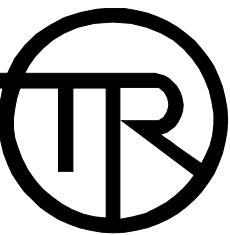


# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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

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## President's Message

Ray Shortridge, TRNA President

Please attend the TRNA General Membership Meeting -

**Wednesday, March 26**

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:45 pm**

**Location: Taylor Ranch Community Center**

The required business is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2015 (which begins April 1) and elect the board of directors. The agenda for the meeting and proposed budget are on page 2 for your review. You will also have an opportunity to meet the public dignitaries who serve the area, congratulate the two scholars who are receiving the \$750 scholarships, and meet and chat with your neighbors.

The Auditor's Office has begun the reassessment of residential properties on the west side. Please read about this in the article that follows to see how this affects you. 

## County Residential Property Reassessment Underway

### Why:

Beginning Valentine's week, the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office began the reassessment of residential property in the county, and it began on the west side of Albuquerque. The reassessment is required every five years or so to ensure that the information about real estate property is current and that the property is taxed fairly.

### When Will Your Property Be Reassessed:

You will receive a postcard about a week or two before the data collection team expects to be in your neighborhood. You can also see when the team is likely be there by checking the map on this website: [bernco.gov/upload/images/assessor/2014\\_forms/canvas\\_1-31-14](http://bernco.gov/upload/images/assessor/2014_forms/canvas_1-31-14). You can also call this hot line number and ask: 505-222-3731 or email: [assessor@bernco.gov](mailto:assessor@bernco.gov)

### What Will the Reassessment Team Do on Your Property:

The data collector will be wearing a vest and have an Auditor's Office Identification Badge. Prior to hiring, the data collector will have undergone background security checks. Using a tape measure, the team will measure the exterior of your building. They will not seek to enter your property.

If you are home, then the data collector will ask you about improvements to the interior of the property. If you are not home, then you'll find a bi-lingual door hanger with a phone number for you to call to provide the information about the internal changes. If you prefer providing the information online, the door hanger will have a URL for a website for you to use.

### What If a Dog or Locked Gate Keeps the Data Collector Out of the Yard:

The data collector will leave a door hanger explaining the situation with information regarding calling to schedule an appointment within three days.

### What Will Change My Assessment:

A new/additional structure resting on a concrete foundation will change the assessed value of the property. Examples include: mother-in-law apartment, new wing to the house, a garage, or a workshop. A new structure, such as a storage shed, that does not rest on a concrete foundation will not add to the reassessed value but will be part of the normal 3% capped increase in the value of the property.

### When Will the Reassessment Show Up in My Bill:

Any adjustment to your bill from the Treasurer's Office will be reflected in the 2015 invoice.

### Concerns or Questions?

Call the Auditor's Office Hotline - 505.222.3731



## Agenda - March 26

### General Meeting

6:30 - Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance  
 NB: no need for Treasurer's Report and Minutes from last Board Meeting  
 6:35 - Presentation of Two Scholarships  
 6:45 - Distinguished Guests  
   6:45 County Councilwoman O'Malley  
   7:00 City Councilman Ken Sanchez (Elaine Romero)  
   7:15 City Councilman Dan Lewis (Tony Duran)  
   7:30 APD Northwest Commander John Whisonant  
   7:50 Parks & Recreation Presentation  
   8:10 Ratification of FY2015 Budget  
   8:20 Election of 2014 Board  
   8:30 New Business  
     Land Use  
       La Cuentista  
 8:45 Close the Meeting



## PROPOSED FY2015 BUDGET

Terri Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

### INCOME

Advertising — Newsletter	\$ 650.00
Education — Flea Market Booth/Sales	1,500.00
Donations—Undesignated	50.00
CRS GRT Collect	
In-Kind Contributions	
Newsletter Printing Cost	3,000.00
Storage Locker	1,320.00
Membership Dues	3,000.00
Social Committee	300.00
Christmas & TRNA Days	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,820.00

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 200.00
Advertising — TRNA	150.00
Bank Charge	40.00
Citizen Patrol	150.00
CRS-GRT Taxes Paid	
Dues — Westside Coalition of NAs	20.00
Education — Flea Market Concession	130.00
Scholarship Payments	1,500.00
Insurance	875.00
Land Use	500.00
Membership — Marketing	100.00
Mailing & Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
Newsletter — Postage	900.00
Printing Costs	3,000.00
Paper/Labels	400.00
Post Office Expenses — Box Rent	100.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	250.00
President's Discretionary Fund	200.00
Social — Christmas Party	1000.00
TRNA Days	300.00
Storage Unit — Rental	1,320.00
Miscellaneous Related	50.00
Website Expense	325.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,620.00</b>
<b>NET DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(1,800.00)*</b>

\*Historically the actual income and expense have been very close, within \$500. The net shortfall shown here is in keeping with the norm. The TRNA General Fund balance is sufficient to bear a small shortfall each year and the board considers the Budget versus Actual spending in decision-making throughout the fiscal year to keep income in line with overall expenditures.

