

President's Message

Ray Shortridge, TRNA President

I hope that your new year is starting off well. TRNA is approaching a new fiscal year, beginning April 1. Accordingly, the board is convening the annual **General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 P.M., at the Don Newton—Taylor Ranch Community Center.**

There are two important items of business for you, our members to address:

- Approve the budget for the upcoming year. (The board is working on the budget and will include a copy of the proposed budget in the March newsletter for you to review well prior to the meeting).
- Vote for candidates who are standing to fill vacancies on the board.

If you wish to run for a board opening, please send me an email at president@trna.org in which you tell us a bit about yourself and why you wish to be on the board. We'll pass along those remarks to the membership in the March newsletter as part of your campaign.

We will also present the \$750 college scholarship to the two deserving students from Taylor Ranch. The source for the funds is the return TRNA makes from the spring flea market and the fall rummage sale. If you have a student interested in applying for the scholarship, the deadline for doing so is March 1. The application is on page 2.

We are inviting our City Councilors Sanchez and Lewis, our County Commissioner O'Malley, and other public officials for you to meet and hear what they believe to be important issues facing the West Side.

I encourage you to attend the General Meeting, and, if interested, stand for the TRNA Board of Directors.



Happy New Year!

*We hope everyone enjoyed the color newsletter we featured in December. Special thanks goes to **Digitech** for printing it free gratis. This issue is a combined January-February one. We will return to our usual monthly issue in March. — Ed*

Become a TRNA Board Member

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD. 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; to bring the power of numbers to bear on city decisions; and, finally, to preserve TRNA, because if no one serves, the association dies.

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.

You can be a board member "at large," however most board members either serve as an officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary), or by assuming some responsibility for some aspect of TRNA activities or areas of concern such as: Social Activities; Crime Prevention; Education; Land Use, Zoning & Development Issues; Newsletter Committee; Membership Promotion; Parks, Recreation, & Beautification; Transportation; or any other area of concern of benefit to the membership.

Would you like to be part of the solution for your community? Contact Ray Shortridge president@trna.org.

2014 TRNA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

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, 2014, to the address at the bottom of this form;
- 3) Demonstrate community involvement and service through school-wide and extracurricular activities, church and/or other organizations; and
- 4) Enroll at a college, university, or post-secondary school for Fall 2014.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the school business office or bookstore of the selected students' choice. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Name _____

Street Address _____

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120 Telephone Number(s) _____

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

High School _____ Cumulative GPA (including Fall 2013) _____

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

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and community involvement: _____

(Applicant: You may attach one additional page of description for the above required activities and/or community involvement.

Please provide TWO letters of recommendation to complete your application. Recommendation letters may be attached to this form or mailed separately, but must be postmarked by the March 1 deadline.

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

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Land Use Report

Rene Horvath, Land Use Director

1. Coors and Montano site plan seven year expiration:

This case was scheduled to be heard by the EPC last November. The EPC deferred the case when the property owner, for the Coors and Montano site, and TRNA requested the deferral. Last November, the property owner had approached TRNA during the EPC hearing to see if TRNA would agree to a deferral to try and work together on a new site plan for the Coors and Montano site. TRNA agreed. The case was deferred to January. Since then the EPC deferred for another 30 days at the request of the City Planning department. The original case Planner retired in December. A new case Planner is reviewing the case. TRNA and the property owner agreed with the request. The case is now scheduled to be heard in February.

2. Coors and Montano site plan: TRNA and the property owners met early January to discuss their new proposed site plan for Coors and Montano. The Daskalos said that Smith's approached them to build a Grocery store on their Coors and Montano site. The site plan shows a 74,900 sq. ft Smiths grocery store, with a fuel station. We are currently talking with

their architect to see what changes are possible. TRNA is still in discussion with the property owners.

3. AMAFCA Public Meeting held on December 17, 2013:

AMAFCA held a public meeting at the Paradise Hills Golf Course to present their project regarding future drainage and water quality infrastructure for the Volcano Heights area (Universe to Petroglyph National Monument; north of Paseo del Norte). Currently most of the rainwater runoff from Volcano Heights goes to the Piedras Marcadas Dam along Eagle Ranch Road, just west of Coors Blvd. This dam currently has the capacity; however, it does not have the capacity for the future runoff once Volcano Heights is developed. The objective for this project is to develop a plan to divert a portion of the runoff to the Boca Negra Dam (under construction), Mariposa Dam and Calabacillas Arroyo and identify the major drainage and water quality infrastructure for the Volcano Heights area.

