



President's Message

Dave Otto, President TRNA

First of all, the answer is YES! Some of you have noticed a "sold" sign on the property at the corner of Taylor Ranch and Kachina (across from the fire station and just north of The Shops at Taylor Ranch.) The answer is yes, the property was purchased by the city and is the future site of a community center. I was commenting to another board member that if we got everyone to buy a bag of Quickcrete, a few 2X4's and some wall board, we could have an old fashion barn raising. However, I'm sure various government agencies would object to ordinary citizens taking things into their own hands. In all seriousness, now that we have the property it is time to start working on getting the funds to build up a building. The best place to get this money is the state legislature. I would urge of all you to contact Rep. Tim Macko and Sen. Joe Carraro. Since this is in their districts, they are the ones who would have to propose the money. For those of you who live in Phil Malloof's district, I would urge you to contact him to support the effort.

The last few months have been relatively quiet with respect to new developments and such. However, as the weather starts to warm up we will see start to see some action. The city is actively encouraging "infill". In most cases this is fine, but I would urge all of you to keep a lookout in your own neighborhoods for the little yellow signs that pop up on vacant land. The city is required to notify the association about these zoning requests but the folks that are most closely impacted are still the best source of information. The best time to get involved is when you see the request not when they start the new 200 unit apartment complex in the vacant lot across the street.

As the spring approaches it is once again time for TRNA elections. It certainly has gone by fast. Perhaps because I did not spend the whole summer attending city council meetings. We will have our annual meeting on March 18th and we will be electing six board members to two-year terms and two members to 1 year terms. We have three current board members who have said they want to continue. So that makes room for lots of new folks. Basically, if you have seven friends, the eight of you can stage your own little (hopefully bloodless) coup. If you are interested in serving your community and can spare a few hours a month, I would urge you to get involved. Please contact me or better yet call the nominating committee chair Regina Chapman at 889-8904.

God bless your family and see you in next month's newsletter. ®

INVEST IN YOUTH

The West Side Family YMCA is conducting a scholarship fundraising campaign during the month of February. All proceeds will be used for Westside children whose families cannot afford to pay for day care, recreational programs, classes or summer camp. The West Side Y runs child care centers at Susie Rayos Marmon and Mary Ann Binford elementary schools and at the facility at the corner of Taylor Ranch Road and Montaño. All money given to INVEST IN YOUTH campaign will be spent for scholarships for Westside programs. Nothing is diverted to administrative costs or to other locations around the west side. For more information call the director, Anne Lightsey, 899-8417. If you wish to contribute, please fill out this pledge form and send it to the Y. *Ceil van Berkel, solicitor.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

I pledge \$_____ to the Westside YMCA 1997 Invest in Youth Campaign.

I have enclosed a check for \$_____.

Please bill me for my pledge monthly or quarterly.

Donors signature: _____ Date: _____

Send to: Westside Family YMCA, 4701 Montaño NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Important Dates:

- Until Feb 28th Call 768-BURN before you light your wood fireplace!
- 18 Feb 7 pm TRNA Board Meeting, @ TBD**
- 28 Feb 9 pm Mesa Messenger Feb. deadline**
- 18 Mar 7 pm TRNA General Meeting @ TBD**
- 29 Mar TBD TRNA EASTER PARTY! Santa Fe Villiage Park by the Library**

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Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Director TRNA,

Editor Mesa Messenger



Tardiness of this issue is due to me. Another one of those times when too much happens all at once. Hopefully history won't repeat and you'll have your March issue of Mesa Messenger shortly after this one arrives in your mail box.

I had a chance to eat at Rudy's BBQ here on the west side when stopping by to drop off advertisement information. The BBQ and fixings there are really tasty. Atmosphere at Rudy's is like an indoor picnic, not fancy but with everything needed to enjoy your meal. It is also a place you could take the family and not worry about the kids roaming about. Drinks are self-serve.

jean wozniak

They sell brisket, turkey breast, pork loin, chopped beef, pulled pork, as well as prime rib, pork and baby back pork ribs. I tried the turkey, brisket, and pork loin. They tasted great and so did the side dishes we sampled. They also have an ice cream and snack area.

