THE MESA MESSENGER

TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC. February 1992

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Don Newton

I've got good news and I've got bad news. The bad news is that Tom Kooi, Vice President of TRNA has resigned from the Board. Tom has been an association spark plug for many years. We will miss his wit, dedication and hard work. The good news is that Tom's own business as a computer consultant has grown so fast that it will "prevent me from doing my TRNA job in the manner in which I want to." The Board thanks you Tom, for many years of work. We wish you good luck for continued success with your company.

Tom's Board position will be vacant until the TRNA Annual Meeting in late March. Also, five additional Board of Director positions are up for election at that time. If you are interested in a Board position, please contact Debbie Tatum, Nominating Committee Chair.

I can sure tell January has come and gone—by seeing all the graffiti on our walls. January is the month we get hit the hardest. Over many years of paining out graffiti, your Association has spread literally hundreds of gallons of paint. If your property has a side and/or back wall that faces a street, it is your responsibility to remove this eyesore. Your property survey will show that your property ends at the lip of the street curb. The TRNA will continue to eradicate graffiti but we need volunteers to paint. Please call Wayne Morris and offer to help.

The Montaño Bridge Blue Ribbon Committee is off again—on again. On January 22, the City Council passed 6-2 our Councillor Alan Armijo's resolution to remove the Committee from an original Council-approved bill to force the Mayor to begin construction of the Montaño Bridge within 60 days of clearing the last of many legal hurdles. The Mayor has vetoed the resolution dissolving the Montaño Committee. The Council now needs six votes to override the Mayor's veto. Stay tuned to the never ending saga.

Your Board of Directors has approved two major community events for this summer. The 2nd Annual TRNA Summer Festival will be held the last Saturday in May (a summer kick-off). This event has been scaled down from last year's 10-day affair. The City of Albuquerque's Park and Recreation Department's "Arts in the Park" program will be the last Sunday in July. We need help. Please call me and volunteer.

It is membership renewal time. Please remit your membership dues as soon as possible. Please encourage your Taylor Ranch friends and neighbors to join. With your help, your Association can continue to be Albuquerque's largest and most active neighborhood association. ■

TRNA Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs

President	Don Newton	898-2185
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Treasurer	Dave Otto	897-7733
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Environmental Committee	Robert Hume	898-6228
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Parks & Recreation Committee	Tracy Jones	899-0642
Social Committee	Debbie Tatum	899-0670
Youth Committee	John Hemler	897-3763
Newsletter Editor	Kelley Fugelso	899-1419

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COMMITTEE NEWS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

by Ulli McCarthy

TRNA Scholarship. The Education Committee has been working on a permanent scholarship award for high school seniors. The application and requirements of eligibility are included in this newsletter on page 8. Additional applications are available from the Education Committee, the Youth Committee and high school counsellors. This scholarship will be in the amount of $250—and can only be used for continued education after high school graduation.

Student Discipline. Parents who are concerned about how behavior problems are being handled at the high schools, please read the student handbook. It is given to every student at the beginning of each new school year. Students' rights, attendance, disruptive behavior, consequences, disciplinary actions, etc. are addressed. The following statements were taken from a student handbook:

"APS Security or APD may participate in removal of student, if necessary."

"Communication of any illegal act or action by a student will be forwarded to the appropriate authority or law enforcement agency, i.e. APS Security."

Marie Hughes Satellite. The Satellite Task Force will present its recommendation concerning the fate of the Marie Hughes Satellite School to the APS Board on February 5, 1992. More on this issue will follow in the next newsletter.

TRNA Elections. TRNA will hold its elections in March. Consider running for a position on the Board! ■

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Crime Prevention Committee

by Wayne Morris

Once again, I would like to address an ever-growing concern with graffiti in our neighborhood. I've received many phone calls from concerned Association members, and some non-members about graffiti on walls. The bottom line is I need your help. It is impossible for me to do all of the painting, especially in a timely manner. We can help our neighbors by being vigilant for graffiti on our walls. If you observe it and can paint it out, it will help our program immensely. Many, many thanks to those folks who already do this. It really helps the cause. Let's all pitch in and help eradicate this senseless defacing of our property and show the folks that do this that we as a community won't stand for it.

Once again, I appreciate all those that help with this recurring nuisance. Please continue your efforts. ■

TRNA Public Forum

Anyone wishing to address the TRNA Board of Directors may do so at the regular monthly meeting of the Board, which normally takes place the last Tuesday of each month at Marie Hughes Elementary School in the Teacher's Lounge. The first 15 minutes of this meeting is set aside for public forum. If you would like to use this time to address the Board, please call Don Newton (898-2185) at least 5 working day in advance of the meeting. ■

Message From the Editor

by Kelley Fugelso

I am looking for people who would be willing to be part of the Mesa Messenger production staff. We are in dire need of volunteers to help fold, staple, label, and mail the newsletters.

