

This issue is dedicated to the memory of

Fred van Berkel

Dec. 5, 1937 – Oct. 12, 2013

We said goodbye to a cornerstone of the Taylor Ranch community last week. For almost 35 years **Fred van Berkel** worked tirelessly to ensure our neighborhood – and the whole northwest side for that matter – was thoughtfully developed and preserved for generations to come.

"I remember going door to door back then [1978] with a petition to beg the city to give us a streetlight [not stop light, but simply a street light] on the corner of Montano and Coors so we could find the turn onto Montano at night," Fred explains, in his well-written history of Taylor Ranch. Coors was just a 2-lane highway back then, not a light on it, and Montano the only paved side street. "Dellyne was a dirt road that washed down onto Coors every time it rained!" There were only a few homes, and only a few cars running the Coors highway between Rio Rancho and Central.

In the early 1980's, the big issue was the *Coors Corridor Plan*, which our TRNA founders had the foresight to push the city to establish. As Fred stated, "Although the Corridor is only about 10 miles long [Central to Hwy 528], it would greatly affect the future of our neighborhood." Thanks to Fred and other early members of TRNA, we had a say in that plan that has helped preserve the uniqueness and views along Coors Blvd NW.

Fred & Ceil served on the TRNA Board for many years and held every position multiple times. Fred was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Neighborhood Patrol. Uniquely qualified to do so, he became the TRNA Historian and preserved the history of our development in writing, including a series of articles published in our newsletters. [This history can now be read on our website trna.org.]

When TRNA celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2005, Fred chaired the committee that organized the two-day event and did much of the hard work required to pull it off successfully. Bernalillo County honored the event with a Proclamation, that was accepted by Fred in county chambers.



Born in Holland, Fred came to the U.S. as a young man and attended college in New York, where he met his wife, Ceil. With his masters degree in Sociology, Fred taught as a Sociology Professor in New Jersey for a while, and tried a few other ideas (food & beverage manager), before operating his own building and remodeling business after moving to Albuquerque in 1976. In 1977 he proudly became a U.S. citizen. He was also instrumental in establishing the parish of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande.

Many TRNA friends and neighbors attended his Memorial Service on October 19th, and shared stories of his ability to get things done, his easy-going mannerisms, his dry sense of humor (he could always make you laugh), ... and his Dutch stubbornness! And they remember him "sitting at the bar or out by his pool, sipping his martini and eating peanuts, talking." He could talk for hours to anyone about anything! He was so proud of the accomplishments of his wife and son Victor, and delighted when Victor and wife Robin gave him a grandson, Dexter (see photo above).

Speaking at the memorial, TRNA Board member Ken Newman said Fred "had a way of getting you to volunteer," which Ken and his wife June did when they became members in 1988 and first met him. As Ken so aptly put it, "Fred, you will be missed but never forgotten. God now has a true volunteer!"

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President's Message

Ray Shortridge, TRNA President

Last April, I, along with representatives of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (TRNA is a member of WSCNA), met with the acting director of the city's Planning Department, along with members of her staff, to learn how we could assist that department in achieving its goals.

We learned that the city had drafted a bill for the legislature that would provide an administrative remedy to zoning code enforcement, but that the bill had languished in the legislature.

A bit of background. Currently, when a complaint has been filed against a property owner -- e.g. weeds, trashy property, abandoned cars, empty house, etc. -- the city's process is to:

1. send an inspector to verify that the issue violates a city zoning code
2. if so, then the inspector sends a letter to the property owner citing the problem and providing a grace period, usually two weeks, for the property owner to address the problem
3. if the problem is not addressed, then the department files a criminal misdemeanor case against the property owner
4. at this point, it is up to the prosecutor's office and the judge to press the matter.

As a practical matter, a zoning code violation is viewed by the criminal justice system as a relatively minor issue, given the types of crimes against persons and property that they deal with. Hence, the property owner usually blows this sanction off.

