

Civic Corner

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the barricade vote. The result of this vote is that we KEEP THE BARRICADE. 73 homes voted. 67-Keep and 6-Remove. The breakdown is as follows:

KEEP THE BARRICADE

7-Post Oak Road
2-Basswood Drive
5-Anthony Drive
15-Woodland Road
10-West Hummock Lane
2-Arrowwood Lane
4-Holly Cove Lane
4-East Silver Fox Road
5-West Silver Fox Road
12-Timberwood Blvd.
1-Unknown

67 TOTAL-KEEP

REMOVE THE BARRICADE

1-Holly Cove Lane
2-Anthony Drive
3-Woodland Road

6 TOTAL-REMOVE

Our next General Civic Association Meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2004. At this meeting, we will submit nominations for President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The voting for these positions will be at the November 16th 2004 General Meeting. The current Timber Farms Civic Association terms end on November 30th.

These positions are two-year terms and are a wonderful way to become involved in the community without dedicating a lot of time. As a member of the TFCA board, you would also vote on any motions requiring it.

If you would like any additional information on any of these positions or if you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, you may contact any board member.

Regards,
Janet Taylor-McDowell

Councilwoman, Karen Venezky

Dear Residents of Timber Farms:

I have been honored to serve as your representative on New Castle County Council for the past 12 years. It is with great sadness that I inform you that on November 3, 2004, I will no longer serve as your Council Representative. As you may know, New Castle County Council is expanding to 13 members and as a result, all six Council Districts were split in two. Timber Farms is located in the half which will become Council District 11. On November 2, 2004, during the General Election, you will elect a new Council Representative who will take office on November 3, 2004.

I have greatly enjoyed working with you these past 12 years. I am truly heartbroken over the loss of such a wonderful and active community. I hope you feel I have represented your interests and I thank you for allowing me to serve you for so long. Together, I feel we accomplished a great deal for your community and the county as a whole. As always, please feel free to call me to keep in touch.

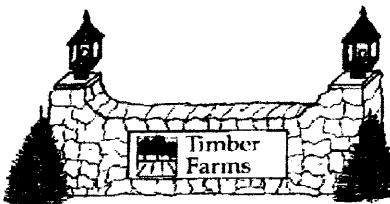
Councilwoman Karen Venezky
New Castle County Council, Fifth District

Announcements

About two weeks ago, on a Sunday morning a resident arrived home from the ACME at 11:00 a.m. and found a couple of neighbors standing on his front lawn. It seems that a car was going too fast and left a skid mark on the road and on his grass and leveled the street light in his front yard. He and the neighbors pushed the street light back up and put 2 x 4's to hold it in place. Last Sunday afternoon, a car again going too fast took out a resident's mailbox and the same streetlight and kept going! **PLEASE!** we have many children in our development — **watch your speed!!!**

Reminder — No signs of any kind can be placed at our entranceway or island without the express permission of the Maintenance Corporation.

Cans needed — Please drop off your aluminum cans every Monday at 157 Woodland Road. This is a worthwhile donation for the needy. Just put your cans in bags on the front steps.



The Officers Corner

The Officers are:

Janet Taylor, President
202 Holly Cove Lane
731-5953

Jennifer Daggett, Vice President
206 Holly Cove Lane
737-8766

Christine Verdi, Secretary
102 Woodland Road
738-7108

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142 Woodland Road
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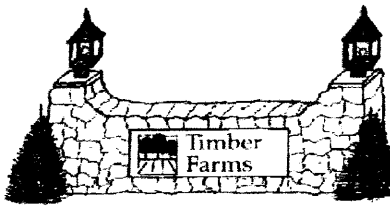
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To contact the Civic Association, see any board member or write:
TFCA, P.O. Box 489, Bear, DE 19701
To contact the Maintenance Corporation, call one of the members below:
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Bob Oakes, 737-0515
Mike Treml, 737-8925
Yvonne Hunt, 456-5984
Mike Lukas, 731-5510

Activities & Entertainment



12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC — Planning is underway for the 12th annual community picnic.



When Kids Ride Motor Scooters, Mini Bikes, Jr. Motorcycles, Mini Corvette, and All-Terrain Vehicles

The Maintenance Association and the Civic Association have been plagued with calls protesting the use of these “junior sized motorized vehicles.” In a very easy investigation, SENATE BILL NO. 234 was found. It is a new law, and police are eager to enforce it. Parents, please note, our roadways are state owned, and the open space is privately owned by the maintenance association (meaning children need written consent to ride on those grassy grounds).

Currently: ALL MOPEDS, MOTOR SCOOTERS, ALL-TERRAIN, MINI CORVETTES OR JR. NINJA DIRT BIKES ARE FORBIDDEN IN ALL AREAS OF OPEN SPACE, ROADWAYS AND PRIVATELY OWNED AREAS (like your neighbor’s lawn).

