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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

March 1996



President's Message

Ceil van Berkel, President TRNA

General Membership Meeting

Our annual general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 26th, at 7:00 PM at Marie Hughes Elementary School cafeteria. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend and learn what our association is about. Each committee chair will summarize the year's activities, and you will have time to ask questions and raise issues. In addition, you will be asked to approve the budget for the coming year and to elect four new directors. Dave Otto, our nominating committee chair, is still accepting nominations.

Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

On February 22nd TRNA became one of the founding members of the Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. Bylaws were adopted and officers elected. A Taylor Ranch resident, Bobbi Altman of Las Terrazas, was elected co-vice-president. The purpose of the Coalition is to improve communication among the neighborhood associations in City Council District 1, to provide a channel for communicating with the District 1 Councilor, and to provide a unified voice on important matters. The TRNA delegate who has attended the formation meetings and will serve on the board of the Coalition is Dave Otto.

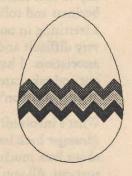
Mariposa Basin Park

A compromise has been reached which will add two little league fields to the already approved four, for a total of six fields at Mariposa Basin. One of the new fields will use a temporary backstop in an area which will also be used for soccer. The other field will have a permanent backstop and will be located in an area formerly planned as a basketball court and a volleyball court. If no one objects to this new plan, it should be able to proceed without new public hearings. This means that the facilities at Mariposa Basin will include three soccer fields, four little league fields, one field which will be shared (can be used for two little league or one soccer), one basketball court, one volleyball court, the existing playground and horseshoe courts, and four picnic tables. No more than seven games may be scheduled at any one time on the soccer and little league fields because there is not enough parking to accommodate more than that. If any objections are raised to this compromise, a full public

hearing and additional planning will be required. That would delay the availability of the fields and reduce the amount of money available to build them.

See you on the 26th!

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HUNT IS
COMING
APRIL 6th!



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Important Dates:

TRNA Board Meeting 13 Mar. 7 pm TRNA General Membership 26 Mar. 7 pm Meeting, Marie Huges Elementary cafeteria. 6 Apr. TRNA Easter Egg Hunt 10 am 27 Apr. 10am-5pm All Americans Bike Day @ Unser Keep ABQ Beautiful Bag-A-Thon 27 Apr. all day Arts in the Parks @ Mariposa Basin 23 Jun. TBD In this Issue:

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Editor's Note



Michael Skroch, Director TRNA,

Editor Mesa Messenger

I sure could use some help. Mesa Messenger (and I) need a couple of volunteers that have time during the day to visit some of our local westside business and solicit their support by advertising in our newsletter. It's not very difficult and will certainly help the association. I haven't had time to get out and take care of this important matter, and don't want to delay.

What's involved? I have a set of Mesa Messenger back issues and information about how much ads cost for you to pass out. All you have to do is briefly



visit local
businesses and talk
to them about the
importance of their
support to our
association.

I'll take the time to explain the details to you. Please give me a call! 899-4471. ®

Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA Chair, TRNA Easter Egg Hunt

Hippity hop, hippity hop, the Easter Bunny is on his way and will be in Taylor Ranch April 6th at Santa Fe Village Park (by the Library) from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tweety Bird, Sylvester and clowns will be there for the annual TRNA Easter Egg Party. Food and games with prizes will also be there. Come on, join the fun! Kids will need to bring an Easter egg basket.

Please volunteer your time or services for this fun-filled event. We need helpers to set up the party, operate games and other booths, as well as clean up. If you have just a little or a lot of time to help out, please give us a call. We also need the wonderful home bakers in Taylor Ranch to donate cakes for the cake walk booth! If you can help out in any of these or other ways, please call Rosemary at 899-2450 or June at 898-5447.

Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Mariposa Park went back to the drawing board as a result of the soccer and little league organization disputing the use of the park. This is a

community park not a sports complex for these two sports.

Phase III was to begin last fall after the 1995 bond election and would have been near completion.

