

Timberlake Times

November 2020



Timberlake Ranch Landowners' Association

President's Ponderings

I would like to bring three items to your attention.

First, there will be three positions opening on the Board next year. Please consider volunteering. My experience over the last nine years working with the Board and interested landowners has been rewarding. We have a "Do what is good for the community" attitude with no "personal agendas". I urge you to seriously think about becoming more involved in our community here in Timberlake and put your name in for nomination.

Second, we have had some landowners having campfires and not properly extinguishing them when they leave. One required the volunteer fire department to be called out to extinguish it. If you have a campfire, please ensure that you put it out properly. Use plenty of water and cover with dirt. The final test is to put your hand directly on the campfire and feel no heat. I am sure you are aware of how dry it is and that we have requested to not have campfires. The state has also put out a strict fire restriction. When you do have a campfire, please be sure you have it in a dedicated site and the area cleared of brush and debris. Have a good water supply handy to keep the fire under control.

Last, the Ranch House porch remodel is almost complete. Yes, the construction is behind schedule, but it was heavily affected by COVID-19 and material supply constraints. The new space has dramatically changed the overall usage of the Ranch House. The porch will now be very comfortable to sit and look out over the valley or use the Internet. Hopefully, we can put this virus behind us and enjoy a newly remodeled Ranch House and have our large community events again next year.

Thanks very much for "listening"



Upcoming Events



Feb 20, 2021 - TRLA Board Meeting
Sat. 10am TCC Ranch House

Mar 20, 2021 - TRLA Board Meeting
Sat. 10am TCC Ranch House

April 17, 2021 - TRLA Board Meeting
Sat. 10am TCC Ranch House

May 29, 2021 - TRLA Annual Meeting
Sat. - Registration begins 9:30am
TCC Ranch House

June 19, 2021 - TRLA Board Meeting
Sat. 10am TCC Ranch House

July 17, 2021 - TRLA Board Meeting
Sat. 10am TCC Ranch House

**Events may need to be
changed or canceled due
to the COVID virus.
Check the website for
the latest information.**



RANCH HOUSE RENOVATION



Communications Report By Shirl Henderson

TRLA Official WebSite trnews.info

Has all Important Announcement & Upcoming Events & Information for all Timberlake property owners. Please refer to it, for it can be updated frequently.

Titles listed: Business, Documents, Emergency, Fire Mitigation, Forms, Timberlake Times, Volunteers, Rules & Regulations, and Everything Else.

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Timberlake Bereavement

We have lost Kris Railsback, a beloved member of our Timberlake community. Her joyful smile and giving heart will be sorely missed.

Glen Campbell's Stained Glass Windows Installed In Ranch House New Porch

For the last several years two massive 9' stained glass windows have been stored in one of the back sheds at the Ranch House. They were donated to the Volunteers by Harriet Railsback through her daughter-in-law Kris Railsback. The Volunteers realized that they would never be able to transport them to the yard sales in Ramah or ever be able to sell them for what they were worth.

When the porch renovation became a reality this year, it was obvious that it would be the perfect place. Kris wrote the following in May. "Pat (Harriet's daughter) and I figure she got them in the late 70's or early 80's at either a consignment store or an estate sale. We know they belonged to Glen Campbell and he had a very beautiful home in the Biltmore Estates in Phoenix. Mom was a realtor at the time and did a lot of traveling around to various areas in the valley and got the lowdown on some hot sales. She got a bunch of neat things."

It took three months to "resize" the windows as each one had to be cut into three sections, repaired, resoldered, cleaned, patinated and waxed. Steve Wills built frames to incorporate a plexiglass exterior protection along with the stained glass panels. Steve and Steve Stevens installed them on October 4th.



LEGAL, LIENS AND FORECLOSURES

Liens and foreclosures
Lots currently with lawyer 0
Lots currently lien not with lawyer 2
Liens recently 6 recorded 0
Liens released in last 2 months 3
Liens to be filed 0

"Accent wall" created from boards taken from the original porch but on the unexposed side facing the dirt.

