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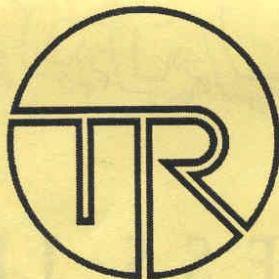
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"Our mission is to Promote, Preserve, and Improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" — TRNA

Paseo del Norte Extension Update

Carl Wenzinger, Editor, Mesa Messenger

Recently, the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association was asked to join Paradise Hills Civic Association and Ventana Ranch Neighborhood Association in the fight over the Paseo del Norte extension. The TRNA board members voted to ask the court to allow neighborhood associations to join the City of Albuquerque (Mayor, City, City Council, and Department of Municipal Development) as Defendants-Intervenors in CASE NO. CV 2005 01379.

This case was filed by the SAGE Council, Sierra Club, SWOP, SNEEJ, and others seeking to stop the City of Albuquerque from construction on the westward expansion of Paseo del Norte from Golf Course.

The vote by TRNA board members authorized the payment of \$250 to the law firm of Patrick J. Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris, & Sisk, P.A. to become part of this legal action. TRNA will now be informed of all legal actions by SAGE et al in their attempts to stop the Paseo expansion. This will be an uphill battle, as SAGE et al is attempting to prevent the Neighborhood Associations from involvement in the case. We will keep everyone updated as information is available. ®

TRNA Flea Market

Donna Rigano & Susan Sisson

The TRNA Flea Market on 5/14/05 was a great success! A good time was had by all despite the wind. We are well on our way to funding our student scholarship fund.

We want to acknowledge and give a special thank you to Cross-of-Hope Church for allowing us to use their facilities and to Paul Otero, manager of Raley's for donating the food. Without the support of these two organizations we would not have been as successful as we were.

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President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

It was my pleasure and honor to be re-elected President of TRNA. Our newest Board members, David Freeman, Bill Jack Rogers, and Walter Sala, have jumped right in.

The Spring Flea Market was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Donna Rigano did a wonderful job organizing the event.

This month is the big TRNA Silver Anniversary Party. A year of planning has gone into this event. The party will have something for everyone so please come out and celebrate 25 years of being the community's voice. The Silver Anniversary Committee consisting of Fred & Ceil van Berkel, Brett Lopez, Ken & June Newman, Lily Andrews, Kaylean Godinez, and George ?????, has done a tremendous job.

Curtis Smith has resigned from the Board. We will miss Curtis and all that he did for our community.

It is people like these that make our community a better place to live. Thanks everyone.

If you would like to get more involved with your community, please come to our next board meeting and learn where you can get plugged in. ®

Beautification News

Lily Andrews, Dir. Beautification, TRNA

On April 30th TRNA joined in the Mayor's Great American Spring Cleanup to improve Taylor Ranch. We did Mariposa Basin Park and many of the surrounding medians. Special thanks to Councilor Cadigan for donating some very nice long grabbers to get in those thorny bushes and hard to reach areas.

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History Corner #8

West Side Story

Fred van Berkel, Historian, TRNA

West Side's story isn't all so new.

By Bill Slakey (bsslakey@abqtrib.com or 823-3642).



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"Here, they were supposed to build that six-lane highway."

Fred van Berkel points from his truck as he heads down Montaña Road through Taylor Ranch.

Out the window, you see what the neighborhood association envisioned instead of a giant road: an arroyo, power lines, bike trails -a thin slice of open space through the acres of houses.

It's even more than that, though. It's a slice through time to the mid-'70s, when this was *all* open space, and the West Side of today was just a crazy idea.

Van Berkel remembers. In 1977, he and his wife, Ceil, bought a house in one of the first sections of Taylor Ranch. They sold that house and moved a few blocks away when he built them a new one. After a decade or so, they moved overseas.

Then, they came back to the old neighbourhood.

"It feels like a little town," Ceil van Berkel says.

It's easy to see the West Side as nothing but dust, bulldozers and overnight construction. Seen through the van Berkels' eyes, it's something different -a place shaped by the slow, hard work of a community; the results sometimes hidden by time.

