

President's Message

Dave Waters, President, TRNA

Hello friends, There are a lot of things going on this month. Our annual rummage sale is June 11th and we look forward to a big crowd. If you don't need to purchase or sell anything, then just stop by to meet and greet and eat a hot dog prepared by our master chef, Brett.

On the first Sunday of the month, this month it is on June 5th, there is a guided Bosque trail walk starting from the open space center just off of Coors Blvd. It is free and for the whole family from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. That's close to the Village Inn where a breakfast might be available. Speaking of the open space center, please look them up and read their calendar of events. It is full of free stuff for the family and it is just gorgeous over there. You can walk or run the trails through the Bosque and feel totally isolated from the buzz of the city.

Of course by the time you read this, Memorial Day will be over, but as I write this letter I am reminded of the citizens who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our own freedom. We have so much to thank them for and they deserve to be remembered on this day. Just one look at a National cemetery is a reminder of just how many of our young men and women gave their life for us.

I just received a notice from Sara Westbrook, Policy Analyst for Councilor Dan Lewis

You're invited to see the new Police Substation and join Councilor Lewis at a Neighborhood-Safety Town Hall

When: Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 6:00-7:30

Where: NW Area Command Substation, 4051

Ellison Avenue (across from Cibola High School)

Commander Warfield and Councilor Dan Lewis will be there as well as others and it sound like a very interesting evening.

If you ever wanted to talk to our Police management or our city councilor then don't miss this opportunity.

Maybe by the time I talk to you again the wind will be over and we will finally have some rain. Until then I will have to be content to golf in the wind. I guess we must all sacrifice.

America's Night Out—Update

Felix Franco, Crime Prevention Director

Call for Volunteers: America's Night Out Against Crime – 2011 TRNA event – Planning Sub Committee.

As a neighborhood watch block captain, I have witnessed firsthand how the involvement of community and Albuquerque Police interaction can make a huge impact to reduce crime and show a sign of real unity. We are really fortunate to have the North West Area Command, under the leadership of Commander Steve Warfield, which is fully concerned with the well-being and safety of the

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Taylor Ranch residents. Last fall, my local neighborhood made an effort to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime," and it was a remarkable experience. In fact, neighbors were so excited that we immediately discussed how to make this event a much bigger event for all of Taylor Ranch residents -Perhaps holding the event at Mariposa Park?

We'd like to extend an invite to brainstorm, plan, and help organize America's Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Keep in mind this is a nationwide event, and I fully believe that Taylor Ranch residents would support and participate at an association level. If you are a block captain, a citizen's patrol member, or interested in any way helping with this event, please contact Felix Franco at tel. 922-7176 or email secretary@trna.org. Stay tuned for more information regarding TRNA's Night Out Against Crime.

Land Use Update

René Horvath, Land Use Director, TRNA

1. Volcano Cliffs Sector Development Plan/ City Council: City Council approved the Volcano Cliffs Sector Development Plan on May 2nd, at 11:20pm. Councilor Lewis had asked that the meeting be extended so the Plan could be heard that evening. People in the audience had been waiting since 5:00 pm to testify. The Council extended the meeting time to hear this case. The Volcano Cliffs Property Owners wanted the Plan approved that night, but they did not support the amendments that Councilor Benton was proposing. Councilor Benton had proposed 5 amendments to the Plan to address concerns that were brought up at the LUPZ hearings. The amendments were: 1) to control the blowing dust problem by only issuing grading permits once all building permits had been acquired. 2) The second amendment was to change the language in the plan to be more restrictive when increasing the density from 1 du/acre to 3 du/acre in cluster developments. This was to control the density near the volcanoes. 3) The last three amendments were to create a more pedestrian friendly street environment by: i) orienting residential development towards the street on collector roadways in new development areas, ii) provide better residential connectivity

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between subdivisions by prohibiting dead end streets, and iii) allowing railing on the top half of the back yard walls that back up to streets to avoid a solid walled look along the streets. The Park Service supported the blowing dust amendment. TRNA supported all the amendments. Kurt Anschutz an Anthropologist and resident near Paradise Hills wanted more protection for natural arroyos. Steven Epstein from Taylor Ranch spoke on the need for more open space and buffer areas. Unfortunately, at the beginning of this hearing, Councilor Benton, withdrew one of his amendments that placed restrictions on the density increase for cluster developments. This was because the property owners did not support it. Overall, the Council approved the Volcano Cliffs Plan with all of Councilor Benton's proposed amendments except the one that he withdrew.

The Volcano Cliff Sector Development Plan is less restrictive to the property owners, but weaker in preservation of the natural environment compared to the 2006 Plan. Luckily there are a few Volcano Cliff's property owners who are willing to sell and trade land with the Open Space Division in order to

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preserve the geologically and culturally significant Boca Negra Mid Fork Arroyo. It is unclear whether land trades and sales will happen to increase the open space buffer along the escarpment.

