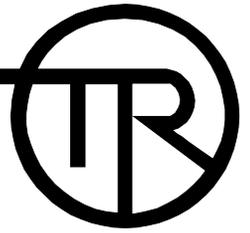


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Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws

President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello My Friends,

We had a great Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. The Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the DN-TRCC. Meetings are open to the public, so feel free to join us.

I would like to extend well wishes to Brett Lopez. Our Vice President hurt his hand and is on the mend. Our thoughts are with you buddy.

TRNA is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Please call Brett Lopez at 836-7831 for more information.

Halloween is of course coming. Please use extreme caution if you are out and about in your car. Besides kids being kids, with masks on, their peripheral vision may be severely limited.

Its also getting close to Balloon Fiesta time!

Please remember ... "Our mission is to promote, preserve and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch." The larger our membership, the more successful our mission will be. Don't be shy, ask a friend or neighbor to join.

Contact me at 306-2244, or president@trna.org.



Beautification News

Don MacCornack, Director, Beautification

The park was in great shape when we arrived Saturday, September 20th. The condition of the park is not going unnoticed. Jay Hart, Director of Parks & Recreation, told Patsy and I how good the park looked and that shows Taylor Ranch cares about the park. Thank you Taylor Ranch!

Our Clean Team volunteers willingly give up some of their precious free time to improve our park and our neighborhood. The September Community heroes are

Juanita Coulter, Rene Horvath, Mary Stuart, Carol Waters, Dave Waters, and Lynn MacCornack.

Patsy Rippo and I met with the City to discuss additional parking lot lighting and a security gate at the entrance. Security improvements will be made as soon as the City finds the funds. Stay tuned.

Our next park cleanup is scheduled for October 18th at 8:30 am. Our cleanups are informal last about 90 minutes. Please plan to come out and make some new friends. This is also the day of TRNA's Rummage Sale, so come help clean the park and then shop afterwards!

If anyone has any questions regarding the park, please email me at beautification@trna.org.



Crime Prevention Update

Gary Guddell, Director, APD Liaison

Hi all you residents of Taylor Ranch,

Another month has passed, and here I sit still trying to recruit for our Civilian Patrol. The month of September will have the least amount of patrols since the inception of the patrol. This newsletter must reach over two hundred homes with little or no success in anyone signing up to join our patrol!

Our good neighbor Jane Webster hosted a great party for the members and friends of the patrol, (plenty of food and drink). SEE WHAT YOU GUYS AND GALS ARE MISSING! Diane's Brisket was a great success!!

To be serious: The population of Taylor Ranch is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need your help! You only have to volunteer for 2 hours a month. Why not try a patrol with one of our certified people, you omight feel good about doing something to help keep Taylor Ranch a special place to live and bring up your children! There is no obligation to patrol more than once, unless you so desire! Feel free to call or email me, (710-5191, or police@trna.org.) and I will contact you as soon as I receive your message. Thanks a million!



Board of Directors' Meeting —Oct. 8th —6:30-8:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

Land Use Update

Rene' Horvath, TRNA Land Use Director

La Orilla/ Coors/ Wal-Mart: The **County Planning Commission hearing is Oct. 1st**, at the **City Council Chambers**, starting at **9:00 am**. They will hear the four appeals that were filed with the County on July 30th. Alban Hills Neighborhood Association, Rio Oeste Home Owners Association, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, and the Campbell's (property owners of Alban Hills), each filed an appeal.

The appeals were submitted based on the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve the proposed site plan a second time while ignoring both the neighborhood concerns, and Judge Huling's decision reversing the County's 2006 approval of the site plan. We are urging people to attend this hearing. If you receive the newsletter before the hearing and want to attend, please call me for more information. (898-2114)

Self-storage/ outside vehicle storage/ Western Trails and Unser: A facilitated meeting was held August 27th. Mr. John Coelho, from Santa Fe and his partners wanted to build storage units, on 3.8 acres of the 4.99-acre property at Western Trails and Unser Blvd. northwest corner, across the street from the National Monument.

They needed a zone change in order to build direct access self-storage units. They wanted to build the self-storage units in phases, and provide outside storage for vehicles/ RV's, until all the self-storage units were built. The parcel is within the Lava Shadows Sector Development Plan, zoned SU1 for C1 uses, which include permissive and conditional uses. The SU1 zoning, with C1 conditional use allows an outside storage facility on 25% of the property. They were more interested in building a direct access self-storage facility but needed a zone change to do so. Most of the concern was over the outdoor storage facility because of the visual impacts seen from the neighborhood and the National Monument.

The EPC hearing was September 18th. The project was not heard until 9:00pm. TRNA, the National Park Service (NPS), along with an adjacent Homeowner attended the hearing. TRNA did not support the zone change, testifying that other C1 uses would be more beneficial to the Neighbors and the Monument, and that there were plenty of self-storage units already built in the area. In addition, there was great concern over the visual impacts of the outdoor storage facility.

The NPS testified that visitors from all around the World come to see the Petroglyphs and that the visual impacts of the outdoor storage were a concern for them, as well. The Homeowner testified that the outdoor storage would be right behind their house and was concerned about the visual impacts on their property, and that it was planning to be open for 24 hours a day. After two hours of discussion, the EPC voted unanimously to deny the zone change.

Riverside Church: The Riverside Church expansion was approved by the EPC on September 18th. The expansion will be in two phases. The first phase they build will be a 5600 sq. ft. Chapel attached to the north end of their existing building and later add another 5100 sq. ft. addition for classrooms at the south end. The plan was deferred at the last EPC hearing in August, in order to address the issues brought up at the hearing.

