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ARE YOU STILL A MEMBER? Check your mailing label. If it says your membership expired in 2005, please renew today! Every member counts. Renewal form is on page 5

Annual Membership Meeting: TR Community Center— March 15th—7:00 pm

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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" - TRNA Bylaws

Easter Party in Jeopardy

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Annual Easter Egg Program is not too far off ... but to have one, we need a Chairperson (or Co-Chairpersons) and a lot of volunteers. For without these volunteers we will have to cancel the event. In the past the kids have really had fun and loved it, as have the volunteers.

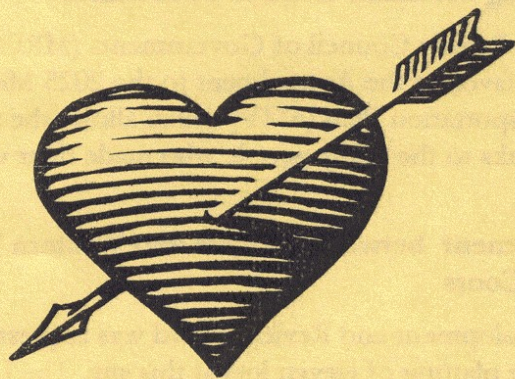
April 15th is the day; Mariposa Basin Park is the place, but unless we have a Chairperson we will not be able hold the Easter Egg Hunt and associated activities this year.

The Chairperson has over-all responsibility for the event. Volunteers solicit donations, organize the Easter Egg Hunt, organize the children's games, and organize food sales at the party.

If you are willing to help, please call the TRNA social director Walt Sala, 890-7035. ®

Hey, High School Seniors!

TRNA is offering \$500 scholarships to qualified High School Seniors from our neighborhood. Application forms are available from our Education Chair, David Freeman, 899-7681, education@trna.org ®



Happy Valentine's Day !

President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

Was one of your New Years resolutions to make a difference by getting more involved in your community? You are in luck, TRNA is looking for volunteers. No pay, but the rewards are great. We are in need of a Secretary, Beautification Director, Youth Committee Chair, and a Chairperson for the Easter Party. The time commitments for these positions vary, so there is something for everyone. For information on time commitment, support provided, contact any of the current directors. Remember, we are better together.

The Board has put together a wish list of projects for our community that will be presented to our legislators. With the State's coffers overflowing this year our chances of getting funding for our community is high.

Don't forget to tell your neighbors how important you think TRNA is to you and our neighborhood. Consider getting your neighbor started with a gift membership. The TRNA Newsletter is an award winning publication.

Please remember to vote in the APS Bond election. Our children's education is at stake.

Please send your comments and concerns to me at president@trna.org. ®

Are You Still a Member?

If the mailing label on this newsletter says that your membership expired in 2005, this is the last newsletter you will receive. Please renew today so that you will continue to receive your newsletter, you will be eligible to vote at the annual meeting, and your family will be invited to the annual holiday lunch. If you haven't yet renewed, please do! We need you! If you have sent in your renewal, thank you. (If you mailed your renewal after Jan. 12th, we may not yet have received it.) For information, contact Susan Sisson, Membership Chair at 897-4684. ®

Board Meeting—February 15th—6:30-8:45 pm—TR Community Center

Annual General Membership Meeting—Elections—News—March 15th—7:00-8:45 pm—TR Community Center

West Side Coalition Meeting Report

Walt Sala, Director, TRNA

At the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations meeting January 4th, the following information was presented.

TVI Board Member Jeff Armijo announced that the TVI Governing Board has approved the 2006 Bond election package. Two west side projects will be built in the next two years, and within five years TVI will have built more than 110,000 square feet of class room space at the west side location, at Universe and Irving.

Kathy Sandoval, principal of Early College Academy, a unique high school, described this innovative school. It streamlines instruction from high school to college in selected career fields. Early College Academy students will graduate from high school with between 26 and 32 college course credits depending on their area of concentration.

Kathy Sandoval, who also serves as head of the APS Career Enrichment Center, said that currently there are 100 students enrolled at the school: 60 ninth graders and 40 tenth graders. It's small, with a student/teacher ratio of about 10 to 1.