Fred van Berkel can remember petitioning to get a streetlight at Montaña and Coors Boulevard. "Not a traffic light, a streetlight," he says.

He can show you the original developer's office near the corner of Taylor Ranch Road and Montaña. It's now the

West Side YMCA. He can show you the lot with the fabulous view at the corner of Dellyne Road and Valle Vista Drive that couldn't be given away in the '70s.

More than that, he can show you a community's victories. Here's the first park, Montaña West, a neighbourhood playground the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association pushed for and a board member designed.

Here's Mariposa Basin Park, first proposed as a commercial softball field. Now it's a place for the whole community - and home of the annual Easter egg hunt. Here's the library. Here are schools. Here's the community center that finally opened in October.

"People think Taylor Ranch is new, and they think 'A community center?' But it's been 25 years," van Berkel says.

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association was incorporated. It will celebrate that anniversary June 4 with a community party at Mariposa Basin Park.

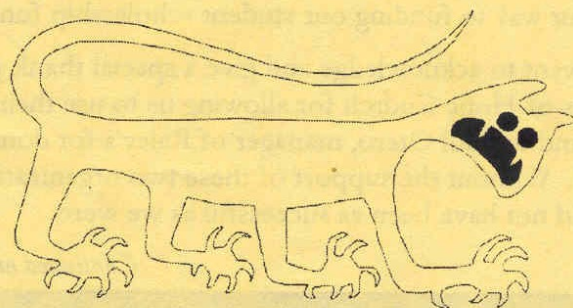
Through the years, it has been a "rational" association, van Berkel says, willing to compromise, not wedded to one issue. That might be how it survives its defeats -and there have been some of those, too.

The van Berkels live in Saddle Ridge. Behind their house sits the old West Side Equestrian Center. For three years, since the lease expired, the neighborhood fought to keep the fields from being becoming more houses. They lost.

But just on the other side of the center, there's an arroyo, power lines, bike trails -a slice of open space through acres of houses.

"Here, they were supposed to build that six-lane highway," van Berkel says. ®

Submitted by Fred van Berkel (899-2738, historian@trna.org).



ATTENTION TRNA YOUTH

Lily Andrews, Dir. Beautification, TRNA

We would like to create a fun clean event for our youth this summer. Councilor Cadigan has some city funding that we can use here in Taylor Ranch for this purpose. There has been a suggestion of movies at the Community Center. We are forming a committee comprised of TRNA youth to meet with Councilor Cadigan and discuss the details. Please contact Lily Andrews at 899-9140 if you are interested in participating in this committee meeting. You may have some fun!

... "Flea Market" continued from page 1.

And last, but certainly not least, because we could not have done it without them, thank you to our long list of volunteers: Jennifer Russin, Kay Wolfarth, and June Newman as well as board members and their families, Ceil and Fred van Berkel, Lily Andrews, Don MacCornack, Don Newton, Gene Stone, David Freeman, Donna Rigano, and Susan and Scott Sisson.

... "Beautification News" continued from page 1.

Many thanks to the following volunteers for your efforts: Michael Cadigan and son Mason, Don and Lynn MacCornack, Donna Rigano, Jennifer Russin, Brooke Parsons, Abby Gilson, Charlotte Lane, Marinda Lane, the Kiwanas, and all others that participated in this worthwhile event! The next park cleanup will be on Saturday, **July 16th from 8:00 to 11:00**. Join us any time at the walking entrance to Mariposa Park to sign up. We have trash bags and gloves and just need you!



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Report from the West Side Coalition

Walt Sala, WestSide Coalition Liason

The West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods met Wednesday, May 4th at 7 pm at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. The agenda included the City's Chief Financial Officer, Gail Reese, regarding the City's \$446 Million 2006 Budget and its impact on the West Side, the Mayor's offer for a West Side Transportation Forum, and the 311 Call Center and what that will mean for City residents.

