

MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

November 1999

Message from the President...

Doug Goodfellow

If you ask these questions, you should probably duck afterwards:

"Wow, is that a new haircut or did the hedge trimmers slip out of your hand?"

"Hey, when did you move your belt out another notch?"

"Would you mind moving? The sun's catching the back of your head and the glare is making it difficult for me to read!"

"Did you get your reappraisal and property tax bill?"

Especially the last one. I don't know exactly how much my property taxes went up; I'm rather afraid to look! On top of that, we've got Brad Allison, Superintendent for Albuquerque schools, making noise about a bond issue for school construction. Great timing, right?

Actually, I give the superintendent a lot of credit for having the courage to bring this issue up. Many of you probably read the articles regarding school size and the sub-par pace of school construction in this weekend's Albuquerque Journal. Since the last bond issue went down to flaming defeat, the school board has been extremely gun shy about asking for adequate levels of support for school construction from the voters. In the wake of the last reappraisals and mill adjustments, we've heard noise from several board members about this "not being a good time to bring up a bond issue."

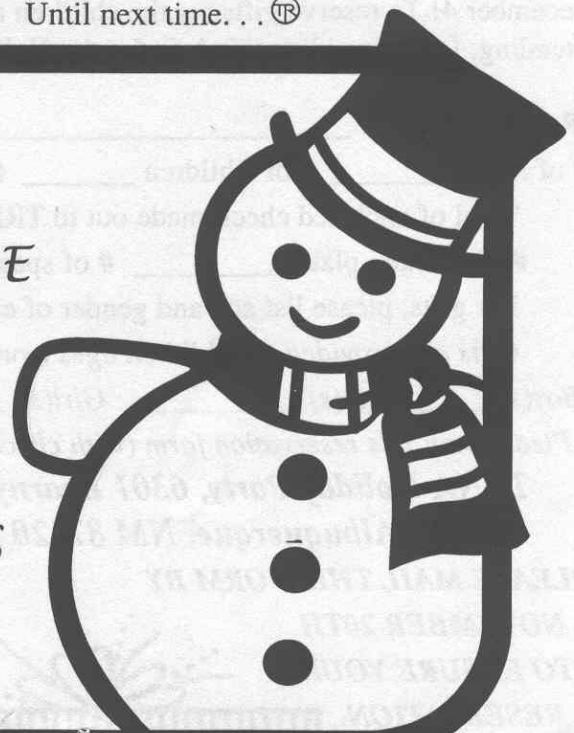
Even given recent adjustments, though, Albuquerque property owners aren't asked to pay disproportionately large property taxes in relation to levies assessed in other southwestern and western cities. And I would argue that one of the main causes, if not the prime cause, of the lackluster performance of Albuquerque's economy, and that of New Mexico in general and its continuing inability to attract industry and high paying jobs to this state is the woeful state of our schools. If we want a future for our kids in this state, we have to reassess and change our level of expectations and support for our schools.

So, while the timing of this issue is probably not the best it could be, I hope during the debate sure to arise over the next year or so on school bond issues, we all take a long view towards the future of our kids and our state and not stop our analysis at frustration over bad timing.

Until next time... ®

**DON'T FORGET!
THE TRNA ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE
HERE SOON!**

**SATURDAY, DEC 4
11:30AM TO 2:30PM
EXACT # OF ATTENDEES
DUE NOVEMBER 23RD!
SO DON'T DELAY!!!**



Santa's Making a List!!!!

June Newman

Ho! Ho! Ho! Okay, so it's a little early, but Christmas will be here before you know it and so will our Annual Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Holiday Party. This year's party will be a luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant on Saturday, December 4 from 11:30 to 2:30. Carrabba's is located across from Cottonwood Mall on Coors Blvd. Santa will graciously visit our party to deliver presents to all the good boys and girls. We have reserved the entire restaurant for our Christmas Party, so that families will be able to walk around and visit with other Taylor Ranch members. After a wonderful luncheon, you can finish your Christmas shopping!

Each family is asked to bring a delicious dessert to share with the other guests. It is a great treat to taste the wonderful desserts that others make, so don't forget to bring your special treat to share! TRNA will also be collecting non-perishable food items for our gift baskets that we give to needy families within our community. This is a wonderful gift that we have done for the past several years. We would appreciate any non-perishable food item or toiletries that you can donate. Collection boxes will be provided at Carrabba's for your donation.

A Reservation Form will be provided in the October and November Newsletters. Once your reservation is received, someone from the association will contact you confirming receipt of your reservation. The meal choices will be either Chicken Marsala or Spaghetti. Please note the number of each plate(s) you and your family would like on the form below.

If guests will be attending, please enclose a check (\$5/guest) with your reservation form for all your guests. Please make check payable to TRNA. Due to the limited seating space, please limit your guests to no more than 2. Please remember that the TRNA members have priority over guests. A reservation form is needed for those families who will be attending the party.

