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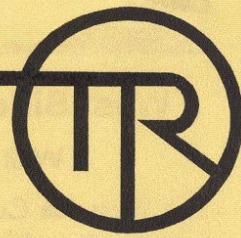


## *Have A Delightful Thanksgiving!*

### **Mark your Calendars!**

- NOV 1 Appeal Hearing, La Orilla Plaza, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chambers (p. 4)
- NOV 9 Open House meeting, Coors Corridor Plan Update, 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Ranch Community Center (p. 4)
- NOV 16 Hearing, Andalucia Phase 4, Environmental Planning Commission (p. 4)
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# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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

## President's Message

Brett Lopez, President, TRNA

**The Taylor Ranch Holiday gathering will be held at the Community Center on Dec. 9th at 11am and Outback Steak House will provide lunch. Please bring a dessert to share.**

Well the balloons and Halloween are gone and Thanksgiving is just days away. Ah, the joy of family and friends gathering together to begin the holiday season, wonderful. David did another outstanding job at our fall rummage sale. Thank you all for your participation our scholarship program is in great shape due to your generous support.

We have had to replace the glass on our neighborhood message board on Montano thanks to the inconsiderate individual who thinks that vandalism is okay. Believe me it's not. If anybody knows who this person is would you please spank 'em as you would any child who is behaving badly. To the individual who stole the Taylor Ranch signs on Dellyne, you're an idiot. Morons.

By the time you read this article we will have had our hearing with the County concerning the SW corner of Coors and La Orilla. Stay tuned on this issue, as I'm sure it's going to heat up, a bunch. Several other issues face your Board of Directors: currently the developers of the housing project in front of the La Luz development want to use view corridors instead of the current rule which is view plane (big difference) and the owners of the Garage at Western Trail and Unser wish to have an auto body shop next door, which is in direct violation of the deal we made a long time ago when we worked with them on the original project. Next is the rumor that all the partners have pulled out of the project located at Coors and Montano and the project is severely impacted. It

looks like work is well under way at the new Whisque Restaurant.

The cameras at Coors and Montano are working overtime and by now some residents are getting their first tickets in the mail. At \$100 for the first offense and up from there, it could be said that there may be a few children not getting the TMX Elmo this year (hot toy). You're almost home, take it easy it's not worth it unless of course you own stock in the camera company, which receives 40% of the proceeds from the tickets issued.

Happy Thanksgiving. Brett ®



## December is Renewal Time

Check your mailing label to see when your membership expires. If it expires in December 2006, please renew next month. Just \$18 a year with multi-year discounts. Use the form in the December issue to be sure you have the right fee schedule. This month's fee schedule is for NEW members and includes Nov/Dec 2006 as well as all of 2007. Next month's form will be for renewals. Thanks for supporting your Neighborhood Association. ®



## Beautification News

Don MacCormack, Director, Beautification

On October 14 TRNA held its monthly Mariposa Basin Park cleanup. The October hero is Lynn MacCormack. As you can see the number of people volunteering this month was very low. Please email me any ideas you may have to increase participation in this community project.

Our next park cleanup will be scheduled in January. Stay tuned for date and time.

If anyone has any comments, please email me at [beautification@trna.org](mailto:beautification@trna.org) ®

Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting —November 8th—6:30-8:30 pm—TR Community Center

## West Side Coalition Meeting Report

Walt Sala, Director, WSC, TRNA

The Westside Coalition Meeting was calm and orderly as compared to last month's meeting dealing with school issues and lack of activity by ABQ school board, state executives and state legislators.

We welcomed back Captain Candelaria from his 3 months of attending the FBI school in Washington and gave a round of applause for his acting Captain in his absence.

Victor Chavez presented the Quality of Life Tax, what it means for the people of Albuquerque, and why we should vote for it, etc.

Brett Lopez, president of TRNA, brought up to date information on the progress of the rezoning problem at Coors and La Orilla, the date when the hearing will be held, and why it is important for as many people to show up as possible—the commissioners count noses.

One of the big problems facing Albuquerque is water, and the water authority explained what is happening. A summary follows.

NMUI/Southwest Water has a permit to pump 10,000 acre feet of water and yet only owns 1,261 acre feet. No

water rights have been acquired in over two decades. They have submitted a request to pump an additional 60,000 acre feet and drill 69 new wells.

