

Mesa Messenger

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. October 1993

President's Message

Thank you TAYLOR RANCH!! The turn-out for the Political Forum was just great. Several of the candidates commented that this was one of the best attended forums. Considering the number of forums that have done, I think that is saying something.

This is a "special edition" of the newsletter. We are sending it to all of our former members as well as current members. The object is quite simple: we are hoping to get some of you old members to "re-up" with the Association. One of the disadvantages of not having any paid staff is that we don't always do a good job of administering things. And if you're like me, you don't renew anything until the third warning. We also realize that some of you may have paid for multiple-year membership, but can't remember what year you originally paid. Whatever the excuse or reason, some of you have been dropped from the Association's rolls. Please look at the mailing label on this newsletter. There is a two-digit number (such as 91, 92, 93, 94) which indicates the year in which we show your membership expires/expired. If your number is less than 93, you have been dropped from the membership. That's the bad news. The good news is that it is simple to rejoin. Just tear off the page containing the mailing label, drop it in an envelope with \$12 for 1 year, \$22 for two years, \$30 for 3 years (families only, see fee schedule for businesses). We'll take care of the rest. If you believe we have the wrong data with respect to your membership, please contact our membership chair **STEVE MURTHA [898-7330]**.

Please take some time to read through this newsletter and find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Also, we are still interested in finding people who might want to research the history of Taylor Ranch.

Just for fun, let's take a little math quiz. A certain city has a bridge with three lanes of traffic in each direction. They close one lane to build a five lane bridge. When the five lane bridge is done, the city blocks two lanes. How many lanes are left? What is the percentage increase from the time construction began? (See answer at bottom).

Don't let anyone trick you into believing that the "new" I-40 bridge will solve the problem!

God bless you and your family and see you in next month's newsletter!!

Dave Otto

Answer to math quiz: still only three lanes, and 0% increase

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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10	11 Columbus Day 	12 Social Activities Committee, 7:00, Tesera Chavez, 899-9330	13	14	15	16
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31 	 TRNA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10, 1993 FREE TO MEMBERS!					

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MARK MARTIN	Social Activities Committee	who knows??

Social Activities Committee



The Social Activities Committee is already planning TRNA's annual **Christmas Party**. Mark your calendars for *December 10, 1993*. We will have a catered meal, to be decided upon. Santa Claus will come and bring gifts for all the children. It's always a lot of fun. This is all **FREE** for TRNA members; all you need to do is bring a dessert to share.

In coming newsletters you'll find out all the details. Now would be a good time to renew your annual membership. Stay tuned...

Maria Martin

Volunteer Credit Bank



Help keep people active and living independently for as long as possible.

What is the Volunteer Credit Bank?

The Volunteer Credit Bank is a new program from the City of Albuquerque's Office of Senior Affairs. This program is a way for people to help each other by utilizing their time, skills and talents. In turn, this will help keep people active and living independently for as long as possible.

The Volunteer Credit Bank is an organization where people provide services to other people and earn what we call "service credits." Each service credit equals one hour of time. These credits will be deposited into your personal account and held for you until you need a service. When you use a service credit, we will deduct a service credit from your account and give the service credit to the member who gave you your service. It's as simple as that!

For example: Someone who can drive may not be able to cook or keep up with light housekeeping. In exchange for driving and helping someone to run errands, this person earns service credits that can then be used for occasional cooking or cleaning services.

Who Can Participate?

Temporarily, as the program begins, we will start with people who are living within Bernalillo County on the west side of the river.

Full Participants: people over the age of 60 who are both giving and receiving services.

Donors: people giving services, but not receiving services. Donors can be younger than 60, but must donate their earned credits to either a specific member who is over the age of 60, or to a master pool of credits for members temporarily too frail to earn credits for services.

What Services to Members Give and Receive?

Transportation, light house help, light yard work, shopping, letter writing, friendly telephone calling, and visiting or companionship.