**THIS BUDGET WILL NEED GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 26.**

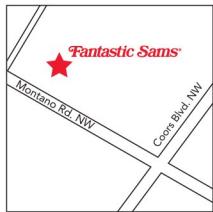


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## Land Use Report

Rene' Horvath, Land Use Director

**1. Coors and Montano site plan seven year expiration:** The EPC was scheduled to hear the debate on the 7 year expiration for site plans for building permit, on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The EPC deferred this case for an additional 90 days at the request of the Planner. The reason for the deferral was that a new site plan is being worked on by the property owners of the Coors and Montano site. Both TRNA and the property owners supported the deferral. The seven year expiration issue is now scheduled to be heard by the EPC on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Coors Corridor Plan Update/ February 11th:** A very good round table discussion took place at the Taylor Ranch Community Center on February 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the draft of a new Coors Corridor Plan. Neighborhood representatives from La Luz, La Luz del Sol, Las Casitas, TRNA and WSCOA (Westside Coalition) along with three City Planners were in attendance. The focus was on the view regulations. The Planners presented their proposed changes to the current 1984 view regulations. The Planners said the City wants to change the view regulations because they make the land undevelopable for some properties along the eastside of Coors. The group inquired as to which properties the Planning

department was referring to. For each of those properties the Planning department deemed undevelopable due to the view regulations, the neighbors were able to explain why the EPC had rejected those development projects in the first place. It was usually because the building height was unnecessarily too high for that location or the project was not planned well enough in advance to meet the view regulations. The neighbors demonstrated to the Planners that the proposed draft with changes to the view regulations would compromise most of the views unnecessarily along Coors Blvd leaving little view left along the Corridor.

Much of the development, on the eastside of Coors, in the Taylor Ranch area, and a few areas north of Paseo del Norte near the Cottonwood/ Alameda area, for example, have done a pretty good job following the current 1984 view regulations in the Coors Corridor Plan. It demonstrates that development can occur and still meet the regulations. The round table discussion, organized by the past President of the WSCOA, was a very positive discussion between the Planners and the Neighborhoods. It demonstrated to the Planners that the views are very much an important part of the Coors Corridor Plan, and highly regarded by the neighborhoods.

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**3. Applebee's:** There is a new proposal to build an Applebee's on the northwest corner of the Albertson's shopping center parking lot, adjacent to Montano Plaza road. They would like to extend an elevator shaft above the Coors Corridor Plan view plane at this location. They will need EPC approval. A facilitated meeting to hear their proposal is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Taylor Ranch Community Center, at 6:30pm. It will go to the EPC in March.

#### 4. Volcano Mesa Plan text Amendments/ EPC hearing

**February 13th:** The Planning process for the Volcano Mesa Plan began in 2010. TRNA has been very involved in providing comments and testimony relating to transportation and preservation issues. The Case Planner recently introduced several amendments to address issues that have come up recently and to update the three sector plans that make up the Volcano Mesa Plan: Volcano Cliffs, Volcano Heights, & The Trails.

During the last 4 years, TRNA has provided pictures and testimony to demonstrate how fugitive dust was impacting the escarpment. TRNA also supported planning efforts to preserve rock outcrops on the mesa top. Recently, an issue came up concerning blasting the volcanic rock for construction purposes. Taylor Ranch residents living below the escarpment have contacted City Planning, Public officials, TRNA, and the Park Service to voice their concerns of how the mesa top development has impacted them with fugitive dust, blasting, and drainage issues. The planner tried to address some of the issues with the amendments.

