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Letter From The President

As always, summer has gone by very quickly. We've had some great weather over the past few weeks, and I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy it. In July, we held a combined meeting of our civic and maintenance associations. Captain Setting from the New Castle County Police addressed two issues that have concerned many residents:

Speeding in the neighborhood – Captain Setting pointed out that most speeders are likely to be community residents. You likely noticed that he arranged for some targeted enforcement in our neighborhood during August. It is our responsibility to ensure all of our household drivers are aware of the risks involved in speeding through a neighborhood with young children.

Vandalism and theft – According to Captain Setting, thieves and vandals avoid homes that are difficult to access easily. He suggests that you consider outdoor lighting (perhaps with a motion sensor), a visible security system, or a dog. Securely locking all first floor doors, windows, and garage doors should be a regular practice. Overall, according to police statistics, our neighborhood has been both safe and secure over the past year.

Captain Setting also strongly recommends that residents dial 911 for any suspicious activity or an immediate problem. For concerns that are not time critical, contact any Timber Farms civic or maintenance association board member. We have a police officer (A. Dowe) assigned to our neighborhood, and our board members will work directly with him to address less immediate issues.

Our community picnic is currently scheduled for October 5. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the planning for this event, as well as other volunteers to help with setup and serving food. Please consider giving just a bit of your time (contact any civic association board member) for this event, which is a great chance for all of us to get together. While our board members are available to assist with this event, we need your involvement!

Finally, if you haven't sent in your 2008 civic association dues, please join us. We depend on your support to make

neighborhood events happen. Thank you to all residents who have already joined us this year.

NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

What does A "Hundred" Mean?

Delaware does not have counties or townships like our neighboring states. In fact, Delaware is the only state in the U.S. that retains the geographical term of "hundred."

Each of Delaware's three counties is divided up into hundreds and at present Delaware has 33. It is an old English term that is now obsolete. Many believed that a hundred is the area from which 100 soldiers could be raised in the time of need. Actually, for Delaware, the origin was found in a letter written on October 25, 1682 by William Penn, the then newly-appointed Lord Proprietor of the province of Pennsylvania and the counties on the Delaware. Penn directed that "from this point onward, settlements be divided into sections of 100 families." A deeper definition is found in the Delaware Genealogical Research Guide where a "hundred" would be occupied by 100 families where each family would have an average of about ten members (including servants). The first written reference of the term Hundred dates to 1687, where the reference reads "a list of taxables of north side of Duck Creek Hundred" (NCC court records.)

It also was used for state representative districts and local officials but in 1964 a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Delaware disallowed it and new boundaries were drawn. Today, its only real importance is its use in real estate land recordings as a point of reference and tax parcel numbers are still assigned by hundreds. The last hundred to be recorded was Blackbird when it split from Appoquinimink in 1875.

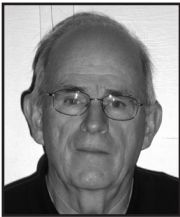
The newer term of township quickly spread in the other colonies and newly formed states but Delaware never adopted it.

Written by Vanessa Spence

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

To Timber Farms Residents

The Timber Farms Maintenance Association held a membership meeting on July 10th 2008 to discuss a variety of issues facing our community. Officers of the Timber Farms Maintenance Board and Timber Farms Civic Association were in attendance. Guests included Senator Tony DeLuca, State Representative John Viola, and Councilman Dave Tackett, Captain Elmer Setting, Senior Lieutenants Dowe and Gladney represented New Castle County Police

The following were the topics placed on the meeting's agenda:

Vehicles Speeding:

This is a reoccurring condition that is always a major topic at all community meetings. The County Police were invited to address this

situation and get feedback from those who attended. There were many residents who gave their testimony of continuous speeding through the development. Captain Setting and fellow officers listened to our residents then made recommendations to combat the unsafe condition. The Captain said that the county would conduct a sting to alert all residents that the speeding will be addressed. The first action taken will be to place a mobile speed display on our streets. This display will allow the driver to view the speed of each car as it passes the display. The police will revisit Timber Farms at later dates to enforce traffic laws that include speed enforcement.

