

Timberlake Times

November 2019



Timberlake Ranch Landowners' Association

Keeping Timberlake Safe and Beautiful

Timberlake residents are working hard to keep our community safe and beautiful, from holding Neighborhood Watch Meetings, Volunteer Trash Pick Up events, our very dedicated Volunteer Fire Department, to Fire Mitigation efforts. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who lend your time and energy to protecting our beloved Timberlake Ranch. If you'd like to offer your support, we'd love to have your ideas and participation. Everyone is always welcome!

Volunteer Trash Pickup Day - June 23rd, 2019



Thanks for the
photos, Danny
Montoya!!



Upcoming Events



Oct 31, 2019 - Bath House closed for the season

Feb 15, 2020 - TRLA Board Meeting -
Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House

Mar 21, 2020 - TRLA Board Meeting -
Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House

Apr 18, 2020 - TRLA Board Meeting -
Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House

May 23, 2020 - Annual Landowners' Meeting & Potluck - Registration begins Sat, 9am @ TCC Ranch House

June 14, 2020 - Trash Pick Up Day

June 20, 2020 - Game Night

July 4, 2020 - Ice Cream Social - Sat
2-4 pm @ TCC Ranch House

July 17, 2020 - Game Night

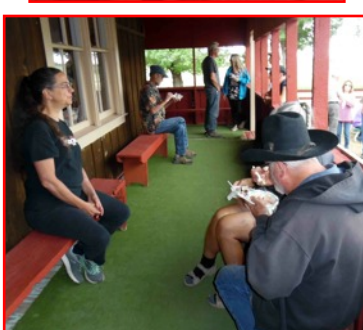
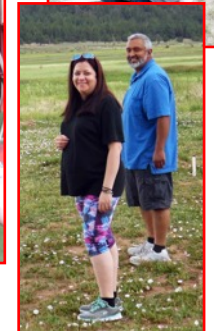
Aug 8, 2020 - Game Night

Aug (date TBD)- Mystic Bluffs Fly-In
- Sat. @ Flats Landing Strip

Aug 30, 2020 - Labor Day Picnic -
Sun 4:30-7pm @ TCC Ranch House



4th of July Annual Ice Cream Social



Photos by
Danny
Montoya



By Mary Jo Wallen



If you post "Private Property" signs, they should be 12 X 12 in size. No Trespassing signs need to include landowner name and address and need to be posted every 500' on all sides of your property if you do not have a fence. Remember NM is a "fence out" state. No burglaries have been reported for 2 ½ years. We appreciate everyone being more aware and reporting suspicious vehicles and persons. Tom Abbott gave a demonstration on using the AED (automated external defibrillator) that is available at the Ranch House during Timberlake events.

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2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

By Mary Jo Wallen

IT'S ABOUT FAIR REPRESENTATION - Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

IT'S ABOUT \$675 BILLION - The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, **roads**, public works and other vital programs.

EVERYONE COUNTS - The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once (in your official place of residency).

IT'S IN THE CONSTITUTION - The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

IT'S ABOUT REDISTRICTING - After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

TAKING PART IS YOUR CIVIC DUTY - Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT"

But, **more importantly and on a personal note as in Timberlake**, I recently attended a Cibola County Planning Meeting and discovered that Timberlake and Ramah statistics from the 2010 census shows only 372 people. A lot of us were under the impression that because Timberlake landowners paid so much in property taxes that we weren't getting our monies worth on road maintenance. Therefore, it is important that all full-time landowners in Timberlake and Ramah fill out the census next March thru June 2020. We need accurate numbers if we want more money allocated to our area. By law, your responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way – not by the FBI, CIA, Dept of Homeland Security or ICE.

OFFICIAL TRLA BOARD UPDATES

The first attempt to electronically send updates from the Board to Landowners occurred on October 22nd and 24th - a minimum of \$250 in savings from the administrative budget. In the past the Board has relied on the trnews.info website and quarterly Timberlake Times newsletter to keep Landowners informed. When issues surface that requires a special mailing to everyone, money must be spent having the letter and labels printed, envelopes and stamps purchased and hours stuffing and labeling a minimum of 580 envelopes. By sending out these "Official TRLA Board Updates" electronically, it saves money that can be spent on gravel and road maintenance and hours of administrative time. These updates will come from the Board via a Board Director.

