

## President’s Message

Ray Shortridge, President, TRNA

The **TRNA General Membership Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 pm**, Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center. There are two principal items of business requiring the action of the membership – elect the board of directors and approval of a budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013.

The current board is recruiting candidates for next year’s board. If you have an interest in serving or wish to learn more about it, email either myself ([president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org)) or the secretary, Dan Shaw ([secretary@trna.org](mailto:secretary@trna.org)). We will publish a slate of candidates in the next newsletter. Also, TRNA members can propose themselves as candidates at the March 13 General Meeting. Once elected, the board selects the officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is printed in this newsletter. There are three aspects of the budget that I wish to explain.

1. Previously, the budget did not provide for two major expense items because two members’ businesses provided the service pro bono. The format for the new budget contains those two line items – storage for TRNA property and printing of the newsletter. And, offsets those two expense items by including two in-kind contributions in the revenue section of the budget. We thank Dan Rich for providing storage at Taylor Ranch Self Storage, and Lily and Michael Andrews for printing the newsletter at Digitech Office Equipment.
2. There is a modest shortfall in the budget. However, over the past several years, TRNA has always over-estimated its expenses somewhat, and the board believes that there is little risk that TRNA will actually incur expenses that exceed the revenue for the year.
3. The board decided not to hold an Easter Egg Hunt this coming year, so that line item has been replaced with one pertaining to a Taylor Ranch Day event. The concept for the event is still evolving. If you would like

to learn more or to become involved send me an email at the address in the second paragraph, above. The Easter Egg Hunt was becoming less of a Taylor Ranch event and more of a city-wide event as disproportionately the families who were attending were from other neighborhoods.

I look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting.



## Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director

**1. LUHO Report/ Walmart appeal denied:** Good news! On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Land Use Hearing Officer (LUHO) completed his report. He concluded that the EPC decision is supported by the record. He recommended that the City Council deny the appeal in full. LUHO’s recommendation will be presented to the City Council, either in February or March. If the City Council rejects LUHO’s recommendation it will go to a full Council hearing. If they accept LUHO’s recommendation then the EPC decision is upheld, and the public process is finished. Our hope is that City Council will uphold the EPC decision. We will keep you posted on the latest developments. So far we have made great strides on this issue thanks to everyone’s hard work and contributions. We still have one more hurdle to get through. Thank you again for your all your support!

**2. Volcano Mesa/La Cuentista Open Space proposal:** For several years now, TRNA has worked diligently on the Volcano Mesa Sector Development Plan, to promote quality development for the mesa top, and preservation of its unique resources through support of open space land acquisition. We have participated in all the planning meetings, the EPC hearings, the LUPZ hearings and the City Council hearings for the Volcano Mesa Plan. Recently it has been brought to our attention that there may be an opportunity for the City to acquire open space on top of the mesa. The developer for the La Cuentista subdivision is Ms. Pavich. She is interested in selling 60

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acres of her property to the City to create an open space park along the top of the escarpment. Ms. Pavich attended TRNA's January 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to present her proposal. The 60 acres is located on the mesa between the La Cuentista subdivision and the escarpment. The TRNA Board was very interested in Ms. Pavich's proposal. Kevin Ferris, a Taylor Ranch resident who was at the board meeting to support the proposal, is working on this effort. He asked to have his contact information in this newsletter for those who would like more information on how to get involved. Here is his contact information: Kevin Ferris (400-7876) - [poschange@comcast.net](mailto:poschange@comcast.net). The City needs to hear from residents that there is support to acquire this open space.

**3. Open Space/ Bond Plan:** The City Council will soon be reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget for the Bond package which will be voted on next fall by the Albuquerque voters. Funds for open space acquisition are part of the Bond package for the parks department. As mentioned above, TRNA has always supported the preservation of the mesa's resources by promoting the acquisition of open space, through funding that comes from the impact fees and Bond election. This year, the Mayor's proposed budget is allocating only \$500,000 for the open space acquisition bond. This is down from \$700,000 allocated in the last Bond election. This is not enough.

