



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

*Neighbors working together*

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We've had some terrific weather this summer. I've been pleased to see so many of our residents outside to enjoy it.

**Change to the left turn signal on eastbound Old Baltimore Pike:** In April, we conducted a survey to get the opinions of Timber Farms residents on proposed changes to the left turn signal on eastbound Old Baltimore Pike. Below are the final survey results.

*Should the left turn signal at our neighborhood entrance on eastbound Old Baltimore Pike be converted to a dedicated protected green left turn arrow during daytime hours (7am until 7pm)?*

Number of households that WANT this change	100	72%
Number of households that DO NOT WANT this change	31	22%
Number of households with NO OPINION	8	6%
Number of surveys mailed	247	
Number of surveys returned	139	56%

Since 72% of our residents who returned their survey were in favor of the proposed change, the Civic Association Board asked our local legislators (State Senator Bryan Townsend and State Representative John Viola) to make these changes to the left turn signal. The work is approved and funded, and it should be completed sometime within the next two months. Many residents noted that this change may cause backups in the left turn lane during peak traffic hours. I ask all of you to keep us informed. Notify us by phone or email (timberfarmscivic@aol.com) if you experience unsafe conditions during left turns into the neighborhood after the change is made. We will work with our legislators to resolve new traffic issues as they arise.

**Modification to the center island at our neighborhood entrance:** See Dave Schneider's article in this newsletter for information about changes to be made to the center island at our neighborhood entrance to discourage illegal U-turns.

**Neighborhood picnic:** I hope you and your family will be able to join us at the upcoming neighborhood picnic on Saturday, September 20, from 3-6 pm. Our picnic coordinator, Tom Layman, and many volunteers, are hard at work planning to make this another terrific event. There will be a lot of fun activities for the kids, including Stubby the helicopter, a visit from Rocky Bluewinkle, and pony rides. Civic Association members' dues pay for the costs for our picnic. If you value events like these, and you are not yet a member, please consider joining us!

Bruce

## TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

To our residents:

I would like to list and comment on activities and issues that have come before our maintenance board in recent months.

**New Playground lights installed:** A few months ago Delmarva Power installed two new streetlights located at our playground. We hope the new lights will help reduce the loitering issue that has been reported by residents and our security company. The cost of the lights with installation was \$2,000, which was paid for by the maintenance association. These lights are located on the grounds of the playground and not the street curb. The monies for the new lights were approved and are listed in this year's budget.

**Chipper Service:** Back by popular demand, the maintenance association will provide a tree chipper service on Saturday, October 18th. The limit of the tree branches will be nothing longer than 10 feet in length and 5 inches in diameter. No grass or leaves will be accepted.

**Entrance Area Modification:** Most residents are aware of the safety issues regarding illegal u-turns that have occurred at our entrance. Two of the illegal u-turns have resulted in two of our residents being involved in major auto accidents. During the past 3 months, the maintenance and civic boards have been working with Del-Dot and Senator Townsend to help resolve this issue. The first step of the process was to install two illegal u-turn signs. Some members in the group felt that the signs would have little or no impact on correcting the problem. Our group requested from Del-Dot and Senator Townsend to modify our entrance in a way that would be appealing in design and functional in preventing u-turns. Last week Senator Townsend notified the boards that he has received approval from Del Dot engineering and approved the funding to modify our island and median area. The accepted design includes extending the landscaped island approximately 20 feet. This extension will include the continuing of landscaping that is familiar to our entrance. The remaining 35 feet will be a raised narrow concrete median to prevent illegal u-turn traffic. The construction is scheduled to begin this fall and is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

**Electrical Replacement:** Last week I was notified that the generator located at our pond area was inoperative. Upon inspection of the generator there was no electrical output. The generator was purchased over 11 years ago for \$459.00. Estimating the repairs and the age of the equipment I asked the board to approve a replacement. The replacement's final cost including a discount was \$299.00. This generator will provide adequate power to run the well pump at 45% demand of the generator. This expense was not listed in this year's budget. The board approved my request. We have a State mandate to maintain the water level of our pond. The generator provides electricity to power the well pump.

**Diseased Trees:** The Cypress trees located along Old Baltimore Pike have contracted a "bag worm" infestation. We requested a tree  
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company to give us a quote on spraying for the insects. After waiting for two weeks for the reply from the contractors we decided to purchase our own motorized pressure sprayer. The sprayer will cost under \$ 100.00 and the chemical depending on applications will add an additional \$100-125. This was not listed in this year's budget. I have asked the board to approve this expense.

Entrance Sign: To keep our entrance sign in good condition, it requires periodical maintenance. This year our board approved the sign for a re-painting. This re-painting includes a clear sealer that is applied after the paint. This process lasts 3-4 years due to the environment.

Open Space, Islands and Retention Ponds: Our two retention ponds require regular maintenance to meet the specification set forth by local government. As of this month all open space and retention ponds have passed New Castle County inspection. The maintenance costs associated with the ponds are within the estimates of the current budget.

Questions or comments are welcome. I am available for comment through our web site, [timberfarmscivic.org](http://timberfarmscivic.org), or by e-mail at [timberfarmsmaint@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaint@aol.com).

Regards,

Dave Schneider, President TFMA

*Democratic Primary  
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### TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

*Saturday, September 20th, 2014*

*3:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

At the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove

**All residents invited!!**

Free food, free games, free fun!!

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bratwurst/Veggie burgers, Lemonade, Ice tea, Water, Pepsi products, snacks

Moonbounce, Double Slides, Pony Rides

Football Toss – Cash prizes!!

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**Rain date next day same time!!!**

#### To all Timber Farms residents:

Last year we had a record number of residents who attended our picnic, over 300. We expect an even larger turnout this year with new residents that have moved in. We could certainly use your help this year. We need volunteers to relieve our grillers, watch children on the inflatables, help with the football toss, the golf chipping, sign-in and registration for door prizes, helping out with keeping the children in line for the pony rides, the ice cream truck, setup, clean up, food purchase and many other miscellaneous tasks.

Please let us know if you would like to help by e-mailing [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com).

PS: We can always use teen volunteers especially for set up and clean up. Service hours will be given.

Thank you!



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