

President's Message

Ray Shortridge, TRNA President

Annual Membership Meeting, March 13, 2013

What a great turnout! I believe that so many of you took time away from your busy lives to attend the meeting is a testament to the value that TRNA adds to the quality of life of your neighborhood and the market value of your home. TRNA works effectively for you.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you'll find commentary on the City Council's decision (in a 7-0 vote, with two abstentions) to reject the application for zoning waivers to build a large retail facility (LRF) at the southeast corner of Coors and Montano (also known as the Walmart Affair). The attorney that we retained, Tim Flynn-O'Brien, presented an update on the legal status of the matter – the applicant has thirty days to appeal the Council's decision to the Circuit Court.

TRNA recognized Mr. Flynn-O'Brien with a gift of a commemorative ceramic platter, created by Kelly Jo Kuchar of the North 4th Street Business Association, a supporter of the initiative to deny the LRF. The outpouring of support for the opposition to the LRF from the TRNA membership and our neighbors and from other neighborhood associations in the area and across the city reflected the perception that an LRF in that location violated existing zoning and planning ordinances and would degrade our neighborhood and depress the value of our homes.



Rene Horvath & Ray Shortridge present plate made by Kelly Jo Kuchar to Mr. Flynn-O'Brien.

The applicant (Daskalos' Silver Leaf Properties LLC) forced TRNA and its allied neighborhood associations and coalitions of neighborhood associations to raise funds to pay for the legal costs in challenging the application. We urge you to reflect upon the value that this initiative has added to your property value and quality of life and fill out the donation form printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

One of the ways in which TRNA adds value to the neighborhood is providing two one-time college scholarships of \$750 each to deserving students who live in the neighborhood. We awarded those scholarships at the meeting. We commemorated the memory of a recently passed board member, Derald McPherson, by naming one of the scholarships in his name and were delighted that his wife and three generations of his family attended the meeting and were enthusiastically acknowledged. (See *Education article*.)

We had a quorum at the meeting. The members present approved the proposed budget that all of you had received via newsletter/email for the fiscal year that begins April 1. The members present also voted in the slate of officers that the board presented to you and also voted Ranier Perez, nominated from the floor to the board. (TRNA's new Board of Directors: Rene Horvath, Ken Newman, Rainier Perez, Dan Shaw, Ray Shortridge, Terri Spiak, Hanna Sorrells, Jolene Wolfley. Officers will be elected at the Board Meeting in April.)

The board is still one member shy of the number required by the by-laws. The membership agreed to vote electronically upon the nomination of a candidate for the board who came forward after the meeting. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please give me a call (634.3908), and I'll get together with you to discuss the nominal responsibilities.

Also, if you are interested in being our Newsletter editor, please give me a call. (634.3908). It is presently done in MS Publisher program (which we can provide if you do not have), and Rae Phillips is willing to help you get started. In addition to arranging all the articles from officers & others into the newsletter, it also requires some initiative to search websites for additional articles or information to be included.

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TRNA is one of the largest neighborhood associations in the city. Political dignitaries recognize that and frequent our meetings to meet with constituents and listen to their concerns.

Joining us at the meeting:

- Councilman Dan Lewis, Dist. 5 (who chairs the City Council) shared with us his views on the issues he saw that would be affecting the west side in the near and far future. He also commented that "your involvement and input at meetings really DO matter to the city council. The recent city council decision to deny big box store at Coors & Montano proves the process — though often lengthy — can work. He encourages you to contact him for any questions or concerns: danlewis@cabq.gov.
- Elaine Romero, Councilman Ken Sanchez Dist.1 policy analyst, said they were working hard to get better acquainted with TRNA issues, since he inherited part of Taylor Ranch in the city redistricting. She encourages you to contact him at kensanchez@cabq.gov for any questions or concerns. Or call her at 768-3183.
- Doug Lutz from the Mayor's Office encouraged westsiders to volunteer for positions on boards and commissions that advise city government (check out opportunities at this page on the city's website: [link](#) Feel free to contact him for any questions or concerns regarding the mayor's office: dlutz@cabq.gov.
- Mariana Padilla, Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham local field representative, encourages you to contact her for any questions, issues, or concerns. Office: 346-6781. mariana.padilla@mail.house.gov.
- Northwest Area Commander Joe Christman presented an update on police activities in the neighborhood. He urged home owners to lock their doors, keep their garage doors closed (or on hot summer nights, open just a few inches), and keep valuables in cars out of sight, and the cars locked. Contact the Commander: jchristman@cabq.gov.



