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Neighbors Working Together

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With news that the developer wishes to build the remaining 56 homes in the community, and thus have the existing restriction that limits the number of homes in the community to 225 lifted, it's been a busy Winter and Spring. Two community meetings were held (March 8, 2006 and April 5, 2006) to allow the developer's attorney to present information on the history and intent of the developer, hear the concerns of the community, and solicit comments, suggestions, and ideas to try to minimize impact to current residents and potentially improve the value of the community. By the time this newsletter is out, residents should have already received a packet and ballot to try to determine a community consensus with regard to lifting the restriction. While the consensus is not a guarantee of anything, it could have a large impact on what happens moving forward.

Vandalism has also been an issue in the neighborhood. The message regarding vandalism or suspicious activity is to be alert, look out for one another, and report everything – even if it's a non-emergency.

On a positive note, our neighbor and County Councilman Dave Tackett, and County Executive Chris Coons, recently unveiled the forthcoming plans for the Glasgow Regional Park. The plans really look great!

With the approaching summer season, I just want to remind everyone about neighborhood courtesy. The speed limit is 25 MPH in residential neighborhoods and New Castle Council laws require curbing of pets. Please treat others with the same courtesy and respect you desire from them.

Have a great summer!

Len Taddei, President

**A NOTE FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT
ON THE LIFTING OF THE
DEED RESTRICTION FOR PHASE III**

Dear Neighbors:

As you are aware, our community has been approached by a developer who would like to have the deed restriction lifted that was placed on the plan years ago, in favor of DeIDOT, to allow him to build the last phase of homes. DeIDOT has now written a letter supporting the lifting of the deed restriction they had initially supported.

This community has had two meetings thus far with the attorney for the developer where all sorts of issues and concerns were raised.

By now you should have received a ballot from the Civic Association designed to get the feeling of the community as to whether the community supports the lifting, with restrictions that were formulated by the community (the Civic has the list), or if the community does not want the additional homes built. The Civic has agreed to gather all the votes and speak in one voice as to what they would like to see happen next.

Our biggest problem is that the restriction is a DeIDOT restriction and now they have stated it is no longer needed. New Castle County has not and will not issue any opinions about lifting the restriction until the formal process has started with us. And that process should start soon.

Please make sure you fill out the ballot and return it as soon as you get it so the Civic can draft the letter to the attorney and I will have some clear direction as to how to proceed.

Regards,

Dave

Page 2: Includes the Officers Corner and box of names under it BUT replace our personal e-mails with the following e-mails under the appropriate officers:

president@timberfarmscivic.org
vice-president@timberfarmscivic.org
treasurer@timberfarmscivic.org
secretary@timberfarmscivic.org

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Classified Ads

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6. Call 737-5571 before July 31, 2006. Next issue: August 2006.

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

Dependable Babysitter – Red Cross certified, mature, reliable, and eager to baby-sit or to be a Mother's Helper. Contact Cassie Vincelette at 737-5571.

Homemade Gourmet – *Bringing Families back to the Family Dinner table.* Homemade Gourmet is:

- Convenient, Cost-effective, Nutritious
- Flexible for all diets including low carb

Weight Watcher points & nutritional information available

Vanessa Manges-Spence
630 TimberWood, 369-0493

Sheila Ross
418 Arrowhead Lane, 731-7960
mommycab3@yahoo.com

CMscrapper@snip.net

Creative Memories - Have a fairytale life! Scrapbook your photos and you have a chance to edit the story to exclude the mishaps of life. Contact me to see how Creative Memories' tools, organizational steps and mission for getting the job done can help you. Contact: Vanessa Manges-Spence at 369-0493 or CMscrapper@snip.net

Computer - Hardware installations/upgrades, system upgrades/repairs, spy ware or virus cleanup, wireless networking, or consulting. Call Jeff at 559-9599.

Computer Training – Free for children ages 5 to 7 and \$10.00 per hour for others at your home or my home. Contact CompDr at 369-3655.

PC Repair, Upgrades, Networking Services – 10+ years experience, \$10.00 for spyware or virus cleanup and free estimate for other services. Contact CompDr at 369-3655.

