



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is having a great new year. We've certainly had some changing weather to keep things interesting. As we move into spring, remember to set aside items to sell during our neighborhood yard sale in May. This is also a great time to review safety and security in your home. Take a moment to consider these five things:

Smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors – I noticed recently that my smoke detectors were installed in 1994, probably when the home was built. I've replaced all of them, and added a carbon monoxide detector on the second floor. Smoke and fire detectors should be replaced every ten years. Your detectors probably have a date of manufacture on them. Are they more than ten years old? Test all detectors regularly and replace batteries when needed.

Fire extinguishers – Do you have working fire extinguishers that are easily accessible? It is recommended to have extinguishers on each floor of your home, and extinguishers that are easily accessible from the kitchen and garage. Inspect your extinguishers regularly. Replace any extinguisher when the gauge pressure drops below the green band.

Fire escape ladders – There are several types of inexpensive portable fire escape ladders available (check Lowes or Home Depot for some ideas). These ladders can be stored in a closet and quickly installed at a second story window to provide a safe escape route in the event of a fire. Consider buying one and practice using it with all family members until everyone is comfortable with this evacuation route.

Lock your cars at night – No cars should be parked on the street overnight. Any cars in your driveway should be locked, and any items inside the car should be out of sight. We periodically get reports of overnight thefts from parked cars. These always occur with cars that are unlocked. Help us discourage potential thieves by keeping your cars locked.

Close your garage doors at night – We also get periodic reports of overnight thefts from garages. These thefts occur when garage doors are left open. Make it a habit to check that your garage doors are securely closed each night before going to bed. If you see a neighbor's garage door open after dark, call them and let them know. Don't let Timber Farms become a target for thieves.

The Civic Association publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains the neighborhood web site, coordinates neighborhood events (Easter Egg hunt, yard sale, fall picnic, Halloween parade), and keeps you informed by email. Your dues help support all of these activities. Please send in your dues (\$25 per household) and join us in 2016!

Bruce

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Timber Farms Maintenance Board held its annual budget meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Members in attendance: Dave Schneider – president, John Verde – vice president, Bob Oakes – financial, Linda Olds – recording secretary, Rolf Joerger and Mukesh Metha.

The highlights and summary of that meeting are as follows.

The agenda for the meeting:

Review 2015 expenses and approve the 2016 budget.

Approve the assessments for 2016.

Repairs and upgrades to our entrance camera

Security Patrol contractors

The turn over of 25 acres of phase 3 open space.

Filling open responsibilities of our Board Officers.

Replacing the Board President.

Any new business.

The Board reviewed the expenses and treasurer's report of the 2015 year. It was determined that the financial expenses for 2015 will be adjusted slightly to accommodate the estimate of the 2016 budget. The 2016 maintenance budget was approved and it is available on our web site for review.

The assessments for 2016 were discussed and after reviewing the balance of the corporation's money market accounts and no foreseen capital projects the amount of our assessments will remain at the current rate of \$ 165.00 per year.

Our security camera was repaired and upgraded with a higher capacity memory. Bruce Lipphardt volunteered to review the camera's performance and make improvements to the camera for a higher level of operation. Bruce was successful with the modifications to improve the optical and memory performance. Our security camera is again in full operation. Thanks Bruce for a great job and for your time and efforts spent!

The Board discussed our current security patrols. Currently we contract Chesapeake Security to patrol our community on a scheduled basis. It was suggested and approved that we improve our security patrols by including the New Castle Police. The NCC Police will be used along with Chesapeake to patrol our development. One of the benefits of hiring the NCC Police is they will perform requested duties while on our time. These duties will include all parameters of their responsibilities including issuing citations and controlling speeding.

The final phase of our development will include the "turning over" of 25 acres of open space to the maintenance corporation. The partnering of New Castle County Land Use, the developer, and our maintenance office will assure that any discrepancies will be resolved before the turn over is finalized.

The results of our recent election resulted in new residents becoming new members of our Maintenance Board. Rolf Joerger will replace Mike Lucas as our officer of the architectural review committee and Linda Olds will serve as our recording secretary.

I have brought to the attention of the Board my decision to step down as president. My decision was made based on our plans to relocate later this year. The agreement was made that I will begin a transition period where the new president will be brought up to speed to become comfortable with our business process. I have asked Mukesh Metha, one of the new members to assume the president's position within the next few months. Mukesh accepted to serve as president until the next election.

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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

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Board discussed the recent snow fall that impacted our development with over 11 inches of accumulation. A new process has started of posting on our web site the progress of the stages of the snow removal contractor. This idea was intended to eliminate or minimize the inconvenience of multiple shoveling of the driveways entrance. By posting the multiple times our contractor visits our community this will inform our residents of the last "pass" of the snow removal process. When the last pass is posted, the driveway entrance can be cleared without subsequent passes annoying your efforts. So please monitor this information during our next snow event.

Any questions or comments, please forward to our web site.

