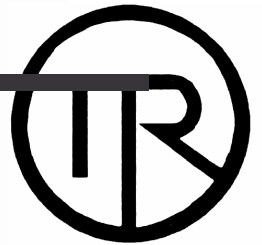




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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

June 2002

President's Message

By Ceil van Berkel

In my first column as incoming President, I'd like to encourage you to become involved with TRNA through participation in two activities this month: the flea market on Saturday, June 8th, and the Board's planning session on Saturday, June 15th.

The flea market is a fun event. You can participate in many ways: volunteering to help set up and operate the flea market, donating goods for the Association to sell at its table, renting a table to sell your own household items, and coming by to shop for marvelous bargains. We'll have refreshments available,

too. So come by, meet your neighbors, enjoy the shopping, and help build community while eyeing the tables of treasures.

The board will be meeting June 15th to plan the coming year. We're looking for ideas from the membership. What would you like to see us accomplish, support, or organize this year and next? What do you enjoy most about TRNA and want to be sure we keep? What are we neglecting? Let us know now, so we can benefit from your ideas during the planning session. Please fill out the survey form in this newsletter and send it in today!

Finally, although our bylaws call for an association historian, we haven't

had one for a long time. At the last board meeting we appointed a historian, and now we need to collect minutes, correspondence, memorabilia, and newsletters from the past twenty years. If you have a collection of TRNA stuff, our historian would love to go through it looking for record copies of important documents from the very beginning of TRNA. Please let me know if you have some files for us.

Thanks for your interest in TRNA and for your efforts to make Taylor Ranch a great place to live. Just as the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, the price of a safe, enjoyable community is constant effort by the residents. ☀

Neighborhood FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What do I do if I see drug use or other suspicious activity in the open space?

Answer: Contact the City of Albuquerque Open Space to report the activity. The Open Space Division also has a Trail Watch Volunteer program, which trains neighbors in how to deal with such matters. Contact Open Space at 873-6632.

Question: What can I do if a neighbor is making too much noise (loud music, loud muffler, loud motorcycle)?

Answer: To voice a noise complaint during business hours, call 768-2600. After hours you may call the
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TRNA Flea Market

Saturday, June 8

7:45 am - Noon

Cross of Hope Parking Lot



Space Rental: \$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Call 898-6547 to reserve your space now!

TRNA is accepting donated goods for TRNA to sell. If you wish to donate, please drop off items by 7:45 a.m. on the 8th. All proceeds go to the TRNA Scholarship Fund.

Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy this fun community event!

◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

TRNA Board Meeting — June 19 — 7:00 PM

Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)

Opinion Editorial ...

The article concerning the Equestrian Center in the May issue of the Newsletter and the related reporting by the greater Albuquerque Media remind me of situation a few years ago right here in Taylor Ranch concerning temporary Little League Fields. In both cases a business made a substantial generous gift of the use of its real estate for a limited time to the community. In both cases, when the gifted time expired, the community felt it had some higher ownership interest in the property and attacked the gifting company.

When our response to the generosity of business is to demand more, in the long run we can expect business to give less. The problem is not irresponsible business, it is ungrateful individuals. TRNA has worked with the businesses in this community for years and has first hand knowledge of the generosity and support of our local businesses. I really think the newsletter should include a Thank-You to the developer for his generous gift of the use of the property used for the equestrian center for the past 20 or 30 years.

Thom Wright

... and Response from the TRNA President

Dear Thom,

Thank you very much for your comments on the Equestrian Center.

While I appreciate your concern and value your opinion, I need to correct a misunderstanding about the contract for the use of the property by the Equestrian Center. This was not a generous gift of the use of the property. The 20 year lease was the result of a lawsuit settlement. A Saddle Ridge home owner sued Bellamah when he sought to change the master plan for Taylor Ranch to eliminate the equestrian use of the property, since a condition of purchase of homes in the Saddle Ridge subdivision was the promise by the developer of easy access to a nearby stable so that residents could live in the city but keep horses. Equestrian use of this tract of land was an amenity promised to home purchasers by the developer. The home purchaser won the suit and the land was maintained for equestrian use. The current owner of the land leased by the Equestrian Center bought the land understanding the conditions of the lease. So this situation is different from the little league fields, which were, in fact, generously provided by the land owner with no legal requirement to do so.

