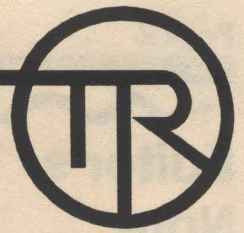


MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

December 1995 / January 1996



President's Message

Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA

1995 Accomplishments

This has been a good year for TRNA. As we approach the end of the year, the Board of Directors would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time and energy to the association. Throughout their efforts we have maintained our membership; published a monthly newsletter, supported the activities of our Youth Committee; fostered a community spirit through our Easter Egg Hunt, flea markets, Arts in the Park, and the Christmas party; painted out graffiti and cleaned up our neighborhoods; beautified the entrance to Riverton subdivision; assisted in the formation of the West Side Coalition; supported Community Policing; helped plan the Taylor Ranch Community Center; monitored zoning change requests and land use plans; defended the need for the Montano bridge; additional schools, the extension of Paseo Del Norte to Unser, and the completion of Mariposa Basin Park. We look forward to 1996 as the year when many of these efforts will be completed.

Membership Renewal

We need you! Even if you aren't able to participate actively on the Board or on one of our committees, your membership enables the association to stay strong. Please check the label on this newsletter. If "95" is in the upper right hand corner, it is time to renew. Just fill out the form in this newsletter and mail it in with your check right now, before you forget. Your continued membership is essential to the health of this association.

General Membership Meetings

Our December General Membership Meeting was our annual Christmas party. I hope all of you were able to attend. The next General Membership Meeting will be in March, when we will elect five Directors. Please plan to come to that most important meeting of the year. Your vote will ensure that the Board represents the whole association.

Nominating Committee

Dave Otto has agreed to chair the nominating committee. If you are willing to sever as a Director, or wish to suggest someone else as a possible candidate, please give him a call.

Happy Holidays

Finally, as the winter solstice approaches, the TRNA Board of Directors wish you and your family a blessed holiday season. May 1996 be a healthful, happy and prosperous year for us all. ®



Some of Taylor Ranch's younger residents waited their turn to talk with Santa and receive their gift at the 1995 TRNA Christmas Party.

Important Dates:

18 Jan.	7 pm	TRNA Board Meeting
26 Jan.	9 pm	Mesa Messenger Feb. deadline
15 Feb.	7 pm	TRNA Board Meeting
23 Feb.	9 pm	Mesa Messenger Mar. deadline
TBD March		TRNA General Membership Mtg.

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Editor's Note



Michael Skroch,
Director TRNA,

Editor Mesa Messenger

Due to the busy holiday schedule and no board meeting during the end of December, this is a combined December / January newsletter. Deadline for the February newsletter will be January 26th.

Welcome to a new advertiser, TRNA neighbor Kathryn Flobeck.

Hope you had Happy Holidays! ☺

Government Affairs



Bob Woody, Director TRNA

The E.P.C. voted to approve the zone change for 11 townhomes on the lots 1-3 at the La Mariposa addition. Some of the surrounding neighbors will appeal the decision. TRNA will work closely with the neighbors to lessen the density.

The city may relink Unser and Atrisco roads!!! ☺

Youth Committee Chair

Ron Chapman, Chair
TRNA Youth Committee

Youth Committee has taken a bit of a break during the holidays due to the busyness we all experience at this time of year. However, the committee did a superb job of decorating for the Christmas party on December 8 and an even more inspired performance in cleaning up. The most famous quote heard that evening was, "The cafeteria [at LBJ] hasn't been this clean since it opened." Congratulations on a job well done.

There are currently two upcoming events scheduled for the youth of Taylor Ranch. On Saturday, January 13, the Youth Committee will sponsor a movie night for middle school students at LBJ from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. There will be flyers and announcements at the school. Admission will be \$1.00 and refreshments will be available for \$.50.

Then on Saturday, February 10, the committee will host a teen dance also at LBJ. Details are still being worked out, so keep an eye out.

