



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to wish all Timber Farms residents a happy New Year and I want to thank all of our Civic Association members for their support in 2011.

Speed hump survey – In December 2011, we completed a survey of all residents regarding the possible installation of speed humps in our neighborhood. I want to thank all of you who responded, since people have strong feelings on this issue and we want to be sure that we represent the majority neighborhood opinion in our decision-making. We received survey responses from 72% of our residents. Of those that responded, 72% did not want speed humps, 26% wanted speed humps, and 2% had no opinion. We also tallied the survey results by street to see if there were any differences, particularly on Timber Wood Blvd., where the speed humps would most likely be installed. On every street, the number of residents who did not want speed humps was 2-3 times larger than the number of those who did. The message is clear and consistent. Only about one-quarter of our residents are in favor of speed humps, far less than the two-thirds majority required by DelDOT. Consequently, we will not submit a request for a DelDOT speed hump evaluation. Instead, we will pursue other speed control measures, including targeted police enforcement, and temporary or permanent flashing vehicle speed signs on Timber Wood Blvd.

*Join our Civic Association!*—We are now accepting 2012 Civic Association memberships. Annual dues are just \$25 per household, and help pay for our newsletter, web site, social events, and mailings. I especially want to thank those of you who have already joined for 2012 and included a voluntary additional contribution. We appreciate your generosity.

Bruce

**Reminder:** February is the Timber Farms Civic Association's Annual Membership Drive. Thanks to the many who have already sent in their 2011 Civic Association dues. Your dues support our quarterly newsletter, the entrance bulletin board, our award winning website [www.timberfarmscivic.org](http://www.timberfarmscivic.org), The Annual Community Garage Sale, Social events, the Easter egg hunt, the Annual Picnic, our Annual Halloween parade, Christmas activities, and don't forget [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com), the largest list of emails of residents in any community in New Castle County. Last year the residents received over 100 emails and we have received over 600 replies from residents. E-mail notifications are used to let residents know about neighborhood activities, upcoming events, alerts, lost items, found items, etc. Thanks again for your support.....

**Update on the final 56 homes to be built in Timber Farms:** Currently, we have a little more than half of the homes sold on Michelle Court

(Phase 1) and will be opening Phase 2 (Timber wood Blvd and Anthony Drive) for pre-sales March 1st. Our model home is under construction and upon completion, I will be sure to send everyone an invitation to join us for the grand opening. If anyone knows of someone looking for a new home in Timber Farms, please let them know to mention who referred them upon visiting our sales site so we can send them a Thank You Gift when they settle.....Jocelyn Succarotte, Timber Farms Sales Manager.

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest

#### **Congratulations to the following winners:**

1. The Vincellette Family, 157 Woodland Road
2. The Butcher Family, 36 Anthony Drive
3. The Nguyen Family, 522 W. Hummock Lane

#### **Honorable Mention:**

The Rutherford Family, 500 W. Hummock Lane

The Traunero Family, 207 Holly Cove Lane

The Quinn Family, 512 W. Hummock Lane

#### ***Great Job Everyone!***

## CIVIC CORNER

### **The Brandywine Valley and its Creek**

*By Vanessa Spence*

The Brandywine Creek is by definition a creek, since it is not navigable by ship yet we interchangeably call it a river. This is perhaps due to the enormous amount of water flow it is capable of. The creek joins together from an upper and lower fork flowing southeast 27 and 33 miles, before they become the Brandywine just 10 miles southeast of Coatesville, PA.

The creek is and was well-known for its fast and consistent flow of water in the 1800's, making it ideal for family run mills that were known to exist upstream. Lumber, textile, tobacco, sugar and Bancroft Paper mills and Canby and Tatnall's wheat and flour mills were the best known. Wilmington today has street names like Superfine Lane, referring to its renowned flour milling history.

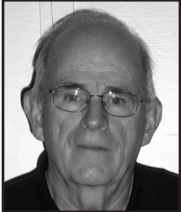
The Brandywine's flow increases in its last 5 miles, the portion within Delaware, while dropping its elevation 126 feet. This massive

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## THE OFFICER'S CORNER



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### CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!

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](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com)

## CIVIC CORNER CONTINUED...

drop in elevation allows it to become a very powerful river, ideal for manufacturing companies, as it was to the beginnings of E.I. DuPont de Nemour's black powder mills. Farther down, at the mouth of the river, where it flows into the Christina River is the former site of the Brandywine Village. This locale later became Wilmington. This area was the hub of flour production during the revolutionary war and as late as the 1820's.

