



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

April 2001

Montano and Coors Median Landscaping Update

"Yes. These trees will be replanted soon." This sign in the Montano median has left many wondering when 'soon' means. In this case, 'soon' likely means 'late' April. The City of Albuquerque selected Lee Landscapes to install landscaping in both the Montano and Coors medians. Lee Landscapes should begin their work in late April and should complete landscaping of both medians by August. However, the contract allows Lee Landscapes to choose the order in which the Montano and Coors medians are completed. So it is possible work may begin on the Coors median ahead of the Montano median.

The designs of the Coors and Montano medians were done by the firm Morrow, Reardon and Wilkinson. This firm also designed the Montano median east of the Rio Grande. The most lush landscaping will be between Coors and Taylor Ranch Road. East of Taylor Ranch Road to Unser Boulevard, the plant palette has somewhat less plant density and variety. Overall, the median should have year round interest. In the spring and extending into the summer, mesquite trees, desert willow trees, and russian sage bushes will begin flowering. In the summer, green leaves and grasses will give color and presence. In the fall, the skunkbush berries and grass seedheads will provide interesting color and texture. In the final winter season, the coyote willow will have beautiful stems, while the ornamental grasses will be more visible with their interesting shapes. While the plant material is very low water use, the median will be fully irrigated.

The Coors median will have a plant palette somewhat similar to the less lush portions of the Montano median. The City is making the Coors median a pilot project where there will be no irrigation in the median. The plants will be drought tolerant and the contractor will be required to maintain the plant life for two years.

As the Montano median transitions from mature Cottonwoods to new plants with a xeriscape theme, you may wonder when the new landscapes will look mature. You should see significant plant growth in the median within one to three years. The trees will take longer; you will probably see mature heights in five to ten years.



TRNA Annual Easter Party

Saturday, April 14
Mariposa Basin Park
9am-1:00

Hunts start at 10:00
Games, concessions,
safety fair, tethered
balloon rides (weather
permitting) information,
call Deborah Tatum,
Chair 897-5071



Congratulations to Matthew Jones and Dana Krill!

This year's two recipients of the TRNA Scholarship Award.

Matthew, the son of Tracy and Rexanna Jones, plans to attend BYU and major in Computer Science. Dana, the daughter of Sue and Ernest Gonzales, plans to attend a university in New Mexico, majoring in Spanish and Psychology.

Greetings from the Westside Area Command

It was a pleasure to see the turnout at the Annual Neighborhood Association meeting. It's always nice to see so many neighbors coming to discuss common issues of interest and concern.

I discussed several public safety issues of concern to members of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhoods as well as to the police officers working the westside of town.

While things are going relatively well in Taylor Ranch Area several crimes continue to plague our area though. Taylor Ranch neighbors continue to report to us incidents of vandalism, graffiti and even thefts of motor vehicles.

We are doing a very good job solving many of these crimes----but we need your help if we are going to continue reducing these problems.

The vast majority of the crimes we solve are with the help of you and others in the community.

* Please do not hesitate to report suspicious activity in your neighborhoods. The non-emergency # is 242-COPS. If it's a true emergency call 911.

* Write down vehicle license plates to suspicious vehicles----and provide officers with the information in the event a crime occurs in the area.

* Communicate with your neighbors on a routine basis-----A hi or hello is a good start, but when the opportunity presents itself discuss safety issues in your neighborhoods.

* Be very conscience of the simple things you can do discourage crime---such as: Leave outside lights on at night.

* Don't forget to close your garage door, this unfortunately is an invitation to the opportunistic thief out there.

* If you see graffiti painted on walls call the Graffiti Hotline # 768-4725 so that it can be removed as soon as possible. Removing graffiti as soon as possible serves as a deterrent and a sign that graffiti is not welcome in that neighborhood.

STAY INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING MAKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER.

My office is now located at the Cottonwood Mall Substation.

If you have any questions you can call the Cottonwood Substation at 897-8802 or Westside Area Command Substation at 831-4705

In May, 2001 every neighborhood association in the Taylor Ranch Area will be assigned a contact person-----Contact your neighborhood association for that information.

Lieutenant Edmund Perea
Dayshift Commander
Westside Area Command

Room 2 Grow

Pre-school

*Affordable Education by
Early childhood Professional Moms*

Offering:

**Morning Pre-school class for children
2 years 9 months and older
Afternoon Pre-K class for children ages 4-5**

Located next to Chamiza Elementary.

899-3957

Zoning Activity

Escarpment Land

Rezoning of vacant land near Petroglyph National Park and the Escarpment has been the site of recent zoning activity. Near the intersection of Unser and Mojave--also near the entrance to Petroglyph National Park--there are several parcels that have O-1 or office zoning. The TRNA Board has been interested in having the City reconsider the commercial zoning in this area and in having development which abutts the National Park to be as sensitive to this natural setting as possible.

Most of the office zoning in this area is now considered obsolete. Past thinking was that the alignment for Unser Boulevard would be the existing road segment which runs north of Montano and passes through Boca Negra Canyon. The office zoning made some sense when it was abutting a future major street, but the future alignment of Unser Boulevard is now slightly west of the existing roadway. The current approved street plan for the city has the future Unser, a major street, veering north and west at Montano and traveling through the escarpment and up onto the mesa using the alignment where there was a cut made for a gas line. While no one can predict when Unser will ever be built, the approval of the realignment does change the viability of zoning in the area north of Montano. The current road segment north of Montano, and which has office zoning abutting it, is and will remain a local street. The piece north of Mojave, will remain only as an entrance to Petroglyph National Park and Boca Negra Park and as a pedestrian/bicycle path. Hence, the office zoning abutting Mojave and portions of Unser needs to be reconsidered.