In addition, AMAFCA's plan will identify a tool for developing public and private financing for building these important projects. AMAFCA is searching for a reimbursement tool which would allow AMAFCA to build the major drainage and water quality infrastructure before development and allow reimbursement at the time of development.

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AMAFCA is seeking public comments and will hold more meetings in the future. Additional information about the project is at the following AMAFCA webpage: <http://www.amafca.org/projects/upm-vh.html>

4. Boca Negra Canyon trail: Last fall I mentioned that the asphalt from the old Atrisco roadway in Boca Negra Canyon was removed in order to build a storm water system underneath the roadway. The roadway washed away during construction due to the heavy September rains. A Taylor Ranch resident made TRNA aware that there were no plans to repave the old roadway but to instead gravel it. He would not be able to ride his bike up to the top of the mesa like he once did if the paved road was replaced with gravel. Several members from TRNA contacted AMAFCA and the City Open Space dept to request repaving the roadway. At first there was no money to replace the asphalt, so the plan was to gravel it. Fortunately the City Trails coordinator, James Lewis, was able to find enough money to do a 10 ft. asphalt trail up the old roadway. They constructed it right after Christmas. The other half of the road is ground up basalt. I thanked him for finding the money to do the trail.

5. Volcano Mesa Plan text Amendments for each Sector Plan: Planning Department plans to submit amendments to the Volcano Mesa Plan, to be reviewed by the EPC on **Feb.13**. Letters and comments are due Jan. 30th. They want to clean up the language pertaining to the road network around Paseo del Norte and Unser, add a 50 ft. building setback from rock outcroppings, and to do more to curb fugitive dust.

6. Shooting Range approved by EPC December 12th: TRNA succeeded in providing comments to the EPC which resulted in getting the utility vents down off the roof onto the ground and screened from view - per CCP, and a promise not to do alcohol on the same site. We mentioned the gun noise is evident on the outside of the Cutler shooting range, and that the architecture and landscape needed to be beefed up. We also mentioned no LED signs are permissible at this location, and the view regulations of the Coors Corridor Plan. Calibers got a variance on the view regulations.

7. La Cuentista: A field trip was arranged on Sunday January 12th, to view the La Cuentista property. Five people attended the field trip. The geological and cultural history were discussed. This site provides easy access to the pedestrian bridge that crosses Paseo del Norte, accessing Piedras Marcadas Canyon located at the northern end of the Monument. We also took the opportunity to travel to another location to see some of the finest petroglyphs at the base of the escarpment. The five participants were impressed with what they saw.

8. Coors Corridor Plan / transportation meeting/ Taylor Ranch Community Center January 21st: The President of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations arranged a second meeting with the City Planning Dept. to discuss the transportation portion of the Coors Corridor Plan. WSCONA, La Luz, Las Casitas, TRNA, and Villa de Paz, attended the meeting. Carol Toffaletti is the Planner. Two transportation engineers talked with the group at a round table discussion. They explained that Coors will have a total of 8 lanes. There will be 3 lanes for vehicles in each direction and 1 dedicated lane for buses, in each direction.

Coors Blvd. will be also be elevated in certain locations. The plan is to elevate Coors heading north from I-40 past Sequoia and come down just before St. Joseph. This is to relieve the traffic back-up on I-40 as commuters come home from work. The other proposed grade separation is at Montano and Coors. Coors will be elevated enough to allow Montano to run underneath it. The plan also proposes another ramp at Coors and Paseo del Norte. Participants at the meeting asked how the grade separation affects vehicle access to businesses and other properties along Coors. Also, how will pedestrians be able to cross? This alters the character of the roadway and the environment around it.

The Engineers said this is just a conceptual plan without the design details; it will have to be vetted through many agencies before it is ever constructed. The meeting participants commented that they needed more time to review the Plan before it is submitted. Carol said the new Coors Corridor Plan is a working draft and that the Planning Department plans to submit it to the EPC in February. The EPC would review it in April. ®

Please come ...

**Taylor Ranch Neighborhood
Association**

**Annual General Membership
Meeting**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Don Newton-Taylor Ranch
Community Center**

Carbon Monoxide — The Silent Killer

Rainer Perez, TRNA Director

NREMT-Paramedic Albuquerque Fire Department



Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Nationally, emergency responders respond to over 80,000 carbon monoxide-related incidents. These incidents are more common between the months of November and February with most incidents (94%) occurring in residential properties, with 73% in one- or two-family homes. Carbon monoxide alarms are more common in the early evening hours, peaking around 8:00 p.m.

