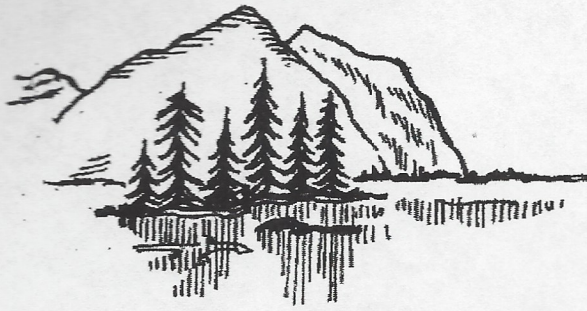




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PRESIDENT'S PONDERING A Thin Place

While walking my favorite road in Timberlake a few weeks back under a dark and threatening sky; the air was fresh and charged. A small space in the clouds opened and suddenly an explosion of sunlight streamed down on the green hills like fireworks on the 4th of July – only in reverse.

The Celts say that heaven and earth are only three feet apart, but in the “thin places” that distance is even smaller. The door between this world and the next is cracked open for a moment and the light is not all on heaven’s side. In that instant all is one and you know you are in a “thin” or special place.

It’s no wonder these places and spaces are most often associated with natural landscapes such as the feral beauty of Timberlake. I was anchored to the moment.

Unfortunately, there was immediacy to this experience as not more than a few yards away, I was pulled back into earth’s reality. How dare there be an aluminum can in the bar ditch. Who could’ve possibly been so disrespectful and thoughtless?

Since I didn’t drop it there, I wasn’t going to pick it up – hopefully the eroding soil from the monsoonal rains would soon cover the ugliness. Continuing my walk, my conscience got the best of me. I was putting more emphasis on disdain for the litterer which created mockery of the reverence felt during that brief and special moment in time. I returned to retrieve it.

A little farther on my journey, I was met by three ATVs roaring down the side of some landowner’s property onto the road and speeding away in the opposite direction. Did I now witness more irreverence? What next – the sound of gunfire?

Returning home I was no longer in that thin or special place. The walk had been ruined by markers of insensitivity. Whose fault was it? Was it mine because my energy was sapped when the entire focus was on what’s wrong instead of what’s right? Was I letting the bad habits of others take over and ruin the special effects of my experience?

My attitude was a reaction to other’s inconsideration and behavior. Was I dwelling on and multiplying my disdain –

allowing weeds of disgust to grow wildly – yet refusing to pull those weeds? Having my own pity party, I allowed that oh-so-brief moment in time to be destroyed by others when in fact I should have been grateful for having experienced something so beautiful and rare, regardless.

To be able to live in Timberlake in a period of time when it still remains relatively unpopulated, undiscovered and natural; to listen to landowners say how much they look forward to returning in the spring; to feel and see their disappointment when they have to go back to urban life and their jobs after experiencing a cool and relaxing series of days – it is all gratitude for being in this special area, or this “thin” place.

✧ Melody Beattie said, “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Thank you, stewards – all of you unselfish souls who pick up the cans, paper and bottles, repair and paint the fences, work those roads, keep the records, remain cognizant of rules and respect for others, and beautify and support in so many ways this place called Timberlake. You are a gift beyond measure for the present and a wish that others will see and understand that stewardship is crucial for the future of Timberlake.

So, for now, it is farewell from Timberlake, where the volunteers are strong, the deer are good looking, and there is gratitude for living in a thin place. ✓

Linda Pedersen



Fiscal Year 2009-2010										2009		2010		FY 09-10									
INFLOWS										July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	Year-End Ttl	
Assessment Fees																							
current yr collections										88,207.71	18,183.73	2,774.53	7,145.26	1,488.14	2,467.62	20,885.73	4,080.71	3,272.48	2,082.00	1,204.02	09.18	169,661.10	
previous yrs collections										814.47	225.00	0.00	1,125.04	107.92		600.38	0.00	1,982.58	0.00	274.46	0.00	4,900.86	
Assessment fee Woodland										460.00	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.00	
Key Income										52.00	26.00	41.00	21.00	0.00		0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	52.00	15.00	217.00	
Donations										0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	
Finance Charges										144.00	139.00	370.00	333.00	238.00	259.00	254.00	225.00	333.00	223.00	336.00	249.00	3,463.00	
TOTAL Income										90,678.18	19,803.73	3,186.53	8,624.30	1,894.06	2,726.62	27,640.11	4,865.71	5,269.07	2,305.00	1,866.48	333.16	169,690.95	
OUTFLOWS																							
Board																							
Annual Meeting										229.00	0.00	-31.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	486.00	336.00	0.00	1,019.00
Insurance-Directors & Officers										0.00	0.00	0.00	1,957.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,957.00
Meetings and socials										0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Exp										335.00	44.00	2.00	658.00	0.00	0.00	88.00	0.00	152.00	30.00	60.00	149.00	1,496.00	
Postage										70.00	-2.00	29.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	992.00	-1.00	10.00	28.00	24.00	1.00	1,153.00	
Subscriptions and Dues										10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
Mileage - Board Members										40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	208.00	
TOTAL										684.00	42.00	40.00	2,616.00	62.00	0.00	1,058.00	-1.00	214.00	644.00	444.00	150.00	5,893.00	
Communications																							
Newsletter										0.00	0.00	183.00	0.00	123.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.00	174.00	0.00	0.00	577.00	
Website										0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL										0.00	0.00	183.00	0.00	123.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.00	174.00	0.00	0.00	577.00	
Financial																							
Accounting										641.00	1,005.00	641.00	641.00	642.00	892.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	8,314.00	
Audit										0.00	0.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,715.00	0.00	5,715.00	
Taxes - Real Estate										0.00	0.00	0.00	181.00	671.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	862.00	
Taxes - Income										0.00	2,664.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,664.00	
TOTAL										641.00	3,669.00	646.00	828.00	1,313.00	892.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	642.00	17,546.00	
Legal																							
Legal - Casult										267.00	0.00	169.00	0.00	1,395.00	364.00	452.00	145.00	-2,591.00	902.00	240.00	0.00	1,353.00	
Lien & Notary Fees										18.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	-19.00	18.00	-58.00	0.00	8.00	
TOTAL										285.00	0.00	179.00	0.00	1,422.00	364.00	461.00	145.00	-2,610.00	920.00	182.00	0.00	1,361.00	
RANCH OPERATIONS																							
Insurance																							
Insurance - Workers Comp										0.00	192.00	116.00	0.00	228.00	115.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	766.00	
Insurance - Liability & Bond										1,356.00	683.00	683.00	683.00	0.00	0.00	1,184.00	683.00	683.00	683.00	683.00	0.00	7,331.00	
TOTAL										1,356.00	875.00	799.00	683.00	228.00	115.00	1,299.00	683.00	683.00	683.00	683.00	0.00	8,097.00	
Employee Wages & Taxes																							
Wages																							
Garder Time (\$5100.00)										930.00	593.00	330.00	1,058.00	0.00	81.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	705.00	
Brushhog Time												0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Snowplow (\$2,500)												0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sanitation & Janitorial (Yr-4) (\$1,414)										180.00	180.00	350.00	180.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	185.00		
Ranch Hand (\$5,000)										265.00	0.00	140.00	160.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	925.00	
Taxes																							
Taxes - FICA										91.00	45.00	36.00	97.00	0.00	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.00	

