



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This is a great time of year to enjoy some time outdoors. Consider taking a walk around the 2.6 mile paved walking path along the perimeter of Glasgow Park, near the intersection of Routes 40 and 896. It takes about one hour, and includes some terrific scenery. Another fun, accessible walking route is the paved Mike Castle Trail along the northern side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. This trail connects Delaware City and Chesapeake City, Maryland. There are two free parking areas with trail access, and both have bathrooms available. I've walked or biked much of the trail at different times, and I've really enjoyed the wildlife and scenery I've seen along the way.

Our Civic Association secretary, Camille Dinon, moved out of Timber Farms at the end of April.

I want to sincerely thank Camille for her service as both secretary and newsletter coordinator since January 2007. Camille has done an outstanding job as a board member, and with our meeting minutes and newsletters. Thank you very much Camille. We will miss you.

Election of a new secretary will take place during our regular elections in November. We are working to identify an interim secretary to serve for the remainder of 2016. If you are able to help us out as interim secretary, please contact us as soon as possible. I'm very pleased that Aleah Estevez, a Brandywine High School sophomore and Timber Farms resident, has agreed to serve as newsletter coordinator. Aleah is a staff member on her school's newspaper. We are so grateful to have your help Aleah. Thank you for helping us!

We now have more than 170 residents as 2016 members of the Civic Association. Thank you all for your continued support. Many members also sent voluntary additional contributions, which are greatly appreciated and help to support our annual events and this newsletter. If you aren't a current member, please join and help support us this year.

Bruce

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Timber Farms Civic Association's Community Garage Sale - Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The original date for our garage sale was May 21, because of the forecast of rain it was rescheduled for June 4. For once the weather forecast was correct.....it rained. If you're going to participate in the sale email us at timberfarmscivic@aol.com with your address. It will once again be placed on the garage sale maps that can be picked up by the shoppers when entering Timber Farms. Thanks to Sherwin

Cabalza, Linda Olds, Elaine Little, Mukesh Mehta, Jennifer Colby, Dave Frampton, Rosey Tooley for volunteering to pass out the maps at the entrance.

## GRADUATION NOTICES

Kiara Armorer, graduating from Delaware State University

Lauren Cardamone, Goldey Beacon College, Bachelor of Science

Anthony Dougherty, graduating from Yale High School

Eve-Joellyn Dupree, graduating from RN Beebe School of Nursing

Danae Evans, graduating from University of Delaware

Robert Evans, graduating from Temple Law

Ryan Feely, St. Joseph's University with a BS in Food Marketing

Sadie Gamgort, graduating from Newark Charter, 8th Grade

William B Hickman, Boston University, School of Medicine

Brianna Kowal, Wilmington University, Bachelor of Science

Michelle Little, graduating from Padua Academy

Kenn Major, graduating from Christiana High School

Uriah Major, graduating from Gateway

Ryan Merritt, graduating from St. Georges Technical High School

Katelyn Shoemaker, Red Lion HS, will be attending Geneva College

Erika Silliman, graduating from University of Delaware

Dylan Spence, University of BS Physics, BS Applied Mathematics  
Accepted into the PhD Mathematics program at Indiana University at Bloomington

Emily Tackett, graduating from Glasgow Christian Academy

Brandon Thompson, graduating from Rowan University, Political Science

Rachel Truskolawski, graduating from University of Delaware

Hayley and Ryan Thompson, graduating from St. Elizabeth High School

Cassie Vincelette, graduating from Univ. of Delaware, Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emily Wolfe, graduating from Juniata College, Bachelor of Science

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

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## INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

### **Policing in New Castle County:**

It's been three and a half years since New Castle County Police started using the Targeted Analytical Policing System or **TAPS** and I feel like people are starting to understand the message - **If you see something, Say something.**

When we started with TAPS our goal with was to reduce the overall amount of crime in New Castle County. This would let us be more proactive in our patrols instead of just reacting to 911 calls.

TAPS relies on people like you and me calling 911 anytime we see crimes taking place but; also calling when we notice something out of the ordinary, like a suspicious car or person. As I always stress when talking about the safety of our communities, the important thing is to call, call, call! Well, you did call, and the results are pretty amazing. After one year, overall crime countywide had decreased 10 percent and after 3 years, overall crime in New Castle County is down 22.2 percent. Homicides in New Castle County over the three year period fell 13.2 percent and shootings/shots fired complaints dropped 29.4 and 28.1 percent, respectively. The Property Crime Initiative also helped drive down burglaries, thefts and vehicle thefts by 32.9 percent, 23.9 percent and 11.2 percent, respectively.

So keep up the good work and call 911 anytime you see anything suspicious.

Be safe,

Dave

## TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

One of our Maintenance Corporation's obligations is to maintain and improve our community. I have received interest from other residents questioning the condition of the exterior of some of the homes in our community. It is the responsibility of the home owner to maintain the structure which includes maintaining the exterior as well as the overall building. During one of our recent Board Meetings I mentioned that a drive through inspection of our community should be considered and notify home owners of the exterior repairs.

I have been in discussion with New Castle County Code and my intention is to partner with the guidelines of the New Castle County Building Code to address exterior repairs.

Not maintaining the damaged exterior of the home can lead to water damage. Water can enter the inner walls where it can cause mold and deteriorating conditions. The combination of these neglected repairs can lead to major damage to the structure and lower curb appeal.

I will update when I complete my discussion with the appropriate parties.

LC Homes has turned over \$16800.00 to our maintenance corporation. This money is funding paid by the builder for the 56 homes that make up the final phase of the construction. Three hundred dollars is paid to the maintenance corporation for each home shown on the building plan.

We have contracted a new security company. Bayside Security began patrolling our community as of last week. The benefits of Bayside feature foot patrols through our open spaces and playgrounds, and mobile patrolling with marked cars. Their patrols times and dates will vary to minimize patterns in patrolling.

As always, any questions or comments please forward.

Dave Schneider

Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation.

## MINUTES OF FIRST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Timber Farms Civic Associations first meeting was held on October 12, 1992. The meeting was called to order by Jim Ferguson at 7:15 p.m. Jim and many others from our community have been working for about eight months to get our civic association started.. The purpose of the meeting was to update the community on activities in the area, discuss and accept the by-laws nominate officers and vote them into office.

State Representative Rich Davis discussed the work being done to Old Baltimore Pike. The current schedule calls for about one year to clear trees and move dirt, two years of changes in traffic patterns in the area. As it stands now there will be one lane in each direction with a full lane shoulder and one center lane for turns. Rich and others are trying to convince the state to stripe the road for two lanes each direction.

The following were elected: President Jim Ferguson, Vice President Bob Martin, Secretary Carol Slotis, Treasure Chuck Vincelette. Attendance 38 residents. Chuck is the only one of the officers that still lives in Timber Farms.

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