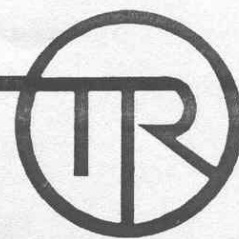




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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

February 2000

Proclamation to Councilman Armijo

by Amanda Tatum, Vice-President TRNA Youth Committee

Dear Councilman Armijo:

Thank you for letting me address the purpose of our youth committee. I would like to take the time to explain what the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Youth Committee is all about.

First, my name is Amanda Tatum, Vice-president of the Committee, and daughter of Deborah Tatum, our youth coordinator. I have been a member since the sixth grade, about four and a half years ago. I am one of the most involved members, alongside Alysia Cordova, our president, and Dana Krill, our secretary and the secretary of the Taylor Ranch Board of Directors. I have won the 1997 Neighborfest Future Leader Award, and I have also been the president of the Youth Committee. I am very well proud of the committee and its achievements. For the years I have been involved, I have seen the Taylor Ranch community prosper.

The Association started the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee in 1991. They discussed it for years to start an organization that targeted teens, and better yet, run by teens within the community. Crime was very prevalent in the Taylor Ranch community, and most of it was caused by youths with nothing to do. This was when the west side was still getting under way, and there was no where to go to have fun in the immediate area. So, a selected few were chosen as the first community members, who were mostly chosen students at local schools. Their goal was to change the community both aesthetically, and to help reduce teen-related crimes. Who would know that the committee would be the first of an epidemic around the city, and one of the largest and most involved.

Now, the youth committee's involvement has spread past the Taylor Ranch boundaries, and into the city. Thanks to the city of Albuquerque, our committee has done more than anyone would dream of for the improvement of our community. Our goal is pretty much the same, but now more diverse in the fact that we are dealing with a lot more than a few community problems.

The committee has grown to a twenty-five member organization. We now take into consideration that many of today's problems are more complex, and the only way to fix them is to get a lot more involvement out of everyone, and involve more age groups. Crime has drastically dropped in the Taylor Ranch community, and we have increased involvement. Still though, education within our community has suffered along the terms of common-sense. The youth committee has expanded it's goals to cover this subject, and it has improved moderately since we started workshops on subjects such as bike-safety and drug se. The committee has done many things, even without such commodities as a local community center and parent involvement. Somehow, though, whatever else is needed is donated by local shops and persons to better our community.

One of the most popular events the youth community puts on is teen dances. We hold them annually at the LBJ gymnasium. Just about every major holiday,
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**** TRNA General Meeting
Thursday, March 23
7pm at LBJ Cafeteria ****

Congratulations!

To the following youth members for their involvement and accomplishments:

Karlyn Sadoris - Placing 1st in her division at the LBJ Science Fair

Susannah Lane - scoring so well on the UNM Math Contest that she will be invited to the Final Round of Competition

Dana Krill - for being recognized for demonstrating outstanding ethical behavior in her curricular and extra-curricular activities

Amanda Tatum and Elena Griego were chosen to be the Taylor Ranch youth delegates for the National Youth Crime Prevention Convention
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except for Christmas and 4th of July, a thematic dance is held. Mid-school and high school teens around the community attend and participate in the fun. Halloween dances attract about 500 teens for what basically is a big costume party. Our Valentine's Formal is a little less popular, but still a very huge event. Recently, a Spring fling dance has been added to our agenda, held either
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To: High School Counselors, Youth Directors
 From: Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Assoc.
 (TRNA) Scholarship Committee
 Date: February 1, 2000

Re: TRNA Scholarships For Graduating Seniors

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association is pleased to offer these scholarships to graduating seniors who reside in the Taylor Ranch area. Our Association is committed to education and would like to reward our neighborhood youth for their achievements offering two \$500 scholarships. Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association.
 North/South Boundaries:
 Paseo del Norte & Western Trail Rd.
 East/West Boundaries:
 Coors Blvd. Rio Grande River and the west mesa escarpment
- 2) Submit TRNA Scholarship Application (on this page) and 2 letters of recommendation by March 17, 2000.
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement/service through school wide and extracurricular activities.
- 4) Enroll in college, university, or vocational school for Fall 2000.