The main issue focused on the 100-foot buffer, which the Coors Corridor Plan states shall be left in a natural condition next to the Bosque. There is a sewer line in the buffer, which meant the ponding area had to be moved away from the sewer line. The Church removed the driveway for their parking lot out of buffer area, and rearranged the parking lot to comply with the Coors Corridor Plan. They also relocated the ponding area, into the space where the driveway was. They will restore the buffer with a natural grass seed mix, which Open Space recommended. They agreed to paint the existing Church to blend with the two new additions, and to use 16 ft. high light poles in their parking area and turn the lights off when the Church is not in use.

Senior Independent Living Facility: The Senior Independent Living facility was deferred to the **October 18th EPC hearing**. Tierra West had sent the revised site plans, with the design guidelines too late for the planner to review. One of the things that will need to be commented on is the number of businesses utilizing drive-through access for the commercial portion of the property. They are proposing four businesses with drive-through access. This would be too many and does not perpetuate a pedestrian friendly environment between the commercial and the senior facility.

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood

Assoc.'s Meeting—Sept. 3, 2008

Walt Sala, TRNA Director, WSCNA Representative

Sheriff White explained how the Albuquerque law and fire departments are ready to respond to natural disasters such as those in Texas and Louisiana; they are truly ready. He indicated that one of the big problems here in Bernalillo County is 70,000 outstanding warrants. Seems like our judicial system needs to be improved. The big crime problems are ID theft and drugs, mainly Meth.

State Representative Tom Anderson stated that the problem with expanding the necessary two lanes to four lanes on Paradise Road is that part of it is county and part is city, and getting both to agree has been difficult. Lyon Road north is scheduled to become four lanes but the sound barriers were to be put in place much later, as no money was allocated for this portion for the next 15 years. He felt this was not acceptable, and is working to get this done now!

Brett Lopez asked the Coalition for support on the La Orilla and Coors (Wal-Mart) location project, which was granted.

Not a lot was accomplished with regarding the coalition bylaws; a lot of discussion, a lot of bickering, but nothing could be done as there was not a quorum present. Dan Serrano kept saying that nothing could be done, but some people just want to talk or complain. So, if you have any comments, see the internet (abqwestside.org) and make your comments to the committee. Sorry there is not much to report, but you probably already read about the wild discussion in the newspaper.

The October meeting (Oct. 1st) will be political forum, with many of the politicians making their pitch. It should be interesting knowing what each one promises to do; also will give you a chance to ask questions. Make a note to come, and make your needs known.

Now is a good time to take an interest in what you want and make it known to the politicians. Don't just complain to your friends and neighbors, do something now!

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Sunday,
October 19,
2008

Tours at
2:00 & 3:30
Information
Session at 2:45
Bosque School Campus

Admission Test Dates

November 15, 2008
December 6, 2008
January 10, 2009
January 24, 2009
January 31, 2009
9:00 - 11:00 am

To register, call Suzie Castilleja
at Bosque School, 898-6388

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 18, 2008

8:00 am until noon

Cross of Hope Parking Lot

Here's your chance to do some fall cleaning and make some extra money at the same time! Clear out the closets, garage, shed, storage unit, and bring them to the semi-annual TRNA Rummage Sale to benefit our Scholarship Fund. As many of you may be aware, this is how you can give back, AND have some fun at the same time. This one activity is what pays for the scholarships we give out each year to worthy high school graduates for college education.

Space rental for TRNA members is \$6, and for non-members \$12. Just fill out the form below and mail it along with your check, made payable to TRNA. A "space" is one parking space, so if you've got much "stuff" you'll probably want to rent at least two spaces. This has become a very popular Taylor Ranch community event, with good crowds and lots of buyers, so get your space reserved quickly.

There will be a TRNA space as well, for which we will be receiving donations of items that we can sell. You can either bring your items to our space early that morning, or call Brett Lopez, 836-7831, to pick them up. Of course we will also be very grateful if you simply want to send a cash donation for this very worthwhile cause.

As always, we will have plenty of food & snacks available for sale ... including Brett's special breakfast of chili dog with jalapenos (hey, don't knock it 'til you've tried it), donuts, coffee, soft drinks, and more.

Many volunteers will be needed to make this happen, so if you can help — with food service, set up, or working the TRNA booth, picking up items, or anything else — please contact Brett at BLOpez401K@aol.com or 836-7831.

Once again we are indebted to Cross of Hope Church for allowing us to use their parking lot. For those who may not know, Cross of Hope is located on Taylor Ranch Road, 1/2 block north of Montano, across from the Don Newton-Taylor Ranch Community Center.

Rummage Sale Space Reservation

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

TRNA Member? _____

Spaces Needed? _____

\$6/space for TRNA members, \$12/space for others, check made payable to TRNA and sent to:

TRNA Rummage Sale
P. O. Box 66288
Albuquerque, NM 87193

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- I'm interested in the following:
- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/ Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Check your expiration date on the mailing label.

If membership does not expire this month then please pass this form on to a neighbor!

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If it does expire this month, please renew now! Enclose a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- | | | |
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| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$9.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$39.00 (Thru Dec 2010) |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 (Thru Dec 2010) |



Call Patsy Rippo at 306-2244 if you have questions or need more information.

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

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct 1—County Planning Hearing on La Orilla-Wal-Mart
- Oct 1—WSCNA Mtg
- Oct 8—TRNA Board Mtg
- Oct 18—Mariposa Basin Park Cleanup
- Oct 18—TRNA Rummage Sale, Cross of Hope

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Ceil van Berkel maintains the mailing list/ data base, in addition to being coeditor of the newsletter.

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8:00 a.m. — Noon

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If you have items to sell, reserve your space now . If you have items to donate, please bring them that morning to the TRNA table. See article and form inside for more details.

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