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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. April 1998

President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

Thanks to everyone that came to our General Meeting on March 26th. Pat McMurray did an excellent job of explaining how the Albuquerque Public Schools are allocated money for the overwhelming needs. Basically, there is a shortfall of $400,000,000 factored over a five year period, to put our schools where they should be. As the west side keeps growing you can be assured we will need new schools.

A new elementary school in Paradise Hills (near Ventana Ranch) is scheduled within the next two years. What is disappointing is the middle school situation in Taylor Ranch. A new middle school is not scheduled for construction until 2003.

Robert Lucero, our school board representative for the west side, also spoke at the board meeting. He is trying to have this new middle school on a faster track. With over 700 kids being bussed across the river to Taylor Middle School you can see this school is needed now. Of course the parents in the North Valley are also unhappy about this arrangement. WE are now over-crowding their area school. This was just one of the many issues discussed at our meeting. Thanks to Mr. McMurray and Mr. Lucero for attending.

Congratulations to our newest board members: Christine Dillow, Doug Goodfellow, Natalie Soloman, Mike Kekich, and Helen Mortez. I really look forward to working with these energetic members. Stay tuned this year for a very active board!

Until next month. . . God's Speed.®

Games, Prizes, Easter Bunny, Sylvester, Tweety, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sodas, and Italian food provided by Carrabba's.

Come join in the fun and don't forget your basket!!!!!

Eye on Education

Teresa Chavez, Education Director

Thank you to everyone who came to our General Meeting which focused on education. A special thanks goes out to Pat McMurray from A.P.S. and Robert Lucero (A.P.S. Board Member) for taking the time to come out as our guest speakers.

The information presented was so valuable and so important for us that it's worth taking a few minutes to read over some of the highlights. . .

- APS is the 26th largest school district in the nation and has 122 schools.
- APS created a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) in '88 - '89 which came about as a result of a failed bond issue in order to give voters more information and to get long-range, site-specific management.
- The FMP is a process for making timely decisions about facilities to meet the educational goals of the district.
- The goal of the FMP is to equitably distribute resources to schools.
- Funding sources come from the voters in 3 ways:
  1. House Bill **(HB) 33 Mill Levy** - a five (5) year cycle that provides 125 million dollars over five (5) years. Money goes primarily toward renewing existing facilities.
  2. G.O. Bonds - a three (3) year cycle which provides approximately 67 million dollars over a three (3) year period. Money is directed toward new schools, additions, and portables.
  3. Senate Bill (SB) 9 Mill Levy - a three (3) year cycle that provides 30 million dollars over the three (3) year period. Money is used primarily for school maintenance.

  These sources provide a steady source of capital fund (50-60 million/year) to help meet the District's needs.
- The total capital needs for APS is currently $780 million. If our current bond issues are passed by the voters, by the year 2000, we will be short approximately $464 million. (This is with tax rates remaining the same.)
- We are only at 18% of our bonding capacity. This makes APS ineligible for any lottery monies.
- The next bond vote will be in February 1999. Part of this funding cycle will go toward: the new west side Middle School (south of I-40 near West Mesa H.S.); Phase II of the new elementary school near 98th St./Unser N.W.; and design funds for a new elementary school in the 7-Bar area near Cibola High School.
- The bond vote of the year 2000 (HB 33) would provide: construction money for the 7-Bar elementary school to be completed in 2001; design money for a new west side middle school in Paradise Hills.
- The G.O. Bond vote in the year 2002 would provide funds for the Paradise Hills middle school.

So what does all this mean for our community? Basically, it means we won't see another elementary school until 2001 and a new middle school until 2002. We all know that our schools are busting at the seams and there's no way we can hold out for 3-4 years to get them built! It seems ridiculous that our elementary schools are loaded up to 700-1000 students while schools across town have less than 300. Hundreds of west side middle-schools are bussed across the river to attend Taylor Middle School. What are our options? It boils down to either **increasing taxes** or a **special election**. The feeling of the community seems to be that we need to educate the public about the needs of the school District in order to garner support for a tax increase. Robert Lucero is plugging along with our School Board trying to come up with some solutions in this area. Please don't be passive.