FOREST RESTORATION & WILDFIRE MITIGATION SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

In August we found out that Timberlake was not approved to receive a matching grant from the AIM organization. Out of the 30 organizations that applied, only eight were approved. We were going to apply again in September, but we were not able to get a fiscal agent to work with us. In January, grants are normally announced by the State of NM, McKinley County and Water & Soil Conservation agencies. So, we will continue to pursue these grants to begin mitigation on the 80 acres of Common land by the hogback.

Five landowners did get approved for FHI (forest health initiatives) grants this fall. A year is allowed for the work to be completed. Once the work is completed the landowner gets reimbursed from the Forest Service Guild for the portion that was approved. The Chipper Day that was scheduled for May will take place in November. There are no openings left as we were limited to four landowners. A \$500 grant was awarded by State Farm Insurance last spring, so landowners are getting about 1 ½ to 2 hours' worth of chipping for free.

Ray Martins completed trimming ladder fuels from Roadrunner and part of Fox.

Results from the fire survey provided a lot of information for the Sub-Committee and TRLA Board to consider. 66 surveys were returned which is about 12% of total landowners. It was also helpful in preparing the grant applications. Some of the highlights are:

1. Burn pile usage – 20 landowners used it this past year and 32 anticipate using it next year. This is a great indication that more landowners are performing mitigation on their property. This benefits the entire community by reducing the fuel load.
2. Information on grants – 30 people are interested in future grants. Consideration will be given to these people when grant opportunities open up again next year.
3. Landowners needing help or could provide help to others – only four people responded to this question.
4. Workshops – 9 people expressed interest in workshops on chainsaw safety, defensive zone training, mulching and mitigation. Next spring or summer we will contact the NM Forest Service and the Forest Service Guild to ask for their assistance in putting on some workshops for us.
5. Chipping – 2 people expressed interest in chipping.
6. Free Risk Assessments – 17 people expressed interest, so next spring/summer we will pursue with the NM State Forest and Forest Service Guild.

If anyone did not fill out the survey and would like to be included in any of the programs listed above, please contact Mary Jo Wallen at 505-269-5022 or Mrsdw19@aol.com, or Ron & Rachel Schali at mister.schali@gmail.com. You can also request forest health & fire mitigation brochures from Mary Jo, Ron, or Rachel.

We would also like to emphasize the fact that our monsoon season was non-existent this summer and we are at High Risk for fires. We did have two trees hit by lightning this past summer and thankfully, our great Timberlake Volunteer Fire Dept. put the fires out before they spread. There were also several campfires that could have gotten out of control. One campfire was left abandoned over the Labor Day weekend and although the owner thought it was out, it was not. The Timberlake Volunteer Fire Dept. had to put 250 gallons of water on it the next morning when it was reported to be smoldering. This is profoundly serious. Thankfully, the wind did not pick up.

In addition to no rain this summer, we continue to have extraordinarily strong winds from spring all the way thru fall and embers can go ¼ of a mile away. To check a campfire to make sure it is cold, you need to put your hand down into the coals. If it is hot to the touch, it is not really out, and you need to put “lots” of water on it before you leave. The Timberlake Volunteer Fire Dept. suggests you should clear the area around the campfire to a 30' radius. If a campfire is left abandoned and a fire starts, the landowner can be held responsible for all damages, which can run in the millions of dollars and damage our community for decades. As Smokey Bear says, “Only you can prevent forest fires”.