A special award was given to June & Ken Newman for their 30+ years of dedication to TRNA and volunteerism to so many of the community activities that would not have happened without their efforts, i.e., Rummage Sales, Easter Egg Hunt & much more.



We had about 45 people in attendance. Thanks to all of YOU, our TRNA members, for your continued support for our community. We encourage you to contact your friends and neighbors in Taylor Ranch and ask them to join our efforts. Share your *Mesa Messenger* with them; they can join by filling out the application in newsletter. ®

Social Committee

Ken Newman, TRNA Board Member

Thanks to Frank Gonzales and Albertson's, and Fai Wong Restaurant, for donations of refreshments, for our General Meeting.

The next TRNA Scholarship Flea Market/Rummage Sale is on June 1, 2013, 7:30 am—12:30 pm at Cross of Hope Parking Lot. For spaces (\$6.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members) please contact me at 974-5469 or juken1964@q.com.

Also don't forget the Husky Howl at Marie Hughes Elementary School on April 5, 4-8 pm. (See article.) ®



Joe Christman and Pete Gelebert both spoke to the membership on APD issues. Some of the TNRA Board members are seated at the table.

Education Committee Report

Terri Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association holds two Flea Markets each year, one in June and one in September, to raise funds for two scholarships awarded each March at the General Meeting. This year the Education Committee met to review and score scholarship applications on March 5. The criteria and scoring are based on a point system reviewing different facets of the application. This year there were nine applicants, which is more than any year in recent memory! After tallying the results, we discovered our two winners for 2013 who will each receive a \$750 scholarship as they enter college next fall. We were impressed with all the applicants and wish each one success as they strive to meet their goals after high school. *(Jane Webster made the presentations.)*



Our first award winner, Sydney Lopez, who is a senior at Volcano Vista H.S., was awarded the Delbert McPherson Memorial Award. "Mac" was a TRNA board member and a friend to our neighborhood for many years, in addition to participating in the

Education Committee. He passed away last June and TRNA honored his memory with this year's award. Sydney plans to pursue a degree in education with emphasis on special education. Sydney has been active at TRNA events for most of her young life, helping with the Flea Markets, Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas luncheons and other events. She is a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, has tutored a child who has Autism, and volunteered at Marie Hughes Elementary School. With many academic honors to her credit, Sydney was nominated by her school to attend a student leadership program sponsored by the National Student Leadership Conference and held at American University in Washington, D. C. last summer. We applaud Sydney for her perseverance and hard work and wish her well as she transitions to college!



Brooke Acton, a senior who this year is home-schooled, is the other top-scoring applicant for 2013. Brooke hopes to pursue higher education in piano performance at Brigham Young University next fall. Her accomplishments

include first violinist in the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra, which provides free concerts to the community, as well as dance and piano performance. She enjoys volunteering her time at Marie Hughes Elementary in the library, and also serves the community volunteering at Bee Hive Homes. In addition, she gives her time to help families of veterans, providing comfort and free babysitting to mothers whose husbands are serving in the military. Brooke received the young woman recognition award in her church, completing a six year program in character-building, life skills, leadership and integrity. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in addition to her community activities and she is commended for her high standards and her pursuit of excellence in every area of her life! We wish her all success as she enters college this fall!