In 2008, there were an estimated 189 carbon monoxide poisoning deaths associated with the use of a consumer product in the U.S.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Call your fire department if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

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Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Featured Databases this month

Each month we highlight one of our most popular eResources. You can find a complete list on our eResources page. This month's feature:

Opposing Viewpoints in Context provides a complete one-stop source for information on current social issues. Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

Upcoming Events

Love Songs for Life with Brenda Marley & Friends, Saturday, February 8, 2014, 4:00—5:00 pm.



Jazz vocalist Brenda Hollingsworth-Marley & Friends will delight you with a pre-Valentine's hour of funky jazz rhythms and smooth R&B sounds! The program will include some original *LOVE* poetry written by Ms. Marley and songs to help soothe your spirit and delight your heart!

Recurring Events

The Taylor Ranch Reading Group meets the second Saturday of each month, 2:00—3:30 pm. New members always welcome to join us! **February 8** — This month's selection should be of special interest to us: Albuquerque: A City at the End of the World by V.P. Price. This impassioned book, both a loving description and a critique, defines urban

values in a milieu that is rarely recognized as a city. Updated more than ten years after its initial publication, it is more relevant than ever to Albuquerque's future. A new chapter describes Albuquerque's recent development, placing it in the context of urban growth in the West.

Taylor Ranch Lego Club: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Love Legos? Every meeting we will have a new inspiration and some creations will be displayed at the library! Legos provided! Please leave your Legos at home. We don't want you to lose your favorite pieces.

A Good Yarn! Fridays @ 2 p.m. – 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.



Taylor Ranch Library is a **donation location**. Donate non-perishable food items in the bin in our entryway.

What is Fiction to Go? The [Friends for the Public Library](#) sells slightly used, recently published fiction titles for \$2 for hardbacks and \$1 for paperbacks. Like all funds that our Friends receive, all proceeds from Fiction to Go sales benefit the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Libraries!



Gizmo Garage, Thursdays, 3:30—5:30 pm. Learn how to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library. Please call 897-8816 to register for sessions. Remember to bring your device.

Every Child Ready to Read — Family Storytime — ongoing through mid-March. Children who are strong readers have a much greater chance of success at school, and research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. To help children and families develop these critical early literacy skills, ABC Library has adopted Every Child Ready to Read®, an early childhood literacy program developed by the American Library Association.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am — Preschool ages 3-5 (pre-readers)

Saturdays, 10:30 am — Baby Storytime ages 0-2 (pre-talkers)

District 5 News

Dan Lewis, City Councilor

I want to thank District 5 voters for giving me the opportunity to serve the west side for another four years. I am looking forward to working with you, the Mayor, my fellow City Councilors and other City Departments to continue to make Albuquerque a truly great place to live.

The beginning of a new year is always the perfect time to reflect on the past year and prepare ourselves to accomplish our goals in the upcoming year so I want to take this opportunity to do just that.

Accomplishments:

New baseball fields at Paradise Hills Little League

Adoption of the Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan which helps encourage additional commercial development on the West Side to reverse the jobs/housing imbalance

Adoption of an ordinance that requires public notification prior to any blasting work

Began construction of Paseo del Norte / I-25 interchange improvements

Various improvements to Unser Boulevard

Things to look forward to:

Irving Blvd widening between Universe and La Paz

Petroglyph Little League concession stand

Continued progress and collaboration on the Paseo del Norte High Capacity Transit Study and the Paseo del Volcan roadway with MRCOG

As of January 1, 2014 my new Policy Analyst will be Tony Duran. He has worked for District 7 the past four years and he is looking forward to working for District 5. Many of you have worked closely with my previous assistant, Sara Mancini. As some of you know, she recently got married and as part of their marriage commitment and long term goal, she and her husband are going on a mission trip next year. While we are sad to see Sara go, I know Tony will be an incredible asset to our community. I would encourage you to reach out to him, introduce yourself and tell him about your neighborhood. As always, you are welcome to call me on my personal cell phone or call my office directly should you need any assistance. Cell: 615-6507 danlewis@cabq.gov
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

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(Already a member? Give this to a neighbor & get them to join!)

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 12—Board Mtg*
Feb 13—EPC Hearing
Mar 26—Annual Mtg —
please plan to attend!

Do you have something you would like to share with our membership? We're thinking of a "letters to TRNA" section where your voice can be heard. Contact editor.

To submit articles for this newsletter, or to place an ad, contact editor@trna.org. The deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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Show your support of your community by helping select our TRNA board members and budget for next fiscal year. Get involved!



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