Fiscal Year 2009-2010

2009

2010

FY 09-10

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	Year-End Tot
Taxes - Federal Unemployment	5.00	5.00	3.00	11.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	34.00
Taxes - State Unemployment	14.00	5.00	11.00	22.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	68.00
Mileage - Foreman & Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
TOTAL	1,465.00	828.00	870.00	1,558.00	0.00	687.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00	968.00	6,666.00
Buildings & Commons													
Operating Supplies	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	227.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	949.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,982.00	7,170.00	38.00	424.00	1,481.00
Ranch House	70.00	0.00	288.00	4,270.00	1,806.00	386.00	2,694.00	2,440.00	0.00	0.00	4,593.00	0.00	29,779.00
Bath House	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Common Land Maintenance/Repair	248.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	107.00	1,650.00	460.00	2,956.00
Sanitation & Janitorial Supplies	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	112.00
TOTAL	345.00	949.00	410.00	4,270.00	1,886.00	846.00	2,705.00	2,440.00	6,082.00	7,277.00	6,311.00	964.00	34,666.00
Equipment Maint. & Repairs													
Dump Truck	0.00	0.00	329.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	399.00
Grader	0.00	0.00	73.00	0.00	0.00	1,858.00	25.00	0.00	30.00	13.00	0.00	578.00	2,575.00
Pick Up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	22.00
Tractor	87.00	93.00	0.00	0.00	553.00	0.00	221.00	741.00	22.00	0.00	1,229.00	0.00	2,951.00
Other	61.00	0.00	161.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	222.00
TOTAL	148.00	93.00	663.00	0.00	668.00	1,866.00	2,166.00	766.00	62.00	21.00	1,229.00	648.00	6,169.00
FUEL													
Gasoline	89.00	85.00	40.00	224.00	129.00	66.00	146.00	142.00	133.00	124.00	0.00	109.00	1,279.00
Dyed Diesel	0.00	880.00	0.00	1,071.00	0.00	0.00	82.00	54.00	1,048.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,136.00
TOTAL	89.00	965.00	40.00	1,295.00	129.00	66.00	230.00	196.00	1,182.00	124.00	0.00	109.00	4,415.00
ROADS													
Gravel	13,657.00	751.00	0.00	24,651.00	2,743.00	2,616.00	367.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	842.00	45,627.00
Road Maintenance & Repairs	376.00	0.00	2,020.00	700.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	725.00	3,840.00
TOTAL	14,033.00	751.00	2,020.00	25,351.00	2,762.00	2,616.00	367.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,567.00	49,467.00
UTILITIES													
Telephone	72.00	44.00	21.00	109.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	2.00	74.00	2.00	74.00	36.00	509.00
Electric & Propane	245.00	57.00	50.00	111.00	48.00	289.00	88.00	61.00	42.00	40.00	27.00	56.00	1,112.00
TOTAL	317.00	101.00	71.00	220.00	48.00	289.00	163.00	63.00	116.00	42.00	101.00	92.00	1,621.00
NOTES PAYABLE													
Copier	136.00	136.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.00
Grader	1,512.00	1,521.00	1,530.00	1,539.00	1,548.00	1,555.00	1,567.00	1,577.00	1,586.00	1,595.00	1,605.00	0.00	17,138.00
Interest Expense	103.00	94.00	84.00	75.00	66.00	57.00	47.00	38.00	29.00	19.00	150.00	137.00	899.00
F530											753.00	757.00	1,510.00
TOTAL	1,761.00	1,761.00	1,614.00	1,614.00	1,614.00	1,615.00	1,614.00	1,615.00	1,615.00	1,614.00	2,608.00	894.00	19,819.00
Contingency Fund													0.00
ASSETS													
Septic tank (Lawn Equip)													2,901.75
Add-ons F550 pick-up													15,652.55
cash payment truck													5,500.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,901.75	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,652.55	24,054.30
Total Outflows	21,134.00	10,024.00	7,436.00	38,656.00	13,034.75	9,736.00	8,786.00	6,538.00	13,066.00	12,041.00	18,084.00	21,666.55	180,079.30

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Eileen Domer

The financial condition of the Association is good as we enter the 2010-2011 fiscal year. We did not raise the annual dues. They are still \$230.00 a year.