Stay informed, speak out, and support our schools!®

Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director

Spring is in the air and the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's annual Easter Party is just around the corner. It will be April 11th at the north end of Santa Fe Village Park (library) at 10AM. There will be lots of entertainment, favorite characters, games, and food. Carrabba's will be serving chicken and pasta. TRNA will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and frito pie. Come join in the fun and we hope to see you there!

If you would like to help with the party, we always need cakes or cupcakes for the cakewalk. You can bring them with you the day of the party or get in touch with me and I'll come and get them.

Do you want to be more involved???? Don't be shy, call someone! Phone numbers of the board members are listed in the newsletter. There are many areas to choose from. If you have some ideas, please share them with us. Currently, the neighborhood is working on a community center. We need as much input as possible! Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors. It's for everyone -- let's get as many people involved as we can! This is an expensive investment in our community. I'd like to see it get built and operating and YOU can help! Remember, this is for all the residents, not just TRNA members. So, let's get everyone to join in. Call Rosemary at 899-2450.

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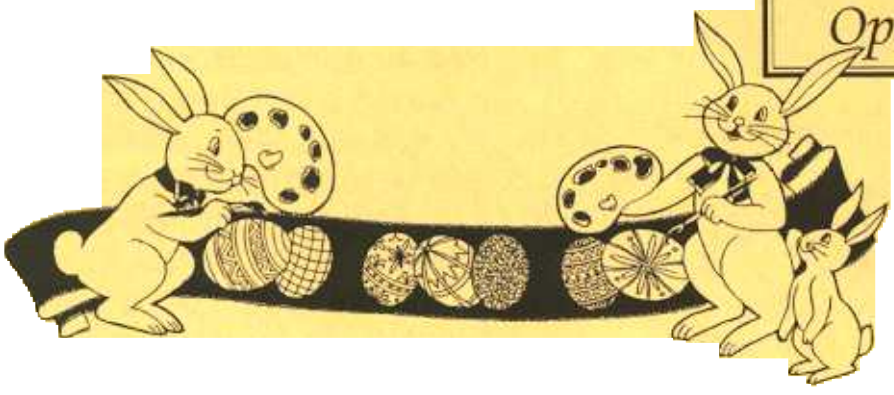

Free Tennis Lessons!

Free tennis lessons are being offered all over Albuquerque during the first two weeks of May for beginning, novice and returning players. The lessons are sponsored by the United States Tennis Association and the Tennis Industry Association as part of USA Tennis Month.

All members of our association, both adult and juniors, are invited to take advantage of a free lesson conducted by a certified instructor. An inexpensive follow-up lesson program will also be available for those who want to continue learning how to play tennis.

Interested persons do not need a racquet for the free lesson as extra racquets will be available. We want you to just come and find out how much fun, as well as how healthful, the sport of tennis is.

As Albuquerque ranks #1 in tennis participation in the US (over 30% play tennis sometime during the year), Mayor Baca has designated Saturday, May 9 as USA Tennis Day in Albuquerque.

The closest club or park offering a free lesson in our area is Sierra Vista West. Please call 884-5873 to sign up for a free lesson!

CARRABBA'S
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10022 Coors Boulevard, N.W.
897-4800
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Mon - Thurs 4-10pm
Friday 4 - 11pm
Saturday 3 - 11pm
Sunday 3 - 10pm
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Important Information from the New Mexico Poison Center

Do's & Don'ts of Poison Prevention

Do's

Do *realize that children are curious, can climb, and will eat or drink almost anything.*

Do *use child-resistant packages.*

Do *lock medications and other poisons away and out of reach of children.*

dispose of unused products and carry empty containers properly.

realize that indoor and outdoor plants can be poisonous and know the names of the plants in and around your home.

have syrup of Ipecac in your home.

Don'ts

Don't *leave poisons out where children can get to them.*

Don't *remove poisonous products from original containers.*

Don't *store food and poisons in the same area.*

Don't *call medicines "candy".*

**Syrup of Ipecac is a nonprescription medication that safely induces vomiting, but it should only be given if specifically recommended by the New Mexico Poison Control Center or your physician. Syrup of Ipecac can be purchased at any pharmacy.*

New Mexico POISON Center

New Mexico Toll Free 1-800-432-6866

In Albuquerque Call 843-2551

The New Mexico Poison Center urges you to call anytime -- day or night -- even if you only suspect that a poisoning might have taken place. Even if you think the amount of a substance is too small to cause a poisoning, it's better to call and be safe!