"Right now we offer them enriched or honors core courses in world history, algebra, English, biology, geometry, chemistry and electives in Japanese, Chinese and Spanish," Sandoval said. "All students are required to take a foreign language."

Students in their junior and senior years will be able to take elective classes at TVI to support degrees in six career pathways.

The six career pathways are: Advanced Manufacturing, Project Management, Aerospace Technology, Biotechnology, Digital Media, and Information Technology. The Career Pathways were developed around these growth industries, allowing students the ability to change interests as they progress through the Academy. Additionally, partnerships already established with the community will allow practical application of classroom work.

Freshman students will get the opportunity to explore the different pathways in a course, and then decide which one to pursue. "We consulted with the state Department of Economic Development to identify career areas where employers will be adding workers in the coming years," Sandoval said, explaining how the courses of study were chosen.

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Land Use and Transportation Update

Bob Wood, Director, TRNA

North Andalucia at La Luz (Coors and Learning Road)

The La Luz Landowners Association is waiting for a decision on their appeal to the Land Use Hearing Officer concerning the apartment development. In the same general location, the SE corner of Montañño and Coors, a stipulated agreement between La Luz and the developers allowed the site plan for commercial development to be approved by the EPC (per J. K. Strozier of Consensus Planning).

Panda Express at Bosque Plaza (Coors and La Orilla)

J. K. Strozier, Consensus Planning, attended the board meeting on January 18 and presented the site plan for Panda Express. Although not yet available, the site plan for subdivision for the entire shopping center was also expected to be ready in approximately two weeks. Both plans should be heard by the EPC in March. Action by the TRNA board was deferred until both plans could be examined. There are some concerns about the Panda Express building height and colors.

Equestrian Center Easements (Montañño Road)

No further action on this request. No response to requested meeting.

Coors Corridor Plan Update Meetings

The next scheduled community involvement is an open house around the end of January. No other information is available at this time. Watch your local newspaper.

Restriping Montañño Road to Four Lanes

The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) voted in favor of the Amendment to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which allows the restriping. Thanks to the many people who made their voices heard.

Development between Dellyne and Western Trail west of Coors

The Development and Review Board was requested to approve the platting of eleven lots at this site. The La Luz Del Sol NA supports this request. ®



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The Early College Academy will be limited to 250 students when fully enrolled. Grade 11 will be added in the 2006-07 school year, and senior-level courses in the 2007-08 school year, Sandoval said.

Students and their families interested in applying to the Early College Academy can make an appointment to see a counselor at the Career Enrichment Center by calling 247-3658 or apply on-line at www.cec.aps.edu.

NM PRC Says Assistance Is Available To Pay Heating Costs

NM Public Regulation Commissioner Jason Marks (Dist. 1) concerned about the high cost of heating, wants residents in his district to know there are programs that can help families pay their bills.

The New Mexico Human Services Department provides funding assistance for lower income households to pay heating costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

New Mexico residents can call toll free to **1-800-283-4465** for information or they can go to www.state.nm.us/hsd/liheap. Residents can also visit their nearest **Human Services Department Office**.

In addition to the LIPEAP program, the PRC recently approved a program that provides funds to the New Mexico Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), enabling an additional 317 low-income households to participate. The WAP is administered by the NM Mortgage Finance Authority which has its central office at 344 4th Street SW in Albuquerque, phone 505-843-6880.

New Mexico Energy Tax Rebate information at New Mexico Tax and Rev website at www.state.nm.us/tax

Or visit the Albuquerque office of the NM Tax and Rev Dept. at 5301 Central Ave. phone 841-6200.

Individuals who did not receive a rebate check in 2005, may be eligible, even if they did not file 2004 State Income Tax by filing a 2005 Form PIT-1, the rebate is on line 18 on the form. The website also has a FAQ (Frequently Asked Question) page which is very helpful.
~ Walt Sala, wscn@trna.org ®

TRNA Directors To Be Elected

Ceil van Berkel, Director, TRNA

This year, at our Annual General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th, at 7:00 pm at the Taylor Ranch Community Center, the general membership will elect six directors. One, Bob Woods, was appointed by the board to fill a vacant post several months ago. Since this post does not expire for another year, the membership must approve his appointment. In addition, five director posts expire in March: Don Newton, Brett Lopez, Eddie Costello, and Hanna Sorrells and a vacant position.

