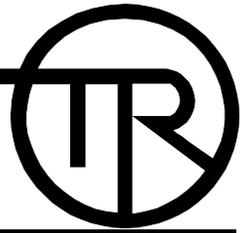


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"Our mission is to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws

President's Message

Patsy Ripppo, President, TRNA

Hello My Friends & Neighbors,

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the stepping down of a Board member. Brett Lopez is a fixture of the TRNA and will be greatly missed. On the bright side, Brett will remain on at the Social Chair. For those who may not know, Brett is now the President of the Westside Coalition. I wish Brett all the best and sincerely thank him for all he has done for the TRNA and me personally.

As always, we are looking for Board Members. Don't be shy. Come join us.

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.

Thank you, Patsy Ripppo, president@trna.org ☺

Beautification News

Dave Waters, Director, Beautification

Hello everyone, First, let me thank the folks who donated their time to help clean up the park for the last two months. They are Ray Shurkig, Therese Saunders, Don and Conni Smith, Rene Horvath, Lily Andrews, Don MacCormack and my better half Carol Waters. We have an agreement with the city to keep the park clean and it has been a good relationship for us. Our next cleanup is July 18th. We look forward to seeing the usual people but would welcome all who come.

There has been some interest expressed for building a skate park facility in Mariposa Park. I would like some feedback from the citizens of Taylor Ranch. If you have an opinion on this please e-mail me at beautification@trna.org. This would require some funding and labor from the city and as you probable know by now the budgets are low. Is this something we should pursue?

Have you noticed the workout station at the entrance to the park? This was done without any notification to me, or anyone I know, but I like it and I think I will use it. What a

great deal to be able to work on resistance machines outside. Maybe we have a new Muscle Beach in the making.

We now have a couple of Mutt-Mitten dispensers in the Park. I am still trying to get some placed up on the perimeter trail so people that walk their dogs can pick up their waste.

Well that's it for this month. ☺

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

The TRNA Rummage Sale in June was a success!

Thank you to all those who came and did their summertime shopping to benefit the TRNA Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Pastor Dale Bauer and the Cross of Hope community for their generosity and their tree-lined parking lot. They certainly have the perfect spot for a great neighborhood gathering. Thanks also to Albertsons at Riverside Plaza for their support of our hospitality booth.

Many of our TRNA members worked hard to make this event happen. Ken and June Newman, Brett Lopez, Ronnie Probst, Anni deSteiguer, Fred van Berkel, Hanna Sorrells, George Keck, and Rene and Joe Horvath all spent the morning of June 27 working to benefit the scholarship fund.

Put Saturday, October 17, on your calendar for our fall rummage sale at Cross of Hope. Please plan to join us by renting a space, helping out with the TRNA booth, or selling snacks, or just doing some shopping. We need your help.

According to the APS website, the schools on the traditional schedule will start on August 20. Refer to the registration packet or call your child's school to find the correct registration date and time. Make sure your child is prepared to begin school on the very first day. Appropriate attire, school supplies, health forms, and fees must be worked out ahead of time so your student

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Board of Directors Meeting —August 12th—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

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hits the ground running. Getting a good start to the school year is essential. Take a few minutes to discuss with your student what you expect of him/ her during the day. Let them know that you value the opportunity to get an education as something very special for them for now and for their future. Talk about how you want them to recognize the importance of a healthy breakfast and lunch as fuel to power them through their day and find out what foods they would like to eat. Encourage them to arrive on time to school every day so they don't miss a thing. Let's talk about safety before school starts and what you expect them to do after school. Parents, you may not think your kids are listening, but they do hear you.. Keep trying to keep the conversation about school and safety going. ®

West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Report—June 3, 2009

Larry Walsh, WSCN Director, TRNA

Lieutenant Ed Ade (APD) reported burglary statistics for the west side. There were 94 auto burglaries in January, 74 in February, 112 in March, 124 in April, and dropped to 53 in May. There were at least 64 auto burglaries last year in May. Most auto burglaries occur at the mall and near the theater. He suggested not parking in the upper lot near the Theater at Cottonwood Mall.

Residential burglaries also dropped in May. There were 5 in January, 55 in February, 62 in March, 61 in April, and 45 in May. There were 70 in May last year. Most residential burglaries are in the I-40 area.

