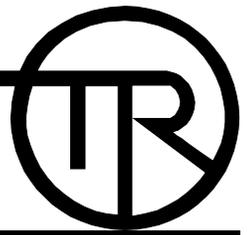
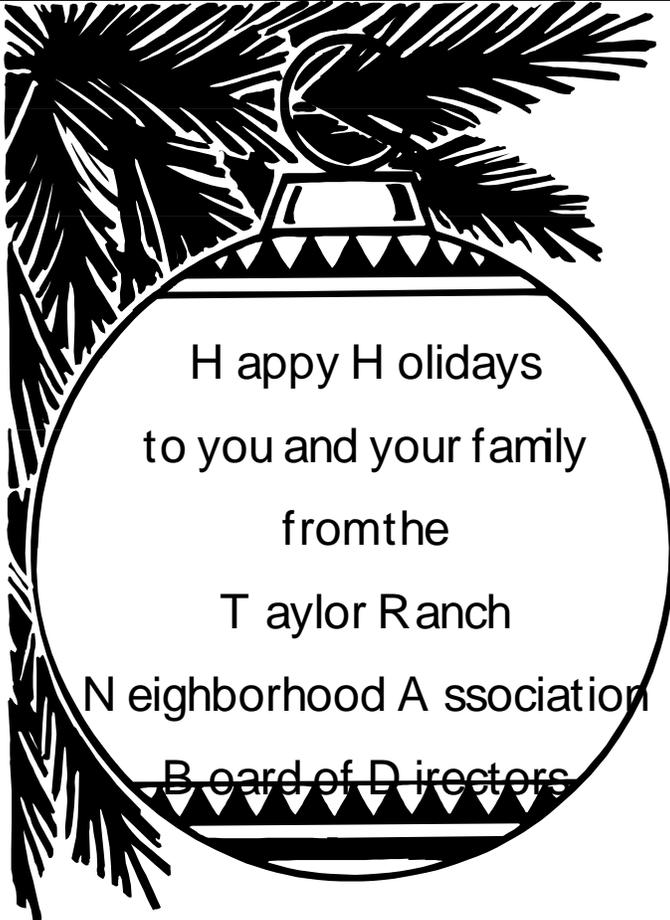


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"Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch" ~ TRNA Bylaws



President's Message

Patsy Rippo, President, TRNA

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

In preparation for our annual meeting in March, the TRNA is seeking volunteers. We need volunteers for a nominating committee as well as actual nominees for directors. If someone is familiar with the process and willing to volunteer, that would be very helpful indeed.

Please remember... "Our mission is to promote, protect, 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 Rippo, president@trna.org. ®

Beautification News

Dave Waters, Director, Beautification

With the coming of Winter's cold weather, there has been very little activity in the parks this month. Other than truck loads of leaves, the park is really very clean. Many thanks for the volunteers last month. Diane Sirais, Juanita Coulter, Don Macornack, Dwane Lane, and Carol Waters. There is just not very much to report this time around except that there will be no park cleanup during the month of December. I hope everyone has a great holiday season. I know we will. Dave Waters, beautification@trna.org ®

Education News

Jane Webster, Education Director, TRNA

Hello and Happy December to everyone! Regardless of your traditions, let us welcome the change of season once again. How lovely it is to look east nearing sunset and see the Sandias bathed in pink light and later to see the deep blue sky dotted with stars. Winter has its charms in New Mexico, doesn't it?

One schedule change has come my way via Rich Sivertson, the LBJ Band Director. The December 15th Holiday Band Concert with LBJ and Hillerman Middle Schools at Volcano Vista has been changed to December 10th at LBJ at 7PM. Please join us for some wonderful seasonal music. Jane Webster, education@trna.org ®

Crime Prevention Update

Fred van Berkel, Director, TRNA

TR Crime Statistics: There was a little mix-up in the statistics for this month that I usually get from APD. I accidentally got the calls for service statistics and map for October, 2008. Nevertheless, a second report from a new system available to APD for Oct. 1 – Nov 17, 2009, did provide some current data. This report showed that there were 21 residential burglaries (mostly on Friday) and 25 auto burglaries in Taylor Ranch during those 48 days. See the map on the next page for locations of the residential burglaries in TR.

