

Timberlake Times

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I was asked the other day why I wanted to be a TRLA Board Director and without any hesitation I quickly responded "commitment."

The questioner again queried, "if you put in 30 hour weeks for TRLA as you say you do and aren't paid, what are you getting out of it?"

Somehow the meaning of the word "commitment" diminished and selfish thoughts surfaced. I finally caught on to where the man was taking me. I serve because I want to protect the investment that my husband and I have made in Timberlake.

We Timberlakers are here for various reasons — some of us call, or will call this beautiful place home, others will treasure it as a part-time residence or recreational get away, and still others expect to make money on real estate transactions. Whatever our personal reasons we can all agree that we need to protect our investment. This is going to require strategic planning by the Board with long-term goals. What do we hope to create? What is it we can offer? What is our vision for Timberlake? It isn't just the Board's vision — it is also your vision.

Do you want to keep the quiet country feeling with narrow quaint back roads that are well maintained and accessible 12 months of the year in all weather conditions? A congenial atmosphere with the recreational landowners enjoying their property in the summer? A clean, cared for area with no unsightly structures collecting next to you? Well marked equestrian trails for hikers and horse riders to access the Common Land and National Forest? A Ranch House with a library and kitchen that will accommodate family reunions and special events where neighbors greet neighbors? How do we shelter our investment and enhance it?

We have used, and will continue to use the legal system to protect the legitimacy of the Association, to enforce the CC&Rs, and to collect assessment fees. This has been a

wise decision, but has caused less money to be spent on road maintenance, and money for a contingency fund to be used in unexpected emergencies such as having to replace the grader this past Fiscal Year. This created a Catch 22 situation — we are protecting our investment, but raiding what we can offer. We placed a band-aid on the bleeding by raising the assessment dues significantly and put in place future increases based on the Consumer Price Index, but our budget still remains very, very lean.

The Board is committed to the following in FY 07/08:

- A progressive improvement program on all the back roads and resolution of maintenance problems of Timberlake Road in Cibola County
- Increased communication electronically along with the publishing of our treasured Timberlake Times
- Passage of the Revised and Restated Bylaws in 2007
- Improvement of the Common areas (better signage and marked equestrian easements)
- Resolution and prevention of CC&R violations
- A Revised and Restated package of Codes, Covenants, and Restrictions mailed to landowners for feedback
- Collection of delinquent Assessment Dues
- A TRLA Web site
- And last but not least — **Developing a strategic plan for the future of Timberlake**

We continue to ask for your support and assistance to accomplish these goals.

So for now it is farewell from Timberlake where the volunteers are strong, the deer are good looking, and the gnats rule in June. ✓

Linda Pedersen



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Eileen Domer

Report at the Annual Meeting May 26th, 2007: TRLA had a total inflow of \$136,525 for the period of July 2006 to April 2007 of this fiscal year. This amount included payments from the sale of two foreclosed lots and the old 570A grader plus income from assessment fees, sale of keys, finance charges and donations. (Donations are monies received from the owners of the Woodland lots that are voluntarily given in order to have access to the lake, well and bathhouse.) Our expenses totaled \$110,390 for the same period. This includes the copier payments, grader payments and old grader payoff. As of April 30, 2007 TRLA had a positive inflow to outflow balance of \$26,135.00.

The positive amount resulted from the foreclosed lots, the collection of over \$12,000 in past due assessment fees from previous years and collection of 92% of current year's assessments. The settlement of the Garcia lawsuit and reduced labor cost (Board members volunteered to plow snow and do Common area repairs) also contributed to our positive balance.

This past May 2007, \$4,259.65 was spent for operating expenses plus a down payment of \$20,311.00 on the 1990 John Deere 670B motor grader. In May \$824.15 was collected for current year and \$1,405.00 for

previous year's assessments. TRLA had an additional income of \$13.00 from the sale of gate and well keys and \$306.00 in finance charges.

As of mid-May there are 44 lot owners who still owe both past and current assessment fees. Of these lots, balances on four are disputed. Twenty-five of the lots already have liens and six new liens were placed this month. At the end of June we will send the names of delinquent landowners to our attorneys to start foreclosure proceedings.

