

President's Message

Jolene Wolfley, TRNA President

General Meeting, March 25th — Team work was in play to create a successful annual meeting March 25th. A big thanks to Terri Spiak for handling our scholarship awards and also preparing and presenting both our financial statement and budget for the new fiscal year 2016. Thanks to Rene Horvath for getting quality guest speakers: Dennis Vasquez and Larry Crumpler. Thanks to Jay Dinerstein and Cat Trujillo for acquiring fabulous gift cards as door prizes. Thanks to Rae Phillips for documenting the meeting with photographs for the newsletter. Thanks to Mike Sullivan and Art Retberg for setup help. Thanks to Ken Newman who handles our sign boards on Golf Course and Montano. Thanks to Albertsons for providing our refreshments.

We elected Lily Andrews (our newsletter publisher) and Rae Phillips (our newsletter editor) as *new* members of the Board—yet very *long term*, active members of TRNA. We reelected Mike Sullivan and Terri Spiak to the Board.

Dennis Vasquez, the new Superintendent of Petroglyph National Park, spoke of future plans for the park and the unusual challenges it faces in adjacent land developments. Larry Crumpler gave a fascinating talk on the "Rio Grande Rift" (*see separate article*).

We were also rewarded to hear from dedicated elected officials, including: County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Elaine Romero for City Councilor Ken Sanchez, City Councilor Dan Lewis, State Senator Sander Rue, AMAFA Board Member Cynthia Borrego, Alexandria Bazan for Congresswomen Michelle Lujan Grisham, Bill Woldman for Senator Tom Udall, and newly appointed Police Oversight Board Member Jeanette Baca.

Here is one encouraging piece of information from last night's meeting on the 2014 Coors Corridor Plan: Councilor Lewis said that neither he nor Councilor Sanchez are sponsoring the Coors Corridor Plan at the city council level because the current version lacks community consensus. The CCP cannot move through city council without a sponsor.

Community Business Partner Award

TRNA gave out a special award at its annual meeting: the 2015 Community Business Partner Award. The recipient was **Frank Gonzales**, store manager of the Albertsons store at 6200 Coors Blvd.



(Jolene Wolfley, Frank Gonzales and Ken Newman)

When you want to hear the word "yes," you

go to visit Frank Gonzales. Frank has been a friend to TRNA for many years. Through Frank, Albertson's donates food that we sell at our flea markets...which funds our scholarships. Albertsons also provides refreshment for TRNA meetings and has supported the Easter Egg Hunt, the meal we serve at Project Share, and our Christmas baskets. Frank is friendly, helpful and has a very strong sense of community. He also helps schools, churches, and boy scouts in the neighborhood.

Frank started with Albertsons as a Courtesy Clerk and worked his way up through the store to Store Director, a position he has now held for 18 years. We are so glad he is managing the store in Taylor Ranch. Partners like Frank help TRNA to be successful.

Mark your calendar ...

TRNA Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 20

(flyer will be in May newsletter)

Come join us!

FY2016 BUDGET

Terri Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

INCOME

Advertising — Newsletter	\$1,650.00
Education — Flea Market Booth/Sales	1,750.00
Donations—Undesignated	50.00
In-Kind Contributions	
Newsletter Printing Cost	3,000.00
Storage Locker	1,320.00
Membership Dues	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,120.00

EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 200.00
Advertising — TRNA	150.00
Bank Charge	40.00
Citizen Patrol	150.00
Dues — Westside Coalition of NAs	20.00
Education — Flea Market Concession	175.00
Scholarship Payments	1,500.00
Insurance	875.00
Land Use	500.00
Membership — Marketing	100.00
Mailing & Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
Newsletter — Postage	900.00
Printing Costs	3,000.00
Paper/Labels	400.00
Post Office Expenses — Box Rent	110.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	250.00
President's Discretionary Fund	200.00
Social — Christmas Party	1,100.00
TRNA Days	300.00
Storage Unit — Rental	1,320.00
Miscellaneous Related	50.00
Website Expense	325.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,765.00
NET DIFFERENCE	(1,645.00)*

*Historically the actual income and expense have been very close, within \$500. The net shortfall shown here is in keeping with the norm. The TRNA General Fund balance is sufficient to bear a small shortfall each year and the board considers the Budget versus Actual spending in decision-making throughout the fiscal year to keep income in line with overall expenditures.

