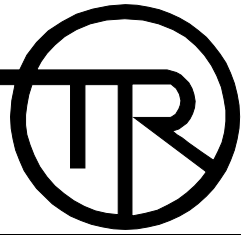


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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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"Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRN A Bylaws

President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

What a great month we had. The rummage sale was a success and raised over \$600 for scholarships to be awarded to our youths. I was thinking how easy it would be to raise that much money. By getting just 12 people to pay \$50 each we could raise that much, but then we wouldn't have met so many of our neighbors on such a beautiful summer Saturday. Plus I can't usually justify eating 3 hotdogs in one day. June, Brett, Ken, the Van Berkel's, René, and others worked their magic and made it look easy but I know it wasn't. Someone had to gather all of that food and coordinate all of the activities for the day. What a great group of people! All were willing to give of their time to improve our community. I am truly impressed.

At the last meeting Larry Walsh, our new director of membership, had some great ideas on how to increase our membership. He is very enthusiastic about them and I fully endorse his goals. There is power in numbers and when the next big issue comes we can do so much more to support or oppose it with more members.

It's primary time, and we all need to vote. I think this year is one of the most important primary and general elections of our time; no matter what party affiliation. Check the paper for your voting site.

I'm still getting used to this President thing so I don't have much to say this time but normally you can't shut me up. I promise that I'll have more to say next month.

Again, if you have any requests for me, please contact me at president@trna.org ®

LISA W. ARNHART, DDS, PC

Family and Cosmetic Dentistry



A Taylor Ranch mom is celebrating the 4th anniversary of her dental office. Her practice emphasizes gentle, preventive care for the entire family and accepts most dental insurances. She is a Delta Dental Premier provider. Dr. Arnhart's hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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TRNA Special!!!

FREE Home Bleaching Kit upon completion of a new patient exam visit and x-rays. Fees apply to exam and x-rays. For new patients only. Limited-time offer—get your bleaching kit while supplies last!

Please bring your coupon to redeem offer.



Board of Directors Meeting —Wednesday, June 9th—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

Social Committee Report

Ken Newman, Social Committee Director, TRNA

We had our first Flea Market for the year and it was a great day and we raised some funds for our Scholarship Fund. The weather was a perfect New Mexico day. Of course without all the volunteers we could never accomplish what TRNA does. We need to thank Pastor Dale and the entire Cross of Hope staff for their hospitality. Also we need to thank Albertson's, the Don Newton Community Center, and all the participants for their support to this worthy cause. Thanks to all Board members who were present to help. The good thing about Flea Markets – you meet people from all over the city. We look forward to our next Flea Market either in September or October – we will formalize the date soon. Get them closets cleaned out for winter & of course it is for a good cause. For more info, email social@trna.org ®

Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. City Councilor Dan Lewis District 5 meeting/ April 28th: A District 5 meeting was held at the Community Center. One of the topics was about the levee system in Albuquerque.

The US. Army Corp. of Engineers, AMAFCA, and City Councilor Isaac Benton were at the meeting to discuss the levee system in Albuquerque. In 2005, the Corp. of Engineers initiated a study to examine the condition of the existing levee system in Albuquerque along the Rio Grande to determine whether they meet the current Corps design criteria. The levees in Albuquerque were built in the 1950's. Because of hurricane Katrina and the flooding that took place in New Orleans', the Corp of Engineers upgraded the standards on levee systems nationwide. The report that came out of the study determined that Albuquerque's existing levees do not meet current Corp design and construction criteria. The cost of reconstructing the levees could cost \$100 to \$200 million. In addition to upgrading the levees along Albuquerque, there is a requirement for removing vegetation on the levees, which could impact the Rio Grande Bosque. The upgraded standards require that no vegetation be allowed on the levees or within 15 feet of the toe of the levee. Recently there has been a proposed procedure to obtain a variance from the "no vegetation" guidelines which was published in the Federal Register in February 2010. It is anticipated that the local sponsor will request a variance from having to remove vegetation along the levees in the Bosque. Please note that because of the Bosque fires in



Relax. Wine Down. Every Thursday

Enjoy McGrath's patio with exquisite food, arts, wine, and live music. Beginning June 3rd through July 29th every Thursday from 4:30pm - 7:30pm.

Rough Days? Smooth Nights.

Join us every Wednesday - Friday in our new Lobby Lounge. Featuring crafted cocktails, microbrews, extensive wines, and exceptional food. Experience "50/50 Fridays." Redeem your \$50.00 Lounge tab for \$50.00 off your room rate every Friday night.