Rudy's sells their BBQ by the pound, and you can take out to server a party or have them cater it for you. Stop by and try out another of our west side restaurants!

I think its time we had reviews of all the new restaurants in the area. Want to help and write a review? Let me know and we'll make it a regular feature. ®

Eye on Education

Rexanna Jones, Director TRNA

Parents of LBJ 8th graders can meet with Cibola High School staff on February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Cibola's Performing Arts Center. All LBJ students are now in CHS' district.

There has been some shuffling of the previously announced in-service days. The new schedule calls for in-service days February 28th and April 14th. Note that Spring break week is a

little early this year, March 24th-28th. ®

Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Community Center

As of December 1996, the city now owns land for the proposed community center. It is located just north of the Walgreen's and south of Kachina and Taylor Ranch Road. We are very excited and that much closer to having a center. I spoke to Senator Cararro a few months ago. He has access to the blueprints of other community centers around the state. If we use one of these plans, it would save us a lot of time and money. These days that is a priceless commodity. Paradise Hills has a community center that we could look at and evaluate for our needs. It is located on Paradise Blvd. West of Golf Course.

We are starting a task force for this project. A meeting will be scheduled for a later date. The more input we have the better it will accommodate the needs of the community. To become a part of this future asset for our neighborhood, please call Rosemary at 899-2450. ®

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Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471 voice & fax, may be mailed to the TRNA post office box. Articles are accepted typed on paper or faxed to the above number; however, they are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word or text files on 1.44 Mb disks are also accepted. You may also email your articles to ambidex@swcp.com.

Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Non-business text-only classified ads such as for-sale, 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 advertisement, production and distribution staff:

Roger Suppona	Katie Tucker
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and very grateful. They said "Thank You!" As you know, all the effort that goes into these projects is volunteer time. I've chaired a number of activities and I'll tell you, there are several truly dedicated individuals in *TRNA*. Thanks so much! **June Newman** and her daughter, **Karen Lopez** did the work at Santa's workshop. **Teresa Chavez** did all the leg work so we could eat. **Karen Leon's** leg work and gas did the collecting of door prizes. The festive decorating and clean-up (a big job) was done by **Debbie, Vern, and Amanda Tattum. Natalie and Brianna Solomon, Ron Chapman, Ryan Leon, and Mr. Kirby-Lane.**

Easter Party

This special event is the biggest on the *TRNA* social calendar. March 29th at the Santa Fe Village Park will be the place to be. This is an extremely worthwhile community effort and volunteers are always needed. We had a meeting Feb 11 at 1 p.m.. If you are interested in helping, please call Rosemary at 899-2450. If you don't have a lot of time, there a great need for cakes (cake walk). This has been such a popular game, we think we will need at least 40 cakes this year. If you have the desire to bake one or even pick one up at a local grocery, we sure would appreciate it. ☺

Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director *TRNA*

Happy New Year

The *TRNA* Christmas Party was a wonderful time for little and big kids alike. We were delighted to have **Cross of Hope Lutheran Church** Choir sing for us and add to the holiday atmosphere.. We sure thank them for coming!!! Quarter's BBQ was served by **Jodi Otto, June Newman, Chief Steve Suddoris,** and his children, **Karlyn and Joel.** The food was great and everyone seemed to get their fill. And of course, the children were thrilled by the surprise visit from Santa Claus. The jolly man had special gifts for all the good boys

and girls. We think Santa's elves for their help emptying his bottomless sack.

Thanks to local business, we had some very nice door prizes. Hope you all enjoyed them. We would like to give our sponsors recognition and suggest you thank them by visiting and supporting their businesses.