The question now is whether or not conditions in the community have changed so that equestrian use is no longer required. A zoning change to residential was approved, based on the assertion that community conditions have changed. Appeals have been filed asserting that they haven't and that equestrian use of the land is still an amenity which was promised to home purchasers and is still viable.

Thanks again for taking the time to contribute your comments to the newsletter for publication.

Sincerely,

Ceil van Berkel, TRNA President ☼

Happy Father's Day!
June 16th



Brownell's

8201 Golf Course Road NW
Petroglyph Plaza
890-3909

Open Space Summer Series

City of Albuquerque Open Space Division



Sunset Series Programs
Foothills Guided Hikes
Petroglyph Walks
Exploring Open Space
S.E.E.D. Programs for Kids

Get all the details on the City's website at www.cabq.gov. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Dils, the Environmental Education Coordinator, by email at bdils@cabq.gov or by phone at 452-5205.



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Albuquerque Police Department, 242-COPS (242-2677). If the complaint is related to a barking dog, call Animal Control at 768-1975.

Question: Many times I see dogs running freely in my neighborhood park. Are dogs owners allowed to exercise their dogs this way in the parks?

Answer: Dogs are permitted in public places of the city (with the exception of public playgrounds and swimming pools) only if on a secure leash and in a person's control. Any animal found running at large on public property can be declared a public nuisance and can be impounded by an Animal Control Officer. The owner may be cited with a misdemeanor violation. Kit Carson, Roosevelt (restricted hours) and Tom Bolac Urban Forest are leash-free parks where supervised dogs may run without restraint. Contact Animal Control at 768-1975.

Question: Who do I contact about an apparently abandoned car that has been sitting on the street in our neighborhood for several weeks?

Answer: You may report an apparently abandoned car or obviously inoperable car parked on your neighborhood street either to your local APD substation or to the hotline at 768-2277. If the inoperable or abandoned car is parked on private property, contact Zoning Enforcement at 924-3850. ☀ [From the OCNC Neighborhood News, May/June 2002]

Median Update

The latest word we have concerning the Taylor Ranch Road median re-landscaping is that it will begin in mid-June. However, the funding is still \$50,000 short of the amount needed to complete the project according to the design agreed upon and presented at the TRNA annual meeting in March.

In view of the shortfall, project personnel want to implement a modified design that downsizes and eliminates many of the rock features and plantings, with corresponding reductions in the irrigation system. According to the Project Engineer, this reduced design would be permanent—there would be no upgrading later.

The TRNA board finds the current approach unacceptable and has sent the following letter to the Mayor, with copies to Councilman Cadigan, Project Engineer Mr. Lopez, and Mr. Castillo of Public Works. ☀

Dear Marty,

We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Frank Lopez, Project Engineer, who has worked to coordinate the median upgrade project, your interest in seeing that this project is brought to a successful completion, and the intervention of Councilman Cadigan on our behalf. The six month delay in implementing the Taylor Ranch Road median landscaping project has been a nightmare from which we all wish to wake.

Mr. Cadigan recently informed us that Mr. John Castillo in Public Works expects landscaping of the medians to finally begin in mid June.

However, we understand that the landscaping project is not fully funded and that the quantity and quality of the landscaping may be inferior to the plans presented to Taylor Ranch residents at the TRNA Annual meeting in March of this year. Since Taylor Ranch Road is both the namesake and main entrance to our neighborhood, such a degradation would not be acceptable to the community.

We expect this project to be executed according to the publicized plan designed by the City's chosen Landscape Architects, Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Ltd., with our resident landscape architect, Tag Gay consulting. Anything less would be a waste of the City's money and an insult to the community. In the long run a cut-rate landscaping job will cost more since it will have to be redone in the future.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that the landscaping project lives up to the commitment made to us in March.

