



TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

Spring 2023

President's Ponderings

As we leave the holidays behind and head into springtime, I hope everyone got to spend time with family and friends, and to reflect on the things that matter most. As I reflect, I am in awe, to just thank the Lord for the blessing of such a beautiful and wonderful community we have in Timberlake. We all know that living in rural New Mexico comes with the challenges of winter weather, but we are rewarded with the beautiful flowers in the Spring.

Our board is working to bring our roads and other areas to their ideal conditions, everyone having ideas of their own, and I will continue to work to get our roads and community to address some of our concerns.

As I think of all these things, I also know that living in New Mexico is a blessing. I grew up in Northern New Mexico, where we faced—and still face—the same kinds of challenges. I'm thankful for the support and help we all have as neighbors and would especially like to thank all the volunteers for their help.

Mary Ann Armijo

Photo: March 11, 2023

Upcoming Events

March Board Meeting

Saturday, March 18

10:00 a.m.

Offsite attendance via Zoom is now available! Please visit the TRLA website for signup details.

April Board Meeting

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Cookout

Details coming soon!

Station 55 Open House

Sunday, July 2

Ongoing at the Ranch House:

Book Room: Starting in April,
Tuesdays, 1-4 pm

What a winter!

Fed-Ex, UPS, Gallup Propane, Continental Divide, AT&T, and our own TRLA road crew are just a few of the victims of the snowy and slippery conditions. Our TRLA road crew worked constantly; their diligence and skill kept the roads as safe as possible during the most challenging winter season in a long, long time.



Upper Timberlake, Conejo Drive.



Shout out to our volunteer fire department!



Meeting neighbors



...and then there was MUD.

TRLA Road Crew

Volunteers: Joe Martinez
Don Parry
Tom Abbott

Part-time employees: Jack Mansperger
Louie Munoz

Equipment: Ford F550
Kubota tractor
John Deere Motor grader

IMPORTANT:

Four- or all-wheel are essential in road conditions like this. Drivers enter at their own risk. **Emergency equipment can be used only if a stranded vehicle is impeding traffic or in a dangerous location.**

You are responsible for plowing your driveway. The plow is going to kick up snow at your entrance, and you are responsible for clearing it.

For your safety, please check road conditions and make sure your vehicle is equipped with everything you need. Always carry a shovel, gloves, tow rope, and flashlight.

Timberlake by the Numbers

38

Miles of private roads maintained by TRLA. This includes grading, graveling, and snowplowing.

11

The main public Timberlake Road is about 11 miles long from Hwy 53 to the Box S entrance. It is maintained by **McKinley** and **Cibola** counties, except for one mile that belongs to the **Ramah Navajo**.

The TRLA board is working diligently with all three of these agencies to address maintenance concerns on their respective sections of Timberlake Road. **Please attend the monthly TRLA board meetings for progress updates and to express your concerns.**

Snowplowing begins once **6"** of snow is deposited on TRLA private roads (not Timberlake Road itself). The snow is plowed down to 1-2", not plowing to the gravel. There is no plowing of mud.

Landowners are responsible for plowing their driveways.