Standing left to right, Brook Acton with her parents, Mrs. McPherson & daughter, Sydney Lopez with her mom. ®

Husky Howl Carnival

Marie Hughes Elementary School

April 5, 2013, 4:00--8:00 pm

There will be games, prizes and food. Also a raffle which includes 2 Southwest Airlines round trip tickets (\$800 value), 4 Disneyland park hopper passes (\$500 value), 4 ABQ Isotopes reserved level tickets, ABQ Isotopes decorative skateboard deck, autographed Lobo shirt, Enterprise weekend car rental, 2 Cliff's unlimited ride passes, 1 week of summer camp at Red Light Green Light (\$125 value), Erika Black sterling silver necklace with 2 tags, Kenneth Brown Photography gift certificates (\$100 value each), and much, much more. All tickets are just \$1. This is a community event and we welcome all to take part in the fun while helping out our school. ®

Library Update

Ceil van Berkel, Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library

5700 Bogart St. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

(One block west of Unser Blvd and two blocks south of Montañero Road)

505-897-8816 taylorranch@cabq.gov

Lillian Richardson, Area Manager

Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Note: The library will not open until 2 pm on **Friday April 12th**

APRIL FEATURED DATABASES: Small Business Reference Center & Reference USA) The library provides free access to all four of these databases (you'll need your library card number and pin to login at <http://library.cabq.gov/eresources>):

Small Business Reference Center -Provides up-to-date information on starting a business, operations management, sales and growing or rescuing a business.

Reference USA- quick and easy way to find detailed information (including phone numbers and addresses) for more than 12 million businesses and 102 million U. S. residential listings; includes data on local and national businesses, including contact information, industry information, sales and other metrics.

APRIL PROGRAMS:

Special Events:

Seed Bombs!: Wednesday, April 10th, 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Let's make seed bombs with native seeds. Brighten up a corner of your yard by tossing one of these guys! **For kids, teens, and adults!**

Book Spine Poetry: Wednesday, April 14th, 3:30 – 4:30pm. Book spine poetry is back and in time for National Poetry Month! Make your own poems using the spines of books! For kids, teens, and adults.

Bedtime Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Monday, April 15th, 6:30pm - 7:00pm. For children up to age 5. Happy National Library Week at Taylor Ranch! Join us in your jammies for a bedtime storytime and leave your best stuffed animal behind for a very special sleepover! Who knows what sort of shenanigans those little furry friends will get into?

Stuffed animal friends will be available for pick-up the morning of the 16th.

Family Board Games: Wednesday, April 17th, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. It's National Library Week at Taylor Ranch! Come and join us for some low-tech fun with an afternoon of board games! Family and friends of all ages are welcomed!

Where the Sidewalk Ends Fun: Thursday, April 18th, 4:00pm - 5:00pm. It's National Library Week and National Poetry Month so come on down as we make our own sidewalk squares and illustrate Shel Silverstein poems. For kids, teens, and adults.

Dia de Los Niños: Thursday, April 25th, 11:15 am. Fantastic Storytelling with Steven Pla.

Gizmo Garage: Thursday, April 25th, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Visit our Gizmo Garage to learn how to borrow eBooks and e-audio books from the library! Bring your own device or practice with ours.

Dia de Los Niños: Monday, April 29th, 11 am. Join us for Around the Word in 30 Instruments and then leave with your very own book (while supplies last).

Recurring Events:

Baby Storytime (Every Child Ready to Read): Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. A lap sit storytime for ages 0-2. Stories, learning games, songs, puppets, movement activities and fun for everyone!

Master Gardeners: 1st and 3rd Saturdays (Apr. 6th and 20th), 10 am – 3 pm. Our Master Gardeners are back at Taylor Ranch to answer your gardening questions.

The Taylor Ranch Branch Reading Group: Sat. April 13th (second Saturday of each month), 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. New members welcome! This month's book: The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest.

Taylor Ranch Lego Club: 1st and 3rd Sundays (Apr. 7th and 21st), 2:00 – 3:00pm. Love Legos? Come to Taylor Ranch Library on the first and third Sunday of every month and build with friends! Every meeting, we will have a new inspiration and some creations will be displayed at the library! Legos provided!

A Good Yarn! Fridays @ 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other needle craft, join our drop-in stitch group. All ages and skill levels welcome. A skilled knitter will be on hand for instruction and questions. Feel free to come when you can and leave as needed.

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FUNDING UPDATE:

Three funding activities affecting the library are underway:

State Legislature: The legislature has appropriated capital outlay funds for our library system:

\$20,000 to renovate, upgrade, furnish and equip the Ernie Pyle library.