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Free Eye Screenings

The West Mesa Lions Club Mobile Eye Screening Unit will be at the Smith's on Paseo del Norte and Golf Course Road on Saturday, April 18th. If you or someone in your family has a history of eye diseases or eye problems, come to Smith's from 9am to 4pm for your free eye screening! They will also be accepting your old unused eyeglasses for LensCrafters to distribute to the less fortunate.

EMERGENCY ACTION FOR POISONING

Inhaled Poison

Immediately get the person to fresh air. Avoid breathing fumes. Open doors and windows wide. If victim is not breathing, start artificial respiration.

Poison on the Skin

Remove contaminated clothing and flood skin with water for 10 minutes. Then wash gently with soap and water and rinse.

Poison in the Eye

Flood the eye with lukewarm (not hot) water poured from a large glass 2 or 3 inches from the eye. Repeat for 15 minutes. Have patient blink as much as possible while flooding the eye. Do not force the eyelid open.

Swallowed Poison

MEDICINE: Do not give anything by mouth until calling for advice.

CHEMICAL OR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS: Unless patient is unconscious, having convulsions, or cannot swallow - give milk or water immediately. . . then call for professional advice about whether you should make the patient vomit or not.

ALWAYS KEEP ON HAND AT HOME a one ounce bottle of SYRUP OF IPECAC for each child or grandchild in the home. Use only on advice of poison control center, emergency department or physicians.

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After the Emergency Actions,
CALL NM Poison Center
New Mexico 1-800-432-6866
Albuquerque 843-2551

The emergency measures for poison control listed in this newsletter are intended as a public service. TRNA makes no representation as to their accuracy or completeness and disclaims all responsibility for their use or misuse.

Center Provides 24-Hour Telephone Consultation

The New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center provides poisoning and drug information as well as treatment recommendations to New Mexico's health professionals and the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A typical call might be:

- **A physician from an emergency department treating a suicidal patient who took several handfuls of pills.**
- **A physician in private practice with questions regarding an adverse drug reaction in her patient.**
- **A worker who splashed a chemical into his eye.**
- **A parent whose toddler just ingested a piece of a houseplant.**

Telephone consultation results in general or first aid information being given to the public and definitive treatment information being given to health professionals. The Poison Information Specialists is able to provide the treatment recommendations in just a matter of minutes.

The Center offers assessment and emergency treatment advice on drug overdoses, accidental exposures to medications and household substances, chemical spills, smoke inhalation, pesticide exposures, snake, spider and insect bites or stings, and plant and mushroom ingestions. The Center also offers information concerning food poisoning and drug product informations.

Carbon Monoxide -- it's deadly!

What is carbon monoxide? Carbon monoxide, known as "CO", is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless poisonous gas produced when fuels burn incompletely. Common fuels such as natural gas, gasoline, oil, charcoal, and wood produce some CO. When plenty of fresh air is available, the fuel burns efficiently and there is little danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Operation of an internal combustion engine or an improperly adjusted fuel-burning appliance in a closed area can produce carbon monoxide.

Symptoms include headache, nausea, drowsiness, a "tight" feeling in the chest, and fatigue. As the amount of CO in a closed area increases, weakness, lack of coordination, and confusion may develop. Prolonged exposure may result in coma and death.

What first aid measures should be taken in case of an exposure to carbon monoxide? Get victims into fresh air immediately. If they are not breathing, begin artificial respiration. Have someone call for an ambulance and rescue personnel assistance while you continue artificial respiration.

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For Immediate Release

West Side YMCA Healthy Kids Day

Calling all Kids! Healthy Kids Day is sponsored by the West Side Family YMCA and Lovelace Health Systems. The day will inspire children and families to live healthier lives. There will be free games, free fitness tests, prizes, a scavenger hunt, free goodies, face painting and more! Free t-shirt for the first 100 participants. Bring your family to the Cottonwood mall on Saturday, May 2nd from 1pm to 4pm on the lower level (by Johnny Rockets). Call Tara Margolis @ 899-8417 for more info.

