

## President's Message

*Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA*

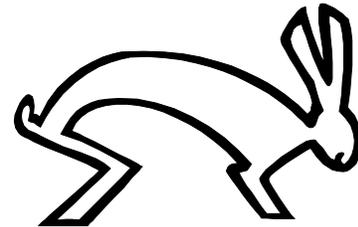
I hope your family is enjoying a safe and happy summer. As you look through this issue you'll notice that there is a lot of activity in Taylor Ranch this summer. Our youth committee has many activities scheduled, developers are asking for zoning changes and building all over the area, Chamiza elementary is under construction, and the Montañño Bridge saga continues.

We are planning a general membership meeting August 26th. Time, agenda, and location will be given in next month's newsletter, but I want to let you know that we need to elect a board member at that meeting. Dan Mallak has resigned, due to the press of business, and we need a new board member to serve the remainder of his term. Since Dan was just elected in March, the two-year term will run through March, 1997. If you are a voting member of the association, are willing to attend monthly meetings and quarterly general membership meetings, and are willing to chair one of our committees, then we would like to nominate you for our board! Please call me or any of the board members to let us know that you are willing to be nominated.

While all of the activities mentioned in this newsletter could benefit from the interest and work of a new board member, we especially could use a chair for the Social Committee. It serves a vital neighborhood function by building community ties.

Rosemary Freelin has been doing double duty as chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Board liaison to the Social Committee, but this committee really needs a Board member to serve as chair. This year we have been blessed with many hard-working volunteers who have planned and conducted our social activities, but we haven't had a permanent chairperson to organize the overall schedule and assure that each event has a coordinator. The events to be planned each year usually include two flea markets, one Holiday party at Christmas, an Easter Egg Hunt, a summer festival, and refreshments for our quarterly general membership meetings. The scope of these events has varied according to the energy and interests of the Social Committee chair, as all volunteer jobs do!

I hope to see you soon at the July 23rd *Arts in the Parks* Oldies Concert at Mariposa Basin and at our general membership meeting in August. ®



### Important Dates:

15 Jul.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , Caribbean & South America Night at Civic Plaza.
16 Jul.	2-6 pm	<i>Arts in the Parks</i> Bataan Park.
22-23 Jul.	10-4 pm	<i>Mountain Discovery Days</i> at Sandia Peak ski area. 281-3304 for info!
22 Jul.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , African-American Night at Civic Plaza.
<b>23 Jul.</b>	<b>2-6 pm</b>	<b><i>Arts in the Parks Oldies Concert at Mariposa Basin, Taylor Ranch.</i></b>
<b>20 Jul.</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b><i>TRNA Board Meeting.</i></b>
28 Jul.	9 pm	<i>Mesa Messenger</i> Aug. Deadline.
29 Jul.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , Greek & Mediterranean Night at Civic Plaza.
30 Jul.	2-6 pm	<i>Arts in the Parks</i> , Roosevelt Park, Renaissance Faire.
<b>1 Aug.</b>	<b>7-9 pm</b>	<b><i>National Night Out '95 "America's Night Out Against Crime." Location TBD in Taylor Ranch.</i></b>
5 Aug.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , German/Scandinavian.
12 Aug.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , Cajun/French Night.
19 Aug.	5-11 pm	<i>Summerfest</i> , Hispanic Night.

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# Editor's Note



Michael Skroch,  
Editor

Hopefully I can provide a positive contribution to the Taylor Ranch community through this, our neighborhood's newsletter, *Mesa Messenger*. As I take a couple of issues to get up to speed, please feel free to let me know what kind of information and articles you find most useful and what you'd like to see in this newsletter.

If you'd like to send a letter to the editor to be considered for publication, please send it to the TRNA P.O. box in care of my name.

Do we have any satirical cartoonists in the neighborhood that would like to comment on social and political or

maybe just comical situations in and around the City or Taylor Ranch? I'd like to consider placing such items in this newsletter.