The original water rights agreement was made 33 years ago in 1973, where 800 connections would be served in Paradise Hills. Today there are over 15,500 connections. At this rate the aquifer would continue to be depleted.

The City and WUA (Water Utility Authority) are committed to be held accountable for the over-pumping by NMUI/Southwest Water, which is a private for-profit utility.

Meetings were held in February. No agreement was reached since NMUI has transferred its future depletions liability to the public. At the July meeting, Southwest Water was told by WUA that they cannot continue current operations as enjoyed in the past: no accountability, subsidy from WUA customers, no conservation program, and no long term interest in the long term water supply.

On August 4, 2006, a letter was sent offering to purchase NMUI from Southwest Water for \$37 million.

Data indicates that WUA accounts/customers have

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## Land Use Update

Rene' Horvath, Director, Land Use, TRNA

**1. Homestead Hills Shopping Center:** Dan Rich is the current owner of the Homestead Hills Shopping Center. He has come to the Taylor Ranch Board twice to discuss his plans for the undeveloped portion of the shopping center. The Center is zoned C2. He would like to add more retail, and build self-storage units with some RV storage. His proposal contains a total of 6 storage buildings, approximately 30 parking spaces for vehicle storage, and an office/ apartment unit for security personnel. The storage area will be gated and will have a ten foot landscaped buffer along the back between the storage unit area, and the residents. He also will add one more retail building to the shopping center complex. The Taylor Ranch Board appreciates Mr. Rich taking the time to meet with us to explain his plans. We have expressed to him that we are interested in reviewing the architecture and layout. He told us he has talked with a few of the nearby residents and that they seemed satisfied with his plans so far. If anyone would like to know more about the project or has comments, please give me a call.

**2. Andalucia (Phase 4):** Consensus Planning has submitted a site development plan for 59 residential lots, west of La Luz, east of Coors. The first row of houses will be restricted to single story, after that the houses can be two stories. Three view corridors through the property will provide views toward the mountains. View

corridors will consist of the San Antonio Arroyo, Sevilla Ave., and the back yards at the northern end of the property. Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association feels that the two story homes will negatively affect the panoramic view, and does not follow the Coors Corridor Plan in view protection. The plan is also a gated community, which the Westside Strategic Plan discourages. The Neighborhood Association requested a **facilitated meeting**, which is scheduled for **October 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Ranch Community Center**. The EPC hearing is scheduled for Nov.16.

**3. Auto Body Shop:** A facilitated meeting for the **Auto Body Shop** has been set for **October 24th, 6:30 p.m., at the Taylor Ranch Community Center**. A group of investors are looking to build an Auto Body Shop on a separate parcel near the Garage. The parcel is approximately 2 acres, located at Unser and Western Trails. They want SU-1 for Neighborhood Commercial to include an Auto Body Shop. We attended a facilitated meeting last July. There were community concerns about allowing an auto body shop in this location. They will provide more details for us to look at on the 24th.

**4. Coors Corridor Plan Update:** Staff Planner, Juanita Garcia, has informed me that the next Open House meeting for the Coors Corridor Plan Update is **November 9th, at 6:30 in the Taylor Ranch Community Center**. At the last Open House meeting in May, the residents were clearly unhappy in how the

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new plan compromised the protection of the views along Coors by only providing narrow view corridors. The residents felt that older developments such as the Raley's Shopping Center and La Luz town homes did a much better job in allowing a more panoramic view of the Bosque treetops and Mountains. The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association continues to support the current Coors Corridor plan in protecting the views along Coors. The meeting will also discuss a trail system within the Coors Corridor. We hope people will be able to attend this meeting.

**5. Cell Phone Towers:** I recently attended a task force meeting to look at cell tower concealments. City Councilor Don Harris is sponsoring City legislation for the concealment of cell towers. Most of the people in attendance were from the wireless communication industry. A handful of people attended from neighborhood associations such as Four hills and Taylor Ranch. I volunteered to be on a list of people who will be looking at the new legislation. If anyone has comments they would like to share concerning cell towers, please let me know.

**6. Panda Express:** Panda express was approved by the EPC last September 21st. It will have to conform to the Bosque design standards, which took almost a year to develop. At the EPC hearing there was a last minute rearranging of shade trees for the parking lot of the Panda Express plans, to provide more shade.

