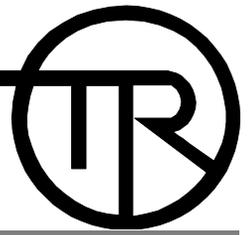


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“Our mission is to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch” ~ TRNA Bylaws

Happy New Year!



President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

I have been out of town so much the last two months that I haven't had time to catch up on all that is happening in Taylor Ranch.

I hear the Christmas party was a success with good food and friends. It sounds like June was able to put together some food baskets for those who need them this year. I am sorry I had to miss the party. It is always a highlight of the season to meet our neighbors.

I can't address anything that the chairs won't address later in this issue except our need for volunteers. TRNA needs people who are willing serve on the TRNA board. If you are interested, please email anyone on the board or e-mail me at president@trna.org. Any of us can help you or answer your questions. If you just show up at the board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month you can see what we do. We really need your help.

I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. ☺

Social Committee Report

Ken Newman, Director TRNA

Wow – 2010 almost over – where did the year go? The year was a busy one for all of us – not to mention the

Social Committee. We had a beautiful day for our Easter Egg Hunt and everyone enjoyed the 5,000 eggs that were rolled out. Everyone had a great day and we need to thank so many. Next came the first of our two Flea Markets. The best ones we have had so far and of course the New Mexico weather cooperated as usual. We raised enough money to fund two \$750 scholarships this year – great turnout. Next we (TRNA Board) spent an evening serving dinner to the needy at Project Share – we really all enjoyed it and we know that the people really enjoyed the food that was donated by Outback.



On December 4th, we had our annual Holiday luncheon at the Don Newton—Taylor Ranch Community Center – again what a great event with so many members

and their families getting together for the day.



The Honorable Mayor R. J. Berry and Tito & Pat Madrid also attended. We want to thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to spend time with us and enjoy our holiday lunch, provided by Outback.



Thanks for all of the great desserts and the non-perishable items that we used for food baskets for families in our community. We put together six (6) baskets this year. Special

thanks to Dan Szuch and Albertson's for the donation of the turkeys. Without all of the volunteers, too many for me to name but you know who you are, our sponsors, Outback, Albertson's, Smith's and other merchants, these events would never be done. Again thank you to everyone! Have a Happy and Safe Holiday and a great 2011. We are already preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt at the end of April – see you there. ☺



Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, Jan. 12th–6:30 pm–DN-TR Commu-

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Land Use Update

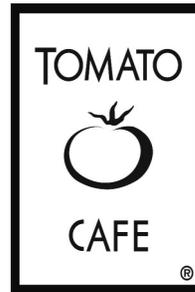
René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. Volcano Mesa Plans: There were no meetings or hearings in December. I recently received a call from a gentleman who owns property in Volcano Cliffs at Unser and Molten Rock. His property is currently zoned residential and he wants to rezone it to commercial. I told him that we have been working with the City on the Volcano Mesa Plans, and that the plans have designated only certain areas to be commercial. He was not too familiar with the Volcano Mesa Plans, but said he had spoken with Petra Morris, a City Planner. She suggested that he contact TRNA to let us know of his plans. I thanked him for doing so and checked with the city to see where in the process the zone request was. I learned from Office of Neighborhood Coordination that they have not received any application for the zone change request, as of yet. I also learned that Petra Morris, the lead Planner for the Volcano Mesa Plans, had recently been in an accident in early December and was hospitalized when a car ran into her as she waited for a bus on Central. She will be away from work for the month of December. I do not know if this will affect the next hearing date for the Volcano Mesa Plan which is scheduled for February 3rd, 2011. If that changes, I will let you know. TRNA was deeply saddened

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upon hearing this news about Petra and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

2. West Bluff appeal: The Grande Heights and the West Bluff Neighborhood Associations appealed the City's approval of the West Bluff Shopping Center LED signs. They asked if any neighborhoods would be willing to contribute some funds to help defray the cost of the appeal. TRNA voted at our November Board meeting to support the appeal by donating \$250. The Appeal has been filed with District Court, and is at the beginning stages of the appeal process. It will take several months before the Judge makes a decision.

