



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is here, and the weather is finally getting warmer. I hope you have a chance to spend some time outdoors. If you haven't already done so, visit Glasgow Park on Route 40 near Route 896. The park has a beautiful 2.6 mile walking loop, a great playground, basketball and tennis courts, and several nice picnic pavilions.

All planned modifications at our entrance on Old Baltimore Pike (installation of a protected left-turn arrow and expansion of the center island) are now complete. I want to thank Senator Bryan Townsend for pursuing these changes to help make vehicle traffic at our entrance safer. Please let us know if you note any unsafe motorists at the entrance, including the date and time.

As many of you know, we experienced a voltage surge on our electricity service lines on April 20th. This is the third significant surge that we have experienced over the last nine years. This surge caused quite a bit of equipment damage in many residents' homes, particularly to more sensitive electronics like computers, televisions, and large appliances. Delmarva Power has denied all claims for compensation that were submitted as a result of this surge. We provided details about this incident to our local legislators. Senator Bryan Townsend has indicated that he will be pursuing some legislative measures over the next few years to shift the burden for these types of incidents back to Delmarva Power, since there a number of cost-effective measures that they could be taking to protect customer equipment.

Note that, although several of your home circuit breakers may trip as a result of a voltage surge, those breakers are really only designed to protect against excessive current from equipment faults or short circuits inside your home. To protect your home from damage from future voltage surges, consider installing a whole-house surge protector near your circuit breaker panel. These devices are available for less than \$100. Also consider installing high-quality surge protectors at the wall outlets serving the most sensitive equipment, like computers and televisions.

Civic Association members support all of our annual neighborhood events, our web site, and our quarterly newsletters. Thank you to all of our members for your support this year. If you aren't yet a member, please join us and mail in your 2015 dues today.

Bruce

GRADUATION NOTICES:

Kelsey Traunero, graduating from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology

Elizabeth Wise, graduating from Shepherd University

Meghan Feely, graduating from George Washington University with a degree in both Political Communication and Arabic

Verena Joerger, Sweet Briar College, Class of 2015
B.S. Environmental Science Magna Cum Laude

Torsten Joerger, Medical College of Wisconsin Class of 2015
Doctor of Medicine

Alyson Frederick graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia, School of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. She has accepted an internship beginning in June with the Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Lyric Anate, graduating from M.A.A.

Kyle Verdi, graduating from Charter School of Wilmington

Kristin Cardamone, graduating from Hodgson Vo-Tech

Nicholas Minto, graduating from Salesianum

Jenna Kirkpatrick, graduating from Wilmington Christian School

CONGRATULATIONS!!

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Abiding by the Deed Restrictions keeps the overall appearance and value of our property at its highest level. Please keep in mind that all building additions, decks, in-ground pools, fences and sheds MUST be approved by the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation as the first step in planning your construction projects. Our Deed Restrictions supersede any building or construction permits issued by New Castle County.

Chesapeake Security has begun patrolling our community. Their patrols are mostly in the night and early morning hours.

The cold weather we experienced this winter has killed twenty one of our knock out rose bushes at our main island. We have removed the damaged bushes and are in the process of replacing them.

Regards,

Dave Schneider

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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

RECENT EVENTS

Timber Farms Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Timber Farms Civic Association East Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 4th.

Many thanks to all the volunteers:

Jia Duo & Jun Yan for purchasing and picking up all the candy

Egg Stuffers (1,100 Eggs) Vanessa Spence, Jia Duo & Jun Yan, Bob & Kate Oakes, Linda Olds, Elaine Little, Bruce & Rema Lipphardt, Maegan, Heather, Emily and Dave Tackett

Youth Volunteers: Isaiah Dupree, Gordon Coleman (KJ), Sowmya Janaki, Dalton Oakes, Amy Verdi, Maegan & Autumn Tackett, Shelby Long, Anthony Stidham-Mills

Community Garage Sale

The 2015 Timber Farms Community Garage sale was the most successful that we ever had. The weather cooperated and we had 41 homes that participated. Our thanks to Rosie Tooley, Elaine Little, Josh Grant and his daughter, Dave Frampton, and Mukesh Mehta for passing out nearly 300 street maps with the addresses on them as the shoppers entered Timber Farms. Many of the shoppers thanked them and said how great an idea it was. Many of the shoppers and residents enjoyed a free ice cream cone from Mr. Softee he dispensed 251 free cones. From the comments received many of you purchased great buys and the sellers had a great day.