In response to that issue, the city drafted a bill for the legislature that established an administrative procedure to deal with these matters: the zoning administrator would have the authority to levy daily/weekly fines against the property owner until the matter was addressed.

TRNA and WSCNA, along with the Planning Department, coordinated with our West Side legislators, notably Joseph Candelaria and Sander Rue, to place the draft bill into the hopper for the next legislative session. We believe that this non-partisan city-wide measure will be supported by most, if not all, of Albuquerque's state senators and legislators.

When passed into law, the Planning Department will have a strong tool to use to ensure that property owners comply with zoning ordinances.

Hope everyone stayed safe for the Halloween Festivities! With Thanksgiving coming up this month, we hope you find many reasons to be grateful, and share wonderful new memories with friends and family.



Rummage Sale a Big Hit

Ken Newman, TRNA Director

We had a very successful Flea Market in September to support our Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who were vendors and personnel who donated articles for us to sell at our table. I have to thank Albertson's, Starbuck's, Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center, and Cross of Hope for their support to this worthy cause. We could not do these without merchants like Albertsons and Starbuck's -- patronize these stores. Also thanks to the volunteers who helped: Rene' Horvath, Marianne, Margie Newton, Terri Spiak, and Ron Probst. Thanks to Steve Spiak who did all the cooking - good job. ®

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11:30 am—1:30 pm

Food service: 12:00—12:30



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There is no charge for the lunch, but please note that this event is for **TRNA Members ONLY**. All immediate family living at the member’s residence are considered members.

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 this worthwhile project. Boxes will be available at the door for your donations.

Reservations are required. Please send in the following form no later than Nov. 22

Any questions, contact Ken or June at 898-5447 or 974-5469 or Juken1964@q.com.

Mail completed form to: TRNA Holiday Luncheon
c/o Ken Newman
6301 Kearney Trail
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Reservation Form — TRNA Members Only

Deadline Nov. 22nd

We will attend the TRNA Holiday Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, 2013!

Member Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number of persons attending : _____

Please specify number of **salmon** dinners: _____ (no need to specify any other choices)

We will bring a **dessert to share and a non-perishable item** for the needy in the area.

Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director, Land Use

1. Coors & Montano 2005 Site Plan —When does the 7 year expiration date begin? EPC hearing deferred to November 14th: On October 10th, the EPC was scheduled to review and clarify the status of the site plan for building permit for the Coors and Montano site. The case was deferred to November 14th. The EPC will determine when the site plan expires: seven years after EPC approval, pursuant to the zone code; or seven years after final sign off from the DRB. The site plan was adopted by the EPC on June 16, 2005. The developer, at their discretion, has not completed acquiring signatures from the DRB. How long can the City stand still while the developer delays acquiring signatures for the site plan? How long can our City Council and Environmental Planning Commission allow developers to obtain necessary signatures?

Just before the October EPC hearing, City staff contacted TRNA to see if TRNA and the property owners were interested in a planning session to see if a consensus could be reached for the Coors and Montano site. TRNA and their Attorney indicated that we were interested in such a meeting, if it was possible to do. The planning session did not occur once City staff realized that the property owner, Silver Leaf, had hired an attorney to prep for the EPC hearing. Silver Leaf's attorney, Kathy Davis, requested a 30 day deferral at the October 10th EPC hearing in order to prepare for the case. Our attorney agreed to the deferral. In the meantime, several news stories appeared in the Journal and on Channel 13 and Channel 7 on this issue. They noted that it has been unclear to the public what the property owners were planning to build and whether it would comply with the view regulations of the Coors Corridor Plan and have an attractive appearance. Note: Last summer during a Community meeting it was mentioned that there were plans to build a Walmart grocery store, and they only needed final sign off from the DRB. The public was told there would not be any public meetings since the 2005 site plan was already approved. We are now preparing for the hearing to determine when the site plan expires. Let me know if you plan to attend, we could use support from concerned citizens.