By way of introduction, my wife, Michele and I moved to Taylor Ranch from a nearby Westside neighborhood just over a year ago. We were both impressed with the sense of community and pride in Taylor Ranch that we felt from friends that lived here. As long-time residents of the Westside, we stayed on this side of town for reasons most of you already know! ☺

# Governmental News

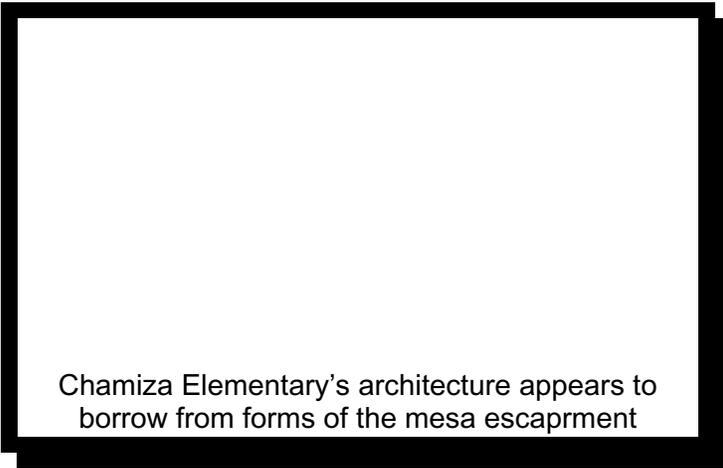
Bob Woody, Director

There will be road arterial improvements done on Montañño Road from Taylor Ranch

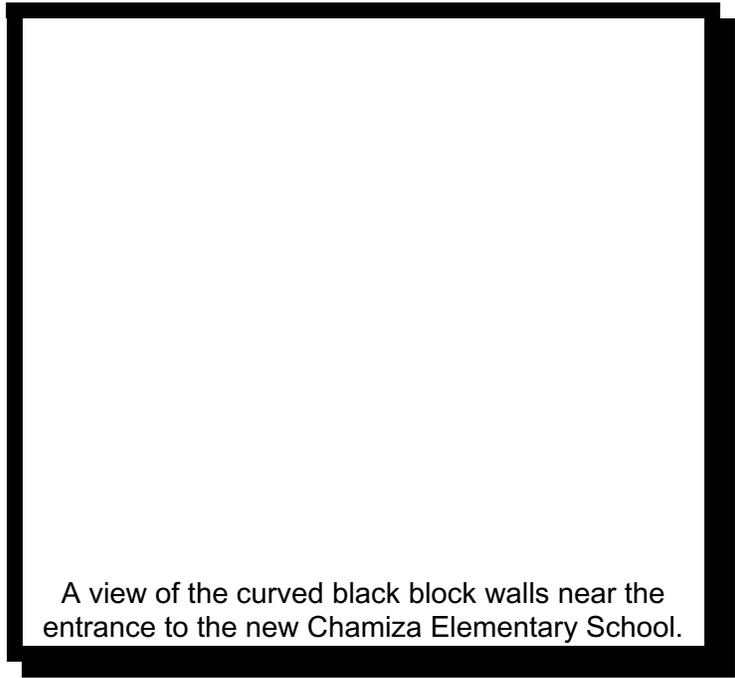
Drive to Coors. Work should be completed by October.

The following zoning changes have been requested:

- R-1 to RT at La Mariposa Addition, Block B, Lots 1-3 for townhouses at Windmill Manor (the property is west of Valle Vista between Alberta and Dellyne.)
- The Board opposed a zoning change request for a 500-unit apartment complex and a small commercial center C-1 on the property south of Wagon Trail and west of Coors.
- Las Mercadas II has made a request to subdivide parcel H-6A with Tract A into seven (7) parcels. The property is located at Paseo del Norte and Golf Course in the northeast section. ☺



Chamiza Elementary's architecture appears to borrow from forms of the mesa escarpment



A view of the curved black block walls near the entrance to the new Chamiza Elementary School.

