



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## *Neighbors working together*

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### Letter From The President

We've been fortunate to have terrific weather for much of the year. Summer passes by so quickly - I hope all of you have had a chance to spend time outdoors enjoying it. Remember to close your garage door and lock your doors in the evening. We've recently had a few burglars who took advantage of the easy access afforded by open garage doors after dark. I'd also like to remind you about several simple things that you can do to keep your home safe and secure:

Locate your main water supply shutoff - Every teenager and adult in your home should know how to locate and operate the main water supply valve to isolate any unexpected or sudden leaks. Practice operating the valve when no water is being used by the washing machine or dishwasher.

Locate your electric panel and main breaker - Every teenager and adult in your home should also know where the electric circuit breaker panel is located, and they should be able to locate and operate the main supply breaker to shut off electricity to the entire house in the event of any suspected electrical problem.

Learn the procedure for a suspected natural gas leak - If you smell natural gas in or around your home, report this emergency immediately to Delmarva Power at (302) 454-0317. Also see [www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com) for other useful information related to electricity and natural gas in your home.

Have your chimney inspected and cleaned - Your chimney should be inspected and cleaned regularly. Contact a local chimney service company to arrange for an inspection, and follow their recommendations, especially if you use your fireplace frequently during winter months.

Call Miss Utility before you dig in your yard - If you plan to dig in your yard, you are required to contact Miss Utility ([www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net), or dial 811) at least two days in advance so that the locations of your utility services can be clearly marked. See the web site for more information.

Contact your local utility company if you have any questions regarding safety in your home.

Bruce

### NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

When a Chicken Crossed the Road

Result: a Blue Hen on Kirkwood Highway

Robert Kirkwood, Sr. arrived at the port of New Castle as a three year old child in 1731. He was born in Donegal, Ireland in 1728. After his father, William Kirkwood died, his mother, Sarah, immigrated to New Castle along with Robert's older sister.

Little Robert lived with his father's brother in Mill Creek, where his uncle was born and was a member of White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. Robert later married Jane Henderson of Christiana Presbyterian Church.

Together they had nine children, eight girls and one son. Their son, Robert II, was born in 1756 on a farm on Polly Drummond hill, an area that adjoined the White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church.

At age 20 (1776), Robert II was commissioned a Lieutenant in the 1st Delaware Regiment with the Continental Army. He was promoted to Captain in December of 1776. In 1783 Kirkwood was appointed Major and returned to Newark, DE. In recognition of his service during the Revolution, Delaware gave Kirkwood 100 pounds (Delaware was using British currency at the time.)

In 1788 the state of Virginia gave Kirkwood 1,920 acres of land in Belmont County which was in the North West territory. The North West territory had a confederation of the Shawnee, Delaware, Ottawa, Iroquois, Chippewa, Miami, and Pottawatomi tribes. Major battles ensued. Apparently, the British encouraged the Indians who inhabited the area to fight the new settlers following the end of the Revolutionary war.

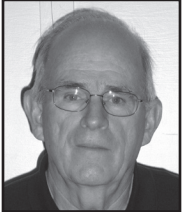
In March of 1791, Robert Kirkwood was commissioned a Captain in the 2nd Regiment of U.S. Infantry (one company of which was raised in Delaware.) Their direction was an effort to secure the North West territory with a line of forts. The effort failed and on November 4th, 1791, Kirkwood was shot and scalped on a battlefield near Fort Recovery, Ohio near the Indiana border. He was 35 and in his 33rd battle.

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Captain Robert Kirkwood was with the regiment from the first battle of the Revolutionary War on Long Island, NY, in August 1776. He saw it through to its last battle in the South, Eutaw Springs, S.C. in Sept 1781. Captain Kirkwood participated in a total of 32 battles without injury – including that with George Washington in the pursuit of Cornwallis until his surrender. Following the Battle of Camden in South

Carolina, in 1780, Kirkwood's troops won fame and were later nicknamed the Blue Hen's, a popular gamecock being bred by Jonathan Caldwell of Kent County. The University of Delaware would later choose the Blue Hen as their mascot to honor Captain Kirkwood and it became the state bird in 1939.

Captain Robert Kirkwood married Sarah England, from Chester County. Their only son, Joseph Kirkwood was raised in Delaware and married Margaret Emily Gillespie. She was a descendant of Rev. George Gillespie, the first pastor of White Clay Creek, and head of Christiana churches near Newark, DE. Joseph and Margaret moved to Belmont, Ohio in 1806 where they had eight daughters and a son. Today, the name Kirkwood is a very distinguished name in that area of Ohio.

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*Written by Vanessa Spence*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Halloween Parade

Mark your calendars: Sunday, October 25, 2009, Timber Farms 15th Annual Halloween Parade and Costume judging. Parade will once again start at Timber Wood Blvd and Woodland Road at 3:15 p.m. The parade will be lead by the Christiana High School band. Parade route Woodland to Holly Cove to the gazebo.



**Thank you!**

Special thanks go to Len Taddei and Russ Payne for donating the electricity to run the blower fans for the moonbounce and rock wall at the picnic. Thank you!

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## MAINTENANCE NEWS

The Maintenance Board reminds all residents once again to have fences, sheds, pools, additions etc. approved before the start of construction. Recently, the Maintenance board had to take to the Court of Chancery a resident who had started construction of a shed before submitting plans to the Maintenance Association. It could have been averted if the homeowner took the proper procedure. The action taken was expensive and time consuming for both parties.

New Castle County has inspected both of our retention ponds and submitted their findings to us. The necessary corrections were made on both ponds to bring them into compliance.

Some of our residents are in arrears with their maintenance dues. New Castle County has billed each resident and payment was due on the due date. If you suspect that your dues are not up to date, please contact the Maintenance Association.

Our security patrol is active on a random weekly schedule. The security patrols have had a positive outcome on our development. Included in their reports are: suspicious cars stopped, people loitering in the posted park areas after dark are asked for identification and identifying cars that park on the street overnight.

There will be a notified Maintenance Association meeting this October. During this meeting there will be the election of officers. The nomination ballots will be mailed out to all residents of Timber Farms. A resident must be current in their dues to be eligible to be nominated and vote in the election.

Dave Schneider, President

Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before October 29th, 2009. Next issue: November 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.

Tent and Party Rentals: A Family Affair Tent & Party Rentals Please call 302-733-0408 and all Timber farms residents receive 5% off & No delivery fee.

Avon Sales: I am an Independent Representative who lives in Timber Farms. Contact me for a catalog and/or more information. 533-6994 kimjones129@hotmail.com or check out my website at <http://www.youravon.com/kallen3699>.

For Sale: Large Capacity Frigidaire Dryer. Less than 4 years old. Excellent working condition. \$250 or best offer. Call 368-9547.

For Sale: Solid Oak Entertainment Center. Holds up to 36" TV (with doors that close to hide TV). Holds DVD/VCR/Stereo behind glass door and has drawer to hold DVD's, etc. In "excellent" condition...retail \$1080.00...asking \$250.00. Call 454-9483

For Sale: 1 HP Delta table saw with extended fence, \$175.00. 36" Sony Wega TV, \$175.00. Please call Dave at (302) 368-0205.



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