Thank You to Businesses

Jay Dinerstein, TRNA Board Member

Thanks to all the following businesses for supporting TRNA by **donating door prizes** for our general meeting Wednesday evening. You are all "community partners!"

Albertsons — Coors & Montano Plaza, the first grocery store in Taylor Ranch, providing excellent products & great service (honored with this year's Business Partner Award)

The Original Garcia's Kitchen — Homestead Hills Center, Taylor Ranch Rd, 899-7960, traditional Mexican food in a friendly atmosphere; truly a neighborhood restaurant, and take out also available.

Lobo Fire Protection — owned by Terri Spiak & hubby Stephen, 450-9376, serving commercial establishments with quality equipment and services.

M'tucci's Kitchina — Montano Plaza (south end) , 503-7327, kitchinaabq.com, serving classy Italian dishes in a great atmosphere, enjoy "little dishes" at happy hour each evening, M-F 3:30-6:30, Italian market & deli next door (639-4819).

Plaza Cleaners — Mirador Plaza, Coors/Dellyne, 792-4516, offering quality cleaning & pressing services in a timely manner, tucked away in a convenient location to all of Taylor Ranch.

Sakura Sushi & Grill — Riverside Plaza, Coors Blvd, 890-2838, declared by some to be the "best sushi restaurant in ABQ, "serving creative foods in stylish atmosphere, perfect for that romantic evening dinner.

Spinn's Burger & Beer — 4411 Montano, just west of Coors, 899-6180 (across from Giant gas station), your "go to" for great burgers, micro brews, & sports TV; a great "neighborhood bar" atmosphere.

Sports Clips — Montano Plaza & Coors, 345-3453, Specializes in ONLY men's & boys hair care; sports on TV, a relaxing neck & shoulder massage, legendary steamed towel treatment, and it only takes about 20 minutes.

Starbucks — Petroglyph Plaza, Golf Course Rd (at Paseo), 792-9003, an iconic Seattle-based coffee shop, they have expanded to include interesting snacks & light meals along with their many specialty drinks.

Scholarship Winners Honored

Terri Spiak, TRNA Director, Education Committee

The Education Committee members met March 9th to determine the winners of this year's two scholarship awards of \$750 each. Members present: Terri Spiak, Chair, Michael Sullivan, Lily Andrews, Jolene Wolfley, Jay Dinerstein, and Kathi Ingley.

The committee received seven (7) applications of which zero (0) were disqualified. All applicants reside within the TRNA boundary area, as verified by Google Maps online by Michael Sullivan and Terri Spiak. Six applicants provided at least the required two letters of recommendation. One applicant failed to provide any reference letters.

The winners were recognized at the general meeting on March 25th and awarded their scholarships. *(Both awards are named in honor of two outstanding couples who have been very instrumental in the success of TRNA for many years.)*

Matthew Andrew, with a GPA of 4.0, attends Volcano Vista H. S. His reference letters spoke of his integrity, focus on results, and diligence to complete and excel both at school and in the community. His leadership has been demonstrated in serving as patrol leader in Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout status, and by his long commitment to the yearbook staff at VVHS, serving as Editor-in-Chief during this, his senior year. In addition to all of his activities, Matthew also works part-time at Smith's Food and Drug. In Matthew's application, he spoke of balancing the demands of school, activities, church, and work. His mature approach to life, along with his energy and passion for his school and community merit the **Ceil & Fred van Berkel Honorary Award**. *(In photo below: Terri Spiak, Winner Matthew Andrew, Ceil van Berkel.)*



Jackson Schaap, with a GPA of 4.32, also attends Volcano Vista H. S. Jackson has many character qualities that fit the award profile of neighborhood and community service. He is compassionate, dedicated, and meets his own personal goals. One of Jackson's reference letters stated, "Jackson is a walking random act of service". He demonstrates commitment to the community through extensive service projects and his participation and achieving the honor of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. He has been a member of the Student Senate at VVHS and National Honor Society. He is seen as a leader, having served as team captain in sports, and organizing and leading youth sports camps and track meets. Jackson volunteers his time in the community. In addition to his service to others, he participates in team sports and still finds time to work as a lifeguard at the neighborhood Sierra Vista Pool. Jackson received the **June & Ken Newman Honorary Award**. *(In photo below: Terri Spiak, Jackson Schaap, Ken Newman.)*



The other applicants are also excellent students, and demonstrate a wealth of school participation as well as extra-curricular activities. Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association is indeed fortunate to have such gifted, citizen-minded students and our best wishes for a successful future go to each student who submitted an application this year.

