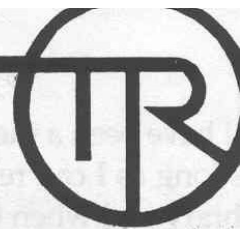


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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

February 2001

Message from the President

Rick Lackey

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! Yes, I realize it is already February but I was negligent and did not get my article in the January newsletter. Thanks to everyone that participated in the Christmas meeting and get together. Over 160 residents including over 120 adults from our area came. As usual the meal and desserts were wonderful. Thanks again.

We had our first board of directors meeting of the year on January 31st. Several items of interest were discussed. We would like any feedback from you, the membership, on any items. We discussed the possibility of raising the dues to \$15 per family, maybe to \$18. The cost of the insurance, postage, and general expenses keep going up but the membership has decreased. One easy solution would be to recruit more members. We do have an active membership committee, but if each member would recruit two of their neighbors the membership would triple and we could do more for the neighborhood.

Mark your calendars for March 28th, the last Wednesday of the month, we will be having our annual meeting at that time. We are trying to put together an exciting meeting, (Well, as exciting as we can). We will have door prizes, a discussion of the landscaping on Montano, the coming out party of the official web sight, an update of the crime in our area, and the presentation of the 2001 scholarship recipients. We also will be electing four or five members to the board. We are in need of several interested members to serve on the board. The pay is not so great, but the experience and your input is invaluable. No experience necessary. In fact, at the first board meeting I attended I was elected President. Please call me if you are interested in volunteering.

The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 14th. Thanks to everyone that has helped this past year in our many events.

Until Next Month..... Ⓜ

TRNA will once again be awarding two \$500 scholarships to high school graduating seniors for post-secondary education. An application and the required criteria are included in this issue - or they can be obtained from your high school's counseling department. And remember that the deadline for all application materials is a postmark of no later than March 3rd!

Any questions can be directed to Peggy Minich at 899-8590.

And if any TRNA member would like to help with the Scholarship Committee - please call Peggy!



Easter Party
April 14
9AM - 12 NOON
Mariposa
Basin Park

Planning for the upcoming Easter Party and Egg Hunt is already underway. This is the largest--and we think--most wonderful Event which TRNA Sponsors. A skeleton crew is on hand but much more help is needed. Community effort is required to pull it off and it just can't happen without the help of our businesses and Taylor Ranch Neighbors. We need help with:

1. Planning the games
2. Organizing the Cake Walk
3. Ticket Sales
4. And Most Important—stuffing plastic eggs with candy and coupons

So, be the first in your neighborhood to volunteer to sponsor an egg stuffing party. We provide all the stuff, you provide the people—we'll find a place if you don't have one!

If you like working with kids, game planning is right up your alley. And all you cake bakers and cookie makers out there unite—it's a golden opportunity to show off your wares and have some fun in the process.

It can be a lot of fun putting this event together and we would like to share some of that with you. Please, on bended knee, we ask you to come forth and help with this event. Even if all you can spare is a few hours, those few hours are very important to the success of the Easter Party Event! Ⓜ

Thanks,
Debbie Tatum

The Importance of Taylor Ranch

by Dana Krill, TRNA Youth Committee Secretary and TRNA board member

I have been a member of the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee for six years now. I have lived in Taylor Ranch for as long as I can remember and I can say that I have watched it grow. I remember when the local YMCA was a library and when there was nothing but trees, weeds and dirt where our grand Mariposa Basin Park is now. For ten years, I have lived among the same neighbors. When I joined the youth Committee, I began to have pride in my neighborhood. It was only the weekend before this past Thanksgiving when I went on a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico with my church youth group, that I saw how truly great our neighborhood is.

I learned many things on the mission trip. The night we drove in, we took many roadways, including the ditches in which any traffic patterns were hard to distinguish. Our driver told us that in the morning, an ice-cream-man-sounding-van would drive around playing that happy melody to sell the daily or weekly cocaine. We didn't see or hear that the next morning, but there was another ice cream-man-sounding-truck selling propane to heat homes. All the houses were fenced in, from the small one to two room houses to the two to three story looking mansions, to keep the thieves and dogs out. The place housing our youth group for the night was very big, but very bare on the inside. There were no pictures on the walls, carpet on the floors, or even cots for us to sleep on. It was bare with the exception of the kitchen and two primary bedrooms on the first level. We were all told that we could not drink the water or eat the food there because it wasn't clean and we would get sick. Our first job was to help cement a school's courtyard. We mixed and poured all the ingredients ourselves. Since it was a Saturday, there was no school that day, but children came out of nowhere to watch and play with us. Even though many of us could only speak a little Spanish, we tried to talk with them and still had a great deal of fun. The big job for the next day was to hand out burritos in a very poor neighborhood. This neighborhood was made out of palates nailed together with cardboard stapled to it to create walls. There was a small school the size of one or two small portables that sat on the hill. You could see smoke in the distance from a landfill burning trash. Dozens of people came out to hear the message we had to share and partake in the burritos, hot chocolate and candy we brought. We all got involved in a soccer game afterward (they beat us pretty bad!) and the children were excited to play with us on a small beat up playground.

When I came back home, I saw BIG BEAUTIFUL homes and cars. There were no gates and walls to fence in houses from the streets. Neatly dressed kids on their way to school would wait until it was clear to cross the street. People could drive up to restaurants and get any type of food imaginable without any problems. I realized what a great place Albuquerque was to live and especially Taylor Ranch. I have recently noticed some more changes though. More police have been patrolling our neighborhood. Does that mean crime has increased? More speed humps have appeared. Does that mean that we are getting more (speeding) traffic? And I have seen more graffiti. Is our neighborhood getting too big to control? I thought about it for a while and came up with the conclusion that not everyone is a good neighbor. My neighbors have always helped me out whether it was a fund-raiser or car problems. They know me. But there are people who don't even know their neighbors names.

