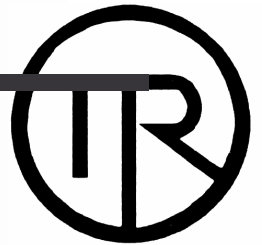




MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

April 2003

President's Message By Eddie Costello

Our General Meeting was held on March 19, 2003 at the Mesa View Ministry Center.

Councilor Cadigan gave us an update on Capital Improvement Projects for Taylor Ranch and the Westside. Vicki Miera gave us information on starting a Neighborhood Watch Program. Virginia Klebesadel went over the TRNA 2003 Proposed Budget.

Five new Board members were elected: Gerald Gallant, Don MacCornack, Jenifer Russin, Drew Setter, and Eddie Costello.

Congratulations to all of the new Board members who were elected. I look forward to working with all of the new and existing Board members. Thank you to all who attended and worked to make this meeting a success. ☼

Thank You

We sincerely thank these donors for their generosity in donating door prizes for our General Meeting:

Garcia's Kitchen (\$5.00 gift certificate), **Outback Steakhouse** (\$20.00 gift certificate), **Health Clubs of America** (3 three-month memberships), and anonymous donations (5 boxes of Whitman's Samplers, 1 Matched Stationery Set).



One for All and Everyone for Themselves? By Virginia Klebesadel

Are you tired of vandalism? Are you fed up with car thefts, after hours "partying" in the parks, graffiti and speeding traffic?

We have been fortunate to have had the APD sponsor two well-orchestrated and informative day-long Community Policing Seminars. Virginia Klebesadel attended both and became very enthusiastic about starting new Neighborhood Watch Groups and revitalizing the old.

It seems to be the very answer to questions asked and problems presented to TRNA over the past 18 months from members and non-members alike. *Having worked many hours on individual problems with good results, it seemed there would be fewer problems to deal with individually if the concept of*

Community Policing could be implemented.

With great enthusiasm a TRNA Board member and a member-at-large spoke with 36 members who had indicated an interest in Crime Prevention. There were over 12 "yes, I will attend" answers to a meeting set up with the APD. On the appointed day two people (a married couple which represents only one household) were the only people to attend in addition to the two organizers and the three APD representatives.

Somewhat discouraged but undaunted, the TRNA Board invited Vicki Miera, APD civilian employee Neighborhood Watch Group Organizer, to our Annual Meeting on March 19. Preceding her talk, TRNA

members agreed they were tired of vandalism, traffic problems, graffiti, and other neighborhood problems. However, the sign-up sheet to help do something about it remains blank.

Lending a hand as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain involves a one-hour kickoff meeting with a Crime Prevention specialist, introducing yourself when a new neighbor moves in, and organizing a couple of simple get-togethers per year with the folks on your block.

To find out more about Neighborhood Watch or start one on your block, please call Vicki Miera, APD Neighborhood Watch Group Organizer, at 831-4705, or investigate the Citizen Volunteer Program by calling Officer Jesus Garay at 343-5000. ☼

◆◆◆ NOTICE ◆◆◆

Board Meeting — April 16 — 7:00 PM — Mesa View Ministry Center
Mesa View Ministry Center is located at the northeast corner of Taylor Ranch & Montaña
If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the President three (3) days in advance.

Hastings Responsive to TRNA Board on Expansion at Montano Plaza

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Hastings music, video and bookstore is building a new store a few hundred feet south of its existing space in Montano Plaza. Hastings originally wanted to use its corporate colors of red and green as bold bands across the building to help customers easily find their store. However, they were responsive to TRNA Board desire that the new building blend with the colors and architecture of the existing shopping center.

TRNA noted that the Montano Corridor to the Bosque is one of our most scenic areas and is an important gateway for our community. The earthy browns provide a nice foreground to the Bosque; the view of the Bosque is not crowded out by busy building colors.

At its January meeting, the TRNA Board voted unanimously to support the project with the qualifications that:

- (1) That the brown tones be the prominent colors.
- (2) That some colored mud wrap along the building base could be acceptable if the color was muted.
- (3) That the customary territorial design feature of brick detailing along the roof line be incorporated.

TRNA also asked the Environmental Planning Commission to review the proposed use of two undulating red neon bands on the front façade. TRNA's concern is that neon lighting can be overly dramatic; the existing shopping center has almost no neon lighting.

The Environmental Planning Commission approved the project with the use of brown tones. Territorial brick will be along approximately 1/3 of the roofline. The EPC allowed the neon lighting, but it will be behind a cover plate so that the light is diffused. ☼



Pending Developments in Taylor Ranch

By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

Eckerd's Drug Store is applying for a site plan for a building permit at the northwest corner of Montano and Coors.

Tierra West is requesting annexation and establishment of city zoning for the southeast corner of La Orilla and Coors (15 acres). The western portion of the parcel (6 acres) is proposed for small lot, single family homes to be developed by Mock homes. The front portion (9 acres) is low intensity commercial.