So far this month, \$7,386.00 has been spent for operating expenses. This includes electrical repairs needed at the Ranch House, legal fees and employee wages. Due to the publishing date of this newsletter, I do not have the final income numbers for the month of June or the final expenditure figures.

As has been stated before, the Association absolutely depends on the timely payment of association dues to meet expenses. I would like to thank all of you who do pay on time, as it makes budgeting throughout the year much easier for the Board.

The following chart does not have income from land and equipment sales. Those amounts will be calculated in at year-end. ✓



What About the Lake?

by Fran Barbano

When will the lake "come back?" What can we do to help it come back? How long will it be before the lake fills up? Why does fish kill occur?

Many questions are asked regarding the status of the lake. As an outdoor writer for more than two decades, let me explain what fish kill is and why it occurs.

The lake isn't going to "come back" without a lot of help from Mother Nature. We are in a drought and until we get rain, and lots of it for a sustained period of time, we will battle low lake levels and fish kill.

Fish kill occurs because of low lake levels, high temperatures and algae bloom. The algae bloom depletes the oxygen levels in the lake and the heat encourages the bloom. As oxygen levels are depleted, fish kill occurs as the fish suffocate for lack of oxygen.

This is a natural phenomenon that happens all over the world. Nothing can prevent it from occurring as it is due to lack of rain and snow melt. Until this cycle of drought changes, fish kill may occur.

While Game & Fish restocked the lake this spring, the water level is falling, temperatures are rising, and we might see another fish kill this year. I've seen lakes as large as Roosevelt in Arizona experience fish kill.

We must realize that fishing and boating are by-products and not the purpose of a lake. Recreation is a bonus. Ramah Lake water district uses the water for irrigation. Fishing is a by-product. Enjoy it while we have it, but realize that fishing is not the intention or the purpose of any body of water. (See article by Tim Amsden on history of Ramah Lake in Oct. 2006 Timberlake Times.) ✓

**TRLA INFLOW/OUTFLOW REPORT
FY 06-07: April & May
INFLOWS**

	April 2007	May 2007	YTD FY 06/07
5009 Assessment Fees	514	2,229	102,818
5915 Key Income	24	13	280
5920 Donations	10	-	660
5930 Finance Charges	332	306	2,952
TOTAL INFLOWS	880	2,548	106,710