Seamstress - Alterations: alter unlined items \$6, alter lined items \$8. I do clean and excellent work. Will be done in one day if needed. I have 30 years experience. Please contact me by e-mail: rema@udel.edu. I live in Timber Farms.

Wedding Dress For Sale - Price \$100. Brand new. Contact: rema@udel.edu.

Babysitters – Certified and live in Timber Farms. Please call Natalie and Audrey at 731-7927.

Everyone Loves Avon - Call me for a Catalog, special discounts for Timber Farms customers. Call Cecilia 302/738-0358.

Do You Need Quality, Dependable Baby-Sitters ?? - Call [SISTERS TWO](#), YMCA certified baby-sitters, with First Aid & CPR training. They will take great care of your kids. References Available, Call Celia & Sara 302/738-0358.

Gourmet Coffee – Great Holiday Gift Baskets. Many flavors to choose from. Single pot bags (\$1.50) or 12 oz Large bags (\$7.00). Teacher gifts (\$8.00) – small holiday box with 4 small bags – you choose the flavors! Try Cambridge Gourmet Coffee today!! Call Jenny at 738-3122.

Fleece Ponchos with Hoods - Girls ages 6-12 will love these super warm stylish ponchos. Handmade and easy to care for. Many colors to choose or will custom design for you. \$25. Great holiday gift for fashionable young ladies. Call Jenny at 738-3122.

WHITE BOOKCASE from Ikea - 72H x 30W x 12D, 2 fixed and 3 adjustable shelves, \$10. Call 737-8766.

I am looking for a Teenage Girl - interested in babysitting for one hour on weekday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30. If you are home from school or home school and are interested, please call 738-8041.

Book Club – meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We read for pleasure, we meet for socialization. This is not English Lit. Call Rosalind at 292-1151 if you would like to join us.

Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education- I am collecting these for Marshall Elementary. Please drop them off at 102 Woodland Road any time or leave them in the screen door if I'm not home.

Pet Sitter – Reliable and trustworthy. References available. Call Alyson at 368-1696.

Spring Cleanup for Outside- Spring Lawn Fertilization, Trees & Shrubs Planted, Mulch Bed Topping, Mulch Beds Installed, Grass Cutting, Timber Farms Resident. Call 292-1393 or 373-9599 for estimate, ask for Jim.

Free Playhouse - Call 453 1322.

Longaberger Basket Bingo – Friday, June 9th from 7-10 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Hall, Pencader Corporate Commons, just off Route 40. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For information or tickets, contact Carol Boncelet at 454-8940 or carolboncelet@hotmail.com. Benefits Girl's Kirkwood "Destroyers" Soccer Team.

Work Wanted – Teenage boy willing to do Lawnwork, Powerwashing, Petsitting, and Babysitting. Experienced Lawnworker. I can be reached at 292-2618 or jrteed@comcast.net

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Announcements

- There are still some tickets left for the **TIMBER FARMS NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS** event. The game is on Saturday, June 3rd, at 6:05 p.m. There are fireworks after this game and we have great seats. This is a great opportunity to get the whole family together for a night of fun. The price is \$5.00 for Civic Association members and \$9.00 for non-members. The remaining tickets are available on a first come, first serve, basis. Contact Christine Verdi, 102 Woodland Road, phone 738-7108 or e-mail her at vice-president@timberfarmscivic.org
- Clean out your closets, basements, and attics! The annual Timber Farms garage sale will also be held on Saturday, June 3rd, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. An ad will be listed in the newspaper and a banner will be placed on Old Baltimore Pike in order to attract a lot of traffic. This year hotdogs will be sold. Rain date is 6/17.
- You're missing out!! Haven't joined the Civic Association? Please consider how many wonderful things we can do for the community when we combine your \$20 dues with those of your neighbors. We sponsor community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the community-wide Garage Sale, the Summer Picnic, the Halloween Parade, the Christmas Party and House Decorating Contest. We

provide you with important information through the quarterly newsletter. **New this year**, we're providing timely emails notices about events affecting the community: vandalism reports, event & meeting notifications, Civic Association meeting summaries including the current topic of whether or not to oppose the building of the final 56 homes. Please consider joining (annual dues are only \$20 per household) so that we will have the financial resources to continue working hard for the community.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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This spring event is always lots of fun and this year was no exception!
The weather was great and the kids had a great time finding eggs, playing games, and hopping in a sack race.

