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## Letter From The President

I hope everyone is enjoying the coming spring, and looking forward to the summer ahead. We had good weather and an enjoyable time at the Easter egg hunt in March. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who made the event so much fun. Spring cleaning underway? We are planning a neighborhood yard sale from 8am until 1pm on Saturday, May 17.

Remember that local landfills no longer accept yard waste as part of your regular trash pickup. Options for yard waste disposal are described on the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's web site ([www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com)). Your trash hauler may also have other options for you.

Our current civic association membership is the lowest we have seen in several years. We've kept the annual dues at \$20 per household again this year. If you've supported us in the past, or you would like to become a new member, please consider sending in your membership information to our treasurer. Thanks again to all residents who have already supported us this year.

## CIVIC CORNER

**Artificial obstructions:** Signs and basketball hoops are not permitted in DelDOT rights-of-way. For residential communities with streets under DelDOT's jurisdiction (like Timber Farms,) that means at least 7 feet from the street (or beyond the sidewalk, if there is one.) Be aware that DelDOT is specifically empowered to confiscate these items, and fine the owners. Save yourself some hassle (and possibly some \$\$) by putting your portable basketball hoop away when you're not using it. Think of it as a valuable lesson for the kids in good citizenship.

Right of way is defined in Title 17, Chapter 5, paragraph 525 of the Delaware Code as:

(2) For all interior streets within residential subdivisions, the term includes the total roadside border area within a right-of-way, starting at the edge of the pavement and continuing for the shorter distance of either:

a. Seven feet perpendicular to the pavement edge, or

b. If there is a sidewalk adjacent to the street, the sidewalk edge further from the street.

If you have a complaint, the person responsible for enforcement: Gary R. Jones, (302) 326-4679, e-mail: [Gary.Jones@state.de.us](mailto:Gary.Jones@state.de.us).

**Drainage Pipes:** Please do not allow children to play with the rocks around the drainage pipes. We have recently had an incident in which rocks were placed in the opening of some of the drainage pipes, blocking the flow of water. These rocks are not meant to be played with furthermore children should not be allowed to play around the drainage pipes.

**Other information:** Motor bikes, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles are not to be driven on our streets.

## A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY...

### The Hillis Mansion

On your way to the Christiana Mall you may notice a Georgian style home to your left at 29 Old Baltimore Pike just west of the fire station. There is a small sign out front that reads "Hillis Mansion." The home is not a mansion by our standards today but picture it in the second half of the 1700's with all its glory and surrounding land. Mr. Hillis was a prominent citizen of Christiana.

The George Hillis House "The Hillis Mansion" is a brick colonial dwelling, constructed before 1770. Referred to as the finest Georgian house above the bridge (the bridge that spans the Christina River,) it is a five-bay, two-story-and-attic brick residence. Documentation indicates that this was the dwelling house of George Hillis, Sr., cordwainer (translates into an expert shoemaker who worked primarily in cordovan leather) in Christiana.

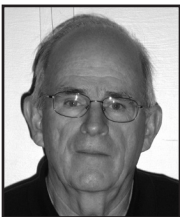
Mr. Hillis took on an apprentice, John Faires, a 12 year old orphan, whose father was Arthur Faries; a Blacksmith from New Castle County. The young Faires began his



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apprenticeship On March 17, 1750 and would remain bound in it until he was 21 years of age.

According to Hillis' will, dated December 31, 1770, his dwelling and the property contiguous to the Christiana Inn (1 South Old Baltimore Pike) were bequeathed to his old friend, Ann Ravey, with the understanding that upon her death it would be passed back to George Hillis' daughter, Elizabeth Adams. The wharfs and stores at Christiana Bridge, occupied by his son-in-law, George Adams, a shallopman (a pre-civil war term for an importer/exporter,) were also bequeathed to his daughter, Elizabeth. In 1775, when George Adams also died, these wharves and

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stores were bequeathed to their son Levi Adams, who, in 1787, went into partnership with Solomon Maxwell as commission merchants.

The seven lots between the Hillis Mansion and the Christiana Inn were all part of George Hillis Sr.'s village property. By the end of the 1800's, at least two blacksmith shops, one wheelwright shop, two small frame dwellings and one brick house had been constructed on them.

