# MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. March 1998


## President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

Greetings Neighbors! Please remember to invite everyone in our boundaries to our next General Meeting. We will have a short business meeting to select this years board members, followed by a great program brought together by Teresa Chavez. If you are interested in our chidren and their schools, you should make it a point to be there. The meeting will be at Chamiza Elementary at 7:00pm on March 26th.

I'll keep it short and sweet this month. Until next time. God's Speed.

## What About the Teens?

by Dana Krill, Youth Committee

This has been a very busy year already for the TRNA Youth Committee. We recently had a trash pick up along Golf Course Road. It was four hours of dirty work. We did however, make the median and sidewalk much cleaner.

There was also a very successful Valentine's Day dance held at LBJ on the 7th of February. It was a lot of fun as usual for everyone there. We would like to thank Mrs. Johnson for the use of the school as she has been very cooperative. We would also like to thank Carolyn Roscoe (Sorry if this is misspelled.) for doing an extraordinary job cleaning up the floors afterward. We also want to thank everyone who helped chaperone the dance and helped pick up trash along Golf Course.

More information about future events will be available at a later date.

## Eye on Education

Teresa Chavez, Education Director

Please plan on attending our General Meeting on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm at Chamiza Elementary School. Our guest speaker will be Pat McMurray from A.P.S. Mr. McMurray is Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction for our school district. He will be presenting plans for new schools on the west side as well as the bond cycles. This presentation will help us better understand the process of voting on bonds and how they relate to construction of new schools. If you're interested in the education of our children and westside growth, this is one meeting you won't want to miss!

*March 7 to March 13 is Human Rights Week in the City of Albuquerque. For a calendar of events, call the City Human Rights Office at 294-3380.*

# Crime Prevention

Dave De Moss, Director

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

On February 17th, Officer Manny Garcia of the Albuquerque Police Department D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program presented a Community Parenting Program to the board which will provide to parents an alternative educational program before or if their kid(s) become involved with drugs or gangs. The program will take referrals for parents or legal guardians to attend a 1 hour session once a week for four weeks, these sessions will be held on a weeknight.

Officer Garcia and the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. officers will also take time to attend neighborhood watch meetings, association meetings as time allows. If your group would like to talk to these officers, please contact them at 839-3663.

ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY PARENTING PROGRAM
*Referral Form*

OBJECTIVE

To provide parents with an alternative educational program before or if their child becomes involved with drugs or rangs. The program will be facilitated by the Albuquerque Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit. The program will take referrals for the parent(s) or the legal guardian(s) to attend a 1-hour session, once a week, for a total of four weeks. The program will be held on a weeknight.

GOAL

The program will provide the parents with the skills needed to successfully raise their children, and learn to deal with current issues facing our families and communities.

*PARENT'S INFORMATION*

Father's Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Social Security # _____
Address _____
Home Phone Work Phone

Mother's Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Social Security # _____
Address _____
Home Phone Work Phone

*CHILDREN'S INFORMATION*

Child's Name Date of Birth

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

**Day You Prefer: Tuesday ❑ or Thursday ❑**

Community Parenting Program: Sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit
4060 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Lourdes Hall, Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 839-3671 Fax (505) 839-3699

# Mail Theft is Happening -- Be Forewarned

Theft of mail from residential mail boxes that provides criminals with vital information about your credit card numbers, checking account numbers etc., is a major increasing crime in the metropolitan area. Below are some U.S. Postal Service recommendations.

◆ Do not put outgoing mail, especially checks or other documents bearing important account numbers, in your mailbox. "Raising that little red flag can draw more than the carrier's attention," said a postal service news release. Instead, send your mail from a postal (drop) box, take it to the post office, or hand it directly to your postal carrier.

◆ Consider direct deposit for your pay or benefit checks.

◆ Promptly remove your mail from your box. "A criminal could have a lot of fun with your new credit card or box of new checks," the news release says.

◆ Consider a post office box. If you really need a roadside box at your home, consider getting one with a slot and a locked door.