If you would be willing to donate about 2 hours of your time, once a month, please call Kelley Fugelso at 899-1419. ■

COMMITTEE NEWS (continued)

Environmental Committee

by Bob Hume

Neighborhood Cleanup. Due to the cold weather conditions, neighborhood cleanup was cancelled for January. The next time you're out walking, keep your eyes open for litter. In addition to graffiti, litter is a major eyesore for the neighborhood. This is one that many people contribute to - not just a few teenaged malcontents. Please take your trash home and dispose of it properly. If you're interested in helping with the cleanup, call 898-6228. Next cleanup will be February 22 from 9:00 to 11:00. We meet at the Walgreen's parking lot. See you there.

Recycling. We collected five tons of recyclable material and earned about $65 in January. The response we are getting from Taylor Ranch residents is gratifying. If you aren't recycling now, please start. The next date for recycling is Saturday, February 8, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Shoppes at Taylor Ranch (Walgreens) parking lot. Because of worsening markets for recyclable materials, the program is getting more stringent. We can recycle the following materials: newsprint including everything which comes with the paper; corrugated cardboard - the brown boxes, not pasteboard like cereal boxes; aluminum cans - our money maker; clear glass; computer paper, and white office paper. We cannot recycle tin cans or colored bottles. If you leave them there, we just have to throw them away. Save us both the trouble please.

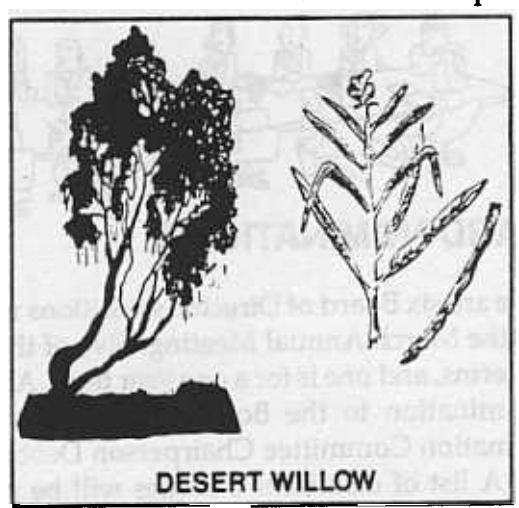
Median Landscaping. Given the situation with the City budget in general and the Parks and Rec Department in particular, the chances for getting much City support for median landscaping seems bleak. A master plan for landscaping and and as a means for soliciting grant money is the only feasible approach at this time. We are pursuing both. If you have any ideas or would like to help out, call 898-6228.

Committee Meeting. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at **Bob Hume's home - 5404 Las Trampas Way.** Interested people may call Bob at 898-6228 and leave a message. Your call will be returned. The next Committee meeting will be February 19.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Rene Horvath

Desert Willow - In the last few years I have come to learn about a tree that is not only very drought tolerant, but has beautiful clusters of orchid-like flowers that bloom during the summer months. It is called the desert willow. The desert willow prefers sandy soils and is usually found in arroyos and sandy washes. Its native distribution is from Central Texas west to Southern California and from Albuquerque south to Chihuahua, Mexico. It typically has more that one trunk, and, like the Russian olive tree, it can be shaped into a tree or a shrub. Late in spring, during warmer weather, the slender leaves will begin to open. The flowers appear from mid-June and last through September, attracting hummingbirds throughout the summer. Finally the slender seed pods will appear.



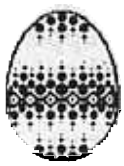
DESERT WILLOW

I have noticed several Taylor Ranch homes that have these trees planted in the front yards. These trees have a light airy appearance and look lovely with their pinkish white flowers. They seem to grow rapidly. I've seen a tree start out as a small stick, only a foot high, and become a nice sized tree in four years. It will eventually reach twenty five feet in height.

