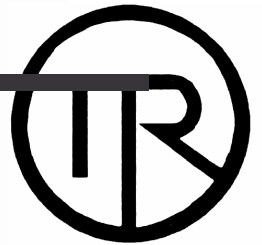




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

September 2002

President's Message

By Ceil van Berkel, President

There's been a lot going on this month...school started, we won our appeal to preserve the equestrian use zoning for the Equestrian Center, enjoyed National Night Out, and had many meetings with our District 5 City Councilor.

Although we enjoyed a fun National Night Out at Mariposa Basin on August 6, I couldn't quite pull off a general membership meeting in the park even with the help of the good old TRNA bullhorn. But we did raise money and sign up new members, so NNO was a great success despite (or because of?) the lack of a formal meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our October General Membership Meeting (we're still settling the date... either October 23 or 24) at LBJ. There will be a brief business meeting and then a candidates' forum so you'll have a chance look over the candidates running for office in our area.

See you there and at our holiday party in December! ☼

Capital Improvements on Agenda for Next District 5 Neighborhood Associations Meeting

By Ceil van Berkel, President



On August 8, several TRNA directors attended the first meeting of District 5 Neighborhood Associations called by City Councilor Cadigan. Councilor Cadigan presented an overview of the evolving Planned Growth Strategy ordinance and resolutions.

At the next meeting, there will be an overview of the city's Capital Improvement Program and Councilor Cadigan will request suggestions for spending the funding allocated for this district.



If you have suggestions for capital improvement projects for Taylor Ranch, please call Eddie Costello at 362-6700 or send e-mail to ecsold@aol.com. ☼



Along with a cool nip in the air comes an earlier sunset and poor visibility. Slow down and watch out for children and other pedestrians crossing the street.

Upper Mesa Special Assessment District Meeting on September 5 at LBJ

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Several months ago, TRNA voted to ask the City Council not to approve a special assessment district (SAD) on the upper mesa above Taylor Ranch (generally west of Montano Road). The main for TRNA's position is that infrastructure costs for the area are excessively high and the current subdivision plat is outdated.

In a meeting sponsored by Councilor Cadigan, TRNA and Santa Fe Village will be discussing this SAD with the Volcano Cliffs Property Owners' Association who are proposing the SAD.

If you have a concern about how this area is developed, please attend the meeting on September 5th at 7 pm at LBJ Middle School. ☼

Coming soon...an invitation to the Annual TRNA Holiday Luncheon in the October and November newsletters.

The Outback Steakhouse has graciously offered to host this great event again this year. It will be held on December 7th, so mark your calendars.

If you are interested in helping put on this year's party, call June Newman at 898-5447.

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TRNA Board Meeting — September 18 — 7:00 PM

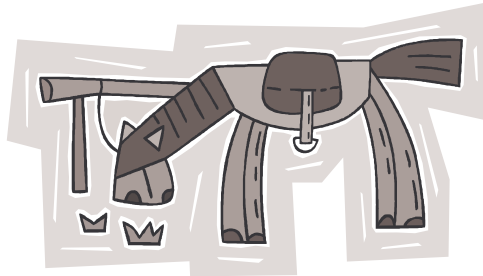
Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)

Equestrian Center Advisory Committee

TRNA was successful in our appeal to keep the Equestrian Center land zoned for equestrian use. The owners can appeal the Council decision to the Courts; however, we believe that there are no legal grounds to overturn the latest ruling. TRNA will contact the property owners to see if we can come to an agreement that will satisfy their needs while still maintaining equestrian services for our community.

In this vein, TRNA is forming an Equestrian Center Advisory Committee to look for organizations or individuals who would lease or purchase the land to provide stabling and riding facilities for area horse owners. Opportunities for the community at large to use equestrian facilities will also be explored.