The loan for the road grader was satisfied in May as was the lease on the Sharp copier. A financial audit performed by an outside certified public accountant also demonstrated that the Association is on firm financial ground.

Our total income this year was \$168,890.95. Expenses were \$180,082.75 including the purchase of extra equipment and a cash down payment for the truck and the purchase of a new septic tank at the Ranch house. The 6.62% extra spent was covered by what we had in the savings account.

Please refer to the pie charts and month to month finances here and recorded on the Web site: www.trnewsinfo.

At the end of June the amount still owed for previous year's Association dues was down to \$4,747.00. We collected fifty percent (50%) of what was owed at the beginning of this fiscal year; this, plus money set aside for savings from the past two fiscal years gave the Association enough capital to afford a major renovation and restoration of the Ranch house (see Common's report) and the purchase of a new multi-purpose Ford truck for the Ranch. While this is optimistic, only eight percent (8%) of the landowners did not have a zero balance on June 30th.

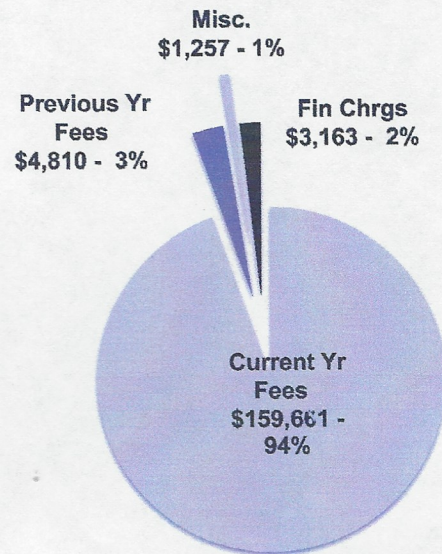
I have had a few landowners ask how the eighteen (18%) interest for late payment is calculated. The invoices are mailed July 1st. **If you have not received an invoice by the third week of the month PLEASE call me or the bookkeeper, Mary Ray.** You have until the end of August to mail in the whole or half payment; if we have not received any money by September 1st, the Quick Books program automatically calculates the eighteen percent (18%) on \$115.00 for the previous month. The next invoice goes out October 1st. If you had not paid the dues by October 1st the invoice will reflect interest for two months.

If you paid half the Association dues in July, another invoice for the second half (\$115.00) will be mailed as a reminder January 1st. If we do not receive a payment by January 31st, eighteen (18%) interest is added February 1st, calculated on the previous month.

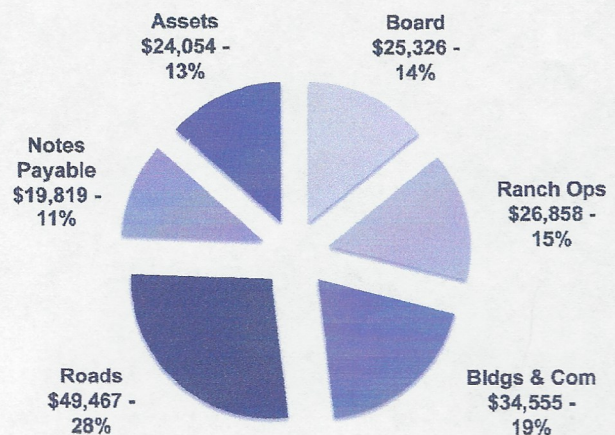
If for whatever reason you believe you may not be able to meet the deadlines, please call or E-mail me to arrange a payment plan. Payment plans arranged one year do not automatically carry forward; please call or E-mail each year in order to avoid the interest accumulation.

Interest will be held initially for those with a payment plan, but will resume and is retroactive if a payment is not received

TRLA FY 09/10 INFLOWS



TRLA FY 09-10 OUTFLOWS



by the agreed upon date.

After numerous letters to the delinquent landowners a lien is placed when the account is past due eighteen (18) months. Accounts are sent to the lawyer in February to begin foreclosure when the amount owed on a lot is up to \$1000.00.

Association dues are the corporation's only income. Money needed to keep the roads passable, the Ranch House and Common lands safe and attractive are exclusively from the dues collected. Please be responsible and take care of your investment. To those that do: Thank you! ✓

New Board Members Elected

At the TRLA Annual Meeting held on May 29, 2010, Eileen Domer, Jerry Toellner and Mary Jo Wallen were elected for three terms. One third (1/3) of the entire Association was represented in person or by proxy.

Eileen Domer has served on the Board since July 2006. She and her husband, Tim, were originally from New York State and have resided in Timberlake since August of 2000. In the past four years serving as Treasurer she has kept TRLA on budget and improved communication with the landowners regarding their dues. Delinquent accounts have fallen from ninety four (94) in June of 2006 to twenty (20) in February of 2010 – a difference of more than \$18,000 for TRLA.