Please mail your RSVP as soon as possible so that we can give Carrabba's an accurate count. Since this will be a down meal, an RSVP is a must. Carrabba's must have an exact number of attendees by November 23rd so don't delay. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact June Newman at 898-5447. We hope to see you all there!

TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Yes, we will be attending the TRNA Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4! To reserve gifts for the children and food for everyone attending, I am providing this info for the Holiday Party Committee:

Resident's Name _____ Phone _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Guests (\$5 each) _____

Total of enclosed check made out to TRNA if necessary \$ _____

of chicken plates _____ # of spaghetti plates _____

For gifts, please list age and gender of each child attending.

Gifts are provided for children ages newborn to 5th grade.

Boy(s) _____ Age(s) _____ Girl(s) _____ Age(s) _____

Please mail this reservation form (with check if guests are included) to:

**TRNA Holiday Party, 6301 Kearny Trail, N.W.,
Albuquerque, NM 87120**

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BY

NOVEMBER 20TH

TO ENSURE YOUR

RESERVATION.



Tips for Safe & Happy Holidays

from the National Crime Prevention Council

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime.

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it's like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get rated.

"Ancient Therapy For a Modern World"



BODYWISE MASSAGE

4801 Montañero Road NW
(505) 792-2124

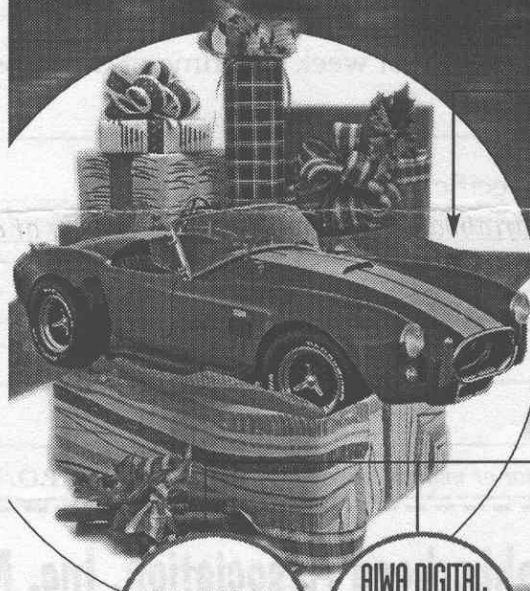
4686 Corrales Road
(505) 792-1340

** \$5.00 OFF YOUR 1ST VISIT! **



CALL 342-8888 ext. 13

We'll Do Your Holiday Shopping For You!



Buy or Refinance a Car...
Choose a Gift!

Choose One:
HURRY SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

NINTENDO 64
with game

FREE!

AIWA DIGITAL
AUDIO SYSTEM
with 3 CD changer, dual cassette,
deck, am/fm tuner

FREE!

19" PHILLIPS
MAGNAVOX COLOR TV
with remote

FREE!

OLYMPUS D-340R
digital camera

ONLY
\$125

During November and December BUY or REFINANCE a car, truck or RV for \$14,000 or more and receive your choice of one of four great gifts!
If you have an existing auto loan from another financial institution, lower your interest rate and payments with USNM's great rates.

Offer expires December 31, 1999 and does not include vehicles currently financed at USNMFCU. Items of comparable quality may be substituted due to availability.

4411 IRVING BLVD. NW • 3939 OSUNA RD. NE • 2608 TENNESSEE ST. NE • 616 GOLD AVE. SW

TAKE A HOLIDAY INVENTORY

The holidays are a good time to update - or create -- your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

TRNA Contacts / Board of Directors

Doug Goodfellow.....	President	899-3443
Christine Dillow.....	Vice-President/Newsletter	899-2270
Dana Krill.....	Secretary	899-9117
Paul Kroll.....	Treasurer	899-1640
Don Newton.....	Director/Government Affairs	898-2185
Diana Manning.....	Crime Director	898-6547
Rick Lackey.....	Director	897-2259
Susan Malona.....	Director	897-2550
Bill Clement.....	Director	890-0515
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STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

"Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there" ®

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 11/99

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 or problem (be as specific as possible): _____

Return this form to any TRNA Director or mail to: Problem Report, TRNA, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

This is a: new membership
 renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident/Landowner
 Business

11/99

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:

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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

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 \$3 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



Calendar of Events



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

(For more information, contact
Nakya Estrada at 899-8417
unless otherwise noted.)

Shorin-Ryu Karate for Teens & Adults

Karate teaches skills and discipline,
increases self-esteem and
overall fitness.

Mondays 8 - 9pm

Fridays 6 - 7pm

Session: December 3 - 20, 1999

\$40.50 for six classes.

Pre-Register Monday thru Friday
7am to 6pm.

Shorin-Ryu Karate for Beginners

Who: All 7 - 12 Year Olds.

Mondays & Thursdays from 6 - 7pm
7 - 8pm for advanced students.

