



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors and friends:

The lazy days of August proved to be quite a challenge in the end. Councilor Griegos, from the North Valley area, introduced a bill at City Council to "study the need for the Montano Bridge" -- AGAIN. Some well-to-do folks across the river have been fighting the bridge for twenty years or more. They are introducing a series of law suits to stop or delay the bridge. Thus far, they have lost every suit; yet, they keep filing. Never mind that the Council has repeatedly voted for the Bridge and that the voters have approved its funding. The resolution to study it again was another attempt to stop it any way they can.

We, the officers of your neighborhood association, had to attend and testify at meetings of the Public Works Committee, the Finance Committee, and the full City Council to let them know how much we here in Taylor Ranch need that bridge. We grow every day, and so does the traffic problem.

Such a waste of time and money. We have other things which need our attention. As Councilor Baca stated, it was the sixth time he has had to vote on the Montano Bridge issue. As sponsor and our district councilor, of course, he voted against the delaying tactic. The resolution failed three/six. But a couple of important things are evident here.

Opponents of what's good for Taylor Ranch will go to most any length to get their way. We must be prepared to stand up for ourselves and give input to the City. What's good for us does not just happen. A strong neighborhood association, with people willing to give of their time, is a must if we are able to grow in an orderly fashion with good services and amenities for all who live here. Good schools, safe traffic, recreational facilities, etc. are in part happening in Taylor Ranch because some care. I am grateful for all those who are contributing. We could certainly use more.

September will be a busy month for us. We have the Fall Flea Market (always a fun event) and our General Meeting (a chance to find out what's going on). Hope to see you at both.

God bless,

TRNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 17 September Fall Flea Market
- 30 September TRNA General Meeting
- 4 October Board Meeting
- 11 October Final Voter Registration
- 8 November Elect Day

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TRNA FALL FLEA MARKET

TRNA's Fall Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., near the fountain park, Montano and Taylor Ranch road. Booth space is \$3.00. If you would like more information, contact Delores at 897-0967 after 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATION AND AN OPINION

How many times have you prepared for your vacation or business trip (by plane) and had to decide what means to use to get to the airport -- by taxi (which will cost you an arm and a leg); drive yourself and leave your car at the airport lot (who knows what will happen there in addition to the cost); or have a family member take time off from work or school and drive you to the airport?

We are fortunate to have a new (private) service in our area, the Roadrunner Airport Service (891-0064) which will pick you up at Allsup's on Homestead Drive and take you to the airport for \$9.00 (\$18.00 round trip). (Since this is an information article, I will not go into details about the other rates which are available for groups, etc.)

Ironically, I would not have found or used this service if the city of Albuquerque had gone forward earlier with the expansion of the Convention Center, because the local engineering chapter to which I belong had planned since 1985 to host an international symposium here in Albuquerque in 1988. Unfortunately, without the new hotel, adequate facilities were not available to house the number of delegates who would attend.

From Virginia Roberts

CRIME TIP OF THE MONTH: BICYCLE SECURITY

The weather is still great for bicycling for the entire family. And, with school starting, many of our kids are using their bicycles to get to Marie Hughes and its satellite. But, thieves love to steal bicycles, and there is a lucrative market for these stolen bicycles in New Mexico and south of the border.

Here are a few basic rules to prevent such thefts:

- * Don't leave bicycles unattended in your yards. When not being used, they should be locked indoors (garage, foyer, etc.).

Away from home, bicycles should be locked correctly and secured to a stationary object when unattended. Use a high quality case-hardened chain or cable passed through both wheels and the frame. The lock should have at least a 9/32 inch shackle, and the body and locking mechanism should be case-hardened.

- * Engrave your social security number on the frame, and record the serial number of the bicycle. Keep this record, the purchase sales receipt, and a bike photo with your permanent records.
- * Finally, be very cautious about loaning your bike. Others may not be so careful with it.

Courtesy of Richard Leonard
Albuquerque Coordinator
Neighborhood Crime Prevention

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Friday, September 30, 1988
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Marie Hughes Elementary School

Agenda: Quarterly Award Presentation
Reports
Current Issues and Events
Speakers: Paul Barber (R) - Gary Hocevar (D)
Marty Chavez (D) - Mary Guffy (R)

Our general membership meeting program promises to be interesting and informative. Candidates to represent our district in the State House and Senate will speak for five minutes each, and there will be a question and answer period. Other candidates for office in the November election have been invited to attend. Be informed: come hear and meet the folks who want to represent us.