If you have contacts or ideas or are willing to serve on the Taylor Ranch Equestrian Center Advisory Committee, please call Ceil van Berkel at 899-2738 or Jolene Wolfley at 890-9414. ☼



Checking in on Planned Growth Strategy

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

The Planned Growth Strategy (PGS) is likely to be voted on by the City Council on September 23rd. So far TRNA has been asking for the following:

- 1 That the Infrastructure and Growth Plan (IGP, originally called the Preferred Alternative), be clearly explained to the public in terms of how growth is allocated. The IGP is the core of the PGS in forecasting how much growth will go to differing subareas of the community. The concept of the IGP will be approved in the initial Ordinance, but the actual IGP numbers will be adopted approximately 60 days later. The IGP numbers will then be the basis for planning infrastructure, such as the Capital Improvements Program, Impact Fees, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The City will also encourage APS to use the IGP numbers for school planning purposes.
- 2 That neighborhood representatives from a cross section of the City be included on the PGS Implementation Task Force, which is the citizens committee that will follow up on all the PGS legislation. Also, that the Task Force is balanced so as not to be dominated by development interests.
- 3 That the pieces of the PGS resolution that speak to schools being used as community centers are developed cautiously. We want to make sure that the schools' priority remains to educate children. We are open to some co-location and joint use benefits of facilities like gyms and sports fields.

TRNA plans to take a formal position on the PGS at the September 18th Board meeting. ☼

American Girls Collection

September 21

Ornament Debut

90 New Ornaments!

October 5



In Petroglyph Plaza

Brownell's Hallmark

8201 Golf Course Road NW

890-3909

'Comfy Covers' for Abused and Neglected Children

Taylor Ranch Resident Debbie Allen is sponsoring a project to ship 100 small fleece blankets each month from New Mexico to children around the country in crisis centers.

Debbie, who is New Mexico's Young Mother Representative, is our connection to the Dr. Laura Schlessinger Foundation project to make 'My Stuff' bags for the 250,000 children who arrive at crisis centers each year.

Individuals, families, groups of neighbors, girl scout groups, etc. can join together to make one or many blankets to donate. They are fun and easy to make. For patterns and information, contact Debbie at 898-1521.

HELP WANTED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR. It's time to get serious about education. We still need an education committee co-chair. If you are willing to help with this important effort, please call Jerry Vaughn at 898-6547.

YOUTH COMMITTEE ADVISOR. Our outstanding Youth Committee is in need of an advisor. If you have questions about what the job entails, please call either Debbie or Amanda Tatum at 897-5071 for the unvarnished truth!

The committee has been a wonderful support for TR youth, providing social activities, opportunities for community service, and a chance to get to know other young people and many adults in the community.

We cannot let this committee waste away for lack of adult interest. Call today...you'll be glad you did.

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. There are currently MANY zoning cases concerning parcels of land along Coors and our Land Use and Transportation Director can't be in two or three places at the same time! Please call Jolene at 890-9414 to let her know you'd like to help.

COMMUNITY PROBLEM?

Please report it to TRNA. Tell us the location of the problem (street address, building, etc.), the days of week and times of day the problem most often occurs, and a description of the problem.

Include your name and phone number. Let us know if we may give your name and number to the police and whether you would like a TRNA Director to contact you.

Send it to: *Problem Report, TRNA, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288* or email it to vanBerkel@compuserve.com ☼



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Community Policing Concept Revitalized

By Virginia Klebesadel, Treasurer

The Albuquerque Police Department presented an all-day Community Policing Summit on August 24. Ceil van Berkel and I attended, along with neighborhood representatives and APD Area Commands from the entire city. Following is a highlight from one section of the summit.

Neighborhood representatives each described their two most pressing concerns. Traffic problems, including aggressive driving, outnumbered all other Westside concerns. The others listed were drugs and related problems, alcohol, vandalism, and graffiti.

The number one neighborhood expectation of the APD was responsiveness, followed by accountability and professional integrity.

We know the Westside Command is severely short handed and everyone from the Mayor down is working to rectify the situation. Each of us can help. We must report every crime we see or experience *even if we know there is nothing to be done about it*. Just call 242-COPS. The report needs to be on record in order to get the police staffing we need.

Community policing is not a new concept to Taylor Ranch. In years past, many active Neighborhood Watch Groups, Helping Hands (forerunner of Sidewalk Watchers), and attentive neighbors were diligent in keeping Taylor Ranch a safe place to live.