*Be sure to support the Taylor Ranch Scholarship Fund by participating in our two **Rummage Sales**, the source of funding for this worthwhile cause. **The spring Rummage Sale will be held on June 20th**, at Cross of Hope Church parking lot. The application form for space rental will be in next month's newsletter. **The fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 19**, so mark your calendar for it as well. We welcome donations for the TRNA sales tables too! Thanks to all for your generous participation in 2014!

**Police Oversight Board:
We Want to Hear From You!**
Jeannette Baca, POB Member

As your neighbor and newly appointed member of the Police Oversight Board (POB), I welcome your comments and concerns regarding the Albuquerque Police Department. The POB is charged with reviewing civilian complaints against officers, investigations into police shootings, and evaluating police policy.

Martin Luther proclaimed, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." It matters to me that 20 fatal police shootings occurred between 2009 and 2013, many involving individuals with mental illness. It matters to me that a recent Department of Justice (DOJ) report identified a "pattern and practice of unconstitutional use of force and deadly force" of six people killed by Albuquerque police officers since the beginning of the year. It matters that there are serious concerns with police oversight, inadequate training of police officers, and ineffective policies that have contributed to the use of unreasonable force. I'm sure this matters to you, and I want to hear from you.

Throughout my career as an educator and counselor, I have advocated for justice and the fair treatment of all individuals. I served on the New Mexico Counseling Association (NMCA) Board as President and Ethics Chairperson, and the American Counseling Association (ACA) Ethics Revision Task Force; I also volunteered as a facilitator for the *JustFaith* catholic ministry. These experiences have strengthened my dedication and commitment to serving my community and profession.

I encourage you to help me restore positive police/community relationships where police officers will have power with, not over, our neighborhood. Contact the POB at POB@cabq.gov or send me an email at jvbaca.pob@gmail.com. Police Oversight Board meetings are open to the public and held the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm in the city council chambers.

TRNA Cares For Others
Lily Andrews, TRNA Director

On March 16, 2015, TRNA Directors/members served approximately 200 meals at Project Share, a nonprofit that serves dinner 6 nights a week to the hungry families in Albuquerque. All it cost the TRNA membership is the volunteers own time thanks to the generosity of local businesses.

Bob Veracka, Managing Partner of **Outback Steakhouse** provided an outstanding meal which consisted of trays of chicken, shrimp, crab and scallops. What an unexpected treat! Frank Gonzales, Store Director of **Albertsons**, provided a variety of cookies & tea and Dan Anaya, Manager of **CVS**, provided milk. What an awesome community in which we live where people and business alike come together to help the less fortunate of our city. Those eating their food were very thankful and appreciative and we even had a little extra for seconds!

We all have choices where we eat and shop in our area and I'd like to encourage the membership to patronize the businesses around us that support TRNA and the community. Outback is family friendly and has great food. Say hi to Bob when you dine there and tell him you're with TRNA. Albertsons and CVS are so conveniently located, only about a stone's throw away.



Many thanks go out to our generous businesses but let's not forget our volunteers. **Ken Newman** helped pick up the meal, and serving dinner were **Kathi Ingley, Ray & Brenda Shortridge, Jolene Wolfley with sons Rick & Karl along with myself**. What a great team effort!



Celebrate National Library Week

**Enter Taylor Ranch Library's
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- 3) Adult (18 and over) — \$75 gift card

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ENTRIES DUE APRIL 8 before 11:30 a.m. For entry form, rules & more information, go to abclibrary.org/taylor_ranch

For examples of Edible Books see www.Books2Eat.com.

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Former Taylor Ranch Neighbor Celebrates 100 Years

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director

Elmer Neuman, a long time resident of Taylor Ranch, turned 100 years old on March 12th. I recently had lunch with Mr. Neuman, his daughter Deborah Neuman, and Anni de Steiguer from Taylor Ranch at the assisted living home in Rio Rancho where Elmer now resides.



An article was recently published in the Rio Rancho Observer in celebration of his 100th

Birthday. He and his wife Doris previously lived in Taylor Ranch for nearly 30 years.

