

# Mesa Messenger

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. September 1993

## President's Message

*I*t doesn't seem that long ago we were standing in line at the old polling place to push buttons and exercise one of our greatest privileges. I remember going to the Satellite at 6:40 a.m. thinking I would get right in when the polls opened at 7:00. I think it was somewhere around 8:00 before I got in. What a great turn-out by Taylor Ranch! Well, just when you thought it was safe to open your paper or drive down the street, the politicals are back. This time we will decide on our mayor and city councilor for the next four years.

*O*nce again TRNA is taking the lead in making sure everyone CAN be an informed voter. I emphasize CAN because it will take some effort from you. *We will hold a political forum on Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Johnson Middle School.* (Please put this newsletter and mark your refrigerator calendar with a big red circle NOW.) We are hoping to have so many people that the fire marshall will make us move outside. This will likely be the first and last chance you will have to ~~beat up~~ question the councilor and mayoral candidates about west side issues. Because of the large number of candidates for mayor, it was decided to focus the formal forum on the councilor race. **ALAN ARMIGO** (incumbent), **SAM MORENO**, and **KEN SANCHEZ** will be here to discuss their positions on various issues. If you know where these three stand on all the issues that are important to you, please write them down on a blank sheet of paper and mail it to me at the TRNA address. This will serve as a formal excuse for you not to attend. If I don't receive your excuse by September 20, I will expect to see you at LBJ. All of the mayoral candidates have also been invited to speak for five minutes if they wish. Although there will be no formal questioning of these folks, I doubt they can sneak out without you getting to talk to them.

*I*f some of my comments seem harsh, it's because the last time TRNA had a forum with our state legislators (the folks who brought you the gasoline tax) the turn-out was pretty bad. This despite some good publicity by TRNA. I hope this time we will show the politicians that Taylor Ranch does care about good government.

*O*n the lighter side, please look elsewhere in this newsletter for an article by our Association Historian, **DIANA SHEA**. God bless you and your family and see you in next month's newsletter.

Dave Otto



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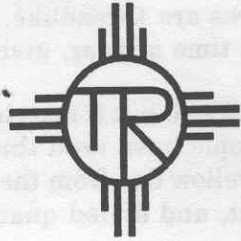


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## TRNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MARRA MARTIN	Social Activities Committee	who knows??

## Association Historian



This summer the City's Office of Neighborhood Coordination put on a two-evening workshop entitled "A Neighborhood History Project Can Uncover the Story of Your Neighborhood," which I attended as your TRNA Historian. I received a lot of information and advice on gathering background data and taking oral histories. Carlos Vasquez, Director of Oral History at UNM, provided very helpful instructions, anecdotes and handouts. Representatives from other neighborhood associations spoke of their experiences, with important emphasis on mistakes to avoid.

Now would be a good time for TRNA to undertake a history project, with our neighborhood young enough that we still know of original developers, residents and so forth. With enough interested people helping, the project would not be daunting (one of the mistakes to avoid). If you think you are interested in participating in such a project, or if you would like to serve as a history resource, or if you have suggestions, please give me a call at **898-6633**.

Diana Shea

## Environ- mental Committee



### Recycling

We will pick up aluminum **Saturday, September 4**, the same day as the City's glass pick-up. Give the City your glass, give us your aluminum. Last month we made \$29.96. Remember, the money we collect will be use to beautify streets.

City refuse picks up glass from 8:30 to 1:00. We try to collect from 8:30 until 11:00 so that we can get down to the dealer to sell the cans. If you can't get there by 11:00, just leave your aluminum with the refuse people and we will stop by and get it around 2:30. If you are interested in helping, give me a call at **898-6228**.

### Wildflower Project

We has scheduled planting of wildflower seeds **Saturday, August 14**. Unfortunately, we got rained out and had to reschedule to August 21. The rain held up on the 21st and we go two more medians planted. There are still four to go, and two of these are big ones. We hope to finish the Montano medians on the morning of **Saturday, September 18, from 6:00 to 11:00**. If you are interested in participating, call me at 898-6228. *If 6:00 a.m. is too early for you, join us when you can.*

We are also putting together packets of seeds for families wishing to plant wildflowers along streets between walls and sidewalks. These will be available at the next quarterly membership meeting [September 22, 7:00 p.m.] along with instructions for getting them started.

