



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope your holidays were both enjoyable and relaxing.

As you've noticed, modifications to the center island at our entrance on Old Baltimore Pike were completed late last year. Hopefully this will discourage U-turns at the entrance during periods of heavy traffic. If you see any U-turns being made, please let us know, including the date and time, so that we can coordinate with local police to step up enforcement, if necessary.

Changes to the left-turn arrow at our entrance on Old Baltimore Pike are still on DelDOT's schedule, and should be completed by the end of March. There have been some technical challenges with implementing this change, and DelDOT is working to resolve the issues now.

The dates for this year's annual neighborhood events are available now on our web site (www.timberfarmscivic.org). Please note them in your calendar, and plan to join us. Volunteers are needed for these events and will be contacted throughout the year as planning begins.

This is the 23rd year of our Civic Association. Annual dues this year are \$25. I'd like to thank the 175 Timber Farms families who were members in 2014, and encourage all of our residents to join us in 2015. Your dues help support this newsletter and our annual neighborhood events.

Bruce

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

During recent years our community as others, have experienced vacant homes. These properties have many negative impacts on our community, especially lost revenues for our operating budget. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our Financial Secretary, Bob Oakes for the many hours over the years of behind the scenes time spent tracking down the mortgage companies that own these homes. His efforts have resulted in the collection of thousands of dollars in back dues owed to our community. This is one of the main reasons that our dues will remain at the current rate, with a nearly 98% collection rate. His efforts in maintaining this high standard has provided our community with a positive attitude knowing that nearly everyone is paying their fair share.

Our neighbor and New Castle Councilman Dave Tackett introduced legislation to improve communities and property value by holding the owners of vacant houses responsible for their condition. Councilman Tackett successfully had this ordinance

passed last week. This is a very valuable tool for civic and maintenance associations to use to uphold the integrity of their community. As president of our maintenance corporation I want to thank Dave for this legislation which will benefit all homeowners in New Castle County.

The Timber Farms Maintenance Association held its semi-annual meeting in January. The highlights of the meeting are listed below.

The last section of open space is in the process of being turned over to our maintenance association. This space includes mostly wooded areas with minimum impact on mowing expenses. New Castle County Inspectors, the builder and representatives from our maintenance association walked the property during the inspection and violations were listed. The maintenance board had concerns regarding unclear property lines and established trees that perimeter newly graded areas. The trees could be damaged by soil that was raised above their natural growth line. All parties agreed that the property transfer would continue, however a re-inspection was scheduled after winter to address all listed issues that will be corrected at the cost of the builder.

The 2015 operating budget was discussed and approved. Minimum change was made from the previous years; an increase was added to provide for treating insects on the Leland Cyprus trees located along OBP and to increase salt application during icy conditions. The 2015 Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation budget and the 2014 Treasurer's report are available to be reviewed on www.timberfarmscivic.org under the Maintenance Corporation.

Regards,

Dave Schneider

TFMA President

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE

Our snow removal contractor has asked us to remind all residents to have all vehicles off of the roads when snow is forecasted. This provides easier access to our roads and will eliminate the possibility of damage to your vehicle.

For having your walk and driveway shoveled call any of the following:

Nick Minto, 413 Post Oak Lane, 302-368-9547

Kenn Major, 212 W. Silver Fox Road, 302-737-6175

Shawn Cabalza, 540 West Hummock Lane, 302-261-6059

Ryan Merritt, Post Oak Lane, 302-482-5782

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Website: www.timberfarmscivic.org

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. Please e-mail us your address today at timberfarmscivic@aol.com

The Timber Farms Civic Association 2015 Membership Drive will begin this February.

Mailings will be mailed out to all residents beginning February 2, 2015 with a postage paid envelope for your return.

2014 was the most money every spent by the Civic Association since it was founded in 1992. A complete year ending treasurer report can be found on the website.

Please consider joining in 2015.

**Thank you,
Timber Farms Civic Association**

RECENT EVENTS

Timber Farms Civic Association Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest:

Congratulations to the following 2014 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners:

1. The Chadick Family 218 W. Silver Fox \$ 50
2. The Traunero Family 207 Holly Cove \$ 35
3. The Quinn Family 512 W. Hummock \$ 25

Honorable Mention:

The White Family 219 Holly Cove
The Zolnowski Family 658 Timber Wood Blvd
The Hamm Family 207 W. Silver Fox
The Glazer Family 607 Timber Wood Blvd
The Tackett Family 312 E. Silver Fox
The Grant Family 121 Woodland Road
The Cahalza Family 540 W. Hummock Lane

Information from Councilman Tackett

Dear Neighbors,

Ordinance 14-117, is legislation that I introduced in November 2014 and passed unanimously at the Council Meeting on February 3rd. It requires the registration and payment of fees for vacant properties in New Castle County. While registration is free and there are no fees for the 1st year, there is an increasing fee schedule if the property remains vacant. Fees beginning at \$100.00 for year 2 stepping up to \$5000.00 for year 11 with an additional \$500.00 per year for each year over that are a move forward in dealing with the issue of vacant properties.

