



**Happy Holidays**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**Happy Hanukkah**  
**Happy Kwanzaa**

## President's Message

Ray Shortridge, TRNA President

We recently lost a founding member of TRNA, an active member in community affairs, and a great friend – Fred van Berkel. We wish the best for Ceil and the family as the New Year dawns.

I want to acknowledge the work that several members made in planning and conducting the annual Holiday Lunch, held Saturday, December 7. As in the past, they coordinated with Outback to provide the meal that featured a choice of BBQ ribs, beef kabobs, chicken, or salmon, along with mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad & rolls. Also, many thanks to those who brought in desserts to share.

Our business year ends March 31. We will be holding the Annual Membership Meeting at the Taylor Ranch Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new members to the board to replace those members who are rotating off the board, as required by TRNA bylaws, and to approve the budget for 2014.

Please mark that date on your calendar.

Also, please submit candidates for membership to the board to me: [president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org) ®



## Social Committee

Ken Newman, TRNA Board Member

We had a great time at our annual Holiday Luncheon on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. I think **everyone** had a great time! Great meal as always from **Outback's**. Thanks to George Boutsis and his entire staff from Outback's that volunteered to do this for us. I also want to thank everyone that volunteered as always to help. Karen and Brett Lopez, June, Ron Probst, Rainey Perez, Terri and Steve Spiak, Joe & Rene' Horvath, Dan Shaw, Rae Phillips, Peggy & Alice, Ceil Van Berkel, Betty Sala, Hanna Sorrells, Lily & Michael Andrews, Anni and David DeStieuger and the TRCC staff for their help. Special thanks also to those who donated door prizes. And to Jane Webster for bringing the centerpieces for the tables.



Thanks also to Frank Gonzales and **Albertson's** for the donation of the turkeys for the baskets. I also want to thank everyone that brought food for the needy. We will be delivering 6 baskets to Marie Hughes on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> for them to distribute to the six needy families here in Taylor Ranch.

*(Here's loaded cart of boxes of food & other items donated for the Christmas baskets.)*

I would like to extend a thank you to everyone over all these years that was always there when I needed help on any project no matter what. Again, Thanks. ®



Photos from the TRNA Holiday Luncheon on December 7th

"A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!"



Your TRNA Board of Directors (left to right): Rene Horvath, Rainey Perez, Ken Newman, Hanna Sorrells, Terri Spiak, Jolene Wolfley, Ray Shortridge. Missing is Dan Shaw, and also the other "movers & shakers" of TRNA listed on page 13.



# 2014 TRNA Scholarship Application

## Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$750 Scholarship must meet all four of the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of the Association: north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande (river) and West Mesa Escarpment;
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2014, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service through school-wide and extracurricular activities, church and/or other organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2014.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Is your family a member of TRNA? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (Membership is not required)

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2013) \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Applicant: You may attach one additional page of description for the above required activities and/or community involvement.

Please provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your application to: Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.**

### TRNA EXTENDS SPECIAL THANKS

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## Land Use Report

Rene Horvath,

The EPC reviewed three Westside items during their November 14<sup>th</sup> hearing. It was a very lively day, with unexpected developments. The items the EPC addressed follow:

**1. Pulte Homes / Watershed subdivision / adjacent to Petroglyph National Monument:** This site is one of the last remaining undeveloped areas below the escarpment of Petroglyph National Monument. The Petroglyph rich escarpment is one of the most unique areas of the Monument and can be seen from I-40. Last summer, the EPC approved the larger 285 acre site plan for the Watershed development. As a condition for approval, the first tract to be developed had to return to the EPC for review. On November 14<sup>th</sup> the EPC reviewed Watershed's first tract, which is approximately 59.2 acres with 214 residential units for older active adults. It will be a gated community closing off pedestrian access from nearby neighborhoods and no public access to the Mirehaven Arroyo. Last summer, public testimony from Open Space and TRNA pointed out that there are no gated communities adjacent to the Monument, that this will be the first. This is also the first time that an arroyo has

also been gated off from the public. The Westside Strategic Plan discourages gated communities. Walled and gated communities are criticized for being pedestrian unfriendly, preventing easy access to local streets and transit services.