The original plan for Phase III included two basketball and two volleyball courts, developing a portion of the parking lot, an emergency road access into the park, seeding fields, additional design costs, soil stabilization and a second pump for exiting lift station.

An administrative decision was made to eliminate one basketball and one volleyball court and put in a little league field. Yes, a lot of kids play ball. Yes we need more facilities.

To change from the original will cost more paper work, more engineering studies, more architectural designs, and more time. Sometimes you gotta go with a sure thing and not be greedy. Construction on Phase II will probably begin in July 1996.

Butterfield Park: I've head the City will be contacting the neighbors in that area to start a task force for that park.

Spring is coming. Let's start off fresh. Let's be good examples for our children.®

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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.

Non-business text-only classified ads such as forsale, wanted, garage sale, etc. are offered to our paid members at \$5 for up to 50 words, \$0.10 per word extra, tax included. For timely insertion, call the editor. Please advertise early.

Business advertisement is accepted from any 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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Nominating Committee

Dave Otto. Vice President TRNA

Over the last few months the association president has received several letters from members who were critical of certain association positions (e.g. Mariposa Basin, Paseo Extension, etc). One letter asked how the association takes certain positions. Although the entire association is sometimes poled about items, most decisions are made by the Board of Directors. Contrary to public opinion, none of these decisions is a slam dunk. We have even had board members against my favorite soon-tobe-landmark Montaño Bridge. Most of our meetings last between two and three hours during which time we discuss items from the Easter Party to zoning changes.

After hearing this wonderful story, I'm sure you are surprised to hear that we actually have trouble finding people to participate on the board of directors. Well, once again it is time to elect board members. If you are interested

in getting your money's worth out of the association while contributing a few hours a month to the community, please call Nominating Committee Chair Dave Otto at 897-7733.

Environmental Committee

Terri Clarke, Director TRNA

Are you sick of looking at the trash all over our community? Are you wondering what can be done about it? April 27th is the annual Bag-A-Thon. We need as many volunteers as we can get, scout troops, church youth groups, soccer teams, seniors, parents... anybody and everybody. I only ask for four hours of your time.

If you cannot stay the whole time, that's O.K. Come and help for as long as you can. For more information call Terri Clarke at 899-1803. See you there!

Would you like to get into an Albuquerque Duke's game for free? April 23rd is the annual Pitch & Recycle night at the park. Just bring

some recyclables with you to the gate. ®



There was a recent attempted child abduction in Taylor

Ranch that you may have heard about on local news broadcasts. In February a nine year old was grabbed on Golden by a man in his 40s or 50s who was wearing a baseball cap. The child screamed, drawing attention of nearby neighbors who were outside and the man sped off in an old Ford pickup. The child was not taken or hurt.

APD patrols have been increased in the area by officers in patrol cars, unmarked cars, on bike and on horseback. Patrols also have focused around schools. We were told that Chaparral sent home notices to parents shortly after the event. ®

Government Affairs



The Albuquerque City Council voted to allow the construction of 11 townhomes on lots 1-3, block B of the La Mariposa addition.

A zone change was applied for the land at Vulcan and Unser. The

Bob Woody, Director TRNA

land at Vulcan and Unser. The developer wants to build four to six condominiums. The land is zoned for small scale commercial.



West Side Family YMCA Activities



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

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY:

sponsored by the West Side Family YMCA and Lovelace Health Systems, free games, fitness tests, live music, prizes, scavenger hunt, refreshments, and a free T-shirt for the first 100 participants. Free immunizations - bring your child's immunization records. Apr. 27th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Side Family YMCA.

Spring Break Day Camp: at the YMCA, M-F, 7a.m. to 6 p.m., April 1-5 & 8th, activities, character development, arts & crafts, sports, games, field trip. Cost is \$17, \$33, \$48, \$64, \$71, \$83 per child respectively for 1-6 days. Sign up begins Mar. 1st, and cost is \$20/day after Mar. 15th.

Summer Safari: 1996 Summer day camp, ages 5-12, May 22 - Aug 14, M-F, 9 a.m. 4:30 p.m, w/precare at 7 a.m. & postcare to 6 p.m, \$73/wk, registration starts Mar. 1st.