OUTFLOWS

Board				
6150 Election Costs	361	-	540	
6103 Insurance - D & O	-	-	1,957	
6120 Meetings & Socials	-	-	293	
6140 Office Supplies & Exp	154	1,100	1,570	
6160 Postage	63	48	231	
6215 Subscriptions and Dues	-	-	10	
6290 Mileage - Board Members	-	-	-	
	578	1,148	4,601	3.5%
Communications				
6130 Newsletter	-	-	1,211	
6170 Website	-	-	69	
	-	-	1,280	1.0%
Financial				
6010 Accounting	640	640	6,763	
6020 Audit	-	-	-	
6030 Bad Debts	-	-	-	
6032 Fiance Charge Write-Offs	4	-	99	
6250 Taxes-Real Estate	-	-	615	
6260 Taxes-Income	-	-	9,050	
	644	640	16,527	12.6%
Legal				
6110.01 Legal - Casutt	893	991	16,073	
6110.02 Legal - Kelley, Streubel	-	-	1,287	
6110.03 Garcia/Salaz	-	-	8,000	
6111 Lien & Notary Fees	-	18	218	
	893	1,009	25,578	19.5%
Ranch Operations				
Insurance				
6090 Insurance - Workers Comp	-	-	1,655	
6110 Insurance - Liability & Bond	637	637	7,177	
	637	637	8,832	6.7%
Employee Wages & Taxes				
6310.01 Grader Time/Maintenance	-	-	1,980	
6310.02 Brushhog Time/Maintenance	-	-	-	
6310.03 Snowplow/Maintenance	-	-	-	
6310.04 Supervisor/Ranch Manager	-	-	4,800	
6310.05 Clerical	-	-	-	
6310.06 Sanitation & Janitorial	-	275	1,325	
6310.07 Ranch Hand	-	155	1,810	
6220 Taxes - FICA	-	12	663	
6230 Taxes - Federal Unemployment	-	1	37	
6240 Taxes - State Unemployment	-	8	472	
6300 Mileage - Foreman & Employees	-	-	-	
	-	451	11,087	8.4%
Buildings & Grounds				
6150 Operating Supplies	-	35	1,169	
6180.01 Ranch House	-	-	111	
6180.02 Bath House	-	-	470	
6181 Land Maintenance & Repairs	-	8	253	
6200 Sanitation & Janitorial Supplies	-	100	233	
	-	143	2,236	1.7%
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs				
6070.01 Dump Truck	-	-	308	
6070.02 Grader	-	-	717	
6070.03 Pick Up	-	-	1,855	
6070.04 Tractor	-	-	3,184	
6070.05 Other	-	-	-	
FUEL				
6311.01 Gasoline	-	-	2,945	
6311.02 Dyed Diesel	-	-	1,057	
	-	-	10,066	7.7%
ROADS				
6040 Culverts & Driveways	-	-	-	
6190 Road Maintenance & Repairs	-	-	8,183	
	-	-	8,183	6.2%
UTILITIES				
6270 Telephone	3	69	819	
6280 Electric & Propane	64	70	1,232	
	67	139	2,051	1.6%
FIXED ASSETS				
1110 Heavy Equipment	-	20,311	20,311	
1115 Lawn Equipment	-	-	-	
	-	20,311	20,311	15.5%
Notes Payable				
2210 Copier	136	136	1,491	
2215 Grader	-	-	17,858	
6105 Interest Expense	-	-	1,145	
	136	136	20,494	15.6%
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,955	24,614	131,246	

**TRLA Board of Director
Public Meetings**

All meetings will be held at the Timberlake Community Center Ranch House Rock Room at 10 A.M. and are open to all landowners.

- July 14, 2007, Quarterly Meeting
- October 27, 2007, Quarterly Meeting
- February 16, 2008, Quarterly Meeting
- May 24, 2008, Quarterly Meeting ✓

**Excerpts from the
Declaration of Independence**

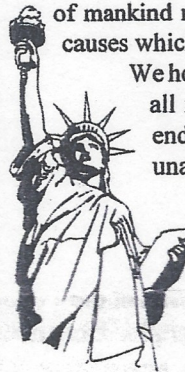
When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's

God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States,...

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor. ✓



May 26, 2007 TRLA Annual Membership Meeting

David Skinner, President, called the 2007 Annual Meeting of TRLA to order. All Board members were present.

Linda Pedersen verified that a 20% quorum had been reached and read the highlights of the 2006 annual meeting. Minutes were approved.

Eileen Domer, Treasurer, presented the financial report from July 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. Landowner's voiced concerns on delinquent accounts and what procedures or options are available to the Board to collect delinquent assessment dues. The first option is to charge 18% interest, the second option is to place a lien on the property, and the third option is using legal foreclosure.

Remarks by the Chair and Board Members:

- President Skinner gave his thanks and appreciation to several people who have given many volunteer hours over the past 12 months and pointed out Jerry Toellner and Ted Rodda for snow removal over the winter, landowners who helped to clean up Timberlake Road in May and the Volunteer Group who will be having a yard sale on June 17th. He also recognized Robert Unkestone, TRLA's grader operator for his dedication to TRLA along with other Timberlake employees through the year who helped maintain the ranch.
- Duane Barbano (Chairperson for Communications): Spoke of his commitment to and publication of the Timberlake Times this last year. He and his wife, Fran, have been responsible for the editing and printing of the newsletters while keeping mailing costs to a minimum.
- Ted Rodda, Chairperson for the Architectural/Maintenance Committee: Approved two residences, four storage buildings, one barn and one garage; visited Farmington, NM, modular and manufactured homes dealer to have a knowledgeable understanding of what the differences between them are; worked to resolve legal issues with lot owners, lawyers, and pet owners with dog issues; prevention damage to Commons areas by off-road vehicles; the need of lot owners to police their own lots for potential violations, and working with the Board for resolution following the Policies & Procedures Flow Chart. Future goals are to maintain a high compliance rate and add two volunteers to the Architectural Committee.
- Jerry Toellner (Chairperson of Road's Committee) reported: We finally have a grader (loud applause by landowners). Tractor and Ranch pickup working well. Timberlake needed snow plowed six times this past winter and takes approximately 18 hours each time to cover the entire area of the Ranch. Dump truck will be used to haul tree limbs from side roads which interfere with grading. A special thanks to Andy Wilson, Bill Wolford, and the Ramah Volunteer Fire Dept. for taking care of the burn pile. He introduced Ralph Cranston (ranch hand) and Robert Unkestone (grader operator). Electrical service is being upgraded to Ranch House (which is currently not up to code) and the fuel tank will be moved to the

