

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer months are usually slow for newsletter-worthy items, but I do have a few to discuss with you. First, a couple of updates. With respect to Montano Bridge, it's simple. There isn't one yet. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on June 23rd. We hope to hear their decision soon. Even if they rule for the City, the case will still have to return to District Court for further consideration. The bottom line is the bridge is still hostage to the courts, and certain people still seem to value a few trees more than the safety of our families.

In last month's newsletter I discussed the refurbishment of the Fountain Park pond. Well, there have been a couple of bureaucratic snafus and it looks like the project will be delayed for several months. Maybe by next summer we'll have the pond back.

I usually don't have to talk about this next topic until early winter, but here goes. We have had two board members resign, so we are looking for some community minded individuals to work hard for no money. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please contact me.

Summer = weeds. This is just a little reminder of our responsibilities to the community. As property owners, we are responsible for all areas out to the street (including the areas behind back walls). Please take a few minutes to clean up the areas around your property. You and your neighbors will appreciate the effort.

That's about it for now. God bless your family, and see you in next month's newsletter.

Dave Otto

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>AUGUST 18</i>	<i>TRNA Board of Directors Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>
<i>AUGUST 25</i>	<i>Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER 17</i>	<i>Mesa View United Methodist Church yard sale 9:00 am - 2:00 pm</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER</i>	<i>TRNA flea market</i>

First Saturday of every month: Recycling collection at Walgreen's Parking Lot

CRIME PREVENTION

The National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 2nd at Mariposa Basin. Hope you attended and enjoyed the event. Remember to read the TRNA signs for announcements of late-breaking neighborhood events.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Here we are about to begin another school year! There are sure to be some very excited kids out there who can't wait to give up the boring days of summer. No more sleeping in or staying up till the wee hours. Oh, and of course they really miss that homework! Isn't it great to be a parent and reflect back to the good old years?

All kidding aside, TRNA looks forward to supporting our schools as they begin the 1994-95 school year. We are so proud of the youth of Taylor Ranch!

We welcome the new principal of LBJ Middle School, Mr. Gary Hocevar. The students of LBJ are very fortunate to have him as their new fearless leader! Anyone who puts himself into a middle school over-active hormone society five days a week must be someone very special. Again, only kidding. Best of luck, Gary.

Once again, the education committee puts forth its plea for volunteers. If you have any ideas, concerns, or complaints, please call Lori Apt. Thanks!

Lori Apt

NEWS FROM THE LBJ PTSA

The 1994-95 school year is beginning with many changes. Foremost, LBJ has a new principal, Gary Hocevar. He is the former principal of Van Buren Middle School, which has been nationally recognized for its progressive programs including community based education. Gary Hocevar credits the Van Buren staff and community for being instrumental in achieving the National Blue Ribbon Award. The PTSA Board enthusiastically welcomes Mr. Hocevar to our school!

Last month, a team of parents, teachers, and APS administrators conducted interviews of several qualified candidates, and made recommendations to Dr. Horoschak. Dr. Horoschak appointed Mr. Hocevar to LBJ shortly after beginning his job as the new Superintendent. Dr. Horoschak and APS administrators cooperated with the LBJ community to have an Acting Principal appointed in mid-summer.

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LBJ staff members and parents have volunteered their time this summer to devise a system for registration that would insure that only students who reside within our boundaries enroll. APS has projected that our school will exceed its student population ceiling this year. Therefore, we will not be allowed to enroll students who live outside of our boundaries unless a waiver is obtained or the student's parents are employed at LBJ. Consequently, we are requiring parents to provide us with documentation of residency at registration. We are requesting four new modular buildings for classroom space to accommodate the growth in student population this year.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Wildflower of the Month: Blue Flax (*Linum Lewisii*)

Last month I noticed the Blue Flax was in full bloom around the neighborhood. It's a lovely wildflower that grows to a height of 2', producing delicate blue flowers at the end of each stem. You usually see it planted in home landscapes. Even though it is native to NM and most western states and considered drought tolerant, it will need more water than what Albuquerque's rainfall provides. I usually see it growing in mountain areas or in areas that receive more rain.

Blue Flax may also be called Prairie Flax or Lewis Flax (in honor of Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition). It has slender dark green stems that fan out from the base with narrow, 3/4" leaves. The small fragile flowers are sky blue in color with five rounded petals and small yellow centers. Flowers are open in the morning and closed in the afternoon's heat. Blue Flax gives a graceful appearance as the delicate stems arch over. The slightest breeze will send the flowers and stems in motion. Sometimes the ground is littered with blue petals as the flowers fade away. Now that we are in the heat of summer, the plants seem to have stopped blooming. But I understand that they can bloom again as the weather cools off.

