



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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Letter From The President

I hope everyone is enjoying the rainy spring, and looking forward to the summer ahead. We had an enjoyable time at the Easter egg hunt and our Community Picnic. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who made the events so much fun. Spring-cleaning underway? We are planning our annual neighborhood yard sale from 8am until 1 pm on Saturday, May 16.

Our current Civic Association membership is the lowest we have seen in several years. 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.

Please take some time to read the letter below concerning a disturbing recent incident that took place in our neighborhood.

Bruce

Civic Corner

A letter from one of our residents:

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, the unspeakable happened. I was robbed. Thank goodness no one was in the house at the time, but there could have been. I am concerned for the safety of my home and property since I reside at a dead-end road that is accessible from either side of the barricade.

I pulled into my driveway when I noticed a vehicle parked on the Norwegian side of the barricade. Something didn't feel right. The motor was running and no one was inside the vehicle. As I approached the vehicle from my driveway, two men came out from behind my house. Being suspicious I jumped back into my car and began following them. I wasn't sure why I was following, but I just didn't feel right about the situation. They escaped and exited the Norwegian development by driving between two houses to access Old Baltimore Pike.

Upon returning to my house the front door was ajar (dead bolt snapped) and several items were taken and others broken. The items are replaceable, but the thought that someone could have killed my animals and possibly anyone that could have been inside, is unthinkable.

The purpose of this message is to advise all residents that with the barricades on Anthony drive the Police, Fire and Rescue had a harder time reaching Anthony Drive and the suspects. I have had many (too many to count) people run their vehicles across my yard, with no regard to the damage they are causing to my property. I waited 5 years to have any landscaping done to my home because of the blatant disregard for my property. Having been in Timber Farms for 7 years with the barricades in front of my house, I have had to replace my mailbox 3 times due to people crossing my yard and using my driveway as a turnaround. I know there was an initial expense for the placing of the barricades (floral boxes), but please consider the ongoing expenses I have to incur because of them, not to mention the continuous cracking of the sidewalk. I know this is a touchy subject for some residents as they like the peaceful street due to no traffic flow on Anthony Drive but it is a subject that should be seriously considered by all residents.

As in most cases, as the weather warms up people like to hang out on dead-end roads, which means that again I will be facing people loitering on my property.

Please give this problem some thought so that hopefully we can come up with a solution sooner rather than later.

So, I ask the residents of Timber Farms, if you were in my position, how would you want this situation handled?

Also from one our residents:

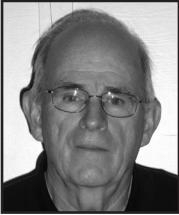
The Grant's on Woodland Road would like to thank all of our Timber Farms' neighbors for their generous donations for the 3rd Annual Walk for Autism. Walk proceeds will help support a number of Autism Delaware services and initiatives for individuals with autism and their families.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

- I would like to thank all residents that make the effort to park their vehicles in the driveway overnight. Not only is it a deed violation parking your vehicle in the street overnight, it is a restriction for emergency vehicles responding to needs in our development.
- Colonial Security has begun patrolling our development. Their patrols are mostly in the night and early morning hours.
- To enhance our entrance area, the development sign has been repainted, and seasonal planting and new mulch installed.
- Del Dot has begun to repair sinkholes in our roadway. These sinkholes are located in various locations throughout the development. Please be aware of the work zones.
- Speeding and careless driving complaints have increased over the last few weeks. Please obey the posted speed limit and stop signs. Although this is not a maintenance issue, safety concerns make their way to the maintenance web site. New Castle County Police responded last year to our concerns regarding speeding. Last week the police were notified

of the resident's complaints regarding speeding and careless driving.

- Abiding by the Deed Restrictions keeps the overall appearance and value of our property at its highest level. Please keep in mind that all building additions, decks, in ground pools, fences and sheds MUST be approved by the Maintenance Association as the first step in planning your construction projects. The Maintenance Association has challenged four non-approved construction projects during the past two years. These projects were not erected per the Associations guidelines set forth in our development's Deed Restrictions. These projects were either removed or altered at the expense of the homeowner. **OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS SUPERCEDE ANY BUILDING OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED BY NEW CASTLE COUNTY.**

If you have a question or comment for the maintenance association please contact the Maintenance Board at timberfarmscivic@aol.com.

Regards, Dave Schneider, President TFMA

RECENT EVENTS

- On April 5th we held our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at our park. The hunt started at 12:30 with sack races and games played first. Then there were close to 1,000 eggs for the kids of all ages to find. There were eighteen additional prizes awarded to those who found the "special" eggs. We were thankful for the good weather. The kids had a great time as always running to gather their eggs filled with candy. We would like to thank Chairperson Janice Vincelette and her helpers, Altair Dube, Bob Oakes, Bruce Lipphardt, Dave Schneider, Chelsea Vincelette, CJ Vincelette, Hayley Thompson and Natasha Duncan.
- Close to 100 neighbors came together on Saturday May 2 and enjoyed an overcast, but rain-free afternoon at the Timber Farms annual picnic held in the open space at the end of Holly Cove. Kids of all ages enjoyed the Moon bounce, rock slide and pony rides while the adults gathered for conversation around the grills and under the tent. Picnic co-chairs, Christine Verde and Elaine Little, would like to thank all of our volunteers for their help. Without their help the picnic would not have been a success. The following residents helped plan and volunteered the day of the picnic: Peter and Min Yang, Jeff and Natasha Duncan, Wanda Priggs, Joel and Tracy McMillan, John and Verde, Jim Little, Brian Stillmock, Rosalind Kelahan. Please contact the Civic Association if we missed anyone.

