



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## *Neighbors working together*

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### Letter From The President

Our summer has certainly been a hot one this year. I hope that everyone in your family has had some time to enjoy themselves. Congratulations to all of our neighbors who graduated from high school or college this spring. We wish them well as they move forward with some exciting new decisions in their lives.

I'm sure you are aware of the shooting that took place in Timber Farms on July 18th in a vacant rental property on Timber Wood Blvd where a large party was held illegally. Understandably, many of you have expressed concern over this incident. Our civic and maintenance association boards appreciate the information and questions we received from a number of residents. Help from our residents proved valuable to the New Castle County Police during their investigation, which led to the arrest of a suspect on July 28th.

The sharp increase in vacancies that has resulted from the uncertain housing market has apparently made partying in unoccupied homes an attraction in a number of areas around the U.S. Unfortunately, identifying and monitoring vacancies is extremely challenging for the police, who are already understaffed in many areas, including New Castle County. Our residents have demonstrated a willingness to be involved, and to share the responsibility for keeping our neighborhood safe. We can continue to help the police by being observant, and reporting any unusual activity directly to them by dialing either 911 (for immediate emergency response) or 573-2800 for reports that are less urgent. Don't hesitate to contact the police about any unusual activity around homes that are for sale, or homes that you know are vacant. We will continue to help all residents "compare notes" by sharing neighborhood incident reports by email. Contact any board member if you would like to be added to our email list.

Tough economic times have undoubtedly made crime more attractive, not only in Timber Farms, but throughout the country. Councilman Dave Tackett (a Timber Farms resident) has been very responsive to our concerns and has helped facilitate our interactions with the police. He helped organize an August 23rd neighborhood meeting (attended by 137 residents) where New Castle County Police Chief Michael McGowan and members of his staff provided an update on police activity in our neighborhood and answered many questions raised by residents. I encourage all of you to contact our local legislators with your concerns or suggestions. Their contact information can be found on our web site.

Our maintenance board has also responded by improving our random security patrols, which we pay for as part of our annual maintenance fees. They are also pursuing a security camera installation near the neighborhood entrance. If you have questions or ideas, contact any maintenance board member.

I'm proud of all of our residents, who continue working together to keep our neighborhood safe. I encourage everyone to take time and remind yourselves how enjoyable our neighborhood can be. Join us at our annual picnic on Saturday, September 11, from 3 to 6pm at our gazebo. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as pony rides and a moon bounce for the kids. Bring your family out to join their neighbors!

Bruce

### **Civic Corner**

#### DEED RESTRICTIONS

The board of Directors of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation would like to once again remind all lot owners in Timber Farms about the importance of adhering to the deed restrictions and procedures established in Timber Farms. Deed restrictions are a legal contract accepted by all lot owners upon the acceptance of the deed. Lot owners are bound by the restrictions placed upon the deed. All lot owners should have received a copy of their deed restrictions at settlement. It is important to remember that the deed restrictions call for approval by the Architectural Review Committee of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation prior to any change to the exterior of any structure, including decks, fences, sheds or walls. Such approval should consist of a submission, in writing, of plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, height, materials, and proposed locations of the addition, alteration, or change. Such submissions should be sent to Timber Farms Maintenance, PO Box 489, Bear, De. 19701.

#### RECENT BURGLARIES

During the early morning hours of Thursday August 5th several cars on Woodland Road were burglarized. It was reported to the police and they responded. The police said the cars affected appeared the doors were unlocked.

An important system to check on your vehicle is to verify the correct operation of automatic electric door locks.

When one exits their vehicle most people activate the locks with the remote key fob. When activated we wait to hear the beep of the horn or see the blinking of the headlight. After this verification, we assume that the car is locked.

An occasional good practice is to see if all of the doors are actually locked. It has been found that one of the four or five electric lock assemblies can malfunction and not operate leaving one or more of your doors unlocked.

So to minimize your chances of unauthorized entry in you vehicle, perform this simple check to maintain security of you vehicle.