Jerry Toellner has served on the Board since 2006 as Roads Chairperson. He and his wife built their home in May 2006. For 43 years he operated his own business primarily doing road building and construction, and owned and operated all the equipment required to do this work. He has put in place a strong forward program for road improvement in Timberlake and saved TRLA many hours of paid grader work.

Mary Jo Wallen and her husband built their log home here in 2006. She retired at the end of 2009 after working 24/7 for the last 12 years. She felt that 'now was the time' to volunteer as a Board Member.

Having served on a homeowner's association in Indiana for more than six years, she can relate to a many concerns of land-homeowners in TRLA since she has "been there and done that."

In addition, her love of horses and the outdoors will help with the equestrian development of Timberlake along with the project she started a few years back in developing the Emergency Evacuation Procedures and Phone Tree for residents of Timberlake Ranch. ✓



Timberlake Alerts

On occasion there are Timberlake Alerts which are sent electronically to inform resident landowners of situations that can impact their safety or awareness of a lost pet, etc. These alerts have helped find two lost dogs recently.

If you are not on this E-mail group and wish to be, or want to be removed from it, please notify Linda Pedersen by E-mail: pete137@juno.com. ✓



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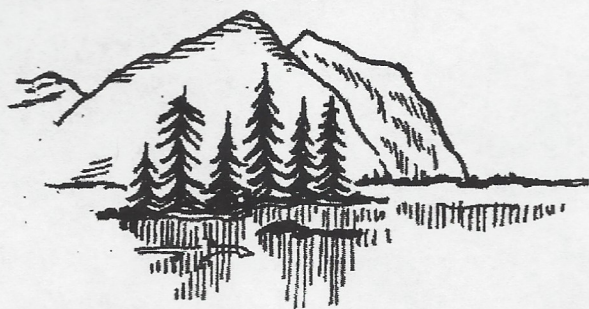
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Lake Gates, Guns, Fireworks, Trespassing, ATVs, Roaming Dogs

The Board is often called concerning one, or more, of the above continuing issues. These topics will always remain a consistent problem unless we decide to respect the rules and our fellow landowners. We are not the police!

Before you fire that rifle or handgun, is it for pest control and protection of your pets? Bullets that go up must come down or those that project out will hit a hard target. Will it be a tree or a neighbor's home – even an innocent animal or human being? There are “no shooting” signs posted along the road.

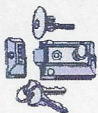


When you light those fireworks, are you prepared to fight the fire that may destroy Timberlake?

When you walk or ride across another's property, what will be your logical excuse if caught? There are laws against trespassing. Are you prepared for ensuing legal action?

When you race your ATV, is it the noise and speed that satisfies or the peace and quiet of Timberlake that annoys you?

When you leave the lake gates unlocked, are you prepared to help clean up the litter left by those who trespass, and help repair the broken fence when they use their vehicle to crash through the wood?



Will you complain when money allocation from dues must be increased to repair damages created by vandalism, which will forcefully create hikes in TRLA liability insurance.

For those who allow their dogs free run of the ranch, are you prepared for the consequences or legal aspects of this action? Both McKinley and Cibola counties have leash laws. Roaming dogs attack dogs on other people's property, sometimes bite other residents, create damage to others homes or yards, and are basically a nuisance and a danger when allowed to run free. Allowing dogs to run free is breaking the law, with legal ramifications, not only for the dog owner but the Association.

We realize that occasionally a pet gets out or lost, a posting on the Community Board by the mailboxes or on the Web site alerts others and helps in locating the dog.

PLEASE – think twice and respect the rules which, incidentally, apply to one and all. ✓

Commons Report

- Upgrades and improvements to the grounds and Ranch House are continuing through the combined efforts of contractors, our volunteers, and Board members.
- Additional plumbing parts were purchased to replace broken fittings on the water pressure tank and to install the kitchen sink. A new electric stove/oven was purchased by the Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers for the kitchen. It will be set in place after the new flooring has been installed.
- Volunteers placed and repaired sign posts broken during the winter.
- The broken fence railings by the north lake gate have been replaced with new lumber. Volunteers white washed all the fencing. More volunteers are needed to give the south gate fence a much needed face lift.
- Mansperger Electric installed new “Dark Sky” exterior lighting outside the Ranch House and Bathhouse. The new low wattage lights provide illumination while not interfering with our beautiful night skies.
- Jerry Toellner topped the two remaining elm trees shading the Ranch House. All the trees will look great next spring.
- A sign was placed on the CCT 74 (Common Land) to alert individuals of trespassing laws and that no vehicles are allowed off road due to high fire danger.
- Thirteen additional keys to the lake gates and bath house were purchased. Please read the “Key Policy” in this newsletter and on the Web site.
- The entrance to the Ranch House is now decorated with a new flag pole for Old Glory and the NM state flag (Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers) along with a beautiful carved iron sign donated by Don Parry.
- The Board plans to upgrade the bath house plumbing this fall. ✓

Kudos

A Note of Thanks

Well Done

... to all the Timberlake Volunteer who keep the ditches clean all the way to Hwy 53.

... to Tom and Darlene Merritt who replaced the old wall phone in Bath house with a new one.

...to Eileen Domer, Pat and Allan Burnam and Tom Merritt for repairing and replacing the broken fencing at north lake gate and spending three days painting the entire fence.

... to the following individuals who have made substantial contributions in the renovations and remodeling of the TCC Ranch House.

Bravo

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Roads Report



During June, July and August 2010 the following occurred:

- Nearly all the side roads have been graded along with bar ditching in areas where it was required.
- Repair completed on Bobcat Road from weather damage done Sept. 5th, 2009.
- \$27,553 of gravel was purchased for the following roads.
- Spot graveling on North and South Lobo, Bluebird, Conejo and Aspen Loop.
- Major graveling of Pinetree, Black Bear, Pinion and Culebra.