I swore an oath to protect the health and safety of the citizens, and the passage of this law is helping me do just that. This will combat the adverse effects of vacant properties such as health and sanitary violations, fire hazards, vagrancy, graffiti and crime.

There are approximately 18,000 vacant properties in New Castle County according to figures from the Delaware Housing Authority. Most of these houses are for sale or rent and are well maintained; but some unoccupied homes have become an eyesore and a haven for vermin and criminal activity. These are the properties that the registration and fees will assist us to maintain and secure through our Code Enforcement department.

Sincerely,

Councilman David L. Tackett

Letter from Senator Bryan Townsend

Dear Timber Farms,

Recent months have involved significant DelDOT activity in and near Timber Farms to help promote traffic safety. Timber Farms leadership and I were able to work together with DelDOT to respond to residents' concerns and arrange for safety enhancements at the entranceway islands. These are intended to decrease the number of illegal, unsafe U-turns there. In the coming weeks, DelDOT is scheduled to install (finally!) the Flashing Red Arrow for vehicles turning left into the neighborhood from Old Baltimore Pike. Once the weather warms up, DelDOT is scheduled to complete the repaving of Walther Road all the way up to Old Baltimore Pike.

In Dover there are several big issues to tackle in 2015. I have been appointed to a panel that will make recommendations on how to change Delaware's revenue streams. I am actively involved in discussions and planning for tremendous changes to Delaware's school districts that would impact the Newark area, including Christina School District no longer having a portion of the City of Wilmington. I also am working on legislation that limits the role of money in politics, assists disabled veterans with property taxes, addresses the alarming frequency of sexual assaults on university campuses, provides an avenue to resolve municipal housing vacancy and blight, and ensures educators are evaluated in a fair way by people with appropriate training in the relevant areas.

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On a personal note, Lilianna and I thrilled to be joining you later in 2015 as residents of Timber Farms! We will be building a home on Marie Court, the final street in the new phases. In the meantime, and always, please never hesitate to contact me with any question, concern, or suggestion.

Sincerely,

Bryan Townsend
bryan.townsend@state.de.us
302-709-1516

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Strong and capable Timber Farms teenager available for lawn care and other dirty jobs! Call or text Ryan @ (302) 482-5782

HandyMan: Have a small project that needs to be completed? You name it and I can do it! Interior & exterior work...Lighting fixtures & ceiling fans, garage doors & windows, decks, basement refinishing, gas fireplaces -Outdoor work in the spring (powerwashing & grass cutting)-Free Estimates -LARRY HAY - Direct: 302-836-6121 - Cell: 302-598-3798 - Email: Larryhay88@verizon.net

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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, responsible high school students, 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.

Dog Walking Service: "WALK WITH US" Dog walking service. Services include walks and overnight/extended services. For questions/references please call Heather at 454-7187. We'd love to meet your furry friend!

Item for sale: I am looking to sell a Murray 20", 3.5 hp classic lawn mower for \$50. For anyone that is interested, I can be reached at this email address - ratnakar.mallya@gmail.com

--Snowblower Service—Free Pick-Up and Delivery on Fridays and Saturdays for Timber Farms Residents. Get your Lawn Mower ready for Winter Storage—Free Pick-Up and Delivery on Fridays and Saturdays for Timber Farms Residents. Newark Mower Center 731-2455. Repairs, Service, Parts and Sales.

--Firewood—2 year Seasoned Wood—Free Delivery on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays for Timber Farms Residents. Call for a free and prompt estimate on Leaf Removal Services—Layaou Landscaping 731-1660

From: Layaou Landscaping, Inc. and Newark Mower Center, Inc. 69 Albe Drive, Newark, DE 19702 (302)731-1660 Layaou Landscaping (302)731-2455 Newark Mower Center

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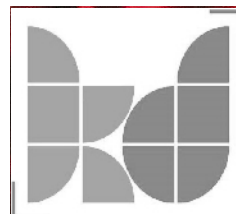
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