The staff report noted that City Planning and the Engineering department had concerns about the grading plans for the site. There was more cut and fill type grading, rather than following the natural land topography. This ultimately led to the EPC allowing building heights to go up in the "impact area" of the Northwest Escarpment Plan area, since some of the houses would be sitting in a hole.

The City Open Space department focused their testimony on using single loaded streets. The Open Space department strongly urged the EPC to not back houses up to the Monument. Using a street edge around the perimeter of the subdivision provides much better privacy for residents and better protection from flooding and erosion. TRNA concurred with the Open Space testimony, adding that a street edge would allow the subdivision better views of the escarpment. TRNA again questioned allowing the subdivision to be gated. (Note: The EPC in 2008, voted not to allow Sun Cal to build a gated community adjacent to the Monument.) After public testimony the EPC discussed the issues.

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The EPC chairman, felt that drainage could easily be accommodated with engineering methods for homes that back up to the Monument, therefore he did not feel that the whole subdivision had to be buffered with a single loaded street. For the gated community issue, several EPC commissioners spoke against gating the community but did not have enough votes to overturn it. Ultimately the EPC approved the site plan. The only change made to the site plan, was to use the National Park Service native plant list for the landscape buffer adjacent to the Monument boundary.

## **2. Oxbow Town Center / proposed amendment for University of Albuquerque Sector Development Plan / EPC denied:**

This site is located at St. Joseph's and Coors, across from St. Pius. The issue was that the property owner wanted an amendment to change the 17 acre office area to residential town homes. They also wanted to change some of the commercial area to apartments. The WSCOA decided to hire an Attorney when the Zoning Code Director became involved. The Westside Coalition hired Timothy Flynn O'Brien to represent them in this case. The Zoning director wrote a letter in response to the applicant's letter asking if apartments were permissible in the commercial zone. The Zoning Director's letter said C-1 or C-2 commercial zones can now allow apartments as a permissible use. Before 2012, commercial zones only allowed apartments as a conditional use, which had to go through the Zoning Hearing Officer (ZHE) before being approved. In 2012, City Council approved new legislation that now allows apartments as a permissive use in commercial zones, without having to go through the ZHE for approval. Therefore, commercial zones can now allow 100% apartments. The Code Enforcement Director letter pointed this out. WSCOA was now concerned that 75% of the Oxbow site could be converted to high density residential. This converts the property from an employment area to mostly residential area.

The Planning department was held to the Zoning Director's interpretation, which did not take into account the 2007 Sector plan and the Comprehensive plan. In 2007, the Oxbow Town Center Sector Plan changed from 100% residential apartments to office and commercial only. The justification for the change was to provide the Westside with an employment area to help relieve traffic congestion, and to relieve overcrowded schools. WSCOA and their Attorney pointed out that in 2007 the EPC and City Council approved the 2007 Sector Plan and the 2007 legislation to make this site a Community Activity Center.

After taking public testimony, the EPC agreed that the 2007 documents indeed indicated that this site was reserved as an employment area only for office and commercial uses. Therefore the EPC voted unanimously to deny the applicant's proposed amendment.

## **3. Coors & Montano 2005 Site Plan/When does the 7 year expiration date begin? EPC deferred to January 9th:**

This was to be the last item to be heard by the EPC. TRNA and their Attorney Tim O'Brien were prepared to demonstrate that the termination of site plans begins 7 years after EPC approval, not after DRB signatures are obtained, which can take years to collect. This issue began last summer when it was mentioned that the Daskalos were seeking final DRB sign off of the 2005 site plan, which was approved over 7 years ago. It was mentioned that it would be a Walmart grocery store. There was no chance for public review or comments. When TRNA's Attorney inquired into the termination date for the site plan, the Planning department decided that this matter will have to be determined by the EPC.

