

# Mesa Messenger

## President's Message

Have you begun to relax and savor the lazy days of summer? One of the most enjoyable days this summer is sure to be the Oldies Concert at Mariposa Basin on **July 23rd**. Our youth committee will be selling ice cream to raise money for their activities and we old folks will be selling Coca Cola to raise money for TRNA. The live music should be first rate, so plan to spend an afternoon in the Park with TRNA.

On the school front, we're making progress with the new elementary school, Chamiza, and we may get a new high school in Rio Rancho to relieve the crowding at Cibola.

Planning for the Taylor Ranch Community Center continues. The task force is wisely planning an inter-generational, multipurpose Center, rather than a senior citizens or children's center. This way we will all be able to use the facility together, family style.

Most of our signs are down because of all the new construction in our area. However, we are planning to put them back up soon, so keep an eye out for them. We are also planning to eventually replace them with larger, more attractive signs.

Finally, the continuing saga of the Montano Bridge drags on. I have been waiting for the Bridge for 18 years now. Every week as I drive to Price Club, AAA, Valley High, my credit union and untold other destinations just across the

river from us, I sigh "When will I be able to take the Montano Bridge?" Thanks to all who contacted the City Council and the study team over the last few weeks. Keep asking business owners, residents, friends and family all over town to contact their councillors on this issue. Los Ranchos will fight until the Bridge is complete, so even the first movement of dirt won't mean the struggle is over. Also, remember that next year Judge Conway will have to be approved by the voters in order to retain her position. If you feel she should have recused herself from Bridge suits, let your friends and neighbors know your opinion. This is one way the will of the voters can be expressed.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer, and join us for Arts in the Park in July.

Ceil van Berkel

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## Our Apologies

We would like thank all the people who helped with the Easter Party. As a result of change in newsletter coordinators, the names of people who baked cakes, helped with the egg hunt, and played the various characters did not get listed. We certainly appreciate all of you.

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## Crime Prevention

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work with local law enforcement agencies by identifying problems and possibly providing solutions to correct them.

One area of the Community Policing Program that is already taking shape is the positive communication between area residents, police supervision and area officers. The APD personnel have identified some problems that we may help in correcting. With summer here there is a higher incidence of thefts. Some of the ways that were suggested to protect ourselves from being victimized were:

1. Never leave valuables in your car over night if the car is to be left outside.
2. Always be sure you keep exterior doors closed and locked if you are not there to monitor the entries. (An open garage door is an invitation for someone to walk in, grab something and leave.)
3. Report any suspicious persons or activities to the police department.
4. When out walking be constantly aware of your surroundings. Another problem that the police report they see in our area is a high number of drivers exceeding the speed limit. They remind us that they will be using radar for controlling speed throughout the area.

Finally, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer your time on the Crime Prevention Committee please contact a board member or Rick Farris at 898-2632.

## Education

Taylor Ranch's newest elementary has a name! The new school being built at the site of the former Marie Hughes Satellite site will be called Chamiza Elementary. Chamiza is the Spanish spelling of "chamisa" - a green feathery desert plant. Chamiza Elementary will open in January, 1996 with approximately 600 students.

Down the hill at Marie Hughes Elementary, Principal Mike Brady has been working hard to insure the construction of a cover over the outdoor eating area will be completed in time for the opening of school in August. The covered area, complete with skylights and outdoor tables provides a much needed expansion of cafeteria space.

For the secondary schools, the big news concerns the offer by Intel to construct a high school in Rio Rancho. If the Rio Rancho students are removed from Cibola High School, the boundaries will be redrawn for the high school districts on the west side of the river. Currently, students from LBJ Mid School move on to attend Cibola, West Mesa, or Valley.

TRNA will have a say in drawing these new boundaries. We have suggested that the integrity of the Taylor Ranch communities be preserved and that the students of LBJ be included in the boundaries of a single high school. This way there would be a community high school and the students would stay within a single high school cluster throughout their public school years.