A couple of repeat offenders were arrested recently for 10 burglaries, but are likely responsible for a lot more. Most residential burglaries are done by kicking in front or back doors, or punching locks. It might be a good idea to reinforce the door frames on your house and use more than one lock, of different kinds, on each door.

City Councilor Ken Sanchez reported that the Unser Crossing project is breaking ground Thursday (by the time you read this report, it would have already occurred). The city budget was passed and a court battle was avoided. The mayor offered an amendment. Ladera Golf Course in getting new irrigation. A library at Unser and Central will be built. Six Volcano Vista students were at the recent City Council meeting and were expressing concerns about safety and traffic on Universe. In my opinion, completion of Unser into Rio Rancho would improve this issue. KB Homes donated land for a memorial park for the Westside victims. The company will build the park, and the city will maintain it.

Councilor Michael Cadigan reported that there is substantial funding in the new budget for neighborhoods and parks. Construction of Seville Park will begin by the end of summer. Other parks funded are Ventana Ranch, Rancho Encantada, and Chantilly. There is debate over changing the way restaurants are graded. A restaurant now gets either a red or green rating. There is a proposal to change that to A, B, C, D, or F ratings. Cadigan will likely vote against the change, citing cost, pressure put on city leaders by restaurant owners if rated low, and increased chance for corruption. There is a District 5 community meeting at DNTRCC on June 25. Cadigan attended a meeting with Governor Richardson, and the governor is hearing about how the stimulus money is being allotted and is concerned, so there is still hope for getting the Paseo del Norte/I-25 intersection rebuilt.

Jason Marks (PRC) reports that PNM rates are increasing on July 1, by 5.1 percent. It will increase again in April 4.6 percent. For more information email wscn@trna.org ®

Treasurer's Report

Ray Shortridge, Treasurer, TRNA

Balance 6/09/09	\$ 7,243.69
Income	526.65
Expenses	<u>(584.90)</u>
Balance 7/07/09	\$ 7,185.44

The WSCN Candidates' Forum

For the Albuquerque Mayoral Election

The ABQ Mayoral Forum has a history of strong attendance. The community questions will be asked of the candidates by a moderator. All candidates will attend.

When: Wednesday, **September 9, 2009, 6:30 - 8:45 PM**

Where: Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center located at 4900 Kachina NW

Questions: Candelaria Patterson, WSCN Secretary, 321-1761, candypatt@aol.com, or Brett Lopez, WSCN President, 505-836-7831 ®

New TRNA Business Member

Welcome to Jinja Bar and Bistro, our newest business member. See ad on page 4 for more information. ®



Mark Your Calendar!

TRNA RUMMAGE SALE

October 17th, 8:00 am—noon

Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot

It's that time of year! Clean out the closets, garage, shed, storage unit, etc. It's time for the semi-annual TRNA Scholarship Rummage Sale. As you are all 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.

Space rental for members is \$6.00 and for non-members \$12.00. 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 lots of "stuff" you'll probably want to rent at least two spaces. This has become a popular event with good crowds and lots of buyers, so get your space reserved quickly.

TRNA will have a space and will sell your donations if you are not able to attend. Please bring them to us that morning. Of course we will always be grateful if you wish to simply send a cash donation to probably the most worthwhile thing we do each year!

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE! As always we will have light breakfast items such as chili dogs with jalapenos (if you have not had one for breakfast you don't know what you are missing) and a host of other TRNA favorites.

Many volunteers are needed to make this happen — people to help set up, work the food booth, man the TRNA tables. Call **June Newman at 898-5447** if you are willing to help.

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, between Montañño and Golf Course/ La Orilla, across from the Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center.

Call June Newman at 898-5447 if you have any questions. The shady spaces will be reserved in the order in which your reservation is received, so complete and mail the following with your check right way!

Yes, I want to reserve space for the TRNA Rummage Sale on October 17, 2009!

Name_____

Phone_____

Address_____

TRNA Member? _____

Spaces Needed? _____

Enclose your check (\$6.00/space for TRNA members, \$12.00/space for non-members) and mail to:

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

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Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. The First Baptist Church West Albuquerque located at La Orilla and Golf Course / phase II expansion:

In June, the Church, submitted plans to DRB, to add a new 17,434 sq. ft., worship area to their existing facility. Last Spring, the Church had proposed to build 4-tent like buildings known as sprung structures to expand their facility. They abandoned that idea when the community said no to sprung structures at a facilitated meeting. It turns out that the original site development plan for the Church was approved by the EPC on April 20th, 1995. It showed three phases of development for the Church. The existing Church was the first phase; the new worship area will be the second phase. Conditions were placed on the 1995 site plan, which include a 10 foot landscape buffer around the entire site, additional landscaping for future buildings and parking lot, and reseeding open areas with natural grass seed.

