

# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

# Neighbors working together

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope you and your family will join us at our annual picnic on September 12th. As in the past, we will not charge any fees for the picnic. Instead, we ask you to consider a voluntary donation of five dollars per person to help cover costs. Donations are especially appropriate for non-resident guests, or for families who are not Civic Association members. Adult volunteers will be on hand at our signin table to assist with donations and to answer any questions you may have.

The neighborhood picnic has become very popular in recent years. Last year, nearly 400 people attended. Past picnics were free for everyone. Civic Association member dues covered all picnic costs. As picnic attendance has increased, Civic Association reserve funds have gradually declined. This year, with 65% of our residents as paid Civic Association members, and with expected picnic costs, we anticipate a shortfall of up to \$500 in our 2015 budget.

Because of our anticipated budget crunch, if you have not yet joined the Civic Association, I urge you to do so now. Our dues are just \$25. Many of our members also include an additional voluntary contribution with their dues.

I want to thank all of our members for their support and our volunteers for making our annual picnic such a success. I hope you and your family will join us on September 12!

Bruce

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

And it's time again! Our eagerly awaited annual Timber Farms Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 (Rain date: Sunday September 13). This year again, we plan to have the Double Slides, Moon Bounce, Pony rides, Mister Softee, Games, Door Prizes and plenty of food and drinks (more ideas welcome). If you would like to help in any way in planning or execution, please send an email to: thomaslayman@comcast.net OR muks.mehta@gmail.com. We are looking forward to yet another fun-filled, exciting picnic!

As you all know, various such events that we plan each year makes Timber Farms stand out amongst other neighborhood subdivisions. All the residents look forward to these events and the Organizers strive to improve each year with the experience and feedback. Please note that these events each year are paid for by Timber Farms Civic membership. So, if you have not done yet, we encourage you to send in your Civic membership dues of \$ 25.00 to P.O. Box 489, Bear, DE. 19701.

If you would like to help in any way in planning or execution, please send an email to thomaslayman@comcast.net or muks.mehta@ gmail.com.We are looking forward to yet another fun-filled, exciting picnic! We are looking forward to yet another fun-filled, exciting picnic!

Are you talented at face-painting, or making balloon creations? Would you enjoy demonstrating a favorite hobby like jewelry making, or flyfishing?

We are looking for Timber Farms residents who have talents or interests that they want to share with us at our annual picnic on September 12. This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about our neighbors. If you have something to share, we will reserve space for you at the picnic.

Email us at TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com. Tell us what you would like to demonstrate and how much space you need.

Tom Layman and Mukesh Mehta Picnic Coordinators



#### TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

In recent months we have experienced damage to our homes electrical system resulting in damage to home appliances and stress placed on home wiring due to electrical surges. Senator Townsend will be addressing this issue with future legislation to improve the responsibility of Delmarva's electrical distribution. As a reminder, to minimize damage to your electrical appliances and wiring it is a good idea to install a whole house surge protector.

The last section of phase three home construction has met an interruption in construction. There is a challenge in the design of storm water management with regards to the placement of drainage

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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

#### LETTER FROM SENATOR BRYAN TOWNSEND

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! As summer 2015 begins to wind down, I want to provide you with a few quick updates. First and foremost, please never hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. I have saved the feedback I received after the Delmarva Power surge earlier this year, and I plan to work on legislation for 2016 that will be designed to encourage a different outcome than the one so many homeowners along Old Baltimore Pike have faced. Second, the difficult budget discussions in 2015 were only a preview of the bigger challenges we face in 2016. Once economic projections are clearer next year, we will know how large a budget gap we will have to solve by next June 30. Whatever the outcome, there's no doubt it will involve significant changes in Dover. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this in more detail. Finally, Lilianna and I continue to look forward to joining you as Timber Farms neighbors once construction in Phase III begins. It is an honor to represent the Timber Farms community, and we are excited at the chance to become members of it, too.

Sincerely,

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

#### **INFORMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. VIOLA**

Out of all the services and programs state government is responsible for, few are as closely tied to public safety, job creation, economic activity and our quality of life as infrastructure – the maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and highways in our community and across our state.

This year I joined my fellow Democratic lawmakers in the General Assembly in a successful effort to invest more in Delaware's infrastructure and begin to make a serious dent in the huge backlog of transportation projects that have been delayed or abandoned due to a lack of state funding.

Investment in our transportation network is a direct investment in safer roads, less congestion, good middle-class jobs, and the growth of our small businesses and local economy.

By passing legislation to revise a slate of DMV fees that hadn't been touched in 20 or 30 years, we secured an additional \$330 million in infrastructure funds over the next six years. As a result, a total of 51 new or previously delayed road projects across the state will now move ahead with this funding.

In the 26th District, DelDOT is planning four key projects that will improve our daily commutes and make it easier to get around in our area. I will keep you updated as these projects progress through the design and engineering phases and move toward construction:

• US 40 widening, Salem Church Road to Walther Road (New project moving ahead with this year's additional funding)

• SR 72/Old Baltimore Pike intersection safety improvements

• SR 273/Chapman Road intersection improvements (New project moving ahead with this year's additional funding)

Old Baltimore Pike/Salem Church Road intersection safety
improvements

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piping. As of last report, restriction placed on the permits and design by the EPA will require resubmitting permits with updated design to allow the installation of drainage piping within wetlands. Hopefully we will see a quick remedy to this situation to allow for the completion of this project.

Recently the maintenance association contacted residents to fulfill the request of a resident that is investigating the process of changing the deed to allow solar energy. Currently our deed does not support solar energy. The process would allow for a vote to change the deed. The cost of this process is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 400 dollars to accommodate mailing of the voting ballot, and would not be paid out of our assessment dues. The funding for the mailing will have to be paid by those wanting to change the deed. At the time of this letter we have received about twelve replies from residents, some in support of the change and others not supporting the deed change. In order to change the deed, we would need a minimum of 51% of the residents to modify the deed to allow solar energy.

With only a minimum of residents supporting the change, this issue will be placed on the back burner until further interest is generated to involve the voting process.

Regards,

Dave Schneider TFMA President

# The Timber Farms Voice

#### INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN DAVID TACKETT

Summer is always a busy time filled with family events and home projects. Councilman Tackett wants to remind you to reach out to the Land Use Department in New Castle County to make sure that your project has all the necessary permits before you begin. You can call them at 302-395-5400 or check out the frequently asked Questions (FAQ) section on the County website at www.nccde. org/195/Home-Improvements Also please be aware that your Deed Restrictions supersede the County Code so make sure you look over them before you put any plans into action.

New Castle County Police have had several calls from nearby neighborhoods regarding thefts from vehicles. These thefts were from vehicles parked in driveways, or on the street, and had at least one door unlocked. Police encourage residents to lock their car doors and roll up windows so you won't become an easy target for opportunistic thieves. They also remind residents to call 911 to report suspicious persons or vehicles in your community.

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before October 31, 2015. Next issue: November 2015.

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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

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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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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

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