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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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President's Message By Eddie Costello

What is your New Year's Resolution for 2004?

How about becoming more involved in your community? One of the ways you can do this is to become a Board Member or sign up for a committee that interests you or you have a passion for.

Looking to 2004, there will be many challenges we will face as residents of the ever-growing Westside. The most important lesson I have learned over the past year is that it takes all of us getting involved if we truly want to make a difference or have our voice heard. I have been actively involved with TRNA for over 3 years now, and I can honestly say I have enjoyed the experience.

I would like to thank all of the TRNA Board Members and everyone who has contributed and worked with the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association this past year.

If you would like to be involved and learn more about what's going on in your community, please come to our first Board Meeting of 2004, January 2, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Wishing You and Your Family a Joyous and Happy New Year! ☼

TRNA Seeks Directors

TRNA will elect 6 directors at the March General Membership Meeting. At that time we will fill five 2-year terms and one 1-year term.

Why would you want to serve as a director? To use your talents for the good of your community; to get to know your neighbors; to know what's going on in the city and community; to solve a problem that bothers you and your family; to influence decisions that will affect us all for years to come; to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions; and, finally, to preserve TRNA, because if no one serves, the association dies.

In general, directors manage the association, foster a sense of community among members, hear and act upon matters pertinent to the community, and present a neighborhood point of view to city, county, state, and federal agencies.

Directors are volunteers who receive no pay for their services. Each director spends between 5 and 30 hours per month on TRNA activities, depending on time available and responsibilities assumed.

Specifically, each director does the following:

- ◆ Assumes responsibility for some aspect of TRNA activities by either serving as an officer or accepting responsibility for an area of concern, such as Youth Committee, Membership, Crime Prevention, Beautification, Newsletter, etc.
- ◆ Attends TRNA meetings, including monthly board meetings and quarterly general membership meetings.
- ◆ Represents TRNA by voting on issues before the board and by attending and speaking at public meetings and hearings as necessary.

To nominate yourself or to suggest a candidate for these important positions, please contact the nominating committee: Ceil van Berkel (899-2738 vanberkel@compuserve.com), Eddie Costello (362-6700) or Don Newton (898-2185). ☼ C. van Berkel

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Board Meeting — January 21 — 7:00 PM

**Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)
If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the President three (3) days in advance.**

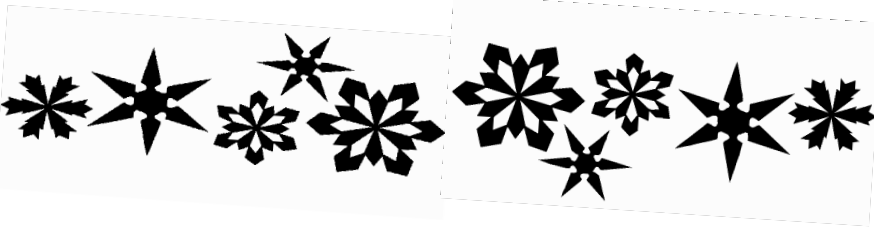
Friends & Neighbors Enjoy TRNA Holiday Party

A great turnout at this year's TRNA Holiday Party at Outback Steakhouse on December 6 included many TRNA families, honored guests, and even Santa!

Many, many thanks go to Pat Hafner and his staff at Outback for all they did in hosting and serving a fabulous meal. These folks are just outstanding!

TRNA members provided a tasty selection of desserts, and the donated canned goods enabled us to give six food baskets to Taylor Ranch families. Many thanks to our members for their generous donations and to Raley's for donating a turkey for each basket.

Numerous wonderful volunteers made this event possible, including June Newman, who organized the event, and a long list of helping hands: Jolene Wolfley and her church youth group, Donna Hannon, Karen Lopez, Virginia Klebesadel, Peggy Minich, Dana Davis and the TRNA youth committee, Heather Peragine, and John Whisenand. Surely there are others... thank you all! ☀ R. K. Tucker



Homework Tips for Parents

Homework can have many benefits for children. It can improve remembering and understanding of schoolwork, can help students develop study skills and can teach children how to manage their time. It is the job of parents to maximize the benefits of homework. Here are some tips for your consideration.