Note: The location of neighborhood parks and an open space buffer along the escarpment is a big question. Mapping out parks and open space was considered a 'taking' by the property owners. So the Planning Department didn't map them. Also the Planning staff was told by the Park's Department staff that according to their calculations the Westside service area has enough parks and open space. But this ignores the fact that 30,000 new residents will be living on the mesa top. Staff is now looking at ways to come up with incentives to have land dedicated for parks and open space by the property owners. Initially, in the 1990's, by executive order EC-35., mesa top developers were required to dedicate 30% of the land to open space and parks prior to receiving permits to hook up to the water line. Executive order EC-35 was replaced in the 2006 Plan by mapping out the location of the parks and open space that were to be dedicated or purchased. That plan was taken to court. As of now, it is uncertain how the land will be acquired for parks and open space for the mesa top development. This is something that needs to be resolved.

2.The Trails Sector Development Plan: The LUPZ committee heard the Trails on May 11th. TRNA could not attend this hearing. The Park Service was there and testified that they wanted the same language that was used in the Volcano Cliffs Plan to control blowing dust to be included in this plan also. Residents from Ventana Ranch attended the hearing and wanted to see more preservation of open space in that area, which is located immediately south of them. The Trails will be reviewed again by LUPZ on June 15th.

The Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan / EPC hearing July 7th, 8:30 am: The Planning Department asked the EPC for a deferral on the Volcano Heights Plan. It's now scheduled for July 7th. In the mean time the City has hired Gateway Planning Group to analyze the market feasibility of the July 2010 Volcano Heights draft Plan and it's

effectiveness to encourage and regulate pedestrian and transit friendly development with major employment opportunities. Gateway's initial findings indicate revisions of the 2010 draft plan are needed. The Planning Department held several focus group sessions on May 23rd to give a sneak preview of Gateway's findings. Neighborhood groups, Bedrock Properties, the National Park Service, and APS, attended the focus groups. Comments centered on the Town Center, building heights, impacts the development would have on adjacent neighborhoods, its close proximity to Cottonwood Mall as a Major Activity Center, preservation of views and rock outcroppings, provision for a trail system, a transportation study, and the need for additional schools. Bedrock Properties still wants the flexibility to have tall buildings if necessary to attract future industry. They were skeptical of Gateway's analysis. The adjacent neighborhoods want a transition zone between them and the Town Center. APS said there will be a need for new schools and they will need to work with land owners for school locations. **On June 2, 2011** Gateway and the City Planning Project Team will hold several more public discussions on the Volcano Heights Plan. **There will be 3 open house work sessions on 2 June. All sessions will be conducted in the basement of the Planning Department, starting at: 8:30 am, 11:30am, 6:00 pm.**

Radio Station/ Coors /Eagle Ranch: A facilitated meeting was held May 5th at the Taylor Ranch Community Center to hear about a proposed development for a radio station. 30 people attended. Several developers own a 2 acre parcel on the southwest corner of Eagle Ranch and Coors Blvd., and are proposing to build a two story, 22,000 square foot building. One quarter of the building is for a sports radio station (5000 sq. ft.) and three quarters of the building is for extra office space (16,800sq. ft.) to be rented to tenants. The facilitated meeting was to

examine two applications: 1) First the applicant wanted a variance to the Coors Corridor Plan required landscape setback at the southern end of their property in order to add 10 extra parking

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spaces. The Architects who represented the applicants, were asked why they didn't design the building to fit the site, with the right amount of parking spaces without having to ask for a variance? They acknowledge that they had enough parking for their proposed building but wanted to have extra parking for their site. 2) Secondly they were submitting a site plan for EPC review. The property is zoned SU-1 for mixed uses, to include C1 permissive uses, with restaurants with full service liquor. The previous owner was able to obtain this zoning through a zone change in 2002. Most people were concerned about the zoning designation allowing a restaurant with the full service liquor being so close to their residence. Alban Hills Neighborhood Association and the adjacent resident said they would not like to see a bar of any kind or an activity that would attract an over abundance of cars to this

site, which could lead to patrons parking along the adjacent dirt roads that lead to their homes in Alban Hills. ZHE heard the variance request on May 17th. Alban Hills, Taylor Ranch and an adjacent property owner did not support the variance to the Coors Corridor Plan landscape setback requirement, and pointed out these concerns. The variance however was approved 9 days later. Now the site plan will go up before the EPC who will review the proposal on June 9th, starting at 8:30 am. The Case Planner is Carrie Barkhurst. Comments can be sent to kcbarkhurst@cabq.gov.