Where to Get More Information:

Lori L. Floyd
Volunteer Credit Bank
6500 Los Volcanes NW
Albuquerque NM 87121
836-8752/836-8753

Environmental Committee

Wildflower Project

We got one more Montaña median seeded with wild flowers this month. We had expected help from several Boy Scouts, but due to an unforeseen schedule conflict, they were unable to help. Three median sections remain to be seeded. These will be completed in the Spring. We will see the full impact of our efforts next Summer.

Recycling

We continue to collect aluminum the first Saturday of each month. We collect during the same period that the City collects glass. If you bring aluminum, please do so when either TRNA or City Refuse people are there. The metal recycler we deal with closes at noon on Saturdays, so we leave at about 11:00 to make our delivery. We come back at 3:00 p.m. to pick up any more aluminum that has been left, and we appreciate it. It's easiest for us, though, if you can get aluminum there by 11:00 a.m. We are currently getting just over 100 pounds of aluminum each month.

Based on conversations with the Refuse personnel, I guess that we are running about fifth among City pick-up locations in terms of the amount of glass being recycled. *We can do better!*

When you bring your glass, please have it sorted by colors: clear, brown and green. This makes it a lot easier to handle, especially when they get busy. The glass must be separated into these three colors, and it just goes faster if you have your separated when you arrive.

Landscaping Master Plan

Due to a heavy workload faced by the Committee's landscape architect, we have not made much progress with the median landscaping master plan. We expect to finish it up this Winter and will use to go after grant money for irrigation system improvements.

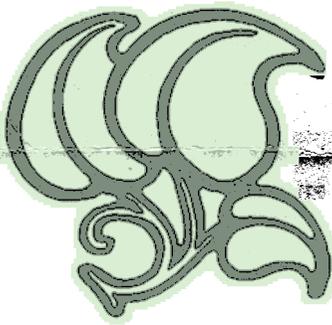
We are planning for low water use landscaping, but irrigation is necessary to get plants started and to ensure the most aesthetically pleasing results during dry periods. If everything works out, we hope to get some major plants into the medians next Spring.

Transportation

Based on several months of both riding the bus and driving to work, I highly recommend the bus system to you for your daily commute. If one of the express routes gets you near your work place it's a much less stressful way to get to and from work. Let the bus driver get annoyed with the traffic. On the bus, you can read, meditate, to talk to your neighbors. If you get off a few blocks from your work place, you can get some exercise at the beginning and end of the day. Try it, you'll like it.

In the same vein, the Environmental Committee recommends that you vote "yes" on the 2 cent gasoline tax. These monies will be devoted to improving the transit system, bike trails, and roadways. Even if you don't take the bus to work, you will benefit by encountering fewer cars on the road during rush hour as others switch.

There has been a lot of controversy about increased gas taxes. This is one which will be dedicated to specific uses, so you can vote for



Environmental Committee continued

or against specific improvements. We recommend a vote of yes.

Committee Meetings

The Environmental Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at my home, 5404 Las Trampas Way NW. If you are interested in participating, call me at 898-6228. Your participation is welcome.

Bob Hume

Education Committee



The 1993-94 school year has gotten off to a great start. All area principals and teachers reported terrific enthusiasm on the first day of school from the students. Well, maybe that was supposed to read "parents"--but you get the idea. As a parent myself, I wish to thank all the administrators, teachers and support people who worked so hard to prepare for the opening of the schools this year. The education of our youth prepares them for the futures as well as ours!

As we begin a new year, I urge you all to take an active part in our children's education. There are many ways in which you can volunteer your time to help out at your child's school. Check with your school to see where your talents are most needed. Your local PTA is always in need of whatever time you can give to help with upcoming projects. Please support them with your membership.

OK, its time to plug the **TRNA Education Committee!** We are in need of information from all Taylor Ranch area schools on upcoming events and news. If you could give just a bit of your time to help us inform our community on what is going on in our schools--we need you! The Education Committee's goals for the 93-94 school year are to tie the community events together and work for the best education possible for our kids. TR is growing at a rate that may give us some education problems if we, the community, do not become an active part of the planning for the future. You could be the one to become an integral part of the successes we hope to see in the future. The Education Committee looks forward to being involved for our kids' sake--please join us! Feel free to call me [897-9059] for details.

