



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank our picnic co-chairmen, Tom Layman and Mukesh Mehta, for making our annual picnic such a success again this year. The picnic was held on Sunday, September 13, since the weather on Saturday was rainy. More than 280 residents and guests attended. I also want to thank the many volunteers who help make this event happen each year.

On Saturday, October 24, many of our residents joined the Christiana High School band for our annual Halloween parade and costume contest. Congratulations to all costume contest winners.

Judging for our annual Timber Farms holiday home decorating contest will be held on Friday, December 18th or Saturday, December 19th, starting at 6pm.

Timber Farms has both a Maintenance Corporation and a Civic Association. All residents are members of the Maintenance Corporation and are required to pay annual dues, which were \$165 for 2015. The Maintenance Corporation is responsible for maintaining our common open space areas, snow removal, and enforcing our deed restrictions. If you want to add or modify a fence, deck or shed, or make significant changes to your home's exterior, contact the Maintenance Association (TimberFarmsMaint@aol.com) for approval. You can get copies of our deed restrictions and Maintenance Corporation by-laws and budgets on our web site (www.timberfarmscivic.org) by following the Maintenance Corporation link.

Membership in our Civic Association is voluntary, with annual dues just \$25 per household this year. The Civic Association organizes neighborhood social events, publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains the web site, and coordinates email communication with residents. Currently, 70% of our residents are Civic Association members. If you aren't a member, please consider joining us.

A one-page document entitled Who Do I Ask? is available to help you understand the responsibilities of our Maintenance Corporation and Civic Association. A copy is available on our web site.

Bruce

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Home Decorating Contest for the holidays will be judged on either Friday, December 18th or Saturday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Highlights of the October 21, 2015 Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation Meeting

The meeting was called to order and the highlights of the meeting were as follows.

Solar Energy Vote Results: As many of you are aware the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation mailed to each home a voting ballot. This ballot was sent out for consideration of the proposed amendment for allowing installation of solar panels. The results of the vote were 153 in favor of removing the deed restriction and 45 opposing the

removal. The removal of the restriction will now allow solar panels to be installed. Our attorney will process the change to our deed and file the change with the Recorder of Deeds.

Snow Removal Contract: Our snow removal contract has been signed for the 2015-2016 season. Included in the snow budget are allowances for salting. This season we have included salt to be applied to our major intersections and entrance areas. We will have salt applied upon direction from the board, since it is not reimbursed from the state and it does add a measurable cost to the operation.

Election of Officers: The Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation held its election of officers during the October membership meeting. The results of the two-year term are as follows:

David Schneider Robert Oakes John Verdi

Mukesh Mehta Rolf Joerger Linda Olds

I would like to acknowledge the officers that did not accept their nomination. Mike Lukas has served on the maintenance Board since the beginning of our charter. Mike has been a supporting officer serving as President, Architectural Review officer and General officer. I would like to thank Mike for his years of supporting our community. Chris Cascio has served on the Board for eight years. Chris has brought many ideas and suggestions to improve our business and community. Chris and his family will be moving in the upcoming month. I thank Chris and we wish him and his family all the best in their new home.

Best Regards,

Dave Schneider, President

COMMUNITY CORNER

2015 Timber Farms Civic Association's Annual Picnic:

Once again this year, we successfully held our iconic Annual summer event - Timber Farms Civic Association's Annual Picnic! This year, it was held on Sunday, September 13th, 2015 from 3 to 6 p.m.

After a 3-week drought, finally weather experts forecasted the rain on Saturday, Sep 12 – our actually planned date for the picnic. Our very hard working picnic committee quickly scrambled around at the last minute and reorganized the support from all the vendors for our rain-date of Sunday. In spite of unavailability of some of our organizers on Sunday, rest of the planning committee and volunteers were determined to still have a successful event. And we did it! By our estimates based on the signups of attendees for the nametags, approximately 280 Timber Farms residents and their guests attended this fun-filled event.

Once again this year, we had the Giant slide, Moon Bounce and Pony rides for the fun of kids by age and at-the-heart. While we missed Stubby the Helicopter, instead we had face-painting with the untiring help from the Tackett ladies and Genevieve Spence. Kids aging from 2 to elders aging at 65+ got various items painted either on their face, hands, legs or heads!

Bryan Locke and his girlfriend labored and cooked throughout the entire picnic till the end with the help of Dave Schneider to keep everyone's hunger under control. That was one HOT job, we must say!

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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

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Dave Frampton, with the help from some volunteers kept the Football Toss going. Kids were once again, happy to collect \$1 prize while having the fun with the toss.

Rocky Bluewinkle had to attend the playoffs so he couldn't make it this year but hopefully, will make an appearance for our next picnic. As always, Mister Softee is hit with folks of all the ages. Finally, being Emcee, Josh Grant once again called out the Ground (door) prizes. Throughout the event, Josh kept everyone entertained by playing requests from them. People of all ages were seen dancing to their favorite tunes near the Emcee or wherever they were. Josh was certainly the icing on the cake!

We want to thank LC Homes for sponsoring the Moon Bounce and Giant Slide once again this year. Big "Thank You" to The Payne and Taddei families, for once again volunteering their electric outlets for our use.

This year's Picnic committee was Co-Chaired by Tom Layman and Mukesh Mehta with a great help from the old-timers like Bob Oakes, Vanessa Spence, Elaine Little, Bruce Lipphardt, Dave Frampton, Linda Olds, Dave Schneider, Wanda Prigg and few others on-and-off fields.