3. First Baptist Church at La Orilla and Golf Course/ Alban Hills: The First Baptist Church of West Albuquerque has purchased a lot in the Alban Hills subdivision which is adjacent to the Church property. The Church is requesting that the property be annexed by the City and be rezoned for Church and related facilities. Alban Hills is a subdivision that was established in 1960 and zoned A-1. The subdivision consists of large lots, with five acres being the average size. There is a restrictive covenant on all Alban Hills lots. The Alban Hills Subdivision restrictive

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covenants do not permit subdividing of lots, nor do they permit any other use except one single-family dwelling per lot. Alban Hills would like to remain a cohesive community within the County and want their restrictive covenants adhered to. The Board of County Commissioners will be reviewing the case on January 11th at 5:00 pm at the City Council Chambers.

I want to thank everyone who gave their time to work on all the various issues that needed to be addressed this last year. Between the Volcano Mesa Plans, CVS, LED signs, City wide sign surveys, Impact fees, transportation meetings, and controversial art projects, I think we all did a very good job being involved in the public process in order to preserve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch. I hope 2011 will be a good year for all of us. Thank you all for a job well done!

For more information contact land@trna.org.

Beautification Update

Dee Hettick, Beautification Director

Our December clean-up was canceled because of the

snow cover over the park. Our next date, weather permitting, is January 21st from 9:00 until 10:30. Hope you will join us. For more information, contact beautification@trna.org

TRNA on Patrol

Fred van Berkel, Patrol Coordinator, TRNA

This year is coming to an end. It is a good time to be grateful for all the good things in our lives. I am grateful to the members of the neighborhood patrol for all that they did this past year. They spent 282 hours patrolling our neighborhood during 141 shifts. They did nothing spectacular: they didn't make the papers or appear on TV. But they did do this job in the hope that their efforts made a difference for our community. 99% of the people they approached during patrols did appreciate their efforts.

There were 5000+ calls for service to the police from Taylor Ranch last year. Those brave men and women cannot do it all by themselves. They need help and the patrol is one way to provide that help. Patrollers are the eyes and

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ears of the police department. Patrollers, give yourselves a pat on the back, you deserve it!

Most of our patrol members do double or triple duty, giving 4 or six hours a month, instead of the minimum requirement of 2 hours. To increase the number of patrols next year, we need more active patrol members. If you have some suggestions to help recruit more members for next year, please give me a call at 899-2738 or email patrol@trna.org.

I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year. ®

Membership Update

Larry Walsh, Director, TRNA

As we approach a new year, it is a good time to reflect on the importance of neighborhood association membership and what TRNA has helped to accomplish in past years. Here are some of the things we have done:

- Raised thousands of dollars in scholarships through our rummage sales, helping some of our young residents attend college.
- Represented you at countless hearings to keep unsightly and blaringly bright LED signs out of our neighborhood.
- Negotiated an agreement with CVS (going into the former Whisque Restaurant at Coors and Montano) to keep signage appropriate to the area.
- Patrolled your neighborhood, keeping crime at bay.
- Fought to ensure that the West side got its share of funding from the Public Arts Program and that the Open Space Land Art Project was appropriate to our neighbor-

hood.

- Fought to ensure that the Volcano Mesa Plan is appropriate to our neighborhood and is sensitive to environmental and traffic concerns.

- Served two great meals to the needy, with the help of Outback Steakhouse, through Project Share.

- Helped keep Mariposa Basin Park clean and pleasant to use by picking up trash and got the city to install "mutt mitt" dispensers throughout the park.

- Planned and implemented a very successful Easter Egg Hunt where hundreds of children had a very fun time.

When one looks at these accomplishments, it is hard to imagine life here in Taylor Ranch without them!

Here are some things we will be working on through 2011:

- Continue to monitor the Volcano Mesa Development to protect natural resources and direct traffic patterns in the most efficient and safest ways.

- Continue to protect our neighborhood from hideous LED signage and other eyesores to keep Taylor Ranch attractive and beautiful.

- Continue to grow and enhance our neighborhood patrol program to assist police in keeping crime to a minimum and protect our properties.

- Continue to raise funds for scholarships to help our young people attend college.

- Continue to help feed our less fortunate and hungry fellow citizens.

- Continue to express your wishes on land use and zoning issues and represent you at hearings.