The crusher at C&E is still under repair and hampering ability to purchase the specific gravel needed according to soil type of roads.

Sunflower, Copperweed and Woodland roads will be requiring the larger gravel in order to build a base, to prevent further loss of gravel.

Cottonwood Loop will receive spot graveling, after construction traffic subsides.

Quandary Continues: There has been a large growth of sunflowers and grass on roadsides from increased moisture this past winter and this summer's monsoons. If we clear the bar ditches and build up the roads, it leaves large "glops" of material on the road and the sunflowers are lost for the season. If left alone, the dead weeds/flowers complicate snow removal. No one likes to see the sunflowers go, but neither does anyone like driving through narrow wet muddy roads in the winter. What would you do? ✓

A Note of Thanks

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Thank you!

Roger Irwin for a "dark sky" compliant exterior lighting fixture.

Pat and Allan Burnam for the bell that hangs in the adobe niche at the entrance.

Don and Jolene Parry for the TCC Ranch House and Old Glory decorative carved steel signs and multiple accessories to furnish the new kitchen.

Jack and Larry Mansperger for donated hours in finishing the new rewiring project.

Jo Garcia for donating another refrigerator in the kitchen.

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers for the new flag pole, kitchen stove and custom library shelves.

Steve Wills, Alan Burnam, Jin Zwerg and Danny Montoya who assisted Chopper for three days in finishing the gorgeous custom library shelves for the Green Room.

Those individuals who are waiting for the completion of the interior work so that they may bring additional needed items. ✓

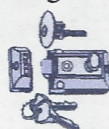
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Architectural/Maintenance Report

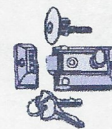
Building plans for three homes and one shed have been approved since April. Sheds less than 200 sq. ft. do not require approval by TRLA except for wanting to make sure they are not placed less than 20 feet from the rear and 20 feet from the sides of the property line and at least 125 feet from the road front. (Note: Side road easements are 50 feet except in Cloh Chin Toh where they are 40 feet.) The State of New Mexico requires building permits for any structure over 120 sq. ft.

Lot compliance for violation of trailer storage was obtained on July 31, 2010 after they were removed.

Committee continues to seek compliance on lots that still have existing sheds over 200 sq. ft. and trailer storage by working with the landowners and workable time frames. ✓



TRLA Key Policy*



The locks on the bath house, lake gates, burn pile and outside water spigot have been in place since May 2008.

Keys for the locks are sold to landowners who are members in good standing. **

Each landowner may purchase one to two keys by filling out the key request form and mailing it to TRLA HC 61 Box 767 Ramah, NM 87321 along with their money.

Request forms may be located at www.trnews.info, on the Web site, or can be E-mailed, or mailed by an Officer of the Board upon request.

The cost of a key is \$5.50 per key plus \$0.75 for shipping and handling (or \$6.25 total for each key).

Lost keys: One lost Key may be replaced for \$15.00.

Keys are mailed out a few days after the Treasurer receives the request form. If the key/keys are not received by mail in a timely matter please contact the Treasurer for a resolution.

To purchase a key on site, arrangements may be made by telephone or E-mail with the Treasurer or President.

Report any problems with the keys and locks to a Board Member; a phone list is located above the telephone in the bath house.

*Above policy also applies to Guest Members (persons owning property in Woodland Estates and the Box S).

* "Means and refers to every person or entity who holds membership in the Corporation and is current in paying the annual Association assessments and is not currently in violation of any Association rules, regulations, guidelines or Timberlake Ranch Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions."

**A member in Good Standing definition according to the Bylaws. ✓ (Updated: July, 2010.)

I.C.E.....IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

We all carry our cell phones with names and numbers stored in its memory, but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

Apparently, there is a standard procedure all paramedics are beginning to follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.



The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case of Emergency).

A paramedic found that when he went to a scene of an accident, there were always cell phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call, and thought it a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE".

For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3, etc. This seems to be a great idea that will make a significant difference. Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our cell phone today! It really could save our life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for us when we are unable. ✓

Wish List for Community Center Ranch House/Historic Room

We Wish . . .

At the TRLA Annual Meeting on May 29th a suggestion was made during the afternoon Q&A to publish a list of items needed to help with the Historic Room and Ranch House completion. This would assist landowners who want to contribute to the project, but are unable to because of distance and job careers.

A few suggestions: Antique appearing decorative picture rail hooks as found on www.houseofantiquehardware.com. Need about 20 clips.

A lead in help finding a lockable free-standing display case. Several items were located during renovation. Landowners who discovered pottery shards or arrowheads in Timberlake are willing to donate them to the cause.

A seamstress who could sew an authentic looking Mormon pioneer dress/bonnet from the 1880s. We have a free-standing dress mannequin for display, donated for the volunteer yard sale.

A landowner with expertise in enlarging scans of old photographs.

Black picture frames to hold the enlarged old photographs and deeds.

Monetary donations to acquire window treatments/curtains.

Please contact Linda Pedersen (pete137@juno.com) if you wish to contribute. ✓

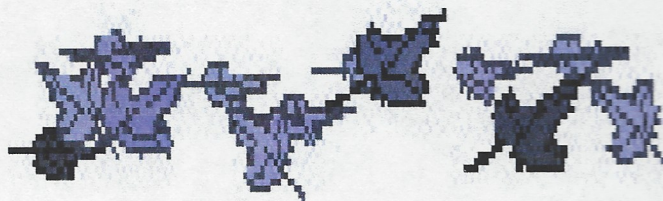
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SURVEY SAYS!

