

# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## Neighbors working together

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#### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We hope you'll join us for the annual Timber Farms neighborhood picnic from 3-6 pm on Saturday, September 8th. It's a great opportunity to meet new neighbors. Plus there will be some great food and interesting exhibits and demonstrations.

As you may already know, a burglary occurred in Timber Farms in early August during daylight hours. With new construction ongoing, there is more daytime activity in Timber Farms, making it easier to move through our neighborhood unnoticed. Several of our residents have reported suspicious behavior involving visitors at their front doors. Be aware. Lock your doors and your parked cars. Call 911 with any reports of suspicious activity.

There are two upcoming general meetings of the Timber Farms Civic Association. All residents are invited, and encouraged to attend. A meeting on October 17 will be held to solicit nominations for two-year terms for both the Civic Association President and Secretary. On November 14, elections for these two positions will be held. Both general meetings will start at 7pm at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. Please consider becoming a Civic Association board member in one of these positions. Adding some new residents to our board would be a welcome addition. If you have any questions about these board member positions or the election process, please feel free to contact me.

Bruce

### CIVIC CORNER

A Sportsman's Club, History Near Us.

A little bit of how life used to be is still evident just outside of our development. The name of the road is an easy giveaway; Canoe Club Road. To examine it now you see a well travelled dirt road that disappears under the heavy growth of tree branches and the sign posted "private lane, no trespassing" only heightens the sense of curiosity.

In 1904 the Delaware Canoe Club was formed. Their club house and boat yard was in Newport. The exact location on the river, I cannot determine. The club's popularity and weekend trips along the river often ended in Buford Lake. I found reference to Buford Lake as being more commonly known as Smalley's Pond, dated in 1901.

The plot of land bought by the club was a 10 acre farm on the west side of Smalley's Pond and the road that was etched into the land started on Old Baltimore Pike and traveled through the back section of what is now Barrett's Run and connected with another small piece of Canoe Club Road, still there, off of Blue Ridge Blvd behind Christiana Green.

At an eventual point there was a boat house on the edge of Smalley's pond. This site was an extension of the Delaware Canoe Club and acted as their site for events. Events consistently involved canoeing from Newport to Smalley's Pond, camping in tents overnight and holding activities such as tilting, racing and sinking competitions and trap shooting. It always ended in a large campfire program that included their spouses and women guests. It seems their biggest events were held on Labor Day with weekend long activities on the site. For Halloween they canoed at night with a jack o lantern aboard. There were also barn dances, stag parties and longer out of state trips. One mention was made of canoeing to the hotel at Christina and enjoying a chicken dinner. I found references to events dating from 1908 until 1928.

In its peak they had 65 men members and as many as 50 canoes participating on weekend events. They were members of the Associated Canoe Clubs of the Delaware (River). In 1912 the association had 15 clubs attending a dinner in Trenton celebrating a great year for regattas. The men participated in longer events such as canoeing through the Delaware water gap and camping over the several days.

Eventually, their weekend camping trips at Smalley's Pond site had as many as 40 tents ready for guests, as in 1921. Finally, the Captain (club president) and his wife built a cottage. Other long term members and officers followed. It was a trend at the time, much like the summer cottages that sprung up in Arden. The remaining handful of homes that still stand today date back to the 1940's. The plot of land was broken up when Louis Capano bought part of it to build Barrett's Run. The remaining land was and is still zoned under its old original private club laws even though the homes have changed ownership.

By Vanessa Spence

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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).

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