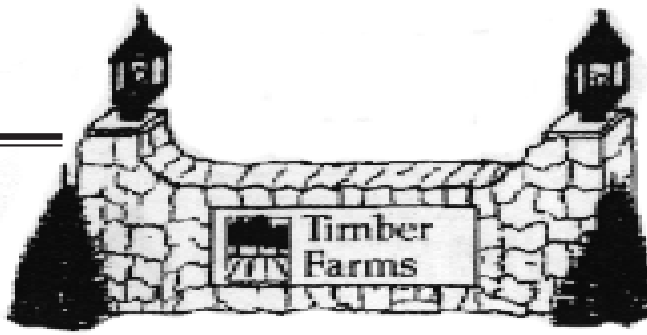


The Timber Farms Voice



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CIVIC CORNER

Letter from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying the new year. A lot has happened since I took over as president back in December. Here are the latest updates:

Annual dues - Bob Oakes has mailed out our request for annual civic association dues of \$20 per household. Our funds are getting a bit low, and we will need to increase dues to \$25 per year beginning in 2008. Please consider donating an extra \$5 this year to help with expenses.

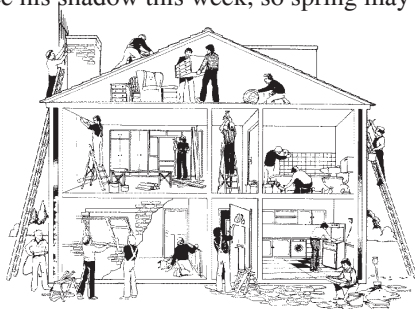
Web site - Our neighborhood now has its own web site (www.timberfarmscivic.org), including information and news from both the civic and maintenance associations. The web site has photos from our recent neighborhood events, and has PDF versions of our newsletter, treasurer reports, and deed restrictions documents. The site also has a form for contacting us - please pass along your ideas and suggestions.

56 new homes - In December 2006 the New Castle County council voted to lift the remaining deed restrictions, and the builder plans to begin construction sometime this spring. All construction traffic will be required to use a temporary construction entrance from Salem Church Rd. to W. Hummock Lane (see our web site for map).

207 Holly Cove - The fire damage has been removed, and the new owners are starting plans to build a new home that will be substantially like the one that was damaged.

Upcoming events! - We are looking forward to the upcoming Easter Egg hunt and community yard sale this spring. We also have reserved seats for our Night at the Blue Rocks on July 14. I hope to see you and your family at this year's events.

Our next general civic association meeting is scheduled for March 14 at Marshall Elementary School (see web site for details). Thanks to everyone who has helped put the web site together, and to those who have already provided their comments and suggestions for improving it. The groundhog didn't see his shadow this week, so spring may be just around the corner!



Notes from Councilman Tackett

Dear Civic Leader:

As you may be aware, New Castle County has, for the last year and a half, been in the process of preparing a draft update to our Comprehensive Development Plan.

This is a blueprint of sorts to direct future development in a grouped and organized way. This update must happen every 5 years per State law and this will be the third time the update will have occurred since the original Comprehensive Plan in 1988 (1997, 2002, and Draft 2007). The full comp plan can be viewed at www.nccde.org/plan. One of the key binding components of this document is the expectation that growth should pay for the costs of new infrastructure and services it requires.

The comp plan will attempt to direct new development to the designated growth areas by allowing property owners outside the growth areas the ability to sell development rights and retain their farms/open lands. This concept will work by creating a mechanism for greater densities in mixed use centers and promoting connected communities. Growth will continue to occur in existing communities as infill on the vacant lots while maintaining the feel of the surrounding area.

One important piece of this plan Council has promoted is redevelopment in areas located along transportation corridors and around our surrounding municipalities, which are already geared for public transportation.

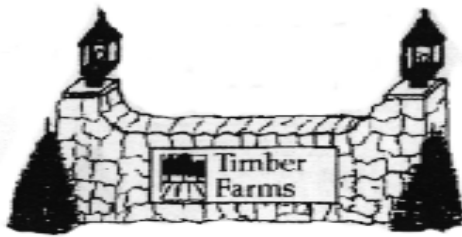
County Council spoke with a united voice as we worked to encourage infill and promote redevelopment. The County Executive shared that vision and one objective of the comp plan is to encourage this to improve our existing neighborhoods. We understand new and old can mesh. Many times we see a business that was struggling and many times soon fail, and the building becomes vacant. With the comp plan, we will identify a new use for the vacant building and provide a new opportunity for redevelopment.

Please understand the comp plan process is not perfect. But few things seldom are. Together we will work as one to shape the future development while protecting our very sensitive natural resources.

We have a lot of challenges in all areas of the county, but together there is nothing we can't work through.