Cloudcroft-Alamagordo: YMCA active older adult van trip. Apr. 22-26. Three Rivers Petroglyphs, Indian Wells, Lincoln National Forest, Sunspot National Solar Observatory, White Sands National Monument, Holloman AFB, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Hondo & San Patricio communities. \$340/person dbl. occupancy.

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. Mar 5-26 at \$15/mo, Apr 9-May 14 at \$22.50/mo (6 weeks).

Shorin-Ryu Karate: Ages 5 and up. Mon. and Thur. 6-7 p.m beginners, 7-8 p.m. intermediates. at YMCA, enrolls monthly. Sessions Mar 4-28, Apr 1-29. Instructor Bryan Gross, 2nd degree Black Belt. \$30/mo.

Volunteer at the YMCA: Kids need attention. Parents need support.

Teens need something to do. 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 stop 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 family hikes, Thursday multi-generational hikes. Call for details. Apr 13: Bandalier, May 11: Jemez Falls to Battleship Rock. Mar 21: Rio Puerco, Apr 18: Embudo Trail, May 16: Pino Trial (from Elena Gallegos).

Memories: A wonderful class for individuals and families who want to learn how to preserve their history. JoAnn Smith will teach you a systematic way to record your life's stories. Four 3-hour sessions Mar 8 & 15. \$24. ®

music: singing songs with and to them and have a good time! Informal, one hour a week (Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.), group of 12 children maximum, with a regular staff person to assist. Please call Cecilia at the West Side Y at 899-8917 if you are interested.

Youth Committee News

by Amanda Tatum

The Youth Committee Valentines
Dance was held at LBJ Middle School.
The dance was Saturday, February 10,
1996. There were about 250 kids, and
we earned a net profit towards Youth
Committee funds. We want to say
thank you to all the chaperons and to
LBJ Middle School who made it all
possible.

We will be spending \$500 of the Middle School Initiative funding on a mural at a LBJ courtyard wall. The mural will be sketched on March 16, 1996. The artist is Mr. Chris Calnan. an art teacher from St. Pius School. The mural will be painted by the LBJ Student Council and the Youth Committee. The mural is being painted to help stop graffiti. There will be a Youth Committee outing at Block Party, Saturday, March 16, 1996. An Easter Party will be held at a local Taylor Ranch park on April 6, 1996. There will be an egg hunt, fun and games. We will be helping at the event. ®

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Music lover needed!

The preschool at the West Side Family YMCA is looking for a music lover who enjoys children and would like to teach them the basics of Complete Line of Quality.

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SIVAGE THOMAS

Letter to the President

This letter was received by the TRNA and is reproduced with following reply from the President of TRNA

January 20, 1996

President and Board of Directors Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

Dear Neighbors,

We are enclosing our association dues for 1996 with some hesitation this year. we have noticed, according to the newsletter, that the Association holds a number of positions on the behalf of the member (i.e., that the Montaño Bridge should be built, that the additional schools are needed, etc.). Though we agree with the majority of the positions outlined, we want to know about the process of how the Association leadership arrives at these decision and ensures that these positions, in fact, represent the views of its members. In

particular, we have concerns about connecting Paseo del Norte to Unser and do not support the Association in its position. Are you sure that the majority of members agree with you? If the majority of members do not support the Paseo extension, then it makes sense for the Association to hold this position. However, in three years of membership, we've seen no attempt to poll the membership. If membership opinions about Association positions is gathered only at meetings, this should be made more explicit and there should be a way to notify members which issues will be discussed so that members who are unable to attend can submit opinions in writing.

We look forward to a response either personally or, better yet, via the newsletter so the entire membership can better understand the process by which association positions are developed.

Best wishes in the new year,

Marina Difilato

Chuck Thompson

TRNA President's Response

February 22, 1996

Dear Ms. DiPilato and Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter and for renewing your TRNA membership.