- Make sure your child has a quiet place, free from distractions, to do homework.
- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.
- Make sure the materials your child needs are available.
- If the homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.
- Play a role in homework when the teacher asks that you do so.
- Help your child with time management.
- Have your child do the hard work first before fatigue sets in.
- Make sure you know the purpose of the homework.
- Be positive about homework by telling your child how important school is.



☀ Don MacCornack, Director of Education

Happy New Year!

**Come in for our
holiday clearance sale!**



**Brownell's Hallmark
in Petroglyph Plaza
8201 Golf Course Road NW
890-3909**



**7 am - 3 pm Mon—Sat
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890-6696
Rose Ortiz, Proprietor**



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

Recently we responded to a call in the Ventana Ranch community where someone entered a home through an unlocked door and threatened the woman who was home alone.

The woman was home by herself awaiting her son and husband, who were expected home soon. Just prior to their arrival, a male individual, reported as sweating heavily, entered her house. He was described as a Hispanic/Native American male about 5'11", thin, with bushy eyebrows. He apparently entered the house through an unlocked rear sliding glass door. After entering he told the victim, "I'm not going to hurt you, just give me the keys."

The woman, upon hearing the noise, went into another room in the house and locked herself inside. She then armed herself with a firearm.

Officers, including the police helicopter, responded and searched for the individual but were unable to find him. Nothing was reported missing from the house.

This is an important reminder to be very vigilant and watch for suspicious people in your neighborhoods.

- Keep your doors locked.
- Keep an eye out for people who do not belong in your neighborhood and report them and their behavior to police.
- If you see a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood, write down the license plate number and vehicle description, if it can be done safely.
- Have telephone numbers of trusted neighbors whom you can call if you see something or someone suspicious and who may be able to help out immediately if you need assistance.
- Be very careful with loaded firearms in your home. We have had instances where a firearm was used mistakenly against another family member who came home at an unexpected time and was mistaken for an intruder.
- If you do have a firearm, be familiar with its operation. Take a gun safety course and practice with the weapon often
- **MAKE SURE YOU SECURE ANY WEAPONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME AND KEEP THEM AWAY FROM CHILDREN.**

If you have any questions give me a call 897-8803.

BE SAFE
~ Ed



Westside Area Command 831-4705
Cottonwood Substation 897-8802

Bad Drugs

Scientists are finding evidence that unused and expired over the counter and prescription medicines are affecting oceans, rivers and streams.

In the past, when drugs were expired or unused it was recommended that medications be flushed down the drain or the toilet. Collectively, these medications being discharged to treatment plants can harm the microbes at wastewater treatment plants, and eventually any waterway that treatment plants discharge into.

What can you do as a consumer to protect our waterways? There are some options. **Ask your pharmacist if the pharmacy will take back expired or unwanted medication.** Another option would be to dispose of medication as solid waste, but there are some precautions that should be taken before doing this. The following information is from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ess-tas-cau-RXbrochure.pdf):

- ◆ Keep pharmaceuticals in their original container since the labels may contain safety information, the container is chemically compatible, and the caps are typically water tight and child proof.

- ◆ Add a small amount of water or cooking oil to solid drugs or some absorbent material such as kitty litter, saw dust, or flour to liquid drugs before recapping. These measures are intended to discourage any unintended use of the drug.
- ◆ Double-enclose the contained drugs in a bag or any other waste container to prevent immediate identification of a drug container or prevent a glass drug container from breaking during the disposal process, e.g., when a plastic garbage bag tears, tipped trash can, etc.

The United States Geological Survey and the Environmental Protection Agency have been gathering data regarding the effects of unused and expired medication are having on surface waters. Please see the web sites below:

<www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/ppcp/greenpharmacy.htm>

<<http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc.html>>

Please call the Pollution Prevention (p2) Program for more information at 873-7058/7059.

