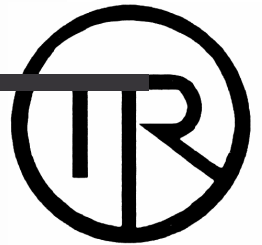




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

March 2003

Announcing the TRNA Annual Meeting

Wednesday,
March 19, 7:00 pm
Mesa View Ministry Center



Special Guests
Board Elections
Refreshments
Door Prizes

Easter Party

The Annual Taylor Ranch Easter Party planning is underway. April 19th is the day; Mariposa Basin Park is the place. Concessions, Games and Kids Jump start at 9:30. The Egg Hunt begins at 10:15.

Volunteers are still needed for such things as the cake walk, publicity, and entertainment.

Please call either of the Co-Chairs, Virginia Klebetsadel, 898-9173 or June Newman, 898-5447 to offer your help. We most sincerely appreciate anything you can do. ☀

President's Message By Ceil van Berkel

Dear Friends,

I have been asked to spend most of the next few months in Washington DC at the new Department of Homeland Security. Since I will be out of state for a prolonged period, I must resign from the board.

Eddie Costello, your vice-president, will be acting president until new officers are elected during the April board meeting.

Please come to the Annual Membership meeting in March. We will elect new board members and the approve the budget for the coming year. We also expect updates from elected officials [including Mayor Chavez and Councilor Cadigan] and a presentation on the city's crime prevention programs.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as president this year. I thank you for your support of TRNA and anticipate a fine year as your new board takes office. ☀

TRNA Board Nominees

The TRNA Board has five Director positions to be filled at the March 19 General Meeting. The following people have agreed to run for election:

Pat Bartucci	Gerald Gallant	Jenifer Russin
Eddie Costello	Don MacCornack	Drew Setter

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure they are willing and able to serve. Each candidate will be given two minutes to present their qualifications and why they want to serve on the Board.

If you have questions, wish to be a nominee, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Jolene Wolfley, Nomination Committee Chair, at 890-9414. ☀



Hastings Responsive to TRNA Board on Expansion at Montano Plaza

Read the details in the April *Mesa Messenger*!

◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

General Membership Annual Meeting — March 19 — 7:00 PM — Ministry Center

Mesa View Ministry Center is located at the northeast corner of Taylor Ranch & Montano

No Board Meeting in March

Members Speak Out on Road Improvements

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Attendees at the TRNA General Meeting in January completed a survey of their preferences and priorities for road improvements on the Westside. Sentiments were positive for building Paseo del Norte west of Golf Course and through the volcanic escarpment. Sentiments were split down the middle for widening the Montaña Bridge to four lanes. The 32 responses received are summarized below.

Paseo del Norte west of Golf Course:

- 65% build it fairly soon
- 19% take more time to assess how to build a road that is environmentally sensitive
- 16% don't build through the escarpment; look for alternatives

Montaña Bridge:

- 50% leave at two lanes. Of these respondents, 16% would allow an additional lane for buses or light rail.
- 50% widen to four lanes. 19% of these respondents want to widen Montaña only when the 2nd and 4th Street intersections are widened; the remainder want to widen Montaña as soon as possible.

Respondents were also asked to prioritize various West Side Transportation Projects. The responses, ordered from highest to lowest, are as follows:

1. Construct Paseo del Norte from Golf Course to Unser
2. Rebuild Coors/I-40 Interchange
3. Construct the permanent Unser Boulevard from Montaña to Paradise
4. Widen Irving Boulevard to four lanes from Golf Course to Unser
5. Widen McMahon Boulevard to four lanes which would extend Ellison from Golf Course to Unser
6. Construct Paseo del Norte from Unser to Paseo del Volcan
7. Foster developments that promote walking, cycling, and living closer to work
8. Reconfigure Montaña to four lanes from the bridge through 4th Street
9. Add additional bus service in heavy commuting corridors
10. Widen Paradise Boulevard to four lanes from Golf Course to Unser
11. Identify a light rail corridor to connect the Westside to the Eastside

Notes: Item 1 was a distinct top priority; items 2 and 3 were nearly the same priority; items 5, 6, and 7 were close to the same priority; and item 11 was a distinct bottom priority. Widening Golf Course from Paradise north to the County line was not included because it is currently under contract for design and construction.

If you missed the chance to give your opinion in January, you can complete a survey at the March 19th General Meeting. ☀

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Expert Thoughts on Transportation Improvements


By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Chris Blewett, a 17-year veteran of planning transportation for the Albuquerque region, spoke at the January general meeting. Chris gave TRNA members a feel for Westside transportation improvements. He emphasized the following:

Travel demand is more like a gas than a liquid. In the past, transportation planners thought they could build roads to meet travel demand like you build pipes to carry demand for water. They have since discovered that roads induce new travel demand and the analogy is closer to a gas expanding to fill the space allotted.