We invite you to be early and enjoy coffee or a cool drink, chatting, and piano music by Frank Jackson.

OH SAY, CAN YOU SEE?

Ron Hassett of the Albuquerque Traffic Engineer's office informs us that in our neighborhood there are many places where trees and shrubs are causing safety problems for motorists and pedestrians. Trees are blocking the view of stop signs, and tress and srubs are also making it difficult to see approaching traffic at intersections. Along some streets, trees are growing too low and blocking sidewalks and the street along the curb.

Ron requests our cooperation in trimming trees and shrubs to remedy these problems. Stop signs must be visible from at least 100 feet down the road. Motorists must be able to see other vehicles approaching intersections far enough in advance to cross safely. Trees must not grow below eight feet above sidewalks or below 14 feet above the street. Members of Ron's staff will be in our area in October to follow up on any problems which have not been corrected.

If you have questions, you can call Ron at 764-1599

TRNA STANDING COMMITTEES

Table with 3 columns: Committee Name, Member Name, and Phone Number. Rows include Crime Prevention, Education, Governmental Affairs, Membership, Public Relations, Social Activities, and Parks and Recreation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Committee is looking for several loyal souls who are willing to work to bring new members into TRNA and are able to spend one evening a month to meet with other committee members. With approximately 2,000 plus households in Taylor Ranch, we should be able to increase our active membership three-fold within the next six months. Please call 899-1061 if you are interested.

CRIME PREVENTION REPORT

Thursday, September 1, the TRNA Crime Prevention Committee held its monthly meeting. Since a quorum of members was not present, no decisions were made concerning where the committee should or could become involved. However, several possible areas of involvement were discussed: committee assistance to newly established areas in starting and developing Neighborhood Watch programs; initiating and participating in alertness programs to familiarize Taylor Ranch residents with different crime prevention programs; and establishing liaison with other crime prevention groups and organizations.

★★★ VOTE ★★★

VOTER REGISTRATION/ABSENTEE BALLOT

REGISTRATION: In order to vote in the November 8, General Election, you must be registered in the precinct where you live by October 11. You can accomplish this in several ways:

1. Go to the sixth floor of the City/County Building 5th and Marquette and register directly at County Clerk Voter Registration.
2. Voter registration will be conducted at the TRNA Fall Flea Market on September 17.
3. Both major political parties will have registration booths at the State Fair, September 9-25, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week to register eligible individuals, including Independents.
4. Call John Hemler, 897-3763 in Taylor Ranch

ABSENTEE BALLOT: If you will not be present in Albuquerque on November 8 (General Election), if you are handicapped, or if you have some valid reason for not voting at your precinct polling place, you will need to vote by one of two methods:

1. On weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting September 20 through November 4, you can go in person to County Clerk Voter Registration, sixth floor, City/County Building, fill out an application, and vote immediately
2. Request an absentee ballot application from the County Clerk (call 768-4090), fill it out, have it notarized, and return it to the County Clerk. Application for an absentee ballot cannot be requested after 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 4, and the completed ballot must be in the hands of election officials not later than 7:00 p.m., November 8 (Election Day) to be counted.

CUB SCOUT PACK 126

The registration organizational meeting for Cub Scout Pack 126 will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday evening, September 15, 1988, in the gymnasium of Marie Hughes School. If you have any questions, please call Rick Castillo, Scout Master: 898-5713.

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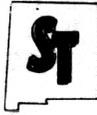
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OFFICIAL SALUTE TO THE FLAG

English Version

"I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico, the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures." The words to the salute were composed by the Ellen Jones Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy under the authority of Mrs. W.B. Oldham, and the salute was adopted by the 26th Legislature on March 13, 1963.

Spanish Version

"Saludo la bandera del estado de Nuevo Méjico, el símbolo Zia de amistad perfecta, entre culturas unidas." Translated by Maria E. Naranjo of Larragoite School in Santa Fe and adopted by the 31st Legislature in 1973.

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