



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

*Neighbors working together*

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## Letter From Our President

We've sure had our fair share of snow so far this winter. I'd like to thank our Maintenance Association for ensuring that our streets have been cleared of snow promptly. Please be careful when driving in the neighborhood – changing temperatures have caused some early morning icing.

I was very pleased by all of the holiday home decorations I saw in the neighborhood in December. They added a nice festive touch to my daily drive home from work after dark. Congratulations to all of our home decorating contest winners.

We appreciate all of the comments, feedback and questions we receive from residents both by email and through our web site. Please keep sending them. When you do contact us, be sure to include your name and street address in the email, since your contact information is often not obvious from your email address. If you'd like to be added to our email distribution list, send an email request to [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com).

Several residents reported some electrical equipment damage in their homes immediately following an electrical power outage early in the morning on February 2. Surge protectors, power strips, and GFCI outlets were the most common items damaged. If you haven't already reported damage to us, please send us an email with your name, address, a brief list of the equipment damaged, and an estimated total dollar amount for all damaged items. If you've contacted Delmarva Power about a possible claim, please include that in your email, along with a summary of any response you may have received. We are in the process of determining how widespread the damage was. Also, consider adding good quality surge protectors for your home entertainment and computer equipment to limit potential damage due to power fluctuations like those we experienced on February 2.

This month begins our 2011 Civic Association membership drive. If you've been a member in the past, we thank you for your support, and we hope it will continue this year. If you're not currently a member, consider joining us. Your annual \$25 dues help with the costs associated with this newsletter, our web site, and our annual social events.

Bruce

## Announcements

Need someone to shovel your driveway and/or sidewalk:

Ryan Feeley 456-9906      Brandon Ross 731-7960 or 562-0544

Anthony Jezyk 368-3212      Ryan Merritt 444-4403

Brian Teed 292-2618      Zachary Collins 229-7308

Give them a call! They are ready to clear your driveway and sidewalks!

## Announcements

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the following holiday decorating contest winners:

1. The Grant Family, 121 Woodland Road

2. The Barone Family, 315 E. Silver Fox

3. The Quinn Family, 512 W. Hummock

Honorable Mention: The Lanzona Family, 123 Woodland Road

The Spence Family, 630 Timberwood Blvd.

The Markowski Family, 125 Woodland Road

**Great Job Everyone!**

### News from Councilman Tackett

#### Dog Owners in New Castle County

New Castle County wants to remind dog owners that the deadline for obtaining a dog license has been extended until March 1, 2011. The licensing requirement applies to all areas of the county except for city of Wilmington, which has its own licensing program. County licenses are needed for dogs six months or older.

Information for dog owners can be found on the New Castle County website at [www.nccde.org/doglicenses](http://www.nccde.org/doglicenses).

In addition to purchasing licenses online, licenses can be purchased by mail and through participating retail vendors. A full list of vendors is available on the website.

A one-year license is \$10 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$15 for an unsterilized dog. Three-year licenses also can be purchased. Owners must provide proof their pet has a current vaccination.

There is a discount available for senior and disabled citizens.

The state of Delaware Mandated that dog licensing is handled by the counties on Jan. 1, 2010. It is also State Law that dogs must have their Licenses and rabies shots.

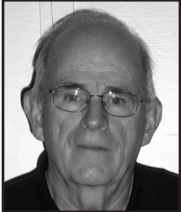
Questions about the county's dog licensing should be directed to 395-5101.

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***CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!***

## News from Councilman Tackett

### LuvMyPetInc

1. Starting in February, LuvMyPet is offering a \$5 rabies special for the month in all of our stores around the area <http://fb.me/ET5cHXpP>

Call for Details: Christiana PETCO: 894-0290 Kirkwood Hwy PETCO: 636-0860

Sundays 10am-12pm

Sundays 2:30pm-4:30p

Your local Veterinarian, Delaware Human [www.dehumane.org/](http://www.dehumane.org/) Faithful Friends [www.faithfulfriends.us/](http://www.faithfulfriends.us/), SPCA [www.delsPCA.org/](http://www.delsPCA.org/) and Delaware Animal Care and Control <http://www.deacc.org/> all offer rabies vaccines.