\$570,000 to design a new library for the southeast heights area.

\$10,000 to renovate and upgrade San Pedro library, including parking lot improvements, lighting and landscaping,

\$483,634 to plan, design, construct, acquire rights of way, furnish and equip a westside library (Central and Unser Library).

These items could be vetoed by the Governor, if she considers them pork.

City of Albuquerque:

General Obligation Bonds: The mayor has proposed a library materials bond of \$2.75 million this year, down \$250,000 from the last city library materials bond, and \$500,000 for automation. The city council has allocated additional bond money for the repair and renovation of library buildings:

Juan Tabo improvements: \$ 315,000

Cherry Hills improvements: \$ 250,000

Library Renovation and Repair: \$ 500,000

In addition, all but one councilor also allocated a portion of their \$1 million set aside money for the repair and renovation of libraries in their districts:

District 1, Central/Unser and Taylor Ranch: \$ 400,000

District 2, South Broadway, Special Collections, Main, Los Griegos: \$ 0

District 3, Alamosa and Westgate: \$ 150,000

District 4, Cherry Hills: \$100,000 (total of \$350,000)

District 5, NW Mesa site: \$200,000

District 6, Ernie Pyle and San Pedro: \$200,000

District 7, Erna Fergusson and Tony Hillerman: \$75,000

District 8, Juan Tabo: \$250,000 (total of \$ 565,000)

District 9, Lomas Tramway: \$ 50,000

Many thanks to our councilors, Ken Sanchez and Dan Lewis, for improving the library facilities in their districts.

Operating Budget for FY 14:

Currently there are 16 vacant positions in the library system, most of which the library is not being allowed to fill because of a shortfall in the budget. Please let the mayor and your councilor know that you would like all library positions kept in the budget and funded as soon as possible so that these positions can be filled.

Also, \$950,000 of the Library System's operating budget is one-time, one-year funding. In order to keep the branches open, the Library must beg every year for this one-year funding to pay contract substitutes and 5 "at will" temporary city employees. We would like to see \$950,000 of recurring funds allocated to the library for these positions, so the library doesn't have to start every budget year short those positions. Ask the mayor and your councilor to stop using one-time funding each year for necessary permanent positions. An adequately funded library is the city's best contribution to building a literate, educated workforce in Albuquerque.

To learn more about how our library is funded, visit <http://SupportABCLibraries.org>, where you can also sign up to receive email updates about current library funding activities.

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Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director, Land Use

1. Walmart / Silver Leaf's appeal/ City Council accepts

LUHO's recommendation: On March 4th the City Council voted to accept the Land Use Hearing Officer's decision to uphold the October 18th EPC decision to deny the Walmart project. The City Council room was jammed full of people attending the Council meeting. Half the meeting participants were there for the Walmart appeal hearing the other half for the CIP budget. Some of the participants had to go to the ninth floor to watch the hearing from a TV monitor because the Council Chambers exceeded the maximum capacity. The City's Legal Advisor presented the appeal approximately two hours after the Council meeting started. Councilor Garduno recused himself right away, because he participated in a big box rally last year. He suggested there were other Councilors who should also recuse themselves because of conflicts of interest. Councilor Meyers then recused herself because of an open house which was held in her honor for her appointment to the City Council District #2 seat (Councilor O'Malley's former district). The open house was held at Ms. Henrie's (the Walmart Attorney's) office. After the appeal was presented to the Council by the Legal Advisor, City Council President Dan Lewis made the motion to support the LUHO recommendation. The remaining Councilors all voted 7-0 in support of LUHO's decision. It was a unanimous decision. The audience cheered. We were very appreciative that the City Council upheld the EPC decision.