Just before this case came up for the EPC to review, the property owner, Mr. Daskalos, and his Attorney Cathy Davis approached TRNA Board members and their Attorney to ask if we were willing to defer the case so that Mr. Daskalos could work with the neighborhoods on a new site plan. He said it would not be a Walmart. He wanted to do a Smith's. He and his attorney asked if we could support deferring the issue till January 9<sup>th</sup>. TRNA and our Attorney told them that the Coors Corridor Plan view regulations and the Andalucia design standards for village character needed to be followed. Both parties agreed to the 60 day deferral. When our item came up, the EPC was presented with the deferral request. The EPC chairman wanted to hear the case to determine when the 7 year expiration of site plans begins. Our Attorney agreed with the EPC chairman that this issue still needs to be addressed but not at the expense of the Neighborhoods and the Property owner working together. The EPC voted to approve the 60 day deferral. Recently TRNA sent a letter to the Daskalos to request a meeting with them to discuss the new site plan.

## **Other ongoing Westside Issues:**

**4. 1984 Coors Corridor Plan (CCP) rewrite:** On November 19<sup>th</sup> the WSCOA, TRNA, La Luz, Alban Hills, and Las Casitas neighborhood representatives had a round table discussion with the City Planner, Carol Toffaletti, at the Taylor Ranch Library, to discuss the City's rewrite of the Coors Corridor Plan. The Planner said that the time line was to introduce the new Coors plan to the EPC before the end of the year so the EPC can review it in January. Any comments that were expressed that evening would be addressed in the Staff report. Further comments could be addressed at the January EPC hearing. At the meeting, we found out that they had revised the plan that they distributed for us to review in preparation for the meeting.

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The neighborhoods wanted to know why the plan is being changed; what is being changed; and why is there such a rush to get this plan approved so quickly; especially when the Neighborhoods don't understand all the changes. The Planner said that this plan is an old plan and needs updating. It is still a working draft. The group expressed concerns over the changes being made to the view regulations, the design regulations, and the inclusion of a new transportation plan, which includes elevating Coors road in several locations along the Corridor.

All the Neighborhood representatives felt that this plan was not ready to move forward, and asked for more time to evaluate it before it is introduced to the EPC. Fortunately the Planner was able to move the plan back to January before being introduced to the EPC. Her goal now is to introduce it to EPC in early 2014.

#### 5. Upcoming EPC hearing December 12<sup>th</sup>/Indoor Shooting Range:

Last summer, Caliber's Indoor Shooting Range, sought an amendment to build on the east side of Coors Blvd. north of Paseo del Norte. TRNA attended the facilitated meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> and expressed concerns about it complying with the Coors Corridor Plan and the view regulations, since it is located on the east side of Coors. TRNA also expressed concerns about locating the shooting range in a zone where alcohol is a permissive use. The applicant's representative, said they would comply with the Coors Corridor plan and that they would not serve alcohol. The City Planner recommended approval in her staff report and told TRNA that most of the concerns regarding the Coors Corridor Plan would be addressed when the applicant requested approval of their site plan which would occur within a few months.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, a second facilitated meeting was held to review Caliber's final site plan. At the facilitated meeting, the applicant's representative said they cannot meet the view regulations of the CCP and will seek a variance from the EPC claiming a hardship. TRNA sent a letter to the EPC asking for a deferral or denial of the application until issues are resolved. It was irresponsible to promote this use of the property knowing the strict requirements of the Coors Corridor Plan pertaining to view preservation, while their plan all along was to construct a very large building that could never meet the requirements. Their representative initially said they would meet the view requirements of the Coors Corridor Plan. Now, at the last minute, it is a hardship. The owners should have been told early on that the building was too large for this site. The owner's have made a good faith effort to lower the profile of the building by relocating the HVAC systems to the ground

behind the building but they have resisted suggestions to lower the structure further. They are now claiming they cannot modify the building to meet the view regulations which were in place before they purchased the property. The EPC will review this case on Thursday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**6. La Cuentista:** The La Cuentista property owner continues to offer 60 acres of her land adjacent to the escarpment to be purchased as open space. We need to continue to emphasize the need for funds to acquire the La Cuentista open space in order to preserve this area. This will provide a very nice buffer along the edge of the escarpment. Please contact me (898-2114) if you are interested in supporting this effort. Residents living below the property, who would enjoy the benefits of this open space, should get involved now.