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There will certainly be issues that will arise in 2011 as some developers and government agencies will certainly try to sneak things past us. There is strength in numbers, and we need an active membership mobilized and ready to protect our quality of life.

We need you and your neighbors to continue to improve our neighborhood, and protect what we have in the coming years. The membership fee is only \$18 a year. After you read this newsletter, pass it on to your neighbor and ask him or her to join. As usual, there is a membership form in this issue. Membership forms are also available at <http://trna.org/join.html>.

May you and every family in Taylor Ranch have a happy, productive, and blessed New Year! ☺

Education Update

Lily Andrews, Director, TRNA

Hope everyone is enjoying their winter break and the holidays! Too soon will come January 5th when students return to school..

If you are a family with a college bound student I'd like to remind you of the requirement to have two letters of recommendation submitted with the completed application for the TRNA scholarships. Students should start asking their choices for their letters of recommendation as soon as possible, since many people need time to write them for you, especially if they have many requests. The deadline to submit this information is March 1, 2011. The specific details of the requirements and where to submit your application are on the Application Form in this newsletter. Your efforts may result in an award of a \$750 scholarship from your community! ☺

Library News

Ceil van Berkel, Chair-Library Advisory Committee

Taylor Ranch Library Hours

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

Branch Manager: Linda Morgan Davis 897-8816

Recurring Activities

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - Early Birds: A lapsit storytime for ages 0-2. Stories, learning games, songs, puppets, movement activities and fun for everyone!

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Community News Note

The Shoppes at Taylor Ranch center, located at the NW corner of Taylor Ranch Road and Montañito, is under new management by Grubb & Ellis New Mexico. The existing tenant mix includes Family Dollar, State Farm – Ray Pick, Pizza Hut, ABQ Dance Studio, Family Dental, Charter School and Four Paws Pet Grooming.

The center also has two new tenants, Victory Church took the end cap and Dish Pro, a satellite sales, service and installation business, is located next to Four Paws. There are a few spaces left that range from 900SF – 3,539SF. For more information, contact Darlene Lovison or Tom Jones at Grubb & Ellis: 505.883.7676. ☺





2011 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2011

Applicants for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's \$750 Scholarship must meet all four of the following criteria:

- 1) Reside within the boundaries of the Association (north/south boundaries: Paseo del Norte and Western Trail; east/west boundaries: Rio Grande (river) and West Mesa Escarpment);
- 2) Submit this completed Scholarship Application Form and two (2) letters of recommendation, postmarked no later than March 1, 2011, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service, whether through school and extracurricular activities or other service organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2011.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the schools in which the selected students are enrolled.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Street Address _____ ZIP Code _____

Is your family a member of TRNA? _____ Yes _____ No (Membership is not required)

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2010) _____

Please briefly describe your educational plans following your high school graduation:

Please describe your extra-curricular activities, stressing community service:

(You may attach one additional page of description.)

Please also provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but all must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information concerning my application to the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your completed application to: Scholarship Committee, Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

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Call Larry Walsh at 401-0965 if you have questions or need more information.

**Please mail this form with your check made out to TRNA to:
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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12 — Board mtg.
 Jan. 21 — Mariposa Park Clean-up



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And while you're renewing, consider giving your neighbors a gift membership in TRNA this year. 

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

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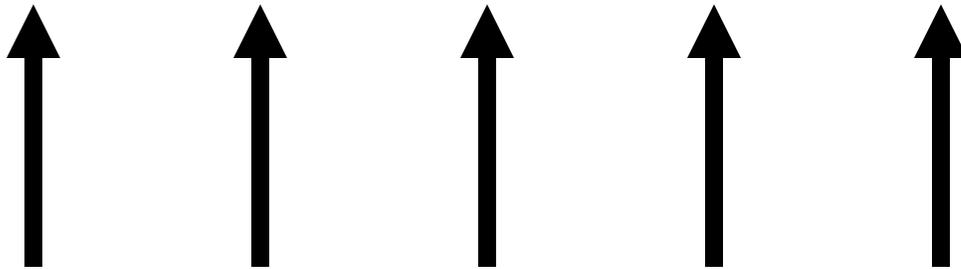
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