



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays as 2012 approaches. Here are three items of neighborhood interest that I want to bring to your attention:

Speed hump survey – You recently received a two-page survey that was sent to all Timber Farms residents by regular mail. The purpose of this survey is to help the Civic Association board learn about our residents' preferences regarding the possible installation of speed humps in our neighborhood in an attempt to reduce speeding. We've designed the survey to be very short, easy to complete, and we've included a postage-paid return envelope. The survey is one page long, includes details about the DelDOT process for speed control measure planning, and includes a second page with information designed to help you make a more informed decision. I ask each of you to take just a few minutes to consider your views on speed humps and to complete the survey and mail it back to us no later than December 31, 2011. It's important that we learn your views, even if you have no strong opinion, since the board will consider the results of this survey when deciding on potential future requests for DelDOT speed control measure evaluations. Note that this survey is for planning purposes only. If we decide to request a DelDOT evaluation, and DelDOT recommends installation of speed humps, you will have an opportunity to vote on a specific DelDOT plan prior to its implementation. Any speed control measures, if installed, would be paid for with state funds.

Holiday home decorating contest – Judging for our annual holiday home decorating contest will take place on Friday, December 23, starting at 6pm.

Board member elections - I would like to thank our vice president, Dave Frampton, and our treasurer, Bob Oakes for their service as board members over the past two years, and I want to congratulate both of them on their November 9th re-election for another two-year term.

Bruce

CIVIC CORNER

The Timber Farms Best Decorated Home Contest will be judged on Friday, December 23rd so don't forget to turn on your Christmas lights! There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. YOU could be this year's winner!

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Last month at a scheduled maintenance and civic meeting, the agenda called for the election of officers for the maintenance board.

At the meeting, it was brought to the floor that our current election process is not following the by-laws of our Maintenance Corporation. Also some members were asking for a copy of the by-laws of our Maintenance Corporation. With an unclear understanding of the election process according to the by-laws, the maintenance board decided to postpone the election. The election of officers was tabled until we could become more familiar with the election process according to the bi-laws. After locating a copy of our by-laws, we had our web site designer post the document on our web site for all residents to view.

I recommended that our attorney review our by-laws, especially the voting process, and make a recommendation on how the balloting should be conducted. After his review the attorney made comments and recommendations to be followed in the election process. It is necessary to have 141 votes for the board election either in person or by proxy. Proxies are good for one year. If the needed votes are not obtained at the election meeting, additional meetings will have to be held until the quorum of 141 votes is met.

The Timber Farms by-laws also state that the annual Timber Farms Maintenance Assessments are due by February 1. The Maintenance Corporation was turned over to the Timber Farms Community from the builder (Forest Creek-Capano) in 1999. Since then B & C Consulting, New Castle County and last year the Maintenance Corporation has mailed out the bills on March 1st with the due date of April 30th.

The maintenance board will reschedule the membership meeting as soon as schedules permit. The meeting will be for the elections of officers.

Regards,

Dave Schneider

President TFMA

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Cleaning Person: Are you in need of a cleaning person in your home? I come with over 20 years of experience, including working for a Timber Farms neighbor for 16 years. I do a thorough job each and every time at a reasonable price, not an agency price, and I pride myself on being discrete while ensuring the security of your home. For a free estimate, please call Maria at 302-893-1965. References will be provided upon request.

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Leaf Removal: Call today for your leaf removal estimate. Tetrick Lawn Care 302-478-7185 (Owner/Operator - Jeff Tetrick). I am also the snow removal contractor for Timber Farms.

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Babysitter/Mother's Helper: 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 Jezzyk at (302) 368-3212.

Certified Babysitter: High school student, very experienced with all ages. Available after school, evenings and weekends. Call Lauren at 737-4559.

Babysitters: Certified and live in Timber Farms. Please call Natalie and Audrey at 731-7927.

Babysitter available: Enthusiastic babysitter - age 15! 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.

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Get your copy of "Seymour's Christmas Wish"...(ideal for children 3-6) and/or "The Spaghetti Is Missing"...(ideal for children 4-7) written by Jane Matyger, a Timber Farms Resident and published through Mirror Publications. Both books are available online through Barnes & Noble and Amazon or by emailing Jane (for signed copies) at jane.matyger@gmail.com.

The Timber Farms Voice

Timber Farms Community Picnic

Although the rain was threatening, we had a beautiful day for our annual Timber Farms Civic Association picnic with more than 100 residents attending. In addition to the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats grilled to perfection by John Verdi and Juan Vintimilla, we enjoyed three different fire safety presentations. Mill Creek Fire Company brought their Kid's Safety House. Also known as the "Smokehouse", it simulates conditions of a home fire and teaches children what to do and how to escape. Christiana Fire Company discussed how to properly use fire extinguishers and then provided adults and children with an opportunity to try to put out a real live fire! Delaware State Fire School had a wonderful display of public fire safety educational materials and plenty of handouts. These timely demonstrations were both informative and fun! Thanks to Dave Schneider for arranging them. Josh Grant of Next Generation DJs announced our events and kept us tapping our toes with lively music. Len Taddei and Russ Payne provided the electricity for the inflatables, so neighborhood children were able to enjoy the moon bounce and rockslide from Baker's Party Rentals. The pony from Pony Express was a hit as always. A Family Affair provided the tent, tables, and chairs and another tent from the Vintimilla Family. Cash prizes were awarded to smiling children for three contests: soccer goal kicking, golf closest to the tee, and football toss. The picnic ended with children of all ages enjoying ice cream cones provided by Mr. Softee and a water balloon toss. We want to thank all the volunteers who made this event possible: Juan and Nancy Vintimilla, Bob, Jeff and Karen Oakes, Dave Schneider, Christine, John, Kyle and Amy Verdi, Wanda Prigg, Josh Grant, Min and Peter Yang, Lisa and Will Desai, Janice Vincelette, John Kelahan, Randy White, and Elaine and Jim Little. Others of you helped with the games, contests, and other small tasks that needed to be done. We appreciate your help as well.

Elaine Little and Christine Verdi

Picnic Co-chairs



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