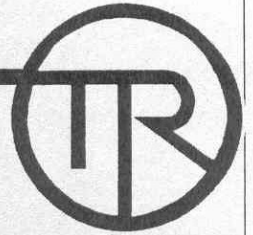




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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

Many experts suggest that leadership is essentially about vision. In my work with organizations seeking change and transformation, I often come across ideas that stretch the imagination. Such is the following piece entitled "Imagine an Adobe Valley" which I published several months ago in the Albuquerque Tribune. I include it simply to provide a bit of vision, something beyond the norm so often bandied about by elected officials and community leaders.

Enjoy! And consider the possibilities.

*Regards,
Ron Chapman
Vice President*

Imagine An Adobe Valley

We live in a world soon to be burdened by the incredibly complex problems of inadequate fresh water and energy resources. Futurists suggest that water will become a scarce and precious commodity within the next several decades, while energy from non-renewable sources will spiral in cost.

In a water and energy impoverished world, technology will respond by providing marvelously advanced and innovative solutions, but only at a premium. The vast number of peoples of the globe will be unable to afford these marvels, just as has been true with education, advanced medicine, and computers.

A huge niche will exist for a different kind of solution, one which Albuquerque and New Mexico are uniquely positioned to provide.

Central New Mexico sits amid one of the finest sites in the world for alternative energy research and development with ample solar energy, potent winds, and an abundance of geothermal heat. Furthermore the region possesses a tradition of practical experience with energy conserving, passive solar based, earthen building technologies as well as an extensive history of coping with a limited water supply that includes the arid land farming techniques of the Native Americans and a system of acequias with its associated communal management. Add to these realities a world-class scientific foundation at Sandia National Laboratories with its well known desire to play an active role in technology transfer to the private sector, Los Alamos National Laboratories with major contributions to passive solar design in years past, a superb educational base in the schools of engineering, architecture and planning at the University of New Mexico, and the existing plan for eco-friendly business at the Mesa del Sol community.

Time and circumstances are poised as never before for a collaborative effort of government, industry, and the educational sector. We must form an Arid Country Institute to focus on sustainable energy and water technologies with particular emphasis on small, entrepreneurial businesses that create local wealth and expertise. Call it The Adobe Valley, an unparalleled education and application center drawing students and visitors from around the globe, a for-

ward looking, strategically sound enterprise incorporating our best thinking and vigorously tested for viability and sustainability.

Imagine sites covering thousands of acres in the Mesa del Sol development area, the South Valley, and the Southwest Mesa filled by a host of locally owned facilities, earthen construction experiments, demonstration water and agricultural projects, and solar and windmill arrays. Consider the effect of hundreds of small, innovative businesses creating a competitive environment not unlike Silicon Valley. Envision the myriad of educational ventures that would result.

The demands of an Arid Country Institute would nurture local wealth and create high caliber jobs, thereby providing a remedy to the long-term lack of wealth in New Mexico. Its foundation in traditional building and agriculture would foster historical preservation and pride in our extraordinarily unique culture. It would also focus efforts on the beneficial use of locally abundant resources while aiding in the conservation of limited water resources. The overall effect on our quality of life would be immense.

Are these ideas beyond the realm of feasibility? Of course not. As early as the 1960's solar experimentation flourished in New Mexico. But with the diminishment of federal research monies and the elimination of tax incentives, efforts languished. Others, including local individuals and groups from the educational and industrial sectors, have proposed similar notions though most involved more limited perspectives than that of this vision. Few of these have identi-

fied the potential economic rejuvenation as a prime motivation. While the ideas remain valid, the need has grown greater still.

Our challenges are vision, will and the rigorous questioning without which our vision shall be found lacking. The Adobe Valley would not mimic the programs and projects of other governments or communities. Our aspiration would not be to emulate other megacities of the West, but to foment a creation that values and utilizes our local culture and resources. Imitation may be the highest form of flattery, but it cannot fuel the interest and zeal of the people. Imitation can never deliver the economic growth, prosperity, educational rebirth, and local vitality we seek and crave.

Albuquerque and New Mexico are extraordinary, so too must our vision be extraordinary.