During lunch, he told me that he enjoyed solving problems that would benefit the public. During WWII, as an Army captain in the Ordnance Corps, Elmer received a commendation for meritorious service by improving the reliability and safety of high explosives used by the Navy.

In 2012, the City of Albuquerque, honored Elmer for his role in advocating for a pollen control ordinance which was implemented by the City in 1997. This is why the City now monitors the pollen count during allergy season and bans the sale of certain high allergenic plants. His latest efforts involve educating others about climate change. As part of his effort to bring about awareness concerning climate change, he wrote lyrics to a song for school children which was distributed to teachers through New Mexico PBS. Last November he presented a lecture on climate change to his fellow residents at his assisted living home.

Taylor Ranch has been fortunate to have had an interesting and dedicated resident like Elmer, who showed concern for his fellow man, and was committed to improve their quality of life.

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Your new TRNA Board of Directors (L-R): Terri Spiak, Lily Andrews, Rae Phillips, Jolene Wolfley, Mike Sullivan, Kathi Ingley (our Citizen Patrol Coordinator but not on the board), Rene Horvath, Jay Dinerstein (Board members not present: Dan Shaw and Hanna Sorrells)



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Land Use Report

Rene Horvath, TRNA Director, Land Use

1. Coors Corridor Plan Draft/ LUPZ hearing tentatively set for April 15th, 5:00 pm, 9th floor City Hall: So far the LUPZ meeting is tentatively set for April 15th, but it could be moved to May. Council Services has not received the Coors Corridor final draft Plan from the Planning department to prepare for the LUPZ hearing. Council Services are still looking for a sponsor for the draft plan. Once the official LUPZ hearing date is set we'll let you know. This is an important hearing to attend. For more information on the Coors Corridor Plan, go to: <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/residents/sector-development-plan-updates/coors-corridor-plan> (or just go to cabq.gov and "search" Coors Corridor Plan).

2. Petroglyph Plaza/Drive-up service window request / ZHE hearing - March 17th: TRNA received a notice the first week in March, regarding a request for a special exception to allow a drive-up service window at Petroglyph Plaza Shopping Center on Golf Course & Paseo del Norte. The service window is for a new Starbucks coffee shop being proposed at Petroglyph Plaza. The plan is to tear down the existing 3200 sq. ft. building along Golf Course, south of the Circle K gas station, and replace it with a 1900 sq. ft. building. Starbucks will move from the main section of the shopping center to the new location. The TRNA Board discussed the proposal at the last Board meeting. Our main concern is to make sure that the internal and external traffic flow within and outside the shopping center is not disrupted by the drive-up service window. TRNA has learned over the years that restaurants with drive-up windows tend to generate much more traffic than a sit down restaurant. The northern section of the shopping center is already congested with traffic to Smith's or the gas station. The Shopping center's north entrance is already very congested and is difficult to make left turns in or out from Golf Course. TRNA sent a letter to the ZHE and testified at the Zoning hearing, requesting that further traffic analysis be performed in order to determine if this site is suitable for a service window. It is important that the site is big enough to handle the Starbucks traffic and that the line of cars do not over flow into the drive lanes between the north entrance and the gas station, disrupting the traffic flow. The ZHE officer mentioned he had some reservations as well and appreciated our comments. He will render a decision in 15 days.

3. Santolina Master Plan / 5 Appeals / County Commission hearings March 25/26th/ Continued to May 11 / City Council Chambers: The County Planning Commission (CPC) had voted (3-2) to approve Santolina Master Plan on December 3rd. The Plan area is 13,700 acres, south of I-40 between 118th street SW and the Rio Puerco, with an estimated

population of 90,000 residents. Five appeals were filed: Four appeals are from the South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods, the Regional Association of Acequia's, and the Southwest Organizing Project. The Fifth appeal was filed by the applicant - WALH, Western Albuquerque Land Holdings. WALH felt that some of the findings and conditions were either unnecessary or too restrictive and felt they should be revised or eliminated. They also felt some of the conditions could be dealt with in a separate Development Agreement with the County or other agencies such as the Water Authority.

Following is a summary of the reasons the appellant's oppose the Santolina:

I) Lack of water availability - The Santolina Master Plan does not comply with the County's "Planned Community Criteria" document, which states that a developer must provide documentation of physical and legal water availability. The Water Utility Authority (WUA) states new development outside of the service area must provide its own water rights or funds to purchase water rights. It is unclear what the long term impacts this large scale development poses on the limited water supply. Bruce Thompson, a UNM water expert says the water resources in the middle Rio Grande are already over allocated by 40 acre feet/ year.