TRNA General Membership meeting/ March 13th: TRNA held their annual general membership meeting. TRNA's attorney, Mr. Flynn O'Brien, attended the meeting to explain and answer any questions the membership had about the case. He explained the LUHO's recommendation pertained to the legal arguments regarding the City's Big Box ordinance and the adopted design standards for that site. LUHO also said the ZEO's opinion regarding access for the site was only an opinion and the EPC was not bound by staff's opinion. He thanked the audience for their persistent involvement on the case. He said the appeal period usually ends 30 days after the decision is made and he anticipated it would expire around April 3rd. TRNA presented a ceramic platter made by a local artist in appreciation for Mr. O'Brien's services.

2. March 4th City Council/CIP budget/Open Space: On that same evening as the Walmart appeal hearing, City Council reviewed the CIP budget, which will be voted on by the voters next fall. They added \$250,000 into the open space fund. Now voters will be voting for \$750,000 for open space land acquisition. The open space money goes into the open space general fund for the whole city. La Cuentista is still proposing

60 acres to be included for open space purchase. Unfortunately, we have no control on what will actually be purchased. TRNA will continue to promote the purchase of the La Cuentista 60 acre proposal for open space and open space that will benefit the Albuquerque community.

3. March 14th EPC hearing/Indoor Shooting Range: On March 14th, the EPC reviewed the Indoor Shooting Range proposal, located between Paradise Hills Blvd. and Paseo Del Norte, east of Eagle Ranch Rd. TRNA sent a letter and attended the EPC hearing commenting on the following: 1) TRNA noted that MRCOG was doing a high capacity transit study looking at transit stations and routes in that area. The second phase of the shooting range development may conflict with MRCOG's transit alternatives. TRNA supported collaboration between MRCOG and the property owner. 2) TRNA liked the architecture for the shooting range and wanted the second phase to match the first phase of development. 3) We supported the proposed landscape plan and the coordination of tree placement to not interfere with the street lighting, in response to APD's comments on lighting and security. 4) Make sure lighting and signage does not impact adjacent neighbors.

Two representatives from the adjacent apartments expressed concern about losing views of the Mountains. The Planner recommended approval with conditions. MRCOG and the property owners are to coordinate with each other on the second phase of development so it does not conflict with MRCOG's transit study. The architectural design of phase I and the phase II development shall be compatible with each other and contain similar color and articulation. The landscape plan is required to achieve 75 % live vegetative material. Tree placement will not conflict with street lighting. The EPC voted to approve the shooting range with these conditions.

4. March 14th EPC hearing/Western Refining Giant gas

station/ Volcano Height: The proposed gas station at Unser and Paseo del Norte was to be reviewed by the EPC on March 14th. The Planner recommended denial of the proposal, for many reasons. The planner cited that the proposal was



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Treasurer's Report

Terri Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

premature; the Volcano Heights Plan Sector plan had not yet been adopted, and is in the process of being reviewed by City Council. This proposal conflicts with the Westside Strategic Plan to prevent leap frog development. It is not in the path of any current development and is surrounded by a half mile of vacant property with no water or sewer service. The proposed driveways to the gas station from Unser and Paseo del Norte would have to get approval from MRCOG. The applicant failed to demonstrate how the proposed zone change benefited the general welfare of the community. TRNA sent a letter to EPC expressing similar concerns. When the item came before the EPC, the consultant, Ron Bohannan, immediately asked for a 6 month deferral. The EPC chairman asked if a withdrawal was more appropriate. After some discussion whether to withdrawal or defer, the EPC ended up granting the 6 month deferral.

5. March 14th EPC hearing/Amendments to Albuquerque Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan Activity Center and Corridor maps: The City Planning department is updating maps for Activity Centers and Transportation Corridors in the Comprehensive Plan. TRNA requested a deferral, pointing out that several residents had expressed concern regarding the Activity Center map at the Coors and Montano area. There were no public meetings prior to the EPC hearing to discuss the map boundary changes and how they would affect the community. TRNA also questioned why Quail Ranch was listed in the Comprehensive Plan when Quail Ranch was annexed by Rio Rancho almost a decade ago. The Planning department said it was an oversight. The EPC approved the Planning Department's request for the map updates. The EPC indicated there will be more time for public involvement since it will now go to the City Council. They added a condition to consider whether Quail Ranch Activity Center, now within the Rio Rancho city limits, should remain in the Centers and Corridors map. It will now go before the LUPZ committee, then to the full City Council. TRNA is concerned about the potential ramifications of this action, if any.