Several years ago, open space received \$3 million. With the reduction in impact fees, open space has to rely solely on funding from the Bond package. In order to acquire open space land in critical areas, more money is needed. The City Council will be reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget for the Bond package on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time for the public to contact their City Councilors to let them know that more money is needed for Open Space land acquisition, tell them \$500,000 is not enough. Contact me for more information.

Rene Horvath, [land@trna.org](mailto:land@trna.org), 898-2114



### New Play Structure at Mariposa

Dustin Kiska, Assistant Project Coordinator, CABQ  
Parks & Recreation

I am excited to inform you that a play structure with freestanding features has been selected to be installed within the current year at Mariposa Basin Park. We understand that there has been interest in replacing the existing structure for quite some time, so wait no more, it will be installed soon. Following is an image of the proposed design. Prior to installation, until we are prepared to deliver and install the new structure, the old structure will remain so there will be little wait time for the new one to be used.



**PROPOSED FY2014 BUDGET**

Terry Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

INCOME

Advertising — Newsletter	\$ 500.00
Education — Flea Market Booth/Sales	1,500.00
Donations—Undesignated	150.00
CRS GRT Collect	
In-Kind Contributions*	
Newsletter Printing Cost	3,000.00
Storage Locker	1,320.00
Membership Dues	5,000.00
Social Committee	300.00
Christmas & TRNA Days*	_____
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,770.00</b>

EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 200.00
Advertising — TRNA	150.00
Bank Charge	40.00
Citizen Patrol	200.00
CRS-GRT Taxes Paid	
Dues — Westside Coalition of NAs	20.00
Education — Flea Market Concession	125.00
Scholarship Payments	1,500.00
Insurance	875.00
Land Use	750.00
Membership — Marketing	500.00
Mailing & Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Newsletter — Postage	900.00
Printing Costs*	3,000.00
Paper/Labels	400.00
Post Office Expenses — Box Rent	100.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	220.00
President’s Discretionary Fund	100.00
Social — Christmas Party	900.00
TRNA Days*	300.00
Storage Unit — Rental*	1,320.00
Miscellaneous Related	60.00
Website Expense	325.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$12,175.00</u></b>
<b>NET DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(405.00)*</b>

The budget incorporates renewed efforts to increase membership by increasing the marketing budget. We created a new Social Activity line item called “TRNA Days” to replace the Easter activity. Historically the actual income and expense have been very close, within \$500. The net shortfall shown here is in keeping with the norm. The TRNA General Fund balance is sufficient to bear a small shortfall each year and the board considers the Budget versus Actual spending in decision-making throughout the fiscal year to keep income in line with overall expenditures.

\*PLEASE SEE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE ON PAGE 1 FOR MORE NOTES & EXPLANATIONS.

***Please come ...***

***Taylor Ranch  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Annual General  
Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Don Newton-Taylor Ranch  
Community Center***

This is it! The annual meeting. Come enjoy refreshments and door prizes, become informed, ask questions, visit with your neighbors, and vote for the directors and budget for your association.

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!** Please consider serving. Contact Ray Shortridge (president@trna.org, 604-3908).

## Library Update

Ceil van Berkel, Library Advisory Board

### Taylor Ranch Library

5700 Bogart St. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

(One block west of Unser Blvd and two blocks south of Montañero Road)

505-897-8816      taylorranch@cabq.gov

Lillian Richardson, Area Manager

**Hours:** Mon. – Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**FEBRUARY FEATURED DATABASES: Health and Wellness** — The library provides free access to all four of these databases (you'll need your library card number and pin to login at <http://library.cabq.gov/eresources>):

**Consumer Health Complete** - A reliable, user-friendly resource featuring medical, health and wellness articles, guides, videos, reports, fact sheets and more. This service is also available in: Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Vietnamese

**Medline Plus**- a service of the National Institutes of Health, produced by the National Library of Medicine. Timely and authoritative health and medical information presented with the needs of patients and their community of family and friends in mind.