II) Traffic and inadequate transportation plan: The (MRMPO) Mid Region Metropolitan Organization, says Santolina should consider the jobs/ housing balance. Widespread development of residential independent of nonresidential development would further strain the roadway network. The MRMPO strongly encourages the County to create agreements with the developer early in the planning stages to ensure fair cost sharing of the infrastructure. The MRMPO disagrees with Santolina that construction jobs be considered part of the jobs /housing balance.

III) Employment to housing imbalance: An analysis conducted by Economist Kelly O'Donnell Ph.D., who is a former NM Cabinet Secretary for Economic Development, challenged the Santolina Master plan assumptions regarding the economic benefits to the County, with the Gross Receipts and Property tax revenues being generated, using the jobs to housing ratio of 2 to 1. Ms. O'Donnell's economic model is more realistic with the jobs to housing ratio being 0.6 to 1 and a 70% reduction in revenue generated compared to the developer's projections.

IV) Construction on the sand dunes would cause adverse ecological impacts: The sand dunes are highly erodible; construction on the dunes will lead to erosion on high wind days contributing to air pollution and health impacts.

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V) Schools - Santolina claims there will be "no net expense" to the County. APS says it will take \$654 million to construct the 20 schools that will be needed to serve the Santolina development, which will be paid for by the taxpayers. This does not include the cost of land.

VI) Santolina would result in net expense to Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque resulting in Fiscal Risk - Currently the County has a \$420 Capital Improvement needs that are unfunded. A significant amount of future capital funds would surely be diverted to Santolina if this development is approved. Projections for tax revenue created by Santolina are unrealistically high. Santolina's estimates of County costs do not include any expenditures for new infrastructure, maintenance, or open space acquisition, even though the Master Plan assumes the County would acquire, develop, and maintain open space for the development. The Master Plan does not consider the costs that will be incurred for transportation and water. Growth at Santolina would most likely be a result of the existing population moving from within Albuquerque to the new development. This would benefit the Bernalillo County tax base, but such growth would reduce the tax revenues for the City of Albuquerque. Any net expense that would result from the Santolina development would be borne by other sectors of the community, in the form of higher taxes or in the form of reduced services.

Note: The **APS Board** recently approved a resolution requesting the Bernalillo County Commissioner's reject the Santolina Master Plan until all the issues regarding school financing, transportation, water and water infrastructure are adequately addressed.

The **North Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods** also sent a letter to the County in opposition to the proposed Santolina development raising concerns about their irrigation rights which may be claimed to serve the Santolina development. So far, **TRNA** has participated in several Santolina hearings in 2014 and submitted a letter last September to the County expressing the same concerns the appellants raised regarding water, transportation and public funding being diverted to Santolina. I will let you know the results of the hearing in the next issue.

4.Unified Development Ordinance (UDO): The Planning Department is developing a Unified Development Ordinance. The goal is to (1) Overhaul the zone code. (2) Update the Comprehensive Plan. (3) Integrate transportation planning with land use, encourage transit oriented development. (4) Emphasize Centers and Corridors. (5) Streamline the City's review and approval procedures. (6) Integrate Rank 2 & Rank 3 plan (sector plans) content, including SU1 & SU2, simplifying them. The City hired Clarion Associates, a nationally

recognized planning and land use firm to lead the effort. The kick off meeting was held last February 4th to announce this effort. Future meetings are being scheduled. This is a two year process. The Planning team for this project have told me they would be happy to meet with any Neighborhood group.

The County Commissioners decided to continue the hearing to **May 11th.** *(County Commissioner O'Malley discussed the background on this land at the TRNA General Meeting March 25th, for those not familiar with it's origins. It is currently owned by a bank holding company in Scotland, which is very anxious to get rid of it.)*

From the Commander's Desk

Dodi Camacho, APD NW Area Command

This month (March) the Northwest focused on some of the quality of life issues. Specifically we targeted speeding and panhandling. I often receive complaints of speeding, particularly on Coors and Unser, the most travelled thoroughfares in the NW for north/south traffic. Field officers have been field briefing along these roads, and other thoroughfares, issuing citations. Additionally, speed signs are being used to remind motorists of their speeds. This will be continued in April.

