

Civic Corner

Hello,

My name is Len Taddei and I'm the new President of the Timber Farms Civic Association. I'd like to thank the past officers for their hard work and accomplishments - Janet Taylor-McDowell (President), Jennifer Daggett (Vice-President), Christine Verdi (Secretary), and Bob Oakes (Treasurer). An extended thanks goes out to Janet and Bob, since they've agreed to remain on board for continuity. Janet has taken the Vice-President role, while Bob has remained as Treasurer. In addition, please welcome Janice Vincelette, who is our new Secretary.

My goal is simple — have a great neighborhood that people are glad to call their home. However, it takes more than just a few people to make this a reality. So don't be shy — get involved and help in anyway you can. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, contact us. Better yet, come to a meeting and talk to us in person.

I'd like to wish everyone a very happy, safe, and successful 2005!

Len

Announcements

- Congratulations to the following holiday decorating contest winners:
1st place: The Lee Family — 510 W. Hummock Lane
2nd place: The Vincelette Family — 157 Woodland Road
3rd place: The Needles Family — 214 W. Silverfox Road
A representative from Norwegian Woods judged our neighborhood while our representatives judged their neighborhood. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.
- The bills for the Civic Association dues have recently been mailed to you. Please support your community and the fantastic work the Civic Association does for you and the community. Please send your \$20 dues today. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- Due to lack of interest we will not be scheduling a Cabin Fever Breakout Event this year.
- The next Civic Association meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at

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Dear Timber Farms Neighbors:

The 143rd General Assembly was sworn in on Tuesday, January 11. It is good to be back.

The Governor has presented her budget, and the Joint Finance Committee is now meeting to look at the proposed budget. The Governor is emphasizing education, health care and Livable Delaware.

My priorities for the year are somewhat narrower. My first concern is implementing full-day kindergarten as soon as possible. Currently, there are a number of programs in place and 10 pilot programs around the state this year. The Governor's plan is to have full-day kindergarten available in all public schools by 2008. It will be a voluntary program for parents. I do believe, however, that it is one of the most wonderful opportunities we can provide for our youngsters. The statistics show that those children with full-day kindergarten do much better as they go through school.

Another aspect of education that I am very interested in is early childhood education.

I believe that the more opportunities youngsters have for interacting with others and with early teaming the better they will do. Currently we do not have enough programs available and we do not pay the staffs in these programs enough. I want to see us spend some additional dollars in this area to make the programs better.

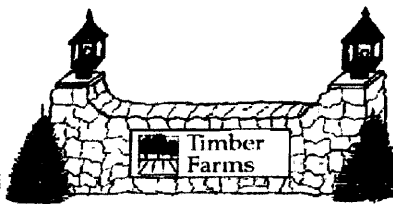
Two years ago I introduced a Pawn Brokers Bill. The laws regarding Pawn Brokers have not been updated since the 1950's. There is a serious need for more regulation in this area. I will continue to work with the police agencies and with pawn brokers to see that we get a modern law that is workable.

I continue to attend civic association meetings and to answer my many phone calls and letters. I aim to assist with as many problems as possible as you work with government.

Please call me at home at 832-2900 or call my office at 577-8474.

Hope for an early spring, so we can all get outside and into our parks and yards.

John Viola — State Representative — 26th District



The Officers Corner

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To contact the Civic Association, see any board member or write:

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To contact the Maintenance Corporation, call one of the members below:

Dave Schneider, 368-5643
Bob Oakes, 737-0515
Mike Trembl, 737-8925
Yvonne Hunt, 456-5984
Mike Lukas, 731-5510

Activities & Entertainment

EASTER EGG HUNT — The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. This event is a lot of fun for the children. The Egg Hunt will be held at the community playground (end of Anthony Drive) and will begin promptly at 2:30. The Raindate is March 26, same time and place. If you can help us for this fun event, please call Janice Vincelette at 737-5571.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE — Date to be announced (check board in front of development). It will probably be held a weekend in May, so clean out those attics, garages, and basements.

Classified Ads

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6. Call 738-7108 before May 1st, 2005. Next issue: May 2005.

Notary Service — Right here in your development. \$3.00 fee per document. Call Janet, 731-5953.

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Baby-sitter Available — College student with vast experience right here in the development! Call Liora at 366-0306.

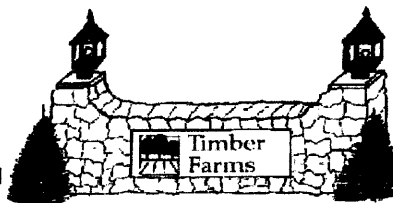
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Thurgood Marshall School. We look forward to seeing you there.