2. Oxbow Town Center / proposed amendment for University of Albuquerque Sector Development Plan (UASDP) / EPC Hearing deferred to November 14th: On October 10th the EPC also voted to defer the Oxbow Town Center case to **November 14th**, as the applicants and neighborhood request. This case has taken a lot of twists and turns. In 2007, the City Council designated the Oxbow Town Center a Community Activity Center, eliminating the apartment R-3 zoning and replacing it with 30 acres of commercial and 17

acres of offices to make a main street type of development. The intent was to address overcrowding at nearby schools and to make this area an employment center in order to help reduce traffic congestion at the river crossings. The community supported it.

Last summer, the property owner requested a zone change to change the 17 acres of office use to 17 acres of town homes. He says there is no market for offices. The adjacent neighborhood supported the zone change. The Westside Coalition does not. The WSCNA feels the job/housing balance is very critical to our Westside needs and the office space is important to keep. The Planners recommended denial of the property owners request in their staff report. They said the request conflicts with Activity Center and Transit Corridor policies which calls for higher density residential and to do commercial/office uses at this location.

To complicate this even more, Code enforcement gave the applicant an opinion that stated that the applicant can now do 100% apartments on his 30 acres of commercial land, because apartments are now considered a permissive use in commercial zones based on City Council legislation approved in 2012. Now the property owner is proposing to do 70% town homes and apartments, with 30 % commercial, eliminating the office use. The WSCNA still does not support this. The WSCNA is seeking legal counsel for the **November 14th** hearing.

Note: **The EPC hearing begins at 8:30 in the morning. It is located in the basement of the Planning building, on Second Street, one block south of Lomas.** Both cases will be on the agenda, which will be released one week before the hearing. Please check the Web site for the agenda at www@cabq.gov, look for Planning dept., then the Environmental Planning Commission agendas. We hope to have support for either or both of these issues.

3. Coors Corridor Plan rewrite: The Planning department is rewriting the 1984 Coors Corridor Plan. They want to incorporate a transportation plan that was developed 2 years ago but never approved. The Coors Corridor Plan is a rank three plan, specific to Coors Blvd. between Central and Alameda. It has many policies related to traffic movement, the natural environment, development design standards, and view regulations. These policies include cluster development, pleasing architecture, required landscape buffers, signage and lighting regulations, screening of utilities, and preserving the views. It also has policies pertaining to the Bosque, arroyos, farmland, and maintaining the natural topography when grading. Westside residents value these things and don't want to see these policies watered down or eliminated.

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City Planning held two open house meetings: October 16th & 24th with poster displays. The October 24th open house was well attended by Westside residents at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. The transportation plan is proposing a lot of grade changes at key intersections along Coors Blvd. such as Quail, Redlands, Sequoia, Montano and Paseo. They want to add a transit lane to Coors Blvd. making it 8 lanes, with one lane reserved only for buses. Several residents commented that the whole atmosphere along Coors will change because of the planned high overpasses. The Planning Dept would like to go to the EPC in January or February. Several have commented that it is hard to comprehend all the changes being made to the plan in such a short time. It seems the process is moving quickly. Note: It is my understanding that the 1984 Coors Corridor Plan took 2 years with lots of public involvement before it was adopted. The Westside community will need to be very vigilant and stay involved in this process. Carol Toffaleti is the Planner: 924-3345. Also check the website for more information: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/residents/sector-development-plan-updates/coors-corridor-plan/>

4. The Old Atrisco Roadway/ Boca Negra Canyon: Boca Negra Canyon is one of the most unique Canyons in the Taylor Ranch area. It is the Canyon where the old Atrisco road accessed the top of the mesa. For many years it was the only way to get to the top of the mesa to reach the Volcanoes. This changed when Unser Blvd. was built. In recent months development has occurred on top of the mesa due to SAD 228. A storm sewer system is being constructed underneath the old roadway to provide drainage for the mesa top development. The asphalt had to be taken off the road to put in the pipes. The intense September rains severely eroded the exposed roadway, exposing the pipes; some of which were undermined and broken. The last month's TRNA Mesa Messenger showed pictures of the old Atrisco Roadway damaged after the rains.