I can see a day when technical and educational experts flock from around the world to the Arid Country Institute, an innovative answer to complex water and energy issues haunting the peoples of the world.

Every great project begins with a dream. Once a vision is set and commitment made, that dream will unfold.

Imagine The Adobe Valley. Begin it now. ®



Beat the Big-I Blues!

There are two Park-and-Ride locations in Taylor Ranch. They are:
Taylor Ranch Baptist Church
6400 Golf Course, NW, Route 92
& Taylor Ranch Library
Routes 90, 94

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8201 Golf Course Rd, NW
Petroglyph Plaza

890-3909

- ◆ *Wondering what Christianity is all about?*
- ◆ *Have questions but don't know who to ask?*
- ◆ *Want to be able to ask questions without being judged or given a pat answer?*
- ◆ *Need time to think through issues?*



We invite you to join us on Friday evenings this fall for the Alpha Course.

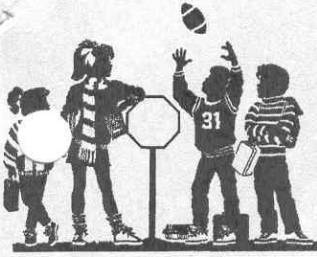
*Relax, enjoy dinner, a video presentation and a small group discussion time each evening.
Join us for dinner and preview of the course on Friday, August 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

*The Alpha Course meets at:
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
6104 Taylor Ranch Road N.W.
Albuquerque, N.M. 87120
Phone: 897-0047*

The Alpha course begins Friday, Sept. 8th

- ◆ *Friday evenings*
- ◆ *6:00 - 9:00 p.m.*
- ◆ *Dinner provided*
- ◆ *Childcare provided*

For more information, call Laura Burton at 891-9564 or Eric or Sally Berger at 897-1923.



School is starting soon! Here are some important APS dates.

August 14 & 15
APS Registration

August 16
School Begins

Check the dress code for your school!
Call APS at 842-8211 for more info.

****Big-I News****

Double-Fine Zone Policy Announced for Big-I Construction

Policy adopted to Protect Construction Workers and Nearby Neighborhoods

Mayor Jim Baca introduced the double-fine zone policy to the City Council earlier this year, where it passed the Council unanimously. The policy allows for double fines in construction zones and areas called curtilage areas, or nearby areas affected by increased traffic due to construction.

"I created this double-fined policy earlier this year to protect construction workers, the commuters in construction areas and the neighborhoods affected by increased traffic from the Big-I reconstruction," Mayor Baca said.

The double-fine zones will also be used in other construction projects throughout the city.

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West Side Family YMCA News

** Child Care Program **

For all 3 (and potty trained) to 5 year olds.

Full Day Care Monday thru Friday 7am - 6pm

Extended Day Care (Minimum 3 days) 7am - 3pm

Cost:	Full Member	Basic Member
Full Day Care	\$75.00/week	\$85.00/week
Extended Day Care 3 days	\$39.00/week	\$51.00/week
4 days	\$50.00/week	\$62.00/week
5 days	\$60.00/week	\$72.00/week

Registration is NOW OPEN!

** Aikido For Children **

Twice a week: Wednesdays 6pm - 6:45pm

Saturdays 10am - 10:45am

Session: August 2 - 30, 2000

** Aikido for Teens & Adults **

Three days a week: Mon & Wed 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Fridays 6:30 - 8pm

** Hiking Club's Saturday Hike **

Saturday, August 12, 2000

Gooseberry Springs, Mt. Taylor (Moderate 6 miles, elev. 9300 - 11300) Show up at West Side YMCA at 8am on the day of the hike. Bring your own water.

** Multi-Generation Hike **

Thursday, August 17, 2000 Jemez-East Fork (Moderate 3 miles) Bring water & hi-energy snack.

For more info contact the West Side Family YMCA at 899-8417.

Celebrate Literacy! Sponsor Newspapers for Classrooms

For Schools

- Classes receive the most current teaching tool available, the newspaper.
- Teachers receive valuable teaching materials to use with their students.
- Newspapers can be used in any grade level for any subject.
- Teachers can attend a variety of workshops designed to help them incorporate newspapers in their classrooms.