*Mesa Messenger* is published monthly by the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. (TRNA) and is distributed to paid TRNA members. Membership information may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Deadline for articles and advertisement is the fourth Friday of each month; however, it is appreciated if they are turned in earlier. Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471. Short articles are accepted typed on paper but are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh text files on 1.44 mb disks are also accepted. Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Advertisement is accepted from business members and resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA. Ad rates are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, and \$100/mo. full page with a minimum run of three months. *Mesa Messenger* editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article. To place an ad, please call Dave Otto at 897-7733. Ad copy in the following sizes only: Full page at 7.5" wide x 9.5" long. Half page at 7.5"x4.75" (3 col.) or 5"x7" (2 col.). Quarter page at 7.5"x2.5" (3 col.) or 5"x3.5" (2 col.) or 2.5"x7.5" (1 col.). Business card at 3.5"x2".

Many thanks to our newsletter production staff:

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Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. is recognized by the Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination under the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (O-92.) It is also a member of the League of Neighborhoods.

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## Committee

*Debbie Tatum, Director*

Our annual spring flea market was held at Calvery Temple Church, June 10th. Thanks to the generosity of the Church, we had a perfect location for the passing traffic to stop and buy the foods that our 30 vendors had displayed.

The Social Committee is trying a new concept this year. Each event will have its own chairperson. The next event will be the fall flea market. We are now in need for someone to take the lead. Being a past or present social committee member is NOT REQUIRED—just a willingness to bring this fairly easy event together. Tasks include: finding a location, advertising, buying the food and drink for the concession stand (TRNA will issue an advance for the purchases). If you are interested please give me a call. Remember there are people that will work the different tasks the day of the flea market. ®

## Environmental Committee

*Terri M. Clarke, Director*



Members of the Environmental Committee recently met with Rob McNary with the City of Albuquerque Parks and General Services/Design and Development Department. The City intends to spend \$90,000 for a beautification project of the medians on Montañio Boulevard, between Taylor Ranch Road and Unser Boulevard. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain input from the neighborhood regarding the types of plants, trees, and shrubs we would like included in the plan. They must be xeriscape plants. The survey work has been completed. They hope to begin work in the Fall of 1995. We will continue to have meetings with the City as the plans progress. We would love to hear from you about any ideas you would like considered.

This is the season for weed control. How many of you have friends or family members with allergy problems? Did you know that it is against city ordinance to have weeds more than

four inches tall on or near your property? Article 9-8-4 of the Weed and Litter Ordinance reads as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for any owner of any occupied or unoccupied lot or tract of land within the city to permit or maintain on any such lot or tract of land, including the area located between the property line and the middle of the alley line and the curb, the area of any curbs or sidewalk located on the property, and the area located ten feet outside the property line where there is no curb, any growth of weeds to a greater height than four inches, or any accumulation of weeds.”

In other words, if you are a homeowner whose back property line backs up to a path or sidewalk, you are responsible for maintaining the weeds within ten feet of your property line too. IF we all do our part we can help make Albuquerque a healthier and cleaner place to live.

Should you wish to register a problem site, call the City Zoning Enforcement Department at 764-1664. ®

## Christmas in July?

*Michele Duran Skroch, Christmas Party Chair*

It's time again to start planning for one of the most fun TRNA events of the year--the annual Christmas party! We really need volunteers to help organize things. If you'd like to start having Christmas time fun now, please call Michele at 899-4471. The more the merrier! ®

## Social

## West Side Family YMCA Activities



Call Anne at 899-8417 for more information. The YMCA is located at 4701 Montañó Rd. NW (at Taylor Ranch Rd.) YMCA membership fees may also apply.

**Now-Aug - Pre-school.** Starts Aug. 14, registration now open. School 9:00 a.m.-12 noon, Mon.-Fri., children 2½-5 years who are potty trained. Extended care 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Cost: \$45/wk pre-school, \$67/wk extended. Daily rates available.

**Jul. 6-31 - Shorin-Ryu Karate.** 6:00-7:00 p.m., Mon. & Thu., ages 5 years and up. Cost: \$30/mo. Enrolls monthly.

**Jul. 10-14 - Soccer Camp.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. for beginners and intermediates at Mesa View Park in Taylor Ranch. Cost: \$25 for the one-week session or \$13 for children in the YMCA's Summer Safari. Cost: \$25

**Jul. 17-21 - Baseball Camp.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. boys and girls ages 7-9 years at the West Side YMCA Park.

**Jul. 24-28 - Baseball Camp.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. boys and girls ages 9-12 years at the West Side YMCA Park.