Please inform your seniors of this scholarship opportunity. Deadline for applications is March 17! Any questions or comments can be addressed to the TRNA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 66288, Alb. NM 87193-6288, (505) 899-8590.

VACAtion Stampede!

Buy or Refinance a vehicle and lasso a VACAtion!

- Steer your carro over to our corral, then refinance it, or
- Pick out a new or used car, truck or RV and finance it at USNM
- Get your loan at 7.6%* fixed annual percentage rate (You herd right, only 7.6%!)
- Head out on the VACAtion trail

During January and February **buy or refinance** a car, truck, RV or covered wagon. With a U.S. New Mexico loan of \$14,000 or more, you will receive a **4 day, 3 night VACAtion!**

Choose from over 100 fabulous VACAtion Getaways in the United States and Canada. Gallop to Cheyenne for Frontier Days, relax on the beach in Hawaii, roll the dice in Las Vegas, visit historic landmarks in Washington DC, stroll down Bourbon St. in New Orleans or enjoy a fun-filled family VACAtion in Orlando.

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*Rate may vary based on qualification. Offer expires February 29, 2000, and excludes vehicles currently financed or financed within the past 90 days at U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union. Vacation Getaways do not include transportation.



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◆◆The following nominees will run for TRNA Board Member Positions at the March 23 General Meeting which will be held in the LBJ cafeteria at 7pm.

Ron Chapman

Bill Clement

Tom Knutilla

Susan Malona

Peggy Minich

Don Newton

Other nominations can be made at the meeting. Each TRNA family or business who are currently paid up will have one vote. We encourage all members to come to the meeting and vote.

Information about the widening of Coors and other construction will be presented by City Representatives. ◆◆

TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
2000 - 2001 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2000
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Name: _____ SS#: _____ - _____ - _____

Street Address: _____, Albuquerque, NM
87120

Phone #: _____ - _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

School: _____ Cum. G.P.A. _____ '99 -00 G.P.A. _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your High School Graduation:

Please describe your community involvement and extra curricular activities:

Please attach additional description to this page - limit of no more than one typed page.

(Note: Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of your choice.)

Please furnish the scholarship committee 2 letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached or mailed separately, but must be received by the March 17th deadline.

All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I do hereby consent to the release of information concerning my academic status to the TRNA scholarship review committee.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Return to: Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee,
P.O. Box 66288,
Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

before or immediately after school lets out for the summer. It will soon become a popular event, for every teen dance we hold is an anticipated event within our community. They have been held every year since the committee started, and always will because they are our only source of income. The youth committee profits approximately \$1,000 per dance. The cost of a disk-jockey and police security is low, and decorations along with concessions are covered by our overall funds or donated.

Teen Dances aren't the only thing the committee does. Within our immediate community we plan and volunteer at Keep Albuquerque Beautiful events, paint out graffiti, help at the Taylor Ranch Easter and Christmas Parties, flea markets, sponsor CPR classes and homeless families, participate in school carnivals, PTA meetings, and address safety programs at local schools. We also sponsor teen pool parties at Sierra Vista Pool Complex every summer, help the Northwest Optimist Club at Special Olympics and Bike Rodeos, attend Middle School Initiative Collaborative meetings, help with sixth grade jump-start, after-school programs, and we are involved with Character Counts and Albuquerque Assets. We are well known throughout Taylor Ranch and the rest of the city for all we do to improve the west side. If anything happens in the city involving teens, the committee will be one of the first to know about it. Many members are recruited through these events, and we get about three new members every year.

With all that we do just for Taylor Ranch, the committee also helps at many of Albuquerque's main events. Every year we are asked to help with Arts in the Parks and Qual-Med's Salsa Safety Circus. We have volunteered to do these events every year for about three years. Each time we become more recognized throughout the community, and our role-model status is enhanced. Recently four committee members, myself included, were chosen to attend a National Youth Crime Prevention Conference in Denver, Colorado. This three-day convention opened our eyes to the other problems with which communities throughout the country deal. Drugs, homicide, teen pregnancy, and gangs are luckily something we do not have to deal with. Just by talking with people about these subjects and acting upon them help keep them away from our lives.