Michelle Halstead from Twin Mountain Construction also gave a short presentation on the current status of the Colors/I-40 Construction and present color schemes. This information is available on the Internet at <http://www.nmgrip.com/projects.asp?project=14912&linkid=15143>.

Information about the TRNA June 4th celebration was distributed and mentioned to the attendees.

Two votes were taken. The votes approved 1) presenting special recognition to Lt. Edmund Perea on his retirement for long standing contributions and service to the West Side and 2) forming a Coalition Transportation Committee. Mary Ellen Ainsley volunteered for the Committee from TRNA. Other volunteers are welcome. Contact Walt Sala to volunteer (890-7035).

Members were urged to contact the Majoy to encourage him to sign Council Cadigan's bill to begin restriping Montañño into four lanes as soon as possible and to veto Councilor O'Malley's bill which required additional studies of the use of the lanes on the bridge.

311 service is in test phase. It will be a one-stop non-emergency number for all city departments. Calls will generate work orders for city departments and response time will be tracked. Departments are slowly transitioning to the use of this service. You may get one of their operators when you call a general service number.

The Coalition meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Taylor Ranch Community Center at 7:00 pm. All association members are welcome to attend. Only the official representative of the Association, currently Walt Sala, may vote on behalf on TRNA, since each Association receives only one vote. ~ Walt Sala, Director (890-7035)





Celebrating Commitment to Community

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's 25th Anniversary

Free Park Concert

Saturday, June 4th - Mariposa Basin Park

Taylor Ranch Road and Kachina, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Bring your family, neighbors and friends (with your chairs and blankets) to enjoy entertainment in the soccer fields:

10:00 am	Opening ceremony: Mayor Chavez, Chief Administrative Officer James Lewis, Councilor Michael Cadigan, County Commissioner Alan Armijo
10:20 am	Sandia Brass Quintet (two sensational sets of lively pop and classical numbers)
11:30 am	The Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus (a cappella barbershop harmony) *
Noon	Albuquerque Stars Dance Team
1:00 pm	Rio Rancho Dream Team – Sudden Surge (synchronized jump rope show)
1:30 pm	David Eler's West Side Shorin-Ryu Karate Dojo (demonstration)
2:15 pm	The Freed (contemporary rock)
3:00 pm	Monteil (rhythm and blues acoustic)
3:30 pm	Mesa View Youth Praise Band
4:30 pm	New Mexico Stars Dance Team

AND MORE

9:00 am	History Display across the street at the Community Center (south of Kachina)
9:30 am	Four hot air balloons inflated in the soccer fields for your viewing pleasure (The City of Albuquerque's new Tricentennial balloon and our own local Desert Angel, Big Byrd, and New Beginning balloons)
9:30 am	Police and Fire Departments' equipment displays in the parking lot
All day	City rock climbing wall (for adventurous youth!) in the park parking lot Classic Cars and Hot Rods in the park parking lot Smokey Bear cold inflated replica of the hot air balloon in park playground area Community Information Tables in the park playground area *Sketch artist, games for young children in the park playground area *Casas A Ton of Fun, inflated novelties and fire engine ride in the soccer fields
	*Food, drink, and commemorative T-shirts *Raffle

* There is a fee for these items. Times and participants subject to change.

Organized by TRNA. For additional information: 899-2738 or historian@trna.org

Additional parking available at TR Community Center, LBJ Middle School on Taylor Ranch Rd, Mesa View Methodist Church on Montaña Rd, Cross of Hope Lutheran Church on Taylor Ranch Rd, and Taylor Ranch Baptist Church on Golf Course Rd.

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 Promote, Preserve, and
 Improve the quality of
 life in Taylor Ranch.

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

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Thursday	Pilates n' Props	9:15-10:15 am
	Mixed Yoga	10:30-12 am
Friday	Equipment Circuit	8:15-9:30 am
	<i>(Begins April 22 for 6 weeks)</i>	
Saturday	Pilates/Yoga Fusion	7:45-9:00 am
	Pilates Matwork	9:15-10:15am <i>(Begins May 7)</i>

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