



Editor's Message

TRNA's new President, DAN CURTISS, is out of town for a few days, so we have an Editor's Message this month. Dan is in Washington, D.C., along with his wife GRACE and MATTHEW JONES. You may recall that Matthew won a national story telling contest, and his prizes included a trip to Washington for himself and Grace (his teacher), so they are all off enjoying the sights of the District of Columbia, and the sites of Congress (which is often a sight).

Our by laws require that following the election of directors at the annual general membership meeting, the Board will vote on new officers. At its April 24 meeting, the Board elected Dan Curtiss as President, JOHN HEMLER as Vice President, BOB HUME as Treasurer, and DEBBIE NIEMEYER as Secretary. They all officially took office on May 1, 1990. The Board also confirmed DEBBIE TATUM as Chairman of the Social Committee, JACK LITTLE as Chairman of the Education Committee, and TOM KOOL as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Since John is still Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee, it is appropriate that he is also Vice President.

The big event for TRNA this month is the Spring Flea Market. Debbie Tatum has been working hard to make it better than ever, and we have a great new location for it, with lots of nice advantages. (No, I'm not going to tell you where it is--you'll have read Debbie's article inside the newsletter!) If you would like to reserve a space to sell your fine, hand-crafted artwork, or those antiques and junqué that have been gathering dust in your garage, call Debbie for details. TRNA members get a break on the space rental fee, too.

Early next month, on June 5, is the primary election. Please go and vote for the candidate of your choice. And if you don't have a choice, go vote against somebody. If you don't vote, you can't complain about the results.

Bill

TRNA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Dan Curtiss	PRESIDENT	897-1700
John Hemler	VICE PRESIDENT & Crime Prevention	897-3763
Robert Hume	TREASURER	823-4213
Debbie Niemeyer	SECRETARY	898-5744
Bill Ghormley	Newsletter Editor	898-1264
Tom Kool	Chairman, Membership Committee	897-2872
Jack Little	Education Committee	898-8854
Don Newton	Governmental Affairs	898-2185
Phil Smith	Parks and Recreation Committee	897-4495
Debbie Tatum	Social Committee	899-0670

Monthly Crime Tip

HOME BURGLARIES INCREASING

After a period of relative quiet, police statistics just released show that home burglaries on the west side are on the increase. For the first three months of 1990, Beat 217 (the area west of the river and north of I-40) had 105 home burglaries; 25 occurred in January, 28 in February, and 52 in March. *This is by far the highest for any beat in the City, and puts us #1 on the home burglary circuit again!* West side crime prevention leaders are scheduling a meeting with the captain of our substation to see what additional support the police can provide. You can also help. Here are some tips:



MAY IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK OCCUPIED-- AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO BREAK INTO.

1. Lock all outside doors before you leave or go to bed.
2. Lock all windows and keep them locked.
3. Leave lights on and a radio or TV playing when you go out. Connect some lamps to automatic timers so your lights turn on at dusk and go off at bed time.
4. Keep your garage door closed and locked.
5. Cancel deliveries, or ask your neighbors to take in mail, newspapers and advertising circulars.
6. Arrange to have your lawn cut in summer, and walks shovelled in winter, if you are going to be absent for an extended period of time.

7. Make certain that all outside doors are solid and that all are equipped with dead-bolt locks. Equip sliding glass doors and windows with bars and locks that can give you better security. Any locksmith can tell you which locks to get and how to use them.

OTHER ANTI-BURGLARY PRECAUTIONS THAT YOU CAN TAKE:

1. Contact your local police department and have a trained officer inspect your house and make suggestions on how to make it more secure.
2. Never leave keys under door mats, flower pots or other "secret" hiding places--burglars know them all.
3. Keep a detailed inventory of all your personal possessions, and mark them with an ID (e.g., Social Security Number).
4. Be a good neighbor. . . if you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police immediately.

RAY PICK, one of our corporate members and a State Farm insurance agent, recently attended a company convention where home burglaries were a major topic. The company provided him with a video tape providing tips on preventing home burglaries, and



McGRUFF IS 10 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

Ray is making it available to your Crime Prevention Committee. It's about 20 minutes long and would be an excellent aid for block captains to use at their neighborhood watch meetings. If you are interested in borrowing this tape, call me at 897-3763.

--JOHN HEMLER

Social Committee

The Easter Party received rave reviews. Thanks to all the generous people who helped with the event. This successful party could not have happened without the help of **OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**, which allowed us to come in and cook and dye eggs for six hours, nor without the people who helped with that job.

I owe an enormous "thank you" to **JAY and TAMI GRAGG**, and **STEVE and TISH SADDORIS** for their behind the scenes help. To all the people who donated the games: you all brought smiles to many children that day. And to the guys behind the hot dog stand, the ticket raffle and popcorn sales, a hearty thank you.