*Sincerely,
Ceil van Berkel
President, TRNA*

Help Eliminate Destruction in Our Parks

Warm weather is rapidly approaching, and summer is just around the corner. We are always pleased to see people enjoying our parks and playgrounds so very much. Unfortunately, this weather also means more vandalism and intentional destruction in those same parks and plays grounds.

We at Park Management appreciate all the help your neighborhood association gives us. Some neighborhoods even have an organized Neighborhood Watch group. These folks provide invaluable service to their fellow neighbors.

Park Management is available for you to call from 7a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If vandalism or any other covert activity is witnessed, please feel free to call us. Our phone number is **857-8650** and we will be happy to direct your call to the correct person for resolution. After hours and at nighttime seem to be an especially popular time for destructive actions to occur in our Parks; in this case, please call APD. Never take upon yourself the job of intervening in the activities or confronting the perpetrators.

For after hours irrigation problems, please contact Water Dispatch at 857-8250.

Your observations can help very much to lessen or eliminate some of the destruction occurring during these beautiful sunny days and balmy nights. Thank you for the help you have given us in the past and we look forward to a long, productive relationship with you.

☀ [From the OCNC *Neighborhood News*, May/June 2002]

◆ ◆ ◆ Tagger Alert ◆ ◆ ◆

Albuquerque businesses suffer about \$250,000 of graffiti vandalism, which is now costing the City about \$1 million a year to remove. In April, the City received over 1,000 graffiti calls, 1/4 of them were on commercial properties.

The City Attorney's Office now has a program called the Community Enforcement and Abatement Division (CHAD). This unit will take graffiti vandals to court for their vandalism as well as property owners who allow their properties to become nuisances. The unit is staffed with 5 attorneys, 2 paralegals and 2 administrative assistants and is headed by former chief Deputy District Attorney, Pete Dinelli.

The Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office is working with CHAD and helping to bring criminal charges against vandals. The City and County will use the State's civil nuisance abatement laws to collect restitution from graffiti vandals and to seize property where drug dealing and other crimes occur.

Dinelli says that state law allows the City/County to sue the parent(s) and juvenile (in juvenile graffiti and other juvenile vandalism cases) and have an exposure of up to \$4000 against the parent.

Look for Tagger Alert Signs throughout the City and please report any graffiti you see to the Graffiti Hotline at 761-8375. ☀ [From the OCNC *Neighborhood News*, May/June 2002]

From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . . APD Westside Area Command, Cottonwood Substation

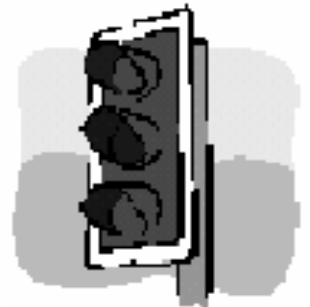


School is out for the summer. Parents, do you know where your children are? With the end of the school year comes an increased police presence in the community. The Albuquerque Police Department has extra officers assigned to the Montgomery and West Central areas to address problems that occur with the increased population of teens cruising those areas. In addition, there are officers assigned to address under-aged drinking at parties throughout the city. Please discuss with your children safety concerns in hope that they will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Red means **STOP!** I am talking about traffic control red lights. In an attempt to reduce the danger associated with drivers running red lights, Lt. Perea has assigned his day shift squads to watch intersections and stop violators. In addition, the day shift officers will step up enforcement on speeding.

If you have any concerns that you want addressed, please contact Lt. Perea at the Cottonwood Substation.

(Submitted by Sergeant Paul Romero)



TRNA Planning Survey

We want you...to help us represent your opinions. *Please* take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Then tear out, fold, tape, and mail this page back to TRNA. Just a few minutes of your time can make a big difference!

1. What do you like best about TRNA?

2. What problems, possibilities, activities are we neglecting?

3. What should we focus on accomplishing over the next 12 months?

4. Other comments?

If you prefer to email your comments, please send them to vanberkel@compuserve.com



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Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Inc. Member Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

Check One: New Member Renewing (For TRNA use only. We never share our members' information with other parties.)