You asked how we know that the board represents the views of the membership and, in particular, how did we arrive at our position in favor of extending Paseo del Norte to Unser.

There are eleven association directors who are elected for staggered two year terms by the membership at the annual meeting in March. The directors are elected to represent the membership and make decisions and public statements on behalf of the membership. Opinions from the general membership are solicited at quarterly meetings and in the monthly newsletter. In addition, board of directors' meetings are open to the general membership and are announced in the newsletter. We have, in the past, posed specific policy questions in the newsletter, but have never received more than four

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responses.

The board of directors' position on the need to extend Paseo del Norte to Unser is based on our understanding of how the Westside will grow over the next ten years and how these roads fit into the Westside Strategic plan. This is certainly a controversial issue without a public consensus.

Since most public projects (such as the Montaño Bridge, the Mariposa Basin Park, the Petroglyph National Monument, the Westside Strategic Plan) are debated and planned over several months and even years, the members of the association have many opportunities to present their views on any given issue. The right of way for Paseo del Norte has been discussed at the Petroglyph Monument Management Plan meetings, Westside Strategic Plan meetings, and general transportation planning meetings. When the board takes a position in preparation for these meetings or in reply to a draft planning document, the position is described in the newsletter. Should there be a strong reaction from the general membership (phone calls, letters, comments at meetings), the board would revisit the issue.

Each time a neighborhood association position is submitted to a governmental body the method by which the position was determined is also reported. Governmental bodies want to know if this is simply a statement from the president, a vote of the board, or a vote of the general membership. A vote taken by the board is known to be the judgment of elected representatives, not a public consensus.

You will not always agree with the votes of your elected representatives in the House, Senate, City Council, or neighborhood association. I am happy to see that when you disagreed with one of our decisions you let us know and continued to participate in your association. If you are concerned about the direction taken

by the board on this matter or any other, you are welcome to raise the issue at a board meeting or general meeting, to write an article for the newsletter, and to nominate yourself as a director. We welcome your continued participation.

Sincerely,

Ceil van Berkel President, TRNA ®

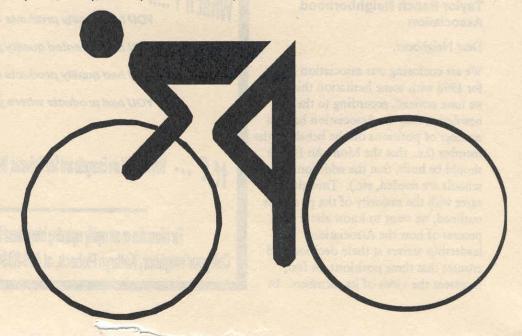
All American's Bike Day

The first All American's Bike Day, a fun fund raiser for the American Lung Association of New Mexico, is coming to Albuquerque Saturday, April 27th. It will include a series of time trials for kids from ages 6 to 60+, will be a first in America cycling according to a spokesperson at the USACycling headquarters in Colorado Springs, the controlling U.S. bicycling organization. This event has already received support form major entities in each of the three media, television (KOB, ch. 4), radio (KZRR, 94 Rock),

and newsprint (Albuquerque Tribune).

Events for adults will be 3 km sprints (time trials) that should appeal to anyone who owns a bicycle, even if not regular cyclists. The kids events will be proportionally shorter. A festive, carnival-like day, this event will feature special T-shirts, events for an entire family, and the excitement of competing in one of 22 different races determined by age, and for adults, gender. There will be a high school championship for each school that enters three or more cyclists.

A celebrity race between Governor Gary Johnson and the "Masked Marvel" will commence the event. When asked who is the marked marvel, the event organizer Jamie Deuel laughed and cited the Navy proverb "Lose lips sink ships." Races are scheduled to take place in the westmost lane of Unser (Ladder to Montaño) which will be closed for the duration of the fund raiser which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The east most lane will temporarily be converted for two-way traffic.



~ ... A. 575

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!

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Water & Sewer Emergencies	857-8028
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Crime Prevention Unit	764-1090
DWI Report Line	1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round)	242-RIDE
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