



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC

NEWSLETTER

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Break out your bikes and roller skates and leave the car at home when you need a loaf of bread and a bottle of coke!! Good news for those of us who are happy to have any kind of shopping up here -- Taylor Ranch Joint Venture has announced that the long awaited Allsup's 7 to 11 Store will shortly begin construction on the northwest corner of Taylor Ranch Road and Homestead Hills Circle. The store will include some fresh meat and fresh vegetables so home bound folks can get most of their needs filled between regular trips to the supermarket.

By the time you read this bids on the first phase of construction -- concrete, masonry, etc. of Montano West Park will have been opened. The park department expects to award bids by the end of the month and have work underway by December. PNM has installed cable for lighting. Isn't it exciting to see the step by step process to make a park? Let's all drive by frequently so we can watch the progress.

Save the date Saturday, November 14th for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Flea Market! We know you don't want to miss this. For \$3.00 general space fee (50¢ off for members) you can have a place to unload all the stuff that's

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Mr. Baca, handily re-elected our councilman, has sometimes been unresponsive to requests from your board, and has not always voted in a manner helpful to Taylor Ranch in council decisions. If you think an issue should go a certain way, give Mr. Baca a call and tell him how you feel. The more input he receives from Taylor Ranch residents, the more responsive to our needs he will become. Four years is a long time.

Members and residents of this and other West Mesa areas turned out 150 strong for our candidates forum. We thank you all for your support of this activity and hope it was beneficial to those of you who attended.

This writer laments the fall of Mayor Rusk because it puts our library issue on a back burner. Mr. Rusk had promised us a portable building to house a branch library here starting next July. Neither Mr. Kinney nor Mr. Saunders are aware of the studies that have been done regarding this issue.

The city's Crime Prevention Council is back in business after some internal problems and a lot of personnel changes. The present acting director, Mr. Frank Taylor, attended our board meeting and explained that the council will once

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Flea Market
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cluttering up your garage. You can buy all sorts of useful things at tiny prices. We know you can use those extra \$\$ as Christmas approaches. Location is the soccer field on Taylor Ranch Road between 9 am and 3 pm.

Crime Prevention
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again be able to start meetings to help neighbors fight crime. Mr. Taylor explained that the majority of house burglaries are committed by youths between 13 and 21 years old. There is a great deal homeowners can do to discourage this type of burglary.

The council asks that one person on each block volunteer to hold a meeting. Meetings are held Monday thru Thursday evenings. That person then invites approximately 20 neighbors to his home for an evening (see column two)

ning arranged with the crime prevention council. The council will send formal invitations to these neighbors after receiving their names and addresses.

On the evening of the meeting, the councilor and about 60% of the invited guests arrive at your home. The meeting begins at 7:30 and lasts approximately 1½ hours. The councilor explains methods to protect individual homes and how neighbors are most effective in helping each other.

Several board members instantly signed up to hold meetings. However that will only cover a few blocks in Taylor Ranch. Your board feels it is for your benefit to hold as many block meetings as possible. All members should try to hold or attend a meeting. Call the Crime Prevention Council at 766-7420 and set up your meeting!