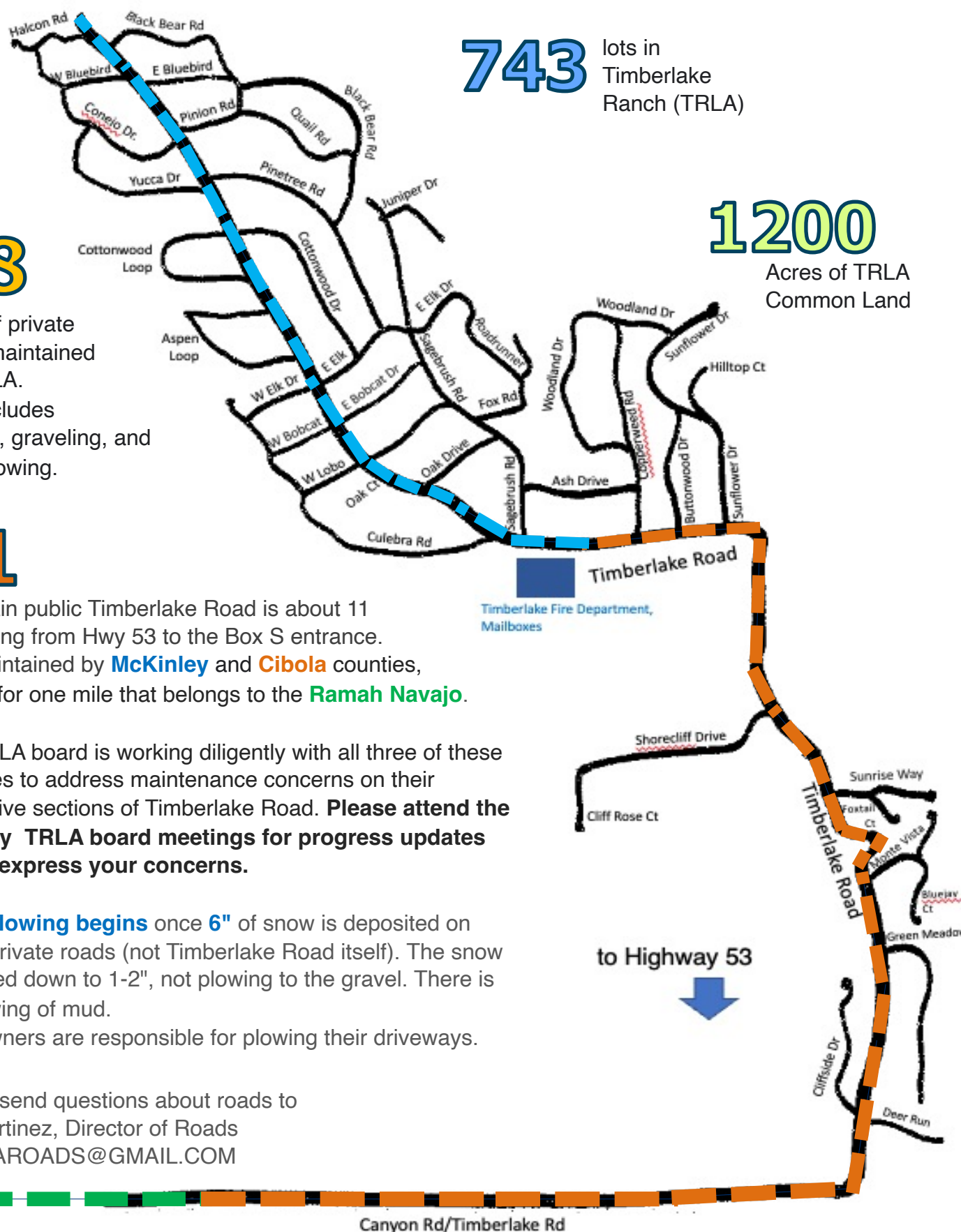
Please send questions about roads to Joe Martinez, Director of Roads at TRLARoads@GMAIL.COM

743

lots in Timberlake Ranch (TRLA)

1200

Acres of TRLA Common Land



Timberlake by the Numbers

Weather Statistics

15"

Average annual rainfall

48"