Architectural and Maintenance Report

- 2 Sheds approved
- 1 Residence plan approved
- 1 Covenant violation closed
- 0 Covenant violations open

Volunteer Fire Department

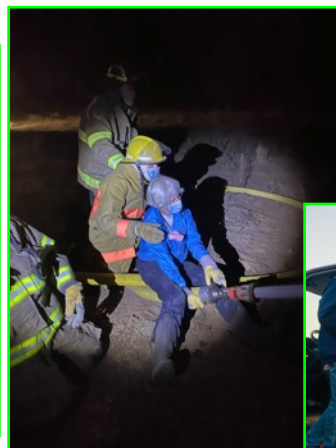
First we want to thank all the Landowners for all eyes and noses helping us keep our forest safe through the Extreme Drought season. The Fire Department was very busy with a fire at the Ramah Rodeo Grounds. Timberlake used about 5,000 gallons of water. There were six different agencies, Ramah FD, Timberlake, FMO, BIA, El Morro, Ramah Navajo PD. We all came together to put out a 2 ½ acre fire that got out of hand real fast. It took around 4 hrs. to put out and thanks to low wind.

Then we had a landowner leave a camp fire unattended. This was very scary because it took 500 gal. to put out. If you can't leave your hand in the coals for 20 sec. it's too hot to leave. If you're going to have a campfire when there is no burn ban then you need lots and lots of water and 30' clearing around the fire including trees. Presently there is a Burn Ban and Mount Taylor said they haven't had a Ban in October in decades. THIS IS SERIOUS.

We also have a new Fire Chief in Gallup, his name is Brian Archuleta. He has been so much help to us from day one. He is on top of all supplies needed and he is always available to us. Thank You Brian.

Our trainings are in full swing, it's been hard for Andy Wilson and Billy Sanders due to covid, we have to split up our teams into 2 groups of 5 at a time. So twice a week there is someone at the station training. We have such a wonderful group of volunteers, with new ones on board. Wade and Melinda Aubuchon, Mike Latendresse, Patty McCarntey, and Rick Farrell. We now have 16 volunteers, that work so well together. Andy Wilson keeps us all going in the right direction with teaching and training. It matters to him that we are always prepared to do what ever the call is when that radio goes off. As we go into winter, be sure your fireplaces are clean and ready to fire up. Keep up the good work on helping us with smoke, and call any of us anytime you suspect anything might be burning. The burn pile has now been split in half, so use the smaller pile for brush only. Someone dumped a full load of concrete in the pile. That is going to be hard for Jack M to deal with. PLEASE don't dump anything except brush and limbs in the piles. Stumps can go off to the side, they take days to burn. Remember ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!!!

Captain
Julie Farrell



Burn Pile



Unattended and abandoned campfire. Very dangerous!



EMERGENCY ACCESS

For the Fire Department to have access to your property we need at least 16 ft wide and 12 ft head clearance. Our trucks need to be able to turn around and back up in your property. If you would like, by appointment, the Fire Department can come give you some suggestions to how this can work. Call Chief Wilson for that appointment 505.783.4707. With all the fires going on around us PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

Volunteer Fire Department Timberlake

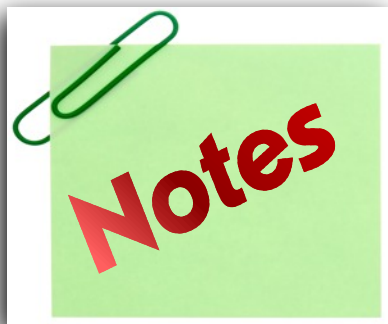
URGENT FIRE/EVACUATION INFORMATION

Please register by clicking on the Code Red icon in your county so that you will automatically be notified of fire/evacuation info by the incident/unified command personnel. The alert can go to a land line, cell or email. All types of emergencies (ie: amber alerts, power outages, etc.) are also included. **This system is the most efficient and quick way of communicating to all landowners.**

Protect our Forest

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.



Firewood needed for Zuni Pueblo

Please contact Todd Haines, NM District Forester, at 505-867-2334, ext 101 or todd.haines@state.nm.us if you have any wood you could donate to people in need on the Zuni Pueblo. It does not have to be cut in actual firewood lengths and someone will pick up.