Session: December 2 - 20, 1999

\$27 for six classes.

Shorin-Ryu Karate for Tots

Who: All 4 - 6 Year Olds.

Mondays & Thursdays from 5pm - 6pm

Session: December 2 - 20, 1999

\$27 for six classes.

AIKIDO for Adults (18+)

Enjoy the beauty, grace, and power of
this purely defensive and non-competi-
tive martial art. Aikido is a modern
Japanese art that utilizes holds, throws,
and joint locks to redirect attacks
through harmony and self-control. Learn
to control, contain, deflect, and re-direct
any attack without the use of great
physical strength. Open handed and
weapon techniques included.

Mon & Wed, 7:30 - 8:30pm and Fri 6:30
to 8:00pm.

Session: Nov 15 - Dec 17, 1999

\$35 a session for adults & teens.

AIKIDO for Teens (12-17)

Mon & Wed 6:30 - 7:30pm and Fri 6:30
to 8:00pm. Session Nov 15 - Dec 17

Babysitting Workshop for 11+ year olds

Calling all those interested in learning all
of the absolute fundamentals of respon-
sible babysitting!

West Side Family YMCA's Babysitting
Workshop, with the American Red
Cross. In this 12 hour course you will
learn about First Aid, CPR, and other
ways to make sure the children in your
care are safe. You will also learn about
age appropriate activities, and lots more!
When: Two Saturdays - Dec 11 & 18
from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Deadline to
register is Dec 6, 1999.

\$40 for a two day session (total of 12
hours) and membership is not required
for this program.

Healthy Back Class for all adults interested in taking care of their body.

Learn ways to prevent back prob-
lems as well as ease current back
pain using good basic simple exer-
cises developed by Dr. Hans Kraus
for the YMCA. This is a program
you will use for the rest of your life.
Exercises, flexibility and relaxation
techniques are progressive in
nature. Instructor Helen Pederson
has taught this program for 20
years and in three states.

Register now! First come, first served.

First class will be held on Nov. 17
from 11 - 11:45am. Future classes to
be determined by the class.

\$40 for six lessons, including hand-
outs. Cost does not include optional
video. This is a Nationally recog-
nized program designed for people
who experience persistent back ache
or discomfort.

Call Helen Pederson for more info.

Multi-Generational Hike

Who: For people of all ages and abili-
ties, who want to enjoy the outdoors,
make new friends.

Thursday December 16, 1999

Rio Grande Dirt Trail (Easy 3 mile
hike going north in Corrales, NM
from Alameda parking lot.) Lunch at
a Corrales restaurant.

Show up at West Side Family YMCA at
9:00am on the day of the hike.

Those meeting at YMCA will carpool to
the destination. Bring water and a trail
lunch or high energy snack. Due to
weather changes, come dressed in lay-
ers, with sunscreen and a hat.

YMCA Hiking Club's Saturday Hike

Saturday, December 11, 1999. Rio
Grande Nature Center. An easy 4
mile hike followed by lunch at the
Double Rainbow, and last-minute
Holiday shopping in the Nob Hill
area. Show up at the Y by 9:00am
on day of the hike. Contact Helen
Pederson at 899-8417 for more info.

THE YMCA MISSION: To put
Christian principles into prac-
tice through programs that
build healthy body, mind, and
spirit for all.

Memberships are \$30 year/per-
son.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: The
YMCA excludes no one from
membership or programs
because of an inability to pay.
Financial aid is available to
those who qualify.

**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
Pothole Hotline	768-4653
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	924-3669
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
National Fraud Info. Center	800-876-7060
Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report ..	768-2030
Poison & Drug Information	272-2222
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

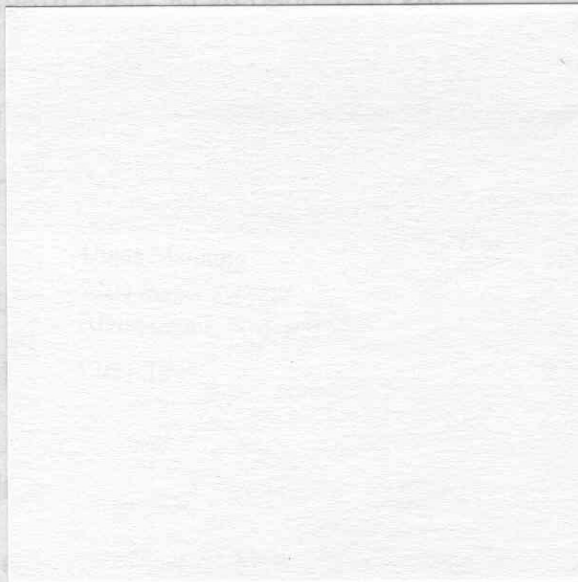
Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going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



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 66288
Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

Address Correction Requested!

**BULK RATE
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Permit No. 49**



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