back of the Ranch house with containment area so that it isn't such an eyesore.

- Linda Pedersen (Secretary) reported: The landowner list is now current. Fifty-six "Welcome Packets" were sent to new landowners. An "undisclosed recipient" E-mail tree representing 270 lots was created for transferring information quickly and inexpensively and allows for landowners to provide feedback. Established a listing of all residences in Timberlake to support the Volunteer Fire Department in their efforts for ingress/egress issues in case of emergencies. Structured all historical data for the TRLA Board now and in the future to prevent "reinventing the wheel" by updating and maintaining the Policies and Procedures Manual and creating a filing system that organized all documents in the office at Timberlake Ranch Community Center Ranch House.
- Eileen Domer, Treasurer, reported: As of May 2007 she has been able to reduce the arrears on assessment dues from 93 to 43 lot.
- Anne Gilpin (Chairperson of TRLA Web site): Part of the site www.tlrloa.com is partially populated. The various sections on the Web site will include: About TRLA, The Latest News, Schedule of Events, Events Calendar, Photo Gallery, Member Forum, Links, and Intra-site Messaging or E-mail Function, Site Map and Home Page. She requests good digital photos for the photo gallery. Site has public pages and private pages. Private pages (landowners only) will include the Intra-site Messaging/E-mail function and the Public Forum. Landowners will need to register with her.
- Gerry Ackerman, Eileen Domer, Jerry Toellner (Board Candidates) were introduced and gave their personal history, views and goals with follow-up Q & A from landowners.
- Andy Wilson, Volunteer Fire Chief presented Evacuation Plan & Guidelines for Timberlake Ranch. Mary Jo Wallen distributed handouts for landowners to complete and especially encouraged those who have pets and large animals along with other special needs to return them as soon as possible so that the fire department is aware of these needs. She asked for volunteers to help cover the 10 zones in Timberlake and put together a call system.

Following lunch the meeting reconvened and election results were announced: Gerry Ackerman 176 votes, Eileen Domer 188 votes, and Jerry Toellner 187 votes. All candidates were elected to the Board.

LANDOWNER Q & A:

- Q: Landowner asked if missing road signs were going to be replaced.
- A: It would be placed on the agenda for upcoming Fiscal Year.
- Q: Landowner voiced objection that there was not a choice to vote on proxy forms (i.e. Bylaws) and if this could be changed.
- A: This option will be looked into and resolved before next mailing. [It has been resolved.]

If somebody was living in a guest house now, can they build a larger single-family residence?

A: Currently guest houses are not allowed except in Timberlake South CC&Rs. The CC&Rs specifically state that a single family residence must be built before outbuildings. This is being addressed on the rewrite.

Q: Firearms and shooting regulations and Fire Bans

A: There are state statutes that specifically state that there cannot be a discharge of firearms within 300 yards from a residence. Within the confines of Timberlake, shooting of firearms is not allowed. Timberlake is ruled by all state imposed fire bans. Signs would be posted to indicate; information would be posted on the Web site.

Q: When are we going to get the lake back?

A: This depends on snow and rain. The Lake is managed and run by Ramah Irrigation Commission and leased to the NM Game and Fish.

Q: If landowner builds a garage first can landowner live in it while building main residence?