Albuquerque that took place in the early 2000's, there has been a big effort from the City to restore the Bosque. The Corp has been a major player in the restoration projects. The Corp is currently conducting research on vegetation along the Albuquerque levees.

Within the Taylor Ranch area, there is a portion of the development along the west side of the Rio Grande at Montano Bridge that is not protected from flood flows. If funding were to be made available to the Corp of Engineers, they could investigate the feasibility of constructing a levee between La Orilla and the Oxbow, known as the Montañó Levee project. Right now there is no certified levee at this location. Instead there is a spoil bank running adjacent to the drainage ditch between the ditch and the Bosque. The spoil bank was probably created when the ditch was excavated. This pile of excavated material offered some flood control protection, but not much in case of a major flood. It now needs to be rebuilt and engineered in order to become a certified levee. This is especially needed since the land on the west-side of the spoil bank has been developed. Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 authorized the Corp to study and construct small flood control projects such as the Montano levee project. The levee project will look

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similar to the Corrales levee project which was built by the Corps in 1997.

2. Flea Market: I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the flea market on Saturday May 15th. We received lots of help from Board members and other Taylor Ranch Association Members. I also want to thank everyone who helped us with our sales by either assisting us at the tables or donating items to be sold. Your efforts definitely helped in TRNA's successful funding of scholarships.

Easter Egg Hunt Photos

Thanks to our roving photographer, Ken Newman, we have a photo to remind us of the fun we had at the Easter Egg Hunt. If you took a photo of McGruff, the crime-



fighting dog character at the event, please let us know. APD NW Command would love to get a copy. Please contact patrol@trna.org to work out the details. ®

Beautification News

Dee Hettick, Director, Beautification

Many thanks to our two trusty volunteers, Don MacCornack and Carol Waters, who worked to clean up Mariposa Basin Park on May 15th, a very busy Saturday.

The next clean up is Saturday, June 19th from 8:30am to 10:00am. Please come and join us. We need your help and you'll enjoy a productive outdoors June morning at the Park in the company of other great people! Bring your neighbors and kids! See you there. parks@trna.org ®

Membership Update

Larry Walsh, Director, Membership

Right now you are reading TRNA's award-winning *Mesa Messenger*. What are you going to do with it when you're finished? Shred it? Wad it up and throw it away? Pile it on that stack of papers in your office, never to be seen again? Why not pass it on to your neighbor!

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As a member of TRNA, you are already aware of the benefits of membership in your neighborhood association, like keeping an eye on new construction and zoning issues, decreasing crime, protecting your property values, and enhancing your quality of life.

But do your neighbors know what TRNA does and why membership is so important? We should all know that the larger our membership, the greater our effectiveness and the louder our voice at city hall.

For 5¢ a day, your neighbor can become a part of TRNA and help to preserve and advance Taylor Ranch. There is a membership form and instructions for joining on page 5.

So when you are done reading this newsletter, pass it on to your neighbor. membership@trna.org ®

Education Update

Lily Andrews, Director, Education

1st of all CONGRATULATIONS to the class of 2010! Whether it be Elementary, Junior High, High School, College or even Higher Education YOU, representatives of Taylor Ranch, have worked hard to achieved the place you are today and can continue your endeavors "wherever your heart and mind sends you"! We

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at TRNA support you! Great job by the social committee at the Rummage sale in May. I'm always so impressed at their dedication and their hard work! It was such a successful fundraiser to support our scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Taylor Ranch. (Not to mention the "best hot dog this side of the Rio Grande!") Thanks again to everyone that participated in giving a hand at the TRNA rummage sale that will benefit the scholarship fund for some equally hard working high school students! ☺

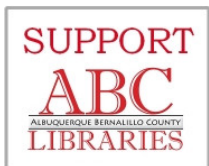
Library News

Ceil van Berkel, Chair, Library Advisory Board

As you know, the Mayor and the City Councilors have been working to balance the city budget. Declining revenues means less money to pay for city services. The Albuquerque Bernalillo County (ABC) Library System is jointly funded by the city and the county, with additional funding for materials provided by state bonds. Operational expenses for the 14 branches located in the city are funded by the city budget. The initial funding proposed by the Mayor for the coming fiscal year would have required cutting hours at city branches. However, the Mayor and the Councilors are still working on the numbers. By the time you receive this issue the Library budget may have been increased to avoid cutting hours. I hope so. During hard economic times the Library is a lifeline for those

- applying for jobs or unemployment benefits
- seeking to learn new work-related skills
- struggling to provide their children with reading materials to improve their language skills
- cutting costs at home by using Library books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and electronic databases, instead of buying personal copies or subscriptions .