There are about 100 landowners who have not shared their emails to facilitate this inexpensive way of immediate communication. Several emails bounced back undeliverable from the Oct. 22nd and 24th attempt which means they are obsolete. **If you did not receive the "Official TRLA Board Updates" and wish to receive this form of communication in the future, please email pete137@juno.com.**

ROADS REPORT

by Don Ouellette

In the last 3 months a considerable amount of work has been done on our roads. Approximately 35 loads of gravel were spread on the following roads: Cottonwood, Elk, Culebra, Ash, Lobo between Timberlake and Sagebrush. Ash Road was built up at Copperweed.

Bar ditches were cleaned on the following roads: Sunflower, Hilltop, Buttonwood, Copperweed, Woodland, Ash, Sagebrush, Lobo, Oak Drive, Culebra, Elk, Pinion, and Black Bear.

We bought 2 new batteries for grader and greased all fittings. The grader will need service soon. Culvert on Lobo between Timberlake and Sagebrush was cleaned out. Two more culverts were installed on Woodland. Culvert on Sunflower was dug up cleaned out and bad section cut off, then reinstalled. At the bottom of Hilltop at Sunflower an additional culvert was installed at that problem area. A turnaround was put in at end of Elk where it enters private property. A culvert was installed between Culebra and Timberlake and gravel spread over the area. Black Bear/Pinion new culvert and gravel. On Black Bear near Quail a large culvert and gravel were installed.

Four loads of gravel on Sunflower and six loads on Copperweed. The truck was brought in for service. Jack has been constantly pushing up the burn pile due to heave amount of debris from fire abatement work.

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers

2019 WRAP-UP

The Volunteers wish to thank all of you who helped to make the events this summer a successful and memorable 2019 in Timberlake – Trash Clean Up Day, Ice Cream Social, Mystic Bluffs Fly-in and Labor Day BBQ/Silent Auction. Your positive and complimentary feedback and participation makes our hard work all the more enjoyable and rewarding. It is especially fulfilling that we can use the profits to fund items that will help benefit the entire community. Unfortunately, we may be reconsidering the menu for the Labor Day BBQ next year due to a loss of \$326 in food costs. Please contact us if you wish to participate in volunteering. There is no easier way to know your fellow landowners.

Tentative Schedule for 2020:

Game Nights at the Ranch House: June 20th, July 17th and August 8th

Trash Clean Up Day: June 14th

Ice Cream Social: July 4th

Mystic Bluffs Fly-in: To Be Announced

Labor Day BBQ/Silent Auction: August 30th



Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers
Thank You Dinner



The Timberlake Ranch House Stitchers Had A Busy Summer

We had a very successful quilt raffle selling a record number of tickets; a big thank you to our Timberlake community for their continued support. The 2020 quilt is in the works and will be beautiful!

We also broadened our horizons this summer and learned the art of Suminagashi (dying paper/fabric with ink and water), we were shown how to make cards using the tea fold, shown how and practiced machine quilting, learned how to make a Bargello quilt, took a field trip to our resident quilter Laura Anderson and watched a longarm quilting machine in action, learned about applique, made beautiful mesh tote bags, and we tried our hand at clay pottery just like the Natives did using only our hands and natural tools. They were literally fired in a fire pit!

Thanks to all of our talented presenters Nancy Ramm, Kris Railsback, Marilyn Everhart, Karen Ellett, Judy Haverstick, Sharon Axtell, and Carren Kangas.

Our meetings are scheduled on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the craft room. We will start up again next May, all are welcome to join us.




Pottery Class & Firing Demo



Suminagashi Class




Alerts!




Burning on the Ranch

Just because winter is almost upon us, doesn't mean there isn't the danger of a destructive wildfire on our beautiful ranch. **It only takes one mistake!** Wildfires are a year round issue. Please be extremely careful with fire and spark producing items, even if there is not a burn ban in place.

Instead of burning on your property, consider utilizing the Burn Pile down at the Ranch House. It's free of charge.



Protect our Forest



Official TRLA Board Updates

In an effort to save money and speed up communication, TRLA's Board will now be sending out important or time sensitive messages via email. Only current Board members will be authoring messages and the title of the email will always be "Official TRLA Board Updates". If you are unsure if TRLA has your *current* email address, please notify Linda Petersen pete137@juno.com



TRLA Landowners

Please remember to notify the TRLA Board when your address, phone number or email changes **OR** when your property is transferred to another owner.




