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Letter From Our President

There are several important issues that I want to bring to everyone's attention:

Removal of the barricade on Anthony Drive – The barricade on Anthony Drive will be removed sometime in May 2011. You should already have received a letter (sent by e-mail and regular mail) from the Civic Association explaining the motivation for this decision. The decision was based on potential future liability for damages or losses due to the presence of the barricade, which does not meet any highway safety guidelines. DelDOT is no longer willing to assume liability risks in this case.

Electrical equipment damage from February 2 power outage – You may already know that the Civic Association sent a complaint letter (co-signed by Dave Schneider) to the Delaware Public Service Commission in February providing a detailed list of Timber Farms homes that experience equipment damage as a result of the power outage on the morning of February 2. The matter is still under review. We will continue to work with Dave Schneider to pursue this review. We have requested some form of compensation for those who had permanent equipment damage. Please save all receipts and documentation regarding your damaged equipment, until the matter can be resolved.

Upcoming survey on speed humps in Timber Farms – In May 2011, we will be mailing out a survey to all Timber Farms residents asking each household for their preference regarding the installation of speed humps to reduce speeding on our streets. Speed humps would be designed, installed, and paid for by DelDOT in coordination with our State Representative, John Viola. Look for the survey in your mailbox in the coming weeks.

Contacting the Civic and Maintenance Associations by e-mail – Many of you routinely use our neighborhood e-mail address (timberfarmscivic@aol.com) with questions and concerns. We appreciate hearing your input, and we find e-mail a valuable tool for quick communication with residents. If you're not already on our e-mail list, send a request to the e-mail address above. Also, if you communicate with us by e-mail, *always include your name and street address*. It is time consuming for us to cross-reference e-mail addresses with names.

Bruce

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Thanks to the residents of Timber Farms for the prompt mailing of their 2011 Maintenance Assessments. This is the first year that we actually did the mailing and it was a much better return than we received when New Castle County mailed them out. Not to mention that we saved about \$ 2,500.00 by mailing them ourselves.

Any questions or comments please contact our maintenance web site with you concerns.

Thanks,

Dave Schneider, President TFMA

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES:

Tara Jezyk	Graduating from St. Mark's High School
Rachel Truskolawski	Graduating from St. Mark's High School
Dylan Spence	Graduating with distinguished honors, DMA on June 10, 2011
Brianna Kowal	Graduating from Hodgson
Michael Gonzales	Graduating from Neumann University
Congrats B Ross	Cab Calloway, Class of 2011 TerpNation awaits you!
William B. Hickman IV	Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA Bachelor of Science in Biology Graduated on May 15, 2011
Steve Boese	Temple University, 2011 Graduate
Robert E. Jones III	Graduating from Eastern University
Valerie Lukas	Graduating from University of Maryland – Baltimore

Congratulations also go to Vilas Annavarapu:

Vilas Annavarapu was the recipient of a 2011 Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award presented by Gov. Jack Markell in April 2011. A member of the Newark Charter Middle School Service Council since its 2009 start, Vilas organized a trip to Emily P. Bissell Hospital and, as council president, had duties from developing agendas to writing for its newsletter.

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!

RECENT EVENTS

TIMBER FARMS GARAGE SALE

The Timber Farms Garage Sale was held on May 14, 2011. The weather wasn't great but the Garage Sale went on between the rain drops. Thirty five homes participated which is about 15% of the homes in our community. Thanks to Josh and Kris Grant for their help with the sale of coffee and lemonade at their home and placement of the maps and map sign at our entranceway. I hope everyone enjoyed a free ice cream cone from Mr. Softee. They served 231 cones between 11 and 12 noon.

TIMBER FARMS EASTER EGG HUNT

Despite the rainy day, the annual Timber Farms Easter Egg Hunt occurred on Sat April 23 at 1:00 PM. The following residents purchased candy, helped stuff the eggs with candy, hid the eggs, or helped organize and run the event: Christine and John Verdi, Rema and Bruce Lipphardt, Christine Zaghmout, Altair Dube, Dalton and Bob Oakes and Heather, Jim and Elaine Little. A special thanks to Bob Oakes for photographing the event.

One game was played in which participants placed a jelly bean on a spoon and had to walk/run to the finish line without dropping the jellybean. Children over the age of seven had to hold the spoon in their mouths.

The winners in the age 7 and under race were:

- 1st Nicolas Blackson
- 2nd Eddie Zhang
- 3rd Ying Meng

The winners in the age 8 and up race were:

- 1st Hunter Boyer
- 2nd Silpa Annavarapu
- 3rd Vilas Annavarapu



CIVIC CORNER

History of the Land We Live On

Previously published and written by Vanessa Manges-Spence

Much of our civic association's focus is on land development and what might impact our neighborhood positively or negatively. Sometimes in the middle of learning about a new development plan, I wondered how families--sometimes generations of families--living along Old Baltimore Pike, Salem Church Road and Walther Road felt about our development?