#### TIMBER FARMS E-MAIL SIGN-UP

If you aren't one of the 90% of Timber Farms residents who have already provided us with their e-mail address, please do so. It is the surest way to receive timely, updated information which affects you. The most recent important information we communicated related to updating the community on the recent criminal activities happening in Timber Farms. Please e-mail us your address today at timberfarmscivic@aol.com.

### **MAINTENANCE NEWS**

A membership meeting was held Monday, August 23; the meeting was attended by 140 residents. The main thrust of the meeting was centered on community safety.

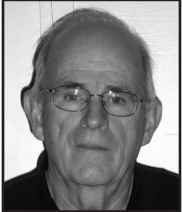
The main topic was the proposed surveillance camera system. The benefits and limitations of the camera system were discussed. After the presentation the residents were given the opportunity to ask questions. The questions were fielded by representatives from the surveillance camera company, Chesapeake Security and NewCastle County's Chief of Police.

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## THE OFFICER'S CORNER



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After this session, the attending residents voted. The vote was approximately 2 to 1 in favor of installing the camera system. The construction will begin when scheduling is completed.

The Chief also spoke on different ways to improve community safety. He mentioned that being aware of situations that do not look normal. "If something looks out of place it most likely is." At this point he suggested monitoring the situation for a short time and if the abnormality persists, call 911. He reinforced, that it is better to report and let the professional investigate rather than ignoring the situation.

Speeding through the development was another safety issue brought to the floor. It seems that some residents continually exceed the posted speed. The Chief is committed to do whatever is needed to rectify the speeding problem. The police will schedule random speed and safety checks in our development until the situation improves.

Keeping vehicles off the street at night also was discussed by the Chief. He agrees that parking vehicles in the driveway limits the temptation of vandalism by late night opportunities. Also a vehicle parked in the street overnight is a maintenance deed violation.

Any questions or comments please forward to the maintenance section of the Timber Farms Civic web site.

Regards,  
Dave Schneider  
TFMA President

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before October 29, 2010. Next issue: November 2010.

**Handyman:** Need a handyman? He can fix it! 12 year resident of Timber Farms. He knows how to repair these homes! From windows to doors, plumbing and electrical, ceiling fans, toilet repair, garage doors, etc... Give us a call. Brian Kruse (302) 737-4452

**Pet Care:** Reliable pet care available for your cats, small dogs and/or small mammals. Contact Michelle at 292-6990.

**Dog Walking Service:** Does your dog need a bit more exercise? Someone to feed them? Someone to give them a little extra love? Amanda, a Timber Farms resident, would love to meet and walk your dog! Call to set up an appointment: 302-444-4403.

**Lawn Services:** Reliable and hardworking Timber Farms teenager is available to do odd jobs such as mowing, weed pulling, power washing, etc. Please contact Ryan at 444-4403.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rema@udel.edu). I live in Timber Farms.

**Certified Babysitter:** High school student, 16 years old, 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:** Enthusiastic babysitter – age 13! Lots of experience and very responsible. 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](mailto: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. All Timber Farms residents receive 5% off & no delivery fee.

**Spa Services:** Sunlight Salon LLC, 610 Plaza Drive, Newark, DE 19702. Tel: (302) 456-1799. [www.sunlightsalon.net](http://www.sunlightsalon.net). Manicure and Pedicure specials, foot care soak, cuticle treatment, lavender gel exfoliating heel gel scrub, massage with aloe lotion, polish with your favorite color. \$28.00 with this coupon only at Four Seasons Plaza (302) 456-1799

**Dog Walking Service:** "WALK WITH US" Dog walking service. Services include walks and overnight/extended services. For questions/references please call Heather at 454-7187. We'd love to meet your furry friend!

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## Timber Farms Civic Association's Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Saturday, September 11th 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

At the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove



**All residents invited!!**

Free food, free games, free fun!!

Moonbounce, Rock Slide, Pony Rides  
Fishing Tournament, Football Toss – Cash prizes!!

Elaine Little is coordinating our volunteers (set-up, clean-up, supervise kids activities), please email [elaineandjim@juno.com](mailto:elaineandjim@juno.com) or call 292-6990, we need your help to make this a success!!

Great opportunity for students looking for service hours



If possible, please bring a dessert to share.

(Rain date: Saturday, September 18th)





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