priorities, protects established neighborhoods and special places, promotes water efficient and sustainable development, removes inconsistencies in engineering and technical standards, and streamlines the city's procedures for reviewing and approving developments. The City hired Clarion Associates to lead the two year undertaking. Visit the project web site at: abc-zone.com.—**Rene Harvath**

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

Art Retberg, WSCONA Secretary

Following is a thank you letter sent to our New Mexico elected representatives for passing the 2015 Capital Outlay Bill.

"Please accept the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations' appreciation for your efforts in bringing the New Mexico Legislature back into session and passing the Capital Outlay Bill. At the April 1st Meeting of the West Side Coalition, we passed a resolution asking for your participation in bringing the New Mexico Legislature into a session to pass a Capital Outlay Bill. You should be very proud of what you accomplished. One of the big improvements to the West Side will be the installation of "Smart Lights" on Coors [synchronized stop lights]. We also appreciate Tommy Borst President of the Tres Volcanes Neighborhood Association and WSCONA's Safety and Traffic Committee Chairman for bringing the idea to the attention of the Coalition and Senator Jacob Candelaria. For Senator Candelaria: Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU for working with all of the legislators to make it happen. And for our West Side Legislators: We admire and never cease to appreciate how you work together to do what is best for all of us.

We are looking forward to working with you in the future to address other issues that make the West Side of Albuquerque the best place to live. We are making progress on many fronts and we won't forget who helped us get there. If there is anything we can do to help you achieve your legislative goals, please ask."— Jerry Worrall, President

TRNA 35th Anniversary FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION August 15, 9 am—Noon

SAVE THE DATE! ... A fun family event for our neighborhood that will include child- and adult-friendly activities, plus physical fitness opportunities. Board member Cat Trujillo, along with other TRNA individuals, are busy planning this event. "Stay tuned" for more information via email, or in the August *Mesa Messenger*. If you are interested, have ideas or suggestions, or are willing to help, please contact Cat Trujillo at social@trna.org.

"Do You Remember ..."

Rae Phillips, Editor

This column was suggested by TRNA member Margie Collins, and we think it's a great idea! This column is for YOU to write — please send me any special TRNA memory you have from years gone by. Certainly with so many of you belonging to TRNA for so many years, you must have dozens of them. Send to editor@trna.org. Here's Margie's memory, timely for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations!

"In the early 1980's, Taylor Ranch was the location of amazing Fourth of July celebrations. For a few years, the outdoor event took place in the park at Montano & Taylor Ranch Rd. The NM Symphony would start the show with patriotic music. Then as they played the "William Tell Overture," the fireworks would begin. The crowd loved it and I do remember those crowds! Since I lived across the street, part of the entertainment for me was watching the traffic jams after the show. —submitted by Margie Collins



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Open Space Explorer Series

Visitor Center

Nature kit-making sessions for young explorers at the Open Space Visitor Center. **Tuesdays from 10-11 am, June 9th—Aug 11th.** Free, but space is limited to 10 children per session. Call 897-8831 to register. Stitch up a sketchbook from plant-fiber paper, mold a magnifying glass out of repurposed soda bottles, fashion a flower press out of boards and stray bolts ... and much more! You'll surprise your friends this fall with all the amazing outdoor experiences you've made this summer. Pack some provisions to enjoy with the birds on our patio and then take your project into the field to complete your do-it-yourself adventure. Sack lunch munching and Bosque trail crunching are under each family's supervision and initiative.

Petroglyph National Monument Celebrates 25th

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director

It is hard to believe that Petroglyph National Monument is now 25 year old. **Established on June 27th 1990**, the Park Service held a very nice celebration with tasty breakfast burritos and good music. Peter Pino from Zia Pueblo opened with a traditional pueblo blessing for the event. The new Park Service Superintendent Dennis Vasquez gave a great speech expressing the hard work of so many individuals in the creation of Petroglyph National Monument, and the continued contributions others have made over the years to make the Park what it is today. Matt Schmader, superintendent of Albuquerque Open Space Division, gave a historic account of Open Space volunteer involvement. It was a great event and a fun reunion.

Ed note —Petroglyph National Monument protects one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, featuring designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by Native Americans and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago. These images are a valuable record of cultural expression and hold profound spiritual significance for contemporary Native Americans and for the descendants of the early Spanish settlers. We are so blessed in Taylor Ranch to have this important national park right in our own back yard. If you've never taken the time to visit and walk the trails, consider doing so soon!

Happy Birthday USA!

