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Neighbors Working Together

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It is with great sadness that we open this edition of our newsletter. On Friday, July 28th, a tragic neighborhood house fire claimed the lives of two members of our community --- a mother and young child. Our gratitude goes to all Fire and Emergency personnel for their valiant efforts, while our sincerest thoughts and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Kindra and Logan Bruzik.

With regard to lifting the restriction to allow development of the 56 additional homes, the final neighborhood vote count was 32 For, 88 Against, and 4 Abstain. There has been no action by the developer since the Civic Association Board met with the developer's attorney on May 21st to convey the results and residents' comments. These results have no formal meaning and only convey a "community feeling" to County and State politicians and officials, the developer, and residents of the community. Nothing has come up on the County Council agenda, nor even the Land Use Development & Planning pages regarding the remaining 56 homes, so no plan has been filed nor submitted by the developer thus far. If the matter does come to County Council, one possibility might be for the County to specify a limitation that a Construction entrance, other than existing community roads, must be used. Of course, there could still be a possibility for the developer to avoid County Council and take the matter straight to court. The 8 to 10 people that responded on the ballot that they would like to volunteer to serve on a committee regarding this issue will be contacted if the developer submits a plan.

Since Autumn is just around the corner, it's time for the Timber Farms Civic Association elections. There are a lot of people in our community with great spirit and ideas, so here's the opportunity to take action. While the nominations and elections are for all offices, the offices of President and Secretary will become vacant and MUST be filled. Nominations will take place at the October Civic meeting, with the election to take place at the November meeting.

If anyone is interested, please contact any of the current Civic Association officers or send a message to the general email address, [TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com](mailto:TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com).

You CAN make a difference!

Thanks, Len Taddei, President

## NOTE FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

I have been asked to provide some information on the rash of recent car break-ins that our community has been experiencing. It is important to know that this is not isolated to our community. Communities in this entire area have also been the target of these break-ins.

I have requested a detective be assigned to our community and he has contacted the officers in the maintenance group and has also conducted interviews with some of the victims. You may also have noticed a patrol car at the entrance conducting surveys of cars coming into the community. We have also been added to a list for stepped up patrols.

Until the person or persons are caught, I would suggest not leaving any valuables in your vehicle. The majority of break-ins happen because the thief finds something of interest. Also, keep your car locked and park under lighting whenever possible, never leave your vehicle unsecured or leave articles inside the vehicle in plain view. Please keep your vehicle locked and windows closed at all times, do not leave articles such as purses, electronic equipment, etc. in plain view as these items will draw attention and subject your vehicle to a break-in.

If you notice any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in the area, call 911 immediately or call 573-2800 which is the non-emergency number.

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,



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Maintenance News

## Overnight street parking

Cars parked in the street are a problem that our community deals with on a regular basis. This issue was brought to light recently by the Christiana Fire Company. At the informational meeting sponsored by the fire company last month this issue was on the minds of the fire company officers and attending Timber Farms residents. The fire company officers explained in detail how important access plays in getting to an emergency situation. Vehicles parked on the street directly impacts access of emergency vehicles responding to our needs. This problem directly affects the safety of each resident in Timber Farms. The majority of the attending Timber Farms residents asked the state and fire officials if these cars could be towed. Since our deed restricts cars parked on the street, the maintenance association has contracted our attorney to process this safety concern.

Please add a little effort in keeping your vehicle off the street. Thank You.

Regards, Dave Schneider, TFMA

## On page 2 under Announcements:

- Mark your calendar: The 14th Annual Timber Farms Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the open space at the end of Holly Cove. There will be pizza, sodas, snow cones, the famous rock slide, a moon bounce, pony rides, and a representative from the Christiana Fire Company will bring a fire truck with freebies for the kids. Get your rods and clubs ready as there will be a fishing and golf contest. We will also have other games and crafts for the kids. If you would like to help contact Janet at [pandaJAT@aol.com](mailto:pandaJAT@aol.com). Specific timing of events to be communicated in upcoming flyers. Thanks, Janet Taylor-McDowell
- The annual Halloween Parade will be on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. We'll have the Christiana Marching Band, a fire truck, and the hayride which everyone enjoyed so much last year. Get your best costume ready as we'll have a costume judging contest. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided after the parade. Thanks, Christine Verdi
- Upcoming Civic Association Meetings will be: Wednesday, October 4, at 7 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall School in which *nominations* will be sought for the positions of President and Secretary of the Civic Association Board.

On Wednesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall School, *elections* for these positions will be held. General community news and updates will also be discussed.

- If you aren't one of the 80% of Timber Farms residents who have already provided us with their e-mail address, please do so. It is the surest way to receive timely, updated information which affects you. The most recent important information we communicated related to the meeting at the Christiana Fire Hall regarding the recent fire. Please e-mail us your address today at [TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com](mailto:TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com)

## **Also on page 2: These can be made smaller to give us more room for other things** **Classified Ads**

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

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Sheila Ross  
418 Arrowhead Lane, 731-7960  
[mommocab3@yahoo.com](mailto:mommocab3@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**Book Club** – meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Thanks, Chris Verdi

**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.

**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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## **TF Youth Raise Money for Fire Victim**

In the aftermath of the fire that destroyed 207 Holly Cove Lane, neighbors Valerie Lukas, 16, Steven Lukas, 11, and Kristen Daggett, 15, realized that Chris Bruzik would need help getting back on his feet, and began thinking that a money collection would be a good idea.

Saturday morning, they decided to place signs near the entrance, and set up a tent in the front yard of 206 Holly Cove. There was an unending stream of cars that day, and more on Sunday. Many cars from Timber Farms and elsewhere stopped to drop money in the

simple cardboard box labeled "HELP our neighbors!" More than \$3,000 was collected curbside and others sent checks to the TFCA mailbox.

Mr. Bruzik was deeply moved when the donations were presented to him on August 5, and he expressed his gratitude to all. While no amount of money will give him back what he has lost, this will help him make a new start.

Valerie, Steven, and Kristen were assisted by Gage Taylor-McDowell, 13; and Kyle Taylor-McDowell, 8; Kevin McCarthy, 15; Tommy McCarthy, 11; and Alyson Frederick, 16. They want to extend their thanks to all who made this a successful endeavor.

Also on page 3 (this can go under recent events):

We would like to thank everyone that helped us make the Timber Farms annual garage sale a big hit. It was great to see such good participation by the residents. Even though it rained that day, most everyone had a great sale. There were so many people in the development, we had a bit of a traffic jam. Imagine how huge it would have been had the weather been perfect!

Thanks to all who donated hotdogs, rolls and sodas to help pay for some of the Civic Association's expenses. Thanks also to Dave Frampton for passing out the maps at the front of the development, they were really appreciated by the garage salers. Everyone also mentioned how they enjoyed the kids' goodie stands!

We have a couple of ideas for the next garage sale, please give us any input you might have. It seemed that the garage salers started real early and we didn't have more than a handful of people after 12 noon. We were thinking maybe an 8am-12pm garage sale might be good, instead of all day, as that would also encourage more people to join, as they would have the rest of the day free. Also, instead of hotdogs and soda for the Civic Sale we were thinking coffee and donuts, since everyone is there so early. Also, if everyone is up to it, we could even have two garage sales a year, one in spring and one in fall. Give us your feedback, e-mail [TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com](mailto:TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com).

Thanks again for a great sale,

Brian & Sonya Stillmock

**Notes to Lauren:**

**You should be receiving by hand, 2 pictures of the kids collecting money for the fire victim and the new page for the back cover. Could you insert this line on the Wachovia ad?: Postage for this newsletter is provided by Wachovia**  
**If you can fit both pictures on page 3, great. If not, just choose one. Thanks and pls. e-mail me the final copy for my review before it goes to print.**  
**Janice Vincelette 302/737-5571**