Vandalism and Property Theft:

During the past year Timber Farms has experienced an increase in vandalism, speeding and property theft. As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, the maintenance association contracted a security company to improve our security level. A representative from Chesapeake Security was in attendance to explain the capacity and benefits of a private security company. Since Chesapeake Security has been present in our development we have experienced a measurable improvement in our development's safety. Chesapeake Security has focused on late night loitering, vehicle speeding and cars cruising through Timber Farms with no related residential business. The security patrol is present weekdays and weekends from 8:00PM to 4:30AM on a random schedule.

Overnight street parking:

As mentioned by the attending police, keeping your vehicle parked in the garage or driveway reduces the chances of your car being vandalized. New Castle County and Delaware Department of Transportation have submitted to our maintenance association documentation that allows the maintenance association to tow cars parked overnight in the street. The Board would like to thank the residents using their driveways and garages in making our streets safer and accessible to emergency vehicles.

Amending our deed to allow vinyl fences:

In recent months many residents have asked our Board to allow vinyl as an option when choosing fence-building material. Of the residents who have mailed in their vote as of

September 6, 2008, 75% have voted to amend the deed restrictions. We are waiting to hear from Mr. Capano, who must approve the change, even if we have 51% or more of the residents voting to amend the deed restriction. If he gives a favorable vote for the 56 lots he owns we will forward the results to our attorney to register the change with the New Castle County Recorder of Deeds. Please be advised that all fences will still require written approval from the Timber Farms Architectural Committee before installation. Thank you for mailing in your vote and the many comments and suggestions.

Trash Receptacles:

Our deed allows trashcans to be place in the front of the house only on trash collection day. All other time trashcans must be stored away from the front of the house. The Board is asking all residents to adhere to Article 5 section (7) in our deed which states "Garbage, rubbish or any other material of any nature to be abandoned or disposed of shall not be placed or allowed to remain on any lot nor shall it be place, left or allowed to fall upon any of the Open Space, but may be placed at street side on the day of collection if required by the collecting agency. To improve storage and access to your trash cans our maintenance grounds keeper Brian Locke has submitted to the Board an estimate of \$100.00 to install a sand based masonry paver block pad. (Includes material and labor) This pad can be placed on the side or rear yard to accommodate your trash cans. Brian can be reached at 302-345-9203.

New Castle County Web Site:

At times residents are reluctant to contact the Maintenance Association to complain of a potential property maintenance issue. New Castle County has developed a web site designed to address this need. By accessing the web site one can report a situation that is of concern to the resident. We have received positive feedback in using this site that meets the needs of residents that prefer to remain anonymous.

N.C.C. site <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/countycouncil/home/webpage1.asp>

Select: "Land Use" in the right column.

Select: "Quick Links" in the right column

Select: File a Complaint

Warning signs will be placed at our two pond locations this year advising residents not to use the ponds for swimming or ice-skating.

Feel free to forward your comments or question to our web site.

Timberfarmscivic@aol.com Attn: Maintenance Corporation or call any officer of the Maintenance Corporation.

Regards,
Dave Shneider
President, TFMA

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Halloween Parade

Mark your calendars: Sunday, October 26, 2008, Timber Farms Annual Halloween Parade and Costume judging. Parade starts at Timber wood Blvd and Woodland at 2:45 p.m. The Christiana High

School Band and Christiana Fire Engine will lead the parade down Woodland to Holly Cove and end at the gazebo.

Community Yard Sale

Due to the lack of interest there will be no fall garage sale this year. Our spring garage sale had over 40 homes involved, while last fall we only had 11 homes participate.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before October 29, 2008. Next issue: November 2008.

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.

Daycare Provider Needed: for our newborn, in your home or ours, 3-4 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call 266-7919.

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.

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

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.

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.

Stainless Steel Sink: double bowl. Call 983-6054

Universal Home Gym by BodySolid: 250lb. stack (500lbs for leg press), 7 stations, great condition. BodySolid lifetime warranty 100% on parts. Will assist on assembly, asking \$750 OBO. Call Paul at (302) 598-4693.

Furniture for sale: 3 living room or den tables (1 coffee and 2 end, cream color with glass). Call 455-1577.

Soloflex Weight Machine: leg and chest machine attachment, free weight attachments, books and instructional video, excellent condition, like new, \$150. Call Gene at 369-0493.

Furniture for sale: antique children's desk. Good condition, \$50.00. Call Susan at 731-5510.

FREE Iris plants: Call 453-8578.

Schwinn Mountain Bike: stand over height medium, dark blue, very good condition. Call 456-9559.