

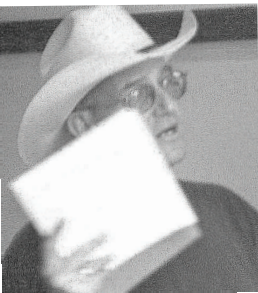


# Taos Canyon Neighborhood Association

## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT TCNA POTLUCK

Charlie Dean, Taos County land use consultant, presented the recently drafted Taos Canyon Land Use and Zoning proposal at the annual March TCNA potluck. Thirty seven canyon residents attended the afternoon meeting enjoying homemade luncheon brought by friends and neighbors.

TCNA president De Lazzaro presided over the meeting awarding door prizes furnished by the TCNA board members after each business item. Dean explained aerial maps of the canyon concentrating on plans to protect the Scenic Byway status of the canyon. The draft of the proposal will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners for approval of neighborhood land use statutes included in the Taos County Building Code.



Rio Fernando Fire Chief Russ Drisckrlls spoke to the group about fire safety issues included in the zoning plan. Drisckell also explained the need for RFFD volunteers as both first responders and support staff.



## SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP PLANNED

Saturday, May 2, 2009 is the date for the twice yearly roadside canyon clean-up. "Cleaning-up the roadside twice a year instead of once makes the work go twice as fast each time," said Edie Whitson, canyon resident and support volunteer co-ordinator for the Rio Fernando Fire Department.

Forty or more canyon residents are expected to participate in this annual spring event to enhance the beauty of our Scenic Byway through the canyon. Volunteers are expected to meet at the upper fire house at 8 A.M. for coffee and instructions. TCNA president De Lazzaro will pass out safety vests, plastic trash

bags, and trash tongs to help with the work. Residents may choose a mile of highway adjoining or near their homes to pick-up roadside debris from the winter.

The bags of trash are to be Left at roadside pull-outs along the highway for pick up by Solid Waste Management on Monday, May 4. The fall roadside clean-up is planned for September 24, 2009. Save the dates on your calendar and plan to join your neighbors in this public service event.



## MEET OUR ZONING REPRESENTATIVE



Terry Alden, Taos Canyon resident and artist heads the committee developing the Land Use and Zoning Ordinances for the County of Taos Planning Commission. Terry, a painter and sculpture, participated in the Garden and Home Tour in 2008 as a working artist at the Robert Loveless property in the Canyon, drawing pastel portraits of Shelley's barn animals.

Long time residents of Southern California, Terry and his wife Susan, moved to Taos in 2001 when they bought their canyon home. Terry, an avid home improvement expert built his 2000 square foot studio and then remodeled their home on the same site .

**Real Heroes Volunteer.  
The Rio Fernando Fire  
Department needs you.**

You don't have to be a trained fire fighter. Our canyon fire volunteers need help directing traffic, caring for vehicles and providing food for fire department drills and training. Come to a fire house meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to find out how you can help.

# Engine Brake Use Discussed

Following a suggestion from NMDOT officials the TCNA board has decided to place a public service sign on private property on the north side of the canyon at mile marker 266. The sign will inform truckers that use of unmuffled engine compression brakes is not allowed in the canyon.

TCNA board member Ed Biller took a proposal to prohibit the use of unmuffled engine compression (Jake) brakes in the canyon to the Taos County Board of Commissioners, An effort to decrease jake brake noise during the summer months when heavy dump truck traffic uses High-

## NOTICE

NO UNMUFFLED  
ENGINE BRAKES

NEXT 8 MILES

Way 64 was explained to the county commissioners After the presentation the commissioners voted unanimously to table the issue indefinitely because, in their opinion, such an ordinance would not be enforceable.

With no other public ordinance options, the TCNA board decided to put up a sign that should eliminate some of the engine brake noise.

Anyone with property adjoining the north side of Highway 64 at approximately mile marker 266 who would be willing to have this sign posted on their property, please contact De Lazzaro. Watch for the new sign.

### TCNA Board Members

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### SAVE THESE DATES

**1ST Tues. of each month: RFFD volunteer meeting—8 p.m.**

**May 2: Spring roadside cleanup, 8 a.m.—noon**

**June 22: TCNA Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Sanders**

**June 28: TCNA picnic at RFFD**

**July 19: RFFD Open House**

**Sept. 26: Fall roadside cleanup & free dump day, 9 a.m.-3p.m.**

### WHO CHANGES THE SIGN ON THE FIREHOUSE?

Two TCNA board members, Shelley Loveless and Stefany Sanders post public service messages on the door of the lower firehouse periodically to keep canyon residents informed of upcoming events and safety issues.

Because the firehouse is a public building the messages cannot be personal or political, but other timely issues concerning the canyon can be posted. If you have a public service message you want to share contact either of these board members.