It takes someone who really loves children to climb into a hot costume on a warm day. The children and I appreciate you, **TRACY JONES** and **GIDGET CAMPBELL**.

Taylor Ranch is a wonderful place to live. It takes caring businesses and caring people to make a good neighborhood, and we've shown just how great we are.

The **Spring flea Market** is scheduled for *Saturday, May 19, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Marie Hughes Elementary School main campus*. This location will have lots of off-street parking, big shade



COME SEE OUR SPRING FLEAS

trees, and a play ground away from traffic where you can leave the kids while you browse. Our past flea markets have been profitable for both sellers and buyers, and it's an all-around fun day. Space rental will be \$5.00 for TRNA members, and

\$7.50 for non-members. For space reservations, call **Debbie** at **899-0670**.

--DEBBIE TATUM

TRNA would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their contributions to this year's Easter Party:

- Albertsons
- Ashley's Closet
- B & D Trophy
- Baskin-Robbins
- Bellamah Community Development
- Budget Blinds
- Burger King
- Birdie Golf Shop
- Charles D. Ryan, Stahl Realty Co.
- Dion's Pizza
- Domino's Pizza
- Double Feature Video
- Front Page Newstand
- Hollyberry Kitchen Shop
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- Wendy's
- Westside Pets

Membership

The association's membership stands at 433, including 420 residents and 13 businesses. We have lost 30 members for various reasons. Forty-seven 1989 members have not renewed and have been dropped and no longer receive the newsletter. Hopefully they will renew, but the Membership Committee has ceased all further efforts on them.

We have a new display box at Marie Hughes school that holds information/application sheets. We have received one new member from it already. Another box is ready to go up at Albertson's.

TOM KOOI made up a pin map showing our area and the locations of our members--it's interesting and informative, but is too small for our planning use. Tom will be making a bigger one soon.

Our committee held a pot luck lunch at Montano West Park on Sunday, April 22, to celebrate our first full year of meetings. The park was full, which shows how much we need some more parks.

I have a friend who lives in TR that I have been trying to get into the association for about a year. He finally took the plunge, and I gave him a copy of the latest newsletter. Half an hour later he came by my house with a check and an application torn from the back of the newsletter--he had signed up his neighbor. He asked me for some more applications. An hour afterwards, he came back with six more checks and applications from his neigh-



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bors. It's amazing what a little effort can do! The Membership Committee salutes one of our newest members and certainly one of our biggest boosters--DARWIN WAGEMANN.

Have you talked to your neighbors about joining?

MEMBERSHIP IS OUR STRENGTH

--DAN CURTISS

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Education

The Education Committee was unable to meet last month, so there is no news from them. However, there is a lot going on within the school system. APS has seen great opposition to their budget cuts. APS is going to have to come up with some alternatives to suit public needs.

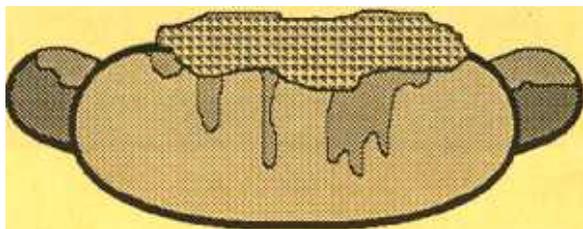
The middle school location continues to be a topic of discussion; however, no decision has been made about relocating the mid-school to a Taylor Ranch site. The Marie Hughes Satellite Task Force has been briefing APS staff and community leaders on its recommendations for the Marie Hughes Satellite, Site G and an alternate location for the mid-school. At this time, there has been no date set for presenting the Task Force's report to the School Board.



--JACK LITTLE

Dog Gone

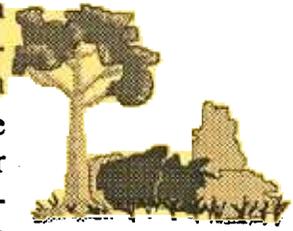
Would the LADY with the hot dog cart please call DEBBIE TATUM at 899-0670? She would like to use the cart at the Spring Flea Market. Thank you.



YOU'LL RELISH OUR HOT DOGS

Parks and Recreation

The Mariposa Basin Steering Committee met on March



29. Copies of the draft Master Plan for recreational development of the basin were distributed, and comments were solicited from committee members on that document. Comments received have reportedly been incorporated into the Master Plan, and the final document should be published within the next two weeks. The next step in the process is for the City to award a contract for the preparation of construction documents, and that award should be made within the next two months. Notice to proceed on the development of construction drawings for the recreational trails associated with the basin development is imminent.

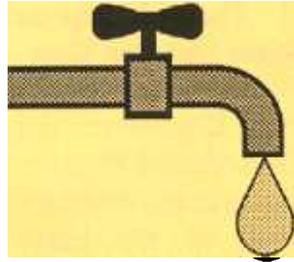
A proposal from the team of artists selected to collaborate in the design of the park on Homestead Circle (next to Marie Hughes Satellite School) is expected to be received by the City in the next three to four weeks.

