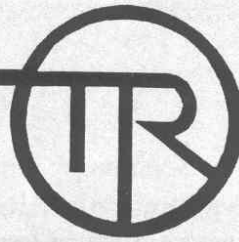




# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

October 2000

## Message From the President . . . *Rick Lackey*

It is always interesting when prospective new members call about joining TRNA or when I visit with them about our organization. The first question is usually about what we do. Their normal response to my answer is "I did not know that". Everyone in our area can benefit from our association. It may be a different area, concern, or interest that attracts a member but there is something in it for those that want to participate. So, what do we do? First I tell people that we have the best youth committee in the state. A lot of time and energy is focused on supporting them. We feel that if the youth have something to do and are directed towards a positive lifestyle we have done our job. Examples of activities: Easter egg hunt, Christmas Gifts from Santa at the Christmas Party, scholarships for area students, several teen dances, swim parties during the summer, park clean ups, etc.

TRNA also sponsors and supports such community activities as Candidate forums, yard sells, arts in the parks, and crime prevention input. Another important but sometimes unnoticed involvement is the new construction in the surrounding area. TRNA has input on all zone change requests.

We are excited to have a new membership chairman, Mike Woodruff. Please give him a call at 792-0177 with any new potential members or better yet -- join his committee. The more members we have the more we can make a impact.

See you soon, at the Yard Sale in October, the youth dance in October, or the Christmas party!!!!!!!®

**Dana Krill**, TRNA Board Member and TR Youth Member wins this year's Youth Achiever Award presented by the YMCA. Dana is an exemplary youth, demonstrating the strength of character it takes to be a model teen in today's world. As a senior at Cibola High School, she balances the demands of school, work, church, family and volunteerism.

Her work with the TRNAYC has included activities such as neighborhood clean-ups including graffiti paint outs, baby-sitting at PTA meetings, teaching bicycle safety at bike rodeos, tutoring younger children, assisting with jump start programs at the elementary and middle school levels, and much more. Each effort shows her commitment to improving and investing in her community, while acting as an outstanding role model for both peers and younger neighbors and students. She has shown caring, citizenship and respect for her community and its residents.

During the summer, Dana suffered an extreme heartbreak, when her best friend and boyfriend of four years, Chris, was killed in an accident. It has been since then that her true strength has been demonstrated. We have seen her tireless efforts to do the right thing for others, and to act as a shining example as a young community leader. She found strength at a time when many teens may not be strong, when many teens may have turned to drugs or truancy, becoming despondent or isolated. Dana has worked to press the good work she and Chris began together. Her unfaltering faith in their love and friendship has kept her focused and committed to building a better world. While others I know would give in in the face of such hardships, losing their purpose and sense of direction when someone close is gone, Dana has continued her course of positive actions. We congratulate Dana for her award! Our respect for her is immense.®



Rachel Brookins, Cops/Youth Project and TR Youth Committee



**TRNA FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday, October 21  
8am - 12pm**

**Reserve Your Space Now!  
Call 898-5447**

**\$5/Members  
\$10/Non-members**

**Cross of Hope  
Parking Lot**

# Welcome Principal Lovato!

Interview by Peggy Minich, Education Director

Bob Lavato, the new principal at Chamiza Elementary School has lived in the Shadow Ridge development near the Taylor Ranch Library for five years. He has long been married to his wife Debbie, who is employed by Qwest. They have 3 children (Melissa, Javier - a firefighter and paramedic, and Melia - a student at UNM) and 3 granddaughters. He loves playing softball as an outfielder for the Albuquerque Heat (Hispanic State Champs by the way!)

He grew up in East Los Angeles, attended Cal State and in '78 received a degree in elementary education from UNM, where he subsequently earned a Master's degree in Educational Administration. He worked as a teacher for APS for 17 years at Wilson Middle School and at S.Y. Jackson, Cochiti and Sierra elementary schools. He then served as the principal at Mountain View Elementary school in the Moriarity school district. He gave a special thanks to the superintendent of the Rio Rancho schools, Dr. Sue Cleveland for agreeing to release him from an administrative position after their school year had already started so that he could accept the principalship at Chamiza.

Principal Lovato expressed a very positive first impression of his new school both for the extent of the parent involvement and for his staff who he describes as a very experienced, highly educated, and continuing their own educations to further improve the quality of their teaching. "It's exceptional to watch these people."

He's also been very pleased by the collaboration and the pride he's seen and not just talk but positive involvement. While stating that this was a community with high expectations of their school . . . "I feel good about being here . . . parents are the biggest factor in test scores . . . it's a successful school and I want to continue that."

Goals for the year include:

- Spending time in every classroom to see what they do that makes them successful and support its continuance;

- Converting an area that full of dirt and rocks into a grassed area that would be a safe and enjoyable playground;

- Finding more volunteers to assist with the Jack Rabbit Literacy Program that provides one-on-one tutoring with a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grader. (Phone Abbey Sengebush at the school [897-5174] for more information.)

Asked what he views as his biggest responsibility at Chamiza (with a staff of 82 and a student population of 762!) Principal Lovato replied that it's to make the school safe in every way and to help all kids to learn. "I feel very fortunate to be at this school."



TRNA Youth Committee

Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 28  
7 to 10pm @ LBJ Mid School  
Admission:  
\$3 plus a can of food

## Riverview Park Work Party

Virginia Klebesadel, Secretary

**Work:** *n.* 1. Physical or mental effort or activity directed toward the production or accomplishment of something; toil, labor.

That's how the American Heritage Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary defines work. The Riverview Park Saturday Morning Work Party also defines it as fun!