That question prodded me to find out what was here before my house. To answer that question, I spent a lovely afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wapniarek. John Wapniarek played

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here on the grounds of what was his grandparent's farm before our development came to be.

Mr. Wapniarek shared a lot of childhood memories and stories told to him by his parents. As a scrap booker, I enjoyed learning his family history. It described a period of time when neighbors were truly concerned for family and friends. Time was spent accordingly for running the farm, supporting the family and finding enjoyment in one another.

His grandparents, John and Catherine, bought the 155 acre farm in 1908 for \$5,000. Shortly after, they had to replace the original clapboard farm home with a stucco ranch home with two bedrooms. His dad was already accustomed to farm life having moved from a farm that originally sat on the corner of Salem Church Road and the development that is now Castlebar (close to Beck's Pond recreation area).

A portion of the farm extended to the other side of where I-95 now is, and it was this back end of the property that was good for crops. His grandfather would plant wheat, soybeans, oats, corn and delicious watermelons that grew along Woodland road in the 120's area. Crops were not his chief source of income. Horses, pigs, chickens and sheep were a more common sighting here at the time. Livestock grazed in the front of our development on fields that were approximately 20 acres.

The house and some outbuildings sat in the area of what are now the 140's on Woodland. Osage Orange trees were brought in from Texas to create a hedgerow that separated the Wapniarek's farm and the Woolyhan's (Norwegian Woods) that are still evident behind some homes. It was against the hedgerow where the original lane to the farmhouse was. Our present entrance was created during development.

His father, William Wapniarek, would commute to Wilmington and worked in a leather factory. Each morning he would cut through the woods onto Salem Church Road and over to Red Mill Road, where he caught the train to town. That area was actually a small town, Ogeltown, marked by Frenchie's country store complete with penny candy. The Ogel's owned a large parcel of land, and their home is now the gift shop near Bob Evan's on Route 273. In 1927, his dad married Helen and moved Wilmington,

He told me that the pond was a natural pond, but it typically dried up each summer. In the winter, it was shallow enough to freeze over and they would ice-skate. What is now Holly Cove was a low spot and was often wet. The builder set pipes below it to help dry it up and moved the water further towards Silverfox and the low 100's on Woodland. Along the 120's-140's on Woodland from the farmhouse and buildings a steady creek moved along the lane and hedgerow up towards Old Baltimore Pike. It seemed all the water liked to settle in what is Phase I of Timber Farms.

In other areas of Timber Farms, he remembers the beekeeping area that sat mostly near the end of Timber Wood Boulevard and West Hummock. Trees were sparse on the front end of the property, and it was mostly open fields the builder converted to build our neighborhood.

There was much more he shared with me about neighbors and how neighbors' children found their influences from this early neighborhood. Let me just say that if we, as neighbors, could be as embracing, everyone would want to live here.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before August 31, 2011. Next issue: September 2011.

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.

Babysitter/Mother's Help: 13 year old eager to babysit or be a mother's helper. Red Cross Babysitter Training Certified. Please call Michelle at 292-6990.

Babysitter: Need a babysitter this summer? Available to work day and/or evenings with toddlers and young children. YMCA babysitting course and First Aid certified. Please call 738-8041 and ask for Lindsay. Also willing to work as mother's helper.

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.

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!

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. Full set acrylic and pedicure \$40.00. Pink & white full set \$35.00. Manicure and pedicure \$28.00. Pedicure \$20.00. FREE Manicure with Herbal Spa pedicure \$45.00. 1 MONTH TAN \$45, 3 MONTH TAN \$100, SPRING SPECIALS, MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

Items for Sale:

- Nordic Trac 360 Freemotion home gym \$250.00; Leather recliner \$75.00; 1hp table saw \$150.00; Workbench table with vice \$50.00; Kerosene shop heater \$30.00. Call (302) 368-0205.
- 52 inch diagonal measure RCA rear projection TV (4:3 aspect ratio) Originally \$2,500.00. Asking \$150.00. Works well. Call (302) 738-7108 to set up a time for viewing. Will help deliver if needed.
- I have 4 white kitchen appliances with all manuals for sale. Just changed over to stainless steel. GE dishwasher, electric range and over the counter microwave. Maytag side by side fridge with water and ice dispenser in the door. All in excellent working and physical condition \$800.00 for all 4. Cash and carry Michael 610-715-4431

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