There is no end to the issues affecting our quality of life, we need to stay vigilant. I appreciate all the help from those who have continued to stay involved. We can always use more help as we work together to preserve the quality of life on the Westside. Please feel free to contact me to let me know you are available. Thank you and have a Happy Holiday!

— Rene Horvath



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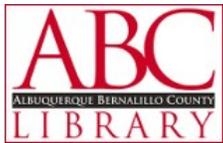
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## Library Update

### Taylor Ranch Library

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Sue Heitz, Manager

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Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

### Featured Databases this month

Each month we highlight one of our most popular eResources. You can find a [complete](#) list on our eResources page.

**December's Featured eResources:** Online music collections that let you stream music to your computer or mobile device. Check out our [New Music Guide](#) to see our latest additions of music CDs!

The [Naxos Music Library](#) offers the complete catalogues from the Naxos and Marco Polo labels, plus the complete catalogues or selected titles from over 250 classical, jazz and world [music labels](#) with more labels joining every month. Classic pop and rock music as well as Chinese orchestral music are also represented.

From the Library of Congress, the [National Jukebox](#), which makes historical sound recordings available to the public free of charge. The Jukebox includes recordings from the extraordinary collections of the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation and other contributing libraries and [archives](#).

### Upcoming Events

**Stylings of the Season**, Wed Dec 18, 2013, 4:00—5:00 pm. Come enjoy beautiful holiday music presented by LBJ Middle School's Advanced Chamber Ensemble!



**Gizmo Garage**, Thurs Dec 19, 2013, 3:30—5:30 pm.

Learn how to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library!

[Register](#) for Gizmo Garage by calling **897-8816** for this session then remember to bring your device.

**Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico**, Sat Jan 25, 2014, 2:00-3:00 pm. See the live wild animals that make their homes in our state and learn about the many hazards all the wildlife face in New Mexico.

### Recurring Events

**The Taylor Ranch Branch Reading Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This month is *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan.

**Taylor Ranch Lego Club: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER NEEDED**

Dan Lewis is seeking a volunteer who lives in City Council District 5 to serve on the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (ABC Library) Advisory Board. You would represent the needs and interests of District 5 and would serve as the Board's liaison with Councilor Lewis.

The Board usually meets at 5 pm on the first Thursday of the month in one of the Library branches. The term of appointment is 3 years, with an opportunity to be reappointed for a second term. For more information see the Board's website at <http://supportabclibraries.org/>, contact the Library Director at [dpsmith@cabq.gov](mailto:dpsmith@cabq.gov) or contact Ceil van Berkel, at [trna.vanberkel@comcast.net](mailto:trna.vanberkel@comcast.net) the former District 5 representative to the Board .

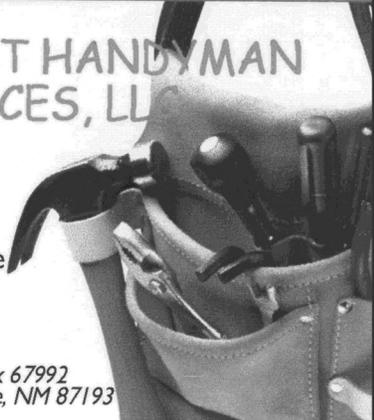


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## Treasurer's Report

Terry Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

2014 Scholarship Award — Do you know a fine, outstanding young man or woman who is currently a high school senior and lives within the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood area? Each year TRNA awards two \$750 scholarships to deserving seniors. The scholarship application is included in this month's issue. The scholarships are awarded based on a scoring combination of GPA, school involvement, extra-curricular activities, church or community service, as well as recommendations and the overall application. The deadline for application is March 1, 2014. If you or someone you know is an excellent student with plans to attend college in the fall of 2014, we encourage you to complete the enclosed application!

Dues are due for many of you – Please check your mailing label on the back of your newsletter; it specifies your membership expiration date. Most memberships renew at the end of the year. So if yours says December 2013, then it is time to renew. Please complete the form on last page with your payment, so we can confirm our information on you is correct. Consider renewing for more than one year and take

advantage of discount! If you've already renewed, then pass this newsletter on to a neighbor and encourage them to join! We're already the most active neighborhood association in town; let's increase that influence by bring in more members .