Sincerely,

Councilman David L. Tackett
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Maintenance News

- With cooperation from our residents we have greatly improved off street parking. Keeping the street clear of parked cars greatly improves safety in development traffic as well as easy access for fire and other emergency vehicles.
- New Castle County has developed the Amnesty Program; this program is designed to keep the storm water management systems within New Castle County operational. Our storm water retention ponds are a major component of this program. Currently we have had major repair work completed to our retention pond at the entrance of our development. Originally the total repair work was to fall on the responsibility of our maintenance association. This repair was estimated to cost our association approximately ten to fifteen thousand dollars. I am happy to inform the residents, that New Castle County has absorbed the total cost of all repairs. The maintenance association's responsibility will include proper erosion maintenance and quarterly inspection of both retention ponds.
- This spring we are accepting estimates to install a water sprinkling system to the entrance sign area. The maintenance association maintains seasonal plantings along the entrance areas. These plantings require timely watering to support good growth and display.
- During the snow removal season our contractor has asked me to remind our residents to please park all vehicles in their driveways to allow a curb-to-curb removal.

Regards, Dave Schneider



Announcements

Cats—Feral or stray?

Feral is not another word for "stray." A stray is a cat who has been abandoned or who has strayed from home and become lost. Stray cats can usually be re-socialized and adopted. Adult feral cats usually can't be socialized and won't adjust to living indoors or with a human family. Rather than attempting to tame one or a few feral cats, your time and effort are better spent sterilizing many feral cats to break the cycle of reproduction.

TNR stands for Trap, Neuter, and Return. TNR is endorsed by numerous institutions and organizations including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Humane Society of the United States, Doris Day Animal League, Cornell and Tufts Universities' Schools of Veterinary Medicine and the Cat Fancier's Association. TNR works!! Trap, Neuter and Return is widely recognized as the most humane and effective strategy for reducing feral cat populations. TNR involves humanely trapping feral cats living in cities, towns and rural

areas and transporting them to a veterinary clinic where they are spayed or neutered. They may also receive a health check, vaccinations, and can be treated for routine medical conditions. After surgery, the cat recuperates for a day or two and is then returned back to his colony habitat where caring individuals provide food, water and shelter. (Kittens and tame cats are moved into foster homes until they are well enough to be adopted.) Since the cats are no longer reproducing, the colony will gradually diminish in size. By reducing or eliminating mating, fighting and wandering, TNR makes the colony more stable, impacts the influx of newcomers, and improves the health of the cats. All sterilized cats have tipped ears. This makes it possible for caretakers to differentiate between cats that have already been sterilized vs. the ones that have not been sterilized yet.

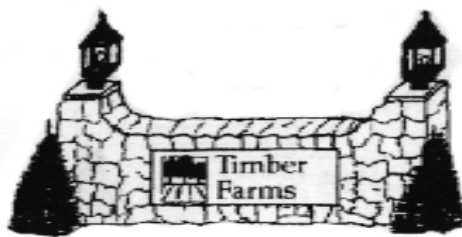
Trap, Neuter, and Return, the humane, nonlethal method of population control, has been shown in numerous studies to be more effective than trap-and-kill, and is more reflective of a caring society. Additional information can be found at any of the following

web sites:

www.alleycat.org

www.aspc.org

www.forgottencats.org



Classified Ads

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.

Call 456-9559 before April 30, 2007 Next issue: May 2007.

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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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: Venessa Manges-Spence at 369-0493 or CMscraper@snip.net

Computer - Hardware installations/upgrades, system upgrades/repairs, spyware 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 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. 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

DYNAMIC DUO - Two for the price of one; babysitters! YMCA Certified. Contact Lauren and Brianna at 737-4559.

Snow shoveling: Driveways and/or Sidewalk. Two to five inches - \$25, sidewalk additional \$5, Six to ten inches - \$30, sidewalk additional \$8. Contact Lisa at 737-4559.

Sofa for sale: Ethan Allen sofa. Excellent condition, hardly used. Plaid jewel tone colors. \$1000. Call 738-1014 if interested.

Recent Events

Congratulations to the following holiday decorating contest winners:

1st Place: The DuQue Family -
37 Anthony Drive

2nd Place: The Agard Family -
211 Holly Cove Lane

3rd Place: The Quinn Family -
512 W. Hummock Lane

Cash prizes were awarded to the first, second and third place winners.



Train Ride with Santa

The train ride with Santa was once again a big hit! We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make the event a success as well as Santa, who always makes the occasion special.



MESSAGE FROM JOHN VIOLA

Dear Timber Farms Civic Association Members:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a pleasant and safe holiday season. I am pleased to have been re-elected as your representative for the 144th legislative session. We have a lot of goals for this session in Dover, among them helping you to understand the yard waste situation, looking at ways to promote awareness of cervical cancer, and supporting the proposed .45 cent cigarette tax to keep our young people from smoking and new smokers from starting.

The yard waste ban for Cherry Island Landfill is an issue of concern for many people. DNREC has invested considerable time in discussion with private waste haulers, mulching service operators, entrepreneurs, the Delaware Solid Waste Authority and residents. Everyone can agree that keeping yard waste out of landfills is good for Delaware; now we need to educate residents and work on a phased approach so that everyone will be compliant with the new rules. For more information about yard waste—a list of haulers/companies accepting waste, how to handle it on-site—please visit DNREC's website, www.dnrec.delaware.gov.

This session has already gotten off to a running start with the workers compensation bill and many more decisions are in the making. Please call my office if I can be of any assistance on the issues that concern you.

Sincerely,
John J. Viola, State Representative, 26th District



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