

Timber Cove



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Trail Workday November 19

It is with glad hearts in this holiday season that we report the progress made last month on our private walking trails. We picked up where we left off in March of 2018, this time refining and improving a steep part of the Umland Circle-Smith Ct. Trail. One end of the trail starts at 22188 Umland Circle on the property of new residents and Trail Supporters Erik and Sandrine Kuhрман. Look for our Timber Cove Trails sign.

Thanks to our wonderful workers **Yarrow Drake, John Howland, Kris Kilgore, George Melo, Lorrie Uribe, and Roger Simpson**. Many thanks also to Roger and his sister **Ruth Marshall** for the donated materials. We made 30 beautiful steps and other improvements. We will finish off soon with 17 more. To see more photos of other parts of the trail see the [Project Progress](#) page on our website.

This holiday newsletter is going out to our entire list, so it has some repetition for trail supporter members.

Donations: Money and Materials

Do you have rebar or wood left over from construction? We'll take it off your hands. And we are always grateful for donations of money to help with the restoration of our trails in the months and years ahead.

Those of us who waged the legal battle to save these trails mostly at our own expense, need your help now to restore them for the community.

You can find a donation button at the bottom of the [Home Page](#) of our website listed below to make online **tax deductible** contributions. These donations can be earmarked for trail restoration through the Timber Cove Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit. Or you can also mail your donation to:

Timber Cove Foundation
Lorrie Uribe, Treasurer
22142 Amanita Circle
Jenner, CA 95450

Fire Prevention and Trails

Recent wildfires in Sonoma County made it clear that trails can play a crucial role in fire fighting. Trails were specifically and officially credited as a factor in saving the town of Windsor during the Kincade Fire in 2019 and Annadel State Park during the Glass Fire in 2020.

In Windsor and Annadel the trails provided access for fire fighting equipment and served as firebreaks.

In addition to raising our property values by at least 10 percent, completing six miles of Timber Cove's private walking trails would make our community safer.



Yarrow Drake starts upper steps



Roger Simpson & Lorrie Uribe on lower steps



John Howland and logs reinforcing bottom of hillside.



Howland watches George Melo put in final step upper hillside.

Help Wanted!

We are amassing a collection of valuable items at various locations that can be sold to finance the restoration and maintenance of our trails. We have a nonprofit Ebay account already set up, and could set up other accounts, like Facebook Marketplace. We need someone who is willing to take on the task of **Nonprofit Sales** managing the online accounts.

A commission on these sales is possible. Please contact us at the email below if you have these skills and are interested in helping us develop a stable, ongoing revenue source to finance work on our trails. Almost all of this work can be done from home. And please let us know if you have something to donate.

We would also like one of our members to take on the role of **Communications Director** to oversee and coordinate outreach, newsletters, notifications and our website. This task requires some experience with website building and design and digital graphics.

Property Owner Rights

The current TCHA board of directors continues its course as trail deniers despite a clear judgement in our successful legal action to save our Timber Cove Trails. All of their

arguments were repeatedly presented to the court and rejected. The board is using at least \$20,000 of our homeowner's dues for attorneys to help them remove those rights. The only way to stop this malevolence is for good citizens to run for the board. Until then we move forward with our restoration and use of these trails, affirmed by the Sonoma County Superior Court.

The final judgement is the definitive document that incorporates the legal elements of the court's ruling and gives these trails the protections of private easements under California law. Keep these for your records.

[SCV263251 Filed Judgment California Civil Code - 845](#)

Property Liability and Benefits

Among the false claims made by the TCHA board about the trails is that the trails are unsafe and there is liability for property owners. They willfully ignore California laws passed to encourage recreational trails in our state and protect private property owners from liability claims, even on unimproved trails.

[Information about HOAs and Trail Liability](#) [Trail Liability info California Parks and Recreation](#) [Benefits of Trails for Property Owners](#)



Trails:
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Christmas
gift we
can give
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Rebeca Giacinto leads daughter Idria on a Timber Cove trail, February 24, 2018

Cyrene Howland walking Timber Cove trails November 14, 2014

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