



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The first meeting of the Timber Farms Civic Association was held in October 1992. At that meeting, the new neighborhood residents discussed issues related to managing open spaces and the future formation of a maintenance corporation. Twenty five years later, with a neighborhood of more than 300 homes, the Civic Association is still going strong, with active participation from many residents and volunteers. I congratulate all of you on your efforts over those twenty five years to keep our organization energetic and engaged. I regularly receive comments from our local legislators and police officers about how active and visible we are. At our recent meeting on November 15th, New Castle County Councilman and Timber Farms resident Dave Tackett presented us with a proclamation honoring the Civic Association on our 25th anniversary. Congratulations again to all of you.

Corporal Perry Sorrels, a New Castle County Police Officer, is our new Community Services representative. He attended our recent Civic Association meeting, and gave us an update on police activity in our area. He also commented that the attendance at our meeting was the largest he had ever seen for a civic association. He answered several questions from our residents. Corporal Perry also suggested that every household make a habit of doing daily 9:00pm checks for home safety. These should include making sure all doors and windows are locked, all cars are locked, all garage doors are closed, and no ladders are up near the house that could give access to second floor windows.

I want to thank Aleah Estevez, a Timber Farms resident and a senior at Brandywine High School, for her continued volunteer efforts as the coordinator of our newsletter since April 2016. Each quarter, Aleah assembles all of the newsletter content and works with our printer to layout and print each issue. Thanks for all of your help Aleah!

I always enjoy seeing our Timber Farms homes decorated for the holidays. We will be judging home decorations during the evening of Saturday, December 23 as part of our annual home decorating contest. Remember to turn on the holiday lights that evening!

Bruce

COMMUNITY CORNER

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The first edition of our community Newsletter was named "Timber Farms News" Vol. 1 No. 1 and was issued on January 1, 1995. It said, "The Timber Farms News Staff is holding a contest for residents to submit their ideas for the official newsletter name. Each entry should include an actual newsletter title as well as a subtitle which best describes the community." In the following edition the winners were announced. The winners of the newsletter contest were Dan Stone, who won the \$25 gift certificate for the title "The Timber Farms Voice." The Juhdens will receive a 50% discount on next year's dues for the subtitle "Neighbors Working Together." Twenty-two years later The Timber Farms Voice has been distributed to all the residents of Timber Farms, never missing an issue.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC 2017

Yet again, we had an exciting, fun-filled Summer picnic on Sept. 9th here at Timber Farms. Like last year, the picnic was open for the members and family of our Civic Association. Efforts from the planning committee: Mukesh Mehta, Bruce Lipphardt, Linda Olds, Jennifer Hostetler, Dave Frampton, Dave Schneider, Rajesh Veeragandham, Wanda Prigg and Bob Oakes resulted in outstanding execution on the picnic day. In spite of some initial issues like faulty extension power cord, leak in the giant inflatable sides and cotton candy machine without an operator, organizers did not budge a bit. With efficient troubleshooting by few committee members, all the issues were overcome and attendees could enjoy every aspect of the picnic. Mother nature was very much in our favor, blessing us with awesome sunny day with temperature in low 70s. As every year, we have been very fortunate with a number of volunteers - adults and kids alike who tirelessly worked in harmony right from planning to execution up to and on the day of the event. We had volunteers picking up all the food and supplies at Costco ahead, storing all of our food and supplies, setting up tents, tables, chairs, food tables, Welcome/ Sign-in table, cooking the food on the grill, doing football toss for the kids, the list goes on and on. DJ played music all afternoon and kept audience abreast of activities with regular announcements. Apart from giant slides and moon bounce, kids also enjoyed the pony ride. As always, every attendant loves the Mr. Softee ice cream at the end! Association was fortunate this year to get some new membership added at the

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sign-in as some of the non-members right away saw the worth of our nominal annual membership fees. To end the fantastic event, families gathered for a lucky draw of raffle prizes. With the efforts from our committee members, this year we were able to offer 25 raffle prizes. No wonder, our residents look forward to our annual picnic every year! We hope to arrange such successful events year-after year.

Mukesh Mehta
Chairman, Picnic Committee

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE 2017

Like each year, this year also Timber Farms Civic Association held Halloween Parade. Parade was held on October 28 starting at the junction of Timber Wood Blvd and Woodland Road, continuing down Woodland Road, finally ending at the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove Drive. Around 75 kids and a few dogs participated with awesome costumes – some scary, some pretty and some outright funny. The parade was led by Dave Schneider in Bruce Lipphardt's classic Corvette convertible "Stingray" car followed by the Christiana High School band. They have led our parade for the past 19 years for which we are very thankful to them. Six Judges - Pooja Mehta, Kelly Oldis, Jun Yan, Christiana Emmanuel, Stephanie Deluna and Jennifer Hague volunteered for the 2017 Halloween Parade. Many thanks to the judges for choosing our final 11 winners as the judging was a very difficult task with so many great costumes. Mr. Softee was once again big hit giving out 272 ice cream cones to band members, children and moms and dads. 400 bags of popcorn were also given out.

Mukesh Mehta
Chairman, Picnic Committee



Halloween costume winners

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Annual Glasgow Park Tree Lighting Celebration:

Every year this event becomes bigger and better. Please join us on Friday December 8, 2017 as we kick off the holiday season in Glasgow Park. The celebration will begin at 5 in the evening with the Tree Lighting at 7pm. Come out and shop the Holiday Market, grab a bite to eat at one of our food vendors, enjoy music and activities. Santa will be there so make sure you stop by and tell him what's on your list for Christmas.

David L. Tackett, County Councilman

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Highlights of the October, 2017 Timber Farms Maintenance Association Meeting.

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

Snow Removal Contract:

Our snow removal contract has been signed for the 2017-2018 season. Included in the snow budget is allowances for salting. Again 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.

Also please keep in mind that when we have a snow event, that all vehicles are parked in your garage or driveway to aid the contractor in removing the snow.

We will attempt to keep all residents informed of the progress of the contractor during snow plowing.

We hope this information will help our residents decide when to shovel the entrance of their driveway and expect job completion.

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Election of Officers:

The Maintenance Association 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 Verde

Mukesh Mehta
Rolf Joerger
Linda Olds

Best Regards,
Dave Schneider

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