

The History Corner - No. 2

Fred van Berkel, TRNA Historian

When TRNA was born in 1980, it didn't have much time to grow up. One of the hot issues of the early 80's was the Coors Corridor Plan. Although the corridor is only about 10 miles long, it would greatly affect the future of our neighborhood. Thanks to a number of members of TRNA, we had our say in the plan. In this column I would like to distill the plan to its fundamental parts.

"The Coors corridor will be a limited access parkway."

The corridor is divided into four segments:

1. Central - I-40
2. I-40 - Western Trail
3. Western Trail - Calabacillas Arroyo
4. Calabacillas Arroyo - N.M. 528

Each segment was then analyzed in terms of

◆ **Traffic:** "At present, the boulevard experiences congestion during peak traffic periods. (1980!) It is estimated that traffic will increase 250% by 2005

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TR Community Center Dedication September 25th

Ceil van Berkel, Treasurer, TRNA

The Taylor Ranch Community Center will be dedicated on September 25th with a festive schedule of events beginning at 10:00 am and continuing until 2:00 pm. Please join us and the City representatives to celebrate this long awaited resource for Taylor Ranch!

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President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

The election is near. Are you registered to vote? If not, please register to vote soon. Our elected officials make decisions that are important to us, including jobs, the environment and our security.

- ◆ Our elected officials decide how much tax we pay and how those tax dollars are spent. Our elected officials make decisions that affect jobs in our community.
- ◆ Our elected officials set air and water quality standards.
- ◆ Our elected officials make decisions that affect the services we receive in our community.
- ◆ Our elected officials vote on budgets that affect our streets.

Before we vote we need to educate ourselves about the issues, the candidates, what the candidates stand for, and attend a candidate forum. Voting is our chance to choose the decision makers and tell them what we want, so make sure your voice is heard on election day.

This is our community and we should take an active role in improving the quality of life in Taylor Ranch. ®

Fall Flea Market and Crafts Sale

September 18th! 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross of Hope parking lot. Clean out your attics and garages or bring your arts and crafts. Food and refreshments will be available at the event. Proceeds from space fees and food sales will benefit the TRNA high school scholarship fund.

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As we mentioned last issue, Don Newton, was appointed Director of the Taylor Ranch Community Center, transferred from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, where he has done an outstanding job strengthening the role of neighborhood associations in the city. Now we are fortunate that he will be focusing his energy in our own community through his leadership at the Community Center. The Center will offer a full range of services to all age groups in our community. Programs will be phased in as personnel are hired, volunteers are found, and funding is allocated.

Your association has been a prime mover in working with our elected officials to plan, acquire land, and fund the Community Center. For more than 10 years TRNA directors and volunteers have worked to make the dream of a Taylor Ranch Community Center a reality. Many thanks to all of you. TRNA will hold its meetings in the Center, once it is open for business. It will be wonderful to finally have a home!

See page 4 for a floor plan of this facility! ®



National Night Out

Jeanne Rousseau, TRNA Resident

Residents of Mesquite Street NW met to visit and eat together on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Twenty people attended, delicious food was enjoyed by all, and all stayed and visited till way after dark.

Some residents chose to take a copy of The Mesa Messenger to consider membership in the Taylor Ranch Association. The party was held on the first cul-de-sac.

Discussion was held concerning weeds, landscaping, noise, unauthorized vehicles, and unattended pets..

Ed— Consider organizing a neighborhood night out in your area and consider linking it with a city-sponsored neighborhood watch program! ®

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Table fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

Items may be donated to the TRNA table. The proceeds from this table will also benefit the scholarship fund. For information call Virginia Klebesadel (898-9173) ®

Zoning Update

Brett T. Lopez, TRNA Zoning Chair

What can we do about a problem with a rental unit next door, which has an absentee owner or landlord? What a great question and one that is important!

Ultimately, responsibility in most areas lies with the owner even if the property is being leased. The Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination encourages neighborhoods and their associations to identify the owner of the property and to inform the owner of problems. They may also offer assistance in resolution of the problem. The Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination has a sample "Dear Nuisance" letter available to use as a model for this purpose.