◆ Know what mail is coming. If mail seems late, check with the sender.

◆ Tell your local post office, or the police, if you see someone suspicious around your mailbox or those in your neighborhood.

◆ If any of your mail is missing or stolen, notify postal inspectors* or the police immediately.

SOURCE: The United States Postal Service

* Albuquerque Postal Inspectors Office: 346-8490
APD Non-Emergency: 242-COPS
APD Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU): 768-2030

# "Teens Talk Up!"

Teens Talk Up is for kids (and parents) who live in Paradise Hills or Taylor Ranch. What Bernalillo County is doing, is trying to increase the choices kids have for their leisure time. We want to hear from the kids what activities they would like to see offered at the center. Once we have this information, we will need people to volunteer from the community to make these activities possible. The meeting to accomplish this is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 from 7 to 8:30pm at the Paradise Hills Community Center. The address is 5901 Paradise Blvd. N.W. and the phone number is 897-8897.


KITES & MORE
Go Fly a Kite!
March 21
Mariposa Basin Park (Taylor Ranch)
Registration begins at 12 Noon FREE!
All ages and skill levels
A Free Kite to the first 500 participants
For more information, including mobility needs, please call the Special Events Office at (505) 768-3483. TTY users may call New Mexico Relay at 1-800 659-8331
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## TRNA Contacts
### Board of Directors

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| Patricia Rodriguez | Director | 842-8429 |

Other Committee Chairs & Helpers

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|---|---|---|
| Christine Dillow | Newsletter Editor | 899-2270 |

*Time to Renew Your Membership! Help those that volunteer to opera the TRNA by taking a moment now to renew your subscription. Thanks!! Renewed Already? Thank You! Please pass this issue to one of your neighbors who is not a member of TRNA and suggest they join. Thanks!*

On April 25th, Open Space Alliance and Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center are sponsoring a March for Parks to help raise money for tail maintenance and improvements in the State Park. As the largest walk event for America's parks, March for Parks has grown to become America's largest Earth Day event.

In Albuquerque, March for Parks will begin at 9am to Rio Bravo NE and will proceed to Central Ave. NE for a celebration. Approximately 300 people are expected to attend, raising more than $5000. Because the national sponsors pay for the major organizational expenses, all of our local proceeds will stay in our community to benefit the Rio Grande Valley State Park.

If you want to get involved, you can contact:

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| Ondrea Linderoth | Carol Parker | Rebecca Tydings |
| Open Space Division | Open Space Alliance | NM State Parks |
| 505-873-6620 | 505-889-2826 | 505-344-7240 |
| olinderoth@cabq.gov | cmparker@worldnet.att.net | natrcent@unm.edu |

We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful public asset as the Rio Grande Valley State Park. If we all pitch in it will be well cared for indeed!

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# Calendar of Events

West Side Family YMCA • 4701 Montano N.W.
(at Taylor Ranch Road) • Phone: 899-8417

## Karate

Ages: 5 - 12 years old
When: Mon and Thurs eves.
6-7pm Beginners; 7-8pm Intermediates
Fee: $30 for 8-class sessions
Session: March 2 - 26

## Shorin-Ryu Karate

Ages: 13 years and up
When: Wed. & Friday evenings
6-7:30pm
Fee: 8 classes/$50
Session: March 4 - 27

## Mano A Mano Sin Fronteras

Community Development Exchange
Program to Mexico
Ages: 18 to 26

## Summer Day Camp

Registration starts March 2, 1998

## Hiking Club

There is no charge for individual hikes. Meet at 9am for Oct. thru March hikes, Meet at 8lm for April thru Sept. Hikes.

**YMCA Hikes**

March 14 - Tent Rocks (easy 3 miles. Plan 1-Hour drive each way.)
April 11 - Frijoles Canyon

**Multi-Generational Hikes**

March 19 - Continental Divide, beginning at El Calderon parking lot (Moderate 3-5 miles, plan for 1.5 hour drive each way.)
April 16 - Hawk Watch Trail, on eastern edge of Alb. (Moderate 4 miles)

## Pre-School

Enrollment for the 1998-1999 school year opens 3/2/98.