YMCA One Day Van Trip - April 21

Historic van tour of the beautiful Zuni Mountains near Grants, NM. Leave 8:30am and Return 5:30pm from the West Side Family YMCA at 4701 Montano NW & Taylor Ranch Rd. $25 YMCA members/$30 non-members

Pre-School Open House and Registration

Registration for the '98-'99 school year. Children ages 3-5 and their families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun activities including mask making, planting a spring plant, playground play, face-painting refreshments and storytelling. Saturday, April 25 from 1 - 3pm.

Counselor in Training

(CIT)! The CIT program will train you to be a role model and mentor for children in our summer day camp and other camp programs.

Calendar of Events

West Side Family YMCA •4701 Montano N.W. (at Taylor Ranch Road) •Phone: 899-8417

Karate

Ages: 5 - 12 years old
When: Mon and Thurs eves.
6-7pm Beginners; 7-8pm Intermediates
Sessions: April 2 - 30
$34 for 9 classes
May 4 - 21
$22.50 for 6 classes

Shorin-Ryu Karate

Ages: 13 years and up
When: Wed. & Fri eves 6-7 pm
Sessions:
April 1 - 29 $50.00
May 1 - 22 $43.75

Summer Day Camp '98

at Chamiza Elementary School
5401 Homestead Circle N.W.
7am to 6pm Monday thru Friday
June 1 thru August 12, 1998
Boys & Girls Entering Grades K - 5
$78/week with 10% discount for 2nd child. All children must be YMCA members. Basic membership $28/person/year

Hiking Club

There is no charge for individual hikes. Meet at 9am for Oct. thru March hikes, Meet at 8lm for April thru Sept. hikes.

****YMCA Hikes****

April 11 - Frijoles Canyon, Ponderosa Campground to Bandelier Visitor Center (moderate 5-6 miles. Plan 1.5 hour drive each way)

****Multi-Generational Hikes****

April 16 - Hawk Watch Trail, on eastern edge of Alb. (Moderate 4 miles)

Summer Safari Day Camp

Begins June 1st thru August 12
Registration begins March 2 and continues until all spaces are filled.
Mon. thru Fri 9:00am - 5:15pm
Pre-Care and Post-Care Available
Parent's Meeting Thurs May 28 at 6:15pm at Mesa View Methodist Church Sanctuary

Babysitting Workshop

Ages: 11 and up
When: May 2 & 9, 1998
8:30am to 3pm Participants should bring a sack lunch. This is a 12 hour course.
Fee: $40/child
Pre-registration is required by 4/29/98

Tumbling & Gymnastics

Dynamic Duo - Ages 22 - 36 months
Tumbling for Pre-schoolers 3 - 5 yrs
Intro to Gymnastics 6 - 8 yrs
Sessions: May 5 - 26
6 classes for $17

Host an International Camp Counselor

from Brazil in your home! As a host family, you provide daily trans to and from the Y, meals and welcome him into your home! Call Anne at 899-8417 for an application & more info.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

4/98

This is a: ❑ new membership ❑ renewal membership

Type of membership: ❑ Resident/Landowner ❑ Business

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Subdivision Name: _____

We can always use your help! Please check off any areas of interest in which I can help the Association:

❑ Crime Prevention	❑ Education	❑ Membership	❑ Newsletter
❑ Parks & Recreation	❑ Library	❑ Beautification	❑ Environment
❑ Public Relations	❑ Zoning	❑ Voting	❑ Social Activities
❑ Senior Center	❑ Traffic	❑ Calling	❑ Children's Parties
❑ Board of Directors	❑ 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 ❑ $90 2-year 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 Membership, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control (West side)	768-1935
Burn/No-Burn Advisory	768-2876
City/County Information	768-2000
Community Planning	924-3860
Garbage Collection Problems	761-8100
Gas Leaks (days)	246-7474
Gas Leaks (nights & weekends)	880-7300
Graffiti Removal Services	857-8055
Los Volcanes Senior Center	836-8745
Office of Senior Affairs	764-6400
Ridepool	243-7433
Recycling Information	761-8100
State Information	1-800-825-6639
Wasted Water Hotline	768-3640
Water & Sewer Emergencies	857-8250
Weed & Litter Complaints	924-3850

POLICE & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Crime Prevention Unit	924-3600
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	768-2030
Poison & Drug Information	843-2551
Police (non-emergency)	242-COPS
Police Substation (West side)	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 Side 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 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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