IT'S TIME FOR THE TIMBER FARMS GARAGE SALE!

Saturday, May 16th, 2009

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Once again, we need your support to make this the BIGGEST AND BEST Community Garage Sale. This year we will be putting the Timber Farms Garage Sale Map at the front of the development on Saturday, May 16th. This is just a map of the development so that no streets are missed!!

We will be selling coffee for 50 cents at 124 Woodland Road to benefit the Civic Association. If you have any questions or ideas, or would like to volunteer for anything, please contact Brian or Sonya at sonyastillmock@hotmail.com or 455-9667.....we look forward to hearing from you.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST

In the above photo, these horseshoe crabs collected at Bowers Beach, June 28, 1928, were crushed and then used for fertilizer. It is a realization on just how much the population of these awkward prehistoric creatures has diminished. This photograph was taken as a promotional piece by the State Board of Agriculture while promoting the economic benefits of harvesting horseshoe crabs in Delaware waters between 1922 and 1938.

Horseshoe crabs are often talked about in and near Delaware. They are quite unusual on your first encounter but as a Delawarean you grow to be quite fond of the creatures. It is amazing to me that they have survived 250 million years yet in the past 10 years they hang in a fragile balance for existence.

In the late 19th century, horseshoe crabs were used for fertilizer and hog feed. As many as four million crabs a year were harvested. The population dramatically dropped in the late 1950s and was then used as bait for eel and conch fisherman. By the 1990s the population was so low, that the harvesting of crabs was regulated and a sanctuary off the Delaware coast had been established.

Now it is only permissible to use the horseshoe crab's blood to test purity of pharmaceuticals and drawing the blood does not harm the crab. The blood of horseshoe crabs and most mollusks contains a copper-containing protein, different from our iron-containing hemoglobin, making horseshoe crabs true blue-bloods. The blood of horseshoe crabs has one type of blood cell, is also used in finding remedies for diseases that have built immunity to penicillin. Horseshoe crabs blood is so vital in this science that they are valued at about \$2,500 over its lifetime for periodic blood extractions.

Conservationists feel the real value of Horseshoe crabs is in the preservation of the migrating red knots and about nine other species of shore birds. Red knots migrate over 10,000 miles (from South America to the Arctic) and use the Delaware Bay's shores as a two week layover to regain their body weight before continuing. Ironically, it coincides with the mating ritual of the horseshoe crabs. Red Knots specifically feast on horseshoe crab eggs, rich in nutrients and fat they need.

In the past 10 years the population of red-knots has declined by over 80% in 2003. At that rate it was predicted they would be extinct by next year. Other shorebirds that migrate past here such as the snow geese have also been near extinction. With drastic measures to reduce harvesting of horseshoe crabs, shore bird numbers are actually beginning to increase.

On the full and new moons of May and June you can stroll the beaches of the bay and see the horseshoe crabs coming ashore to lay their eggs, millions at a time. Most are eaten by the migratory birds but those that survive will reproduce and continue the species.

Written and submitted by: Vanessa Spence



CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before August 31, 2009. Next issue: September 2009.

Bookkeeping Services: Start-up or established business, bookkeeping services provided. Can accommodate QuickBooks, Peachtree, Microsoft and other accounting software. If interested, please call Josh at (484) 252-1290.

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: High school student, 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 baby-sit 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: High school student, comes from a large family, lots of experience. Call Brianna at 737-4559.

Babysitter available: Mature, nurturing middle-schooler is very anxious and willing to watch your child or children. Please contact Kristin 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 Lawn work, Power washing, Pet sitting, and Babysitting. Experienced Lawn worker. 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.

Flooring Specialist: Hardwood, tile, carpet. Anything you want to walk on, we can install! Next Step Flooring. Contact Tim (302) 981-7106.

Car for sale: Toyota Corolla CE 1997, automatic/AC/radio/cassette/power steering, doors, windows/keyless/anti-theft. Exterior: Emerald Green. Interior: Beige Fabric. Miles: less than 114K. Mileage: 31 - 35. Very good condition with new battery. Asking price: \$3,600.00. Please contact by e-mail: rakesh.walekar@gmail.com or call 302-252-1978.

For sale: Karate, complete set of protective gear in gold and black, great shape, sharp looking, fits someone +/- 80 lbs. Call Dylan 369-0493 asking \$25.

For sale: Play-by-number console organ with 22 keys, two play-by -number music books. Perfect working condition, just plug in. \$40. Call Vanessa 369-0493.

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