The youth committee has addressed these subjects with the Mayor, US Senators, City Councilmen, and school principals. It is evident that no one wants these things affecting their families, and thanks to people who listen and help, they may never become a reality. If they are, we know how to deal with them.

Again, thank you for letting me address these issues and explain why our youth committee is important to every community. The motto to our committee is "Changing the city, one community at a time". We surely haven't achieved our ultimate goal, but with a little help from you and the rest of the city council, we can. Though our committee is small, we pack a powerful punch into every effort we make. Thank you for giving us the support to do so. ☺

Sincerely, Amanda Tatum, Vice-president Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Youth Committee

 **Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application**  02/00

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:

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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 \$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



Calendar of Events



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

(For more information, contact
Tara Margolis at 899-8417
unless otherwise noted.)

Shorin-Ryu Karate for Teens & Adults

Karate is a means of shaping personality. It is a physical, mental and moral culture. Karate is an ideal exercise for anyone, it teaches skills and discipline, and increases self-esteem and overall fitness.

Mondays 8 - 9pm

Fridays 6 - 7pm

Session: March 3 - 31, 2000

\$60.75 for nine sessions.

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

AIKIDO for Adults (18+)

Enjoy the beauty, grace, and power of this purely defensive and non-competitive 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: March 1 - 31, 2000

1 session for adults & teens.

AIKIDO for Teens (12-17)

Mon & Wed 6:30 - 7:30pm and Fri 6:30
to 8:00pm. Session March 1 - 31

Indoor Soccer

All K-3rd Graders interested in learning the basic skills and rules of soccer in this gym version.

YMCA Youth Sports emphasize skill development, self-esteem, fun and team work. There are no try-outs and all children play equal amounts.

Two leagues:

K - 1st Grade

2nd - 3rd Grade

\$49 for 10 weeks of soccer;
includes team t-shirt.

All participants must be a YMCA member: Annual Basic Membership is \$30/person. Financial aid available for those who qualify.

Pre-School Gymnastics

Children ages 3 - 5.

Mondays 6:15pm - 7pm
and/or Wednesdays 6:15pm - 7pm
and/or Fridays 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Session: Weeks of March 6 - 31
Registration takes place at the West Side Family YMCA but the actual classes take place at a neighboring elementary school.

\$20 for the one day a week option,
for a 4 week session.

\$40 for the two day a week option,
for a 4 2week session.

School Age Gymnastics

Children ages 6 and over.

Mondays 7:15pm - 8:15pm
and/or Wednesdays 7:15pm-8:15pm
and/or Fridays 6:15pm - 7:15pm
Session: Weeks of March 6 - 31

Multi-Generational Hike

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

Thursday March 16, 2000
Foothills Trail from the tram. (Easy 2 - 4 mile hike.) Bring lunch. 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 layers, with sunscreen and a hat.

YMCA Hiking Club's Saturday Hike

Saturday, March 11, 2000.

Continental Divide Trail and El Malpais area.

An easy 4-5 mile hike.

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 practice through programs that build healthy body, mind, and spirit for all.

Memberships are \$30 year/person.

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**



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| 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**



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| 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 |
| 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 |

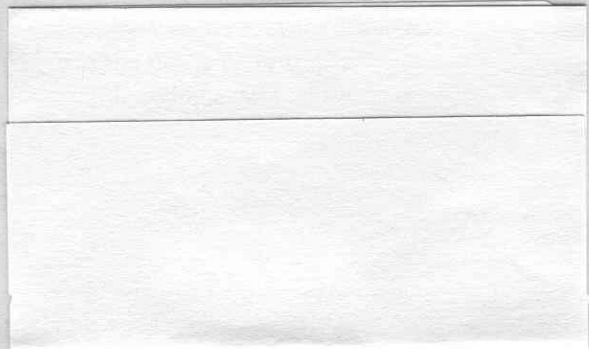
Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going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



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