Chris Callot is proposing a large lot residential (8 large lots on 3.3 acres) off Winterhaven and generally behind the north end of Riverside Plaza. He plans for each residence to have direct access to a bosque open space area.

Sivage Thomas Homes is applying for annexation and establishment of residential zoning for 68 acres north of Paseo del Norte and east of Coors. This land is between the Corrales Canal and the Riverfronte Estates. Lots will be approximately 1 acre in size. ☼

Happy Easter!
April 20th

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Efforts and Progress Toward Our Mission A Land Use & Transportation Summary

By Jolene Wolfley, Director

The major efforts of the Land Use and Transportation Subcommittee during the past year were to:

- protect quality of life amenities in Taylor Ranch;
- encourage new housing subdivision designs than turn into long term quality neighborhoods;
- promote quality development in the Coors Corridor that is sensitive to the Bosque environment;
- call for responsible development on the upper mesa above Taylor Ranch; and
- support long range plans to oversee growth on the West Side.

TRNA reviewed approximately two EPC and two DRB cases each month. Over the year, TRNA sent eight letters to the EPC, testified at one hearing, and appealed one EPC zoning case to the City Council. TRNA sent two letters to the Design Review Board. TRNA sent four letters to the Mayor and City Council and testified at two Council hearings. TRNA sponsored two neighborhood meetings to review proposed developments.

To protect recreational amenities in Taylor Ranch, TRNA pursued its efforts to preserve the Westside Equestrian Center. TRNA's appeal of the EPC decision to rezone the Center was supported by the City Council. The future of the equestrian use is still unresolved, as the case was appeal to District Court. TRNA also sought to improve our recreational trail system by supporting trail connections down to the River and to support a proposed City trailhead at Coors and Montaño.

To promote quality new neighborhoods, TRNA has successfully encouraged many projects to alter front elevations so that garages are not the dominant feature along the street. Most of the residential projects this past year have been along Coors Boulevard or adjacent to the Bosque. TRNA has also encouraged these projects to connect to the recreational trail system when appropriate.

To monitor development on the upper mesa, TRNA has been involved in discussions over a special assessment district near the water tank. TRNA also petitioned the City to make sure temporary roads such as Universe go through a public review process. Further, TRNA petitioned that traffic from Universe cutting through Taylor Ranch be calmed and that the permanent Unser alignment through the escarpment be built as soon as possible to move traffic out of Boca Negra Canyon.

To support Long Range Growth Plans, TRNA participated in shaping the final version of the Planned Growth Strategy (PGS) which seeks to direct growth to where it can be most efficiently served with infrastructure. TRNA also supported amendments to the West Side Strategic Plan that require new development to be reviewed alongside school capacity and amendments which updated boundaries of commercial activity centers in Taylor Ranch. ☀

Introducing the New TRNA Youth Committee Advisor

Hello, my name is Dana Davis. I am the new adult advisor for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Youth Committee. I'm looking forward to becoming a part of this group. I have two daughters; a third grader at Marie Hughes and a sixth grader at LBJ. My husband and I also own and operate a Taylor Ranch plumbing construction business.

I joined this committee because I was excited to hear of a group of kids and adults who were taking responsibility for service to their community and who knew how to have fun doing it. Taylor Ranch has had an exceptionally strong Youth Committee and I want to help carry on that tradition.



We have made some tentative plans for the year; we would like to organize an evening dance at LBJ, hold several swim parties and add our support to some community service projects and TRNA volunteer work. Already we have provided the day care for the Chamiza PTA General

Meeting and had a great time helping the Optimist Club serve almost five hundred Special Olympic athletes and their families at their Poly Hockey awards banquet in March.

On April 19 we will be hosting the games for the TRNA Easter Party. We will need a lot of volunteers for that one, so I hope you will be able to help us out.

As a few of you know, we have talked about meeting on the first Sunday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at my home at 6800 Tesuque Dr NW (north off Montaño, approx ½ mile). Our next meeting is April 6. Call if you need a ride. Attendance is encouraged; we'll try to make it fun and good tasting. If a meeting does not fit into your schedule, we can still communicate through e-mail or phone calls. I'd like to encourage each of you to ask a friend to join us as well.

I'm really looking forward to helping each of you give to your community and take from this committee a feeling of self worth, community spirit and enjoyment.

Dana Davis,

Home: 792-2234

Mobile: 379-1391

E-mail: Davisbrosph@msn.com



The TRNA Youth Committee meets monthly and is open to members of TRNA who are in grades 6 through 12. Call Dana if you are interested in joining.