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!

The state of New Mexico has upgraded the Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department from a substation to a main station, which means more funding for the department! Congratulations!

1st Qtr 2020-2021 September 30,2020	YTD	BUDGET 2019-2020	Difference
TOTAL INCOME	173,475.55	170,890.00	\$2,585.55
OUTFLOWS/EXPENSES			
Board	5,276.50	10,136.00	(\$4,859.50)
Communications	436.23	1,100.00	(\$663.77)
Financial	4,961.90	24,600.00	(\$19,638.10)
Legal	25.00	8,300.00	(\$8,275.00)
Insurance	14,841.00	15,500.00	(\$659.00)
Wages & Taxes	662.34	8,500.00	(\$7,837.66)
Buildings & Commons	5,311.60	15,450.00	(\$10,138.40)
Equip Maint. & Repairs	1,163.74	3,700.00	(\$2,536.26)
Fuel, Oil, Grease	884.06	2,500.00	(\$1,615.94)
Roads	21,153.03	90,000.00	(\$68,846.97)
Utilities	466.90	3,200.00	(\$2,733.10)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	55,182.30	182,986.00	(\$127,803.70)

BANK BALANCE: 09/30/2020

Deposit	187,357.74
Checking	38,715.02
Rewards	1,524.93
Contingency Funds:	
Ranch House Restoration	20,000.00
Emergency Reserve	44,908.38
Total Balance	292,506.07

Significant Expenses:

Insurance : \$14841.00*

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

Roads: \$10,153.03.00*

* includes - Gravel/Road Maintenance

RANCH HOUSE PORCH REMODEL

D HURST LLC Contractor \$80,885.00

M Begay sidewalk/concrete work \$14,234.13

Materials-windows/paint \$9,780.77

Total cost as of 10/20/2020 \$104,899.90

Collections Due:

Association Dues owed YTD	\$40,910.74
Association Dues owed prior years	\$4,101.06
Total Dues Owed	\$45,011.80

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
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Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers

Ranch House Stitchers Update

The Ranch House Stitchers are finishing up our summer of giving back. Our hands were not idle, we made over 25 dog beds and crate blankets that were donated to the Humane Society, over 30 quilts were donated to Project Linus, and countless Kindness Rocks were painted and distributed around the Ranch.

We are all anxious to see the end of 2020, and look forward to a much better year ahead. Our beautiful raffle quilt will be raffled off next summer.



Making a community effort during the COVID Pandemic

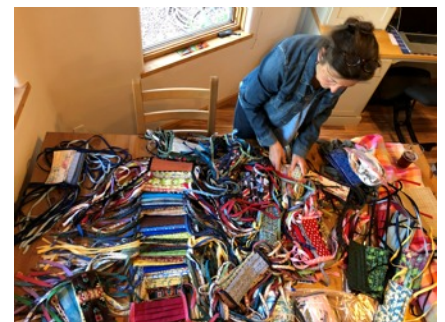
In March, as the world awakened to the reality that the virus COVID19 was a real threat, many communities looked for a way to be of service. Susan Backus, from Timberlake, took the lead in our area and began sewing fabric masks for the Navajo Nation via Masks Now Coalition. Soon four more Timberlake members joined in and began sewing as well. They included Nancy and George Dobbs, who began on April 2nd, and Marilynn Everhart and Karen Ellett who began middle of April. Penny H. and Laura A. from the area donated yards of fabric to get the group going, as well as necessary equipment like irons, ironing boards, scissors, and even thread. Since there was little elastic available in March, the first masks had a variation of ties and other sewers from cities, as far away as Tennessee, also began to submit masks of different designs to the cause. The group took on the name of the **HIGH DESERT STITCHING CREW.**

Since March well over 5000 masks have been made by the Timberlake group, and they have been sent to: The Ramah Navajo Health and Wellness Clinic and the Pine Hill community general relief fund, Masks Now Coalition, NM, First Nations Community Health Source (Homeless Outreach) in ABQ, NM, the Tohono O'Odham Tribe, AZ, the Navajo Chapter houses in Arizona and NM, Zuni IHS (Indian Health Services), Zuni Public Health, and at the moment they continue sewing for the Protective Gear and Sanitation Supplies for the Zuni Pueblo, NM.