Average annual snowfall

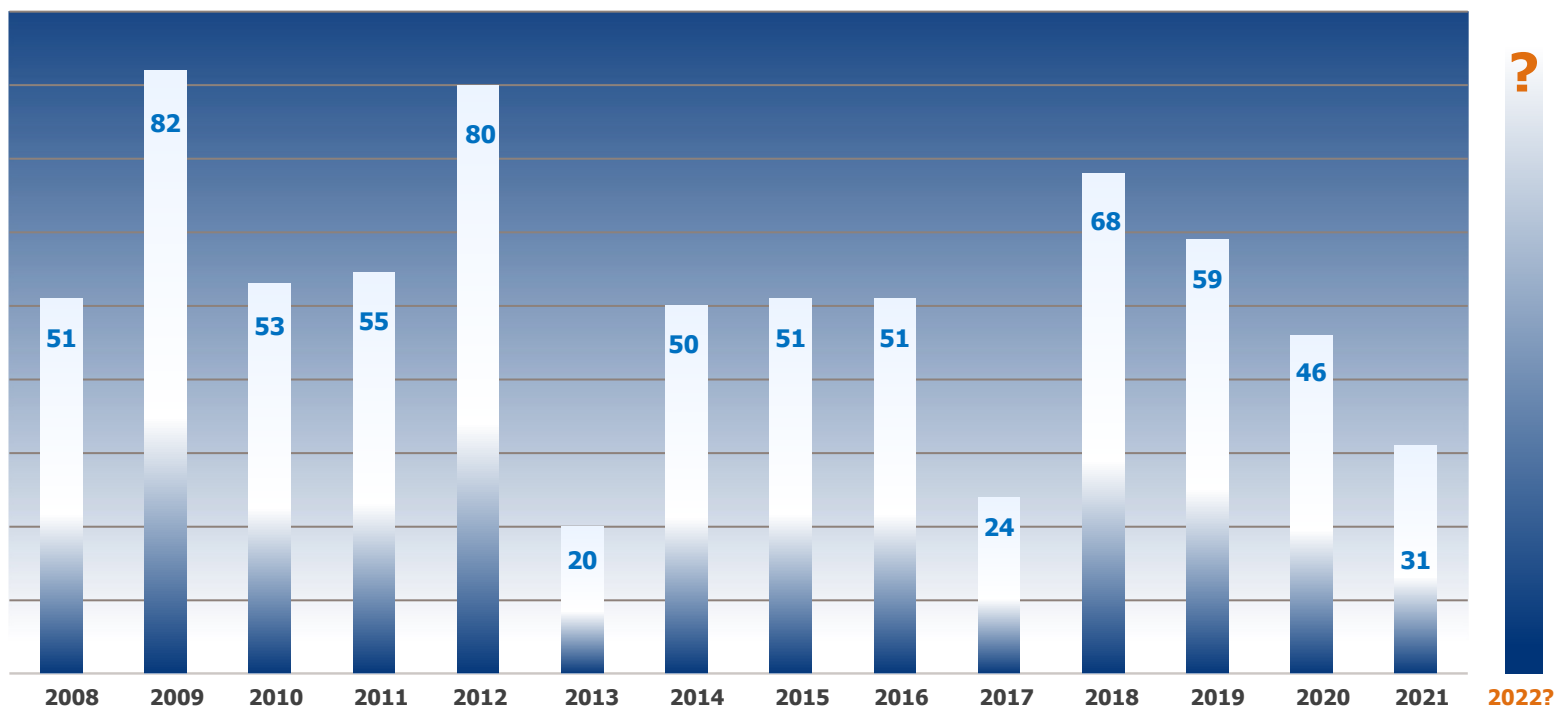
-20°

Record low temperature
(January, year unknown)

109°

Record high temperature
(July, year unknown)

Timberlake snowfall history (in inches)



Source: <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/ramah/new-mexico/united-states/usnm0553>

Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department: Station 55



Left to right: Cheri Sanders, Melinda Aubuchon, Wade Aubuchon, Stan Carlson, Bill Sanders, Rick Farrell, Andy Wilson, Frank Beissel, Trish Anderson, Julie Farrell.

The 2022 Timberlake Ranch Brush Pile Burn began on December 29 and burned for weeks.

The brush pile area will open again soon; check the [TRLA website](https://www.trla.com) for the most current information.

BRUSH ONLY PLEASE!

No tree trunks, no construction materials, and no trash.

The brush pile is a safe and FREE, and you don't need a burn permit.



Station 55 Open House – Sunday July 2

more details to follow

Come meet your neighbors and the volunteer crew.

- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Hydration awareness
- Apparatus and equipment demos
- Code Red information
- Fire permit and burn ban info



Kathy Waller participates in Fire Extinguisher Training. A blindfolded Frank Beissel undergoes “spaghetti training” to find his way out of a smoky structure by following the firehoses to their entry points

! PLEASE NOTE

When calling 9-1-1, remember to tell the dispatcher you need

STATION 55

Otherwise, first responders could be dispatched all the way from Grants.

TRLA Forest Restoration & Wildfire Mitigation Subcommittee

Timberlake subdivision is designated as at a very high risk of a devastating crown wildfire because of unhealthy and overgrown forests. We will continually research and recommend interventions that decrease the risk of a wildfire in the Timberlake subdivision. **Wildfire Mitigation is an important part of the duties and responsibilities of every landowner.**

Firewise Your Home and Property

Remember to **Firewise** your homes and properties. Whether you have an established home or are planning to build, please learn how to prepare your home for wildfire.

Visit the **Firewise USA** website here or click below: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Every year, devastating wildfires burn across the United States. At the same time, a growing number of people are living where wildfires are a real risk.

While these fires will continue to happen, there are things you can do to protect your home and neighborhood as well as your family's safety. The Firewise USA® program is here to help you get started.

Prepare your home
Learn what action you can take to make your home safer from wildfire.

The pamphlet entitled “**Prepare Your Home for Wildfires**” is free. Copies are available in the book room at the Ranch House.

Remember, a driveway entrance should be 18-22 feet wide to accommodate emergency vehicles.

The driveway itself should be at least 12 feet wide – with 15 feet vertical clearance. (For point of reference a standard highway lane is 12 feet wide).

Ensure there is adequate room to turn a fire engine around near your home so that the fire truck can easily exit. **If the crew determines that they cannot safely exit your property in the event of a wildfire they will not enter the property to fight the fire.**

Contact one of the following Fire Mitigation Sub-Committee members if you have any questions:
Ron & Rachel Schali: 505-488-0556, Mister.schali@gmail.com or Rachel.schali@gmail.com

Get outside and seek SPRING!