At the May, 2010 Annual Meeting a questionnaire was available for anyone wishing to provide input on roads, Common land and buildings, the Web site, etc. Only five were returned. If you weren't at the meeting and would like to provide input to us (especially for people who might be building a permanent residence in Timberlake within the next few years), we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Mary Jo Wallen at 1-505-783-4207, or mrsdw19@aol.com to obtain a form.

1. **One homeowner indicated that they would be staying all winter this year.** As a result, we have already provided gravel to them on Culebra so their wintertime travelling should be much easier.
2. **Another suggestion pertained to creating a place to park/carpool beside by the Volunteer Fire Dept.** Are there any others interested in this idea?
3. **Culvert at Cottonwood Drive and Timberlake is about 80% closed because of dirt.** Jerry Toellner indicated that during the last month a lot of work has been done on culverts all over Timberlake. Remember, that it is your responsibility to clean out culverts on your own property. During the monsoon season it is sometimes difficult to keep up with all the problem areas (especially when landowners are not present), so please continue to keep us informed and be patient. As you know, McKinley and Cibola County road crews only come out two to three times a year, so our equipment/manpower has to take up the slack on Timberlake Road.
4. **Several people indicated that they would like the Web site updated more often and that some of the older articles need to be archived.** This comment has been passed on to Roger Irwin, Tim Amsden and David Skinner. As volunteers, they do a tremendous service to our community by providing the Timberlake Ramah News Web site.
5. **One new residence should be built within 1-2 years on Culebra and another one in Cloh Chin Toh.** This is great information to know and will be passed on to the appropriate person(s) for future budgets, road maintenance plans, etc.

Thank you to everyone who provided us with valuable feedback. Your suggestions are always welcome! ✓





TRLA Equestrian Easement Guidelines/Etiquette - 2010

(For horses and hikers only)



Presently, there are four horse easements, marked with a post (marked with a horseshoe on top or post and "Trail" below), that lead to the Common Areas along the cliffs: one off Yucca or Cedar (no easement – enter directly into the Common Area), and two areas with access located off Black Bear that lead to the National Forest. Maps of the easements are being provided to all horse owners in TRLA this month. If anyone else would like a copy, please contact Mary Jo Wallen at mrsdw19@aol.com, or 505-783-4207.

During the summer of 2010, we intend to verify some of the easements that are questionable, so we will be comparing plat maps, deeds and using actual GPS readings in those areas. There are several easements in Cloh Chin Toh that have not been marked. We intend to address these before the summer of 2011. These easements access the horse pasture and Common Area to the east of Timberlake Road.

Please notify Mary Jo Wallen, Gary Blum or another Board member if it appears that an area in one of these easements or Common Areas becomes unsafe (i.e. water has washed out areas). If unsafe, please go back the way you came into the area instead of crossing private property. We need to be respectful of everyone's property.

Guidelines/Highlights are:

1. Equestrian easements are specifically for horses and hikers. Trail bikes, ATV's or other motorized vehicles are NOT allowed.
 2. Horseback riders should "always" stay on the trail – please respect private property.
 3. Private property owners can help horseback riders by clearly marking their property boundaries. Horseback riders are not "intentionally" trespassing and can occasionally get off the trail, especially if an area has become eroded due to rain washing away an area. According to NMSA 1978 30-14-1: No Trespassing signs are required to adhere to the list following.
 - 3a. No trespassing signs must be printed legibly in English.
 - 3b. Signs must be at least 144 square inches in size.
 - 3c. Signs must contain the name and address of the person under whose authority the property is posted (an example can be seen at the top of Forest Road 157 (just this side of the windmill)).
 - 3d. Signs must be placed at each roadway or apparent ways of access onto the property, in addition to the posting of the boundaries.
 - 3e. If the property is not fenced, such notices shall be posted every 500 feet along all exterior boundaries.
 4. Although horses are large animals, they can be easily startled by a bicycle, ATV, animal, etc. When coming upon a rider, verbal contact with the rider and horse is always a good idea to make sure it is safe to pass. There is a 50' road easement. Riding in bar ditches is appropriate to ensure that everyone stays safe.
 5. Slowest traffic (hikers or horses) should always stay on the right and all faster traffic should stay right and pass only on the left (where and when possible).
 6. Horse Easement entrances are marked with posts with horseshoes on the top. Stone cairns (with at least 3– 4 stacked stones) are used to mark the easement trail in-between the Common Area and the entrance to the Horse Easement, especially in very wooded/brushy areas. The Black Bear Easement is an open field from the road back to the Forest – ride straight back from the road.
 7. Easements are 10' in McKinley County. If there are brushy areas, to go around/or through, the 10' easement should still be sufficient. All easements will be checked by Board Members before fall to ensure that easements are marked properly.
 8. Horse owners should "know their horse." If your horse spooks easily, don't ride in unfamiliar areas (where animals or vehicles on roadways could create a skittish atmosphere).
 9. If your horse is known to kick, put a red ribbon in its tail. Also, if riding in a group discuss any problems you may have with everyone before going out on the trail.
 10. Don't trash Mother Nature. Hikers and riders enjoy nature and beautiful surroundings, so "Pack It In and Pack It Out," which is common courtesy and respect.
 11. Leave gates as you found them. This is a universal rule in the country. Many trail areas double as cow pastures, so always leave the gates as you found them (this applies more to the Forest Road 157 area, and not the lake access).
- A cedar fence was recently built by the entrance to the Ranch House. It was placed in that location to prevent people from driving over the new septic system. Instead of riding your horse in-between this fence and the new Community Ranch House sign, we are encouraging everyone to ride thru the gate that goes towards the brush pile. (Your key to the lake and bath house can also be used for this gate). You can still ride around to the front of the Ranch House and tie your horse to the outside of the fence (if you are sure that your horse won't spook and pull back and potentially damage the fence) while you are visiting the Ranch House. Please stay away from the Ranch House lawn as much as possible because we don't need any extra "fertilizer" while picnics and other activities are being held at the Ranch House.