A: CC&Rs state (Article II, Section 4) "no residence in any manner shall be occupied or lived in until the exterior is made to comply with all requirements set forth herein.

No building or structure anywhere on any properties or lots subject to the jurisdiction of the Declarant, other than a completed residence, shall ever be lived in or used for dwelling purposes, including mobile homes, campers, tents, shacks, outbuildings, or other structures." Travel trailers or mobile homes can be lived in for 18 months while building.

Q: Landowner asked if there was a way TRLA Board could advertise for bids on the Web site when a situation arose that required maintenance or purchase of road materials over "x" amount of dollars so that we get the best value.

A: Excellent idea and point well made.

Q: Landowner raised concerns with loose dogs and two Rottweilers.

A: There were a pack of dogs causing problems but the owners have moved. Cibola Animal Control was contacted and not much help. They suggested picking up dog cage and leave \$35 dollars deposit and trap the animals ourselves. They would come and get the cage along with animals. McKinley and Cibola County both have leash laws. If owners of loose or stray dogs are known they can be fined.

- Roger Irwin commented that he would like to thank everyone who has supported www.trnews.info Web site.

- Nancy Dobbs reported on the Volunteer Group that has formed to help beautify and restore the Ranch House. There will be a Yard Sale on the 17th of June and July 15th to raise funds. What doesn't sell will be taken to Hwy. 53 for additional sale. (Note: The July 15th date has been changed to July 22nd).

- David Skinner in his final remarks as President of TRLA asked the membership to approve the Revised Bylaws and CC&Rs. He hopes that this action will clarify many of the problems brought up and will help prevent future litigious issues.

Meeting adjourned. ✓

TRLA Board 2007 – 2008



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CC&R Enforcement / Mitchell Case



The court date set for May 30th was cancelled and has been reset for June 27th in McKinley County Court House. A motion will be filed for an immediate judgment on the pleadings. This case involves a situation where a travel trailer was used for living quarters for more than 18 months and no blueprints submitted to the Architectural Committee or CID (Construction Industry Division) for a future residence. ✓

Bylaws and CC&R Revision Committee Report

by Linda Pedersen

Bylaws:

After receiving feedback from several landowners on the document and proxy form sent in April, the committee has made some changes. This required another final legal review. The committee hopes to have the entire packet mailed in July along with the new proxy forms allowing landowners who cannot be present at the meeting to adopt the Bylaws, and offering a way of voting yes or no on these proposed bylaws.

CC&Rs:

A rough draft has been put together and the committee will be going through it again point by point. The process will be similar to that of the Bylaws with landowner feedback, legal review, etc. This single set of CC&Rs will cover all the subdivisions of Timberlake – Cloh Chin Toh, Timberlake Unit 1 and Unit 2 (Cibola County), McKinley Units 1-10, and Timberlake South. ✓

Assessment Fees Have Been Raised

by Eileen Domer

In order to protect your investment as the Board of Directors is entrusted to do, the annual assessment fees have been increased to \$215.00 per year. The amount was calculated using this past year's expenses averaged from the previous three years and taking into consideration an increase in our "doubtful" accounts from 7.5% to 10%. This increase was essential in order to meet the rising cost of maintaining the roads and common areas, to provide a contingency fund and enforce the CC&Rs.

Thank you for your continued support! ✓

Architectural / Maintenance Committee June 2006 to May 2007 Accomplishments

- Approved the following submitted building plans: Two residences, four storage buildings, one barn, one garage.
- Visit to Farmington, N.M. modular/manufactured homes dealer to help understand the differences.
- Work to resolve legal issues with lot owners and lawyers.
- Work to protect the common areas from damage by off-road vehicles.
- Work with pet owners to resolve dog issues.
- Restated (Timberlake Times) the need for lot owners to police their own lots for potential violations, and work with board to resolve to eliminate the need to escalate.