Notes



Note from your EMS Team

When a medical emergency happens at your home, EMS personnel need information on, not only your health conditions and medications, but also your wishes. If you have a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate Order) or take prescription medicine, your emergency team needs to know. Unfortunately, there are times a patient is unable to give that information. Secure an envelope to your refrigerator, marked **EMS**, and in it, put a list of all of the medicines you take and any health conditions you have, along with a copy of your DNR, if you have one. Your EMS team will check that location for your instructions and medical information.



Neighborhood Watch Group

If you experience a break in or vandalism of your property, PLEASE be sure to notify the police and make a report. Reporting illegal activity on the ranch is the only way to ensure our law enforcement teams know we need their presence and support. After reporting to the police, please notify the Neighborhood Watch Group via email. timberlakewatch@gmail.com

If You See Something - Say Something!



FYI

Timberlake Ranch has an AED (automated external defibrillator) which can be used to save a life during a cardiac episode. In an emergency, the AED is designed to *verbally* guide the user through each of the steps, so you don't have to have any medical training. If you'd like more information on this equipment, speak to a TRLA Board member or a member of Timberlake's Volunteer Fire Department. (They have one, too.)

1st Qtr 2019-20120 September 30,2019	YTD	BUDGET 2019- 2020	Difference
TOTAL INCOME	172,889.87	170,890.00	\$1,999.87
OUTFLOWS/EXPENSES			
Board	5,276.50	0.00	\$5,276.50
Communications	401.27	1,225.00	(\$823.73)
Financial	5,877.40	20,100.00	(\$14,222.60)
Legal	-635.82	11,000.00	(\$11,635.82)
Insurance	13,883.00	14,000.00	(\$117.00)
Wages & Taxes	1,639.56	9,530.00	(\$7,890.44)
Buildings & Commons**	30,108.37	44,350.00	(\$14,241.63)
Equip Maint. & Repairs	528.52	5,700.00	(\$5,171.48)
Fuel, Oil, Grease	1,246.49	3,700.00	(\$2,453.51)
Roads	40,611.00	80,000.00	(\$39,389.00)
Utilities	445.86	2,700.00	(\$2,254.14)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	99,382.15	192,305.00	(\$92,922.85)

Buildings & Commons** \$20,000.00 added from last years budget for Fire Mitigation

BANK BALANCE: 09/30/2019

Treasurer Notes:

Deposit	169,291.66
Checking	10,057.14
Rewards	1,524.64
Contingency Funds	
Ranch House Restoration	100,000.00
Emergency Reserve	44,059.76
Total Balance	324,933.20

Significant Expenses:

Buildings & Commons: \$30,108.37*

*includes -Forest Fire Mitigation

Insurance : \$13,883.00 *

*includes - Ranch/Auto Liability & Board & Officers Liability

Roads: \$40,611.00*

* includes - Gravel/Road Maintenance

Collections Due:

Association Dues owed YTD	\$45,767.53
Association Dues owed prior years	\$6,796.13
Total Dues Owed	\$52,563.66

LEGAL, LIENS AND FORECLOSURES

TRLA currently owns 2 Lots and one is under contract. Sale information is on the TRLA website for anyone interested. There are 2 lots with the law firm of Hays & Friedman in Santa Fe in the foreclosure process. 4 Lots are currently lienied and not with the law firm. There are potentially another 5 lots to be lienied the end of October

Monthly financial reports, including line by line details, can be found on the TRLA website.

<http://www.trnews.info/TRLAindex.htm>

If you need a copy mailed to you, please send your request to:

TRLA Treasurer
HC 61 Box 767
Ramah, NM 87321



FOREST HEALTH INITIATIVE UPDATE

By Fire Mitigation Sub-Committee

Ray Martin's Tree Service has completed 10 miles of thinning along TRLA side roads including Halcon, Bluebird, Conejo, part of Black Bear, Quail, Cedar, Yucca, Aspen Loop, Elk, Cottonwood Loop, Culebra and part of Sagebrush. Brush from thinning has been hauled to the burn pile. While the majority of side roads that need work have been done, there are still more side roads that need thinning. We will wait until next year when more funds are available. The two brush piles will be burned when it is safe to do so (usually the first of January).