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| Mimmo's | Great Harvest Breads |
| Everything Coffee | Master Brakes |
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| Olive Garden | Holiday Pyramid |
| Andre's West | Outbacks |
| Hometown Buffet | Cinemas West |
| Gin Mill | Macaroni Grill |

Food Drive

Last but definitely not least, our food drive. It was a huge success. You'll be happy to know that instead of helping five families, we were able to put

together enough baskets to help eight families. This would not have been possible without the efforts of YOU, the *TRNA* Youth Committee, **the Girl Scouts of Taylor Ranch, Smith's, and Cynthia Clingan.**

I was told that these families were surprised

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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.

Hiking Club: Two groups. Sat family hikes: Mar 8 El Morro National Monument, Apr 12 Starvationi Peak, May 10 Bandelier. Thur multi-generational hikes, Feb 20 Domingo Baca Trail, Apr 17 Bandelier, May 15 Tent Rocks..

Dance: For boys and girls, creative movement and dance, develop coordination and rhythm through ballet and jazz techniques. Two groups on Tue, ages 4-6 at 6-6:45 p.m., ages 7+ at 7:7:50 p.m., Mar 4-Apr 1, Apr 8-29, all \$20 for four classes.

Tumbling for Preschoolers: Ages 3-5, Wed 6:05-6:50 p.m., \$30 for 8-week session, Mar 4-Apr 29.

Intro to Gymnastics: Ages 6-8, Tues 6:55-7:40 p.m., \$30 for 8-week session. Mar 4-Apr 29.

Dynamic Duo: Develop balance running and jumping skills, greater hand-eye coordination while learning basic tumbling movements. Ages 22-36 mos., Tues 5:15-6 p.m., \$30 for 8-week session. Mar 4-Apr 29, next session is May 6-Jun 24.

Indoor Soccer: Ages K-3rd grade, learn basic skills, two leagues: K-1st and 2nd-3rd, register starting Feb 3, practice starts week of Mar 10, games are Mar 22 through May 10, \$43 for 10-week session includes uniforms.

Karate: Shorin-Ryu, ages 5 up, instructor: Bryan Gross, 2nd degree black belt, Mon & Thur, 6-7 p.m. beginners, 7-8 p.m. intermediates, \$30, Mar 3-Apr 3, Apr 7-May 1, May 5-Jun 2, Jun 5-30, (8 classes each).

Winter Van Trip to Southern AZ: Join the YMCA Active Older Adults, 5 nights, 6 days, guide Paul Shaw, Mar 3-8, w/nights in Tucson, Ajo, & Globe, Pima Air Museum, Sonora desert Museum, Saguaro Nation Park, Mission San Xavier del Bac, Kit Peak.

Summer Safari: Summer vacation activities, field trips, swimming, exploring, games, crafts, etc., 5-12 year olds, M-F, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., May 29-Aug 13, .573/wk, registration starts Mar 3.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Games, free fitness tests, prizes, scavenger hunt, refreshments, free t-shirt for the first 150 participants, FREE IMUNIZATIONS., bring your child's official immunization records, Apr. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cottonwood Mall.

Babysitting Workshops: Ages 11 and older, what to expect, what to do, first aid and CPR, May 3 & 10, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40. ☎

Rudy's

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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 12/96

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



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application



This is a: new membership renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident / Landowner Business 12/96

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
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<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: _____		

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Resident: \$12, 1-year \$22, 2-years \$30, 3-years

New resident memberships only: *You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:*

\$12 if join Jan-Feb-Mar, \$9 if join Apr-May-Jun, \$6 if join Jul-Aug-Sep, \$12 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

Business: \$50 1-year \$90, 2-year \$125, 3-year

New business memberships only: *You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:*

\$50 if join Jan-Feb-Mar, \$37.50 if join Apr-May-Jun, \$25 if join Jul-Aug-Sep, \$50 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

Please mail this application with a check to: 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

Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbors' 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.
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