Use the power of image recognition technology to identify the plants and animals all around you. Seek is free, easy to use, and a great tool to identify plants, insects, amphibians, birds, reptiles, and even fungi.

Below are just a few of the plants and critters you can find around Timberlake (remember to keep a safe distance when approaching critters).



Download the app for
iPhone or Android here.

seek

by iNaturalist

iNaturalist is a joint initiative of the
California Academy of Sciences and
the National Geographic Society

Or stay inside and learn... seek works indoors too!

* Snake and squirrel were in other peoples' houses.



Makers of Timberlake – Makers Wanted.

The next “Makers of Timberlake” interview will be in the Summer edition of the Timberlake Times.



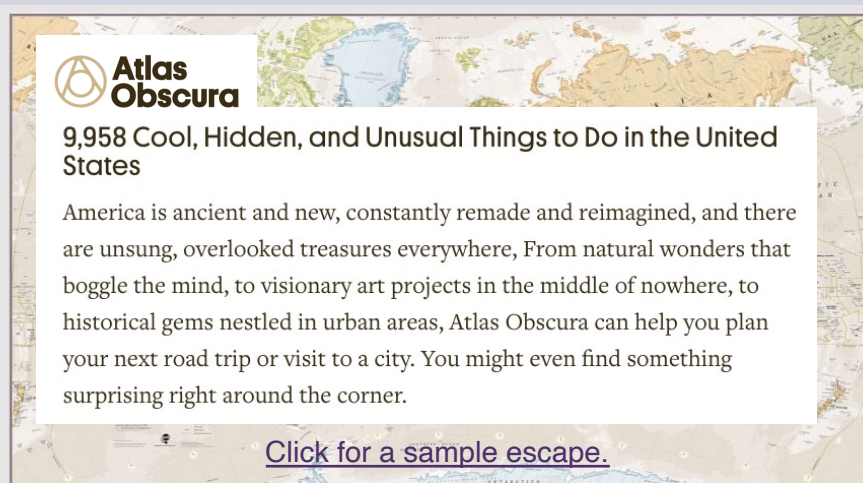
Do you make things you're proud of? Do you have an adventure you'd like to share? Answering YES to either (or both!) of these questions means you'd be a great candidate for the Makers of Timberlake.

To share your creations or tell your story, please email trlatimberlaketimes@gmail.com.

Cabin fever?

If you're looking for an escape, Atlas Obscura might be just the thing. The site bills itself as the **"definitive guide to the world's wondrous and curious places"**.

There is also a book version, watch for it in the Ranch House book room.



For even more adventure, there are organized excursions like the Tiny Owl Adventure, in which an ornithologist and his assistant invited a group of amateur owl enthusiasts from all over the US to Ogden, Utah to help them catch, record, and band the tiny Flammulated Owl.

NOTE: For informational purposes only. Not endorsed by Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association.



Atlas Obscura Flammulated Owl team, summer 2019. A juvenile Saw-whet owl is taken from a nest box to be weighed and banded. Banding a male flammulated owl, caught at night in a mist net as he investigated owl hooting (it was us).

The Timberlake Board of Directors need your assistance and attention.

ATVs have been going under the lake gates and driving off the road into the dry lakebed. This is against the regulations of the HOA.

Signs are posted at the entrance to Cloh Chin Toh, Timberlake South, and at the cattle guard headed towards the Fire Station. Despite these signs, we continue to see tracks off the road.

We ask that TRLA Members, their families, and their guests be diligent about compliance with this restriction. The vision of TRLA is to **protect** and enhance the value and enjoyment of Timberlake Ranch and try to foster community spirit and **stewardship of the environment**.

ATVs are the third leading cause of wildfires. A spark in dry grass can be devastating.