Build roads the size that fits your community fabric. This is because you make improvements that you think will last 20 years, and the capacity is often fills up in just a few years. So you can't build your way out of congestion for the long term. Chris specifically referred to the Coors/I-40 Interchange rebuilding project as something to be cautious about.

While there may have been alternative routes to the Paseo del Norte corridor through the escarpment in the past, there are no longer good alternatives to this north-south corridor. ☼



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From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . .

APD Westside Area Command

Our homes are our havens and the hearts of our communities, and lighting is an important safety device in and around our homes. In response to questions from Taylor Ranch residents, we want to offer some ideas on the use of outdoor lighting to help protect you, your family, and your neighbors. Preparation, attention, and cooperation are essential to achieving the best possible outcome.

may have been loosened specifically to obscure your view of the person at the door. Protect your outdoor lighting with wire mesh covers that deter vandalism and make it difficult for criminals to disable the fixtures.

illuminate intruders' heads and bodies. For example, you don't want a floodlight mounted on a high pole because it would probably hinder your vision from within your house, annoy neighbors, and just help criminals see what they're doing. Motion-sensor lighting provides the surveillance you need without being the neighborhood annoyance—and possible facilitator of crime—that floodlights can be.



First, develop your lighting strategy by thinking like a criminal. Look at your house and ask, "Where would I break in? Where would I hide to attack someone?" Provide good lighting for all doorways to the outside and provide clear lines of sight by trimming shrubbery and cleaning out alleys. Also, just as you regularly test smoke detectors, check your lights frequently to make sure they are working and replace burned-out bulbs promptly.

Second, when you've identified vulnerable areas, consider the brightness and direction of defensive lighting. Security lighting should allow surveillance but not create glare for neighbors or create shadows to hide in. When positioning outdoor lights, make sure they do not directly point into neighbors' windows and that they have a sufficient downward angle to

Finally, when a motion-sensor or other light does not deter a burglar, the willingness and ability of neighbors to call the police and to be good witnesses are indispensable. So your last consideration is, "How well do I know and get along with my neighbors?" Cultivating cooperative relationships with our neighbors strengthens our communities in many ways; one of these is putting criminals on notice that if they venture into our havens, we will band together to bring them to justice.

Article by Officer A. Kinker, Beat 126 (Taylor Ranch/Montaño area).

2003 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: April 4, 2003

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$500 Scholarships 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 and West Mesa Escarpment);
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than April 4, 2003, 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 2003.

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 _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ - _____ - _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico, ZIP Code _____ Telephone Number _____

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

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2002) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: _____

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: _____

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

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 April 4 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.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- 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"/> 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:

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| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (3 yrs) |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (3 yrs) |

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

If you have already renewed, pass this on to a neighbor!

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)

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| <p>Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911
 <i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>
 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 Information 768-2000
 Crime Stoppers 843-7867
 Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850
 Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7390
 Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-5700
 Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline & Removal 768-4725
 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr 345-1650
 Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8334
 Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140
 Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000
 Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600
 Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) 924-3914
 Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650</p> | <p>Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
 Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
 <i>Public Works Department</i>
 Pothole Repair 857-8025
 Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
 Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8000
 Ridepool..... 243-7433
 Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
 <i>Solid Waste Department</i>
 Recycling Information 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
 <i>Vehicle Information</i>
 Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
 Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
 Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
 Vehicle Emission Testing..... 764-1110
 Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
 Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians)..... 857-8060
 Zoning Violations 924-3850</p> |
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TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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 Historian: <i>Fred van Berkel</i> 899-2738
 Membership Chair: <i>Susan Sisson</i> 897-4684
 Newsletter Editor: <i>RayeAnn Tucker</i>..... 898-5262</p> |
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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 22nd of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. Copyrighted material requires written permission.

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From the Desk of Lt. Perea

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Scholarship Deadline Extended: Postmark by April 4

The application deadline for the TRNA \$500 Scholarships has been extended to April 4. All applications must be postmarked by midnight Friday, April 4—no exceptions will be allowed. Scholarship winners will be announced at the April 16 board meeting and in the May *Mesa Messenger*.



If you have submitted your application and would like to add to it or resubmit, please include a short note to that effect with the new submission.

The Scholarship Application form is printed inside this issue of the *Mesa Messenger* and is also available at the following high schools: Cibola, West Mesa, St. Pius, and Bosque School. All eligible seniors are encouraged to apply.

Concert in the Park

Sunday, March 2
2 to 5 pm

Mariposa Basin Park

Music, Food Concessions, Fun!



Westside Coalition Meeting

7- 8:30 pm on March 5

LBJ Middle School

Featuring Part 1 in a 2-Part Series:
Transportation and Road Issues on the Westside

Neighborhood Associations and residents of Districts 1, 5, and 3 (west of river) are invited to attend. More info? Contact Don Newman, 924-3906.



TRNA

General Meeting
March 19, 7:00 pm
Ministry Center

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: North of Montaño: Mar 7, 21 South of Montaño: Mar 14, 28