## Clean Wilmington Committee

### Presents:

A Shredding Event & A Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Goods Collection

SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2011

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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For more information contact

Wilmington City Councilman Bud Freel 984-2423

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Councilman David L. Tackett

New Castle County Council

Eleventh District

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

Snow removal this year has been a success due to the smaller amounts of snow per storm and our new contractor. In January we sent out an email asking for feedback regarding our snow contractor's service. I feel it is important to have a sounding board for comments regarding a service that directly affects residents. The replies we received were all positive regarding the service and our new contractor. Thanks to all residents that complied with the deed restrictions to have vehicles in the driveway during snow removal.

As of February 4th our security camera was installed. We did experience about a month delay due to a change in the installation process and the severe weather. The camera tech will instruct the board members in the operational process. I will forward the overall performance of the system in the upcoming maintenance newsletter.

Wednesday, February 2nd. Timber Farms experienced an interruption in electrical service. Electrical interruptions are expected when accidents, maintenance or storms interrupt service to our homes. However during Wednesday's power outage we experienced a major power surge before the outage resulting in appliance and equipment damage to many residents' homes. Although this is not a maintenance issue, I am in the process of contesting the answer provided by Delmarva. Delmarva's answer to most residents was that it was an act of God and to call your home insurance company with damage claims. I agree that the power company is not responsible for power losses due to uncontrolled conditions. However there are protective devices in distribution equipment to eliminate power surges from generated power during adverse conditions. We can only depend on the honesty of the power company to verify the condition of failure.

As a suggestion, one can install a whole house surge device on the main electrical service to greatly reduce the potential damage of a voltage surge. I have such a device on my service and I did not experience any major appliance or equipment damage. If any resident would like to have information on a surge suppressor, contact the website and I will forward the information.

Regards,

Dave Schneider TFMA

# The Timber Farms Voice

## CIVIC CORNER

This article is reprinted with permission from the author. Paul H. Sammelwitz, Ph.D. Dept. of Animal Science and Agricultural Biochemistry is retired from the University of Delaware. Dr. Sammelwitz prepared this for the students to gain a better understanding of their school mascot. It blends scientific fact and local folklore in a way to make every Delawarean proud to be a chicken. Dr. Sammelwitz and his wife still reside in Newark.

The Delaware Blue Hen: Fact and Fancy

Poultry, especially chickens, is important to the social well-being of the State of Delaware. The modern American broiler industry began in lower Delaware, and currently over half the agricultural income of the state is related to this industry. In addition, a chicken, the Delaware Blue hen, has been designated as the state bird, and serves as the mascot of the various athletic teams at the University of Delaware.

Delaware is not unique in having a chicken as the official state bird. The Rhode Island Red, a recognized breed of chicken listed in the American Poultry Standards of Perfections, is the state bird of Rhode Island. The Delaware Blue Hen, on the other hand, is not a recognized breed or strain. Rather, the term has evolved from historical tradition, and refers to fighting gamecocks that gained fame during the Revolutionary War.

There are conflicting accounts regarding the origin of the Delaware Blue Hen, a tradition that started in 1775. On December 9 the Continental Congress resolved that a battalion was to be raised from the three lower counties along the Delaware River. Thus the Delaware Regiment was born, composed of men from New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties. The 2nd company was composed of men from Kent County under the command of Captain John Caldwell. It is said the Captain Caldwell, an avid fan and owner of gamecocks, carried two birds with him onto battlefields. These birds were the male offspring of a certain blue-feathered hen, so Caldwell's men came to be known as Sons of the Blue Hen. One version of the story states that men from Caldwell's company rushed into battle screaming "We're sons of the Blue Hen and we're game to the end!" Another version suggests that Captain Caldwell said "No cock could be truly game unless he had a Blue Hen for a mother," although there is no proof of this.

A different account suggests that the company of militia from Kent County, under the command of Captain Jonathan Caldwell, amused themselves by staging cock fights among the progeny of a particular hen possessing blue plumage. Supposedly, the renown of these chickens spread rapidly during that time when cock fighting was a popular form of amusement, and the "Blue Hen's Chickens" quickly developed a reputation for ferocity and success. According to this account, Captain Caldwell's company earned the same reputation during the war and soon they, too, became affectionately known as the Blue Hen's Chickens. They were part of Colonel John Haslet's regiment which fought at Long Island, White Plains, Trenton and Princeton.