Best Regards,

Dave Schneider
President TFMA

COMMUNITY CORNER

Timber Farms Civic Associations Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest:

Congratulations to the following 2015 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

1. The Quinn Family 512 W. Hummock Lane
2. The Cahalza Family 540 W. Hummock Lane
3. The Zolnowski Family 658 Timber Wood Blvd

Honorable Mention:

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| The Butcher Family | 36 Anthony Drive |
| The Kwoka Family | 45 Anthony Drive |
| The Grant Family | 121 Woodland Road |
| The Chadick Family | 218 W Silver fox |

LETTER FROM SENATOR BRYAN TOWNSEND

Dear Timber Farms,

After several years of hopeful waiting, Lilianna and I are excited to be members of the Timber Farms community! We are preparing to move in to our home on Timber Wood Boulevard, and we look forward to being your neighbors!

As I run for U.S. Congress in the September 13 primary election, I remain active on legislation in Dover. I will continue to work on criminal justice reform, campaign finance and government transparency, and education initiatives. I also am available to assist with any questions or suggestions that come up. As always, please never hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Bryan

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INFORMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. VIOLA

The General Assembly began the second half of the legislative session in January, introducing bills and considering others that were left on our plate after we ended session last year. We are out of session for legislative budget hearings until March.

Our primary focus as we move further into session will be the fiscal 2017 budget. Governor Markell proposed his budget in January, and we will be evaluating it closely to make sure we maintain core services that Delawareans rely on. I will be keeping a close eye on budgetary and legislative issues that impact our community – whether it's funding for infrastructure projects nearby or bills that would affect our area in some fashion.

I anticipate that we also will be considering legislation that affect Delawareans of all walks of life: women, blue collar workers, the middle class, veterans, children, seniors and others in need. I encourage everyone to be engaged in the issues, learn about them and please voice your views.

I am currently pushing legislation that would help people with disabilities in Delaware by incorporating federal standards for accessible parking spaces found in the Americans with Disabilities Act. I'm hopeful that this bill will get passed in the coming weeks to provide Delawareans with some uniformity when it comes to parking spaces.

If you have questions or need to contact my office for anything, please don't hesitate to reach me at (302) 744-4351 or at John.Viola@state.de.us.

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN DAVID TACKETT

Changes in Animal Services for Delaware

The Division of Public Health announced the launch of statewide animal control services on January 1, 2016.

Delaware Animal Services (DAS), the Office of Animal Welfare, enforces all dog control, animal cruelty, and rabies control. This Special Note: The City of Wilmington will maintain services until June 30, 2016, at which time services will transfer to Delaware Animal Services.

Delaware Animal Services is a 24/7 Operation:

DAS takes calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Delaware residents wishing to report stray or injured animals, animal cruelty, or rabies exposures. The in-house dispatch service operates between 8:00 a.m. –

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8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. After-hours calls are received by our call service, which will dispatch emergency calls to on-call officers.

Convenient Reporting Options:

Residents can contact Delaware Animal Services at 302-255-4646.

Wide Variety of Services:

Delaware Animal Services will respond to calls for assistance with stray or aggressive dogs, seriously injured/ill or endangered cats, and stray livestock. They also provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies

when necessary, facilitate dog licensing, and investigate all reports of animal cruelty. DAS enforces rabies control laws and investigates all cases of human rabies exposures to ensure animals are properly quarantined. Finally, the officers conduct kennel and retail pet store inspections.

Service Website with Lost and Found Pet Registry: <https://animalservices.delaware.gov/>

On January 1, DAS launched the first state Lost and Found Pet Registry, enabling owners to easily find lost pets retrieved by officers or local shelters, and allowing owners of lost pets to post alerts

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before April 30, 2016. Next issue: May 2016.

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.

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).

Kenneth Hill – Handyman – Repairs/Remodeling (kitchens/bathrooms, Mason/brick work/cement, waterproofing basements, drywall, etc....)

Computer Learning Classes (Basic computer and Word and Excel and more): We have quality teachers who are affordable, well-educated and will do their best to make your learning process efficient and fun. Call (302) 345-1025 for information.

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Rosie Tooley (Timber Farm Resident) Licensed Real Estate Agent-KW Commercial, Licensed in Delaware & Pennsylvania, Cell/Text 267-939-7227 or Office 302-733-2300

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

Healing Touch Energy Therapy: Great for relaxation, stress reduction, calming anxiety/depression, pain management, strengthening the immune system, enhancing recovery from surgery, supporting cancer care, easing acute and chronic conditions, etc. First session complimentary. Call Judie Rodgers, HTPA, on 302-273-2937.

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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.

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.

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!

Professional & Friendly Services for your Beauty Needs :Hema's Beauty (LADIES ONLY) 652 Timber Wood Blvd Newark, DE 19702 Ph: (609) 284-4725 / (302) 266-7141 Mon - Fri 9:00am To 7:30pm Sat-Sun 10:30am To 2:30pm

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

Security System! AT&T Digital Life home security and automation including camera and garage door control from your mobile phone. Stay connected with your home from anywhere for \$54.99 a month. Contact Shelley Kruse 302-229-3449 Timber Farm resident since 1998.

FOR SALE: Cast Iron ventless gas heater with 1200 BTU variable heat. Asking 100.00 Call Chris at 610-675-7918. Also a 10 by 20 canopy for 30.00 (brand new)

FOR SALE: Dining room set, includes table, 6 chairs, hutch and buffet, \$200 or best offer. Call Camille at 302-528-2260.

FREE: Child's desk and chair, painted pink. Call Camille at 302-528-2260.

FREE: Treadmill, needs to be repaired. Call Camille at 302-528-2260.

--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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