**Web MD** - A dynamic, interactive consumer health site bringing together health guides, news and communities.

**Health Reference Center Academic** - A full-text database featuring articles and reference resources for consumer health researchers, students and medical professionals.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS:

### Special Events:

**My Ideal Bookshelf: Taylor Ranch Edition: Sun. Feb. 3rd**, All Day Event. The book *My Ideal Bookshelf* is a fascinating and inspiring peek onto the bookshelves of cultural icons. Let's create our own ideal bookshelves at Taylor Ranch! Either post a picture of your ideal bookshelf on our Facebook page or come on in and create and color your ideal bookshelf and we'll create a mosaic to inspire each other! From February 3-16

**Cut-Up Love Poems: Wed. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Love poetry doesn't have to be sappy (unless you want it to be). Join us as we make love poems from unexpected sources using the cut-up method. Cut-up poetry has powerful visual characteristics so we'll make poems that look great from afar too. Maybe a unique Valentine gift for a special person in your life? Ages 10-100.

**Mobile Adoptions with Animal Humane: Sat. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30am - 3:00pm. Animal Humane will be visiting us with their mobile adoption unit in the parking lot. Find your forever friend!

**GIZMO GARAGE: Thurs. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Visit our Gizmo Garage to learn how to borrow eBooks and e-audiobooks from the library! Bring your own device or practice with ours.

### Weekly Events:

**Taylor Ranch Lego Club: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**, 2:00–3:00pm. Love Legos? Come to Taylor Ranch Library on the first and third Sunday of every month and build with friends! Every meeting, we will have a new inspiration and some creations will be displayed at the library! Legos provided!

**A Good Yarn! Fridays @ 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other needle craft, join our drop-in stitch group. All ages and skill levels welcome. A skilled knitter will be on hand for instruction and questions. Feel free to come when you can and leave as needed.

**Family Storytime (Every Child Ready to Read): Tuesdays**, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, poems and games. Same content at both programs.

**Baby Storytime: Saturdays**, 10:30 a.m. A lap-sit storytime for ages 0-2. Stories, learning games, songs, puppets, movement activities and fun for everyone!

**The Taylor Ranch Branch Reading Group: Sat. Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** (second Saturday of each month), 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## LIBRARY FUNDING UPDATE:

Three funding activities affecting the library are underway:

**State Legislature:** several state legislators will be proposing capital outlay funding to furnish the new Central and Unser Library. Please let your state senator and representative know that you support building and furnishing this large, new library. The staff from Alamosa and West Gate libraries will move to this new facility, and the two small old facilities will be used for other purposes.

### City of Albuquerque:

**General Obligation Bonds:** The mayor has proposed a library materials bond of \$2.75 million this year, down \$250,000 from the last city library materials bond. We are asking each council to earmark part of his or her "set-aside" bond money for library materials to make up the difference. Please let your councilor know you support doing this.

### Operating Budget for FY 14:

Currently there are 14 vacant positions in the library system which the library is not being allowed to fill because of a shortfall in the budget. Please let the mayor and your councilor know that you would like these 14 positions kept and funded as soon as possible so that they positions can be filled.

Also, \$950,000 of the Library System's operating budget is one time, one-year funding. In order to keep the branches open, the Library must beg every year for this one-year funding to pay contract substitutes and 5 "at will" temporary city employees. We would like to see \$950,000 of recurring funds allocated to the library for these positions, so the library doesn't have to start every budget year short those positions. Ask the mayor and your councilor to stop using one-time funding each year for necessary permanent positions. An adequately funded library is the city's best contribution to building a literate, educated workforce in Albuquerque.