Information from Councilman Tackett

Legislation Update: Tax Penalty abatement

Councilman David L. Tackett introduced an Ordinance to abate tax penalties if property owners pay their back taxes in full by May 29th 2015. On Tuesday April 28th at the Council meeting the ordinance passed. The Councilman is aware that economic times are difficult and many of our citizens need a little help to stay afloat. This ordinance provides a much needed program that will give a financial break to a number of residents of New Castle County while we are on the road to recovery. The County's Assessment department can answer any specific questions you have or you can contact my office and we will be happy to discuss the details with you 395-8371.

County Executive Thomas Gordon stated, "Councilman Tackett's legislation is fair and takes into account some of the economic challenges our county residents have faced for some time. His ordinance attempts to acknowledge and forgive taxpayers who come forward and pay taxes by May 29th. It is noble."

There are several Tax exemptions and services available for those who are over 65 or disabled. You can contact Councilman Tackett's office and request a booklet with those benefits plus others that are available to Delawareans who are 50+. 302-395-8371

• **Tax exemption** applications are available for 2015. New Castle County is happy to offer up to \$32,000 in property tax exemptions to eligible residents age 65 or older. For more information, call 302-395-5520 or visit the website. www.nccde.org/486/Property-Tax-Sewer-Rates. Applications must be returned by June 1st 2015.

• **Reduced Sewer Rates:** Eligible residents age 65 or older may receive up to 50% off their next sewer bill. For more information, call 302-395-5520.

Sincerely,

Councilman David L. Tackett

Letter from Senator Bryan Townsend

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

The April electricity surge that damaged so much property in Timber Farms homes is but one of several in recent years. It is unfortunate that Delmarva Power has denied all homeowners' claims for reimbursement, up and down Old Baltimore Pike. In response, I will undertake efforts in 2015 (likely into 2016) to determine why this area of our senatorial district has experienced several surges in recent years. Over that same timetable, I also will pursue changes to Delaware laws or regulations that make it less likely for a future event to damage so many homeowners' property and leave those homeowners on the hook. To put it differently: I believe there are reasonable-cost steps Delmarva could take to protect its ratepayers and their property, and I believe Delmarva should take those steps.

In other neighborhood-damage news, I have been contacted by Timber Farms residents about new tire marks near the entranceway, left by DelDOT contractors who were working on the repaving of

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Walther Road. I relayed the message to DelDOT and asked that the tire marks be addressed ASAP and that DelDOT contractors pay greater care whenever in Timber Farms.

In this short space, I cannot do justice to the very important legislative developments poised for 2015 and 2016, especially around Delaware's revenue sources. I welcome the opportunity to meet with interested Timber Farms residents in the coming

weeks to discuss these developments, especially as certain proposals become more clear in the month of June. As always, you can contact me at 302-709-1516 or bryan.townsend@state.de.us to provide me any input or pose any questions.

Sincerely,

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Leon Jackson is available again this year for basic lawn care. He may not be as professional as those with the big trucks but he is local and less expensive. So if you want a bargain, Call Leon for an appointment: 302-690-2980

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 Jczyk – 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.

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!

Pressure Washing....Do you need your siding, deck or sidewalk removed of all that dirt and mold? As a Timber Farms resident, I care about your home. I do professional work for less the cost. Call me for a free estimate. Ed Gonzales, 302.463.3224

AT%26T Digital Life Home Security starting at \$39.99 monthly. Free professional installation by AT%26T employees and free equipment! Protect your home this summer. Call Shelley Kruse 302-521-0280 W Silver Fox Rd

Items for sale: Cedar chest -200.00, cast iron gas heater, 12,800 Btu -150.00, G.E. Microwave wall unit, almond-100.00, High Back chairs, red and white-25.00 each. 607 Timber Wood Blvd

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