### Committee Meeting

The next Environmental Committee meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month, **September 14**. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at my home, 5404 Las Trampas Way. We need new members on the committee. If you are interested, please call. If you would like to attend a meeting to see what we do, you are welcome.

Bob Hume

# Plant of the Month: Broom Snakeweed

This is a great time of the year, when the weather is comfortably nice and the natural landscapes of New Mexico are full of colors. A plant that adds to those colors is the broom snakeweed. It, along with the chamisa, sunflowers, and goldenrods, supply much of the golden yellow color along the countryside.

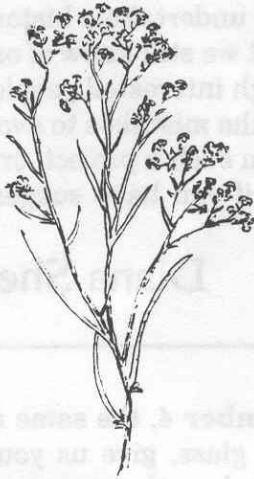
I'm sure that almost everyone has seen this plant since it is so prevalent. It is a beautiful lime green, symmetrically-shaped, bush plant, growing 1-2 feet in height and width. The leaves are threadlike, and it forms a mass of tiny yellow flowers during this time of year, giving it a golden yellow hue.

I have yet to find out why its called snakeweed, but it does have its benefits along with its disadvantages. Many people have used this plant extensively in folk medicine, and to make a fine yellow dye from the flower heads. Wildlife will browse on it to some extent, and scaled quail along with other birds will gobble up the seeds.

Snakeweed is not particularly good for livestock, which find it unpalatable, and it can cause spontaneous abortions if grazed. It will spread quickly across an area that has been overgrazed or abused.

I find this plant attractive, especially growing next to wildflowers and sagebrush. Many homeowners use it in their landscapes. This brilliant green, mound-shaped plant has an eye-catching appeal. This is such a beautiful time of the year to go for a drive and to take in some of New Mexico's beauty. While driving see if you can pick out the snakeweed. It certainly does add to our state's fine golden color.

René Horvath



## Quality of Life Club

I'm glad you're reading this, since it means you are a member of YOUR Neighborhood Association, perhaps the greatest value in Albuquerque today, at just **3.3 CENTS PER DAY, ONLY 1 DOLLAR PER MONTH!!**

Don't kid yourself if you think that the government of Albuquerque arbitrarily decides to spend money on the neighborhood on a random basis, and bless us with new mid-schools, parks and bike trails. It all comes about because of your Association's ability to galvanize a strong and consistent effort at City Hall and APS offices, to let our concerns and requests be known by those who hold the keys to the coffers. Practically every convenience feature, commercial amenity and item of public safety in our neighborhood has come to exist because of the TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. None of the developers would be building here today were it not for the vision and efforts of the Association and its members through the years, which have created an environment conducive to the growth of property values and the elusive but attainable "quality of life."

A neighborhood's work is never done. Thankfully, our neighborhood has an organization that keeps the work focused and result-oriented. We want to make Taylor Ranch better than ever, but it won't happen without your continued support. We'll be contacting you soon--to ask you to renew your membership. You don't have to attend meetings, or volunteer for a TRNA-sponsored activity or committee. We just would like to have you aboard today and tomorrow, and help us let our voice be heard, where it counts! Hey, Buddy, can you spare 3 cents?

Steve Murtha



## In-Tents Need



Does your garage contain camping equipment that hasn't been used in a loooooong time? **Boy Scout Troop 126** in Taylor Ranch could really put it to good use. This growing group has a very active camping schedule, and needs tents, sleeping bags, backpacking gear, outdoor cooking equipment and more. Your donation would enhance our community program that helps boys grow into good men. To make a donation, contact **DON NEWTON, 898-2185**.

Don Newton

## Clear-out Sale



The City has a regulation for just about everything, and garage sales are certainly no exception. Yard and garage sales are "governed" by paragraph II-11 of the City Zoning Code. Here are some of the rules for getting rid of the family heirlooms:

- Only one sale in a 12-month period (but one sale may last for three days)
- Just one sale per customer, please; multi-family sales are illegal
- Selling your yard? Garage? Sidewalk? They're all the same to the City
- A sign announcing the sale may be located only at the sale location (or at a neighbor's, IF the neighbor OKs it); only **one** non-illuminated sign is permitted
- Sale signs are not permitted on public right-of-way (such as Montañó Road medians), and utility poles are off-limits for **any** kind of sign
- Incredible Fact of the Month: no permit, license or driving test is required to hold a garage sale!

