

The Timber Farms Voice

Neighbors Working Together
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Civic Corner

From the Treasurer:

I am pleased to announce that 2005 has established a milestone in our membership drive. Although we haven't met our goal of 80% yet, we have the most residents as members since the Timber Farms Civic Association was started in 1992. We have 28 first-time members in 2005.

Over thirty families have volunteered to pass out flyers, serve on committees, be block captains, welcome new residents and serve as an officer. Let's meet our goal of 80%!

Some residents view the civic association as only benefiting families with children. Sure, we are proud of our annual holiday events that are so fun for the kids, but there are many other items that the civic association has to pay for that benefit each and every one of us. Some things that the civic association pays for that is not as obvious are the design/layout, printing, and mailing of each newsletter, postage for other items, flyers, membership in the 7 & 40 Alliance, post office rental, and a franchise fee to the state. This is in addition to expenses for the annual picnic, Easter egg hunt, Christmas ride with Santa, Christmas lights contest, Christmas decorations for the front of the development, and Halloween parade.

A lot of residents participated in this year's garage sale, and we are pleased about that. Part of our success was due to the ad in **The News Journal** and for the banner that was posted on Old Baltimore Pike. Both of these items came out of our budget.

We are hoping to hand out small welcoming baskets to new residents. I think we would all have enjoyed having someone from the neighborhood in which we just moved, greet us and present us with a basket of goodies. Again, this costs money.

If you haven't already, or have been meaning to get around to it, please write the \$20.00 check. It is not a big investment for any one household, but the cumulative effect is very beneficial. We have 29 members from last year who have not sent in their dues for 2005. We'd love to have you back! Thanks for your support.

Bob Oakes, Treasurer, P.O. 489, Bear, DE 19701

Message from State Senator Tony DeLuca, 11th District

The Legislature is back in full swing in Dover through June 30th, and the Bond Bill Committee, charged with setting the state's budget for capital improvements in the coming year, began its hearings the week of April 25th. We are currently holding hearings on all State agencies and their requests for funding. Although the State's economic health has improved over recent years and the State is fiscally sound, as might be expected, we generally see more requests for funding than there are funds available. We'll be challenged in the coming weeks to keep the capital budget balanced, while not forsaking services important to the State and its citizens.

Locally, some of you may have noticed that the markings in the turn lanes and bike path along Old Baltimore Pike, recently re-striped after roadwork, have already begun to disappear from weather and wear. DeIDOT has committed to re-striping these markings this spring.

Also along the Old Baltimore Pike, a new traffic signal will soon be installed at the intersection with the Woodshade development. Residents there have been concerned for years about sight distance and the accompanying safety hazards in turning out onto Old Baltimore Pike at this location. Although the addition of another traffic light may not be considered the best thing to encounter in our daily travels, it is expected that this light will help make the Old Baltimore Pike safer for all of us.

Thank you to the community for giving me another opportunity to speak to you through your newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you with any issue. I can be reached at: 737-4929 (home), 577-8542 (Senate

in Wilmington), or by e-mail at w.DeLuca@state.de.us

Wish you a healthy and safe spring and summer.

Sincerely, Tony DeLuca, State Senator - 11th District

EASTER EGG HUNT



The kids had a great time finding all those eggs! Games are always fun for the kids and the one played at the hunt was no exception. In addition to all the eggs found, everyone went home with a prize. A special thanks to Heather Barone, Tabatha Wright, and Cassie & Chelsea Vincelette for helping us hide all those eggs.

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The Officers Corner

The Officers are: Len Taddei, President 151 Woodland Road 455-0242

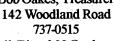


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To contact the Civic Association, see any board member or write:

TFCA, P.O. Box 489, Bear, DE 19701 To contact the Maintenance Corporation, call one of the members below:

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

Activities & Entertainment

We would like your input! Since there hasn't been much interest in recent years in the Blue Rocks game or the Cabin Fever Breakout party, we are interested in finding out what type of activity you would want to get together for as a community. Each person who e-mails me will have their name entered once into a random drawing for a movie pass. In order for the contest to be valid, I need to receive 20 or more responses. Please e-mail me (chucknjan@comcast.net) if you would seriously consider attending any of these activities as a community: roller or ice-skating, bowling, pool party, hayride in the fall, block party.

These examples are family oriented but if you have any "adults only" suggestions, please send these as well.

Additionally, if you have an idea not listed, send that too. We want to know what type of activity/event would bring the community together for a few hours. This event will be in addition to the annual community picnic and holiday events.



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

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

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<u>For Sale</u> - Nordic Track Cross Country Ski Exercise Machine - \$35 or Best Offer, Baby/Toddler Bike Seat - \$15 or Best Offer. Both in very good condition. Call 368-9547.

Activities, continued

Please e-mail your ideas (you can send more than one idea that interests you) by June 10th to be eligible for the contest. Thanks for your help. Janice Vincelette, Secretary, TFCA.



WHO DO I ASK ??

Please use the following chart as a reference on whom to contact for the various issues listed.

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Reminder from Councilman, Dave Tackett

Now that spring is here and warm weather is becoming more of a daily occurrence, I would like to remind everyone of the many wonderful activities available through New Castle County. There are Summer Recreational Programs, the popular Safety Town program, Youth/Teen Leagues, Summer Youth Sports Camps, and a variety of other activities. Information on the sports programs can be obtained by calling the Sports Office at 302-573-2043. Otherwise, contact Community Services at 302-395-5696.

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss with me, please call my office at 395-8351. Have a great Summer!



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Maintenance Association Update

I would like to thank all of the residents that have submitted approval plans for sheds. However, I want to remind all members that the Maintenance Association must have plans for all sheds on file. This is a requirement that was placed on the maintenance association from the Federal Housing Authority. This requirement was a condition of the recent settlement regarding the amendment of our deed restrictions, to allow sheds. If a shed is erected and the maintenance committee has no plans on file, the individual homeowner will be solely responsible to the Housing Authority if challenged. Please contact any TFMA officer with any questions.

The Maintenance Association is holding a membership meeting at Conectiv Conference Center on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any points of interest you would like to

Announcements

We'd like to thank our volunteers, the Rowe's, the Frampton's and the Dallas' who worked so hard to make the garage sale a huge success. We had 43 homes participate which is approximately 20% of all homes! The weather was good and there was a lot of traffic through the neighborhood.

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discuss please call an officer and have your issue placed on the agenda.

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