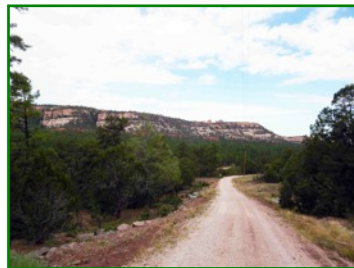
Several members of the Fire Mitigation Committee were invited to a Learning Exchange on November 8th where they were able to share ideas with others in the Gallup/Grants areas. Topics included: landscape treatments, plans and regulations, community engagement, public health, wildfire recovery, safety and evacuation, resident and community mitigation and wildfire response.

The Healthy Forest Management Plan for TRLA that has been prepared by Tom Marks, Consulting Forester, has been completed and was presented to the USFS on November 6, 2019 for their approval. Approval of this Plan allows Timberlake and its landowners to apply for more funding for forest health initiatives and fire mitigation programs.

The New Mexico State Forestry recently approved five applications for lot-thinning projects under the Forest Health Improvement Plan (FHI). These agreements are made between a landowner and the New Mexico Forestry. However, the Forest Stewards Guild is contracted with the State of New Mexico to be the fiscal agent and is responsible for reimbursing landowners for a percentage of the cost of the thinning project after the completed project is approved by the State Forestry.

The Forest Stewards Guild has provided land stewardship services to private landowners in New Mexico for the past 30 years. Services include ecologically based management planning and implementation through collaboration and partnership. The organizational mission of the Forest Stewards Guild is to protect the integrity of the forest ecosystem and improve the lives of people in rural communities.

If you would like to have your property assessed for future projects next year, please contact Mary Jo Wallen at Mrsdw19dw@aol.com, or 1-505-269-5022. We have five landowners on the waiting list at the present time. The TRLA website also has a lot of information under the [Fire Mitigation section](#). Other members of the Sub-Committee are: Ron or Rachel Schali at 1-505-488-0556 or mister.schali@gmail.com or Rachel.schali@gmail.com. Tim and Eileen Domer can be contacted at 1-505-713-0570, or tedomer24@gmail.com.



Fire Mitigation

Efforts on Conejo

Architectural and Maintenance Report

- 1 Garage approved
- 1 Residence plan approved
- 1 Covenant violation active

Communications Report

By Shirl Henderson

TRLA Official WebSite: <http://trnews.info/index/html>

Has all necessary forms, information, photo gallery, posting of Minutes and Financials. Also, properties for sale, maps, emergency information's, Rules and Regulations and CC&R's. Up-Coming Events and Volunteer's information and History of our beautiful Timberlake Ranch. Recently added is Fire Mitigation.

For Sale by TRLA

If you are a landowner or have a friend/relative interested in acquiring land in Timberlake, the following land is for sale through the Association. The prices include all escrow costs. Pictures are posted on trnews.info website. Interested persons can contact Steve Wills, TRLA Board of Directors, President.

- Unit 8 Block 25 Lot 4 Lobo Dr. 5 acres \$6800 (Firm) McKinley County
- Unit 5 Block 10 Lot 22 Cottonwood Dr. 6 acres \$15,000 (Negotiable) McKinley County

How Can I Contact.....?

TRLA has now made it easier to contact the Board of Directors for their specific roles via a generic email account. These email accounts will remain in place, even as Board members change.

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TRLA Vice President - trlavp@gmail.com
Commons Director - trlacommons@gmail.com
Roads Director - trlaroads@gmail.com
Treasurer - trlatreasurer@gmail.com
Secretary - trlasecretary@gmail.com
Director of Accounts - trlaacct@gmail.com
Architectural & CCRs - trlaarchccr@gmail.com
Other emails you may need:
TRLA Webmaster - webmastertrla@gmail.com
TRLA Bookkeeper - mray321@yahoo.com
Timberlake Neighborhood Watch
timberlakewatch@gmail.com

Have You Ever Asked?

Questions and Answers About Timberlake

Q: I have some photos of Timberlake that would look great in the newsletter. Who should I send them to?

A: You can email them to the newsletter editor, Nancy Ramm at nramm00@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!

Q: What's the best way to contact Fish and Game?

A: Call the State Police Dispatch at 1.505.841.9256 and select option #3, if you want to get a message to our Game & Fish representatives.



**Timberlake Neighborhood Stitches
Raffle Quilt 2019**



**Labor Day Picnic 2019
Set Up**

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**TRLA Board Meeting
Oct. 2019**