If this approach isn't working you should call the appropriate City Department. If it is a weeds and litter problem, or disabled vehicle on the property, call Zoning enforcement. If there are repeated noise problems or if the property is in a serious state of disrepair, call Environmental Health Department.

Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination:
924-3914

Zoning Enforcement:
924-3850

Environmental Health:
768-2600

One last thing: TRNA is working on getting the Solid Waste Department to provide a dumpster or two during the Fall Flea Market and Craft Sale so that you may bring loads of unwanted trash to be disposed of at no charge. That date will be the 18th of September. ☺

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◆ **Environmental concerns:** "Preserve and enhance the natural landscape features of the corridor such as the Bosque, the Oxbow Marsh and the arroyos. " (By the way, the Oxbow Marsh is located along the Rio Grande immediately below the bluff which borders Pius High School/Catholic Center on the east.) "This 37 acre wetland area provides the only marshland/aquatic habitat in the urban area—it must be protected"

◆ **Land issues and integrity of development:** "Encourage residential, commercial and cluster development. Approximately 80% of the land fronting Coors Boulevard is presently undeveloped."

◆ **Visual impression:** protect and enhance view within the Coors Corridor. "Significant views beyond the corridor, including the volcanoes, the escarpments, the arroyos, the Bosque, the Rio Grande Valley and the Sandia Mountains as viewed from Coors Boulevard should be preserved and enhanced."

This was 25 years ago. Take an easy drive along Coors (if that is possible, and see for yourself the execution of this plan. The plan is being revised. Contact our city councilor to volunteer to work on this revision.

P. S. Did you know that the average sales price for a home in Taylor Ranch in 1979 was \$47,000 and ONE YEAR LATER, \$66, 080? That is a difference of more than \$18,000 in one year. TR Property values were skyrocketing in those days.

Next Month: the first TR president and "Yes, We Live in Albuquerque." ☺

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APD Westside Area Command

Lieutenant Ed Perea, APD

Westside Area Command: 831-4705
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Friends,

The Westside Area Command just received two portable speed boards, at a cost of about \$10,500 a piece. This equipment, similar to what you see when entering the airport, shows the speed at which you are traveling. The speed boards will be used to assist in our efforts to deal with speed and traffic issues on the Westside.

The speed boards are portable so we will be able to move them from location to location which will help to bring awareness to drivers especially in problem locations.

Additionally;

A few Back to School tips from Jim Jones of Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association are shown below.