The EPC reviewed the amendments on February 13th: TRNA's testimony focused on fugitive dust, blasting and preservation of the rock outcrops. Here are the 3 main points:

- 1) TRNA supported the Planners recommendation to **curb fugitive dust in residential zones**: grade only when building permits have been acquired. Currently, only commercial zones have this requirement. The Planner wanted to add this requirement to the residential zones as well.
- 2) TRNA also testified that **blasting the lava rock was impacting residents** living below the escarpment, damaging their homes. TRNA encouraged more trenching over blasting.
- 3) TRNA pointed out that **rock outcrops are unique to Albuquerque**, and encouraged the development community to **use them as neighborhood parks** in their subdivisions. TRNA praised "The Trails" development for incorporating the rock outcrops into their trail system. The Trails development is a good example to follow.

Note: Even though there are incentives and policies in the Volcano Mesa Sector Plans to encourage the preservation of the rock outcrops, it's up to the property owner to do so. The Case Planner introduced a new amendment that would encourage the preservation of **significant** rock outcrops that are over 500 sq. ft., and 6 ft. high. But it is not mandatory to preserve the outcrops.

The property owners testified that they felt the proposed fugitive dust amendment for residential zones was too strict. The consulting Engineer for "The Trails development," offered an alternative amendment to control fugitive dust. It would make the developer show proof that the regulations, to control fugitive dust, are being followed.

A property owner from Volcano Cliffs testified the dust problem and the blasting will end once they start building. He also said that if the public wants to preserve the rock outcrops, the public will have to purchase them.

Another property owner questioned whether the fugitive dust and blasting was actually a problem. Was there any evidence? They also want the City to help pay for the Unser and Paseo del Norte road improvements. These are regional roads that the City should help finance and make a priority.

Note: During lunch break, the property owner said privately that blasting the lava rock was cheaper than trenching it; and that the City benefits economically as a result of the development. If the residents can't live with the impacts they should consider moving.

When the EPC returned from the lunch break they discussed and voted on the proposed amendments. One Commissioner felt the fugitive dust and blasting should not be allowed to impact the Monument or the residents and should be addressed; he felt the rock outcrops should be purchased as open space.

In the end, the EPC voted to support the alternative fugitive dust amendment, proposed by the consulting Engineer, to help curb fugitive dust in residential zones.

They added condition #17: City staff shall address concerns and issues raised by stakeholders. This includes the blasting issue. City staff said they will meet with the neighbors to address the blasting issue. Other issues raised by stakeholders pertained to courtyard walls, garages, windows, and waiving height restriction in regards to chimneys, solar collectors, screened roof top equipment, etc.

It will go to LUPZ committee - Land Use Planning and Zoning - in a couple of months.

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**5. Cultural Landscapes:** Recently an Archeologist that has studied Cultural landscapes in New Mexico did a presentation



at the Archeological Society explaining Pilgrimage pathways used by the pueblo people from their pueblos to their sacred places. He has seen evidence of these pilgrimage pathways on the mesa top. The pathways are marked with archeological features

placed on existing volcanic boulders and rock outcrops that line the pathways that head towards the volcanoes from the escarpment. Over the years he has provided written comments and testimony of these archeological features during the planning process of the Volcano Mesa Plan. With limited amount of financial resources, the Open Space department has been working with numerous property owners to try to preserve some of these unique features. The volcanic rock formations, along with the cultural features found on the mesa make the mesa top a very historical and interesting place; this is why so much effort has gone into encouraging development to design sensitively around these features and to preserve them through land acquisition. Overall, it adds to the quality of life in the area.



(Photo taken from middle geological window looking towards Sandias — by Rene Horvath)

**6. La Cuentista 60 acres for Open Space:** As mentioned in previous articles this area is located on top of the mesa, above Chamisa elementary school and south of Paseo del Norte. The property owner would like to sell it as open space. It is rich in rock outcrops and juniper trees. The junipers on the

mesa can be seen from Taylor Ranch. The National Monument boundary is extremely narrow at this location along the escarpment. If purchased, the 60 acres would buffer the escarpment from development and protect the wildlife and ecology better. The 60 acres would also preserve the rock outcrops, the juniper trees and the beautiful views of the Sandia Mountains. Preserving it would significantly add to the value of the area. Taylor Ranch residents can help by urging their City Councilors to support funding to acquire this land for open space. Please contact me for more information on how to help.

**7. Trash Cleanup for Open Space:** There are areas where trash dumping has occurred on the mesa top. The Open Space department is looking at organizing a cleanup effort to remove the trash dumped on or near open space land. Volunteers will be needed. TRNA will send out a notice once a date is set for the trash cleanup.

