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TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC

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Our Annual Picnic/General Membership meeting was a big success. Non-smokers could breath clean air, everyone brought their own soft drinks or beer and food, and children had a nice park to play in during the meeting. The volleyball games even included a 15-month old child wanting to "play ball" with everyone else. It was by unanimous vote that this will be an annual event for TRNA.

Flea Market time is here again! Time to clean out all those items that are excess. The TRNA Flea Market will be on Saturday, September 10, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Bellamah Parking Lot at the corner of Montano and Taylor Ranch Road. A booth fee is \$2.50 for TRNA members and \$3 for non-members. TRNA will sell soft drinks. For more information or booth space, call Ken Allen at 897-4248.

The TRNA Board of Directors unanimously supported the development of arroyos into linear-type parks. This idea came from the Municipal Development Department, Planning Division. The parks would include trails for hiking, biking, and exercise as well as picnic areas and possibly a small playground. We will keep you informed on any developments in the Taylor Ranch area regarding this issue.

TRNA has formally joined the Coalition of Northwest Side Neighborhood Associations, Inc. Four people will represent Taylor Ranch. We have two volunteers. If you would be interested in being part of the Board of Directors for the Coalition, please call Fred Van Berkel at 897-2541.

TRNA Board member Dale Dunn wrote Mr. Larry Gordon about dust problems on the westside because of the lack of compliance with the new Dust Ordinance. Hopefully this will accomplish something to alleviate the blowing dust. We will keep you informed on future developments. If you have a problem with blowing dust, call one of these people:

Larry Gordon	766-7290	Mayor Kinney	766-7550
Jim LaReau	766-7432	Pat Baca	766-7110
Erika Jones	848-2954	Bob White	766-7110
		Pat Padilla	766-4000

Southwest Research and Information Center (SRIC) and the Albuquerque Sierra Club, together with the Water Resources Department and the Governor's Office of Volunteer Services are conducting a "SAVE OUR WATER" Project aimed at educating the residents of Albuquerque about the need for, and the tools available to conserve water. If you would like more information, please call Lynn Rosner or Kay Grotebeck (Co-Coordinator, "S.O.W.") at 296-0944.

The following article was printed in the Coalition of Albuquerque Neighborhoods Newsletter. Its circulation is citywide.

COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY

"Oh, what a view"...With that picture in mind, many of the present Taylor Ranch people bought a piece of the West. Golf course, equestrian center, single family homes...all too good to be true. Bulldozers and moving vans met each other on the dangerous Coors Road and the unpaved Dellyne. But things started changing. The masterplan had to be revised: smaller lots, apartment buildings, a six lane highway that would have cut Taylor Ranch in two, a shopping center the size of Winrock/Coronado combined, and out with the equestrian center and the golf course. It became a matter of money: what could the developer squeeze out of the land (we can't blame them; they are in business to make money) and how could the developpee keep up the value of his home.

Against this background the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association was born. I believe we have one of the finest associations in town: maybe not in quantity but certainly in quality. We do not always agree among each other, but we have successfully made deals (what politics is all about): we do not have a six lane highway through the middle of Taylor Ranch, we will have a sized-down shopping center, we have a small park, we have a dust ordinance (recently acquired). In our dealings with other organizations, developers or the city, the Board tries to keep in mind that it is not a choice between good and evil, but between two goods and that it is better to compromise than to antagonize.

Now we have the bridge issue. In our June newsletter we asked the people to answer the following question: "Do you favor a bridge at Montano?" 43 yes - 7 no, 6 preferred El Pueblo. The circulation of that questionnaire was approximately 1100 homes. Assuming that two people per household could have read the question, we are asking 2200 people to answer. A 2.5% response rate is hardly overwhelming. The Board members themselves are split on the issue and the response to our survey wasn't strong enough for us to be able to say: "the residents of Taylor Ranch want a bridge at Montano."

There are good arguments for and against a bridge at Montano: "the bridge by Montano is the cheapest." That is a good point. "Why bring half of Rio Rancho down Coors past Paradise Hills before they can cross the river?" That's a good point, too.

When all the committees' and subcommittees' work is done, when the politicians find the issue no longer attractive, when the traffic becomes so overpoweringly messed up, the bridges (wherever they may be) will come. In the meantime give us something that is politically attractive to solve the traffic problems: more buses, a lane for share-a-ride, or widening the entrance to I-40 East at Coors. General Patton ordered parts for his tanks from the Sears Catalogue. He was a manager. He could have waited; he didn't. He chose to solve the problem.

Fred Van Berkel, President
Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

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At the August meeting, the Board of Directors voted 7-6 to support a bridge at Montano. This vote was a direct reflection of our survey in June and July. It represents the majority of Taylor Ranch residents that called Fred and left a vote on his recorder. Letters supporting this bridge have been sent to Mayor Kinney, Councilman Pat Baca and Representative Hal Stratton.

It was with regret that the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Sandra Salazar. Her input and hard work will be missed by all. A new board member will be appointed. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please call Fred Van Berkel at 897-2541.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH Christine Convery

UNPEELED APPLE CAKE

- 4 Cups diced apples
- 1/2 Cup oil
- 2 Cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups flour + 2 Tablespoons (optional: 1/2 of whole wheat & 1/2 white)
- 2 Teaspoons soda
- 2 Teaspoons nutmeg
- 2 Teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 Cup nuts (any kind)

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix oil, sugar & eggs with apples. Add sifted dry ingredients and nuts. Pour in a 9 x 12 baking pan. Bake 45-50 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Freezes up to 6 months

If you would like to join the growing number of TR residents in our organization, please call Larry McMeins at 898-6550 or mail in this form to 5113 Spinning Wheel NW. TRNA is dedicated to the enhancement of the Taylor Ranch community, whether through more neighborhood parks, social events, better City services or greater representation in City Hall when the "westside" is discussed. We need the support of numbers to keep Taylor Ranch a community to be proud of. Our dues are \$10/year/family on a prorated basis. If you join this month the dues are \$5 for the rest of 1983. So call Larry and join today. Let's all pitch in and keep TR the community we can all love to live in.

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____

The Board of Directors voted to write a letter and get some changes in Taylor Ranch. We need to do something about the brush and growth at the Northwest corner of Coors and Montano so people on Montano can see traffic better. Also a stop sign is needed at the corner of Conestoga and Homestead Circle. These changes you will be able to see when they occur, we are merely trying to get them done. We are also writing letters to the proper agencies regarding bus service north of Montano, a late-pickup mailbox in Taylor Ranch and traffic problems with possible solutions during rush-hour. We will keep you posted on developments as they occur.

For only \$10 per month, you can have your business card or card sized ad appear here. We hope you will find some services here that will benefit you. Please tell any of the folks you call that you saw their ad here. For an ad call Fred VanBerkel 897-2541 or Susie Sinnock 898-6270.

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