

## **Civic Corner**

I want to start off by thanking everyone that showed up at our General Civic Meeting on March 18, 2003. Some of the topics that were discussed were the Speed Limit in the Development, the Connector Road, the Streetlight Petition, the New Construction on Old Baltimore Pike, Sound Barriers in the New Section and much more. If you have an issue that you want brought up or you would like to know what's going on with our current issues, come to our next General Civic Meeting – Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. These meetings last approximately one hour. Resident participation is imperative to the improvement and quality of your development.

It has been brought to my attention that some residents are not keeping their dogs on leashes in the community. This can be potentially dangerous to our residents. Please be courteous to your community and keep your dog on a leash. If your dog uses community property or someone else's yard as their bathroom, please clean up after them. If your dog bites a child, remember you are responsible!! We are coming upon summer and many of our children will begin to spend more time outside. As a community we would like to have the peace of mind that our children will have a safe place to play.

I hope to see everyone at our next Civic Meeting!

Janet Taylor-McDowell, President

## **From State Representative, John Viola**

The General Assembly and the governor are preparing to make the final decisions on how to weather a \$300 million deficit for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Our plan is a combination of government restructuring, cuts in spending, an increase in the cigarette tax and higher taxes and fees associated with the state's incorporation program.

It is going to feel odd to be cutting spending and finding new sources of revenue after enjoying one of the longest periods of economic expansion in recent memory that produced large state revenue surpluses. But the weakened economy has simply cut too deeply into state revenues.

Some people wonder what happened to all that money we had just a year or two ago. It was used to do good things for our state, some of which had been badly needed for years.

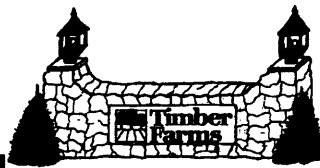
We significantly reduced the state income tax rates, which impeded economic development, and we cut some of the gross receipts taxes on business while increasing the pension exclusion from state income taxes and paid off some of our debt.

The governor's plan for dealing with the deficit will keep in place essential services for those most in need and will not lay off state employees, which would only cost us more money in unemployment and other support services.

Many states are much worse off than we are and have already depleted their reserves just to pay this year's bills.

But Delaware has left untouched the state's rainy day fund and the two percent of the revenues normally left in reserve just in case there is a second dip in the economy a very prudent move.

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**Activities – Entertainment**

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** - Due to increment weather, the civic association will be sponsoring another Garage Sale on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

**BLUE ROCKS GAME** - The Timber Farms Civic Association Night at the Blue Rocks is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19. As usual, we will be attending during a Fireworks Night. Our past visits have been a lot of fun. Reserved seats are \$8.00 per person. Reservations must be received by July 18.

**11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC** - Planning is underway for the 11th annual community picnic.

**Classified Ads**

*FREE to residents, call Elsa at 738-3446 or drop off at 535 West Hummock before July 18, 2003. Next issue: August, 2003.*

**Notary Service** – Right here in your development. \$3.00 fee per document. Call Janet at 731-5953.

**Baby-sitting** – Red Cross certified, dependable, reliable, kids love her! References available. Call Valerie Lukas at 731-5510.

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**For sale** – Dinnerware Sango China Cafe Paris Pattern #4914 5 pc place settings for 6, \$30. Dessert set 4 of each (plates and mugs) Lighthouse Design \$15. 16 Pc Earthenware set, green and orange floral design \$22. All 3 sets are micro and dishwasher safe, call Barbara at 369-1768.

**For Sale** – 15 ft Jon Boat, 15 hp motor plus trolling motor. Raised deck and trailer, \$2000. Call Tom at 368-9547.

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**Rep. John Viola, continued from cover**

The General Assembly has worked very hard in recent years to develop a bipartisan approach to state finances that has become nationally recognized for its effectiveness in improving financial decision-making. The current legislature is committed to continuing these policies that have been so effective.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Civic Association Meeting – The next general Civic Association meeting is scheduled**

for Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. The school is located off of Walther Road on Barrett Run Road. Hope to see you there!

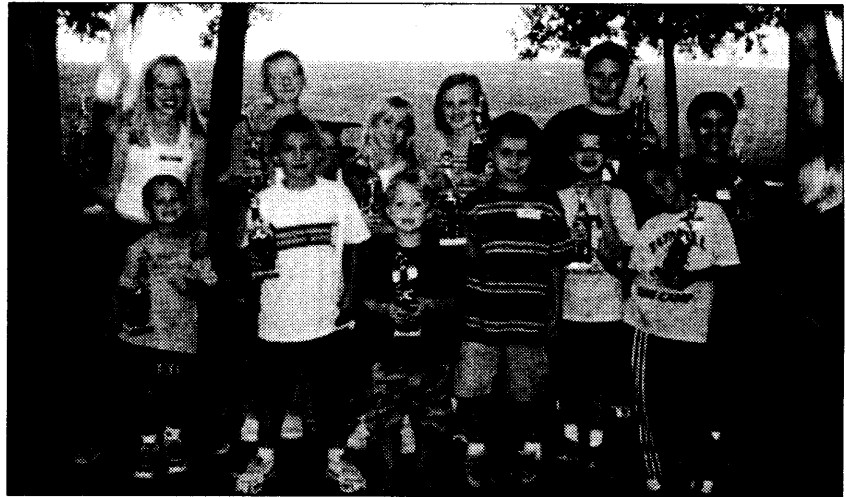
**Speeding** – Due to an increase in the number of speeding vehicles, the police have been requested to monitor drivers within our community. Please watch your speed!!

**Volunteers** – Thanks to all the neighbors who volunteered to assist with Civic Association activities, we will be contacting you!!

**Mail your Civic Association dues today!!** Please help your neighbors support the good work the Civic Association does for you and the community.

**Please send your \$20 dues to:**

Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA)  
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Bear, DE 19701-0489



### **Basketball Foul Shooting Contest Winners**

*Our recently acquired photo now allows us to share a happy moment for these children from our development.*

*Last September's Community Picnic named these children as our Foul Shooting Contest winners. For age groups 5,7, 8-9, 10-12 years old.*

*Front row: John Finfrook, 2nd place; Steve Lukas, 2nd; Kyle Verdi, 1st; Andrew Paez, 1st; Brian Teed, 1st; Tom McCarthy, 1st.*

*Back row: Jill Finfrook, 2nd; Alyson Fredrick, 1st; Erica Silliman, 2nd; Kristen J., 1st; Ben Ricket, 3rd; Alexander Paez, 2nd.*

*Not pictured: Christina Silliman, 3rd.*



*Last month's Easter Egg Hunt was a big success! Approximately 60 children searched for over 700 eggs on a beautiful, sunny day at our development's playground. Special thanks go to the raffle winner, who donated his prize money to the Civic Association.*



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