Any questions or comments on any of these issues, contact me, Rene' Horvath, at 89-2114 or [land@trna.org](mailto:land@trna.org)

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1. Lock your doors. Surprisingly many of our burglary cases involve no forced entry. Access has been gained through unlocked doors, windows, pet doors or garage doors.
2. Pay attention to unusual occurrences or activity. Most burglars are looking for a home where no one is home. Someone who knocks on your door and says they are selling something and yet they have no product should raise concern. The same for someone who says they are looking for someone who does not reside there. These are very common tactics used by burglars and police should be notified by the non-emergency number.
3. Have an inventory of your high value items with photos and serial numbers. It is disheartening to see the amount of property that we recover but cannot locate the owners. <http://www.cabq.gov/police/online-services/leads-online/>
4. Participate in your Neighborhood Watch program or assist in initiating one. This can be done through your local substation.

Contact your local police substation Crime Prevention personnel who can provide more resources, including free home security surveys.

Note: Remember, use 911 for burglary in progress, 242-Cops (242-2677) for non-emergency issues.

The Albuquerque Police Department's website [cabq.gov/police](http://cabq.gov/police) has not only helpful information and suggestions, but also the latest crime statistics that you can look up by area. They publish a **monthly report** that contains highlights of Field Service Bureau activity by area that is, if not helpful, at least very interesting. It also reflects all the various types of crime in a chart so you can see how we in the Northwest Area compare to the other APD areas of the city. You'll be happy to know that in most cases, we have the lowest occurrences in all categories except domestic violence.

The Northwest Area Command Center is now called the *Michael King and Richard Smith Memorial Substation*. The commander is John Whisonant, [jwhisonant@cabq.gov](mailto:jwhisonant@cabq.gov).

**Don Newton—Taylor Ranch Community Center Features**

Are you one of those Taylor Ranch residents who have not yet taken advantage of our own community center? Facilities include a gymnasium, meeting rooms, kitchen, multipurpose activity rooms, weight/fitness room, computer room, and much more. Five days a week it provides Senior meals (call for menu and make reservations the day before). The center also offers a big variety of programs & classes for all age groups. Just some of the offerings:

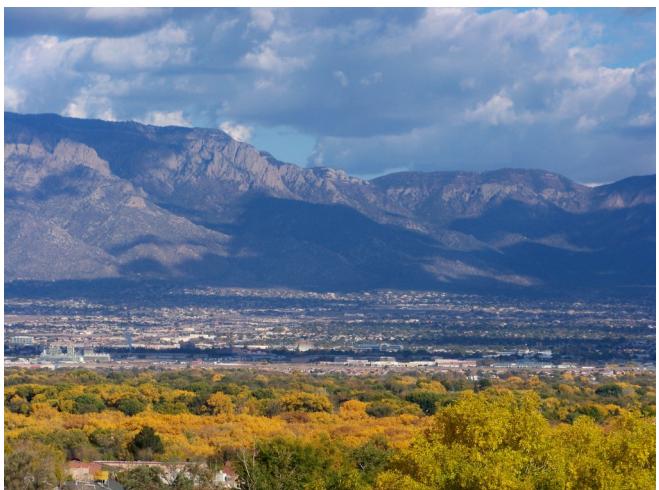
Youth Programs — After School Programs, Tumble Tots, Boy Scouts, Youth Karate, High Spirit Dance, and more.

Adult Programs — Yoga, Bridge, Yolates, Circuit Training, Basketball, Zumba & Aerobics, Toastmasters, Knitting/Needlework & Quilting Clubs, Book Club, Karate, Computer Classes, and more.

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## Treasurer's Report

Terri Spiak, TRNA Treasurer

**GENERAL FUND:** The proposed budget is included with this issue of the Mesa Messenger (page 2). All members have an opportunity to review the budget, and can bring ideas or input to the Annual Meeting on March 26. You might notice that the overall proposed budget total is a deficit for the year 2014-2015. This is partly due to the fact that we currently do not have a fundraiser to fund the Annual Christmas Luncheon. Previously the Easter Egg Hunt paid for the luncheon.

TRNA is in need of many hands, old and new, to perform the hard work necessary to keep our yearly Scholarship Contest alive with two Flea Markets each year, to develop new events to showcase our great neighborhood, and to help with all the committees of TRNA. Can you help? Come to the Annual

Meeting! There are many areas where your talents can be a blessing to your neighborhood.