During the October TRNA Board meeting, a resident of Taylor Ranch attended the meeting to tell the Board he had a concern about the old roadway. He told the Board that he rides his bike often on the old Atrisco road through the Boca Negra Canyon to get to the bike trail that goes to the Volcanoes. He saw the construction going on to build the storm sewer underneath the old roadway and he observed the damage the rains had caused to the roadway and pipes. The dirt road is now repaired, and so are the pipes. The thing that concerns him now was that a Park Ranger told him the roadway would be replaced with gravel, instead of asphalt. He said he could not ride a bike up a gravel road. He felt the road should be replaced with asphalt, like it was before. He preferred riding on the old asphalt road compared to riding up Unser Blvd. to

get to the Mesa top. He felt that a gravel road would wash out again from a heavy rain. TRNA agreed that the old road should be replaced with asphalt and made inquiries with Open Space, AMAFCA, and the trail coordinator, who are involved with this project. We expressed concern that this is now the only access for the public to get to the Boca Negra Canyon, and to the picnic tables on top. The rains will eventually wash out the new gravel road. This is also the safest way for bicyclists to get to the top of the mesa. At first we were told that there is no money for repaving the road and that it was never intended to be a trail, and would not meet ADA requirements. But after making several more inquiries the trails coordinator indicated that there is some money to do a 10 foot wide asphalt trail to the top. We indicated that there still needs to be a way for cars to get to the picnic tables because the access from Unser is now closed off. We mentioned that we would like to see the plans made for this area in regards to trails and public access. They said they would contact us once the plans are completed. We will need to follow up on this. If anyone else is interested in this issue let me know.

5. Fugitive dust/ Explosions/ flooding Taylor Ranch residents: Residential development built immediately above and below the escarpment has caused problems for home owners. For a long time, TRNA has promoted single loaded streets adjacent to Petroglyph National Monument to provide a buffer for this national resource. Now it appears that this concept would have reduced flooding caused by recent high intensity rains. It would have also reduced soil erosion from the hillside building up and overtopping back yard walls. Unfortunately, the land developer constructed and sold lots immediately below the escarpment without considering the consequences of ignoring the existing grades. They did not consider the soil erosion or runoff generated from the escarpment. Prior to construction, the developer is typically required to prepare a drainage plan for their site to insure that storm water runoff is directed safely offsite. In this case, when the developer decided to build lots immediately adjacent to the base of the escarpment, they should also have been required to construct facilities to safely convey flood water away from these lots. Instead, nothing was done to take care of the situation. The property was developed, block walls were constructed, and homes were built. A buffer should have been provided by the developer to provide access to remove soil eroded from the escarpment and deposited over time behind the block walls and to provide space for a channel to convey flood flows safely away. The same goes for the top of the escarpment. More open space buffer is needed adjacent to the escarpment. We need to promote using only single loaded streets adjacent to the Monument in order to separate the open space from the development and put more restrictions in place to curb fugitive dust during construction.

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6. La Cuentista: This is an important project that we need to focus our attention on. The La Cuentista Property owner continues to offer 60 acres of their land adjacent to the escarpment to be purchased as open space. A representative from the Trust for Public Lands visited the site. Since it was not part of the original Monument acquisition plan, the City, the County, and the State will have to pitch in the majority of the funds to acquire it. We need to continue to emphasize the acquisition of additional Open Space, and to increase the funding for open space land acquisition in order to serve the needs of the Westside. We also need our Westside City Councilors to support directing the \$750,000 land acquisition fund for open space, approved in last month's bond election, toward the purchase of the La Cuentista open space site. This would provide a very nice buffer along the edge of the escarpment.

