

THE MESA MESSENGER



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

October 1992

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The election season is upon, and we are again challenged by a bewildering array of strange names and faces. It's tough to decide who to vote for—or against. But TRNA offered some relief to those who came to our quarterly General Membership Meeting, in the form of a political forum. Candidates for State Legislature came out and answered—or dodged—questions asked by **Bob Hume** and **John Hemler**, plus a few from the audience. And after the meeting officially adjourned, it reconvened in the parking lot! Thanks to **Maury Castro**, **Marty Chavez**, **David Morse**, **Joe Carraro**, and **Paul Barber** for publicly exposing themselves...er, stating their positions on some hard issues. And if YOU weren't there enjoying the verbal pugilism, why not?

Your last chance to help out the Association by recycling may be coming up in October. The City is at last starting its curb-side recycling program in November, and it not only doesn't help the neighborhood, but we have to pay extra for it. **Bob Hume & Co.** will try to keep going with aluminum only, but he will need a lot of help from the community. This has been the only source of income for our median beautification program, so try to keep us in mind.

By the time you read this, we will have completed our proposal

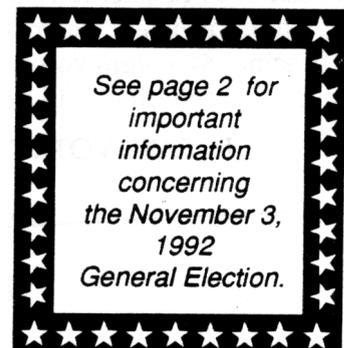
for the Middle School Initiative, but right now we still have a September 30 deadline breathing down our collective necks. (It could use some Scope, too!) The City has changed the rules for the second time, forcing us to make many last-minute changes. Nonetheless, we are confident that it will be worth while, and our children will benefit from it. If you would like to see what was proposed, there will be some copies of the proposal in the Johnson Middle School office. Help yourself to some—we don't want to look at them anymore. A special thanks to **Ruthie Owens** (Principal of LBJ) and her secretary **Anita** for help beyond the call of duty.

Mea culpa department: Like the demise of Mark Twain, the reports of completion of the Mariposa Basin Park were greatly exaggerated. It now looks like they will be done with it...sometime. TRNA still plans to hold a completion ceremony, even if it snows. Please leave your skis at home. You can call Leroy Stradford for the latest information about the Mariposa park, and its cousin on Homestead Circle, too.

It's later than you think—the Social Affairs Committee is already planning the annual TRNA Christmas Party. The date is Friday, December 11, and we hope to hold it at the new home of Johnson Middle School. It will give us more room than we have had at Marie

Hughes or the temporary mid-school, and in very gracious surroundings. There are still a few sore feelings over relocating the mid-school, and the year-round education that will go with it, but I think everyone will be pleased once it's open and working for us. A new middle school is just one more reason why Taylor Ranch is a GREAT place to live.

Bill Ghormley



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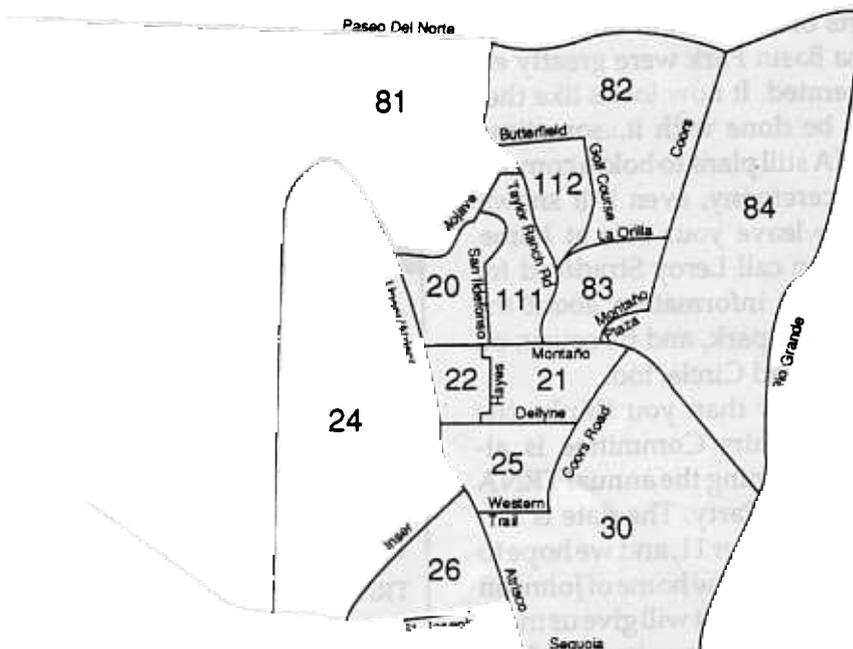
Election '92 Voting Information