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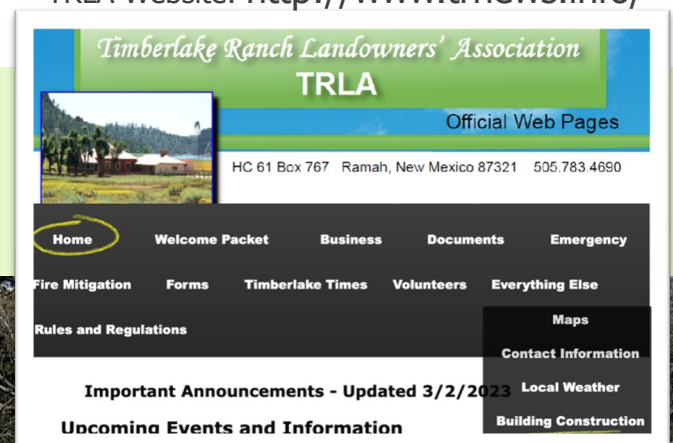
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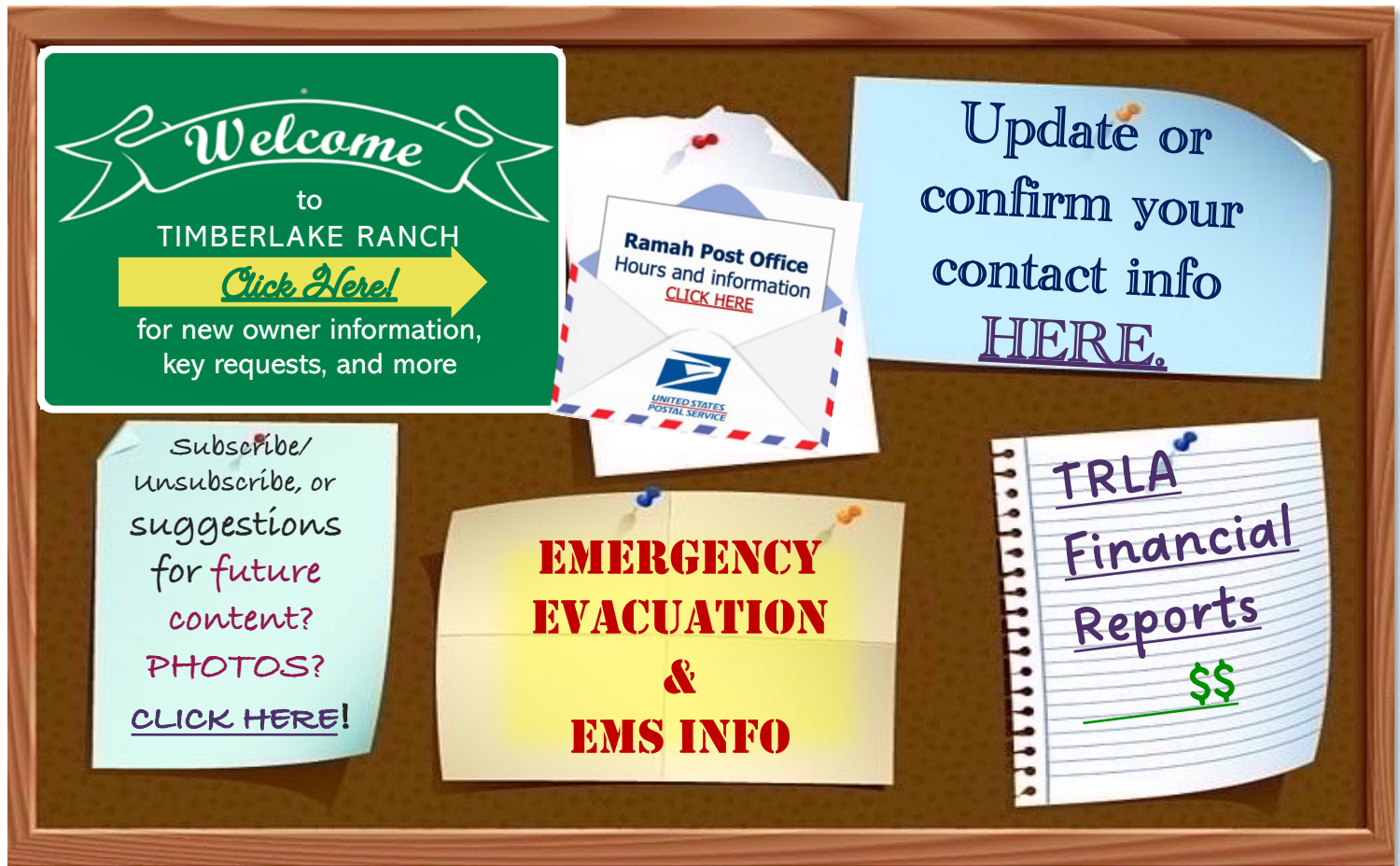
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Don't forget...

Correct mailing address is critical for property taxes!

After three years of nonpayment of property taxes, the NM Delinquent Property Tax Bureau takes possession of the property and auctions are scheduled by county. **There is no recourse for the landowner.**

Both McKinley County and Cibola County auctions have resumed after a long hiatus due to COVID. To view the list of properties scheduled for auction, use this link:
<https://www.tax.newmexico.gov/businesses/property-tax-overview/delinquent-property-tax-auctions>

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