The Brandywine Creek doesn't get its name from any nearby land; rather historians tell us that the Lenape Indians called the Brandywine

Creek, "Wawaset", "Sittacunc" and "Tankopanic." Tankopanic became the name of the DuPont Company newsletter, written by E.I.'s daughters, in its beginning years. The Lenape were later displaced by the Swedes and Dutch, moving north and west along the Susquehanna River and later became known as the Delaware Indians. It was these Lenape that were famous for selling Manhattan to the Dutch Governor, Peter Minuit.

Swedish settlers then moved in along the creek's edge and called it Fiskiekylen or Fish Creek. It was known for the large amounts of fish in the creek, particularly shad and alewives, so many that they were visible from the shoreline.

The origin of the name Brandywine came along later in history and is relatively unclear. Some say it comes from a story of a Dutch ship wreck at the mouth of the creek carrying brandy wine - a strong Dutch spirit. However, the story with the most merit tells of an early settler, Andreas Brainwende (or Brantwyn), a trader who, in 1720, owned a piece of land at the mouth of the now Brandywine Creek. The Brandywine was then called "His" river, later taking his family name. Andreas Brainwende established one of the first grain mills on the lower end of the river. The creek's grain history rose from there.

### The Brandywine River today:

The most common fish in the Brandywine today are smallmouth bass, bluegills, and crappies. Delaware usually stocks trout in the area of the Brandywine creek, when in season.

The Brandywine Conservancy Environmental Management Center has worked over several years now to obtain agreements with the river's present-day dam owners. As revisions are made to dams, fish ladders are being installed. Shad and other fish are starting to return in stronger numbers. Dams created for milling along the Brandywine prevented the adult fish from returning upstream to spawn. Very few shad are found in the Brandywine presently. It was said that shad "filled the Brandywine." Besides fish we also see lots of large snapping turtles, frogs and snakes. Along its banks can be seen many varieties of birds including eagles and a variety of less commonly seen fresh water fishing birds.

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

The 2012 Timber Farms Maintenance Assessments will be mailed out to all residents in the first week of March. The 2012 assessments will remain at \$165.00 and are due by April 30, 2012. A late fee will be added to any payment received after the payment due date. The Maintenance Association will once again be mailing them out instead of New Castle County. They charge \$6.00 per lot so the Association will once again be saving the residents about \$2,000.00. If you have your financial institution mailing out your check automatically, make sure it is sent to Timber Farms Maintenance, P.O. Box 489, Bear, Delaware, 19701 and not sent to New Castle County.

Thanks

Timber Farms Maintenance Corp

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Dave Schneider  
President TFMA

Mr. Schneider,

I am a police officer with the State Fire Marshal's Office and conduct criminal fire and explosive incidents in that capacity. Recently I handled the investigation in which several trash cans were intentionally set on fire throughout the Timber Farms Neighborhood. I wanted to send a letter to express my thanks for assisting me in obtaining footage from the surveillance cameras that are installed at the entrance to the neighborhood. Information from these allowed me to obtain a suspect in the incidents. These cameras are a great resource for any police officer investigating any criminal incident in the area. On behalf of the law enforcement community thank you for installing the cameras.

Respectfully,

Deputy CC Tripp Wagner  
Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office  
New Castle Division - Investigations

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before April 30, 2012. Next issue: May 2012.

**Snow Removal:** Let Ryan Merritt clear the way this winter! Experienced snow removal, the old-fashioned way. Call 444-4403.

**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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**Cleaning by Wendy:** My name is Wendy Halling, and I work for the Christina 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 [w71halling@comcast.net](mailto:w71halling@comcast.net).

**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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**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](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.

**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 Jezyk 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](mailto:jrteed@comcast.net)

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**Items for Sale:**

• For Sale: 2 leather recliners. One is burgundy in color, the other is hunter green. In very good condition. Asking \$75.00 each. Call 302 368-0205.

**Wanted:** Bass player and drummer for a blues-rock trio. Also looking for a bassist and rhythm guitarist for a contemporary rock group willing to join Accent Live rock school program. 3+ years playing experience, approx. 11-15 yrs. of age. Backup vocals are always a plus! Ultimate goal-play local gigs, perform at venues, etc. Please contact Ethan at [sinifinity000@gmail.com](mailto:sinifinity000@gmail.com) or call (302) 366-0306.

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