Yes we are watching:

- The all-terrain vehicle from East Silverfox has damaged grounds and concrete sidewalk at the north corner of Timber Farms and Woodland Road.
- The green Ninja mini bike consistently runs stop signs and has been clocked at a speed of 45 mph. *(At least he wears a helmet, unlike all others.)*
- The mini corvette used the driveway of 628 Timber Wood Blvd. and rode across the lawn to gain access to the open space on the north end of Timber Wood and Woodland.

If you need to report any motorized activity in our neighborhood, call the non-emergency number, 573-2800. It would be helpful to know the address of the offending party. If you need more help, contact Lt. Craig Weldon of the Community Services Unit, 395-8051. Contact any board member for a copy of Senate Bill No. 234.

Patriot’s Day is Primary Election Day

This third anniversary of 9-11 is Primary Election Day. It is also America’s newest memorial holiday named by President Bush in 2001, called **Patriot’s Day**.

New Castle County has a number of Democratic and Republican candidates vying for county council seats (as council expands), council president, county executive and Governor. What would be more patriotic than displaying our flag? How about voting!

Here is a list of ONLY those races in a primary election relevant to our neighborhood’s district. The full ballot will be redistributed before November 2nd.

All primary candidates are shown in Bold. GO IN MASS NUMBERS TO SUPPORT ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD’S OWN:

D **David L. Tackett** (Timber Farms)
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Delaware’s African-American Schools of the 1920’s-30’s

By Vanessa Manges-Spence

It seems education is always being reformed. Back in 1915 a federal study ranked Delaware schools 39th in 48 states. Much discussion and the interruptions of World War I delayed Delaware’s reaction, but finally in 1919 Delaware passed a new school code that included rebuilding of the state’s one-room schools for white students. Although some of the tax money collected from white taxpayers would improve African-American schools, they would not be rebuilt in accordance with new architectural designs and the Progressive Era’s nationwide social reform. A school was considered a highly specialized building, and its design was a key issue aimed to improve overall education.

Pierre Samuel du Pont took a personal concern for the African-American students in all of the small rural areas of the state. In 1919, he stepped down from the helm of the family run company and devoted his time and two million dollars of his own money to the rebuilding of these 80 schools.

His motivation and ideas were not unique, since similar initiatives were taking place in 14 of the southern states. Rosenwald, an early partner of the Sears & Roebuck company, helped finance about 5,300 African-American schools there.

In 1926, Mr. du Pont predicted the success of the nation’s educational system to the success of his Delaware Initiative. He invited other states to do the same. In 1938, a new federal study showed Delaware had advanced to eighth place in 48 states.

Several of these schools are still here today as evidence of this progressive effort by Mr. du Pont. The closest two are Iron Hill Museum, located on Old Baltimore Pike about 1.5 miles west of Rt. 896. The other is being refurbished, after it burned years ago, with the guided efforts of grown students of the school, in the town of Christiana.

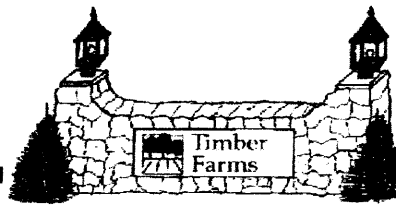
Donations of money and/or building materials are being accepted by the *Afro-American Historical Society of DE*, located in Wilmington, 571-9300, for the rebuilding and preservation of these schools in Delaware.

Bear, Delaware! What a Name

By Vanessa Manges-Spence

Although years ago bears probably roamed these parts of Delaware, it was not why this area is named Bear, Delaware. It was named for a local tavern, *Bear Tavern*, that existed until 1845 when the building burned down.

Generals Washington, Lafayette and others used this tavern when traveling to and from Chesapeake Highway. The actual location is said to be four miles west of Rt. 13 on the north side of Rt. 40.

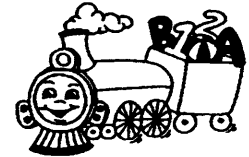


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An Update From Nellie Manlove

(Karen Venesky's office) Edited by Vanessa Manges-Spence

Calvarese Farms (Rt. 40 and Walther Rd) lots of prep work is near completion. The first home permit for this project should issue in the near future. Gemcraft Homes bought the project and will be doing all the building, but the site contractor may have hit some poor soil that will require some minor design changes.

In front of it, the builder has subdivided Rt. 40 frontage for Governor's Square additions. Office buildings are being built with no tenant contracts as yet. Krispy Kreme is the only known store at this time.

The restaurant /store pad site on Rt. 40 next to Season's pizza and in front of Leasure School still has no one under contract. He started this prep work so his sunset law would not apply (grandfathered under old county codes).

Christina Town center is once again on hold. A court found the builder to be guilty of site violations for storm drainage and other roadway issues. Jo-Ann's Fabrics still plans to open August 6th.

Royal Farms on corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Silver Lake Rd. allowed their application to expire. If they reapply, they will have to go through the same process of approvals once again.

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