- Come talk to the representatives! There is a "Listening Campaign" being held on March 14th at Glasgow High School from 5:30 — 7:30 p.m. Meet County Executive, Chris Coones and your Councilman, Dave Tackett. This is an opportunity for you to voice any issues, thoughts or concerns that you may have.



By Russ Pickett, adapted by Vanessa Manges-Spence

Following the 2004 election year, I thought a bit of history on one of our own, a remarkable Delawarean, was in order:

"Soldier, Judge, Governor, Patriot" Caesar Rodney

October 7, 1728 - June, 1784 Caesar Rodney rides through history as not only Delaware's hero but also America's hero in our war of Independence. He held more public offices than any other Delawarean before or since. He was a soldier, judge, a delegate to the American Continental Congress, speaker of Delaware's Assembly, President (Governor) of Delaware, a justice of the state's Supreme Court, and held many other local offices. No known portrait of Caesar Rodney exists.

His grandfather, William Rodney, first came to America in the 1680's. During the 1690's William had settled in the Dover area. There he became the Speaker of the Assembly by the year 1704. William's son, Caesar married Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of an Episcopalian minister, Reverend Thomas Crawford.

Caesar Rodney II, was born the son of Caesar & Elizabeth Crawford Rodney on October 7, 1728 on the family farm in East Dover Hundred, Kent. Caesar Rodney senior died in 1745 leaving his oldest son the duties of being the man of the farm when he was only 17 years old.

Nicholas Ridgely of Dover was named Caesar's guardian. He was the clerk of the peace for the Kent County court and prothonotary, which meant he had knowledge of the law and books. Caesar was intrigued by this and developed a longing for public life. In the year 1755, at the age of 27, he became the High Sheriff of Kent County and served at that post through 1758. For the next 29 years of his life Caesar Rodney was never without some public appointment, office or trust.

From High Sheriff, Rodney proceeded to the offices of Register of Wills, Deputy Recorder of Deeds, and Recorder of Deeds in Kent County, as clerk of the Orphans Court, clerk of the peace and justice of the peace.

In 1759 he became the Superintendent of the printing of Delaware currency. In 1762 he became a member of the Delaware State Assembly and served through 1769 when he became the Superintendent of the loan office.

In 1765 he was elected to the Stamp Act Congress along with Thomas McKean. In 1766-76 he was elected as a Delaware delegate of the First and Second Continental Congresses with McKean and George Read and was named to the Supreme Court of the colony. For many years he served as the speaker of that body. In 1769, as speaker, he tried unsuccessfully to have a law passed "prohibiting the

importation of slaves" into Delaware. During this time he listened intently to the debates on independence without committing himself, but he was finally convinced that Britain "was making every kind of exertion in her favor to reduce us to unconditional submission ... that no hope of reconciliation on constitutional principles could possibly remain."

He was also the speaker of the Delaware Assembly when on June 15, 1776 the Delaware Assembly voted to sever all ties with the Crown. Delaware had officially declared its independence from the British Crown.

The Continental Congress was meeting during the spring and summer of 1776 to contemplate declaring its independence from the British Crown. Rodney received a message from Thomas McKean letting him know that on July 2 the congress was going to vote on its independence from the British. Knowing that "George Read" was opposed to the idea, Thomas McKean asked Rodney to dash up to Philadelphia to settle the issue for Delaware.

At this point in his life he had suffered from asthma and facial cancer for some years now. It was an agonizing 80 mile ride through the summer's heat, an angry thunderstorm and torrential rain, over dirt roads choked with mud, across rickety bridges spanning swollen streams, and over slippery cobblestone streets of the towns. There wasn't an hour to waste.

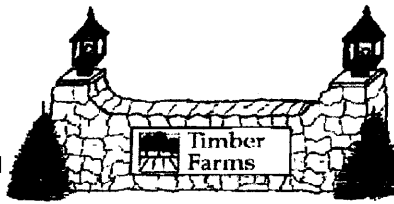
He pushed northward. He must have realized he was rushing to vote for a document that might well put a noose around his neck. On he went, through Duck Creek (now Smyrna), Blackbird, Cantwell's Bridge (now Odessa), past the McDonough mansion, St. Georges, Red Lion, Tybout's Corner to New Castle. Also, he went on through Wilmington, Marcus Hook and Upland, then finally Philadelphia.