APS Supply Distribution

July 25, 9:00 am

Albuquerque Public Schools holds a yearly school supply distribution each year. This year will take place on July 25th, Saturday, from 9:00 am until supplies run out. First come, first serve. At UNM Lobo Football Stadium, University Blvd at Cesar Chavez.

Freedom 4th 2015!

Save the date. Join us from 4 to 10 p.m. on July 4, 2015, at Balloon Fiesta Park to celebrate our Nation's Independence. Enjoy live music, family entertainment, and much more.

Admission and Transportation

Freedom 4th is free to the public to attend. This is a rain or shine event.

Park and Ride

Beat the traffic with the Park & Ride service. Two locations, one on the Westside and one on the Eastside allow for easy access to this time saving service. The Westside Park & Ride will be at Cottonwood Mall and the Eastside Park & Ride will be at Coronado Mall. More will come soon.

Firework Guidelines

The following fireworks are illegal:

- Ground audible devices: Chasers and Fire crackers.
- Aerial devices: including Aerial shell kits and Reloadable tubes, Aerial spinners, Helicopters, Mines, Missile-type, etc.

Once ignited, aerial and ground audible devices take an unpredictable flight path and pose a significant fire hazard to structures and vegetation. They also possess a significant injury potential to the user and innocent bystanders. These devices are also disturbing to public peace.

The following fireworks are legal and may be used:

- Cone Fountains, Crackling Devices, Cylindrical fountains, and Flitter sparklers.
- Ground Spinners, Illuminating torches, Toy smoke devices, and Wheels.

If you buy fireworks from retail stores and stands within city limits, the fireworks are legal. Read the Warning Label. If it reads "WARNING," it is illegal. If it reads "CAUTION," it is legal.



Taylor Ranch Library Programs & Events

abqlibrary.org/taylorranch, 897-8816

Summer Reading is a free 8 week program at your library that encourages babies, children, teens, and adults to read throughout the summer. Everyone can register, read, and be eligible for fun incentives (prizes). There are free programs and workshops in our libraries all summer long. Visit <http://abclibrary.org/summerreading> for a full schedule.

Monday, July 13th, 10:30 am—11:30 am



Music with Andy Mason

Get up, dance, and sing along with Andy Mason's original children's music and songs from around the world. Andy's music has been played over 20 million times on Pandora.

Tuesday, July 14th, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Making Comics: Panel by Panel

Join comic artists and writers from 7000 BC! Combine words and pictures to make your own comics in this fast-paced, hands-on workshop. All materials will be provided. Registration is required. Limited to 15 participants, so register soon!

July 8, 9, 15, and 16, 1:00—3:00 pm

Operation Teen Financial Literacy

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APD Northwest Area Command News

The summer season is officially upon us. This means we have a lot more people out and about during the day time, especially younger kids in residential areas. The recent construction that has begun on Coors and I-40 area has caused some major delays and traffic issues with people trying to access the freeway. We have become aware that many drivers are using different residential streets in order to try and avoid traffic. If you live in these neighborhoods, please be careful and keep children off the street. If you see or have issues with traffic in or around this area do not hesitate to call us.

Burglarizing vehicles and homes are on the increase, many accessing the home with the garage door opener they take from the vehicles. One recent scenario in the Northwest had criminals break into a vehicle, used the garage door opener found there, went inside the home, stole valuable property (including car keys) and left the premises with two of the victim's vehicles. This incident occurred while the homeowners were inside the home asleep. Fortunately these criminals were caught in El Paso; but this is a valuable lesson to those who continue to leave garage door openers in the vehicle. It is time to reconsider where garage door openers and personal information are kept.

In June of each year, officers are given the opportunity to change shift/supervisors/area commands (dependent upon seniority). It means many of the common faces that we have grown to know may be changing. Watch Lt. Poggi reports that most of the current officers from the graveyard shift have stayed in the area command. This is an advantage for us because they know the area and are familiar with the problem areas in the command.

A new Swing shift (Watch III) Lieutenant has been named: Lt. David Sedillo. He is a lifelong resident of Albuquerque, with 18 years of Law Enforcement experience, and has lived in the Northwest Area Command for 15 years. Lt. Sedillo states, "I am very happy to be working in such a great part of the city, and I look forward to working with you."

Crime Prevention Tip — Road Rage/Protect Yourself

If you are dealing with an aggressive driver, make sure your doors are locked. If you're stopped in traffic, leave enough room to pull out from behind the car you're following. If an aggressive driver confronts you, dial 911 or go to the nearest police station. **Don't take it personally.** Be polite and courteous, even if the other driver isn't. Avoid any conflict if possible. If another driver challenges you, take a deep breath and move out of the way! Never underestimate the other driver's capacity for causing mayhem. Don't make it worse.

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