As always, Youth Committee events are staffed with chaperones and security officers.

Mesa Messenger Classifieds

Mesa Messenger accepts non-business classified advertisements from paid TRNA members. Topics include for sale, wanted, garage sale announcements, etc. Business ads of any type must use procedures as described on the bottom of page two.

Ad cost is a minimum of \$4 for up to 35 words. Additional words cost \$0.12 each. Price includes tax. Phone numbers, abbreviations, and the like count as one word. Deadline for receipt of the ads is the fourth Friday of the month prior to the month of publication. Deadline is listed on the front cover of this newsletter. Issues are usually received by members before the 15th of the month of publication, so make sure ads with dated information will be published before the event!

Ads should be typed or printed. Send the ad along with your name, address, phone number, and a check for the cost of the ad made out to Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association to:

TRNA ad % Michael Skroch
PO Box 75157
Albuquerque, NM 87194

Acceptance of any ad is at the sole discretion of the Mesa Messenger editor or TRNA board. Ads not meeting the guidelines above will not be accepted.

It is with some regret that I announce my departure as Youth Director. It has been an adventure and a pleasure for over a year now. I will end my role after the February dance.

We are seeking one or several people who would like to take over this vital community role, and I intend to be available at a later date to assist the new director. Please call me at 899-8904 if you would like to discuss involvement with the Youth Committee. ☺

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 on the last page of this newsletter. **Deadline for articles and advertisement is the fourth Friday of each month prior to the month of publication; however, it is appreciated if they are turned in earlier.** Mesa Messenger is distributed by the 15th in the month of publication, usually earlier.

Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471 voice & fax, and may be mailed to the TRNA post office box. Articles are accepted typed on paper but are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word and text files on 1.44 Mb disks are also accepted. Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Classified non-business advertisements are described elsewhere in this newsletter. Business advertisement is accepted from business members or resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA.

Business ad rates, payable in advance, are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, \$33/mo. 1/3 page and \$100/mo. full page plus tax. There is a minimum run of three months and there is a 30 percent discount for runs of 6 months or more. Mesa Messenger editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article.



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.). Third page at 7.5"x3.2" (3 col.) or 5"x4.75" (2 col.) or 2.5"x9.5" (1 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".

The editor can help design or lay out your ad and can take camera-ready copy. To place a business ad, please call Michael Skroch.


Many thanks to our newsletter production and distribution staff:

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 TRNA Contacts 			
Board of Directors			
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Other Committee Chairs and Helpers			
Name	Chair/Activity		Phone
Ron Chapman.....	Youth Committee Chair.....		899-8904

Who to call:

For fireplaces and wood stoves call 768-2876. To burn weeds call the Fire Department at 768-2876. A no-burn period runs from 11 a.m. to 11 a.m. the following day. 80 percent of our air pollution in Albuquerque is caused by automobiles. For this reason we need to try to minimize our driving time as much as possible on our no-burn days. Happy Holidays!!! 



Security Tip: Gone on vacation or often come home after it's dark?

Consider using timers or similar devices to turn on lights in and around your home while you're away. Make sure to use devices which offer a random variation on exactly when the lights come on so that it's not obvious to someone watching that lights are on a timer. You might even control a radio to add sound to your illusion. Devices are available that simply plug in to an outlet, or you can obtain more sophisticated home control systems that are expandable to any number of lights and devices, even those lights which are controlled by wall light switches. These more involved systems range from systems you can find at your local home improvement store and Radio Shack to professional systems installed by home automation specialists. 

Environmental Committee

Terri Clarke, Director TRNA



The no burn season has begun for all of Bernalillo County. We met our goal during the last two years to keep our air pollution below the level acceptable by the Environmental Protection Agency. The City's attainment status should be approved by December 31, 1995. This means we will be eligible for additional federal funds for road improvements. It also means new type of industry, who where previously prohibited, will now be permitted to build in Albuquerque.