For further information, please contact either: Mary Jo Wallen at mrsdw19@aol.com, or call 505-783-4207; Gary Blum at garyb44@hughes.net, or 575-772-2539.

Trail etiquette is common sense. Be mindful of the golden rule. Treat others as you like to be treated. Happy trails. ✓

Mary Jo and Gary

BILLY THE KID IN TIMBERLAKE?

Much has been said and written about William Bonney and Pat Garrett and whether the grave at Ft. Sumner actually contains the real Billy the Kid killed by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1881. Recently it has come to forefront with the possible pardoning of Billy the Kid, by Bill Richardson, (current governor) and the DNA evidence that has been acquired by former Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and former Deputy Steven Sederwall with privately donated money.

A story goes that when Billy the Kid was shot by Pat Garrett, his body was turned over to the Mexican women for burial. They found him still breathing and substituted for his body in the coffin that of a Mexican man who had died the night before. One woman, Isadora, carefully nursed him until he could be taken by night, hiding him in a straw mattress, for escape and recovery.

Billy was familiar with the Ramah area as he himself has spent many days in Outlaw Canyon. He took the name of John Miller. One story written by Atheling Bond of Ramah states that John Miller had a six-shooter about eight inches longer than an ordinary six-shooter, hanging up on this wall. When asked why all the notches on the gun, he replied "well, those represent the men I've killed." As they got to talking, John Miller pulled off his shirt and showed his back where he had been shot. He had been shot about 12 times. His wife's name was Isadora and she told Atheling Bond that his name is not John Miller, his name is Billy the Kid.

Herman Tacklanburg was a stowaway from Germany who worked his way to New Mexico where he knew Billy the Kid as a youngster. In his later years he came to Ramah and recognized Billy but kept his identity secret.

John Miller adopted a Navajo child named Max. The stories of John and Max Miller are well known to people living in Ramah, such as Gene Lambson and the Crocketts (who lived close by Miller). In 1938 the federal government interviewed a cattleman who said "he doubts very much if Pat Garrett really killed Billy the Kid."

Frank Coe, who knew the Kid well and had often ridden with him, told him (the cattleman) he could saddle his horse at sunrise at his ranch on the Ruidoso, and eat supper with the Kid at sundown." Also, a man by the name of John Collins had been

a friend of Billy the Kid. When Sheriff Pat Garrett supposedly killed the Kid, Collins claimed the next day he helped bury the corpse of the man Garrett killed and it was not Billy the Kid.

Historians still puzzle over such basic

Billy the Kid facts as the day and place of his birth, and even his real name. Was he born Henry McCarty in New York City in November 1859, as some believe? Or was he Henry Antrim? Where did William H. Bonney come from, the alias he adopted in the wake of the killing of a Mr. Cahill. And what did he actually look like? The famous tintype – the only photographic image historians concur is really Billy the Kid – shows an impossibly homely boy, so buck-toothed that he could, as has been written, eat a pumpkin through a picket fence.

Sullivan and Sederwall's investigative work found 26 individuals who claimed to be Billy the Kid. However, they felt Helen Airy's book, "Whatever Happened to Billy the Kid?" about John Miller made a lot of sense.

Sullivan and Sederwall found the wooden workbench on which the Kid's body was supposedly laid after being shot and this bench was saturated in blood. The famous forensic expert Dr. Henry Lee successfully pulled DNA from the bench.

John Miller had been buried in Prescott. He entered the Arizona Pioneers' Home after injuring his hip in a fall from a roof and died 8 months later on March 14, 1937. The Miller exhumation was granted to obtain DNA evidence.

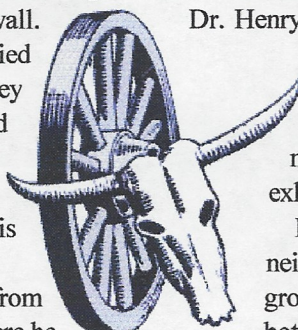
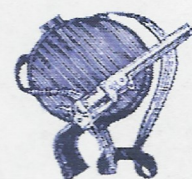
Miller's grave held no marker or headstone, and neither did the grave closest to his. Once in the ground the investigators found two sets of remains, both white males, resting side by side in graves separated by 3 to 4 feet. Which one was Miller? They pulled bones from both graves. According to Sederwall "We were shocked when we got him up. He had buck teeth just like the Kid and a bullet hole in the upper left chest that exited the shoulder blade."

Dr. Laura Fulginiti (forensic anthropologist) wasn't as enthusiastic as she couldn't tell whether it was from a gunshot wound or not. She examined the second body, finding no evidence of gunshot wound. But she did find a hip injury that was still in the process of repairing at the time of death. This fit the story from Airy's book that Miller had fallen off a roof just prior to coming to the Pioneers' Home.

The DNA expert present at the exhumation was unable to extract usable DNA from Hip Man, but he did get a usable sample from Scapula Man.