## Babysitting Workshop

Ages: 11 and up
When: May 2 & 9, 1998
8:30am to 3pm Participants should bring a sack lunch. This is a 12 hour course.
Fee: $40/child
Pre-registration is required by 4/29/98

## Tumbling & Gymnastics

Tumbling Ages 3 - 5 years
Sessions: March 3 - April 28
Intro to Gymnastics Ages 6 - 9
Sessions: March 3 - April 28

## Pre-Ballet & Dance Play

Dance Play Ages 3 & 4
Sessions: March 7 - 28
Pre-Ballet Ages 5 & 6
Sessions: March 7 - 28

## Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc. Membership Application

3/98

This is a: ❑ new membership ❑ renewal membership

Type of membership: ❑ Resident/Landowner ❑ Business

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Subdivision Name: _____

*We can always use your help! Please check off any areas of interest in which I can help the Association:*

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|---|---|---|---|
| ❑ Crime Prevention | ❑ Education | ❑ Membership | ❑ Newsletter |
| ❑ Parks & Recreation | ❑ Library | ❑ Beautification | ❑ Environment |
| ❑ Public Relations | ❑ Zoning | ❑ Voting | ❑ Social Activities |
| ❑ Senior Center | ❑ Traffic | ❑ Calling | ❑ Children's Parties |
| ❑ Board of Directors | ❑ Other: _____ | | |

*I am enclosing a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:*

Resident: ❑ $12, 1-year ❑ $22, 2-years ❑ $30, 3-years

*New resident memberships only: You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:*

❑ $12 if join Jan-Feb-Mar ❑ $9 if join Apr-May-Jun ❑ $6 if join Jul-Aug-Sep ❑ $12 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

Business: ❑ $50 1-year ❑ $90 2-year ❑ $125 3-year

*New business memberships only: You may pro-rate your dues for the first year you join TRNA as follows:*

❑ $50 if join Jan-Feb-Mar ❑ $90 2-year if join Apr-May-Jun ❑ $25 if join Jul-Aug-Sep ❑ $50 if join Oct-Nov-Dec

*Please mail this application with a check to:* TRNA Membership, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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| Animal Control (Westside) | 768-1935 |
| Burn/No-Burn Advisory | 768-2876 |
| City/County Information | 768-2000 |
| Community Planning | 924-3860 |
| Garbage Collection Problems | 761-8100 |
| Gas Leaks (days) | 246-7474 |
| Gas Leaks (nights & weekends) | 880-7300 |
| Graffiti Removal Services | 857-8055 |
| Los Volcanes Senior Center | 836-8745 |
| Office of Senior Affairs | 764-6400 |
| Ridepool | 243-7433 |
| Recycling Information | 761-8100 |
| State Information | 1-800-825-6639 |
| Wasted Water Hotline | 768-3640 |
| Water & Sewer Emergencies | 857-8250 |
| Weed & Litter Complaints | 924-3850 |

## POLICE & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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|---|---|
| Crime Prevention Unit | 924-3( |
| DWI Report Line | 1-800-232-8394 |
| DWI Safe Ride Home (year round) | 242-RIDE |
| **Emergency** | **911** |
| Fire (non-emergency) | 243-6601 |
| Fire Marshal's Office | 888-8124 |
| Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report | 768-2030 |
| Poison & Drug Information | 272-2222 |
| Police (non-emergency) | 242-COPS |
| Police Substation (Westside) | 831-4705 |
| Police Substation (Valley) | 761-8800 |
| Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) | 768-4160 |
| State Police | 841-9256 |
| Urgent Care, Presbyterian @ Atrisco | 224-7575 |
| Urgent Care, St. Joseph West Side Hospital | 893-2000 |
| Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors | 839-2300 |

Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going on in and around your home in Taylor Ranch.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 66288
Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

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The expiration year of your membership is shown on the top line of your mailing label.
Please renew early for the next year to avoid missing an issue of the Mesa Messenger.