**Jul. 24-Aug 21 - Flag Football Registration.** 4th, 5th, and 6th

grade. Practices begin week of August 21, eight games between week of September 16 through November 4. Cost: \$28-\$43 depending on membership type.

**Jul. 29 - Hiking Club.** Hike the Rio Grande Bosque in Corrales under the shade of the cottonwoods. Lunch at a Corrales restaurant.

**Aug 17 - Hiking Club.** Hike Piedra Lisa Trail #135. Bring lunch. ®

## Youth Committee News

*Courtney Silecchia  
Monica Cordova  
Natalie Solomon*

The swim party that was held on Saturday, June 17, had a turn out smaller than expected. We would like to thank *Mimmo's* for the great deal on pizzas. We hope for a larger turn out at the next swim party.

There will be Girls Pick-up Softball starting July 11 on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until dark. Bring your own glove. It will be open to the first 26 girls who show up each Tuesday at the Mariposa Basin Fields (Petroglyph). For more information contact Ron Chapman at 899-8904. Adults will be there.

With the help of *Players*, the TRNA Youth Committee will hold a teen night on July 18 from 7 P.M. until 11 p.m. Students may play pool all night for the price of \$3.00. Video games and snacks will be available, but make sure you bring extra money for them. Players is

located at 3296 Coors by *Arby's* and *Baskin Robbins*. Hope to see you there!

On July 23, there will be an Arts in the Park Oldies Event sponsored by the city, *Coca-Cola*, and TRNA. It will last from 1 P.M. until 6 P.M. The TRNA Youth Committee will be selling bottled water for the price of \$.75 and ice cream sandwiches for the price of \$.50. We would like to thank *Creamland* for providing the ice cream and equipment.

There will be a moonlight dance on August 12 (the weekend before school starts). It will be held at the Taylor Ranch Library Park from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Disc Jockey Mark Pringle (Tuxedo Junction) will provide the music. The admission will be \$2.00 and refreshments will also be sold.

We would like to make it clear that at all events sponsored by TRNA Youth Committee have chaperons. So parents relax! ®



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Get Ready, Set, Grow Preschool

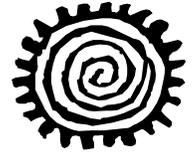
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Ad  
Bill & Elsa d'Ellis / Metro 100



# Summertime Fun!



Extracted from the City of Albuquerque's *Summer 95 Recreation* flyer

## ¡EXPLORA!

Science Center

Get your hands on, heart into, and mind on science and technology. Explora's fun hands-on exhibits and demonstrations will engage and excite young people about discovering science and better understanding our world. At Explora, you will find exhibits about concepts such as air pressure, fluids, motion, gravity, light, electricity and the human body.

If you are driving into the Downtown area, free parking is available for Explora patrons in the first Plaza Parking at First and Tijeras. Please bring in your parking stub to Explora for validation.

First Plaza/Galaria, Second and Tijeras, NW Downtown. 842-6188 or 768-2475 (TTY). Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday. Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission: Adults \$2, youth ages 5-17 is \$1, children under four free.

## Rio Grande Zoo

Going to the Rio Grande Zoo is a wild experience! The Rio Grand Zoo is a 600-acre wilderness park. Come out and rap with Rosie the Elephant (she never forgets a face!), check out the famous White Bengal Tigers, and confer with Professor Botanical on the plants you'll find only in the Southwest. If you get hungry, you can eat at the new Cottonwood Cafe located right on the grounds of the Zoo. Too much stuff to miss!

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Location: 903 10th St. SW. Phone: 764-6200. There is an admission.

## Albuquerque Museum Presents

### Salsa Concerts Friday nights

- Jul. 14 Tucson Latin Jazz Orchestra
- Jul. 21 Salsa Picante
- Aug. 4 Pandemonium
- Aug. 11 Son Como Son
- Aug. 18 Yoboso

### Jazz Under the Stars Saturday nights

- Jul. 15 Cecilia Coleman
- Jul. 22 Bob Fox Quartet
- Aug. 5 Alma
- Aug. 12 Josh Hanna
- Aug. 26 Sid Fendley

Music and food under the stars in the Museum's Sculpture Garden. Open for tickets at 6:30 p.m., performance at 7-10 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from New Mexico Jazz Workshop.