## News & Notes ...

Open Space Visitor Center Gallery Exhibit, through Dec: Connected Webs: Las Aranas Spinners & Weavers Guild. Weavings that exhibit the connections existing between technique, plant, animal, people and place. These weavers have drawn from the lands of the Southwest for their hand dyed colors, hand spun threads and their woven patterns.

In Memory: Walt Sala, Sept 14, 1924 – Oct 30, 2013. Walt served two terms on the TRNA Board as our representative in Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations several years ago. He loved the spoken word, and was very articulate in writing articles for our newsletter – and expressing his opinion! Walt loved storytelling, taking every opportunity to share a folktale or joke with anyone who listened. His wife, Betty, continues to be active in TRNA (she helped at the Holiday Luncheon) and also volunteers at Taylor Ranch Library. Our sympathies go out to Betty and the family. ®

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## Civilian Patrol Coordinator Needed!

Kathy Ingley, TRNA Civilian Patrol

The TRNA civilian patrol is looking for a patrol coordinator. The duties are not onerous. Coordination includes monthly scheduling of patrol volunteers, electronically creating and distributing a patrol calendar to those volunteers, ensuring the patrol bag has adequate supplies (log pages, door hangers, updated members' contact lists, etc.), liaising with APD Crime Prevention Specialist Pete Gelabert on latest local crime statistics, "hot" topics, etc., and--probably the most important responsibility at this time--recruiting more volunteers! That's really just a couple of hours a month.

The patrol is currently understaffed. We really need more volunteers to patrol, and soon! It would be a real shame to let the patrol lapse. Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association is

one of the largest neighborhood associations in the City. AND, it has one of the lowest crime rates. This is due, at least in part, to the existence of the patrol. A lot of effort has gone into the creation and maintenance of the patrol, and we have all benefited from its efforts.

Patrolling takes little more than a willingness to give a couple of hours a month to help keep our neighborhoods safer. We patrol from the river to Unser; from Calle Norteña to Western Trail/Namaste. We work in two-person teams, one of whom must be certified by APD, and we use our own vehicles. APD certification involves a one-day training session, periodically offered by the Department.

If you are interested in joining the patrol, or in offering your time to coordinating patrol activities, please contact me, Kathi Ingley, at [pkingduckley@yahoo.com](mailto:pkingduckley@yahoo.com). Thanks!



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## Fireplace & Home Fire Safety

Rainer Perez, TRNA Director

NREMT-Paramedic Albuquerque Fire Department

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility ...Fire Stops With You!

### Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.

- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from your home and any other nearby buildings. Never empty the ash directly into a trash can. Douse and saturate the ashes with water.
- **Protect the Outside of Your Home**
  - Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
  - Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
  - Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
  - Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.
- **Protect the Inside of Your Home**
  - Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.
  - Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.
  - Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

### Scam Alert

It's that time of the year again when phone scams seem to increase. This latest scam has had multiple victims and the guy is fairly convincing. Please pass the following information along to everyone you know and help prevent anyone else from being victimized by these scam artists.

Over the last 48 hours a new phone scam has been exposed in the Albuquerque area. Two individuals claiming to be a Lieutenant by the name of Anthony Johnson, and an individual claiming to be a Sergeant, Brian Titsworth, have been calling individuals in the NW Area Command stating to their victims that they have an outstanding warrant(s) and that they will come to their house if they do not take care of the warrants. The phone number they are calling from is [505-221-3292](tel:505-221-3292) and is a prepaid phone card. These individuals are becoming more demanding and threatening people if they don't do what they're told. Also the callers are giving out fake man numbers as a ruse and are asking for money on prepaid credit cards from a local Walmart. The names above have absolutely NO association with the Albuquerque Police Department and the situation should be treated as a scam. Officers are currently working on the investigation and I am being told that possible victims are somehow related to being a Comcast customer.

Commander Joe Christman  
Northwest Area Command  
[Jchristman@cabq.gov](mailto:Jchristman@cabq.gov)

### TRNA Directors

We still have a shortage of TRNA members will to serve on our association's Board of Directors. During our March Annual General Membership Meeting we will be electing those additional directors. Would you like to be nominated?

