

**TALAVERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 18, 2025, 5:30pm – 7:00 pm**  
**At the Talavera Fire Station**

Next Meeting: TBD

Type of Meeting: Regular

**I. Greetings.**

After a potluck dinner of Mexican entrees and salads, sides, and desserts brought by residents, **Bob Tyk, TCA President**, welcomed everyone and introduced the TCA Board members and the Community Representatives.

**Community Representatives**

Comcast/Xfinity representatives:

Jason Ziehl

Eric Chacon

Talavera Fire Department Chief:

Daren Bloomquist

**II. Treasurer Report** (Maria Miller).

Checking Balance 1/1/2025	\$4,999.55
Deposits (since 1/1/2025)	2,650.00
Expenses (since 1/1/2025)	(3,212.97)
Ending Balance 10/13/2025	\$4,436.58
CD -2377 12/22/2025 3.15%	9,239.23
CD -2369 1/23/2026 3.92%	9,247.68
CD -2344 2/22/2026 3.68%	9,279.98
Total	\$32,203.47

**III. CleanUp & Garage/Yard Sale**

**Jose Lucero** directed the cleanup volunteers from the fire station while **Dianna Granado** simultaneously coordinated the garage/yard sale. Many thanks to the volunteers and sale customers making both a success.

There were only 7 cleanup volunteers this time. More volunteers next time could help cover more areas.

The dumpster is for bagged grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc. (to be mulched). The intent is to mitigate any fire hazard around a home by clearing shrubs and flammable material at least 5 feet from the home.

**IV. Community News:**

If none of the rattlesnake wranglers on the TCA website can be reached, call the animal shelter as a backup.

Dan Carter with the Southern New Mexico Trail Alliance ([southernnmtrailalliance@gmail.com](mailto:southernnmtrailalliance@gmail.com), [snmta.org](http://snmta.org), Facebook, Instagram) said a

Tortugas to Soledad connector multi-use trail has been fully approved and construction has begun. It will connect Whitethorn Trail on the west side of Tortugas Mountain with the Talavera fire station and the Soledad Canyon multi-use path. Volunteers are needed to help on a Trail Day Saturday, November 1, 2025. Meet at 8:00am at the powerlines where they cross Dripping Springs Rd.

Jason and Eric from Comcast gave an update. Comcast is completing the planning process to install fiber optic cable throughout the Talavera neighborhood. This infrastructure will support high speed internet with 1 gigabit downloads, 1 gigabit uploads, and very low latency. The fiber backbone will be able to support each and every home in Talavera and future homes. Comcast's Xfinity offers services dependent on the internet such as TV, streaming, and home security. Each home will have the option to sign up for internet or services independent of their neighbors' decisions.

Construction will start at the beginning of 2026 with notification ahead of time. Construction will continue in phases or pockets of 30 to 40 homes at a time. Once a pocket backbone is finished, those homes will be eligible to sign up. When a home signs up, a fiber cable from the backbone to the home will have to be installed and buried, usually within 7 business days, before the home installation and turn-up can happen. The estimated completion for all pockets is by the end of 2026.

The rule of thumb is that the fiber cable will follow existing utilities, that is, underground or aerial. By boring under them, streets will not be torn up, except for a few "locate" potholes. Physical construction is done by Comcast's business partner. Comcast will provide contact information for their business partner. Comcast is committed to restore construction areas to the same conditions as they found them.

Fire Station 16, the Talavera station, needs volunteers. Chief Daren Bloomquist is the only

volunteer currently and the Las Alturas station also has only one volunteer currently.

Doña Ana ambulance service is not provided out of the fire stations.

Before and after controlled burns call the non-emergency number 575-526-0795.

The State Land Office has scheduled two November meetings about the proposed Mescalero land exchange at the Farm and Heritage Museum and via Zoom. See the previous TCA email or the TCA website ([TalaveraCA.org](http://TalaveraCA.org)) for more information.

## **V. Contact Information**

### **Talavera Community Association Dues**

If you new or are not in good standing, please support your Talavera Community Association

by submitting your \$25 voluntary annual membership fee to:

**Talavera Community Association**  
**P. O. Box 1057**  
**Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

### **TCA Board Members**

**President:** *Bob Tyk*  
**Vice President:** *Helen Foster*  
**Treasurer:** *Steve Tarro*  
**Member-at-Large:** *Jose Lucero*  
**Member-at-Large:** *Margo Martinez*  
**Secretary:** *Denmark Blount*

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[TalaveraCA.org](http://TalaveraCA.org)

Facebook: [Talavera Community Association](https://www.facebook.com/TalaveraCommunityAssociation)

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_2025-10-28\_\_\_\_.

Denmark Blount  
Secretary