



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We've had some challenging winter weather so far this year. I hope everyone in your family is staying safe, warm, and healthy. There are a lot of great ideas on the web for family activities that you can enjoy while indoors.

We have been working on a neighborhood survey to solicit your opinion on possible changes to the left turn traffic light on eastbound Old Baltimore Pike at our neighborhood entrance. State Senator Bryan Townsend has been working with DelDOT to explore options for changes to this traffic signal. We anticipated sending the survey out in January, but we are waiting on some additional engineering evaluation to ensure that the options proposed in the survey can be properly implemented. We will get the survey out to you as soon as possible.

The dates for our upcoming 2014 neighborhood events are now available on our web site (www.timberfarmscivic.org). PDF copies of our newsletters, and 2013 treasurer reports for our Civic Association and Maintenance Corporation are also available.

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2014, please consider joining the Civic Association in 2014. Your dues will help support neighborhood events (Easter Egg hunt, yard sale, annual picnic, Halloween parade) and preparation of our quarterly newsletters. If you have already joined us this year, thank you for your support!

Bruce

LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE VIOLA

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

The Delaware General Assembly session is under way. We just completed three weeks of session in January, during which we passed legislation that will provide the first increase in Delaware's minimum wage in five years, from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour in two 50-cent increments over the next 16 months. Consumer prices have increased nearly 10 percent in that time. Several small businesses have supported raising the wage. They say that paying workers more leads to reduced turnover and a savings in training costs, better customer service, happier customers and more money to spend in their businesses and at other establishments.

One of the biggest things we do each year is craft operating and capital budgets that are balanced and provide funding for services, infrastructure and construction projects that will benefit Delawareans up and down the state. There are several transportation projects in our area that are in the pipeline, including intersection improvements along Old Baltimore Pike at Salem Church Road (north and south), Route 72 and Route 273.

I am constantly pushing for funds to improve the roadways in our district, but if you have specific roads or projects you want considered, or if you have any issues you want to contact me about, please e-mail me at John.Viola@state.de.us or call me at (302) 577-8476. Also, please visit <http://bit.ly/LX494Z> to sign up for my electronic newsletters.

Sincerely,

Rep. John Viola

LETTER FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Constituents,

Timber Farms is one of the most engaged and organized communities in our senatorial district. I thank you for the feedback and suggestions you and your neighborhood officers often provide me. This partnership has made representing you in the State Senate tremendously rewarding.

Today I write to ask you for more of that feedback. There are several critical decisions to be made in Dover this year. One of the most important involves the issue of Delaware's infrastructure, and whether to secure additional funds for improving what many consider an inadequate infrastructure system.

Governor Markell's initial proposal for securing funds is to raise Delaware's gas tax by 10 cents per gallon and to increase our State's borrowing. It is clear that some legislators are reluctant to raise taxes in an election year. Although I am not eager to raise taxes in any year, I also worry about the consequences of continuing to do what Delaware has done for too long: using the monies from our Transportation Trust Fund to pay for DelDOT's operating budget, and therefore having too few dollars to make the important investments in our infrastructure that will keep our roadways safe and smooth-flowing.

A combination of steps may be necessary, from increasing borrowing to raising various taxes to reducing other portions of the budget. I hope to hear your thoughts and reactions to these ideas as I continue to serve our district and work with my colleagues in Dover.

Sincerely

Senator Bryan Townsend

bryan.townsend@state.de.us • 302-709-1516 (cell)

RECENT EVENTS

Timber Farms Civic Association Annual

Holiday Home Decorating Contest:

Congratulations to the following

2013 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners.

1. The Chadick Family 218 W. Silver Fox
2. The Grazer Family 607 Timber Wood Blvd
3. The Kwoka Family 45 Anthony Drive

Honorable Mention:

The White Family 219 Holly Cove

The Quinn Family 512 W. Hummock Lane

The Butcher Family 36 Anthony Drive

The DuQue Family 37 Anthony Drive

Great Job Everyone!!!

The Timber Farms Voice

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default.aspx here you can find information on volunteering, County parks, libraries, camps and housing, just to name a few.

Lastly, as many of you may be aware, our community policing officer, Jim Gladney, has retired. We have been assigned a new community officer, Chris Gigliotti (pronounced: jel-AH-tee). He comes to us with over 15 years of policing experience and special training in community issues and I am sure he will be up to speed quickly on the issues and concerns and will be available to handle any requests that come in.

Just a reminder as the weather will hopefully be turning warmer to watch your speed in the community and PLEASE, always keep an eye out for the children in our community.