**LAND USE FUND:** The work towards a better project at Coors/Montano is not done yet! Although the plan for the Walmart was defeated there is still more work to be done, which means our legal counsel is still working behind the scenes on behalf of all of the residents of Taylor Ranch. Can you help with a donation? Please continue to read the Land Use Director's reports and consider how you might help us as we continue the fight for the best possible development in front of the Bosque entrance on the corner of Coors/Montano. You can send a donation to: TRNA Land Use Fund, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193 (or use the form below), or follow the link on the TRNA website [trna.org](http://trna.org) to PayPal to make an online donation via credit card.



### TRNA LAND USE DONOR FORM

Thank you for considering a contribution to the TRNA Land Use Fund. Please complete this form and send along with your check to: Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Attn: Land Use Fund, P.O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** TRNA is a 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Corporation and is categorized as an "Other-Social Welfare Organization" in the rules of IRS. **As such, donations made to TRNA are NOT deductible on personal income tax returns as a charitable donation.** [Publication 557, IRS website "A community association devoted to preserving the community's traditions, architecture, and appearance by representing it before the local legislature and administrative agencies in zoning, traffic, and parking matters."]

Monies received by TRNA for the Land Use Fund will be used first for the purpose of land advocacy issues relating to the development of the property at the southeast corner of the Coors/Montano intersection. After this issue reaches a final decision, any remaining funds will be retained by the TRNA in the Land Use Fund for future land use advocacy issues within the TRNA boundary area with decisions regarding the use of said funds at the discretion of the Board of Directors of TRNA.

TRNA, organized 35 years ago, is one of the largest geographic neighborhood associations. It is bordered on the south by Western Trail, on the east by the Rio Grande River, on the north by Paseo del Norte and the western boundary is the Petroglyph escarpment. TRNA represents the residents of Taylor Ranch to City, County, and State Governments, and the organization is recognized by the City of Albuquerque through the Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance, which allows the association to obtain notifications of impending issues that may affect the life of Taylor Ranch residents. Your support of the land use effort will continue to promote, protect, and improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch!

**QUESTIONS? Go to the TRNA website for more information or call Terri Spiak, Treasurer, at 505-879-4995.**

## Library Update



### Taylor Ranch Library

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Sue Heitz, Manager

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Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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**INCOME TAX FORMS** are available during tax season at the library. For information on instructions, and latest updates, check the library website ([cabq.gov/library](http://cabq.gov/library)) for *Income Tax Forms and Assistance* by Anne Lefkofsky, just updated Feb 11, 2014.

### Featured eResources this month

Are you a world traveler? Adventurer? Explorer? Then you'll want to check out the many map resources at your library website:

**A to Z Maps Online** — Provides access to proprietary maps, games, images and puzzles developed by World Trade Press. Plus public domain maps and images culled from hundreds of resources worldwide. Includes world, continent, country, and state maps.

**A to Z the USA** — In-depth e-content in 156 data categories with 50+ maps for each state. It has thousands of U.S. state reports and articles ready to download, royalty-free image collections of flags, vintage postcards, antique maps, panoramic photos, license plates and more. Dozens of other categories feature data on geography, government, history, and society and culture. Created by a dedicated team of researchers, cartographers, and writers, the database is continually updated.

**Global Road Warrior** — This is a "one-stop" source for country, geographic, cultural, social, business and travel information, presenting robust, practical and continuously expanding content of interest to all ages. Easy-to-navigate interface and intuitive browsing features help users to find information quickly and concisely.

**Digital Sanborn Maps** — Provides digital access to large-scale maps of towns and cities in New Mexico.

### Upcoming Event — Sat. March 8, 4:00—5:00 pm

"JAZZ STORIES" with NM jazz vocalist, Patty Stephens and pianist, Sid Fendley. She sings her story with soul, beginning as one of 11 children living on the grounds of a Catholic monastery, and through her rock and roll days and beyond. Join us in this highly delightful exploration of jazz.



### 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! **March 8** — This month's selection: ***Run*** by Ann Patchett, shows us how worlds of privilege and poverty can coexist only blocks apart from each other, and how family can include people you've never even met. This is a novel about secrets, duty, responsibility, and the lengths we will go to protect our children.

**Taylor Ranch Lego Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!



**Family Storytime** — continuing until March 11.

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

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



## Wild Land Fire Safety

Rainer Perez, TRNA Director

NREMT-Paramedic Albuquerque Fire Department

Brush and wild land fires can present a serious threat to lives and property. High winds, warmer temperatures and drought like conditions make fire seasons progressively worse. Already this year, several hundred acres have burned and several structures lost in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. Windy dry conditions make fire prevention especially important this time of year. Take these simple steps to stay safe this season.