I was surprised to learn how Blue Flax has been utilized over the years. For instance, Indians have used the stems for fishing lines. Also, cultivated varieties are used for making linseed oil, and for making linen from stem fibers.

As for urban landscapes, they look good in mass plantings and in a wildflower meadow landscape. My neighbor's meadow produced an abundant display of Blue Flax this year. They can reseed themselves easily. Blue Flax is becoming quite a popular wildflower as it is being used more and more in landscaping.

Rene Horvath

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Summertime and the living is hot and lazy! There's not much news during the dog days of summer, but the newsletter committee brings you all the news we know.

Have you ever imagined yourself a reporter? We need stringers for the newsletter. If you attend a meeting, hear about an activity, or just plain have a suggestion you'd like to bring to the attention of the TRNA members, please write it up! Mail it to me or drop it off (5408 Arabian Dr NW) and you too can be a newsie! Our deadline is the 4th Sunday of the month for the next month's newsletter. Our processing time runs 10 to 14 days. If you'd like your name attached, we'll give you a byline. If you prefer anonymity, we'll run it as part of a committee report.

Remember, a business card sized ad in this newsletter costs only \$30 for three months. The newsletter is mailed to 251 families and businesses in Taylor Ranch, and to the elected officials who represent our neighborhood. Call me at 897-2541 for more information.

Ceil Van Berkel

PARKS AND RECREATION

Refurbishing the pond at the Fountain Park on Montano will be more expensive and time-consuming than first anticipated. The Mesa View Church will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 to 2:00 to raise money for the pond. Space rental for sellers will be \$20. To reserve a space or for information, call Donna at 898-3506 or the Davis's at 839-0465.

The baseball diamonds at Paseo del Norte and Golf Course Roads will have to be moved to make room for a new Smith's supermarket. TRNA will be working to get the promised baseball fields at the Mariposa Basin built as soon as possible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Remember to take a look at the TRNA signs on Dellyne, Montano, Atrisco, and La Orilla as you drive through the neighborhood. We try to announce neighborhood events there, especially late-breaking ones that will happen before you receive your newsletter.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Committee will hold its annual fund-raiser car wash and food sale in the Albertson's parking lot this month. Watch the TRNA signs for the date and time. The money earned from this event funds our activities throughout the year, so please come out and support us!

A PERSONAL PLEA

Today, a wonderful lady lost her battle for life because of a drunk driver. She was a mother, a grandmother, a friend, and more to a great many people. She became a statistic, a blurb on the news and another name in the obituaries. This is a personal plea to all of you who ever get behind the wheel of a car while under the influence of alcohol. Please think of how your actions may affect the lives of others. This is the fourth time in my life that alcohol has taken the life of someone I know. The first time it was a 15 year old girl and her 17 year old brother. I will never forget the looks on their parents' faces for the rest of my life. In the same accident, my husband's best friend lost his life at age 16. And these kids were sober!

Please, don't drink and drive at any time. Ask someone for a ride. Don't take a life!

Lori Apt

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In June's issue I talked about reaching every home in Taylor Ranch with an invitation to join TRNA. U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union came through with the support they promised. A postcard-sized flyer was sent to 11,000 homes. They, along with us, hope that many Taylor Ranch neighbors will join. As a member of TRNA you are already eligible to join the credit union. Check them out. I even opened a savings account for next year's vacation.

We've been busy getting in touch with business members about renewing their memberships. We're fortunate here on the West Side. Our local businesses are so willing to help, not only TRNA, but all local youth sports and activities. Many of our business members have supported us for years. Best wishes to them for continued success.

Again we ask for your help in increasing our membership. Remember the application on the back page. Pass it along to a neighbor. If you feel really energetic, give me a call at 897-5071 and I'll send you more applications.

Debbie Tatum

ADVERTISING RATES

Three month minimum for all ads:

\$10/month for business card sized ad

\$25/month for 1/4 page ad

\$50/month for 1/2 page ad

\$100/month for full page ad

Advertising is accepted only for business members and personal members of the TRNA.

Contact Ceil van Berkel, 897-2541 for more information.

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Our Business Members support TRNA -- Please support them!

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AREAS OF INTEREST IN WHICH I WILL HELP THE ASSOCIATION

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