If you are caught burning on a no-burn day you will be issued a citation making it mandatory for you to appear before a judge in the Metropolitan Court. The amount of the fine varies from case to case. The judge may fine you between \$0 to \$1000.

Who is exempt:

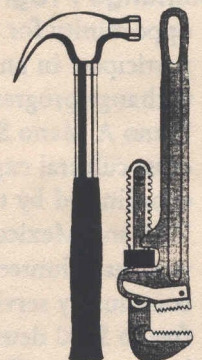
1. If a wood burning stove or fireplace is your only source of heat.
2. If due to medical reasons you must have intense heat. An example would be arthritis. You must have a form signed by your doctor explaining the reason for the exemption.
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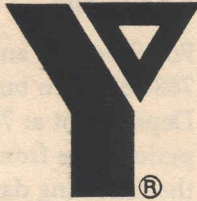
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West Side Family YMCA Activities



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

Dance: A creative movement and dance class for boys and girls that teaches the fundamentals of dance while focusing on fun. Mom & Dad can join the fun. Ages 4-6, 6-6:45 p.m., ages 7 and older 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the West Side YMCA. Jan 9-30. \$15/mo.

Tumbling & Gymnastics: Two age groups. Ages 3-5, 6-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays Jan 3-Feb 21 or 10:30-11:15 Thursdays. Jan 4-Feb 22. Ages 6-8, 6:50-7:35 p.m. Wednesdays Jan 3-Feb 21. Instructor Paula Durkee has been teaching for more than 13 years.

Shorin-Ryu Karate: Ages 5 and up. Mon. and Thur. 6-7 p.m. at YMCA, enrolls monthly. Next session is Jan 9-Feb 1. Instructor is Bryan Gross, 2nd degree Black Belt. \$30/mo.

Exchange Program: This is an opportunity for persons 18-26 to participate in an international exchange program with Mexico. Mano A Mano Sin Fronteras is a cross cultural experience coordinated by the YMCAs in the USA and Mexico. Participants work as volunteers in a YMCA community service center. Cost is free to \$300 determined on a case-by-case basis. Call Mirna Torrez at 268-1962 or Anne Lightsey at 899-8417.

Volunteer at the YMCA: Kids need attention. Parents need support. Teens need something to do. neighborhoods need to be safe.

And we want our community to be a healthy place to live and work. If you want to solve these problems close to home or better yet, prevent them - then do something good. Volunteer at the West Side YMCA. For more information or volunteer opportunities, please top by or call 899-8417.

Hiking Club: Twice a month groups gather at 9:00 a.m. at the Westside Y to carpool to nearby scenic locations. Saturday hikes are 4-6 miles, Thursday hikes are 2-4 miles with lunch usually after the hike. Jan 13: Santa Fe City Walk (easy), Feb 10: Tomé Hill (moderate), Mar 9: Rinconada Canyon to Volcanoes (mod to difficult), Apr 13: Bandalier (mod), May 11: Jemez Falls to Battleship Rock (difficult). Jan 18: Tent Rocks (near Cochiti Lake) (easy), Feb 15: Piedra Marcadas (petroglyphs) (easy), Mar 21: Rio Puerco (mod), Apr 18: Embudo Trail (from end of Indian School) (mod to difficult), May 16: Pino Trial (from Elena Gallegos) (mod to difficult).

Youth Basketball: For boys and girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. Six different grade divisions, separate leagues offered for boys/girls in grades 4 through 12. Practices start the week of Nov. 27th. Games played on Friday evenings or Saturdays at various locations in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. Eight games from Jan. 5 to Feb 24. Parents meeting Nov. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Mesa View Methodist Church (no children please).

Registration every Mon.-Fri. from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until teams are full. \$43 basic Y members, \$28 full privilege Y members. ☺

Youth Committee News

By Matt, Natalie Solomon
and Chris Lange

The Taylor Ranch youth committee has been fairly busy lately, and especially with the future, because a possible grant from the city for one thousand dollars might come to our use in benefiting the community. We have a few ideas on how to spend the money and we are working with the LBJ student council. We'll keep you posted.