If you have any questions, you can call **Zoning Enforcement** at **764-1661** for further misinformation guidance.

## Fair Fare



Sun Tran will again offer *Park and Ride* to the New Mexico State Fair, September 10 through September 26. This service will be available on the west side at Coors Road & St. Joseph's Drive. Buses will run from 8:30 a.m. until midnight each day.

Round-trip fare will be \$3.00 for adults; \$1.00 for honored citizens (age 62 or over, or disabled); \$1.00 for students (age 5 through 11); and free for children under 5 years of age. The ticket price does not include Fair admission.

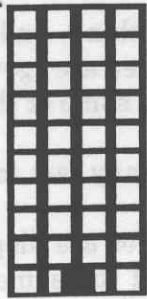
For more information, call Sun Tran at **768-7490**. If you are disabled and need special assistance, call **843-9200**.

## TRNA Meetings & Public Forum

All TRNA meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, are open to all members of the Association. If you are interested in becoming involved, you are encouraged to contact the Association President, Directors, or committee Chairs, to verify the time and place of meetings. Their names and phone numbers are listed on **Page 2** of this newsletter.

Any TRNA member who wishes to address the Board of Directors may do so during the Public Forum which is a part of each BOD meeting. Members who would like to speak should contact **President DAVE OTTO, 897-7733**, at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting. *BOD meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*

# Governmental Affairs: Downzone Requests



The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) approved a pair of zoning requests in the Taylor Ranch area on August 19:

- ◆ Thirteen acres located at the southwest corner of Coors Boulevard and Dellyne was downzoned from apartment zoning to 11 acres of townhouses and two acres of offices. A site development plan will be submitted within six months for approval by the TRNA Board and the EPC.

- ◆ Sixty acres located north of Paseo del Norte between Golf Course Road and Eagle Ranch Road were downzoned from IP (industrial park) and apartments to RLT (residential light townhouses) and 13 acres of IP. The industrial park land will be at the most eastern part of this tract. Sivage Thomas Homes will build single-family residences on the remaining 47 acres. A site plan will be needed for the IP land.

Your TRNA board voted unanimously to approve both of these downzonings.

The EPC will hear two more downzone requests in September:

- ◆ Twenty acres at the northeast corner of Montaña Road and Unser Boulevard is currently zoned C2, commercial shopping center. The request before us is for a downzoning to R-1 (single family residence). thanks to the property owner for removing the trashed-out building that had been a mini-mart.

- ◆ A block of property on the southwest corner of Mojave and San Ildefonso (across from Marie Hughes Elementary) is currently zoned for townhouses. The owner has requested a downzoning to R-1.

Stay tuned.

Don Newton

# Social Activities Committee



In spite of the cloudy skies and wet weather, our Flea Market was a great success. We had 35 vendors set up and a concession stand that did a booming business. Our Head Chef, TRNA President DAVE OTTO, had customers raving about the tasty burgers and hot dogs. We are marketing a new strategy to sell hot dogs and Cokes called "the Taylor Ranch Combo," which includes both items for a buck! We all had a great time and made over \$400 for the Neighborhood Association. People were already asking us when the next Flea Market will be held, which won't be until May, 1994. STEVE MURTHA and DON NEWTON set up a membership table and handed out fliers describing the many project TRNA does for the community. Thanks to all the hard workers who made this event profitable and fun: TERESA CHAVEZ, SABRINA GOODFELLOW, BOB HUME, MARIA MARTIN, Dave Otto and BRENDA SCHNEIDER.

Teresa Chavez

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- Ruth Coon & Company, Realtors
- Sivage-Thomas Homes
- Taylor Ranch Baptist Church



# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership       Membership Renewal       Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Interest in Which I Will Help the Association:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education            | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter       | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Library            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations     | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Control  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to Help  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center        | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting           | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning               | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |   |   |

### Resident Membership:

1 year - \$12; 2 years - \$22; 3 years - \$30

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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