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Community Center Update

By Virginia Klebesadel

Steve Kells of Kells and Craig, architects for the long-awaited Taylor Ranch Community Center, reports that bids have been opened and Bradbury Stamm came in as the low bidder. The Bradbury Stamm bid is just over \$5.2 million, which includes both the gymnasium and divider curtain alternates. We still need \$1.2 million for the gymnasium alternate and are addressing this with the State Legislature. Councilor Cadigan reports that we should be breaking ground soon. ☀

Important Message Regarding Garage Sales

Each home in an R-1 area may have a garage sale or yard sale ONCE every twelve months. The sale may not exceed 3 days in length and only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Only 1 non-illuminated sign, not more than 6 square feet in area, may be located on the premises where the sale is being held during the period of the sale. No off-site premise signs may be located in the public right-of-way medians or on utility poles. [City Zoning Code Section 14-6-2-6(A)(c) Questions? Call City Zoning at 924-3850.]

Join us at the TRNA Flea Market in May!

From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea . . .

Every year, about the same time the daffodils begin to bloom around town, Albuquerque Police Officers consider how and where they want to serve our community in the year to come.



Those of us who have gotten to know the people in our beats greatly value those relationships: they are personally rewarding and help us enormously in the daily course of policing. Still, many of us also try to get as diverse an experience in police work as we can, for our own benefit and for the good of our larger community. Toward that end, we may opt to leave one neighborhood beat to go patrol another part of the city, to become part of a detective squad or to become a crime scene analyst, for example. Most of these changes take

place during the early weeks of Spring, in what we call our department "bid."

The APD bid is a yearly event in which field officers, sergeants and lieutenants decide which part of the city they will serve in the year ahead. An officer taking part in the bid faces a series of choices. First is which Area Command he or she wishes to work in. Then the officer chooses among shifts—dayshift, swingshift, or graveyard. Finally, the officer considers which team, or squad, he or she will work in. The APD bid process is based on a strict seniority ranking, so that officers who have been with the department the longest get the first choice of placement.

All officers, sergeants and lieutenants begin those assignments this year on Saturday, April 5th.

So, beginning sometime that weekend, you may see some new APD faces alongside the more familiar ones now patrolling your neighborhood. Many of the

APD Westside Area Command

supervisors who will be serving the Westside are familiar:

Dayshift

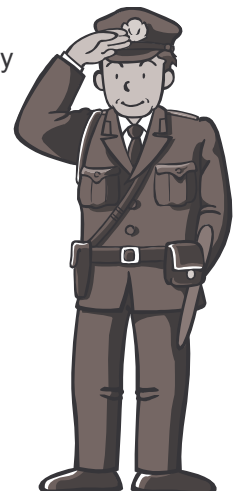
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Sgt. Gary Granberry
Sgt. Rod Sandoval
Sgt. Matt Suazo

Swingshift

Lt. T. Delgado
Sgt. Filiberto Baca
Sgt. Luis Santiago
Sgt. Ken Salazar

Graveyard

Lt. L. Sonntag
Sgt. Mark Garcia
Sgt. Don Chavez
Sgt. Mike Miller



They and the officers who will be serving with them all are committed to providing the absolute best service and building the strongest communities possible.

By Officer A. Kinker, Taylor Ranch

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

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Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911	Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks..... 857-8669
<i>Albuquerque Police Department</i>	Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS	<i>Public Works Department</i>
Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705	Pothole Repair 857-8025
Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall 897-8802	Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030	Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8000
Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935	Ridepool..... 243-7433
Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876	Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777	<i>Solid Waste Department</i>
City Council Office..... 768-3100	Recycling Information 761-8100
City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076	Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
City Information 768-2000	Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100
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Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850	State Police..... 841-9256
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TRNA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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Egg Hunt Times

2 yrs old and under	10:30 am
3 – 5 yrs old	10:45 am
K – 2 nd graders	11:00 am
3 rd – 5 th graders	11:15 am

Easter Bunny, Sylvester and Tweety
will be there. Bring your baskets!



Orchid Enchantment 2003

April 18-20

Rio Grande Botanic Garden

Hundreds of blooming orchids on display in the Garden Showroom and in the Mediterranean Conservatory! The Orchid Show is free with regular admission to the Rio Grande Botanic Garden: Adults \$7, Children & Seniors 65 and older \$3.

Fiestas de Albuquerque

Saturday and Sunday, April 26 & 27, 2003

Tiguex Park in Old Town

Founders' Day Parade, Saturday 11:00 am



A free two-day event honoring our City's 297th Birthday. The event will kick off with the Founders' Day Parade at 11:00 AM around Old Town Plaza to Tiguex Park. Free musical and dance entertainment will be featured, along with many fun children's activities. (Corner of Mountain Rd & 19th St, across from the Museum of Natural History & Science)

**TRNA Youth Committee
Meeting • April 6, 2:30 pm
Contact Dana Davis
at 792-2234**

**Parking Lot Rummage Sale
Saturday, April 26
Mesa View Church**

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: North of Montañó: Apr 4, 18 South of Montañó: Apr 11, 25