We implemented a second initiative focused on the panhandlers in the Northwest Area Command area. The tact plan was to identify those who were homeless and/or in need of services, as opposed to someone who was just trying to make money. We worked with the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST), out of the Family Advocacy Center within the APD, who acts as a liaison for people who are in crisis and in need of resources, services, and/or education. "If you or someone you know is in crisis and could benefit from COAST services, their number is 924-6000. If in immediate crisis situation, contact 242-COPS.

NWCPC

The city of ABQ has created the "Collaborative on Police-Community Relations" group in each area command, and ours has been titled NWCPC. This group is comprised of approved NW community stakeholders along with representatives picked by the APD, who will begin to create new ideas with input from the community to give to the City of Albuquerque for hopeful implementation. Their first public meeting was held on March 11th at the Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center. To find out about future meeting dates and location, contact the NW Area Command Sub-station at **768-4850**, www.northwestareacommand.com. *(See related article on the Police Oversight Board on page 4.)*

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Crime Prevention

From March APD Northwest Newsletter

As we move into spring, criminal activity generally increases and this calls for all of us to become more aware of our surroundings. Be aware of how you leave your property when it is unattended. Consider whether or not it could be enticing to criminals. Did you roll up your windows in your vehicle, and lock it? Did you leave any valuable items, or the appearance of valuable items, in your vehicle? Are the doors/windows to your home closed and locked? Did you notice a man/woman walking in your neighborhood that seems out of place? Please become aware of your surroundings. Report suspicious activity! If we don't invite the criminals to our neighborhoods then they won't be as likely to come by or stick around. *Remember, if you see something say something! Call 242-COPS.*

Crime Prevention Tips

Stay Alert: You always have to be cognizant of the situation and your surroundings anywhere you go. If something is going to happen to you, it's going to happen when you are not being alert and paying attention.

Walk the walk: Be confident and look like you know where you're going and what you're doing. Don't carry yourself like a victim. Walk with purpose.

Better yet, don't walk alone: Be with somebody else, even a child. Criminals look to attack you when you're alone and you appear to be weak.

Don't accessorize: Leave your purse and your headphones at home when you go for a walk ... but carry a cell phone, and have it out and on.

IN YOUR CAR

Keep your car doors locked. If possible, have a car with remote access so you can get in without fumbling with keys in locks.

Don't stop to remove a flier from your windshield. Criminals will sometimes put a note there, hoping you'll get out of your car to read it.

Put your purse and other valuables on the floor or in the trunk, out of sight even while driving. Avoid tempting snatch-and-grab crooks when you stop at a light.

In parking structures, go toward the light. Park where there is traffic, not in the back where it's quiet and dark, especially at night. Criminals like it quiet and dark. Carry a cell phone out and on, and/or a whistle. Have your car key ready when you approach your car.

NORTHWEST AREA CRIME STATISTICS

The best way to get up to date information is through the Albuquerque Police Department website at cabq.gov/police/crime-statistics. There you can access local crime data based on calls for service received by APD. Select the link shown — which takes you to crimemapping.com — then type in Albuquerque or your address, and it will show a map of activity in the area for the past 24 hours. You can zoom in on just the Taylor Ranch area or your nearby streets, change the dates (for instance to see the whole month) or even select the data file that gives details on incidents during the time period specified. The maps and/or lists can be printed out as well. It is a quick, easy, user-friendly website!



Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Everyone wants to live, work, and play in a clean and green community ... and it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for us all.

Join "Keep Albuquerque Beautiful" and Americans across the nation for the Great American Cleanup. You can participate by cleaning up litter and trash along our roadsides, parks and neighborhoods.

You can sign up as a group, and get your neighbors to participate, or just those on your street. The registration deadline is **Friday, April 10, 2015, at 5 p.m.**

- City Trucks will be scheduled to pick up filled garbage bags that you place in a designated area on Saturday, April 25, 2015 by 12 p.m.

Please note: Only those items that fit in a bag will be picked up on this day. We are unable to pick up large items (stoves, mattresses, etc...) for the Great American Cleanup.

SUPPLY PICK UP

FREE bags and supplies are to be picked up on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015** between the hours of **11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** at the **Solid Waste Management Department, 4600 Edith NE** (corner of Edith and Griegos)

Supplies will not be distributed prior to or after the above date and time. No exceptions.