Fred Van Berkel: We recently lost a valuable member of our Taylor Ranch Community. Many of you may have known Fred Van Berkel, or seen him patrolling the Taylor Ranch area while performing his neighborhood watch duties. Fred was one of the founding members of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. It took a lot of time and commitment from people like Fred to create a progressive organization, which has stood the test of time. He also worked on the 1984 Coors Corridor Plan, which I have extensively relied on to support our position on Westside development. Fred was also the Historian for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. I appreciate all the time, effort and commitment that Fred, and his wife Ceil, provided to the Taylor Ranch community to make Taylor Ranch a nice place to live. I can't thank them both enough. We will all miss Fred.

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director, Land Use



Library Update

Taylor Ranch Library

5700 Bogart St. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

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

Sue Heitz, Manager

505-897-8816 taylorranch@cabq.gov

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

Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Featured Databases this month

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Recurring Events

The Taylor Ranch Branch Reading Group: 2nd Saturday of each month, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This month is *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison.

Taylor Ranch Lego Club: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Love Legos? Every meeting we will have a new inspiration and some creations will be displayed at the library! Legos provided! Please leave your Legos at home. We don't want you to lose your favorite pieces.

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.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, Sept. 10 through Nov. 19. Preschool Storytime, ages 3-5. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and finger plays.

Saturdays, 10:30 am, Sept 14 through Nov. 23. Baby Storytime, ages 0-2. Lapsit storytime, learning games, songs, puppets, movement activities, and fun for everyone!



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Paseo del Norte/I-25 Construction

Well, it has begun! The long-awaited, much-anticipated, but mostly-dreaded reconstruction of this interchange is finally underway. Lane closures in many directions are already causing massive backups during rush hour traffic. But those involved say this is a bigger undertaking than the “Big I” interchange, so will take a long time to complete.

Considering that this project is expected to last through December 2014, we better get used to it. Increased traffic is already impacting the Montano & Alameda river crossings and access to I-40 eastbound from Coors, as many commuters seek alternative routes.

But we must commend the website that has been set up to keep you up to date at all times: paseoi25.com. There’s a clever logo, “B4UGO PASEO,” and graphics that depict where the lane closures are, the times of restrictions, and how long they are expected to last. As it emphasizes: “Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destinations, use caution in construction areas, and obey all speed limits.”

Last time this editor went through the construction zone, there was much honking of horns, darting between lanes & butting in line, some “finger signaling,” and all manner of uptight people

running late to work and appointments across town. It is a true test of our level of patience.

Just as the Coors/I-40 interchange helped but did not “fix” the problem (it still backs up to Ladera), that’s the best this construction project will do also. We just have too many people trying to get across the river. This is steadily increasing by leaps & bounds with uncontrolled westside housing development, and very little commercial development — as in jobs — to offset. But there may be hope ...

The city is trying to address this issue with the “Paseo del Norte High Capacity Transit Study,” and discussed these issues at two Open Houses in late October. This Rapid Transit bus service will link residents in NW ABQ and southern Rio Rancho with businesses all along the Jefferson / Journal Center / North I-25 corridor. Originating at Southern and Unser in Rio Rancho, it will follow Unser to Volcano Heights, Paseo del Norte across to Jefferson, and eventually onto southbound I-25 near Montgomery. (Learn more at mrcog-nm.gov)

While northwest Albuquerque continues to be a desirable place to live, shop, and dine out — and eventually, hopefully, a great place to work — meanwhile the city continues to try and cope with the continuing demands on how to get us “over there.”

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Coffee with Councilor Lewis

November 1, 2013 — 7:30 –8:30 am

Twisters, at Eagle Ranch & Irving

Guest: Mark Sanchez, Executive Director
Water Utility Authority

The Water Utility Authority is a separate government entity, a political subdivision of the State. As the Executive Director of the Water Utility Authority, Mark Sanchez, along with the rest of Department, has the very important job of ensuring an affordable and sustainable water supply, balancing an environmentally sustainable and economically viable community, and overseeing customer service.

Come learn more about the critical issues facing our community and get your questions answered.

Stop by on your way to work or come in to grab some breakfast and say hello! Or talk with Councilor Dan Lewis about any other concerns you may have about what is happening in City Council Chambers these days.