Did it match the blood on the workbench? We still don't know. Currently there is a legal battle under the Inspection of

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Black Bears of New Mexico

Information Courtesy New Mexico Game & Fish Department



From Paleolithic times to the present, bears have fascinated humans. However, all too often, our interest in bears is misinformed and marred by inaccurate beliefs.

On the one hand, we feel a kinship with bears, due partly to the traits we have in common. Bears stand erect on the soles of their feet, sit on their rumps and have shoulder joints which allow free rotation of limbs. Like us, they are omnivorous, eating both plants and animals. Bears can use their front paws like hands, and their eyes are nearly aligned in a frontal plane. Their hind paw prints look uncannily like a human's barefoot print. In addition, bears occupy a distinct, often exalted place in folklore, mythology, legend and literature. Many indigenous cultures in the Southwest have incorporated bears into their system of beliefs. They share a belief that bears possess wisdom and power. Hunting customs, ceremonial feasts, and the depiction of bears in art, song, story and dance highlight the importance of bears to Native cultures.

Their popularization in the form of cuddly teddy bears has helped create a potentially dangerous misconception in the minds of children and adults. Associating fictional bears with wild bears regularly leads people to risk serious harm in their attempt to befriend these powerful wild mammals.

Billy the Kid



Public Records Act to produce the records from that investigation by Sullivan and Sederwall. Sullivan and Sederwall say anything they did was on personal time and using their own or privately donated money, so any records they might have are their personal material. Scot Stinnett and Gale Cooper want Lee's analysis of the DNA from the workbench, John Miller (Scapula Man) and William Hudspeth (Hip Man) and information regarding any payment to Lee.

Exhumation requests for Billy the Kid at Ft. Sumner and Catherine Antrim who is purported to be Billy's mother have been refused. A match of either man might force historians to rewrite one of the West's most iconic stories. These days, the Kid generates more dollars for New Mexico's Lincoln County than cattle. We will probably never know 'who' is actually buried 'where' as everybody is lawyered up to preserve their reputations and their incomes.

Many stories abound but, as with all stories, they need to be taken with a grain of salt. It still is exciting to think that Billy the Kid spent many days in the Timberlake area and his final resting place is in Prescott, Arizona. ✓

Special thanks to Kate Walling (Timberlake Landowner) for her contribution to this article.

Many of us also have a deep fear of bears. Sensational depictions of bears in movies, stories, and tall tales misrepresent actual bear behavior. Such stories leave us with equally erroneous impressions of the bear's ferocity and viciousness. The factual information about these remarkable animals is more fascinating than our romantic and sensational misconceptions.

Fall is upon us and when weather cools, the bears will seek dens, selecting a surprisingly small den, which has one or more openings. The openings are often so narrow that an adult human would find it difficult to squeeze through them. In New Mexico, dens are frequently located under outcroppings of large rocks or tree roots. It is believed that small dens are chosen for their ability to conserve heat. Pregnant females and males den alone and may emerge as early as late March, depending on the weather.

Black bears are not true hibernators but enter a state of 'torpor,' which is a modified form of hibernation. Though drowsy and slow to react, a mother bear can still defend herself and her cubs more effectively than can an animal that truly hibernates. The black bear's metabolic and digestive processes undergo an amazing transformation during its stay in the den. Rather than excreting, the black bear has evolved the capacity to reabsorb its waste products and convert them into useful proteins, water and other nutrients. Since urination and defecation don't occur, there is no odor in the den. This significantly decrease the bear's chances of being found by mountain lions, bobcats, or coyotes, which may prey upon bears, especially cubs, in the dens.

In late August, bears begin to forage on foods that enable them to gain weight rapidly. This diet includes oak acorns, pinon nuts, and berries, which enables them to den without eating. Cubs, which weighed approximately six to seven pounds when they came out of the den in April or May, will weigh between 40 to 70 pounds when returning to the den. They are weaned at about seven months but remain with their mother until late into their second spring. Climbing is one of the first and most important skills the cubs learn. Mothers frequently send their cubs up trees to insure their safety. ✓

A Fed Bear is A Dead Bear

Editor's Note:

Caution: Keep your trash in a place inaccessible to bears. A fed bear is a dead bear. The first time caught, they are tagged and moved; the second time, recorded and moved; the third, killed. Don't feed the bears on purpose or inadvertently.

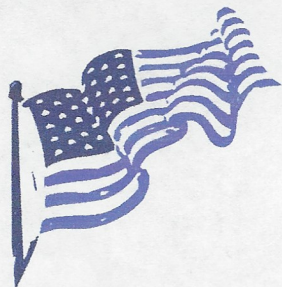
As space permits in future newsletters, more information will be shared on the wildlife living near us. They were here first. Respect them. Give them space. ✓



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United We Stand



**"I would rather see the
United States respected
than loved by
other nations . . ."**

Henry Cabot Lodge

If My People ...

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~Fran & Duane



"Healing"

We Will Never Forget Those Who Lost Their Lives 9/11/01

**"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us
well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear
any burden, meet any hardship, support any
friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival
and the success of liberty . . ."**

John F. Kennedy



**May God Bless
America Again**

**"Those who deny freedom to others
deserve it not for themselves . . ."**

Abraham Lincoln



*"September 11 changed our world. But with each story of
sorrow and pain comes one of hope and courage.
As we move forward, all of us have an opportunity to become
better people and to learn valuable lessons about heroism,
love and compassion . . ."*

Laura Bush, to middle and high school students.