Western Community Policing Consortium and Bank of the West sponsored the summit. We covered much more than mentioned here—watch for more in future issues. ☼



Fighting "Garagescape" Neighborhoods

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

TRNA has been active for the last few years in trying to get new housing to have living space and windows be the focus on the street, not garages. The problem usually results when lots are less than 50 feet wide. The garages dominate the front elevations and the streets are monotonous and lifeless.

In a recent case at the northwest corner of Coors and Western Trail, TRNA asked for changes in lot widths or, at the very least, some architectural improvements on the narrow lots.

The Environment Planning Commission was unwilling to require increased lot widths. However, they did the following: (1) required varying setbacks and elevations for every third house, (2) disallowed the garage to be more than 10 feet in front of the house, (3) disallowed the front door to be on the side of the house, (4) required street trees, and (5) required the garage to include an upper row of windows and be the same color as the house. ☼

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

School is back in session. Our patrol officers are busy, especially during morning rush hour traffic. As traffic increases, unfortunately so does the rate of accidents. We ask that you give yourself extra time in the morning to deal with the high volume of traffic that Westside drivers encounter.

Westside officers continue to monitor intersections for red light violators, issuing citations as necessary. Red light violations continue to be a source of serious accidents in our city. Please drive safely.



FEATURED WESTSIDE OFFICER:

Officer Gerald Sandoval was recently selected as our department's Officer of the Month for August.



Officer Sandoval has been with APD since 1986. He grew up on the Westside of town and has spent many years on patrol on the Westside.

Officer Sandoval has been involved with the NM Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics for 15 years and is currently the State Director. In May of this

year, he represented the APD and the entire Southwest at the New York City Torch Run. This run was in honor of the September 11th World Trade Center victims.

Gerald works with 7-Bar Elementary by reading to the children as well as sponsoring six students of the week by giving each a T-shirt and certificate. Gerald is an asset to both the Westside and the Albuquerque Police Department.

COMMUNITY ISSUES:

If you have any questions or issues facing your neighborhood, you can e-mail me at edmundperea@cabq.gov.

Other contacts for the Westside include:

Lieutenant Liz Mercado, 831-4705, Graveyard shift
Sergeant Gary Granberry, 831-4705, Day shift
Sergeant Harold Prudencio, 831-4705, Day shift
Sergeant Paul Romero, 897-8802, Cottonwood Substation evening shift
Sergeant Danny Klein, 897-8802 Cottonwood Substation



Prevention Team Forming

Albuquerque Public Schools has begun a pilot project to address student drug use and school safety. The project is based on the assumption that drug use, violence and related issues are a community problem that can best be addressed by the people in each school's community.

At LBJ Middle School, a team of students, parents, and interested community members is forming to better identify the school/community needs and select solutions that are most appropriate for the school and community.

You are invited to become an active participant in this project. Your time commitment to the process will be minimal compared to the enormous outcome of creating a safe, drug free, and enhanced learning environment for the children at LBJ and the community overall.

For additional information and/or questions, please contact Liz Thomas, APS Middle School Prevention Coordinator, at 269-6719. ☀



National Night Out in Taylor Ranch

By Virginia Klebesadel, Treasurer

The 2nd Annual National Night Out TRNA Block Party was a resounding success!

Due to Susan Sisson and her recruiting efforts, many people were on hand to help make this a truly worthwhile event. Thank you, Susan. We are ever so grateful for the worker-bees' cheerful handling of their assignments—your participation was vital.

We also thank the off-duty police officers who staffed the Crime Prevention Education booth and Ryan and Kaley Sisson and friends for managing the children's games.

Thank you everyone!

Did your block celebrate National Night Out? Send us your story!