The City's Development Review Board (DRB) held a public hearing on July 8th and July 22nd to hear this case. Four members from Alban Hills, and Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Associations attended the hearings and provided comments. Alban Hills and TRNA both agreed that the proposed stucco framed building is much better than the proposed sprung structures and is an improvement over the existing metal building. At the

same time the neighborhood representatives wanted to make sure the two buildings were color coordinated, and that the signage on the new building be toned down, with no more LED signs (the Church has one existing LED sign on the corner). The neighborhood representatives also wanted the second phase to follow the 1995 site plan conditions especially in regards to landscaping. Alban Hills wanted to improve the view of the Church on the north side since it will have a blank wall facing them, by beefing up the landscape buffer on the north end. In regards to traffic, the neighborhoods wanted the DRB to be aware that traffic congestion at the intersection of Coors and La Orilla has been increasing over the years especially on Sunday mornings due to new Churches being built along La Orilla road, and that future expansion of existing Churches will add to the traffic congestion.

The DRB approved the project on July 22nd after changes were made to the plan. The changes included constructing the 10 foot landscape buffer around the entire site as agreed to in the 1995 site plan. In addition, the DRB requested that a bus shelter be constructed on Golf Course road, and that a bicycle path be constructed on the north side of the Church adjacent to the buffer. This is part of the City's planned trail system which will ultimately lead to the river.

2. ABCWUA (Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority)/ Waste Water Treatment Center at Bosque School:

Last May, the ABCWUA held a facilitated meeting to explain their intent to purchase four acres from Bosque Prep School to build a waste water treatment facility south of Montañito and east of Coors, between the Open Space parking lot and Bosque School. This property requires a zone amendment to allow the facility. The facility will be designed to handle up to 15 million gallons of effluent per day. The purpose of the facility is to reuse treated waste water on large turf areas such as the Ladera golf course and Mariposa Park, thereby helping to conserve river water for drinking use, rather than irrigation use. The rest of the treated water will go into the river following EPA standards. Public funding will be used to design the buildings and landscape the site. John Stomp, the head of ABCWUA, said there would be several buildings on the site. He thought the tallest building would only need to be 30 ft. high, in order to contain a crane needed for the facility. The architecture would be similar to the Bosque campus, and that the buildings would contain the odor and noise. Much of it would be underground. It will take 10 to 20 years to complete.

To help the community groups understand the scope and purpose of the proposed facility at Coors and Montañito,

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TRNA asked John Stomp to tour similar facilities in the area. On June 9th, residents from TRNA, La Luz and La Luz del Sol toured the Cabezon waste water facility in Rio Rancho with John Stomp. The Cabezon facility was built with private funds. It sits on a two acre site protected by a chain link fence. It was designed to handle up to 600,000 gallons of effluent per day using bacteria to breakdown the waste and eat up odors. The site contains several metal buildings, with an industrial appearance, which house the equipment and control odor. Air pumps located on the ground outside the buildings were very loud.

After touring the Rio Rancho facility, John Stomp took the group to Albuquerque's water treatment facility at the Renaissance Center near I-25. Albuquerque's Renaissance facility sits on 160 acres. Its function is to treat the Rio Grande / San Juan River water for use as Albuquerque's drinking water. Residents are currently drinking 25% river water. This will increase to 50 – 100% in the future. The purpose of the river water treatment facility is to protect the aquifer from further depletion. The tour demonstrated that Albuquerque's water treatment facility built with public funds allowed for a more robust, higher quality design than the Rio Rancho facility. The Renaissance Center had stucco buildings designed by the Architect Van Gilbert. The building's walls were designed thick enough to contain the noise of the equipment contained inside. Odor was not an issue at this facility since this facility does not deal with waste water.