- I'm interested in the following:**
- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting/Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

I'm enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- Resident: \$18.00 (1 yr) \$34.00 (2 yrs) \$48.00 (3 yrs)
 Business: \$50.00 (1 yr) \$90.00 (2 yrs) \$125.00 (3 yrs)
NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN JULY THROUGH DECEMBER, prorate the first year's dues:
 Prorated Resident: \$9.00 (July-Dec) • Prorated Business: \$25.00 (July-Dec)

Our mission is to Promote, Preserve, and Improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

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

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

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (TTY Users call through Relay NM 1-800-659-8331)

Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911 <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>	Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650
Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS	Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705	Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802	<i>Public Works Department</i>
Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030	Pothole Repair 857-8025
Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935	Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876	Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8685
City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777	Ridepool..... 243-7433
City Council Office..... 768-3100	Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076	<i>Solid Waste Department</i>
City/County Information..... 768-2000	Recycling Information and Hotline 761-8100
Community and Neighborhood Coordination ... 924-3914	Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
Crime Stoppers 843-7867	Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100
Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850	State Information 1-800-825-6639
Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7300	State Police..... 841-9256
Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-7474	SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200
Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline..... 768-4725	SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
Graffiti Removal Services..... 857-8055	<i>Vehicle Information</i>
Household Hazardous Wasteline 345-1650	Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8188	Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140	Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000	Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
Neighborhood Crime Prevention..... 924-3600	Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
	Zoning Violations 924-3850

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

Ceil van Berkel, <i>President</i> 899-2738	Mike Dillow, <i>Director</i> 899-2270
Eddie Costello, <i>Vice-President</i> 362-6700	Tom Knutilla, <i>Director</i> 897-2751
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Newsletter Email Address: TRNAeditor@aol.com

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 25th of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. Copyrighted material can be used only with written permission. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject any submissions.

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Junior Summer Program Golf Lessons at Ladera Golf Course



Starting June 3rd, Ladera will be offering 9 week-long golf camps with professional golf instruction. This program is for all juniors age 7 to 17, regardless of playing experience and/or ability. Camps include the basics to beginning golf, golf etiquette, and an introduction to the rules of golf. They will be offered in both the morning and evening alternating weeks throughout the summer. Camp fee is \$50.00 per junior. For more information, contact Billy Moya or Billy Powers, the Golf Instructors at Ladera Golf Course, at 836-4449.

Summer Reading Program

Participants receive prizes (Preschool to 5th grade) or raffle tickets (6th grade and higher) for every book they read.

and Performances

10:30 am on these Saturdays

8 June: Puppeteer Markie Scholz tells the story of "Alpha Saves the Beticals"

15 June: Folktales with dramatic artist and storyteller Ramona King

29 June: "Dragons are What?" A storytelling adventure with Marty Hill

at the Taylor Ranch Branch Library

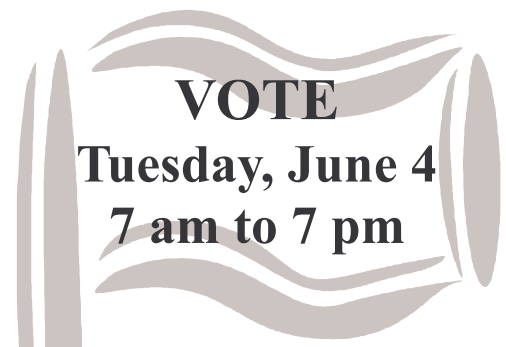
If you have questions or comments, or wish to bring a group of 5 or more children to any of these performances, please call 897-8816 or email Kate Garduño, the children's librarian, at kgarduno@albuq.rgv.lib.nm.us.

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HOT SUMMER NIGHTS!

Wednesdays ABQ Concert Band in the Parks
Thursdays Rediscover Downtown &
Summer Nights at Botanic Garden
Fridays Zoo Music
Saturdays Sizzlin' Summerfest