General Fund: The membership present at the General Meeting March 13 voted on and approved the FY14 Budget. Reflecting back on FY13, the TRNA board has done a good job of operating on a balanced budget: Income exceeded expenditures, which is the result of careful consideration of each decision and always watching the pennies!

Land Use Fund Update: We still have until April 4 to discover whether the Silver Leaf Ventures/WalMart decision to deny the application will be appealed to district court. If they appeal, our attorney will need to present a brief and appear on our behalf. Because at this writing the final disposition is still unknown, I must repeat what I have been saying to this point:

TRNA still has existing legal fees to pay. We must continue to ask the membership and anyone who agrees with our mission to donate money to the Land Use Fund. We've been fighting hard for what we believe is best for our neighborhood. We hope everyone who reads this can contribute to the Land Use Fund, to support this cause with any amount large or small. Can you help with a donation? All monies received are for the designated purpose of land use issues. Let's finish strong and all give what we can!

If and when we finalize this issue and reach the goal of paying the legal fees in full, you can be sure we will send a celebratory email and announce this. Until then, we are asking for continued donations.

You can send donations payable to TRNA Land Use Fund, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288 using the following form. Or, you can go to www.againstthewal-abq.com and pay by credit card through the PayPal link there. There is also a link on the TRNA homepage. Questions? Email me at treasurer@trna.org 



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Thank you! Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association





West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Report

Terri Spiak, TRNA Representative

The newly-elected Executive Committee led by President Candy Patterson from Laurelwood NA kicked off its first meeting by establishing a dialogue with the membership. Each association member was encouraged to bring concerns before the group to help in forming action items and issues for future agendas. Springing from this was the formation of the West Side Coalition Code Enforcement Task Force, headed by our TRNA President Ray Shortridge. Many citizens report difficulty in connecting with the correct person at the city to address zoning code enforcement issues and tracking concerns and what action, if any, has been taken.

In addition, a Bylaws Committee, chaired by Terri Spiak, TRNA, was formed to study the existing bylaws and suggest changes to improve them. Tommy Borst, Tres Volcanes NA, will head up the Transportation Committee to field concerns that relate to roadways, projects, concerns and needs on the West Side. Rene' Horvath, TRNA Land Use Chair, is also getting involved in presenting information to WSCONA on

Open Space issues and concerns. These are all exciting opportunities for any citizen to participate in. Call Ray Shortridge, Terri Spiak, or Rene' Horvath for more information.

Brad Winter from APS also gave an update on the stadium on the west side, and fielded concerns from the neighborhood about the specific kinds of sporting events to be held there, lighting, and noise. There are plans to build a park adjacent to the stadium that will provide softball fields, soccer fields, etc. to expand the available space for those activities. Mr. Winter also discussed the plans for a future K-8 school to be built on the far west side.

The Coalition strives to involve more neighborhood associations, increase membership and listen to member input to build an even stronger and more active organization to bring major issues of the entire West Side of Albuquerque to the city, county, state, and federal government for consideration. If you want to get involved, come to the next Coalition meeting on April 3, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. Or, join us the first Wednesday of any month, the date for most monthly meetings.

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District 5 -- Coffee with Councilor Lewis

Once a month on Friday morning from 7:30—8:30 am, Councilor Dan Lewis and a “special guest” will be at various businesses throughout the district to meet with you, get to know you and hear your concerns. Stop by on your way to work or come in to grab some breakfast and say hello! Contact Sarah Mancini at 768-3189 and she can give you the details.

April 19th — Flying Star, 10700 Corrales Rd NW (Coors & Alameda). Special Guest: City council Chief Financial Officer Associate Director, Jon Zaman.



Open Space Visitor Center Events

6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montañño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

Volunteer Training

The Open Space Visitor Center (OSVC) invites you to the upcoming volunteer training series beginning April 6. Volunteers are essential to *connecting people to place*, or connecting visitors to the value of Open Space. The training program is fun and informative, but it will require a significant time commitment to complete.

What do volunteers do?