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Rio Grande Rift

Rae Phillips, Editor

At the TRNA general meeting on March 25th, Dr. **Larry S. Crumpler** gave a fascinating talk about the “Rio Grande Rift.” Dr. Crumpler is a Research Curator, Volcanology and Space Science, with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.



This map shows the Rio Grande Rift extending from southern Colorado to Chihuahua, Mexico. The Rio Grande follows this rift for much of its course, and owes its existence to the rift.

Dr. Crumpler provided charts, graphs, and photos

to help explain something that most of us had never heard of — **The Rio Grande Rift**. “It is one of the great rift valleys in the solar system, filled with volcanic geographic fields you won’t see any where else except Iceland & Hawaii,” Crumpler stated. There are more volcanoes in New Mexico than nearly any other state, all attributable to the rift. “Taylor Ranch is the capitol of the Rio Grande Rift; no wonder it’s not like any place else!” he stated.

To learn more, you can go to emnrd.state.nm.us and search “Rio Grande Rift.” There is an excellent article written by **Jayne Aubele** on the “Geologic History of the Rio Grande Rift.” She opens with: “New Mexico is unique in many ways. One of the little-known reasons that it is unique is that it is the site of the Rio Grande Rift...Much of the landscape, geology, and vegetation of New Mexico is related to the development and location of the rift.”

There are only five known young (active or recently active) continental rifts in the world, and ours is one of them. The Rift and the mountains that form the rift’s margins continue to be geologically active today. The series of rift basins, with uplifted margins, formed a perfect low area for water to flow. “Unlike most rivers, the ancestral Rio Grande did not erode the broad, flat valley through which it now flows; it simply took advantage of this linked series of basins or low areas.”

The Rio Grande Rift has provided New Mexico with much of its beautiful landscape, it’s young mountains and its volcanoes. It has also given us the gift of a major river, unusual in our semi-arid region — and the diversity of the Rio Grande bosque.

Open Space Trust Fund

Dan Lewis, City Councilor

On April 6, Councilors Harris, Lewis, and Sanchez will introduce legislation that will revise the Open Space Trust Fund and associated process for land holdings to make these resources available for acquisition of open space land.

Current ordinance states that the proceeds from the sale of all open space land goes into the Trust Fund. That fund is currently around \$11 million.

Currently, the fund only generated about \$65,000 per year in interest — barely enough to pay the salary of one Open Space employee.

Given current prices and the need to acquire more open space land while it’s still available, this proposal will allow the corpus of the fund to be immediately available for open space acquisition.

The Parks & Recreation Dept has identified several priorities for open space acquisition in each quadrant of the city. In the Northwest, these include (not in any particular order):

- Calbacillas Arroyo (150 acres west of Unser)
- North 1/3 of Northern Geologic Window (80 acres)
- North Rio Puerco Escarpment (6570 acres)
- Northern Sand Dunes (600 acres)
- Bosque land north of I-40 (approximately 60 acres)
- Volcano Heights east of Northern Geologic Window
- La Cuentista land along the escarpment (TBD)

Petroglyph National Monument

Special Programs

As was so vividly pointed out to us by the Monument’s new Superintendent Dennis Vasquez at our March 25 meeting, we are very blessed to have this historically significant monument in our neighborhood. Take advantage of the many programs being offered this spring and summer! Check them out at nps.gov/petr. Here’s just a couple coming up this month:

Saturday, April 18, 10 am-3pm — Junior Ranger Day! There will be five programs, including live animals and various presentations on bugs, mammals, toads and raptors. Earn your Junior Range Patch.

Sunday, April 19, 10 am—12 pm — Hike at Rinconada Canyon. Help us celebrate National Park Week on this ranger-led hike on a 2.5 mile long trail. Don’t forget your hat and water.

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

Renewal Membership and New Member Rates.

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2015) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2016) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2017)
 Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2015) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2016) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2017)

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 & encourage them to join!)

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IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3—APS back in session
- April 8—Board meeting
- April 9—Library event
- April 15—Coors Plan hearing
- April 25—American Cleanup
- May 11—Santolina hearing
- June 20—Rummage Sale

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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 20, 2015

7:30 am—12:30 pm

Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot



Show your support of your community by renting a space to sell your own items, or donating your items to the TRNA spaces. This is to benefit our Scholarship Fund each year. Come be a part of this worthwhile cause!

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