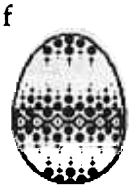
People who grow the trees seem especially proud of the fact that these trees take little water. The desert willow only needs eight to fifteen inches of precipitation annually to live on. Initially the tree needs to be watered more frequently to get it started, and then, once established, it rarely needs to be watered. When considering our dry southwest climate, this tree makes an ideal plant for the home garden. ■

COMMITTEE NEWS (continued)

by Debbie Tatum



The Easter Egg Hunt/Party is just around the corner—April 18. We need volunteers to help with this delightful but huge event. By far, the biggest chore is calling to get the approximately 50 volunteers needed to put on the party. Please help us out this year by calling us to help. We need an Easter Bunny, cakes baked, face painters, cooks, and people to run the games. We are also in need of small, individually wrapped pieces of candy for the plastic Easter eggs. Call Debbie at 899-0670 or Teresa at 899-9330 to help! ■



by Dave Otto

Long-time Membership Committee Chairman Tom Kooi has resigned from his position. His responsibilities for this Committee have been assigned to Dave Otto on an interim basis. If you are interested in serving on this very vital Committee, please call Dave at 897-7733.

As another reminder, **please return the membership renewal form on the back of this newsletter with your membership dues for 1992. This will save the Association several hundred dollars** and numerous hours usually spent mailing renewal applications. ■

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BOARD NOMINATIONS

The are six Board of Director's positions which will expire as of the March Annual Meeting. Five of the six are for two year terms, and one is for a one year term. Anyone interested in nomination to the Board of Directors should contact Nomination Committee Chairperson Debbie Tatum at 899-0670. A list of candidate's names will be published in the March newsletter.

Keep your New Year's resolution and become more involved in your community—All TRNA committees need volunteers. Call the chairperson of the committee you would like to help today. Their names and phone numbers are listed on the front page of this newsletter!

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TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

Application for TRNA Scholarship Award

Name of Applicant:	Telephone Number:
Address:	
Father's Name:	Telephone Number:
Address:	
Employer:	Telephone Number:
Mother's Name:	Telephone Number:
Address:	
Employer:	Telephone Number:
Name of school currently attending:	Telephone Number:
Address:	
Name of school counsellor:	Telephone Number
Name of school of choice to further education after High School graduation:	Telephone Number:
Address:	

Please state your community involvement, including after school activities, employment, etc. on a separate sheet of paper, in essay-form, approximately 500 words, and attach to application. Also include a discussion of why you think you should be considered for the award.

Authorization to be signed by applicant (if under 18 years of age, to be signed by parent or guardian):

"I, herewith authorize the Chairperson of Education of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association to verify Applicant's information, grade point average, and financial need."

Signature of Applicant (or parent/guardian) _____ Date _____

Requirements of Eligibility

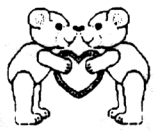
1) Applicant must live within the boundaries of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association*, but does not have to be a member.
2) He/she must be graduating senior at an accredited High School in Albuquerque, NM.
3) He/she must have a grade point average of least 3.0.
4) Applicant is not eligible if he/she has already won a scholarship award.
5) Children of TRNA Board members are not eligible.

Certificate of Award will be presented at the TRNA membership meeting in June.
The check will be made payable to the Applicant's school of choice in August.

*TRNA Boundaries: North—Paseo del Norte. South—Western Trail. East—Rio Grande. West—Escarpment

TRNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 26 through March 7
1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
February 2	February 3 Youth Committee Meeting, John Hemler, 899-0670	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7 7:00pm-11:00pm: TRNA Youth Committee Teen Dance, Marie Hughes Elementary School, John Hemler, 897-3763	February 8 11:00am-2:00pm Recycling Day, Walgreen's parking lot, Bob Hume, 898-6228
February 9	February 10	February 11 7:00pm Executive TRNA Board Meeting, Don Newton, 898-2185	February 12 7:00pm Education Comm. Meeting, Ulli McCarthy, 899-3381	February 13	February 14 	February 15
February 16	February 17	February 18 7:00pm Social Committee Meeting, Debbie Tatum, 899-0670	February 19 7:00pm Environ. Committee Meeting, Bob Hume, 898-6228	February 20	February 21	February 22 9:00am-11:00am Neighborhood Cleanup, Walgreen's parking lot, Bob Hume, 898-6228
February 23	February 24	February 25 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting, Don Newton, 898-2185	February 26	February 27	February 28	
March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Application

☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Renewal Date: _____

Names: _____ Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Areas of Interest in which I will help the Association:

☐ Crime Prevention	☐ Education	☐ Membership
☐ Newsletter	☐ Parks and Recreation	☐ Library
☐ Beautification	☐ Public Relations	☐ Children's Parties
☐ Traffic Control	☐ Environment	☐ Social Activities
☐ Willing to Help	☐ Senior Center	☐ Board of Directors
☐ Voting	☐ Zoning	☐ Calling

☐ Other _____

Comments _____

Signature: _____

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