If possible, please RSVP to Sara Mancini 768-3189 or saramancini@cabq.gov no later than 4:30 pm on Oct 31st, Thursday, so they can make sure there's enough seating.

If you miss the November coffee meeting, mark your calendars now for the one next month:

December 6 — 7:30-8:30 am

Wecks, at Riverside Plaza, 6311 Coors

Guest: Suzie Lubar, Director
Albuquerque Planning Department

This is a subject 'near and dear' to our hearts — what is planned for the future of our city and particularly our northwest area. This is the department in charge of revising the Coors Corridor Plan. (For updates on this check out the website: cabq.gov/planning/coors-corridor-plan)

Remember, Lewis represents District 5, which contains only part of Taylor Ranch (roughly north of Montano). The southern portion of our neighborhood (and all east of Coors) is in District 1, represented by Councilor Ken Sanchez. His assistant is Elaine Romero, who can be reached at 768-3183 or eromero@cabq.gov.

To find out more information about Albuquerque's City Council, go to cabq.gov/council. You can obtain a map of the two district boundaries through this site, or by contacting either councilor. 



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Smoke Detector Safety

Rainer Perez, TRNA Director

NREMT-Paramedic Albuquerque Fire Department

When you change the clocks back one hour on November 3rd, be sure to replace your smoke detector batteries.

Smoke detectors are devices that are mounted on the wall or ceiling and automatically sound a warning when they sense smoke or other products of combustion. When people are warned early enough about a fire, they can escape before it spreads. Prices start at about five dollars

Every year thousands of people die from fires in the home. Residential home fires kill an estimated 4,000 Americans every year. Another 30,000 people are seriously injured by fire each year. Property damage from fire costs us at least \$11.2 billion yearly. Most fire victims feel that fire would "never happen to them."

Although we like to feel safe at home, about two-thirds of our nation's fire deaths happen in the victim's own home. The home is where we are at the greatest risk and where we must take the most precautions. Most deaths occur from inhaling smoke or poisonous gases, not from the flames.

Most fatal fires occur in residential buildings between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. when occupants are more likely to be asleep. More than 90 percent of fire deaths in buildings occur in residential dwellings.

A Johns Hopkins University study, funded by the United States Fire Administration, found that 75 percent of residential fire deaths and 84 percent of residential fire injuries could have been prevented by smoke detectors.

When choosing a smoke detector, there are several things to consider. Think about which areas of the house you want to protect, where fire would be most dangerous, how many you will need, whether you have access to hard-wire them into your electrical system, or buy battery-operated ones, etc.

Experts recommend that every home have a smoke detector outside each sleeping area (inside as well if members of the household sleep with the door closed) and on every level of the home, including the basement. On floors without bedrooms, detectors should be installed in or near living areas, such as dens, living rooms or family rooms.

The placement of smoke detectors is very important. Sleeping areas need the most protection. One detector in a short hallway outside the bedroom area is usually adequate. Hallways longer than 30 feet should have one at each end. For maximum protection, install a detector in each bedroom.

Be sure to keep the detector away from fireplaces and wood stoves to avoid false alarms. Place smoke detectors at the top of each stairwell and at the end of each long hallway. Smoke rises easily through stairwells. If you should put a smoke detector in your kitchen, be sure to keep it away from cooking fumes or smoking areas.

Proper mounting of a smoke detector is also important. You can mount many detectors by yourself, but those connected directly to your household wiring should have their own separate circuit and be installed by a professional electrician.

If you mount your detector on the ceiling be sure to keep it at least 18 inches away from dead air space near walls and corners. If you mount it on the wall, place it 6 to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from corners. Keep them high because smoke rises. Don't place them near doorways or windows where drafts could impair the detector operation.



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Return of the Cranes

Nov 16 & 17, 2013

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505-897-8831

In Albuquerque in the fall we celebrate one of our most beautiful and cherished seasonal visitors, the Sandhill Crane.