How Sponsors Help

- Provide newspapers to promote literacy in our schools.
- \$200 provides 30 newspapers a week to a classroom for one school year.
- \$100 provides 30 newspapers a week to a classroom for 18 weeks.
- \$50 provides 30 newspapers a week to a classroom for 9 weeks.

Sponsors

- Receive thank you notes and information from classes on how the newspapers are being used.
- Are recognized during National Newspapers in Education Week.
- Receive a certificate of appreciation. Those contributing \$500 or more receive a plaque.
- Are listed in one of two full page ads in the Albuquerque Journal and The Albuquerque Tribune.
- Are named in a 2 x 2 Thank You Ad.

Newspapers in Education
P.O. Drawer J-T
Albuquerque, NM 87103-1136
Nancy Wood, Director



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application



This is a: new membership
 renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident/Landowner
 Business

08/00

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:

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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 \$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

What is Constitutional Amendment #1 and Why Should You Care About It?

Constitutional Amendment #1 will appear on the general election ballot that all New Mexico voters will cast on November 7, 2000. It calls for the initiation of the unification process for Bernalillo County Government and City of Albuquerque. It is a multi-step citizen process that will proceed over a number of years. Below is an explanation of that plan:

1. November 2000

The whole state votes on an amendment to the NM State Constitution.

2. By January 2001

A Bernalillo County charter commission shall be appointed. This commission of at least three members will propose a new charter for a home rule county government.

3. By January 2002

All Bernalillo County voters shall vote on the proposed charter. If voters reject the charter at this election or any subsequent election, at least one year must elapse before another charter commission may be appointed.

4. By January 2003

Even if the home rule county portion of this amendment fails, the legislation allows for the appointment of an eleven member charter commission made up of five members each from city and county governments, and one member shall be appointed by the other ten. This commission will propose the format for single urban government for Bern. County.

5. By January 2004

The proposed single government charter will be submitted to the qualified voters of Bernalillo County. If the new proposal is adopted, city and county governments will dissolve. Any municipality with less than 10,000 population may become part of the consolidated government if the merger is approved by a majority of voters.

If the charter fails at the second or any subsequent election, then at least two years must elapse before another charter commission may be appointed to repeat this process.

There will be a vigorous debate about the form and structure of government that will necessarily include participation from neighborhood groups. This includes how districts are set up and how elected representatives relate to their constituents; who leads the new government and how the lines of accountability are established. It will be a tremendous opportunity to create a government that meets the needs of the 21st Century. We will be leading the nation in this effort.

Bernalillo County Government and City of Albuquerque already have dozens of joint powers agreements (JPAs) that work well for the taxpayers, providing efficient and effective services. Our unified library system is probably the crown jewel of the JPAs. We know it makes good sense to eliminate the duplication of services. We have one regional population; we should consider having one regional government. It will mean better use of resources, more accountability and better planning in crucial areas like water, land use, transportation and economic development. For more info, please contact the City Council at 768-3100 or visit www.abcgov.org.

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 08/00

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): _____

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Burn/No-Burn Advisory768-2876
City/County Information768-2000
Community Planning924-3860
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 Hotline768-3640
Water & Sewer Emergencies857-8250
Weed & Litter Complaints924-3850

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DWI Safe Ride Home (year round)242-RIDE
Emergency 911
Fire (non-emergency)243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office888-8124
National Fraud Info. Center800-876-7060
Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report768-2030
Poison & Drug Information272-2222
Police (non-emergency)242-COPS
Police Substation (West side)831-4705
Police Substation (Valley)761-8800
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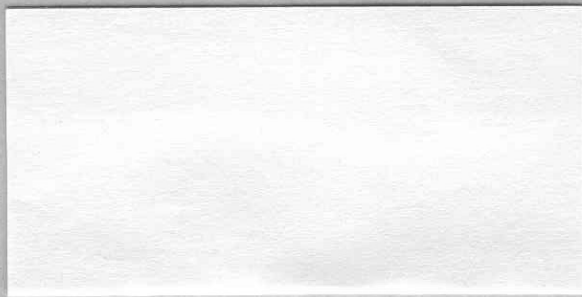
Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going on in and around your home in Taylor Ranch.



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