Continuing Goals

- To maintain a high compliance rate, of By-Laws and CC&Rs
- Add two volunteers to the Architectural committee.
- Follow CC&R flow chart in the resolution of reported violations. ✓

Ted Rodda
Duane Barbano



Roads Committee Report

by Eileen Domer

Immediately after the Annual meeting our new (but used) 670B grader was put to work smoothing out the ruts on Culebra, Pinetree, Sagebrush, Black Bear, Lobo, and Sunflower. Robert is now in the Cloh Chin Toh subdivision working northwards.

Parts of Culebra, Elk, Cedar, and Conejo and perhaps some others need to have the trees pruned before the Grader can be used so as not to break the grader windows. The dump truck was used for this purpose in the past, but unfortunately the parts to repair the brakes have not arrived. We will have to try using the Ranch truck and trailer to accomplish the task at this time.

The trailer had its rear wheel bearings greased and repacked and four good used tires installed. A new tail gate was made as the previous one was missing. ✓

NEW MEXICO OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

by Fran Barbano

NEW REQUIREMENTS for OHVs

New Mexico has new requirements [LAWS] for off-highway vehicles (OHVs), designed to protect the safety of all OHV users and ensure responsible and sensitive OHV use. The new law, implemented January 2006, REQUIRES ALL OHV USERS TO REGISTER OR ACQUIRE A PERMIT for their OHV if it is used on public land. Juveniles who drive OHVs are required to meet approved safety standards.

DEFINITION of OHVs

OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway motorcycles (dirt bikes) and snowmobiles. OHVs used exclusively for agricultural purposes or on private closed courses are exempt from the new law. Hunting is not considered an agricultural use.

OHV Use

- No one, regardless of age, may drive or ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- There is a 10-mph speed limit within 200 feet of any business, occupied dwelling, pedestrian, bicyclist or horseback rider.
- OHVs may not be operated on any paved street or highway, except to cross a street or highway after coming to a complete stop and yielding to traffic. OHVs may be driven on a highway right-of-way only when traveling the shortest distance between a staging area and designated OHV trails.
- OHVs are required to have a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor (except snowmobiles).
- The legal noise limit is 96 decibels.
- OHVs must have a headlight and taillights if ridden at night.

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT REGISTRATION AND USE FEES ARE REQUIRED

OHVs used on public lands must be registered and user fees paid. Fees are deposited into the Trail Safety Fund to be spent on law enforcement, promoting safety, and providing OHV riding opportunities through a system of dedicated trails around the state.

Resident Registration Fees (Must be renewed every two years from date of initial registration.)

- Only available at local New Mexico Dept. of Motor Vehicles offices
- \$17 Registration Fee
- \$30 User Fee
- \$1 NM Clean and Beautiful Program Fee
- \$2 Administrative Fee
- \$50 total fees

RESIDENT Registration:

Contact the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD). Phone (505) 827-4636; toll free (888) 683-4636; Web site: www.state.nm.us/tax/mvd or any MVD office.

A complete copy of the statutes governing OHVs may be obtained on-line: www.state.nm.us/tax/trd_pubs.htm. For more information visit: www.newmexico.org/ohv.

NON-RESIDENT Permit and Use Fees (Must be renewed every 2 years from date of initial registration.)

- Only available at Department of Game and Fish and Department of Tourism offices.
- \$17 Permit Fee (unless OHV is registered in another state)
- \$30 User Fee (unless an OHV user fee is currently paid in another state)
- \$1 New Clean and Beautiful Program Fee
- \$2 Administrative Fee
- \$50 total fees (\$3 if registered and permitted in another state)

Non-Resident 90-day permits and fees:

- Nonresidents have the option to purchase a 90-Day Permit for \$23, which includes user, administrative and program fees.

Non-Resident Registration

Contact the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Phone (505) 476-8000. Web site: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or any Department of Game and Fish Office. OR contact the New Mexico Department of Tourism. Phone (505) 827-7400; Toll free (800) 545-2070; Web site: www.newmexico.org.

YOUTH OHV USERS

All riders under the age of 18 must:

- Wear a helmet and protective eye wear.
- Never carry a passenger, even on OHVs specifically designed for two persons.
- Have adult supervision, unless they have completed an approved safety course, received their OHV safety permit and/or have a valid motorcycle or motor vehicle drivers license.