One of the best places for watching the Sandhill Crane is the Open Space Visitor Center, which is located adjacent to farm fields managed by the Open Space Division as wildlife habitat. Since its official opening in 2006, the Visitor Center has become a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, as it allows for unique views of Sandhill Cranes and other bird species, with the spectacular backdrops of the Sandia Mountains and the Cottonwood forests of the Rio Grande.

In preparation for the return of the Sandhill crane they have grown many acres of sorghum and alfalfa for our omnivorous friends. "These animals are charming to watch as they posture and dance asserting their dominance or simply play in courtship. They keep close tabs at an onlooker's distance: people, coyotes, foxes, and cats all fall within a "dangerous" category for the crane. Humans may come no closer than 40-50 feet. So if you would like to view these animals it is wise to bring binoculars. Here at the OSVC we welcome those who desire to see these birds in mass. Additionally, because the OSVC is located in Albuquerque, we offer great viewing opportunities of these birds for local folks who don't want to travel very far," states Joshua Willis, Open Space Visitor Coordinator.

And the best part of all: it is **FREE!**

Activities include children's crafts and games, viewing scopes, crafts, workshops, and more!

ONGOING

Book of Cranes Exhibit

Silk Paintings Exhibit and Sales by Judith Roderick

Waking Up Crane film

Web of Life Foundation

Albuquerque Origami Society

Viewing Scopes

SATURDAY

8:00 AM: **Bosque Bird Walk**, Judy Liddell & Barbara Hussey, authors of *Birding Hot Spots in Central New Mexico*

9:00 AM: **Tai Chi with the Cranes**, Sifu Dug Corpolongo

10:00 AM: **Cranes for Kids**, Wendy Brown, Wildlife Biologist, US Forest Service

11:00 AM: **Silk Painting Demonstration**, Judith Roderick, Artist

11:30 AM: **Tin Punch Workshop**, Joshua Willis

12:00 PM: **Stories of Wolves**, film by Web of Life Foundation founder, Elke Duerr

1:30 PM: **Love in the Bosque**, a musical by Phil Bock

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4:00 PM: **Fly-Out Walk at Los Poblanos Fields**, Bill Pentler

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7:00 AM: **Fly-In at Los Poblanos Fields**, Wendy Brown, Wildlife Biologist, USFW

9:00 AM: **Tai Chi with the Cranes at Los Poblanos Fields**, Sifu Dug Corpolongo

9:00 AM: **Yoga with the Cranes**, \$15

10:00 AM: **Crane Management in the Middle Rio Grande Valley**, Kristin Madden, Wildlife Biologist, NMGF

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: **Birds on Display**, Wildlife Rescue

11:30 AM: **Book of Cranes**, exhibit background, poetry reading, and calligraphy cranes

1:00 PM: **Birds in the Pueblo World**, Dr. Matt Schmader, Archaeologist

2:30 PM: **The Two Roses**, Bonnie Schmader (flute) & Donese Mayfield (harp)

Living here in Taylor Ranch, we are uniquely blessed to have this wildlife habitat in our neighborhood!

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Application or Renewal



Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

I'm interested in helping in the following areas of participation:

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

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- Resident: \$ 18.00 (Thru Dec 2014) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2015) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2016)
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(Already a member? Give this to a neighbor & get them to join!)

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Important Dates

- Nov 3 — Daylight Savings time ends
- Nov 13 — TRNA Board Mtg Members always welcome
- Nov 14 — EPC Hearing — two important issues!
- Nov 22 — Reservations deadline for Holiday Lunch
- Nov 28 — Thanksgiving

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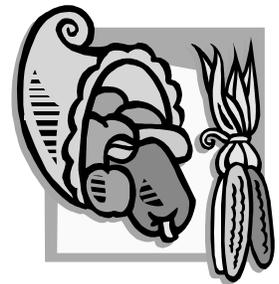
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**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

**We wish you all a happy family
holiday with many blessings**



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