## Tennis Lessons

Classes enroll every two weeks through August 4th. Daily one-hour sessions for two weeks. Cost is \$15 for ten one-hour sessions. Ages seven to high school. You can register at the Sierra Vista court at 5001 Montañó NW. Call 848-1381 or 764-1729 for more information.

## Summer Reading Program

Come to your public library and read for fun and surprises all summer long. You'll be able to take a reading journey down the Nile with Sophie and Digby. When you finish, you'll receive a "Golden Reward." This program

continues through July 29th. At the Taylor Ranch branch this program happens Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

## Country Night

This free event gives you a chance to enjoy an evening of country entertainment. Location is Civic plaza from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

## Kimo Theater

- All July "Romance, Romance" presented by ALCOA
- Aug. 3-4 Albuquerque Children's Theater. 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 5 Body Building Championships (National) 6:00 p.m.



The TRNA Board of Directors is collecting information on problems requiring police attention and referring them to the McWethy Substation for you. Just fill out the community Problem Form printed below and send it in to us. If we submit the information for you, your problem will receive priority attention. The substation Captain will give priority staffing to problems reported through a recognized community organization such as TRNA. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor; take a few minutes to report dangerous situations, scenes and times of increased vandalism or other criminal behavior!



## TRNA Community Problem Report



Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

May we give your phone number to the police?  Yes  No

Would you like to be contacted by a TRNA Director?  Yes  No  Only if necessary

Location of problem (street, address, building, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) and time(s) of occurrence (days of week and time of day most often occurs): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of problem (be as specific as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

*Return this form to any TRNA Director or mail to: Problem Report, TRNA, P.O. Box 75157, Albuquerque, NM 87194*

### Useful Phone Numbers

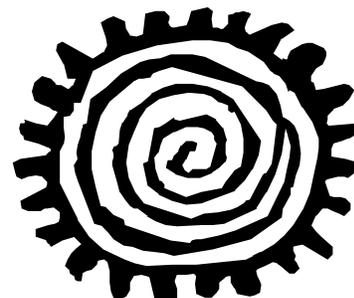


Animal Control .....	768-1935
Burn/No-Burn Advisory .....	768-2876
City Information .....	768-2000
County Information .....	768-4000
Garbage Collection Problems .....	761-8100
Gas Leaks (days) .....	880-7460
Gas Leaks (nights & weekends) .....	880-7300
Graffiti Removal Services .....	857-8055
Graffiti 24-hour Hotline.....	768-4725
Office of Senior Affairs.....	764-6400
Ridepool .....	243-7433
Recycling Information.....	761-8100
State Information .....	1-800-825-6639
Wasted Water Hotline .....	857-8250
Water & Sewer Emergencies.....	857-8028
Weed & Litter Complaints.....	764-1661

### Police & Emergency Phone Numbers



<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Fire (non-emergency).....	243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office .....	888-8124
Poison & Drug Information .....	843-2551
Police (non-emergency) .....	242-2677
Police Substation (Westside) .....	831-4705
Police Substation (Valley) .....	761-8800
Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) .....	768-4160
State Police.....	841-9256



 **Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application**



This is a:  **new** membership  
 **renewal** membership

Type of membership:  **Resident / Landowner**  
 **Business**

7/95

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*We can always use your help! 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 & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Library      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning       | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center      | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic      | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling        | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |   |   |

*I am enclosing a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:*

Resident:  \$12, 1-year    \$22, 2-years    \$30, 3-years  
Pro-rated resident dues are  \$9, Apr.-Dec.    \$6, July-Dec.    \$12, Oct.-next Dec.  
Business:  \$50 1-year

*Please mail this application with a check to: TRNA, P.O. Box 75157, Albuquerque, NM 87194*

Please pass this form on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going on in and around your home in Taylor Ranch.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 75157  
Albuquerque, NM 87194

**Address Correction Requested!**

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Permit No. 49**

The expiration year of your membership is shown on the top line of your mailing label. Please renew early for the next year to avoid missing an issue of the Mesa Messenger.