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Board of Directors Meeting —Wednesday, Jan 13—6:30 pm—DN-TR Community Center

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Property Crime Escalates between Thanksgiving and Christmas: According to my trusty APD liaison, Pete Gelabert, it is going to get **worse** after Thanksgiving, when parked cars and homes are full of expensive gifts. Some advice:

If you should leave your garage/ front door open, it is not a question of "if" but "when" you will be burglarized.

Thieves know that there are presents hidden in the garage, in the closets, or put out under the Christmas tree. They are in and out of your house/ garage before you can believe it.

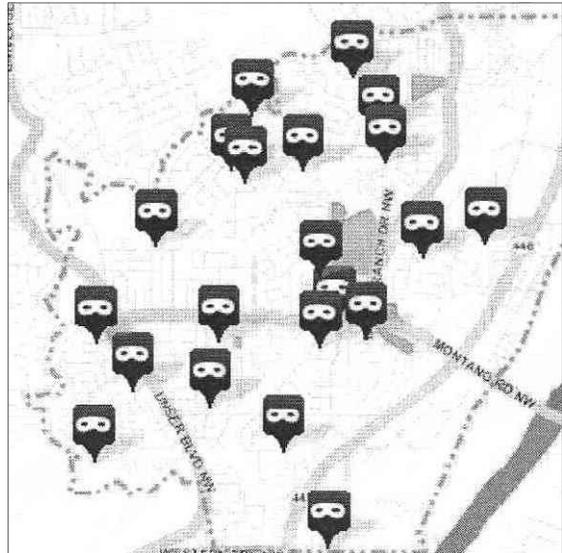
Ladies, when shopping hold on to your purse. Purse snatchings will be on the rise during the busy shopping season.

Lock your car and hide your purchases in the trunk.

Upcoming Civilian Patrol Class: There will be a class for new patrol members in January. The class lasts four hours on a Saturday morning, it is free, it is held at the Police Academy on Second Street near Montano. We

don't know which Saturday it will be yet. Please let me know if you would like to take this training. One of the two persons on patrol must have taken the training.

Have a safe Holiday Season. Fred, 899-2738, patrol@trna.org



Residential Burglaries Oct 1—Nov 17, 2009

LISA W. ARNHART, DDS, PC



A Taylor Ranch mom is celebrating the 4th anniversary of her dental office. Her practice emphasizes gentle, preventive care for the entire family and accepts most dental insurances. She is a Delta Dental Premier provider. Dr. Arnhart's hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Land Use Update

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. Coors Corridor Plan Update: The City Planning Staff recommended that the Coors Corridor plan update be temporarily withdrawn. The EPC voted to accept the withdrawal on November 12th. The scope of work for the plan has expanded to include discussion of land use issues, annexation policies, and remapping of activity centers. The staff planner told me that they wanted to include the above issues as part of the plan. For instance, if a property is annexed into the city they want a policy to demonstrate how it will be zoned. In regards to Activity Centers, they want the (WSSP) Westside Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan to use the same boundary line. They also want to get the County more involved in regards to any future annexation issues and to support the new plan.

2. Petroglyph National Monument: Within the last month the Federal Government secured funding to buy up 78 acres of some of the last privately owned land within Petroglyph National Monument. The area is called the Geological Window. It is a mini escarpment located between the volcanoes and the new Tony Hillerman middle school. The Geological Window was created when lava flows flowed around sand hills that were east of the volcanoes thousands of years ago. The sand hills eventually eroded away and left a bowl like depression on top of the mesa. It is sacred to the Native Americans. The Geological Window will be used for research and guided tours. Congressman Heinrich helped secure a Department of Interior appropriation.

3. Transit meeting: There was another Transit meeting held on November 12th at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. The City of Albuquerque and ABQ Ride are conducting a study to evaluate the Westside transit system and look at ways to make improvements. Dekker, Perich, Sabatini, an architect engineering firm was hired to help in the study. The purpose of the meeting is to get input from the public over which bus routes are working best for them and what changes need to be made for a more efficient service. The study will look at future locations for transit centers and nodes, where development will occur. One potential location for a Transit center is Paseo and Unser, similar to the existing Northwest Transit Center which is across the street from Cibola High School. The study group also noted that the Blue Line Rapid Ride has been successful and are looking at putting in several park and rides locations along Coors. They realize that there will be longer traffic delays at certain intersections on the Westside, and hope that building a better transit system

will help alleviate some of the traffic situation. If you have any comments for the Transit Study you can call a hotline at (505) 338-0984 to leave a message, or e-mail your comments to westsidetransit@lee-eng.com.