We are seeking volunteers to be nominated for these positions. The incumbents and Jeff Miller have agreed to be nominated. If you would be willing to be nominated, please contact Don Newton, Nominating Committee Chair, government@trna.org. In addition, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. ®

Equestrian Center Update

Ceil van Berkel, Director, TRNA

As you probably know, work has begun to prepare the former equestrian center property for a gated community of 35 single family homes. The subdivision is called Mesa Ridge. A wall has been built around the site, at the center of the equestrian easement. This suggests that the equestrian easements throughout Saddle Ridge may be vacated. TRNA has contacted several people in the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, asking what the Saddle Ridge residents need to do to formally vacate the equestrian easements. So far we do not have clear guidelines from the city. We will keep working to get a definite answer and we will then distribute the information to Saddle Ridge residents. ®

Mariposa Basin Park Clean-Up

TRNA has adopted Mariposa Basin Park and has pledged to clean up the park at least once a month. Unfortunately our clean-up coordinator has resigned. Would you be willing to organize a clean-up once a month at Mariposa Basin Park? We can provide garbage bags and announcements in the newsletter and on the message boards. If you're willing, please contact Don MacCornack, president@trna.org. ®



Information copied from: <http://www.voteaps.com/?APSElection>

THE APS BOND ELECTION

Your vote gives our children a voice.
February 7, 2006

Facts on SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION



On Feb. 7, 2006, a special Capital Election is being held for the Albuquerque Public Schools. As a voter in the APS District, you have the opportunity to decide whether to invest in our community's educational future. On the ballot is \$125 million for school improvements.

Where do I vote?

Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School Precincts 083, 110

Marie Hughes Elementary School Precincts 020, 021, 022, 081, 111

Our Savior Lutheran Church Precinct 030

Painted Sky Elementary School Precincts 029, 057

Albuquerque Public Schools

CRITICAL NEEDS...

\$125 million in General Obligation Bond Funds

If APS voters approve the February 2006 G.O. bond election, the New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Council will provide \$34.1 million in matching funds for school construction and renovation in the APS district. This includes state matching funds for a new Northwest-area high school.

New construction in the district will include:

- New Northwest-area high school
- New Northeast-area elementary school

Included in the election are funds for technology at every school. Each school will receive \$28 per student based on their enrollment to improve wiring and to purchase other technology to assure that students get the best education possible

Please Vote on February 7th

This bond issue will help us build a new high school to relieve crowding in Cibolla. In combination with money from the State of New Mexico, we may also be able to build a new middle school if this bond issue passes. If you don't know your precinct, The Bernalillo County Clerk's office can help. Call 768-4085 or enter your address online at <http://www.bernco.gov/live/departments.asp?dept=2315&submenuid=4051>

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- I'm interested in the following:
- Active Participation
 - Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)
 - Beautification
 - Board of Directors
 - Calling
 - Community Center
 - Crime Prevention
 - Education
 - Environment
 - Membership
 - Newsletter
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Social Activities
 - Traffic
 - Land Use/ Transportation
 - Zoning
 - Youth Committee
 - Other _____

Current members may renew membership at the Holiday Luncheon or by enclosing a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2006) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2007) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2008)
- Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2006) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2007) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2008)

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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Check out TRNA.ORG

For member-only access, the username is **member** and password is **5trna4**.

Editor Needed

Have you always wanted to publish? This is your chance! We need an editor to put the TRNA newsletter to bed between the 22nd and 25th of each month, so it can get mailed before the end of the month. Contact Ceil van Berkel, 899-2738, treasurer@trna.org. ®



Taylor Ranch License Plates

Once upon a time, the developers of Taylor Ranch gave new home owners a Taylor Ranch license plate as part of the closing. In response to popular demand, TRNA has reissued these plates with the original brown and gold design. They are available at the Community Center. \$10.00 for one plate, \$15.00 for two plates. Proceeds to benefit the TRNA scholarship program. You may also contact Ceil van Berkel, 899-2738, treasurer@trna.org.

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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.