He arrived at Independence Hall on the afternoon of July 2 during the last minutes of the debate of this resolution on Independence. Thomas McKean noted that Rodney was tired, dusty and covered with mud. We don't know for sure what Rodney said during his vote but he is supposed to have declared the following:

"As I believe the voice of my constituents and of all sensible and honest men is in favor of independence, my own judgement concurs with them. I vote for independence."

Caesar Rodney at age forty-eight was one of only three bachelors to sign the Declaration of Independence. As if his historic ride along with all his public offices weren't enough, Rodney was named a brigadier General in the Delaware militia during the Revolutionary War

On June 26, 1784 at 7:00 p.m., Caesar Rodney died at his home. He was buried on his farm on June 28, 1784.



TRAIN RIDE WITH SANTA

The rain could not stop these little ones from riding the train and meeting with Santa. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Train Ride with Santa a success. A special thanks to Santa who took time from his busy schedule to meet with the children.



What's On the Corner?

By Vanessa Spence

Calvarese Farms, located off of Walther Road will become the largest new neighborhood closest to ours. With open land dwindling near us this might be the last of large-scale development. With 145 homes planned, 27 now have building permits. Last February we were told that traffic patterns could change along Walther Road once the 25% building permit was issued.

A community that might someday connect to ours if we open Anthony Drive is *Traditions at Christiana*. This is an age-restricted community on Chapman Road behind Norwegian Woods. It consists of 100 units on 47.34 acres, probably priced in the 300k.

A very small community in planning stages is *Millers Post* off Salem Church Road opposite Reybold Road. It would be 5 houses due to the amount of wet land on the property.

The Bible Fellowship Church at 808 Old Balt. Pike will add one building and parking for a total of 28,300 sq. ft.

As for commercial building, Governor's Square Two and the six restaurant pad sites near Season's (Elizabeth Plaza) have no one contracted to build. Rumors on the pad sites near Season's range from Olive Garden to Macaroni Grill and, someday within that one mile stretch, a movie theatre. Christina Town Center is under pending litigation, which prohibits any stores to move in.

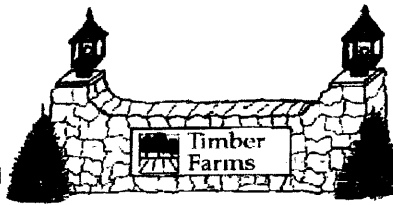
Glasgow Park, with 300 acres, has a few amenities available for use now. One is the perimeter path; the other is the topographical hill and parking area. The park also plans to include a variety of sports related activities. Some of those considered from a questionnaire are sports fields, tennis, basketball courts, playgrounds, picnic space and ponds. It is also stated to include a lawn to accommodate festivals and park concerts. Most exciting is a proposed interactive water feature for children. In the past, we heard a rumor in favor of a skateboarding area.

My family made use of the rolling topographic section for sledding this past snow. My husband reports that the wide top area allows you to pick one of four sides all with a differing degrees of slope.

Construction on the park will begin again in the spring but a completion date is unknown at this point.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Timber Farm's own, Dave Tackett as being elected Councilman Eleventh District. Way to go Dave! Dave and his family live here in Timber Farms so he understands the issues that face us all very well. Dave is available for assistance with any problems you might have in County Jurisdiction. County issues would include county taxes, sewer, building permits, rezoning, deed restrictions, and maintenance organizations. You may contact Dave through his assistant, Susanne Hussey, Legislative Aide at (302) 395-8371.

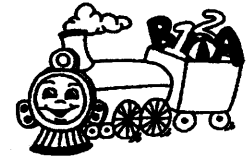


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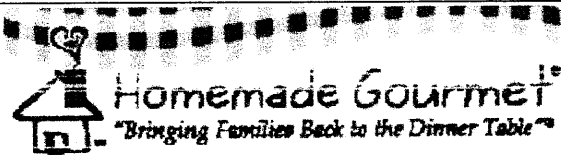
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Maintenance Association Update

- New Castle County will be sending to each resident the 2005 Timber Farms Maintenance Assessments. This year's assessments have been reduced to \$145.00. You will receive your statement in the mail during the second week of February.
- Please be advised that there is no overnight street parking. We continually receive complaints regarding this issue, so please use the driveway.
- DelDot is asking the residents to place all portable basketball net assemblies out of the street. These assemblies, when left in the street make it difficult for mail delivery and snow removal. A new law was passed recently prohibiting these net assemblies to be left in the street. DelDot can drive through the development and remove these basketball assemblies and will not return them to the owners. So please try to abide by this requirement.

Regards,
Dave Schneider
T.F.M.A.