Greeters: They are our frontline to the public, orienting visitors to the facility, answering phones, and assisting with small clerical tasks.

Gardens: The success of Traditions Garden, Pollinator Garden, and extended landscaping is due to volunteers. Watering, weeding, compost maintenance, planting, harvesting, and interpretation are among the essential tasks in the garden. *No experience is necessary.* **Education:** Education is the primary goal of the OSVC. Development of education materials and guiding tours are of the facility's greatest education needs.

Participants must attend the full schedule of trainings. Space is limited to 15 people. Call (505) 897-8831 to register.

TRAINING SCHEDULE (subject to change)

SESSION ONE: April 6, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

SESSION TWO: April 11, 5:30 PM –7:30 PM

SESSION THREE: Scheduled day of choice Wednesday through Sunday

TOPIC TRAININGS:

- Open Space History and Lands: April 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm

- Open Space Farms & OSVC Gardens: April 20, 10am – 2:00 pm
- Piedras Marcadas Pueblo Village: May 4, 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Interpretation Techniques: May 11, 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Bosque Interpretation & Walk: June 1, 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Tour of Open Space lands: *Foothills, East Mountains* June 8, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Tour of Open Space lands: *West side, Bosque*: June 15, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Backyard

A Talk Presented by the Roberta Beyer of the Fat Finch

Sunday, April 7th, 2013 —2:30 PM —Free

Call 897-8831 to register

CONTACT: Kim Selving, Parks & Recreation Dept., Open Space Division, 505-897-8831, jhedderig@cabq.gov, | www.cabq.gov/openspace

She will show you how to identify, attract, feed and watch hummingbirds, orioles and goldfinches. will also receive handouts on the care and feeding of these birds as well as a list of plants that will draw them to your garden. A variety of bird feeders will be available to compare and bird books and other items from the store will be on display. Live birds from Wildlife Rescue of NM will also be present!

Building Veggie Boxes

With Melanie Rubin, Author of “Farming Revolution”

April 14, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Recycled Art Fair

Revived! Lost, Found and Reinvented Objects of Art

The FIFTH Annual Recycled Art Fair

April 27 & 28, 10 am to 4 pm —Do you, like we do in Open Space, develop information fatigue when you read the word “sustainable” or “green”, knowing that a sermon follows on everything we are doing wrong? Not at the Fifth Annual Recycled Art Fair. You will be given a breath of fresh air and hope in the presence of UPCYCLING. It is Spring! Come and see what is blossoming.

Not only will you and your friends be given this regeneration in your outlook, but the discarded items discovered by these artists have been given new life in the form of art. For the past four years, upcycle artists have been giving us hope and promise amidst the seemingly endless volumes of trash, and with it, helping us to escape the onerous “shoulds” regarding our daily way of life.

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So how **does** upcycling differ from Recycling? What can we learn from these skilled and creative individuals to make our daily life less wasteful and more enjoyable? Do we drown in trash or become REVIVED through the regenerative power of UPCYCLE art?!!

Schedule: Saturday —Talk about art and society in Upcycling. Music with Juniper Hill and the Celtic Trio. Kids' activities. Arts & Crafts Workshops. Over 40 vendors of Upcycle Art, Craft, Etc. "Revived!" in the Open Space Main Art Gallery.

Sunday —Talk, CoA Solid Waste Department. Music, Making paper with plantable stationary.

Please visit our website for updates and for photos and descriptions of last year's show.

Backyard Composting

Bernalillo County Extension Master Composter

Sat, May 11 & Thurs, June 20



Thank You For Donations to General Meeting (food & raffle items)

The Mill of New Mexico —Two \$20 Gift Certificates

Robert, Ruth, and Allan Chavez and Martin Montano, the owners, have 22 years of service on the west side, and recently opened "The Mill of New Mexico" at 6001 Winterhaven Rd, near Hastings. Serving lunch and dinner during the week from 11am—9pm. On Fri/Sat they serve breakfast from 8:30am—noon, and stay open until 10pm. The Mill has great New Mexico food, chili, along with meat loaf and other favorite offerings for the entire family. They serve wine and beer too and have happy hour specials. Look them up on the web at themillofnewmexico.com.

