



# MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

June 2000

## *Fellow Members,*

Summer has obviously arrived. It is a languid time that fills our expectations with thoughts of leisure, recreation and vacations. Yet in the wake of TRNA's highly successful and well attended Easter Party, my thoughts are drawn to citizen participation.

It is obvious that two extremes will trigger the involvement of members of any organization or community. One is good times: parties, dinners, entertainment and so forth. The other is controversy or inconvenience as demonstrated by the Montano Bridge, the extension of Paseo del Norte, siting of schools, or traffic congestion.

Interestingly, these are no more than outward signs of processes and problems that have been developing long before the party or the controversy occurs. The point is that even in the relaxed summer months a great deal of activity is occurring around us. More often than not the results will be much more to our liking and much less problematic if we have been involved all along.

The founders of our country hoped that they had created a participatory democratic process that would allow individuals an opportunity to engage in their own governance. They concluded that involvement was the single most important determinant in the right to "the pursuit of happiness".

But most of us are not involved generally. We have busy lives with great personal and financial demands. We often feel disempowered by large government and big business. We are comfortable and fairly well provided for. Until a fun event or a significant problem arises, we just don't have much

motivation to get involved.

Still, management experts observe that while we rarely have time for involvement to ensure things work right the first time, we always will find time to correct matters later. That's one of the strange dilemmas we face.

I didn't realize when I began writing this article that it would turn out to be a good fit for the approaching Independence Day Holiday. Independence requires our participation and involvement. That's especially true during the uneventful stretches between parties and problems.

I encourage you to involve yourself in our community. We all benefit by doing so. More importantly, things work better when we do. That's a pretty good reason to step forward. <sup>TR</sup>

Regards,

Ron Chapman, Vice-President



President Rick Lackey presents Julia Hartmann (left) and Christine Ortiz (right) with framed certificates at the June Board Meeting.

## *Congratulations to Taylor Ranch's Youth!*

*Julia Hartmann and Christine Ortiz both graduated from West Mesa High School.*

*Julia will attend UNM and major in Electrical Engineering.*

*Christine will attend NM State and major in Environmental or Wildlife Science.*

*Best of luck to both of you!!!*

*Kudos to Donny and Mike Newton as well! They received the rank of Eagle Scouts May 13. This is the highest honor a boy scout can achieve. Along with becoming Eagle Scouts, they also graduated from Valley Academy High School with Honors. They will be attending NM Tech. this fall. Thanks guys for all the commitment you put into the TR Youth Committee in the six years you served, and for being there for your community!*

*Deborah Tatum, Youth Coordinator*



# The Albuquerque Police Department Presents "Women Against Crime"



*Kick Off Meeting (only one chance to attend)*

*June 19, from 6pm to 9pm at the APD Training Academy (2nd & Montano)*

*Topics to be Discussed:*

- Rape Prevention ▪ Domestic Violence ▪ Assault & Battery ▪ Stalking ▪ Avoid Being A Victim.
- What to do When You are Victimized ▪ Robbery ▪ Burglary ▪ Questions & Answers ▪ Survey to Discuss Future Class

**ALL WOMEN!!! LEARN TO HELP YOURSELF AND OTHERS. ALL AGES WELCOME ESPECIALLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE ELDERLY. THE FUTURE OF WOMEN AGAINST CRIME STARTS WITH YOU!!**

*There is no charge for participation in this effort. For more info call Judy Sanchez-Torres at 343-5000. Coordinator: Officer Trish Hoffman*



## OUR LOAN OFFICERS AREN'T THAT NICE

- YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN SIT AT A LOAN OFFICER'S DESK FOR 2 HOURS FILLING OUT A LOAN APPLICATION.
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[www.usnmfcu.org](http://www.usnmfcu.org)

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*Did you know???*  
 From April thru September city ordinance (6-1-1-5) requires that sprinkler systems be operated only before 10am or after 6pm. This simple, common sense practice will take us even further toward our goal of a sustainable water sup.



We're Happy to be Your Neighbor!

### Happy Father's Day



## Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Rd, NW  
Petroglyph Plaza

890-3909

## YOUR PARK—MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



“Why don’t they do something about that Park?” Or, “Well, if I had anything to say about it, it would be done this way!” Sound like anything you may ever have said (or thought)? I’m here to tell you that you now have the opportunity to stand up and be counted as a Person-Who-Cares and Does-Something-About-It!

Your Board of Directors invited Mr. Paul Willems, Park Volunteer/Public Information Coordinator for the Albuquerque Park System to the May meeting. Mr. Willems wears his hefty title well. As an untiring cheerful coordinator of whatever has to be done to keep Albuquerque’s Park System up and running, he meets with anyone and everyone who is interested in doing the same. His enthusiasm is infectious.

Mr. Willems stated that Albuquerque has one of the best park systems in the U.S., however, budget problems continuously plague the Maintenance Department. In 1990 there was one maintenance employee for every 3 acres of park, but just ten years later, the year 2000 finds that same one employee having to maintain 26 acres of park. In an effort to improve the situation, the Parks Department has instituted two programs that are proving to be very effective. The first is the Park Volunteer Program, which has worked well and is an ongoing enterprise. With that success, the Parks Department then introduced the Adopt-A-Park Program. That has also proven to be a most successful move.