The 1992 General Election is almost here—Tuesday, November 3 is the date. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The map below shows the different precincts in Taylor Ranch. Precincts will vote at the following locations:

Precinct #	Location
20, 83, 84*, 111	Marie Hughes Elementary (Mojave and San Ildefonso)
21, 22	Mt. Calvary Temple (Montaño and Vista Montaño)
24, 25, 26, 30	Chapparral Elementary (Milne Road and 64th Street)
81, 82, 112	Johnson (temporary) Middle School (old Marie Hughes Satellite, 5401 Homestead Circle)

*Precinct 84 has actually been recombined with Precinct 83 and the combination is now Precinct 83 according to the County Clerk's Office. Old Precinct 84 voters voted at Church of Christ Riverside in the June primary. These voters will now vote at Marie Hughes Elementary.

PLEASE VOTE! YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT!



Tip for Reducing Household Hazardous Waste

This tip was taken from the September 1992 edition of *Neighborhood News*, a publication of Neighborhood Coordination.

As an alternative to oven cleaners, keep your oven clean as you use it. Ovens can be cleaned with diluted ammonia or baking soda. Mix 3 tablespoons baking soda with one quart warm water. Sprinkle salt on spills when they are warm; then scrub. For baked-on grease, put 1/4 cup ammonia in oven overnight to loosen, then scrub with baking soda.

Don't forget—the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center is now open in Albuquerque. If you need to get rid of paint, paint thinner, used motor oil, used vehicle batteries, caustic cleaners, pool chemicals, insecticides and herbicides, bring them to the center located at 6133 Edith NE. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call the center at 345-1650. ■

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Environmental Committee

by Bob Hume



Recycling. October will be the last month for our recycling program. The City will begin its curb-side recycling program in November. At that time, the Taylor Ranch neighborhoods will have to decide what will be done with our recycling program. There are two possibilities: (1) TRNA could simply get out of the recycling business. This would be the easiest alternative. (2) TRNA could just collect aluminum. Aluminum accounts for most of the money we get from recycling, but this option would require that we transport our collections to the buyer.

The second option would provide some income for neighborhood endeavors but would require the cooperation of people with pickup trucks. Let us know what you think. Watch the TRNA signs for November aluminum pick up.

Neighborhood Cleanup. Neighborhood Cleanup has been a dismal failure. We have had very little participation on a monthly basis. Instead of attempting monthly cleanup activities, we are considering a spring cleanup and fall cleanup. There will be no further monthly cleanup.

One area of cleanup which is beginning to need attention is weeds. Please get the weeds out of your sidewalk strip. When you weed, however, just get rid of the tumbleweeds, stickers, and such. Leave the native grasses and wild

flowers. They will take hold and crowd the weeds out. René Horvath will give us some good advice on this before next spring.

Bus Service. Having had to take my car in to work a couple of times the last two weeks, I have noticed that traffic on Paseo del Norte has picked up noticeably because of the beginning of work on the I-40 bridge. This is going to get worse. The trip is a lot less stressful when a bus driver is doing the dirty work. Give it a try. You will find that it is not all that bad.

As you are well aware, the Mayor has proposed a 2% sales tax increase to fund recreational trails and improved bus service. We should think about this as a neighborhood. If the tax is to get our support, we should demand improvements to both the trails on the West side and across the river access. We should also demand improved express bus service between the West side and major locations on the other side of the river.

Median Project. We are making significant progress on a Master Plan for median landscaping. We have met with Parks representatives and have a beginning. We will meet with a representative of the Planning Department when he is able to take enough time out of his busy schedule to return a phone call.

We will have a presentation to the boards of all neighborhood associations in the TRNA boundaries to brief them on what we are doing and our

progress to date. Prior to finalizing plans, we will have a meeting for all interested persons in the TRNA area to get your input.

Wildflower of the Month

by René Horvath



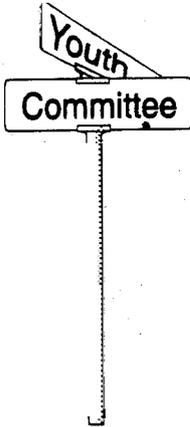
The Groundsel.

This is definitely one of the prettiest times of the year with so much color, especially the color yellow. You can see the color yellow everywhere, whether it is yellow sunflowers, the famous chamisa, snakeweed, or the groundsel. The groundsel adds to the beauty of fall colors with its yellow daisy flowers. It is a shrubby-looking plant growing 2 to 3 feet in height and width. The leaves are thinly lobed, and the plant flowers around this time of year. The flowers then mature to form seeds with white hairs attached.

I think the groundsel looks especially nice blooming next to the purple asters which are also blooming now. Between the purple aster and the yellow groundsel, it truly makes a spectacular New Mexico display.