On June 18th, the EPC reviewed the zone amendment request to build a public utility facility. While there was no neighborhood opposition to the project, there were a few concerns. Since this project would take twenty years to complete, TRNA wanted a few conditions placed on to the project to insure that there would not be any impacts to the area with noise or smell and that it would have an architecturally pleasing design, and blend with the natural environment of the Bosque. Building heights should also be limited to 30 ft. La Luz expressed concerns that the zone change could lower property values for nearby residents and a future shopping center. If the project was approved, La Luz thought the project should try to be of benefit in providing water for residential irrigation such as the La Luz complex.

The EPC approved the zone amendment. The EPC did place a few conditions on the approval but since there was no site specific information available it was difficult to place very specific conditions. The City planner did include in her conditions that only certain styles of architectural would be allowed in order to avoid an industrial boxy appearance, and also the 100 ft buffer will

be maintained. The planner did say that the site plan for building permit will have to go through EPC again which will allow for more public involvement.

3. Coors Corridor Plan Update: The draft will be out in September and be heard by the EPC in October. View regulations and LED signs are the most controversial issues at this point. LED signs are the bright flashy signs that have recently been introduced along our roadways in the last few years.

4. Air Quality Division July 22nd hearing/ fugitive dust: Because of the blowing dust problem on the Westside, several residents were interested in attending the Air Quality Division public hearing for the property at the corner of Montañó and Coors which had received a fugitive dust violation. Once a property owner receives notice of violation they can either pay a fine or have a hearing. The property owner at first wanted a hearing, but later decided to settle by paying the fine. The fine turned out to be \$8,500. In addition to the fine, the property owner will have to continue adding more soil stabilizer and to fix and maintain the silt fence. 311 is the number to call to report blowing dust problems. There have been numerous complaints about the blowing dust at this site. Unfortunately, the land was prematurely graded before they were ready to build and Westside residents and businesses have had to suffer the consequences for the last three years.

5. TRNA flea market/ Land Use table: Our Land Use table sold \$130 worth of items at the TRNA flea market. All proceeds at our table will be used to reimburse TRNA for the Wal-Mart appeal. I would like to recognize several people who made our table a success; Anni de Steiguer, Bernice Dalby, and Kathleen Ingley!

6. Impact Fee Waiver, City Council meeting August 3rd: By the time you get this newsletter the City Council will have already reviewed whether to waive Impact Fees on new construction for one year. They are looking at revising the Impact fee ordinance to waive 100% of the impact fees for one year for sustainable residential and commercial construction permits, and waive 50% for all other residential and commercial developments. The intent of this legislation is to stimulate new construction, particularly on the Westside. The area that is most likely to see an increase in residential construction is the Southwest mesa. Many residents already feel this area is overbuilt with housing developments and are concerned that taxpayers would be asked to shoulder the capital improvement burden of new development to cover the cost of the lost revenue. The City is obligated to pay for capital improvement projects which the Impact Fees help pay for. Impact Fees are already designed to be used in

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the areas from which they are collected. Councilor Cadigan has always been a strong advocate for the Impact Fee program. Unfortunately, the County has recently waived Impact Fees for new construction. René Horvath 898-2114. ☎

Taylor Ranch Library Special Programs

Music by the Petroglyphs Series

Every Thursday Night in August

Come to the Taylor Ranch Shade Structure or Picnic in the Park. This event is brought to you by the Friends for the Public Library.

Thursday 8/13- 6:30-7:30 PM

Celtic Music: Bonnie Schmader (flute) and John Brinduse (guitar) both participate in UNM Hospital's Arts in Medicine Program, as well as performing professionally.

Thursday 8/20- 6:00-7:30 PM

Tortilla Junction. Family Folk Music. Tortilla Junction brings folk and bluegrass sounds that are infused with guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bass and harmonica. This family band will have you tapping your feet!

Thursday 8/27- 6:00-7:00 PM

Duke City Sound. This award-winning male vocal group has a wide range of styles, from show tunes, vocal jazz and choral works to barbershop.

Special Program: True ghost Stories of the West

Saturday 8/29, 3:00 PM

A family afternoon of scary stories and a book signing with Antonio R. Garcez, ghost researcher and author of ten books of Western ghost stories, including New Mexico Ghost Stories.

Library Location: 5700 Bogart NW; **Phone:** 897-8816 ☎

DN-TR Community Center Programs

4900 Kachina St. NW (Kachina & Montañó)
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120
Phone: (505)768-6006 Fax: (505)768-6009

Youth Programs

After School Program: M-F, 3pm-6pm, 6-15 yrs old, free

High Spirit Dance: Saturdays, 10:00 am -12:00pm, \$33/ mo.