If you have input on this or other education issues, you are welcome to participate in the TRNA Education Committee. Call Rexanna at 899-0642.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 17 - Teen Swim Party  
 July 23 - Arts in the Park

**Community Center**

We have had our last meeting on the community center for quite some time. We have not had a lot of community participation. Only a few (4) people showed up. Don't despair, you can still help. This project will need serious funds. Please write your state senators and representatives to support the community center. Don't wait for the legislative session to start. We need to get them thinking about this project before then.

**MEMBERSHIP**

by *Thom Wright, Chairman. 897-0479*

I would like to thank you for your past support and ask for your continued support. We as an association are here to serve the community of T.R. We are regularly asked the number of dues paying members in our association when lobbying for services in our

neighborhood. We lobby most effectively when we lobby with large membership numbers. If you will help on our membership committee please call. We need people to attend special events to promote membership as well as individuals who will accept responsibility for talking to their neighbors about the benefits of membership for us all. You can all help by taking the membership application on the back of each monthly newsletter and giving it to a friend or neighbor in our community. Thank-you all and a special thanks to Debbie Tatum for the excellent job she did as membership chairman last year.

**CRIME PREVENTION**

The Albuquerque Police Department has been working with TRNA in an attempt to bring the Community Policing Program to our area. Although this is an endeavor that will take many months before it becomes reality, it is a program that will bring long range benefits to the residents of the Taylor Ranch area. In general, the program calls for the area residents to *(continued next page)*

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## **POLICE OFFICER PROFILE**

This month the Crime Prevention Committee is pleased to introduce you to Police Patrolman First Class Todd Parkins. Officer Parkins is assigned to Police Beat 217 out of the Shawn McWethy Memorial Substation. His duty hours 2:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. Thursday through Sunday. He is a resident of Taylor Ranch and may be seen driving police vehicle number F235.

His interests stem from being outdoors. He enjoys fishing, hunting, back packing and mountain climbing. He also likes to western dance and is an avid horseback rider.

Officer Parkins enjoys patrolling the Taylor Ranch area because the people who live there tend to be much more appreciative of the work the police do for the community. The residents of the area seem to be able to understand that the police officer's job is a very different one and that it is a job that needs the community's support in order for it to be done in an effective manner. He finds Taylor Ranch is a growing area and that it has started out to be a really nice place to live and raise a family. He is proud to be a part of the community's growth and hopefully the community and police can keep Taylor Ranch growing in a positive direction.

His message to the citizens of the area is to never hesitate to use your instincts when calling the police, they are usually good ones. Remember the police officers are not only here to serve you, but are also for your piece of mind as well.

## **More Community Oriented Policing (COP)**

*By Dave Otto (District 1 Representative to the COP Steering Committee)*

Rick Farris has already addressed several areas of COP. One thing to remember is that this has been tried in several cities. Sometimes it has worked great (Portland, OR). Sometimes it has failed. The success or failure of COP does not lie with Mayor Chavez or the City Council or the steering committee. It rests with the community. Without neighborhood help, COP will not work.

Another main thrust of COP is something we are calling "call diversion". I think the words describe it perfectly. Under certain circumstances a call would be diverted from a patrol officer to someone who can service the customer (us) better. One example is a stolen car where the perpetrator is long gone. The officer's main function in this situation is to take a report. However, because it is a low priority, it may take up to 2 hours for an officer to respond to the call. Many of us think it would be better service to transfer that call to a "phone officer" who could take the report and get the information out "on the street".

Seems simple enough. However, many of you probably remember several years ago when APD stopped responding to traffic accidents. That experiment failed miserably because it was not properly communicated to the community.

If any of you have suggestions or comments about COP, please call me at 897-7733.

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## COMMUNITY PROBLEM REPORT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

May we give your name and phone number to the police? YES NO

Description of Problem (be as specific as possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Location(s) of Occurrence (street, address, place of business, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Time(s) of Occurrence (days of week and time of day when problem most often occurs): \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to any TRNA Director or mail to TRNA, PO Box 75157,

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Areas of Interest in which I will help the Association

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |  |

Membership \$12 - 1 year; \$22 - 2 years; \$30 - 3 years; Pro Rata \$9 - April 1; \$6 - July 1

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