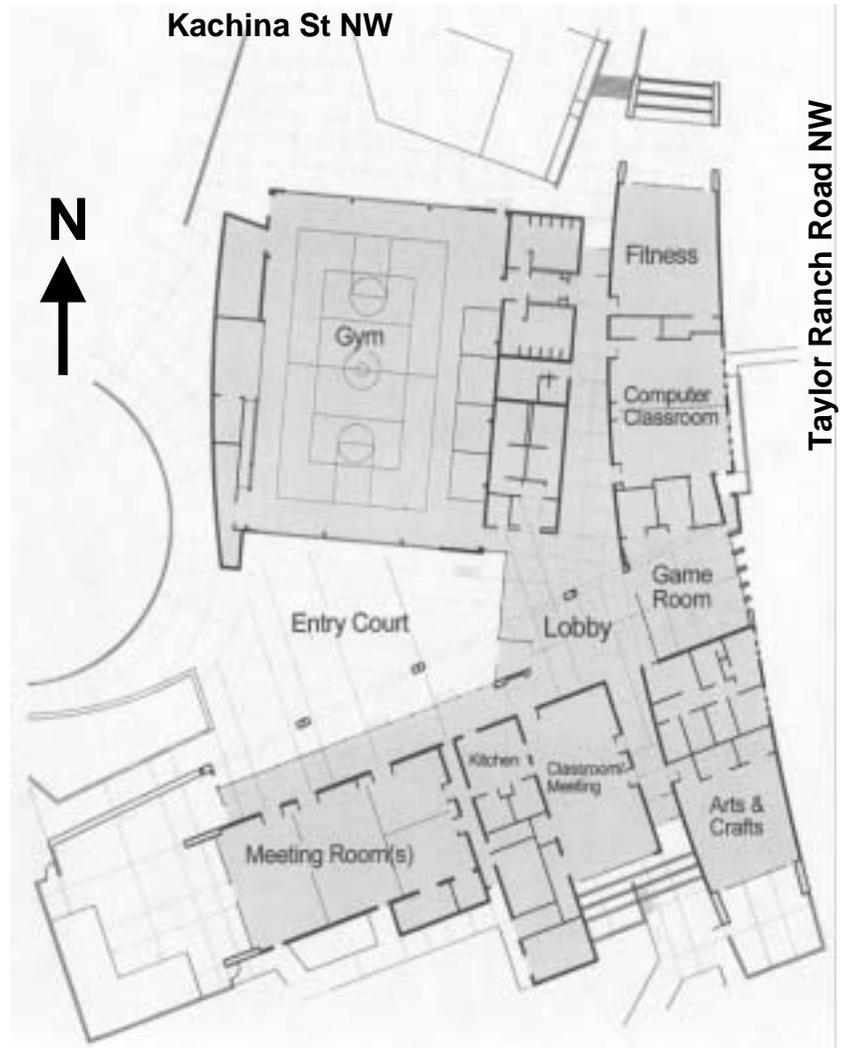
Be safe, Ed ®

Back-to-School Tips for Parents

As you prepare to send your kids back to school this month, here are some tips to keep in mind:

- ◆ Be sure your children know their home number, address, the work numbers of their parents, that of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies.
- ◆ Teach your children never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Teach them that a stranger is anyone they or their parents don't know well & trust.
- ◆ If they're home alone after school, have them check in with a parent or neighbor as soon as they walk in the door.
- ◆ Set up rules for locking doors & windows, as well as answering the door or telephone. Agree on rules for inviting friends over & for going to a friend's house when no adult is home. ®

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

I'm interested in the following:

Active Participation	Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)
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Board of Directors	Community Center
Crime Prevention	Environment
Education	Membership
Newsletter	Social Activities
Parks & Recreation	Traffic
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Zoning	Other _____

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Resident: \$9.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2004)	\$27.00 (July 2004 - Dec 2005)
Business: \$25.00 (6 mo, July - Dec 2004)	\$75.00 (July 2004 - Dec 2005)

(Regular annual dues are \$18 resident and \$50 business. The above has been prorated for partial year membership.)

Our mission is to
Promote, Preserve, and
Improve the quality of
life in Taylor Ranch.

If you have already renewed, pass this on to a neighbor!

Call 897-4684 if you have questions or need more information.

Please mail this form with your check to: TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency) 911 | Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks 857-8669 |
| <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i> | Poison & Drug Information 1-800-222-1222 |
| Police (non-emergency).....242-COPS | <i>Public Works Department</i> |
| Police – Westside Area Command 831-4705 | Pothole Repair..... 857-8025 |
| Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802 | Wasted Water Hotline 768-3640 |
| Telephone Reporting Unit.....768-2030 | Sidewalk Obstructions..... 857-8000 |
| Animal Control (Westside)768-1935 | Ridepool 243-7433 |
| Burn/No-Burn Advisory.....768-2876 | Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) 768-4160 |
| City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas)768-4777 | Solid Waste Department |
| City Council Office768-3100 | Recycling Information..... 761-8100 |
| City Councilor Michael Cadigan.....830-2076 | Large Item Pick-up 761-8100 |
| City Information.....768-2000 | Garbage Collection Problems 761-8100 |
| Crime Stoppers.....843-7867 | State Information 1-800-825-6639 |
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| Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)833-7390 | SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200 |
| Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week).....246-5700 | SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped) 764-6165 |
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| Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr345-1650 | Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277 |
| Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)761-8334 | Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850 |
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| Mayor's/CAO Office768-3000 | Vehicle Emission Testing 764-1110 |
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| Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers...857-8650 | Zoning Violations..... 924-3850 |

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Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22nd of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. Copyrighted material requires written permission.

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UPCOMING TRNA EVENTS

- September 18, 2004: Fall Flea Market**
- September 25, 2004: Community Center Dedication**
- October 12, 2004: Candidate Forum**
- December 4, 2004: Holiday Luncheon**