Rhythm and Movement Classes for Children:

M/Tues, 9:30 am-10:00 am and 10:15 am-11:45 am

\$20 per child for 4-week course. Tuesday ages 1-5 years

Tumble Tots: W/Th, 9:30 am-12:30 pm - \$20 for 4-week class ages 2-5 years old.

Adult Programs

AARP Driver Safety Program: Ongoing, call for dates and time, \$14 fee

Party Bridge: Tue, 1:00-3:00pm, Free

Duplicate Bridge: M/Th/F, 1:00-4:30pm, Tue, 12:30-4:00pm, Free

Mexican Train Dominos: Tue, 9:30 am-11:00 am, Free

Quilting: Fri, 9:00-11:00am, Free

Knitting/Needlework Group: Wed, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, Free

Fit Ball: Mon, 6:30-7:30pm, \$2/class

Cardio Kick Boxing: Tue, 6:45-7:45pm, \$2/class

Latin Rhythm Aerobics: Th, 6:45 pm-7:45 pm, \$2/class; Sat 9:00am-10:00am.

Step Aerobics: W, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, M, 6:45-7:45pm, \$2/class or \$20 for 11 classes

Kenpo Karate: \$35/month, 4-6 yrs old; \$45/month, 7 yrs old-adult; Mondays: Tots (4-6 yrs old), 6:00-6:45pm; Beginners (7 yrs old - adult), 6:45-7:45pm; Intermediate/Advanced (7 yrs old - adult), 7:45-8:45pm Thursdays: Tots (4-6 yrs old), 5:30-6:30pm; Beginners (7 - adult), 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate/Advanced (7 - adult), 7:30-8:30pm; Fridays: Beginners (7 - adult), 6:00-7:00pm; Intermediate/Advanced (7 - adult), 7:00-8:00pm

Total Body Sculpting: Tue, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, \$2/class

Yolates: M/W, 5:00-6:00pm, \$2/class

Iron Olympian Karate: M/F, 5:15-6:15pm, 6:15-7:15pm, 7:15-8:15pm, \$5/class or \$50 for 12 week semester. \$10 non-refundable registration fee each semester. Age 3-adult.

Acupuncture Works: W, 7:30-8:30pm, Free. Check with Center for types of classes.

Hearing Loss Association of Albuquerque: Second Saturday each month, Free

Senior Meal Program Meal Site: M-F, 11:30am-1:00pm, Must be at least 60 yrs old, Must call the Center by noon the day before to make a reservation if you would like to attend. Suggested donation: \$2 per meal ☎

Thank You

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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"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please give this form to a neighbor who'd like to join!

New Members: Enclose a check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- | | | |
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| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$9.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2010) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2011) |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 (Thru Dec 2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2010) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2011) |



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

8/09

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

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AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered once each month at the DN-TR Community Center in June and July. The complete sessions will run from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Aug. 8th and Sept. 12th. Cost for the course per person is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Please pay by check when you arrive at the class. To reserve a place, please call the instructor, Mr. Dan Bravine, at 892-4827. ®

HELP!

If you have ever thought of volunteering to serve on the board, now is the time. Three directors are needed to fill vacancies until elections are held next March.

Why would you want to serve as a director? To use your talents for the good of your community; to influence decisions that will affect us all for years to come; to solve a problem that bothers you and your family; to know what's going on in the city and community; to get to know your neighbors; to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions; and, finally, to preserve TRNA, because we need an organization to represent our community before the government bodies that make decisions affecting our daily lives.

In general, directors

manage the association, foster a sense of community among members, hear and act upon matters pertinent to the community, and present a neighborhood point of view to city, county, state, and federal agencies.

Directors are expected to attend board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Community Center, to vote on issues being considered by the City Council and the Environmental Planning Commission, and to help with the activities of the association.

If you are willing to serve, please contact Patsy Rippo, TRNA president at 306-2244, president@trna.org.

Now is the time! ®

Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22nd of the month.

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Bring your treasures to donate to the TRNA table. All proceeds go to the high school scholarships awarded each year. You can reserve your space(s) now: Members, \$6 for one parking space; non-members, \$12. See article page 3. First ones to reserve spaces will get the shady sites!

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