The Adopt-A-Park, Trail or Streetscape is a program that seeks groups, such as our Neighborhood Association to adopt a park(s), trail(s) or streetscape(s) as a “civic project for the maintenance and beautification of the City Park System.” (Not to say what it would do for your neighborhood aesthetics, enjoyment of the area and your property value). Only existing parks, trails or streetscapes are considered for adoption and the responsibilities of the organization who has adopted an area are as follows:

1. Conduct a monthly inspection of the area utilizing an Inspection Checklist.
2. Pickup litter and debris on a monthly basis.
3. Sweep paths, sidewalks, and play areas periodically (at least once a quarter). Report exceptional debris to the Volunteer Coordinator.
4. Notify the Volunteer/Public Information Coordinator of needed graffiti removal, maintenance, repair or safety hazards observed.



One person would act as liaison between Park Management and the adopting group. The adoption would be for a period of two years. All work would be done under the guidelines and supervision of Parks Management. The City would still provide the water, mowing, and materials needed such as grass seed, plastic bags for pulled weeds or debris to be picked up, etc. The City would in turn post a sign acknowledging the adopting organization’s contributions at one end of the adopted area.

The Board is considering adopting some parks in our Neighborhood. The Board needs to know if there are people who are interested and willing to participate in “making a difference”. Here’s your chance folks. We ask you to write, call any board member or email the secretary at [vmkinabq@aol.com](mailto:vmkinabq@aol.com). Looking forward to hearing from you!™

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Summer Nights at the Aquarium & Botanic Garden  
“Night comes alive on a fresh Summer Breeze, with Sunsets to Moon Jellies, Falling Stars to Sea Stars.” Every Thursday in June, July, and August at the Albuquerque Aquarium and Rio Grande Botanic Garden.

Ticket Sales: 6-9pm

All bands perform: 6:30-9pm

Magician & Character Artist 7-9pm

Admission: \$4.50 adults 16 - 64

\$2.50 ages 3-15, 65 and over

\*\*\*\*Arts in the Parks 2000\*\*\*\*

At Arts in the Parks enjoy activities ranging from face painting, magic shows, to performances by some of Albuquerque's best musical and dance groups. All Arts in the Parks events are held on Sunday afternoons and are FREE! 2pm to 6pm

- June 11 - Taylor Park (Pennsylvania/Indian School)
- June 25 - Mariposa Basin Park (Taylor Ranch Rd/Kachina)
- July 9 - Roosevelt Park (Coal and Spruce S.E.)
- July 23 - Loma Del Norte Park (W on Loma Del Norte from Wyoming)
- Aug. 6 - Hyder Park (N on Carlisle to Pershing, E on Pershing to park)
- Aug 11 - Duranes Park (Rio Grande to Gabaldon, N on Gabaldon)
- Sept 10 - Montgomery Park 10am - 6pm (Comanche & Montgomery)
- Sept 24 - El Oso Grande Park (Montgomery & Morris, N on Morris)

TRNA Contacts / Board of Directors

- Rick Lackey.....President .....897-2233
- Ron Chapman.....Vice-President .....899-8904
- Virginia Klebesadel.....Secretary .....898-9173
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Friday Noontime Concerts

Magnifico is pleased to present the Brown Bag Concert Series in conjunction with Summerfest events. Each Friday in June, July and August, the Brown Bag Concert Series will feature performing arts concerts along the same theme as Summerfest events the next day. Free Admission -- located on Civic Plaza in Downtown Albuquerque (Third & Marquette).

- June 9 • June 16 • June 23 • July 7
- July 14 • July 21 • July 28 • Aug 4 • Aug 11

FREE Financial Workshop for Individual Investors  
This 4-week, one night per week class will provide an in-depth look at different types of investments available to and suitable for investors who are working, or who have already retired. Whether you are interested in maximizing your long-term investment returns, your investment income, or reducing your income taxes, you should plan to attend these informative classes.

Call 897-7295 to reserve a seat.

Seating is first come, first served.

Tuesdays, June 6 thru June 27, 5:45 - 7pm

6200 Coors Blvd. NW, Suite C-4 (Montano & Coors)

TR Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application TR 06/00

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:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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  \$40 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

# Summerfest "World Millennium Tour"

This year's US West Summerfest Millennium World Tour will take you on a journey to exotic places from throughout the world. Summerfest, one of Albuquerque's most popular events, highlights the multi-ethnic diversity of the city. The 2000 schedule for Summerfest includes:

Americana .....	June 10
African .....	June 17
Native American .....	June 24
Scandinavian/East European/German .....	July 1
South American/Caribbean .....	July 8
Asian/Polynesian .....	July 15
Irish/Scottish/Welsh .....	July 22
Italian/Greek/French/Arts Summer Institute .....	July 29
Middle Eastern/East Indian .....	August 5
Hispanic .....	August 12

## Fireside Chat Program at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

June 3 - August 26 from 7pm to 8pm

There is a \$2.00 fee per car for entrance to the park. Programs are free.

Enjoy the beauty of the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area every Saturday night this summer. Learn about the cultural history of the area, medicinal plants, wildlife, and astronomy. Listen to storytellers and local musicians as the sun sets over the West Mesa. All ages are welcome. Visitors should meet at the Double Picnic Shelter/Amphitheater. A detailed schedule of the entire Fireside Chat Series will be available in May. Call the Open Space Division at 452-5200 for more info.



## 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 06/00

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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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	.....924-3600
DWI Report Line	.....1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round)	....242-RIDE
<b>Emergency</b>	..... <b>911</b>
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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