Library Update

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

Branch Manager: Linda Morgan Davis 897-8816

Program information: <http://libguides.cabq.gov/tr>

Good News for our Libraries! At the city council meeting on May 16th all our councilors voted to restore 7 of the 8 Library positions cut in the original version of the city budget. There were competing proposals that split along party lines, but by the end of the evening every councilor

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Michael & Lily Andrews

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had voted for either a floor substitute or amendment that restored 7 positions. This bi-partisan support suggests that Library funding has turned a corner and the trend to cut library funding year after year may finally stop. Please continue to let your city councilor Dan Lewis and county commissioner Michele Lujan Grisham know how important it is to you to restore library funding so that the Library will be able to hire qualified full-time staff members to serve our community. (For more information on Library Funding, see the Advisory Board's website, supportabclibraries.org).

More good news: the manager of the Taylor Ranch Library, Linda Morgan Davis, has been promoted to Assistant Director in the Library System. Unfortunately that means we will lose her in Taylor Ranch, once her replacement has been hired, but we will all continue to benefit from her excellent work at a higher management level. In the meantime, she will continue to manage our Library as she begins to take on Assistant Director responsibilities. Congratulations to Linda!

You may not know that all Library programs are paid for either by the Friends for the Public Library or by grants received by library staff members. The Friends collect books donated to the Library and sell those that cannot be used by the library system. You can find more information about the Friends at the SupportABCLibraries.org website or www.friendsforthelibrary.org

Upcoming Events at Taylor Ranch Library

From ABC to Zoo!

Tuesday, June 7th 1 - 3 pm: From fur to feather to scales to slime, the animals from the Rio Grande Zoo are taking over the library this time. Join us as we get an up close look at Animal Ambassadors.

Children's Summer Reading Program

Tuesdays 10:30am: June 14 Magic with John Polinko; June 21 Storytelling and Music with Sean Etigson; June 28 Kids Music with Andy Mason; July 5 Magic and Yo-Yo Tricks with Michael Steele; July 12 Recycleman Music with Kevin Kinane; July 19 Balinese Dance with Sari Megumi

Teen Summer Reading Program

Every other Thursday at 3:00 pm or 3:30 pm: June 9, 3:30pm - Drumming Workshop; June 23, 3pm - T-Shirt

New Location in Taylor Ranch!

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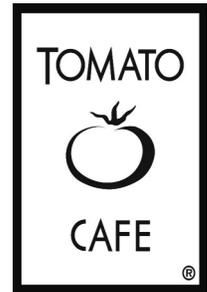
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All unused food is donated everyday to feed the homeless.

Stenciling; July 7, 3pm - Wii Tournament; July 21, 3pm - Build a Robot

A Good Yarn!

Fridays, 2 – 3:30 p.m.: If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other needle craft, join our drop-in stitch group. All ages and skill levels welcome. A skilled knitter will be on hand for instruction and questions. Feel free to come when you can and leave as needed.

Master Gardeners

Every other Saturday, June 11th, June 25th, July 9th, 10 am – 3 pm: Master Gardeners will be at Taylor Ranch from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. to answer your gardening questions.

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Mark Your Calendar!
TRNA RUMMAGE SALE
June 11th, 8:00 am—noon
Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot

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, held twice a year, pays for the scholarships we give out each year. Of course we will always be grateful if you wish to simply send a cash donation to our scholarship fund, probably the most worthwhile thing we do 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. The shady spaces will be reserved in the order in which your reservation is received.

TRNA will also have a space and will sell your donations with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Please drop them off at the Cross of Hope parking lot that morning. If you wish to have them picked up before the 11th, please call Kenneth Newman at 898-5447.

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.

Call **June Newman at 898-5447** or **Kenneth Newman at 898-5447** if you are willing to help or have any questions.

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

Yes, I want to reserve space(s) for the TRNA Rummage Sale on June 11, 2011!

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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OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER

June CALENDAR of EVENTS

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACE

6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montano & Paseo del Norte

at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd

Tuesday – Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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How to be at peace in wild lands for kids 7 to 11 years old

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9 am to 12 noon

Cost: \$25 a day; limit 15 student per day; **registration required**

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in the gallery

May 7 – June 28th

Urge to Wander: Kirk Gittings

This is an exhibit not to be missed. A statement from the artist:

“Through this photography, I have struggled to illuminate the extraordinary visual richness and emotional depth of New Mexico and the Southwest as embodied in both its ancient and modern cultural and architectural artifacts.”

Star Party

Friday, June 17th

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

FREE

National Trails Day **June 4th** www.cabq.gov/openspace

8:00am until about 1:00pm.

Wolf Meet and Greet with the Wanagi Wolf fund

Sunday, June 19th 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Bosque Wild: Guided Nature Walk

First Sundays June 5th 7:30 - 9:00 am FREE

Yoga with a View

Wednesday Evenings 5:30 pm & Sunday Mornings 9:00 am

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

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Upcoming Events

Jun. 11— 8-12 pm
 TRNA Flea Market
 Cross of Hope Church
 Taylor Ranch Road



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| Pampered Pooches & Other Pets LLC | 803-0679 | | |
| Southwest Handyman Services | 263-4873 | | |
| Tomato Café (Winterhaven & Coors) | 922-9500 | | |

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

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