The TRNA Board is asking the City of Albuquerque Planning Department to relook at the zoning layout and would like those parcels which directly abutt the National Park to be subject to higher site design standards. If you have an interest in this topic, please contact Jolene Wolfley at jostler_wolfley@hotmail.com or 890-9414.

Meanwhile, some zoning cases in this area have already been filed. The City's Environmental Planning Commission approved a rezone from office to residential-townhouse at the southeast corner of Mojave and Unser. The TRNA Board recommended a lower density, matching the adjacent neighborhood, unless the Board could have input in the site design of higher density housing. The EPC rejected TRNA's request.

A second case has been filed on the north side of Mojave where the RJ Schaefer sign is. The applicant is requesting a rezone from Office to residential of approximately five units to the acre. The TRNA Board is now reviewing this case with interest in (1) bringing the adjacent vacant parcels into the same site design and (2) making the development transition sensitively to the Boca Negra Arroyo and National Park land. Once again, please contact Jolene Wolfley if you are interested in this case.

Commercial Development

Too many commercial projects on Coors will hinder the viability of existing shopping centers on Taylor Ranch Road. The TRNA Board sent this message to the City's EPC as it considered rezoning more land from residential to commercial on Coors just south of the commercial center which houses Goodwill, Bank of America, etc. Other neighborhood associations were opposed to this rezoning and it was rejected by the EPC.

We're Happy to be
Your Neighbor!



Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Rd, NW
Petroglyph Plaza

890-3909

TRNA Flea Market

This Spring's Flea Market will benefit the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee.

*Come out and support them!
Sat., April 21 from 8am-1:00pm
Cross of Hope Church parking lot, Taylor Ranch Road*

*Space rental \$5 TRNA members,
\$10 non members*

Call Deborah Tatum 897-5071 to reserve space.



Connie Gomez
Academy Director

4910 Kachina NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
Tel 505.899.3361
Fax 505.899.5510
www.lapetite.com

No Closing Cost Home Equity Loans

Our Mini Home Equity Loans are more attractive than ever!

- **No Closing Costs** on loans for property in Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties. On loans for properties in other New Mexico counties, U.S. New Mexico pays 1/2 of all closing costs.
- **15 Year Term** available for loans of \$25,001 to \$50,000.
- **85% Loan to Value.**
- **Adjustable Annual Percentage Rate** of Wall Street Journal Prime + 1%.
- **Streamlined Loan Process.**

So if you need cash for bill consolidation, remodeling or any other reason, a Mini Home Equity Loan may be perfect for you!

Find out by calling Lorri Clifton, **342-8874**, today!



www.usnmfcu.org

4411 Irving Blvd. NW • 3939 Osuna Rd. NE
2608 Tennessee St. NE • 616 Gold Ave. SW

*Dear Ken and James Newman
Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association*

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the members and friends of Cross of Hope, I want to thank the TRNA for the gift of \$250.00 to cover the insurance deductible for damage to our cross and window.

The repairs continue and we hope to have them completed by Easter, April 15. Fortunately, none of the colored glass in the cross window was damaged, which would have been difficult to match.

Your gift took some of the sting out of the hurt and anger we experienced when our building was vandalized and the cross and window, which stands as the focal point of our worship area, was damaged.

We are privileged to be your neighbor in Taylor Ranch and look forward to years of partnership. It is good and generous people like you who make great neighborhoods. And we thank God for you.

Sincerely,

*Dale G. Bauer
Pastor
Cross of Hope Church*

Again, thank you so very much.

The Taylor Ranch Youth Committee would like to thank the following businesses for their support:

- Raley's
- Dions
- Breakfast Club Restaurant
- Barnes and Noble
- IFS Fundraising
- Travel Gallery

and also the following organizations or individuals:

- Northwest Optimist Club
- LBJ Middle School
- June Newman

Without the help of businesses and individuals, the Committee wouldn't be able to do all the events that they have been involved in. We might remind you that the Committee has been recognized by the Albuquerque City Council with a Proclamation, and recently by the New Mexico Association of Chiefs of Police, where we received a Young Citizen Award. The committee has helped out at Marie Hughes Elementary, Chamiza Elementary, LBJ Middle School, City functions, taught safety and Character Counts to children, and put on safe and entertaining events for our peers. We're proud of our neighborhood and try to teach others to respect and appreciate our great neighborhood. It is our hope to continue and increase our endeavors, with the support of the businesses already listed and future businesses who are willing to help out, we can continue the work we've started.



Call toll free 1.877.477.6060
www.trusthss.com
The One Stop Shop

\$25.00 off all first time orders

- *Get Pre-screened Licensed, Insured and Background Checked Contractor's
- *For All Your Home and Business Improvements
- *Plus Our Double Protection Plan
- *24-Hour Emergency Service



- Free Estimates
- Competitive Pricing
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- HVAC
- Remodels
- Sunrooms

- Evaporative coolers
- Stucco
- Windows
- Doors
- Siding
- Roofing
- Sprinkler Systems
- Gutter
- Pest Control
- Carpet Cleaning
- Appliance Repair
- Tile work
- Heating
- Air Conditioning
- Painting
- Landscaping
- Handyman

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

This is a: new membership
 renewal membership

Type of membership: Resident/Landowner
 Business

04/01

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:

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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"/> Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multigenerational Comm. Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Only | <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 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 &
EMERGENCY
PHONE NUMBERS**



Emergency	.....911
APD Crime Analysis Section	.....768-3282
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.



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 66288
Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

Return Service Requested



*mittee
notices*

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.