The next time you go out for an evening stroll, see if you can pick out the groundsel amongst all the wildflowers that are blooming at this time. ■

COMMITTEE NEWS (continued)



by John Hemler

The TRNA Youth Committee is planning a dance party at the end of October. Although an exact date has not been finalized, as of publication, the dance will be from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Marie Hughes cafeteria.

Costume and dance contests will be held and prizes awarded. Mark Pringle, of Tuxedo Junction, will provide the music. Soft drinks, Halloween candy and other re-

freshments will be served. A charge of \$3.00 per person will be assessed to help the Committee defray expenses. Watch the TRNA sign boards, flyers, and the Journal/MetroPlus calendar for an exact date. ■



by Teresa Chavez

Thanks to all who participated in the Flea Market at the end of August. I hope you all found lots of bargains and enjoyed our biannual event.

It is hard to believe, but the Social Committee is already planning for the Christmas Party. The tentative date is Friday, December 11, 1992. If you like to get into the spirit of the holiday season, we would welcome your help in planning, decorating, making catering arrangements, or helping with the entertainment. This is the best "freebie" of the year and a wonderful way for the family to share the spirit of Christmas. Call Teresa Chavez at 899-9330 if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions. ■

THE MESSENGER CLASSIFIED

If you would like to advertise in the *Mesa Messenger* classified ad section, call Kelley Fugelso, 899-1419. The price is \$2 per issue for 3 lines. You may advertise such things as garage sales, items for sale, items wanted, etc. We can not include any political ads. If you want to include an advertisement for a business, you must be a TRNA business member and the cost is \$20 for three issues (3.5"x2" space). Business ads are included in the Business Section (pages 5-6).

Lost and Found

Get the word out about a lost or found pet.

Items for Sale

Get rid of that old desk, sofa, computer, or bicycle—call today to put your ad in!

Garage Sales

Call today to put in an ad for your garage sale!

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Please Support them.*

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Keller's Farm Stores

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Sivage-Thomas Homes

Taylor Ranch Baptist Church

Travel Trends

THE BUSINESS SECTION

Any business wishing to advertise in the TRNA Business Section must be a TRNA Business Member. All Business Members are listed for no charge in each issue of *The Mesa Messenger* (see previous page). The price for advertising in the Business Section is \$20 for three issues. You must provide "camera-ready" artwork (such as a business card), and you are restricted to a space 3.5" by 2". If you would like to become a TRNA Business Member, contact Dave Otto at 897-7733. If you would like to advertise in the TRNA Business Section, call Kelley Fugelso at 899-1419.

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★† Dave Otto Treasurer	
	Membership Committee	897-7733
★† Kelley Fugelso Secretary	
	Newsletter Committee	899-1419
† Louis Martinez	..... Education Committee	898-7015
† Robert Hume	..... Environmental Committee	898-6228
† Wayne Morris	..... Crime Prevention Committee	899-0068
† John Hemler	..... Public Affairs Committee	897-3763
† Leroy Strafford	..... Parks & Recreation Committee	897-2584
† Teresa Chavez	..... Social Committee	899-9330
† Mark Pringle	.....	899-1314
Julie Neimeyer	..... Youth Committee	898-5744

TRNA Public Forum

Anyone wishing to address the TRNA Board of Directors may do so at the regular monthly meeting of the Board, which normally takes place the fourth Tuesday of each month at the temporary LBJ Middle School (previously the Marie Hughes Satellite). The first 15 minutes of this meeting is set aside for public forum. If you would like to use this time to address the Board, please call Bill Ghormley (898-1264) at least 5 working day in advance of the meeting. ■



TRNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 27 - November 7
1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep. 27	Sep. 28	Sep. 29	Sep. 30	October 1	October 2	October 3  Balloon Fiesta Begins
October 4	October 5 Balloon Fiesta	October 6 6:30 pm - Newsletter Committee, Kelley Fugalso, 899-1419	October 7 	October 8	October 9	October 10 Balloon Fiesta 8:30 - 11:00 am Recycling Day, Walgreen's parking lot, Bob Hume, 898-6228
October 11  Balloon Fiesta Ends 2:00pm - Youth Committee Meeting, John Hemler, 897-3763	October 12	October 13	October 14 7:00 pm - Social Committee, Teresa Chavez, 899-9330	October 15	October 16	October 17
October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21 7:00 pm - Environmental Committee, Bob Hume, 898-6228	October 22	October 23	October 24  Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31 
Red Ribbon Week		7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting, Bill Ghormley, 898-1264	Red Ribbon Week			
November 1  Red Ribbon Week Ends	November 2	November 3 1992 General Election	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7



Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Application

New Membership Membership Renewal Date: _____

Names: _____ Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Areas of Interest in which I will help the Association:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Comments _____

Signature: _____

Resident Membership One Year: \$12.00 (2 years: \$22; 3 years: \$30)

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