4. Water: The issue of water has come up several times during Westside meetings. I have been to two meetings in the last month that discussed water issues. I thought that I would share some of the things that I learned. The first meeting was the **water assembly**. They held several panel discussions with water experts from various government agencies, farmers who irrigate, City Councilors, Rio Rancho representatives, Pueblo representatives, development representatives, and the State Engineer. They all explained their involvement with water issues and their perspective on things. Albuquerque has planned ahead in obtaining water for the future through the San Juan River Project. But we still need to be conservative in how we use it. Rio Rancho does not have any more water rights. They have to go through the State Engineer to obtain a permit to drill a well for water for each development. The State Engineer will only give a permit if Rio Rancho can prove they have the water rights. In order to obtain water rights Rio Rancho has to buy them from someone who has water rights. The people who have water rights are usually people who live along the river and use the water for agriculture. If they do not use the water they can either lease the water to someone else or sell the water rights. Rio Rancho has to buy the water rights from someone who wants to sell. Once they obtain the water rights then they can get a permit. If someone sells their water rights they use for agriculture then that property cannot use water from the river for irrigation. The concern is losing the land used for agricultural if too many water rights are sold from the river area. I asked the State Engineer if any conditions are placed on Rio Rancho to curb their urban sprawl and to be more conservative with the water. The State Engineer said "no, they only have to prove they have the water rights to obtain a permit to drill a well for their development." The other issue for Rio Ranch is the water quality. Just like the rest of the west side there is the issue of having natural arsenic in the water or the water is brackish further west.

The second meeting was about **ground water contamination** from a pipe leaking airplane fuel at Kirtland Air Force base. The pipe was built in the 1950's. The leak was discovered in 1999. Kirtland takes full responsibility for the leak and are committed to cleaning it up. They are working with CH2M Hill, an agency that works on environmental clean up projects. Together they are evaluating which of the various technologies are available, that they

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will use to clean up the fuel. They have set up monitoring wells around the site to see how big the spill is. They have discovered the gasoline plume is 40 acres. It sits on the top 500 ft. layers of soil. They were concerned that the plume would contaminate the existing water supply in the area. Fortunately it has not. The City wells go down 1300 ft. into the ground where the water is clean at that level. The contamination has not yet reached any of the areas where the City wells are located. CH hill is conducting a study on the solution to the clean up. Public comment will be taken. It appears that they have time to work on this issue.

These two issues I thought would be of interest since water is a limited resource for Albuquerque and New Mexico. The two items I have brought up demonstrate the need to plan wisely for our water future and to avoid water contamination before it occurs. Luckily there are several technologies that are used to clean up contaminated sites, but they are expensive. René Horvath, land@trna.org ®

Public Library News

Ceil van Berkel, Chair, Library Advisory Board

Taylor Ranch Library Hours

M - Th 10 AM - 8 PM
F - Sat 10 AM - 6 PM
Sun 1 PM - 5 PM

(Linda Morgan Davis, Branch Manager

Library Phone: 897-8816)

Programs for December:

Saturday 12/5 3:00-4:00PM

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary

Meet a live wolf! Learn about the sanctuary. Learn about wolves--what they eat, where they live, how they interact, and more! This is fun for the whole family!

Thursday 12/10 6:30 PM

Children's Story Time

Bedtime story time. Bring your teddy and blankie. Wear your jammies.

Saturday 12/12 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Adult Reading Group – New Members Welcome

The group will discuss *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry

Tuesday 12/15 11:00 AM

Children's Story Time

Come to a Southwest Holiday story time filled with fun and surprises! Featuring the book *The Twelve Days of Christmas: A Piñata for the Piñon Tree* by Philemon Sturges. Take home a Biscochito coloring sheet and a rec-

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Databases Featured in December: Online Music

The Library provides access to two online music libraries via the *Databases* link on the Library home page. You can also go directly there by typing in the url <http://www.cabq.gov/library/online.html>. Once there, select *Browse by Category* and then select the category *Arts and Entertainment*. These databases may be used from the library or from home.