Steve and Frances Howe, the members in charge of overseeing the care and keeping of Riverview Park on Butterfield, organized and promoted a 'Clean-up-the-Park' Party for Saturday, September 23. This, the first of what will become bi-annual events, one each spring and fall, was a great success. About 20 people who live near, use the park or just want to be involved showed up armed with gloves, hoes, shovels, lobbing shears, rakes, wheelbarrows and fanta: attitudes ready to do battle with the dreaded tumbleweeds, goatheads and other undesirable invaders of the park turf! One man, when arriving with the above paraphernalia in his 'barrow' remarked that these were his *toys*, not his *tools*!

After viewing a demo table of what the enemy was for the day, everyone set out about doing what they came to do. For the next 3 hours, 10 year olds through retirees ranged out across the acreage working together producing vast piles of weeds, topped with dozens

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# Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Rd, NW

Petroglyph Plaza

890-3909

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of bags of more weeks. (The city crews were scheduled to pick up the piles on Monday, since working on Saturday would cost the parks department overtime pay. In an already limited budget, this was not feasible.) Meanwhile, Tom Krutilla brought in a grill and just before noon Rick Lackey began to grill hotdogs while others set up buns, potato chips, baked beans and condiments. Simple food became a feast as people finished up their chosen areas and gathered at the pavilion to eat and enjoy the camaraderie created by working together toward a common goal.

Coming together in this way was also a learning experience for those who are unaware that the City Park System, being one of the best in the nation, is plagued by budgetary problems so great that the city has had to generate other methods of taking care of the acreage. Getting neighborhood associations to Adopt-A-Park is one of the ways in which Paul Willerns, Park Management Division Volunteer Coordinator, has found to be an effective tool in accomplishing that end. The TRNA Board adopted Riverview Park in June of this year. Riverview Park is somewhat unique in the system in that it is designed as a 'natural' park. That, of course, means there are vast areas that do not get mowed and must be tended by hand. Many people living adjacent to the park didn't know what their responsibilities or privileges were in regard to care of the park and once informed, found they were eager to continue to be involved.

All in all, this first work party was very successful in that the job got done, but in a greater sense it brought people together in camaraderie, fellowship and unity. Plaudits for Steve and Frances for their organizational skills and untiring efforts in regard to the park; Raley's for donating the food; Rick and Tom for handling the grill and cooking; members of the TRNA youth group who turned out; and everyone who pulled a weed or carried a bag for the day. Thank you. See you next spring!



# Used Car Sale

## October 20 & 21

- Hundreds of cars, trucks, vans and SUVs
- 1994-2001\* models available
- CU Loan officers on site
- No hassle pricing
- **Call 342-8888 ext. 14** to have your loan pre-approved

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# Coming Soon! 4 Parks to become "Dog Parks"!



Dogs of all sizes throughout Albuquerque have hidden their leashes from their owners and are anxiously awaiting the much-anticipated opening of the City's first true Dog Park.

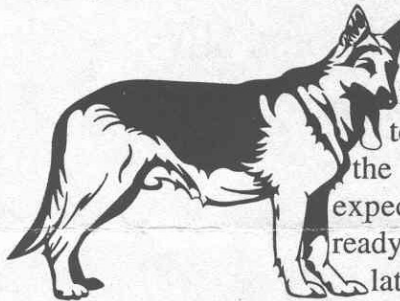
After months of public comment, community meetings and planning, the City of Albuquerque has opened the Rio Grande Remnant Park to the dogs.

After months of public comment, the City has identified four parks to become "dog parks". Rio Grande Remnant is the first to open with Unser-Vista Alegre, North Domingo Baca and McDuffie Park following in the near future. The new dog park will be fenced so dogs can run with other dogs without leashes.

"These four dog parks will work as a pilot project," said Mayor Baca. "This is new to Albuquerque. We'll see if it works or what adjustments we need and go from there."

Previously, dog owners could only take their dogs to Roosevelt Park during restricted hours. These new dog parks

will be open to dogs during normal park hours. Rules will be posted at each park and owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Rio Grande



Remnant Park is the first dog park to open with the other parks expected to be ready for the dogs later this year.

In January 2001, City officials will evaluate the pilot project and make recommendations to the Mayor.

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## TR Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application TR

This is a:  new membership  renewal membership

Type of membership:  Resident/Landowner  Business - 10/00

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*



# 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 Neighborhood Association Holiday Party. This year's party will be a luncheon at Outback Steak House on Saturday, December 9 from 11:30 to 2:30. 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.

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 Outback's for your donation.

A Reservation Form is provided below. Once your reservation is received, someone from the Association will contact you confirming receipt of your reservation. The menu is listed below. Please note the number of each plate(s) you and your family would like on the form below.

Due to limited space the number of guests will be limited to 2 only per family and the cost of each guest will be \$7. Please enclose a check for your guests (made payable to TRNA) along with the reservation form. Please remember that the TRNA members have priority over guests.

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED 11:30 - 12:30 ONLY!!** The kitchen will be **CLOSED** for Santa's arrival and we will again have door prizes.

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 25, 2000 a food and gifts have to be planned for in advance. Don't Delay!! If you have questions, please contact June Newman at 898-5447. Let's make Christmas 2000 Special - See you there!

### Adult Menu

Chicken on the Barbie seasoned and Grilled Breast w/BBO sauce Caesar Salad, Steamed Veggies, Rice & Drink	or	Walhalla Pasta Pasta tossed with steamed veggies in Alfredo sauce, Caesar Salad & Drink
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### Children's Menu

Kookaburra Chicken Fingers Served with Aussie Chips & Drink
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**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 .....	924-3860
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.

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