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Maintenance News

The TFMA is currently improving the entrance area with a seasonal planting and cleanup. Jim Feeley, a resident of Timber Farms and landscaper, redesigned the walkway and landscaping to our gazebo located in Holly Cove. Other projects on our list for this year are the improvement and maintenance of open spaces and moderate maintenance to the water retention pond located at the entrance.

Please keep in mind that all fences and utility sheds require approval of the TFMA Architectural Review Board. Any questions or comments please contact any TFMA Officer.

Regards, Dave Schneider, TFMA

If you can fit this anywhere, great. If it needs to be shortened, let me know.

What's in a name? Like Old Baltimore Pike.

Old Baltimore Pike infers that it connects, somehow, to Baltimore. It actually was never built to do so. The road's history began when settlers on Welsh tract requested a road be built from the head of the Elk River to the Christina Bridge, in 1723. At the time, only a small Indian trail that led east and west over the south side of Iron Hill existed.

Welsh Tract was a parcel of land surrounding the Welsh Tract Primitive Baptist Church, a log meeting house built in 1703. The tract was part of 30,000 acres deeded to three Welshmen: David Evans, William Davis, and William Willis. It included Iron Hill's southern slopes, and reached over to its northern slopes, now part of Interstate I-95. At one time, Welsh Tract Road passed behind the church and continued up and over Iron

Hill. Traces of the abandoned road, worn down by iron ore wagons, can still be seen to the southeast of the church.

The new road would be important in connecting two extremely busy shipping ports in its day. The grain mills along the creeks and tributaries in Delaware and Cecil Country needed to transport products more easily. Dayett Mills being only one large manufacturing mill on this route.

The resulting road was known as Old Post Road. The money needed for the repairs was hard to come by so it was incorporated and renamed, in 1813, as the Elk and Christiana Turnpike. It took until April of 1817 to be built. The turnpike ran from the town of Christiana to the Maryland line, seven miles. Tolls were collected at Cooch's Bridge and near the intersection of where Smalley's Dam Road once met up with Old Baltimore Pike. After the establishment of the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad, the turnpike was less used, and so, in 1838 it reverted back to a public road.

The road as we know it has also been changed over time. In 1938, the road was straightened to bypass Cooch's Bridge. The old route that traveled through Cooch's Bridge remains to this day and is called Old Cooch's Bridge Road. It travels south to Glasgow (once Aikentown) past what once was known as Purgatory Swamp.

When I-95 was completed in 1963 the section of road from Old Baltimore Pike to I-95 was permanently closed. The closed section still exists after sixty dormant years. It contains three historic bridges and the remains of cable guardrails. It parallels the feeder road for Dayett Mills, crosses the southern end of Purgatory Swamp. At the North side of I-95 the road remains open and again enters at Welsh Tract Road.

The road holds history too. Delaware is the only state in which all the allied troops went down a single path, Old Baltimore Pike -- the road from Christiana DE to Elkton MD. While camped along this road the U.S. Continental regiments waited for a month's salary before proceeding. They had demanded this while passing through Philadelphia, and it was supplied in part from silver, which the Continental Congress borrowed from Rochambeau's treasury wagons.

Development has lost many opportunities to find remnants of old clothing and militia, wagon parts, and evidence of Lenape Indians before all that. As I travel, to and fro, I often wonder what treasures I could find in some of the now state owned/controlled land between 896 and Rt. 72.

Adapted by: Vanessa Spence

Notes to Lauren:

You should have received by hand, 3 pictures of our Easter Egg hunt to put on page 3 and 3 new business cards. . The ads on the back should be: Remax, Diamond State Painters, Wachovia (PLEASE MAKE THIS AD A LITTLE LARGER AS THE QUALITY WAS NOT GOOD LAST ISSUE), DPL, Squeegee Clean, Wright Painting, Keller/Williams, and Bit of Green.