Some of the masks went to local businesses, the Post Office staff, the Timberlake Ranch Fire Dept., Gallup hospital staff, and other families in the community at large.

A **Go Fund Me** page brought in over \$800 and there were numerous donations of fabric and elastic as well from members of the community and others across the country. By May Nancy Dobbs said her old Kenmore sewing machine finally gave out and she had to purchase another. Susan Backus remarked that she constantly serviced her machines as she was sewing days on end without a break and the machines would basically cough and sputter if not given a break.

Not only were there people sewing, but there were others in the community who drove the masks to Zuni, Pine Hill, ABQ, or the post office for shipping. A local nurse and nurse practitioner who live in the area are still delivering the masks to Zuni. As the saying goes, it takes a village...and that is the case as we look to future.



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 Bookkeeper - mray321@yahoo.com
Timberlake Neighborhood Watch
timberlakewatch@gmail.com



ROADS REPORT

by Don Ouellette (July-October 2020)

We finished trimming overhanging branches on end of Elk. Had to bring in tractor to have skid plates welded on drag. Dragged BIA on way to shop. After about 2 weeks we picked up tractor and dragged BIA and Timberlake. Louie Graded BIA and Timberlake. Grader was used to prep the following roads for gravel; Black Bear, Cottonwood Loop, Aspen Loop, Hilltop, Buttonwood. Bar ditches on those roads were also worked on. We have had difficulty getting gravel, on 07/22 we were finally able to get gravel. Unfortunately, the grader developed electrical system problems and we only were able to place gravel on Yucca and Black Bear. Grader was brought in for repair on 08/05. Picked up grader on 09/09. The alternator and fuse replaced on grader beacon light also repaired as well as a complete service. We are again awaiting availability of belly dump trucks from C&E. Told we would get gravel on November 2nd. Hoping to get 80 truck loads applied to many roads. BIA and Timberlake were dragged in September and October. Cibola and McKinley county graded their sections of Timberlake. Brush and low hanging branches were removed from Oak Court and 4 loads taken to brush pile with dump truck. Still evaluating purchase of cycle mower for tractor. May need to buy new snow chains for the Dump truck.

As always, anyone with concerns or questions are urged to contact me or Steve.

Commons Report by Charley Haverstick

1. Both light fixture switches in Bath House have been replaced, as the one would not come on and the other would not shut off.
2. Cold water at the sink faucet in the men's bathroom is difficult to shut off, a replacement has been purchased and will be installed once water is shut down for the winter.
3. Ceiling Light fixtures in the "Rock Room" and the "Library Meeting Room" have been replaced as they have become inoperative.
4. Epoxy coating has been purchased and can be installed where floor is peeling in shower areas after Bath House is closed for the winter.
5. Hot water heater for the Bath House will be replaced with new water lines to showers and new controllers to allow better delivery once water is shut down for the winter.
6. Heating thermostat in Bath House has been replaced and furnace has been cleaned, adjusted, The filter replaced and is currently up and running.
7. Ranch House porch replacement is nearing completion, painting is being finished, ceiling remains to be sealed and flooring will be completed before next spring.
8. Concrete floor in the outbuilding and a curb/apron at equipment storage building has been poured as well as the steps and walks at the doors to the porch replacement.
9. Metal roofing over the entire Ranch House building as well as the storage building/Bath House has been completed and will give many years of service without any more leaks.
10. Water system will be shut down and drained in the near future, for the winter months to prevent damage to water lines, and will be turned on again on at the beginning of April.

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