- Avoid using spark- and heat-generating equipment in or near dry brush areas
- Establish boundaries between home or work and dry brush areas
- Inspect grassy areas before mowing and remove any spark-producing debris
- Avoid parking vehicles roadside or in dry brush areas
- Dispose of flammables, like charcoal, properly
- Clear any debris off of roof
- Discuss hazards and prevention tips with family members and coworkers to broaden awareness
- Plan escape routes
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## Taylor Ranch – a Diversity of History & Nature

Rae Phillips, TRNA Editor

How many people can brag of a historically & dramatically significant national monument in their community? Or a historically significant river and protected riparian area in their community? And the history of knowing our homes are located on what was once one of the largest working ranches in the region? Well we can! With Petroglyph National Monument in our “backyard” and the Rio Grande & associated Rio Grande State Park and Open Space in our “front yard,” *Taylor Ranch* might even be considered a tourist destination. Just as a reminder, here’s some of the features of these two national treasures.

### Petroglyph National Monument

“New Mexico’s history has led to a wondrous blending of cultures: from the Puebloan and other indigenous groups that have been here for thousands of years, through the Spanish and Mexican heritage moving in several centuries ago, to the more recent additions of Northern European descent during the last two centuries.

Each has provided customs and traditions that make New Mexico unique and a beloved place to be. Of course the evidence of the early inhabitants is shown in the petroglyphs, but when you visit you will also be surrounded by many of the other popular aspects of New Mexico.”

Known as one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, this vast landscape of symbols provides a valuable record of cultural expression and holds profound spiritual significance for contemporary Native Americans and for the descendants of the early Spanish settlers.

Petroglyph National Monument is a day-use park, which means the visitor center and each of the trailhead parking lots close at 5:00 pm. Visitors are allowed to hike the Volcanoes, Boca Negro or Piedras Marcadas Canyons from sunrise to sunset by simply parking outside of the gated parking lots. [Ed note – *Rinconada trails are presently closed until further notice due to an extensive trail restoration project.*] Due to the distances involved in the trail systems, be sure you have an adequate map. Park brochures and trail maps are available at the visitor center. Fees apply for parking and access.

Although it is suggested that all visitors make their first stop at the visitor center, it is important to know that there are not any

petroglyph viewing trails at the visitor center. Park staff will inform you of your trail options based on your timeframe and the degree of difficulty of the trail, then provide you with driving directions to the trail of your choice. Park brochure and trail maps are available at the visitor center.

There are often a variety of special events taking place, or informative guided field hikes, based out of the visitor center, so check out the website before visiting. Enjoy your visit to the park and to the wondrously diverse aspects of our city and state.

### The Rio Grande Corridor

Hard to believe that riverboats once ran this river, and that floods consumed all surrounding lowlands during spring snow melt and summer monsoons. The lazy, muddy Rio Grande has been the lifeblood of an amazing variety of



peoples from the beginning of time, as well as the reason for the famed Camino Real trail to Santa Fe and beyond. Even more amazing that our contemporaries realized the importance of preserving its natural beauty while still allowing it to continue a water source for farms & communities all the way to Mexico.

Trails abound all along the river banks, from one end of our city to the other. But within our own community we are favored with the **Open Space Visitor Center** and its many resources for our education and enjoyment.

The **Open Space Visitor Center** is a great place to start learning about the flora and fauna of the Rio Grande Riparian area, a special wetlands unique to the arid desert and mountains surrounding it, a refuge for wildlife both transitional and permanent residents. Maps & information on the extensive trail systems that run up and down our valley can be found there also. **Call 897-8831** to find out about all the programs offered at this facility, or to become a volunteer.

All this diversity and more is what makes **Taylor Ranch** such a unique and special place to live. Those of you who make this your home, and share in its protection, have the chance to ensure it remains so for generations to come. Become more active in **Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association** ... for the good of your home, your family, and your future.

# Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association

## Membership Application or Renewal



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### I'm interested in helping in the following areas of participation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use           | <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"/> Other _____ |

### **Renewal Membership and New Member Rates.**

Resident:  \$ 18.00 (Thru Dec 2014)       \$34.00 (Thru Dec 2015)       \$48.00 (Thru Dec 2016)  
 Business:  \$50.00 (Thru Dec 2014)       \$90.00 (Thru Dec 2015)       \$125.00 (Thru Dec 2016)

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

**TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288**

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

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, MARCH 26, 2014**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center**

**Refreshments**

**Door Prizes**

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