In addition to these vital system-wide needs, our own Taylor Ranch library is in need of refurbishing. It is 20 years old and showing its age. Our state legislators and councilors may be willing to allocate some capital outlay (state) or "set-aside" bond (city) money to address our local issues. Here is a breakdown of Taylor Ranch Library needs:

- Resurface and restripe parking lot: \$ 65,000
- Drainage improvements at front door: \$15,000

- Study and improve entryway to accommodate high winds: \$150,000
- Replace deteriorating southeast facing windows: \$135,000
- Interior refurbishment including wall finishes, furniture and carpeting: \$415,000
- Replace existing service points and make ADA compliant: \$55,000
- ADA adult restrooms and install unisex family restroom: \$110,000
- Study, balance, repair or replace HVAC: \$110,000
- Replace blinds in children's area: \$8,000
- Install digital camera security system: \$21,000
- Purchase and install automatic returns sorter for materials: \$ 300,000
- Addition of a Community Room \$550,000

If any of these needs are important to you, let your state legislators and councilor know of your concern.

To learn more about how our library is funded, visit <http://SupportABCLibraries.org>, where you can also sign up to receive email updates about current library funding activities.



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# 2013 TRNA Scholarship Application

## Application Deadline: March 1, 2013

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$750 Scholarship 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 (river) and West Mesa Escarpment;
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2013, 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 2013.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120 Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2012) \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

(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 March 1 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.**

## Scientist Seen in Taylor Ranch: You

Dan Shaw, TRNA Secretary

See a pigeon in your backyard? Ever spot a Spotted Towhee? How about glimpsing a Cooper's Hawk eyeing the contents of one of Taylor Ranch's backyard chicken coops? If you have, then you could easily become part of one of North America's largest citizen scientist efforts. No special training is required. You do not need to be an expert in anything. All you have to do is be able to identify one or more species of birds, record what you see, and then enter it on website. In so doing, you become part of the Great Backyard Bird Count.

**The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) takes place every year on Presidents' Day Weekend. In 2013 that means 15 – 18 February.** In partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon Society, and Bird Studies Canada over 100,000 people will record the birds they see across North America. Last year they tallied up 17.4 million bird observations. And now, those people will be joined by observers from around the world as the GBBC goes international in this its 15<sup>th</sup> year.



Dark-eyed  
Junco

As extreme climate events become more frequent, wildland fires burn, human habitation occupies new areas, and other forces alter habitats, birds and other wildlife must respond to changing conditions. This often is seen in the redistribution of birds across time and space. One of the ways scientists study these changes is to map out where and when citizens observe particular species of birds. Aiding them in their efforts are hundreds of thousands of volunteers. Since many of those volunteers are just ordinary folks they are called citizen scientists.

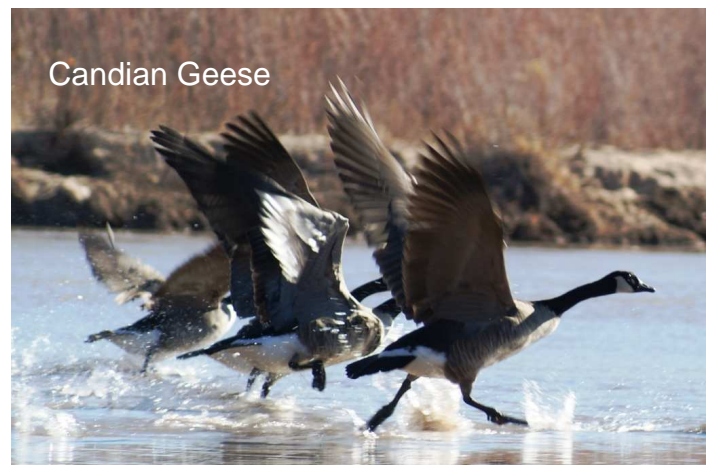
Being a scientist requires a particular way of recording and reporting natural phenomena. As long as the recorder is objective and accurate, scientific work does not require a Ph.D. This is the premise behind the GBBC; lots of people, accurately recording what they see. Yes, there are mistakes and misidentifications, but broad trends can be

analyzed and tracked across time even with some errors in the data. And the GBBC is set up to reduce inaccurate entries and help people learn to identify more birds correctly.

