

MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Our Mission: Promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch

January, 2017



Annual TRNA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 15 6:30 PM



The Annual Meeting of Members will take place on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The meeting will be in Meeting Room A at the Don Newtown Taylor Ranch Community Center, beginning at 6:30pm.

At this meeting, there are three important items of business to conduct, and attendance by our members is essential, so please plan to attend.

1. Elections are held to fill current and vacant board of director positions.
2. Review and voting on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year FY18 April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.
3. Scholarship contest winners will be presented two \$750.00 scholarship awards to deserving high school seniors who reside in the Taylor Ranch neighborhood.

In a rapidly changing and busy world, participation and membership in your local neighborhood association can help keep your family informed on important issues in our community Albuquerque's west side. Some examples are land use development and upcoming planned city projects.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

**Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting**

Wednesday 15 March 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center
4900 Kachina St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120**

TRNA Board Members to Be Elected at March 15th Annual General Membership Meeting

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's general membership elects nine board members for two year terms. Five board members are elected in even number years and four board members in odd number years. The board then meets in April and elects the officers of the Association from the board members. No officer can serve in the same position for more than two consecutive years.

This year, 2017, there are five TRNA board openings. Four terms are ending (Mike Sullivan, Terri Spiak, Brian Cockrum, and Diana Shea) and one position is open because of board member Dan Shaw stepping down early. Mike Sullivan is also stepping down, leaving another position vacant.

2017 Proposed Slate for Board Members:

- Terri Spiak
- Diana Shea
- Brian Cockrum
- Needed: One nomination from the floor to fill a one year term
- Needed: One nomination from the floor to fill a two-year term

Serving on the TRNA board of directors involves attending monthly meetings, which are normally held the second Wednesday of each month in Meeting Room A at the community center. In addition to "at large" directors, we have committees that currently need a leader. These committees include: Crime Prevention, Crime Patrol, Historian, and Newsletter Editor. Please consider joining the TRNA board of directors!



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

President, Terri Spiak
president@trna.org

Vice President, Catherine Trujillo
vicepresident@trna.org

Secretary, Dan Shaw
secretary@trna.org

Treasurer (Vacant)
treasurer@trna.org

Land Use Director, Rene' Horvath
land@trna.org

At Large Director, Mike Sullivan
director1@trna.org

At Large Director, Diana Shea
director2@trna.org

At Large Director, Brian Cockrum
director3@trna.org

Membership Director, Jay Dinerstein
membership@trna.org

Social/Safety Director, Catherine Trujillo
social@trna.org

Education Director, Terri Spiak
education@trna.org

Facebook Administrator, Wendy Dial
facebook@trna.org

Webmaster, Catherine Trujillo
webmaster@trna.org

Government Affairs, Jolene Wolfley
govtaffairs@trna.org

Beautification, Jolene Wolfley
beautification@trna.org

Membership Database, Deborah Salvato
memberdata@trna.org

**PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER IF
YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!**

NEEDED: TRNA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!

TRNA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2017

All high school seniors who reside within the TRNA boundary area (stated on the attached application) are eligible to apply for one of the two yearly scholarships TRNA awards each year.

Even if a student attends private school, a charter school, or is home-schooled, providing the residence requirement is met, students may apply for the scholarship.

There is still plenty of time to apply. So, put your thinking cap on! Find a senior in Taylor Ranch! Talk about the scholarship program with your friends and neighbors! The application is enclosed here and can also be emailed by sending a request to trnaeducation@gmail.com. Good luck! Remember, the deadline is March 1, 2017!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

If you have recently renewed or joined TRNA, THANK YOU! Please check your label to see if you need to renew this year. And, if you've let your membership lapse, now is a good time to rejoin!

Members can 1) Send in the attached form with payment, or 2) go to www.trna.org, download the membership form and then pay either by check or click on the PayPal link to pay by credit card online!

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Application or Renewal

Date: _____

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

I'm interested in helping in the following areas of participation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic	

Renewal Membership and New Member Rates:

_____ \$18.00 (2017)

_____ \$34.00 (2017 & 2018)

_____ \$48.00 (2017, 2018, & 2019)

Already a member? Pass this along to a neighbor and encourage them to join!

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND SEND WITH CHECK TO:

TAYLOR RANCH NA

P O BOX 66288

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87193-6288

2017 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2017

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

- 1) **Reside within boundaries** of the Association: north/south boundaries: Paseo Del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande (river) and West Mesa Petroglyph Escarpment – those residing outside of boundaries will be rejected. Addresses are verified.
- 2) **Submit** this completed **Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation**, postmarked no later than March 1, 2017, to the address at the bottom of this form. Letters of recommendation must be dated and signed and sent directly to TRNA.
- 3) **Demonstrate community involvement and service** through school-wide and extracurricular activities, and/or other organizations. Note – Scoring of this portion is important. Details, dates, and writing a good narrative matters. Community service within the TRNA neighborhood area is scored higher than school or other activities.
- 4) **Enroll** at a college, university, or post-secondary school, including certificate programs or trade programs, for fall 2017. If you are not enrolling in fall 2017 you must include a narrative of the reason post-high school education is deferred later than the requirement and the anticipated date of enrollment in a qualified program. Failure to meet this requirement may forfeit an award.

Scholarship awards will be paid and presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice.

**Please note: Late applications will not be accepted.
Applications and reference letters must be postmarked on or before
March 1, 2017.**

Name _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120 Telephone Number(s) _____

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

High School _____

Applicant may attend any high school if residency requirement is met. (Applicant must reside within TRNA boundaries).

Cumulative GPA (Including Fall 2016) _____ (Note GPA of 4.0 is the highest scored)

NOTE: The two TRNA Scholarships, the TRNA Newman Scholarship and the TRNA van Berkel Scholarship, are named for Ken and June Newman, and Fred and Joyce van Berkel. These individuals have been long-time members in the Taylor Ranch community, advocating for our neighborhood in many ways including land use, advocacy, fun events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, and working on the Flea Market fundraiser for the scholarships. Since the early days of the association, they volunteered time and energy to the association. Both families are perfect models for citizenship. We hope that families and young people take an interest in Taylor Ranch and look for ways to actively serve the community!

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement- list here and attach written narrative in more detail:

Applicant: You must attach one additional page minimum describing in detail your accomplishments, pertinent activities and community involvement.

You must also provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. The letters should be provided by people who know you well, either from school, the community or activities. The two letters should not originate from the same source (i.e.: both from school or activity). Reference letters may not be written by family members. The reference letters should be provided by people who know you well, and can speak to your character, qualifications, skills, strengths, activities, or any other characteristics that make you a great candidate for the TRNA scholarship. Letters should be on letterhead and be signed by the author.

Recommendation letters must be mailed separately, but the same deadline applies: Letters of recommendation must be postmarked by the March 1, 2017 deadline.

My signature affirms that 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 _____

Mail completed application to: TRNA Scholarship Application, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

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Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288



Return Service Requested

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Wednesday March 15 at 6:30 pm

At the Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center

***Check your mailing label.
Is it time for you to renew?***