Best wishes,

David L Tackett

County Councilman 11th District • DLTackett@nccde.org

302-395-8371

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORP.

Our Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation board meeting was held on Sunday, January 26, 2014 and the followings are some of the highlights of that meeting.

The 2014 Maintenance Corporation's budget was discussed, reviewed and approved and it is posted on our community web site.

We have had an active snow season so far this year, I feel that our contractor has provided us with excellent response time and service. We have reacted to feedback from our residents and have added salting all intersections when conditions warrant. We have had an ongoing issue with loitering at our playground at night. One of the contributing factors is no lighting on or around the playground. Several years ago we contacted Delmarva and requested an on-site meeting to investigate the cost of having lighting installed on the road side of the park. At that time, the cost exceeded ten thousand dollars; the high cost was due to no road access. Currently Anthony Dr has been extended but the street lighting is on the opposite side of the park. We met with Delmarva officials last week and we can have lights installed on the playground side but we would have to pay around \$ 2,000 to have the lines trenched from a house under construction in the new section. The board approved to have the lights installed at the park for a charge not to exceed \$ 2,000 dollars.

Chesapeake Security contract has been renewed for the 2014 season. Chesapeake's performance has been well received by residents. Chesapeake's written and recorded reports are vital in supporting incidents that have occurred in our community.

Last June, our pond experienced a major "fish kill". The result of the kill was determined by State officials to be a combination of weather and the possibility of a recent vegetation treatment. In speaking to State officials, I learned that our pond and its surrounding area could be improved to support a better water quality and marine life. At that time it was decided to take the recommendation of the State and local university and make changes to its environment. One of our neighbors, Tom Layman whose home perimeters the pond was very supportive during the clean-up and expressed interest and support in improving the pond. I have asked Tom to manage the improvement and interact with the departments from the State and the University of Delaware. Hopefully we should see improved conditions that will result in a thriving environment.

Lastly our Maintenance assessments will again remain at \$ 165.00 for 2014. Thanks to the efforts of the Board members to obtain the best performing contractors.

Dave Schneider, President

LETTER FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Neighbors,

I Hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. The weather has been one to remember. Although we were spared the brunt of some major snow; the subzero temperatures have played havoc with our electric bill.

I wanted to first welcome all the new residents to our wonderful community and also take a minute to update you on Glasgow Park, The County Resources and our new community policing officer.

If you have not been to the Glasgow Park lately as the weather turns warmer you might want to take some time and visit your amazing park. Glasgow Park is home to the largest Skate Park in the area and we will be adding a new pavilion this spring to help with some shade on the hot summer days. Also, you may have noticed the foam tiles under the playground equipment has started to buckle and come up so all that will be removed and replaced this spring also. We will also be addressing the water laying on the walking path with some much needed improvements. The path up the sledding hill was paved last year to provide a more even surface as this emerged as the new place to be for the exercise hill, residents walk/run up and down this new path.

This spring we will open the Farmers Market again for the 2nd season. The Farmers Market last year was a big hit, providing a place to stop and pick up some farm fresh veggies, baked goods, candles, even honey from a local bee keeper, as well as many other homemade items from our local small businesses. We are always looking for more, so if you or anyone you know has something they would like to bring to the Market to sell please let us know and we can get you the permit info.

The County's Community Resources home page has a wealth of information available on the resources this County has to offer Please take a minute to visit and review all the information at: <http://www2.nccde.org/communityservices/>

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before April 3, 2014. Next issue: May 2014.

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Tara Jezyk – College Student - available for Babysitting nights and weekends – Home – 302-368-3212.

Anthony Jezyk – available for Grass cutting needs and yard work – 302-268-3212; Anthony has also received his Lifeguarding Certification if anyone knows of any local pools looking for a lifeguard for the summer.

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: Alterations100@yahoo.com. I live in Timber Farms.

Babysitter/Mother's Helper: Sisters Michelle and Heather 10th and 8th grade eager to babysit or be a mother's helper. Red Cross Babysitter Certified. Please call them at 302-292-6990.

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

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

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Item for sale: Downsizing soon. Have rarely used "Pacemaster Pro Plus" tread mill with programmable workouts. Included in sale tread mill pad which protects and quiets. Best Price. Also have beautiful massage table. Portable and like new. Asking \$100.00. If interested please e-mail lgsuber18@gmail.com. Anxious to sell. Thanks!

FREE: Free used couch. In fair condition but has been scratched by my cats in several places. Might be good for a basement or college dorm room. Both sides recline and the middle section folds down into a table. You must pick-up at my address. Thanks, Christine Verdi, 102 Woodland Road, 302-738-7108.

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