The annual Taylor Ranch Christmas party was held again, and the youth committee decorated, and cleaning up afterwards.

Recently four girls from the youth committee attended a program on Character Counts, and went to talk to the Marie Hughes student council about it. Marie Hughes is interested in implementing the program in their school, and we gave them a few ideas on how to get started. Needless to say, it went really well.

That's about all that's going on with us for now, we'll keep you posted on future events. ☺



TRNA Watch: A member reports that on her street there was a burglary and a car stolen in two separate incidents. Please be vigilant, especially during holiday weekends. ☺

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TRNA Q&A

Have a question about something existing or happening in Taylor Ranch or about where to find resources in our neighborhood? Have the answer to questions listed here? Then send in your questions and comments and share them with other TRNA members. Send to:

Mesa Messenger % Michael Skroch
PO Box 75157
Albuquerque, NM 87194

Q: What is the correct pronunciation of Dellyne: "De-lay-knee," "de-lin," "de-line," or some other way? - Kay Admire

A: At the last board meeting there was a non-official poll with one vote for "De-lay-knee," one for "De-lin," and four for "De-line." Our President is versed in phonetics and let us know that given the spelling, the correct pronunciation should be "De-line."

Q: Is there a way (or money) to repair or replace those nice wooden TR signs

Business Members

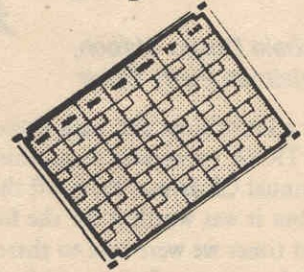


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- Centex Homes
- Cohn & Associates Insurance
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- Health Clubs of America
- HomeTown Buffet
- One Stop Business Shop
- Sunwest Bank
- Travel Trends
- US NM Federal Credit Union

that are seen on the corners of a couple of the streets as you go west on Dellyne? Maybe even add a couple more to other spots in the area. These are worth saving, and add to the ambiance of Taylor Ranch. - Kay Admire

It's that time of the year...



to renew your membership in Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association!

TRNA provides numerous benefits for yourself and your community. Help continue to improve our neighborhood and build our community.

Please take the time now to fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it in with your membership dues.

A: The signs you mention were subdivision name signs put up by builders. Many have been vandalized or damaged in other ways. TRNA has no plans to try to fix these signs at this time. However, TRNA does plan to put up more informational signs that were removed due to construction over the last year. The TR sign located in the median of Montañó near Coors will be replaced by the City at some point in the construction of Montañó bridge. If you would like to have these signs repaired, a group of neighbors should make a proposal to the TRNA board.

More TRNA Q&A next month! ®

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TRNA Annual Christmas Party



*Michele Duran Skroch,
Christmas Party Chair*

It took a lot of time and help from many TRNA volunteers to get this past year's Annual Christmas Party off the ground but it was worth it for the food and good times we were able to share. We're glad so many of you participated and brought your holiday treats for desert!

Of course we owe thanks to LBJ Middle School for use of their facility.

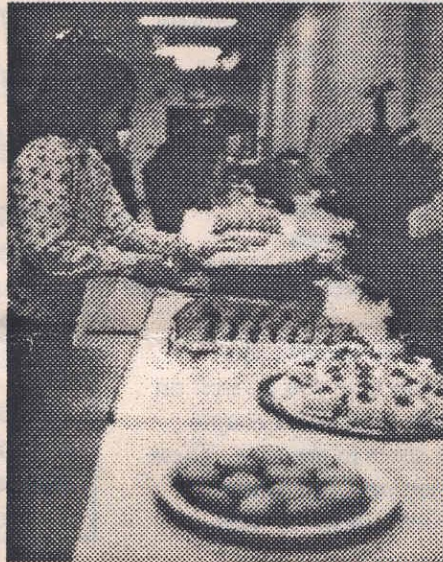
Businesses that helped out were Smiths and Kenny Roger's Roasters.