Both *Naxos Music Library* and *Classical Music Library* allow you to search and select music tracks to listen to on your computer. **Music cannot be downloaded.** Most of the music available from these sites is classical. Naxos also includes jazz and nostalgia, but this Hong Kong site is not allowed to provide music from these genres to listeners in the United States because of possible copyright infringement.

Both sites are easy to use. *Classical Music Library* provides supplemental information such as a glossary, and biographical and historical information. It also allows you to register as a user at no cost in order to create, view and share your own custom playlists. *Naxos Music Library* provides opera libretti and synopses, a pronunciation guide for

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composers, and a "Junior Section" with information tailored for kids.

Try them out and tell me how you like them! ®

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety course is offered once each month at the DN-TR Community Center. The complete class will run from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Dec.12th. Cost for the class 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. ®

Directors Needed!

Why serve as a director? To use your talents for the good of your community; to get to know your neighbors; to know what's going on in the city and community; to solve

a problem that bothers you and your family; to influence decisions that will affect us all for years to come; and to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions.

In general, the directors manage the association and are responsible for promoting, protecting and improving the quality of life in the Taylor Ranch area on behalf of the entire membership. Their mission is to 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 volunteers who receive no pay for their services. Each director spends between 5 and 30 hours per month on TRNA activities, depending on time available and responsibilities assumed.

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Specifically, each director:

- Assumes responsibility for some aspect of TRNA activities by serving as an officer (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary), or by accepting responsibility for an area of concern, such as Newsletter, Education, Social Activities, Youth Committee, Membership, Crime Prevention, Zoning, Land Use, Parks & Recreation, Beautification, Transportation
- Attends monthly Board meetings:
- Represents TRNA members:

By voting on issues to establish a TRNA position and by attending and speaking at public hearings and meetings, if able to do so.

Would you like to volunteer or do you know of someone who might be willing to serve? If so, please contact Patsy Rippo, 306-2244, president@trna.org. ®

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Is your membership about to expire? **Check your label** now before the busy holiday season. If it says your subscription expires December 2009, renew now. Consider multiyear renewals ... you save money and we have fewer opportunities to make a mistake when updating our membership list! You ARE TRNA..

Thank you for your membership! ®

Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center Information

4900 Kachina St. NW (Kachina & Montano)

Phone: (505)768-6006

Fax: (505)768-6009

Contacts: Charmaine Gutierrez, Community Recreation Center Supervisor (charmaine@cabq.gov)

Patrick VanHorn, Community Recreation Activities Coordinator (PVanHorn@cabq.gov)

Marvin Pohl, Community Recreation Activities Coordinator (MPohl@cabq.gov)

This center offers programs for all age groups. Youth over 11 are welcome in most adult classes. Some programs charge fees and the fee is listed.

Center Hours:

Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sat.: 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

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.

* Ballet Jazz: 10:00-11:00, 3 - 6 yrs old

* Hip Hop: 10:00-11:00, 13 - adult

* Hip Hop: 11:00-12:00, 8 - 12 yrs old

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 old.

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

Adult Programs

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

Duplicate Bridge: M/ Th/ F, 1:00-4:30pm, Tue, 12:30-4:00pm, 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 yrs old - adult), 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate/ Advanced (7 yrs old - adult), 7:30-8:30pm

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

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

Iron Olympian Karate: 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.

Senior Meal Program Meal Site:

M-F, 11:30am-1:00pm, Must be 60 yrs old and over, Must call the Center by 12 noon the day before to make a reservation if you would like to attend. Suggested donation: \$2 per meal ®

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

Active Participation Sustaining Member (Newsletter Only)

I'm interested in helping with the following:

- Beautification Board of Directors Crime Prevention/Patrol Education
- Environment Membership Newsletter Parks & Recreation
- Social Activities Transportation/Traffic Land Use Zoning Other _____

Check your label to see if it is time to renew. If not, pass this form on to a neighbor!

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

- Resident: \$18.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2012)
- Business: \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2010) \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2011) \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2012)



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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

TRNA Board of Directors and Other TRNA Contacts

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	<i>Rae Phillips</i>899-1273	editor@trna.org

Dates to Remember

- December 5: Holiday Lunch
- January 13: Board Meeting
- January 16: Park Clean-up
- March: Gen. Membership Mtg
(date To Be Determined)



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- Patsy Rippo, Keller Williams Realty..... 306-2244**
- Robert Bye, Prepaid Legal Services, Inc..... 410-4631**

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

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