So, here is all you need to do to get started. Go the GBBC website. It is easy to access. You can go directly to the website at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc) or just type, "GBBC" into a search engine like Google. You register online, review the directions, then between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February you spend at least 15 consecutive minutes tallying the greatest number of birds of any species you can identify and see at one time. See a bird or a lot of birds you have no idea what they are? Not to worry. When you report your data online you will be asked, if you are reporting all the birds you saw or just the birds you were able to identify.

Observations can be done out a kitchen window looking at a bird feeder or out for a walk at Petroglyph National Monument or along the bosque. Really, your GBBC survey can take place anywhere on earth. Binoculars and a bird guide are helpful, but not required. Record your starting point location and time and do the same for ending point. You will be asked to enter the most number of any species you identify that you saw at one time. As you and tens of thousands of others do this it will give scientists very useful information and a snapshot of where birds are this Presidents' Day Weekend. They will then have the ability to compare and contrast this data with information collected in previous years.

Last year, for people in Albuquerque the 10 most frequently identified birds ending up on a citizen scientists' lists were: House Finch, House Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, Rock Pigeon, American Robin, American Crow, Lesser Goldfinch, and Spotted Towhee. In Albuquerque thousands of Sandhill Cranes, Ring-billed Gulls, and Canada Geese were all seen. Perhaps apropos for Presidents' Day Weekend six spotters saw Bald Eagles and one lucky observer recorded a Lincoln's Sparrow.



Canadian Geese


## Treasurer's Report

Terry Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

**Land Use Fund Update:** Another victory for TRNA's battle for a better plan at Coors/Montano!!! The LUHO decision on the appeal Wal-Mart filed is in and we can add his recommendation to deny the appeal to the strength of our case.

However, we must also wait to find out what the City Council's decision is regarding the LUHO recommendation. As much as we want to trust that this issue will be finalized, the fact is this issue is still not completely and finally resolved. We still have existing and future legal fees to pay. We must continue to ask the membership and anyone who agrees with our mission to donate money to the Land Use Fund. Let's keep fighting for what we believe is best for our neighborhood. If we all pull together in this closing stretch, we can insure that we finish strong and pay all the necessary expenses from this long battle. Can you help with a donation? There is no amount too large or too small. And remember, all monies received are for the designated purpose of land use issues.

You can send donations payable to TRNA Land Use Fund, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.

Or, you can go to [www.againstthewal-abq.com](http://www.againstthewal-abq.com) and pay by credit card through the PayPal link there. There is also a link on the TRNA homepage. Questions? Email me at [treasurer@trna.org](mailto:treasurer@trna.org) or give me a call! 879-4995 (cell) 

## West Side Day at State Capitol Feb. 27

Join students, community leaders, and elected officials as we celebrate Albuquerque West Side Day at our State Capitol. Come and meet your West Side legislators. Learn about the crucial legislation that may impact your district. Help take a stand on issues that affect you!

Starting with a Round House tour at 9:30 a.m., the day's schedule will include a West Side Rally in the Rotunda, time in House and Senate Galleries, Luncheon, Civics Class, and ending with a West Side Day Reception at Rio Chama from 5 to 7 p.m.

**We need two members to represent TRNA at this event.** If you'd like to attend, please contact our President, Ray Shortridge, at [president@trna.org](mailto:president@trna.org) or 604-3908.

Let's show our State Legislators that what they do matters to us, and have our voice heard!

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## District 5 -- Coffee with Councilor Lewis

Please join us!

Do you have questions regarding upcoming city decisions? Do you need help with something in your neighborhood? Is there something you would like to see happen on the West Side?

**Every other Friday morning from 7:30—8:30 am :**

Councilor Dan Lewis will be at various businesses throughout the district to meet with you, get to know you and hear your concerns. Stop by on your way to work or come in to grab some breakfast and say hello!

If possible, please RSVP to Sara Mancini (768-3189 or [saramancini@cabq.gov](mailto:saramancini@cabq.gov)) no later than 4:30 pm on Thursday afternoon so we can make sure we have the appropriate amount of space and coffee available.