Not all historians agree with this version. For example, C.A. Weslager, author of "Blue Hen's Chickens" (Delaware Today 1976), does not believe that Caldwell carried gamecocks with him into battle. To further burden one's self with gamecocks during a war would have been incredible, he says. Instead, Weslager believes that the name "Blue Hen's Chickens" was given to the Delaware Regiment because of the men's appearance and conduct. The men of the Delaware Regiment, unlike most other regiments during the Revolutionary War, were completely and handsomely uniformed, and marched with great precision. They wore white breeches, waistcoat and stockings, blue coats and black shoes. Most important, they wore red feather plumes on the left side of black-jacketed leather hats with high peaks in the front, similar to a chicken's comb. Weslager suggests that in full regalia, the regiment surely conjured up the image of a flock of gamecocks. Since many of the men were from Kent County were cock fighting was popular, the analogy was natural.

Over the years, these fighting cocks remained folklore of the state. During the civil War another company of militia from Kent County was also known as the Blue Hen's Chickens. In 1845 a newspaper published in Wilmington by Francis Vincent carried the name, Blue Hen's Chicken. In 1870 the flagpole of the Delaware State Building at Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia was topped with a model of a blue hen theme.

When the U.S.S. Delaware was commissioned in 1910, a pair of blue hen chickens was presented to the crew during the formal flag ceremony. Finally, on April 14, 1939, a law was enacted by Delaware General Assembly designating the "BLUE HEN CHICKEN" as the official state bird, formalizing the tradition which began in 1775.

Some poultry fanciers maintain strains of birds identified as Delaware Blue Hen chickens, although they are not descended from the original Kent County Delaware Blue Hen. S. Hallock duPont was one such fancier, and the Department of Animal Science and Agricultural Biochemistry at the University of Delaware has received stock from his estate. Although the original Delaware Blue Hen chickens were fighting gamecocks, the current strains of Delaware Blue Hens resemble Mediterranean breeds of chickens more than English gamecocks.

It is interesting to note that blue plumage in chickens is not a true breeding trait. Only half of the chicks produced by the mating of blue parents will have blue plumage. One fourth will be solid black, and one fourth will be white splashed with black.

The Delaware Blue Hen is a unique symbol representing The First State and a fine University. However, it often prompts questions among those unfamiliar with its history. So when someone asks, you can give credit to the men of the Delaware Regiment who fought in the Revolutionary War over two hundred years ago.

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 April 30th, 2011. Next issue: May 2011.

Snow Shoveling: Winter will be here soon! The following residents are available for all of your snow shoveling needs:  
Ryan Feely (302) 368-9906  
Anthony Jczyk (302) 368-3212 - also available for lawn mowing

Cleaning by Wendy: My name is Wendy Halling, and I work for the Christiana School District as the Lead Night Custodian. I have many years of cleaning experience. I am looking for a few homes to clean throughout the week. If you are interested, please contact me at (302) 252-1314 or w71hallings@comcast.net

Disc Jockey: Reliable, affordable and quality Disc Jockey services. Available for Weddings, Private Parties, Bars, and Nightclubs. Corporate Functions and Black Tie Affairs. Call Josh at (484) 252-1290 or email at joshuagrizant@yahoo.com

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.

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.

Babysitting: Need a babysitter in the evenings or on weekends? Call Tara Jczyk at (302) 368-3212.

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

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.

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!

For Sale: Kitchen table and 4 chairs for sale. Tile top with oak finish base and chairs. Good condition. Asking \$150. Please call 368-9547 and ask for Tom.

Business Opportunity: I work with Ambit Energy showing people how to save money on electricity and how to earn money by referring people to this program. If you have contacts in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Texas or New York I can show you a way to earn some significant money. Info: Tim Teed www.BlueHen.energy526.com 302-559-7533 cell BlueHenEnergy@comcast.net

Timber Farms Residents are now eligible to join the DPL Federal Credit Union. 49 years of excellent service, a \$ 107 Million dollar Credit Union. Free Checking, Free Bill Paying, Free on line Banking. Great rates for savings and Loans. Call today and join us 368-2396. Robert Oakes, President (Timber Farms Resident)



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