The owner of the land to the north of the Taylor Ranch Branch Library in Santa Fe Village has accepted the City's latest purchase offer. The property will be purchased over a three-year period, but development of the site into a park can commence as soon as the purchase agreement is approved by the City Council. Due to the magnitude of funds required for the purchase (over a half-million dollars), the approval process is expected to take between 60 and 90 days.

--PHIL SMITH

Pure Water Study

The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have begun to study how to protect the area's ground water. This study will try to determine an answer to the question, "how can we protect our public health and quality of life and insure a safe and abundant water supply for existing and future users"? This answer will lead to a joint City-County Ground Water Protection Policy and Action Plan.



Ground water is the only source of drinking water for City and County residents. Any time ground water is polluted, less water is available for public use. Ground water is easily polluted; there have been over 60 incidents of contamination in Bernalillo County. Contaminated water can be cleaned or treated to make it safe to drink, but at great cost. Preventing pollution from occurring is less expensive and more effective.

The City's Public Works Department chairs a Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC), which also includes the City Department of Environmental Health, City Planning Department, and County Department of Environmental Health. The PCC also works with a citizens advisory committee called the Ground Water Protection Advisory Committee. The study will continue for two years, at which time we should have:

- Knowledge of the volume and quality of ground water in the area
- Strategies for protection our ground water resources
- Strategies for storage of hazardous

materials and waste

TIPS FOR USING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AROUND THE HOME

1. Be aware of the chemical products you use. If label directions are not clear, contact the manufacturer or store where you purchased the product before you use it.
2. Store unused chemical products in their original containers so that you can refer to the instructions and ingredient list in case of accidental poisoning. Always store chemicals in a safe, dry place.
3. Do not dispose of chemicals by pouring them down the drain. Many toxic materials disturb septic systems, contaminate ground water, and pass through treatment systems into ground water. Hazardous wastes in trash will be taken to a landfill, where they may eventually reach ground water.
4. Buy only what you need. If you don't buy excess, you won't have any waste to get rid of.
5. Don't buy a product if you don't need it, and look for less toxic products when shopping. Safe alternatives are often available.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- City Environmental Health Department:* 768-2600
County Environmental Health Department: 768-4390
Poison Control Center: 843-2551

Pure Water Study (cont.)

- A categorization of threats to the ground water supply
- An action plan for implementation of strategies



As a part of this study, the City has begun planning for three water storage tanks on the west mesa. TRNA has been asked to participate in this planning. If you are interested in being involved, call **DON NEWTON at 898-2185**. In the meantime, the City is launching a program to educate residents about the problems of storing and disposing of hazardous wastes, many of which are generated around the home.

[Adapted from *Agua es Vida*, February 1990]

Trash Collection

Because of the ageing of the fleet of trash collection trucks, the City is again adopting summer collection hours. Beginning April 30, trash collection will begin at 7:00 a.m. Residents should have their trash at the curb for collection by this time. Summer hours will be in effect through the week of September 30.



Last year the City found that it did indeed help to get drivers on the road an hour earlier than usual. they were able to finish their routes before the hottest part of the day, minimizing the amount of down-time resulting from over-heated trucks. If you have any questions about your trash pick-up, you can call the City at 761-8100.

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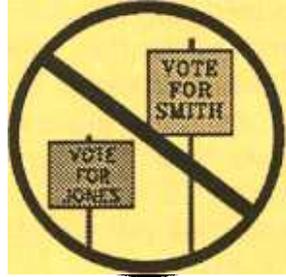
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Among other restrictions, these laws and regulations prohibit the Association from endorsing political candidates for any office. In the past, TRNA has been accused of endorsing candidates because we have accepted political advertising for the Mesa Messenger. This year, we have been swamped with requests for such advertising from candidates in the June 8 primary election.

At its April 24, 1990, meeting, the TRNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS approved a motion to *discontinue the printing of political advertising in the newsletter, effective immediately.* This policy will apply to all candidates, regardless of party affiliation and office sought.

The Board also approved another motion, which will discontinue all advertising in the Mesa Messenger. This policy will be come effective August 1, 1990. Advertising will be accepted for the June and July issues only. Advertisers who have paid for advertising in later issues will receive refunds for those issues.

We regret the inconvenience this may cause advertisers. However, we hope that these policies will allow us to continue to improve the newsletter by providing more room for news of interest to our members.

--BILL GHORMLEY

TRNA Calendar



All meetings are open to TRNA members. Please contact the committee chairman or the host to verify time and location.

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

1st Thursday Each Month, 7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m., at Marie Hughes Satellite Facility

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 10, at Tom Kooi's Home, 7512 Painted Pony Trail

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at Dora Gay's Home

TRNA SPRING FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 19, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Marie Hughes Elementary School main campus

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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