Upcoming dates:

Feb 8 – Ironwood Kitchen, 5740 Night Whisper Rd NW #250 (at Unser)

Feb 22 – No Meeting

Mar 8 – APD Area Command, 10401 Cibola Loop NW (at Ellison) – Special guest: Deputy Chief Allen Banks

Mar 22 – Little Anita's, 6501 Paradise Blvd NW (at Universe) – Special guest: Tom Menicucci, Transportation Planning, City Council

To get the most current information on what's happening in District 5, go to: [cabq.gov/council/councilors/district-5/news](http://cabq.gov/council/councilors/district-5/news). The portion of Taylor Ranch that is in District 5 is roughly that area north of La Orilla and Montano. The southern portion of Taylor Ranch is in District 1 (Councilor Ken Sanchez), which also includes the westside area mesa south of I-40. To determine which you are in, go to [cabq.gov/council](http://cabq.gov/council) and select "Council District Map." You can enter your address to confirm.

## West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Meeting

January 9, 2013

1. City Councilman Dan Lewis presented his initiative to raise the west side's awareness of the status of the far west relief route, Paseo del Volcan, and the need to nudge it along. It involves creating a corridor route on the far west side between I-40 and US550 as essential for reducing congestion. This has been an important project for the region since the mid '90's. His slide presentation included satellite views of the area overlaid with the proposed

routing, opening up Atrisco Vista to Paseo del Volcan. As there is currently a significant jobs/housing imbalance on the west side, this routing will provide access to a large flat plain for industrial and commercial development. It is expected to reduce congestion on the major north-south route in the northwest area (Coors, Unser, & Atrisco Vista). Long range plans hope to eventually provide a loop bypass from I-25 north of the city to I-25 south of the city, to reduce the tractor trailer traffic on our rural streets.

Councilor Lewis is hopeful to have a website page up on this project by early February so that people can keep informed on the progress.

2. Later this month, the mayor is convening his Bi-annual Forum in which leading city administrators discuss their departments/initiatives/goals with leaders of neighborhood associations. *[TRNA's President Ray Shortridge will be attending on our behalf.]* There is a real need for the implementation of customer-orientation training for city staff, particularly for those who have neighborhood associations as customers.

3. February 27 is "Albuquerque West Side Day at the Rotunda" and each neighborhood association is asked to designate two attendees who will mix with west side legislators and provide guidance to state issues relevant to the west side. *[We need two members to volunteer from TRNA; see article on page 8.]*



## Petroglyph National Monument

### On-Cell-Phone Audio Tours Now Available

Your phone provides a fun way to learn more about Petroglyph National Monument. You can listen to a park ranger give a short narration on various aspects of the monument from geology to the unique human history of the area.

When visiting Petroglyph National Monument you can listen to these narrations at any of the trails and at the visitor center. Just look for the "Park Ranger Audio Tour" signs, call 505.353.3004, and enter the stop number.

There is no additional charge to listen to these narratives. Please be aware that cell phone coverage at Petroglyph National Monument can be spotty and not all providers offer service in the monument.

We are very interested in hearing your feedback about this audio tour and we encourage you to leave us a message about your experience with this program. You can do this by pressing "0" on your cell phone at anytime while listening to any portion of your tour.





## Open Space Visitor Center

There's always something happening in and around the city's Open Space Center on Albuquerque's West side, just off Coors Blvd. Here's just a few things you might want to check out. For additional information go to [cabq.gov/openspace](http://cabq.gov/openspace) or call 897-8831.

**Trees, Rocks & Dirt**—Volcano Vista Art Exhibit, ongoing through February 19, 3-5 pm. High School Art Students respond to the value of Open Space within their city. A variety of media and interpretations are expected to express the dialog these students have with Open Space properties such as the Petroglyph Monument, views of the West Mesa, the Bosque and Foothills. Free.

**Bosque Wild**—A guided hike in the bosque near the Visitor Center, first Sunday of each month, 9:00 a.m. Join a local naturalist for a guided walk into the riverside forest and discover this world away from the city. Free, but registration is recommended one month in advance.

**Backyard Birding**—Roberta Beyer of "The Fat Finch" presents a Birding Workshop for those interested in learning more about local and migratory birds. February 2nd, 2-4 pm. Please call to make reservations.