☼ Public Works/Wastewater Utilities Division, excerpt from *ONC Neighborhood News*, Nov/Dec 2003.

COMMUNITY PROBLEM? Report it!

Send a letter or email with the following information: location of the problem (address or detailed location description), date and time of occurrence (if recurring, typical day of week and time of day), and detailed description of problem. Include your name, phone number, and date of report. Also tell us whether we may give your phone number to the police and whether you

would like to be contacted by a TRNA Director.

Please be specific and include available details. General complaints lack sufficient information for proper reporting to the authorities.

Send your email to vanBerkel@compuserve.com or letter to Problem Report, TRNA, PO Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM, 87193-6288.

Graffiti Sighting Report

Clean City: (505) 857-8055

Graffiti Hotline: (505) 768-4725

Graffiti Removal Services is committed to addressing graffiti within 72 hours of receiving a sighting report (allow an additional 24 hours for e-mail delivery). If the graffiti is on your own property, we will remove or cover it free of charge, in most cases. Property owners will be contacted by telephone prior to cleaning. Graffiti Removal Services' hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have recently seen graffiti within the Albuquerque metropolitan area, please take a moment to report it, either by calling the Graffiti Hotline at (505) 768-4725 or online at <http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/graffrpt.html>

Note: If your browser does not support forms, send an e-mail to: swmd-graffiti@cabq.gov. Indicate on the Subject Line that you are submitting a graffiti sighting report.

You will need to report the following information:

- ◆ Your daytime telephone number (required)
- ◆ Is graffiti on business or residence? Name of business, if applicable
- ◆ Do you own the property? (Property Owners must fill out an owners consent form, available online or by request when telephoning in a report.)
- ◆ Location of graffiti (address if possible or detailed description of location)
- ◆ Nearest intersection (both cross-streets)
- ◆ Surface type (brick, stucco, wood, metal, or describe other)
- ◆ Additional comments if desired

By reporting graffiti sightings, you are helping to make Albuquerque a cleaner city. Thank you for your report!

☼ [From www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/graffrpt.html]

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

I'm interested in the following:

Beautification	Active Participation	Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)
Crime Prevention	Board of Directors	Calling
Newsletter	Education	Community Center
Voter Education	Parks & Recreation	Membership
	Zoning	Traffic
		Other _____

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

Resident:	\$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2004)	\$34.00 (2 yrs)	\$48.00 (3 yrs)
Business:	\$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2004)	\$90.00 (2 yrs)	\$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

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 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

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 857-8000

Ridepool..... 243-7433

Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160

Solid Waste Department

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

Vehicle Information

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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

President: *Eddie Costello* 362-6700

Vice-President: *Ceil van Berkel*..... 899-2738

Secretary: *Jenifer Russin* 899-7604

Treasurer: *Virginia Klebesadel*..... 898-9173

Director/Crime Prevent. & Zoning Enforce.:

Director/Education: *Don MacCornack*..... 897-1593

Director/Governmental Affairs: *Don Newton* 898-2185

Director/Land Use & Transportation: *Jolene Wolfley*... 890-9414

Director/Youth Committee: *Dana Davis*..... 792-2234

Director: *Gerald Gallant*..... 899-9046

Director: *Heather Peragine*..... 792-3645

Historian: *Fred van Berkel* 899-2738

Membership Chair:

Newsletter Editor: *Ceil van Berkel*..... 899-2738

Newsletter Email Address: vanberkel@compuserve.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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Send your community announcement to the Editor! The most requested addition to the newsletter is more information about upcoming community events.

Your neighbors want to support your event! Let 'em know what's happening! Newsletter submission details are at the bottom of page 5.

RECYCLE Those Trees and Phone Books!

Christmas Treecycling December 26—January 7
at Rowland's

Telephone Book Recycling: December 19—January 23
at Smith's Food & Drug Store