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"/> Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

- Resident: \$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec) \$34.00 (2 yrs) \$48.00 (3 yrs)
 Business: \$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec) \$90.00 (2 yrs) \$125.00 (3 yrs)

NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN JULY THROUGH DECEMBER, prorated 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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS (The City is making some changes, so some numbers may be changing)

- Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911**
Albuquerque Police Department
 Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS
 Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705
 Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802
 Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030
 Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935
 Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876
 City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777
 City Council Office..... 768-3100
City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076
 City/County Information 768-2000
 Community and Neighborhood Coordination 924-3914
 Crime Stoppers 843-7867
 Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850
 Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7300
 Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-7474
 Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline 768-4725
 Graffiti Removal Services..... 857-8055
 Household Hazardous Wasteline 345-1650
 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8188
 Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140
 Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000
 Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600

- Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650
 Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
 Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
Public Works Department
 Pothole Repair 857-8025
 Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
 Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8685
 Ridepool..... 243-7433
 Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
Solid Waste Department
 Recycling Information and Hotline 761-8100
 Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
 Garbage Collection Problems 761-8100
 State Information 1-800-825-6639
 State Police..... 841-9256
 SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200
 SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
Vehicle Information
 Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
 Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
 Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
 Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
 Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
 Zoning Violations 924-3850

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

- Ceil van Berkel, *President*..... 899-2738
 Eddie Costello, *Vice-President*..... 362-6700
 Diana Manning, *Secretary*..... 898-6547
 Virginia Klebesadel, *Treasurer* 898-9173
 Tom Dietz, *Director/Westside Coalition*..... 899-9231
 Mike Dillow, *Director*..... 899-2270
 Tom Knutilla, *Director/Social Committee* 897-2751
 Dana Krill, *Director* 898-9117

- Don Newton, *Director/Governmental Affairs*..... 898-2185
 Jolene Wolfley, *Director/Land Use & Transportation* . 890-9414
 Amanda Tatum, *Youth Director* 897-5071
 Jerry Vaughn, *Education Co-chair*..... 898-6547
 Fred van Berkel, *Historian* 899-2738
 Susan Sisson, *Membership Chair* 897-4684
 RayeAnn Tucker, *Newsletter Editor*..... 898-5262
 Dana Davis, *Parks & Recreation Chair*..... 379-1391

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 requires written permission. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions.

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Community Tennis Association
Annual Fall Fun Fest

September 15th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Sierra Vista Tennis Facility

Free Event!

Free event for all tennis player or those who would like to learn some basic tennis. Five certified tennis pros, each working on different parts of the game. Challenge Court—winner gets a prize! Speed gun test for serves—fastest gets a prize! Round-robin for all levels (men & women)—winner gets a prize! UNM Lobo Tennis Players to challenge. Plenty of prizes, free light refreshments and drinks. Come and have fun! Meet new players!

For more information, contact LaVerne Kennedy via e-mail to LKen596583@aol.com.

Neighborhood Land Use Workshop

Saturday September 7, 2002
9:00 am to 4:00 PM

Plaza Del Sol Building, 600 Second St. NW
Hearing Room, Garden Level (Basement)
Free parking in north parking lot

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of zoning and land use issues and the hearing processes.

Register by calling ONC at 924-3914, by fax at 924-3913, or online at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/pages/neighborhood/newsletter/neighworkshop1.html>

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

North of Montañó: Sept 6th, 20th
South of Montañó: Sept 13th, 27th

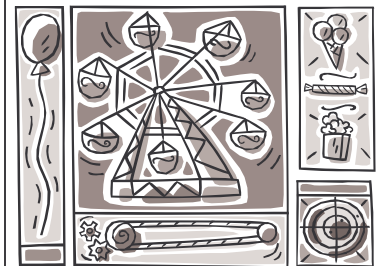
Neighborhood Association Patrol Training

Saturday, September 28, 2002
9:00 am to 1:00 PM

Plaza Del Sol Building, 600 Second St. NW
Hearing Room, Garden Level (Basement)
Free parking in north parking lot

Training is presented by Albuquerque Police Department personnel to develop community awareness skills as they relate to community safety. Prerequisites: Attendees must view the original training on videotape before attending this workshop or must have attended any of the prior workshops.

We do not have a Neighborhood Association Patrol in Taylor Ranch. If you are interested in starting one, call the Office of Neighborhood Coordination at 924-3914 to find out how to get a copy of the required videotape. Also, please let TRNA know of your interest by calling Ceil van Berkel, TRNA President, or any other TRNA director (see listing on page 5).



NORTHWEST OPTIMIST CLUB of ALBUQUERQUE

Meets Tuesdays at 7 pm,
Paradise Hills Community Center. Call 830-1667, 720-6926 or 873-0415 for information. Guests are always welcome.