I think that to have a good neighborhood, you have to have friendly, unified neighbors. If you don't know your neighbors, go meet them! Bring brownies. Wave to the kids waiting for the school bus as you drive or walk by. Support their fund-raisers. If kids can feel successful when they are young, they might not feel the need to start some unhealthy habits as they get older because of discouragement. I guarantee that if you know your neighbors, you'll feel better about the neighborhood. And if you are comfortable with your neighbors, kids can have the encouragement that so many people gave me. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for all the people in Taylor Ranch such as my best friend, Amanda, and her family, the Girl Scout troop I was in, and all the neighbors being kind enough to wonder how school was going. A neighborhood is an important place, at least it was for me. So if there is something you think you can do to make it a happier place, come to a board meeting. Share your ideas with the community. We'll try to keep you more informed on how YOU can help Taylor Ranch. Isn't Taylor Ranch wonderful?!

West Side Family YMCA News

**** Items needed for successful operation of Preschool! ****

We are in desperate need of a dependable refrigerator to store preschool snacks and lunches. We are also in need of electronic items such as a television, CD/cassette player, and recreational items like tricycles. Everything must be in good condition, because our children are very special!

Please drop off any items at the West Side Family YMCA.

**** Teen Dance Nights ****

3rd Friday of every month, 7 to 10 pm.
Feb. 16th, March 16th, Apr 20th, May 18th &
June 15th. YMCA Members \$5, non-members \$7
To be held in the cafeteria at Jimmy Carter MS

e-mail to the Editor . . .

I appreciated the Monthly Crime Statistics for TRNA. I hope you'll publish that annually. The map was interesting but difficult to read. I have a couple of questions: For Part I Crimes the leading crime each month (and accounting for almost half of the year's crimes) was larceny. What exactly is larceny? I know the difference between burglary and robbery but I would like some clarification on what larceny is. For Part II Crimes I'm curious about bribery, extortion/blackmail and embezzlement. Were these crimes that were committed in Taylor Ranch or were they committed elsewhere in the city and the perpetrators was arrested here?

Also I'd be interested in seeing how our crime statistics compare with neighborhoods of the same size in different parts of the city.

Keep up the good work. Therese Saunders

Editor's Note: *Thanks for the comments! There is going to be a Crime Committee Meeting on February 21 at 7pm at La Petite Academy located at 4910 Kachina NW. There will be people there who can answer your questions and address your concerns. It has also been brought to my attention that there has been a string of car burglaries in the Taylor Ranch area. Let's keep an eye out for each other!*

As for the quality of the map, I apologize! It was generated on a color printer (it did not copy well to black & white) -- until we have the funds to produce a color newsletter, black and white is the best we can do!

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A Message from the Membership Director

A quick look into membership renewal reveals that about two-thirds of the expiring memberships have been renewed for one or more years. It's still a bargain: One year \$12.00 Two years \$22.00 Three years \$30.00

Renew now while these prices are still in effect. This year we have added a Type of Membership category consisting of "Sustaining" or "Active" membership. Those who would like to be sustaining members receiving the newsletter only, not participating in committees: etc., can say so, just by checking Sustaining Member Only box. They then will not be bothered with phone calls asking for help, but can still be apprised of what is happening in Taylor Ranch. (Sustaining members can become Active members simply by calling 898-9173 and saying so.) Any and all residents or businesses that care to be sustaining members are most welcome; however, there is still a great need for people to participate in the areas of their interest.

Immediate needs are people willing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Please consider where you would like to participate in any of the areas of interest. Send the completed renewal reminder that you received in December or the renewal form in this newsletter together with your check to:

TRNA Membership, P O Box 67108, Albuquerque, NM 87193-7108

Taylor Ranch is your community and TRNA is your association. Member support and participation is continuously needed to promote, preserve and improve the quality of life enjoyed by residents and businesses alike. Let your voice be heard by renewing now. Thank you.

Virginia M. Klebesadel 898-9173

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Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application



This is a: new membership
 renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident/Landowner
 Business

02/01

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

We can always use your help! Please check off any areas of interest in which I can help the Association:

- Crime Prevention
- Parks & Recreation
- Voter Education
- Multigenerational Comm. Center
- Board of Directors
- Education
- Library
- Zoning
- Traffic
- Support Only
- Membership
- Beautification
- Voting
- Calling
- Other: _____
- Newsletter
- Environment
- Social Activities
- Children's Parties

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 67108, Albuquerque, NM 87193-7108

**USEFUL
PHONE
NUMBERS**



Animal Control (West side)	768-1935
Burn/No-Burn Advisory	768-2876
City/County Information	768-2000
Community & Neighborhood Coord.	924-3914
Community Planning	924-3860
Garbage Collection Problems	761-8100
Gas Leaks (24 hrs, 7 days a week)	246-7474
Graffiti Removal Services	857-8055
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful	761-8188
Los Volcanes Senior Center	836-8745
Office of Senior Affairs	764-6400
Pothole Repair	857-8025
Ridepool	243-7433
Recycling Information	761-8176
State Information	1-800-825-6639
Wasted Water Hotline	768-3640
Weed & Litter Complaints	857-8060

**POLICE &
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PHONE NUMBERS**



Emergency	911
APD Crime Analysis Section	768-3200
APD Records	768-2020
APD Telephone Reporting Unit	768-2030
Crime Stoppers	843-7867
Fire (non-emergency)	833-7300
Fire Marshal's Office	764-6300
National Fraud Info. Center	800-876-7060
Neighborhood Crime Prevention	924-3600
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 Information	1-800-825-6639
State Police	841-9256
Traffic Sign & Speed Info	857-8680

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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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.