Lori Apt

TRNA Meetings & Public Forum

All TRNA meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, are open to all members of the Association. If you are interested in becoming involved, you are encouraged to contact the Association President, Directors, or committee Chairs, to verify the time and place of meetings. Their names and phone numbers are listed on **Page 2** of this newsletter.

Any TRNA member who wishes to address the Board of Directors may do so during the Public Forum which is a part of each BOD meeting. Members who would like to speak should contact **President DAVE OTTO, 897-7733**, at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting. *BOD meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*

Association Historian

Those who don't
know their past have
no future.

Robert A. Heinlein

The TRNA Historian, DIANA SHEA, reports that we have had only *one person* (thanks, Mr. Pender!) respond to our request for historical facts about TAYLOR RANCH. ~~Shirley~~ Surely there are more people who remember our roots! While we would especially like to get information about TR's earliest days, any bit of news about how we got to this point in time would be appreciated.

We would also like to find some people who would help with the process of creating records of our stirring, inspirational past. Things that need to be done include turning piles of papers into files of data by organizing and cataloging; interviewing our "old timers" and saving their memories with tape, or hieroglyphics, or whatever; clipping newspaper articles and pasting them in scrapbooks, along with photographs, fliers and abandoned "FOR SALE" signs; and in general helping to prepare a publishable history suitable for ~~searing children giving the in-laws~~ publishing.

If you would prefer contemplating our heroic past events rather than our ~~bleak boring~~ bright future, then pul-lease call Diana at 898-6633.

*From an anonymous note found in an old bottle
circa 1843*

Membership Committee

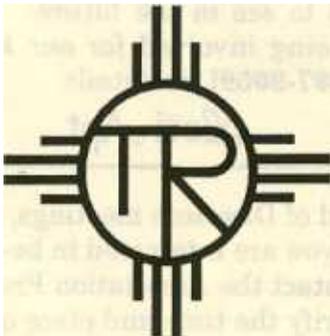
As mentioned elsewhere in this month's newsletter, the political forum your Association hosted at LBJ was no small success! Bravo to all the *many* brave candidates for mayor and our district City Council seat. They endured a tough Taylor Ranch crowd that asked some hard questions, and in some cases delivered tough answers right back! DAVE OTTO handled the whip and chair and kept good order throughout the evening.

DON NEWTON, THOM WRIGHT and YOURS TRULY manned the Membership sign-up table outside the forum, and received more than a dozen applications from attendees. Surprise continues, though, at the number of folks who picked up our brochure or signed up for the next year's membership, who didn't know we *had* a neighborhood association! We've got a swell brochure that outlines past achievements, benefits of membership (lots for just \$1.00 a month!), and most importantly, our ongoing agenda of projects and worthy causes that will require your TRNA to be stronger than ever. Call one of us named on the Director roster--we'll be happy to deliver one or more brochures promptly to you and/or a neighbor.

Membership breaks down to a ridiculous three cents per day. Signing up now puts you on the mailing list to receive future copies of the newsletter through the remainder of '93--and right on through 1994, of course. We're here to protect your pocketbook, your property values, and maybe your physical well-being and security, too! We'll never have a prayer of a chance to enjoy our own police substation, community center, or anything else a community our size deserves and needs without a strong and vocal presence that is supported by a substantial and concerned membership.

The cost is low and the benefits are high. Or, the costs can be high and the benefits low. It's simple arithmetic. And it's up to you. We look forward to your membership.

Steve Murtha



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership Membership Renewal Date _____

Names: _____ Address _____

Phone: _____

Areas of Interest in Which Will Help the Association:

- | | | |
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| <input checked="" 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 _____ | | |

Resident Membership:

1 year - \$12; 2 years - \$22; 3 years - \$30

Signature _____

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