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Neighbors, Friends, Co-members of this group...you disappoint me!!!
Here it is February and you haven't paid your dues. Please sit down this minute with your checkbook and send your \$10.00 annual dues to membership chairman "WHEELER GREEN, 5805 OPEN SKY NW, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87120." After all, we need paid members to vote at our general membership meeting which will be Wednesday, March 24th at Marie Hughes Elementary School. We'll present the budget for the year which you have to adopt, and then vote on the eight members for the board. Eight board members are elected this year and seven next year. Also at this meeting new by-laws will be voted approved or disapproved. The changes in the by-laws are important. The president's power is diluted and more responsibility has been delegated among the members, especially in committee structure. Every paid member will be given a set of new by-laws (after all, the typing and printing does cost money, folks). Now I KNOW you've got that check written.

Many thanks!

A Success Story! A battle won! True, the war still rages, but this time city hall, specifically the Air Quality Board, listened with empathy. Our president, Mike Creusere is a member of that board. Mr. Dale Dunn is a member of this organization.

Last month Mr. Dunn presented a lecture with pictures of the dust problem caused by Coda Roberson's construction West of Atrisco. Mr. Roberson had not been cooperative in developing a way to keep dust down. The environmental health people said he was not in violation of current usage of the permit, stating that he must use "reasonable" means to keep dust down.

Your board agreed with Mr. Dunn that some action should be initiated. They voted unanimously to send a letter to the Air Quality Board requesting re-interpretation of existing regulations and/or new regulations to control dust on construction sites. Mike, as a member of both TRNA and the Air Quality Board, excused himself from the issue. Therefore Ellen Adan, TRNA vice-president, conducted the discussion, drafted a letter and read it to the Air Quality Board meeting on Wednesday, January 13. Mike introduced the topic at the Board meeting and Mr. Dunn made his presentation.

The Air Quality Board seemed genuinely concerned over the problem. Mike was able to guide the Board's discussion and make some motions that resulted in action. Namely, the Environmental Health Department will look into clarification and definition of the current regulation and see how it could or should be strengthened.

Chairman Mr. Luna told "staff" to revise the permit application and see to it that permits are required when applicable (issuance of a permit means that a site is monitored). The Board said that "reasonable" watering was to be interpreted as keeping all disturbed soil watered rather than only soil undergoing compaction. They directed that this contractor (Mr. Roberson) be gently made aware of this full interpretation of the regulation and be asked to comply.

This is a beginning of a settlement that will have far reaching effects now and with future development. We are proud of this involvement by community members and TRNA.

Mr. Dunn has been asked to speak at the next meeting of the Albuquerque Coalition of Neighborhoods in order that more groups will become aware of the movement we have started and help keep the issue alive.

Just a reminder. The Board meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Bellahama Building on the corner of Montano and Taylor Ranch Road. These meetings are open to members and we invite you to drop by.

Sandy Stewart (897-4588) is taking recommendations for activities of TRNA. Call her if you have any ideas for what we should be doing and tell her what you want to do. We'll be needing lots more members participating in the future.

Our ecology message: Keep watering your lawns and trees - when the wind blows the plants are dried and burned. They need weekly water if you want healthy plants this spring!

Did you hear the great KZIA radio show during which Mary Lou Haywood from the Mayor's office "interviewed" Mike Creusere? Mary Lou was so enthusiastic in her support and approval of TRNA programs that poor Mike only got in a few words. But that's ok. We all loved the praise!

At this month's board meeting we received a letter of resignation from Bob AliCarr, whose outside activities must be cut because of work commitments. Bob will continue as a member of the organization, doing what his time allows. Sharon McMeins also handed in her resignation as secretary due to impending motherhood. Her place on the board was filled by the appointment of Billy Robertson. Billy is a real sharp, community-minded man, employed by the Gas Company of New Mexico as a journeyman gas fitter. He's a member of the West Mesa Booster Club (where his son attends school). Billy has been active in organizing his block in the crime prevention program.

We're lucky to have such qualified people working with TRNA. One opening is yet unfilled, so if you have a definite interest in trying to help your community, make Taylor Ranch a better place to live and TRNA a better organization...please call Mike at 897-1464 or Norma (Chairman of the nominating committee) at 898-1643 and volunteer the first Wednesday of every month.

THE BOARD NEEDS YOUR IDEAS ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE! Many of you offer services or goods for sale -- babysitting, light construction, maintenance of homes, lawn work, real estate, insurance, etc. Taylor Ranch is a rather isolated community. Many times if we knew the services offered by our neighbors we would use them for convenience.

How can we find out what our neighbors offer? TRNA is non-commercial meaning we cannot endorse a commercial enterprise. However, many members feel that does not mean we cannot offer a directory of services as a community service. Ideas on the form of this "directory" would be to sell

a small space on a paper inserted with this newsletter, telling of the goods and services available. One sheet might contain about a dozen or so business card size "ads". Perhaps we should limit the size of all ads to keep it fair.

Fred Van Berkel (897-2541) should be called evenings to discuss this topic. It will be up to the membership to accept or reject this idea.
WHAT DO YOU WANT???

Due to Bob AliCarr's resignation, Fidel Saiz (898-9517) has become our social events chairman. Fidel has the Easter egg hunt looming ahead and needs help. This event was really well attended last year, but there were problems. It has been proposed that children of members be admitted free and a small charge will be made for non-members to help meet expenses. After all, if you are willing to help -- and you will be called on this -- then you should reap the rewards.

Also suggested for activities are a Halloween Party and Christmas Party. The event following the Easter Egg Hunt will be a "park day" at the official opening of Montano West Park. This park on Flora de Mayo just south of Montano is really moving along and should be finished before May. We are considering a possible "Arbor Day" celebration in May or June. More on this later.

We've been telling you about it for months and it's finally started. The new Allsup's store has broken ground at the corner of Homestead Circle and Taylor Ranch Road (on the way to the school). The final architectural plan has yet to be approved by "Taylor Ranch Joint Venture" or your board, but foundation work is underway. The hope is a more attractive than usual facade with low, unobtrusive signs. We want high quality architectural features that will add to our community, not detract from it.

On Tuesday the City Council will meet at 5 pm and be considering the request by John Lorentzen and others for office zoning on Coors Road just north of Taylor Ranch and across the street from Volcano Cliffs Nursery. Members of your board will be there to find out just how this parcel can accept 26% office development and the balance in 18 dwelling units per acre and NOT create more problems of strip zoning on Coors. If you have strong feelings on this attend that meeting.