Special thanks to the many members of the TRNA Youth Committee and Ron Chapman, Teresa Chavez, Terri Clarke, John Duran, Rosemary Freelin, Rexanna Jones, Bret Lopez, June Newman, Dave Otto, Bunny Prestwitch, Brenda Schneider, Debbie & Tom Tatum, Ceil and Fred Van Berkel, and Mr. & Mrs Wollert. I hope I haven't missed any others.

Best wishes for 1996! ®



Santa greeted his first customer as he came into TRNA's Christmas Party at the LBJ cafeteria.



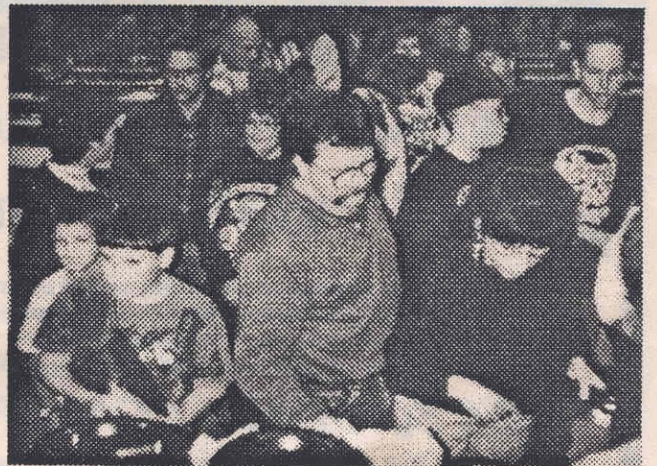
Everyone brought their favorite deserts from to complete the holiday meal provided by TRNA via Kenny Roger's Roasters.



Santa and his helpers from the TRNA Youth Committee made sure all the kids had a chance to talk with Santa and receive a gift.



A tradition, TRNA board members serve up meals to hungry guests in the LBJ cafeteria.



TRNA Guests at the front of the serving line receive a hearty meal of roast chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, all made by Kenny Roger's Roasters. There was plenty for seconds and thirds!

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

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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): _____

(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	761-8176
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



Crime Prevention Unit	764-1090
DWI Report Line	1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round)	242-RIDE
Emergency	911
Fire (non-emergency)	243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office	888-8124
Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report	768-2020
Poison & Drug Information	843-2551
Police (non-emergency)	242-COPS
Police Substation (Westside)	831-4705
Police Substation (Valley)	761-8800
Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)	768-4160
State Police	841-9256
Urgent Care, Presbyterian @ Atrisco	224-7575
Urgent Care, St. Joseph West S. Hospital	893-2000
Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors	839-2300

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

This is a: new membership
 renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident / Landowner
 Business

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Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Subdivision Name: _____

We can always use your help! Areas of interest in which I will help the Association:

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| <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

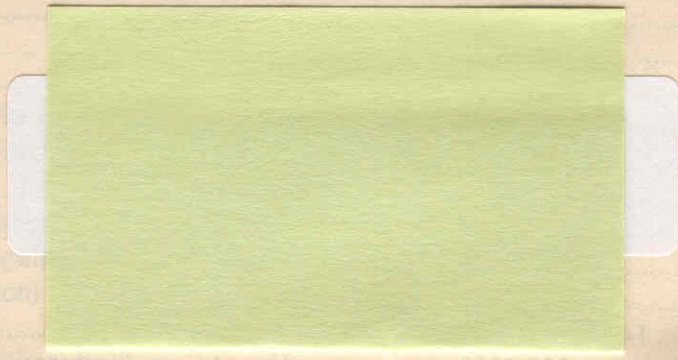
Please pass this form on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's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



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