Once again, it was our honor to be asked to co-chair this year's picnic and we hope to have many more year-after-year.

Tom Layman and Mukesh Mehta

2015 Annual Halloween Parade: Timber Farms Civic Association held its annual Halloween parade this past Saturday, October 24th. The parade was led by a decorated 2008 Shelby GT500 Mustang driven by John Verdi followed once again (16th year) by the Christiana High School Marching band followed by all the ghosts, goblins, Dracula, grim reaper's, cowboys, angel, princess, witches and much more.

Many thanks to the judges Tom Layman, Tony Jones, Shilpa Mehta and

Pooja Mehta. Once again judging was a very difficult job with so many great costumes. Mister Softee was once again a big hit giving out 232 ice cream cones to band members, children and Moms and Dads.

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INFORMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. VIOLA

Projects in our Area

In the 26th District, DelDOT is planning several 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. (Note: Projects listed in bold are new or previously delayed projects that are moving ahead as a result of infrastructure funding legislation passed this year.)

- US 40 widening, Salem Church Road to Walther Road
- SR 72/Old Baltimore Pike intersection safety improvements
- SR 273/Chapman Road intersection improvements
- Old Baltimore Pike/Salem Church Road intersection safety improvements

In New Castle County at large, DelDOT is working on the following list of projects:

- I-95/SR 896 interchange
- I-95/Carr Road/Marsh interchange safety improvements
- Newark Train Station
- SR 1 widening, SR 273 to Roth Bridge
- SR 1 northbound auxiliary lane, US 40 to SR 273
- US 40 and SR 896 grade separated interchange
- Christiana Mall park and ride
- NCCo industrial Track Greenway Phase III
- I-95/SR 141 interchange improvements
- I-495/Philadelphia Pike safety improvements
- Christina River Bridge
- Claymont Train Station

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN DAVID TACKETT

Glasgow Park- Tree Lighting Celebration

Save the date for this fabulous evening of fun for the whole family. The Glasgow Park Tree lighting has become a wonderful tradition and this year we are happy to say that the location has changed! We will be unveiling the newest buildings and the pavilion in phase 1 of the rehabilitation project on the eastern side of the park at Rt40 and 896(See the map on the back of this newsletter). We are closer to the larger parking areas and to make it more convenient we will be providing shuttle busses from all the parking lots. There will be snacks, singing Santa and a some surprises!

Friday December 11th from 5-8pm

Happenings Guide: Great things are happening in New Castle County in the upcoming months. There is a complete listing of County events and activities in our quarterly Happenings guide, a comprehensive resource for all County-related activities and programs. Happenings guides are available online at <http://www.nccde.org/255/The-Happenings-Guide> or in print (English or Spanish) at all NCC libraries or by requesting them from Councilman Tackett's office 395-8371.

New Castle County Boards and Commissions: Do you have life experience and a desire to serve your community? New Castle County is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions on our boards and commissions. If becoming a member of one of these essential groups is something you would like to learn more about please contact us at 395-8371 or visit the New Castle County Boards and Commissions Website and learn about the different boards and available positions. <http://nccde.org/305/Boards-Commissions> .

Distraction Burglaries: ATTENTION: Please alert your family members of distraction type burglaries occurring in NCCo. We've had burglary

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where the subject posed as a water company worker just last Friday and others prior to that where they were claiming to be landscapers. Don't let anyone in your home that can't prove their legitimacy with an ID proving they are from a reputable company. If you aren't sure, call the company to confirm or call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Package Pirates: The New Castle County Police would like to warn residents about the risk of having packages delivered to an empty home.

The holiday season is right around the corner and many residents have started online shopping to beat the shopping mall rush. Unfortunately, "Package Pirates" are on the look-out for an easy grab.

Last year, the New Castle County Police received a total of 98 complaints regarding the theft of packages. Nearly half of the reports were received in the months of November and December. Recently, there have been reports of suspicious vehicles following delivery trucks. We have a few tips to keep "Package Pirates" and Grinches from taking your packages.

- Opt to require a signature for all package deliveries. Residents should review the delivery options at "check-out" for there is an option to leave specific delivery instructions for the delivery company on where to leave packages.
- Consider sending the package to a family member or trusted neighbor who is home during the day to accept the delivery.
- Use the "pick-up at store" option for merchandise or pick-up packages at a local UPS or FedEx location.
- Sign-up for e-mail or text message alerts from UPS or FedEx. These alerts will notify customers of when packages were delivered.

Remember, if you are a victim of a theft; please call the New Castle County Police

<https://youtu.be/3ZSAYiR7zs>

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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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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

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I am collecting only Iams and Eukanuba empty dog food bags all sizes. If you would save your empty bags and let me know, I will stop over and pick them up. You can email be at Bulld307@aol.com or call 302-454-7187. Thanks Maegan

--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--Spring Clean-Ups—Landscaping, Mulching, Pruning, Pavers, Sodding, LED Lighting. Call for a free & prompt estimate. 731-1660

Tri-State Remodeling offering Group Rate to all Timber Farms residents for all exterior home improvements. Roofing - Windows - Siding - Soffit/Fascia - Gutters - Entry/Sliding/ Garage Door Replacement. Please call (302) 444-8314 to request an estimate or email at john@tristateremodels.com

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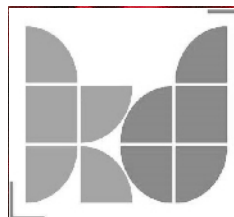
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