We can't afford to take away this path to economic advancement at the very time it is needed the most.



Help support a strong Library System by becoming informed about Library operations and funding. Email supportABClibraries@comcast.net and ask to be put on the email distribution for information about Library funding issues and use statistics. Your email address will not be shared with any other person or organization. You can unsubscribe at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in every email. You can also sign up with Support ABC Libraries at the Taylor Ranch Library. ☺



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Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Patrol Coordinator, TRNA

Dear Patrollers and Future Patrollers, This morning, May 25th, David Waters and I were On Patrol. If what we saw this morning is any indication of what will happen during the summer vacation, we will be in for a rough ride. We called 311 five times: graffiti, graffiti, and more graffiti! It was all along the trail by the Mariposa arroyo at Montañño, from there to Arabian Drive. The south wall of my previous home was full of graffiti. Across the street a Sheriff's Dept. patrol car had been tagged! Around the corner we met the former owner of a truck that was stolen from his driveway—it was parked next to his bedroom window!

We need everyone's help this summer. Please contact us at partrol@trna.org if you'd like to help patrol. Keep an eye on your neighborhood. Call the police if you see anything suspicious: 242-COPS for non-emergency, 911 for emergency, 311 for graffiti. Close your garage door and lock your car. Park your car inside the garage or behind your fence, if possible.

Calls for service from TR in April: Rapes 2, Robberies 2, Assaults 4, Auto Burglary 27, Residential Burglary 24, Stolen Vehicles 4, Suspicious Persons 102, Disturbances 73 and vandalisms 40. Have a safe summer. Fred ☺

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

Active Participation Sustaining Member (Not able to work on committees at this time)

I'm interested in helping with the following:

- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
- Environment Membership Newsletter Parks & Recreation
- Social Activities Transportation/Traffic Land Use Other _____

Check your label to see if it is time to renew. If not, pass this form on to a neighbor!

Enclose a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2012)
 Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2012)



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Call Larry Walsh at 401-0965 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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts

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Historian:	<i>vacant</i>		historian@trna.org

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered once each month on a Saturday morning at the DN-TR Community Center. The dates of the next three scheduled classes are June 5th, July 10th, and August 14th, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Cost for the class is \$12 per person for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Please pay by check when you arrive at the class. To reserve a place, please call the instructor, Mr. Dan Bravine, at 892-4827.



**Flag Day:
June 14th**

Please Support our Business Members!

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Hyatt Regency Albuquerque.....842-1234

Lisa W. Arnhart, DDS.....897-6453

Paper Pusher Bookkeeping.....898-9539

Taylor Ranch Self Storage.....890-7400

This is TRNA's 30th year promoting, protecting, and improving our neighborhood! ®

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received **by the 22nd of the month.**

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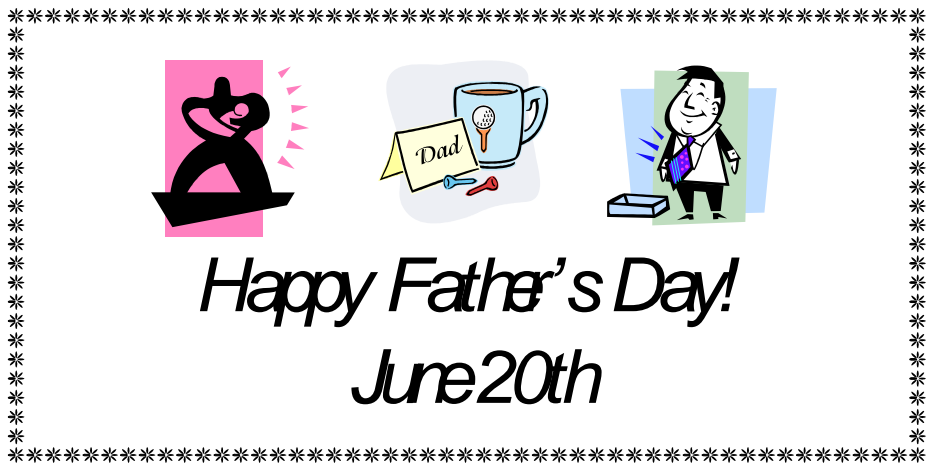
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