Spinn's Burgers and Beer —\$20 Gift Card

Mike Spinn has returned to Taylor Ranch to open a great new restaurant, tucked in the corner at 4411 Montano Rd, Suite A, across from Giant behind CVS. With a bustling happy atmosphere, Spinn's serves great steak, seafood, burgers and salads. The portions are large and the entire family will enjoy a visit there, with 3 flat screen TV's and a projection screen too. Serving local microbrews, Spinn's also serves wine. We're glad to have Mike back in the neighborhood! They're open 11:30 am — 9:00 pm (til 9:30 on Fri/Sat). Website: spinnrestaurant.com.

Hannah & Nate's Market Café —Two \$10 Gift Cards

Phil Salazar, owner of Hannah & Nate's Market Café at 6251 Riverside Plaza, B-4, off of Coors, has a wonderful French-inspired country décor and deliciously varied breakfast and lunch offerings. For a small café the menu is extensive. Open Monday through Saturday 7am—2 pm. This is a great place for locals to meet! They also have a Corrales location open the same hours, and also on Sunday. Hannahandnates.com.

Lobo Fire Protection —Home Fire Extinguisher

Stephen Spiak and Mark Wolff, owners of Lobo Fire Protection, service mostly commercial customers with efficient fire system inspection, maintenance, repair and installation. They believe every home should have a fire extinguisher and donated this one to support TRNA and the neighborhood. (Funny side note: Terri Spiak's ticket was drawn first, so they had to draw again.)

Fai Wong Restaurant —Refreshments

Fai Wong is open 7 days a week next to Albertson's in Montano Plaza. They serve freshly prepared delicious food in a nice atmosphere. The crab wontons we enjoyed were very light, and a big hit with those attending general meeting. Their egg rolls are very light as well and very good. This owner-operated restaurant is very friendly!

Albertson's —Refreshments and \$20 Gift Card

Albertson's, 6200 Coors Blvd, Montano Plaza, has been a strong community partner, participating and helping in education, neighborhood and other community work. They have provided food for many of our TRNA events, including the Rummage Sale. Many of their employees have been there for 15-20 years or more, even through the change to Raley's and back to Albertson's. The market has a small town feel with all the advantages of the urban market!



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Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- Active Participation Sustaining Member (Not able to work on committees at this time)

I'm interested in working on the following:

- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
 Environment Land Use Membership Newsletter
 Parks & Recreation Social Activities Transportation/Traffic Other _____

Renewal Membership and New Member Rates:

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2013) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2014) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2015)
 Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2013) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2014) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2015)



Please mail this form with your check made out to TRNA to:

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Upcoming Events

Apr 10 — TRNA Board Mtg

There will NOT be a TRNA Easter Egg Hunt this year. We are looking for ideas for a "Taylor Ranch Day." Contact any of the people listed on the left with your suggestions.

Please contact Editor if you know of any school events that should be brought to the attention of TRNA

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM

Westside Albuquerque Police Department

The highest number of auto break ins and stolen vehicles occurs on Tuesday nights. The highest residential burglaries take place on Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 7 am. Most important of all, the largest number of household thefts are due to garage doors being left open or items left in vehicles outside of the garage. The thieves are after all electronics, the newer the better: flat screen TVs, iPod, computers, readers —whatever is the latest and newest. Nearly all robberies are done by repeat offenders with a long rap sheet. However, APD has been addressing the auto thefts and auto break ins by the use of "bait" cars. Even making them obvious has resulted in the lowest auto-related incidents so far.

YOU are the eyes and ears of preventing thefts and burglaries in your neighborhood. Call 242-COPS if you see or think something unusual is going on around you. If you see an event in progress, call 911. And we can't say it enough times: Do NOT leave valuables in vehicles, especially in plain site when parked on the street. Keep your garage doors CLOSED. Keep your porch lights ON at night. Keep your doors & windows locked, especially when not at home. Refuse to be a Victim!!

To submit articles for this newsletter, or to place an ad, contact editor@trna.org. The deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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