Reference: (Christiana Historic District nomination, National Register of Historic Places, 1974)

Written and submitted by: Vanessa Spence

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOUND:** Small bulldog stuffed animal. Found near the corner of Timber Wood Blvd. and E. Silver Fox Rd. Please call 454-7187.

**Wedgewood Swim Club:** Now accepting summer memberships. 2007 Readers Choice Award for the best neighborhood pool in New Castle County. Weekday, weekend or full time memberships available starting at \$250.00 and NO bond money. Baby pool, 6 lane 25 meter pool, diving area, swim lessons, swim team, social events, snack bar, BBQ area, change house and showers, liberal guest policy, certified life guards, volunteer run. www.wedgewoodpool.com or Nancy (302) 221-3734. Opening May 24th through August 30th.

**Lawn Mower for Sale:** Craftsman 21 inch mower with bagger for sale. \$100.00. Clean and in excellent condition. Runs great. Selling because we own one too many mowers. Call John at 545-5504.

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

**Real Estate Appraisals:** Cardinal Appraisals, Bill N. Waugaman, IFA, 1607 East Newport Pike, Wilmington, DE 19804; phone: 302-999-0909, fax: 302-999-1999, email: cardinalapp@msn.com. (Timber Farms resident).

**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.

**Certified Babysitter:** very experienced with all ages. Available after school, evenings and weekends. Call Lauren at 737-4559.

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

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

**Babysitter available:** age 15. Comes from a large family, lots of experience. Call Brianna at 737-4559.

**Work Wanted:** Teenage boy willing to do Lawnwork, Power washing, Pet sitting, and Babysitting. Experienced Lawnworker. I can be reached at 292-2618 or jrteed@comcast.net

**Pet sitter or dog walker:** Will pet sit in your home. Experienced with references available. Contact 737-4559.

**Sofa for sale:** Ethan Allen sofa. Excellent condition, hardly used. Plaid jewel tone colors. \$900.00 Call Beth at 738-1014 if interested.

**Olympic weight set and bench:** For sale \$400.00. Excellent condition! Bench: 3 position iron (flat, incline & decline), adjustable bench press safety rails, leg attachment, preacher curl attachment, lat pull down attachment, bar & cables. Weight set: 35 lb. Olympic bar, Olympic curl bar, 2 dumbbell bars, 255lb. of solid iron plates, plate rack. Call 737-5571.

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**Babysitter available:** Stay at home mom looking to babysit for extra cash. Days, nights or weekends. Call cell # 610-809-9020.

**Specials:** Layaou Landscaping: Mulch \$16.00 per cubic yard – Buy 5 yards & get free delivery to Timber Farms

**Newark Mower Center:** 10% off any lawn equipment service – pickup & delivery for Timber Farms \$20.00

## RECENT EVENTS

### Easter Egg Hunt

A very special thanks once again for a great Easter Egg Hunt. 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.

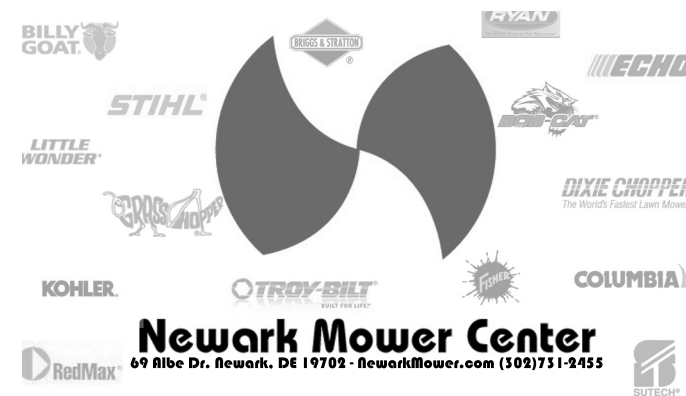
Thanks to our chairperson Janice Vincelette and her children, C.J., Cassie and Chelsea. Thanks also to Jamie Trembl for passing out the flyers for the entire development and helping to stuff eggs with treats. Thanks also to any volunteers we may have forgotten to mention.



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