All riders under the age of 10 must:

- Have visual supervision by a parent, guardian or instructor at all times and ride OHVs that are age and size appropriate.

Information provided by the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish. For complete regulations and changes, see the Web sites listed above. Used with permission.

This information was published in October 2006 TT, but questions have arisen so we are publishing it again. ✓

Timberlake Ranch Emergency Evacuation Procedures, Spring 2007

by Mary Jo Wallen

Welcome to Timberlake!

I'm Mary Jo Wallen and I live at 60 Yucca Drive. I've volunteered to be the Evacuation Coordinator for our lovely community.

"If" there is sufficient time to notify everyone in the development, we will implement a "phone tree" to notify everyone with evacuation procedures. I've attached an "Emergency Evacuation Sheet" (see form, next page). If you want to be included, please fill it out and return to me. We've divided the area into ten different zones. Once you provide me with the requested information I will provide you with more specific information.

The Ramah Volunteer Fire Department provided the following Evacuation Plan to the membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting:

- An evacuation may require immediately leaving your residence with just the clothes on your back, to having a 24-hour notice before you would need to evacuate.
- Evacuations can either be voluntary or mandatory.
- If the evacuation is an immediate evacuation, only emergency vehicles will be allowed to enter the Timberlake area. In an evacuation, access will be restricted no matter what.
- If you choose to stay after an evacuation has been initiated, we may not have the personnel or resources to dedicate to help protecting you and your home.
- If we do not have easy access (ingress/egress) to and from your house, we will not defend your house. We use a triage system in selecting which houses we will defend. **You can contact the Ramah Fire Dept. for more specific information – such as having a 30' clear area around your home and a driveway that is wide enough for fire equipment to enter and turn around in.**
- **Phone # for the Ramah Fire Dept is 783-4550.**
- **In an emergency, you can also call 911.**
- If you evacuate, we would want you to close your garage doors, leave your doors unlocked and leave the front porch light on to indicate that you have evacuated.
- If there is time to set up an information checkpoint near an exit of the evacuation area, we will collect names, local addresses of evacuees and where you are going in an accountability effort. **By returning the Emergency Evacuation Sheet**, we will be one step ahead in having a database of names and addresses.
- If the phones are working and there is time to implement a phone tree, we will. We will also notify residents of an evacuation via the public address systems on our

emergency vehicles. And then there is self-evacuation. **The Ramah Fire Department would contact me and/or members of the Board to get the phone tree started.**

- The Ramah Fire Department and/or local law enforcement will execute any evacuation.
- Once you leave the evacuation area, you will not be allowed back in until the incident is over and it is safe to return.
- The main evacuation route is out Timberlake Road to Highway 53. The secondary route is over Forest Service Road 157 toward McGaffey.

When you fill out the "Emergency Evacuation Data Sheet" it is very important that you notify us of any special needs. Are you elderly? Are there any disabled family or friends that need assistance? Horses? Pets?

Since I have a horse, I have a particular interest in making sure that I have a backup who is capable of getting my horse out. I have made arrangements with Anita Davis (she owns the corrals right on the corner of Timberlake Road and Highway 53) to allow us to keep horses in her corrals. Depending on the situation, it has been suggested that we may meet by the football field after evacuating. However, specific instructions would be given to you at the time of evacuation.

We need volunteers to help with this project and we need to make sure that all information is kept up-to-date as much as possible. As new information is available, it will be posted on our Web site, in the newsletter and important phone numbers will be posted on the bulletin boards by the cluster mail boxes next to the Volunteer Fire Dept. and by the bath house.

Basically, if an emergency were declared, we would have a buddy system or phone system in place and each Evacuation Coordinator for their designated zone/area would be responsible to notify the people in his/her area. For instance, I live on Yucca Drive and at the present time, there are only five other homeowners who live full-time on Yucca, Conjeo and Cedar. Calling five people would not take much time.

Please remember that it is "our" responsibility to take precautions during the entire year — not just during a drought. Our homes are in the middle of the Cibola Forest and we all want to enjoy the beauty around us for the "rest of our lives."

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please call me at 783-4105. ✓