**7. La Orilla Plaza:** (Commercial development at the S.W. corner of Coors and La Orilla) Appeal date is set for **November 1st, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers.** The hearing will be before the County Board of Adjustment. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there have been two appeals filed with Bernalillo County. The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's decision to appeal was based on the County's approval of the plan despite neighborhood concerns and no opportunity for a public hearing to address them. We encourage people to attend the hearing. For more information please call me.

We regret that some people may miss some of these meetings mentioned. If you have questions or comments on any of these projects, please give me a call.

Rene' Horvath, 898-2114 ®



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increased while water use has decreased. NMU accounts/customers has increased as well as increased water use.

If changes are not made, Albuquerque could find itself with no water reserve since the California company cares little about Albuquerque or its people since their goal is profit for themselves.

Voting for national offices is coming shortly and it is very important that every registered voter vote, there is a lot at stake, let's not just shake our heads and moan, get out and vote, let the politicians know what we need and deserve.

**General obligation bonds** are coming up for vote that are to make life more comfortable for the citizens of New Mexico. Look them over and study them. They will be 1) Libraries, 2) Public Safety, 3) Parks and Recreation, 4) Public Works. Quit being a moaner and become active, vote. The choice and responsibility is yours, don't blow it. ®



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# TRNA Annual Holiday Luncheon

## Saturday December 9th 2006

### 11:00 Noon till 1:00 pm

### Taylor Ranch Community Center

### Taylor Ranch Road and Kachina

A delicious meal will be promptly served at 11:15, followed by the annual meeting, door prizes, and Santa with his gifts for the children.

Please bring a dessert to share, TRNA members make great desserts!

We will be collecting non-perishable food items or toiletries for our annual holiday basket project for Taylor Ranch families in need. In the past TRNA members have been very generous to the Food Baskets. Boxes will be available at the door for your donation.

Reservations are required, so please send in your reservation now. Must be received by no later than November 18th. Please note this event is for TRNA Members ONLY. There is no charge for the lunch or the children's gifts.

The menu is still being determined. Reserve your place now and more information will follow!

### Reservation Form

We will attend the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9! We will bring a dessert to share and a non-perishable food for the needy in the area.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ (TRNA Members only, thank you)

For children's gifts (up through fifth grade) please list age of each child.

Girls' age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Boys' age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to TRNA Holiday Party, c/o Brett Lopez, 4815 Northern Tr NW, Albuquerque, NM , 87120

\*\*\*\* There is limited space, so do it NOW \*\*\*\*

Your reservation must be received not later than by November 18th. Any questions, contact Brett Lopez, 505-839-4805 or June Newman at 505-898-5447



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**Police/fire/Rescue (Emergency) 911**

**Albuquerque Police Department**

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Crime Prevention	924-3600
Police (non-emergency)	242-2677
Westside (6404 Los Volcanes NW)	831-4705
Meth Alert Tip Hotline	764-6384
Records	768-2020

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**Mayor's/CAO's Office 768-3000**

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Recycling Information	761-8100
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Wasted Water Hotline	768-3640
Water Conservation	768-3655

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# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm interested in the following:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification           | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/ Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities        | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

Please pass this form on to a neighbor!

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

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

## YOU and YOUR PET: Have a HEART

RayeAnn Spangler, TRNA Member

The HEART Ordinance, or the Humane and Ethical Animal Rules and Treatment, is the new City animal ordinance that went into effect on October 10, 2006.

Some of the ordinance provisions include:

- All dogs and cats over 6 months of age must be altered (spayed or neutered). Owners of dogs and cats over the age of six months that have not been Altered shall obtain an Intact Companion Animal Permit for those Animals.
- Dogs and cats over 3 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies as required by state law.
- Dogs and cats must be permanently identified by a microchip.
- Albuquerque residents are allowed to own six pets, of which no more than four are dogs.

Refer to [www.cabq.gov/pets](http://www.cabq.gov/pets) for complete information on pet ownership requirements (or call the ABQ Citizen Contact Center at 311).

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions about the

new HEART ordinance. It answers questions such as “If my pet is picked up by Animal Services, will I be able to reclaim my pet intact?” and “If my pet is microchipped, does it still have to wear the tags?”

Other features on the website include **Affordable Spay/Neuter, Ask The Trainer, Track Down That Wayward Pet**, animal adoption or fostering opportunities and information, and more. ®



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