### Stories of Wolves, The

**Lobo Returns** — 4-6 pm, Sat, February 23, free. Registration is required. A film about the recovery efforts for our Mexican Gray Wolves, the most endangered land mammal in all of North America. There only remain about 50



wolves in the wild in Arizona and New Mexico. The film has many sub-plots because of the dynamic relationship of the wolves to the various communities who now share the wolves' habitat: the ranchers, the conservationists, the Native American cultures, and the other animals who depend upon the wolves' presence to maintain a healthy ecological system. Just as much as it is a film about wolves, it is also about the people of New Mexico, Arizona and the Northern hemisphere and our stand in making the recovery program a success or a failure. And ultimately it is about the vanishing wildness inside and outside of us... We all belong in the Web Of Life...

The Visitor Center's address is 6500 Coors Blvd NW, but it's actually located at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

## Recycling Reminder

Recycling, along with reducing and reusing the trash we produce, is an important component in the effort to preserve our natural resources and reduce environmental pollution.

Each Albuquerque resident throws away 6.5 pounds of trash every day, or over one ton each year! Recycling, along with reducing and reusing the trash we produce, is an important component in the effort to preserve our natural resources and reduce environmental pollution.

The Solid Waste Management Department provides curbside pick-up of recyclables every week at most residential homes within the City of Albuquerque. We also provide convenient city-wide [Recycling Drop-off Sites](#). With these services, every community member can help preserve the environment for future generations by recycling.

To ensure best service, safety, and health, please help us by:

- placing all materials on curb no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled trash pick-up day.
- making sure recyclables are clearly recognizable and accessible at the curb.
- ensuring that each bundle or bag weighs less than 50 pounds.
- putting recyclables at the curb, 5 feet away from your automated trash cart.
- avoiding overloading plastic bags to prevent tearing.

Recycle bag coupon included in the water/refuse bill as the last page, beginning in August. Please note that approximately 23,000 customers will not receive a recycling coupon because they were delivered a recycling cart in March of 2012. It is anticipated that by the end of March 2013, everyone in Albuquerque should have a recycling cart and there will no longer be a need for the coupon.

**The following materials can be recycled** :Newspapers, magazines, & shopping catalogs, junk mail and home office paper, tin and steel (small pieces/containers), aluminum cans#1 & #2, plastic bottles or jugs, all plastic bottles and jugs with a screw top lid or that have a neck smaller than the base., corrugated cardboard (flattened and bundled). NO GLASS.

Once you receive your recycling CART, the items you can recycle will greatly expand. To see this list, go to [cabq.gov/solidwaste/news](http://cabq.gov/solidwaste/news).

# 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 working on the following:**

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

**Renewal Membership and New Member Rates:**

- Resident:     \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2013)     \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2014)     \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2015)  
 Business:     \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2013)     \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2014)     \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2015)



**Please mail this form with your check made out to TRNA to:**

**TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288**

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## TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts

## Upcoming Events

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Membership List Administrator:	<i>Deborah Salvato</i> .....		memberdata@trna.org

- Feb 13 — Board Meeting
- Feb 27 — West Side Day at State Capitol
- Mar 1 — Scholarship Deadline
- Mar 13 — ANNUAL MTG

## Neighborhood News

TRNA Website Password Changing—On February 10, we will change the password for members only directory on the trna.org website to “826trna” — please make a note of it. (The current one is “99trna4” until then.)

Scholarship Deadline — Applications for TRNA’s College Scholarships must be postmarked by March 1st. See app on page 6.

Phone Book Recycling —Your old telephone books can be dropped off at Smith’s Grocery until March 1. Large bins clearly marked with large signs will be near each locataion.



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***They print this newsletter free for us each month!***

To submit articles for this newsletter, or to place an ad, contact [editor@trna.org](mailto:editor@trna.org). The deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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**Mark your calendar ...**

**TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 13, 2013**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center**

**Refreshments**

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*Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch”*