Why serve as a director? To use your talents for the good of your community; to get to know your neighbors; to know what's going on in the city and community; to solve a problem that bothers you and your family; to influence decisions that will affect us all for years to come; to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions; and, finally, to preserve TRNA, because if no one serves, the association dies.

In general, the directors manage the association and are responsible for promoting, protecting and improving the quality of life in the Taylor Ranch area on behalf of the entire membership. Their mission is to foster a sense of community among members, hear and act upon matters pertinent to the community, and present a neighborhood point of view to city, county, state, and federal agencies. Directors are volunteers who receive no pay for their services. Each director spends between 5 and 30 hours per month on TRNA activities, depending on time available and responsibilities assumed.

Won't you please consider helping your association continue as a major influence on the westside? Contact Ray Shortridge, 604-3908 or [president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org).

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS!**  
**We appreciate the services you provide in Taylor Ranch**

- Albertson's .....897-1800
- Arnhart, Lisa DDS..... 897-6453
- ARCA .....
- Desert Winds Community Acupuncture 554-1381
- Family Dental Center.....898-4504
- Fantastic Sams Hair Salon.....890-2999
- Karmen Perez, Realtor, Keller Wms.....897-1100

- Las Casitas Del Rio HOA.....
- Paper Pusher Bookkeeping.....898-9539
- Smarter Tax Solutions, LLC..... 922-4973
- Southwest Handyman Services LLC.....263-4873
- Taylor Ranch Self Storage.....890-7400
- Windmill Manor Place HOA.....



# 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:**

- |   |   |  |                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification     | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention/Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use           | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

**Renewal Membership and New Member Rates.**

- Resident:  \$ 18.00 (Thru Dec 2014)     \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2015)     \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2016)  
 Business:  \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2014)     \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2015)     \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2016)

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

**TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288**

**(Already a member? Give this to a neighbor & get them to join!)**

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**TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts**

|                                |                              |          |                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| President:                     | <i>Ray Shortridge</i> .....  | 604-3908 | president@trna.org       |
| Vice-President:                | <i>Jolene Wolfley</i> .....  |          | vicepresident@trna.org   |
| Secretary:                     | <i>Dan Shaw</i> .....        | 275-5984 | secretary@trna.org       |
| Treasurer:                     | <i>Terri Spiak</i> .....     | 879-4995 | treasurer@trna.org       |
| Director/Land Use:             | <i>René Horvath</i> .....    | 898-2114 | land@trna.org            |
| Director/Westside Coalition:   | <i>Ray Shortridge</i> .....  | 604-3908 | wscn@trna.org            |
| Director at Large :            | <i>Hanna Sorrells</i> .....  | 294-7042 | director@trna.org        |
| Director/Social Committee:     | <i>Ken Newman</i> .....      | 898-5447 | social@trna.org          |
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| Director at Large:             | <i>Rainer Perez</i> .....    |          | director.3@trna.org      |
| Crime Prevention Chair:        | <i>vacant</i> .....          |          | crimeprevention@trna.org |
| Patrol Coordinator :           | <i>vacant</i> .....          |          | patrol@trna.org          |
| Facebook Administrator:        | <i>Wendy Dial</i> .....      |          | facebook@trna.org        |
| Webmaster :                    | <i>Ceil van Berkel</i> ..... | 899-2738 | webmaster@trna.org       |
| Newsletter Editor:             | <i>Rae Phillips</i> .....    | 899-1273 | editor@trna.org          |
| Historian:                     | <i>vacant</i> .....          |          | historian@trna.org       |
| Membership List Administrator: | <i>Deborah Salvato</i> ..... |          | memberdata@trna.org      |

Please note:

**There will not be a January Issue of the Mesa Messenger.**

**Expect to see your next issue in early February.**

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*I wish you all a blessed Christmas and the very best Happy New Year!!*

*Rae Phillips  
TRNA Editor*

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

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**Look at the mailing label above the fold on this page.**

**If it says Membership Expires December 2013!!**

then it is time for you to renew your membership. Please fill out the renewal form on page 11 and mail it in with your check. Save money with a multiple year membership. If it doesn't expire in 2013, then pass your newsletter on to a neighbor to get them to join!



*"Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch"*