



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It's a brand new year! I hope you and your family are doing well, and enjoying your free time. Spring is right around the corner, and with warmer weather, we will all be able to enjoy some more time outdoors.

During the school year, buses stop every weekday morning between 6:30 and 7:00am at the intersection of East Silver Fox Rd and Timber Wood Blvd. Parents regularly report that some residents speed through this intersection or pass stopped buses that have red lights flashing. The speed limit is 25 MPH in the neighborhood. Please be especially careful while driving through this intersection in the morning, and remember to stop for buses with red flashing lights. Also, if you need to park nearby in the morning, please choose a parking spot that does not block visibility at the intersection. Our children are very important, and we need everyone to look out for them.

If you haven't already joined us this year, please consider doing so. Annual dues are just \$25 per household and help us with quarterly newsletters, neighborhood social events, and our web site. If you are already a member for 2018, thank you for joining us! Last year, more than 70% of our residents were Civic Association members. We hope you will join us this year.

Bruce

INFORMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE VIOLA

The General Assembly returned to session in January and will meet throughout the first half of the year. One of the biggest items we tackle every year is the State of Delaware's operating budget. While past years have been extremely challenging, we are hopeful that increasing revenues will allow us to adequately fund many of the programs residents rely on without resorting to painful cuts to balance the budget.

I'm pleased to announce that we will have a "DMV" on the Go" on-site at the Timber Farms Community Picnic on September 8. If you're not familiar with this service, it's a tremendous program that brings many of the major DMV driver and vehicle services directly to your community. You can get a new driver's license, change your address, renew your vehicle registration, obtain a handicap placard and purchase an E-ZPass transponder. Mark your calendar for this event.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need anything (302-577-8453). You can also follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnviola26

COMMUNITY CORNER

HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following 2017 Holiday Contest Winners:

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| 1. The Quinn Family | 512 W. Hummock Lane |
| 2. The Chadick Family | 218 W. Silver Fox |
| 3. The Oldis Family | 2 Anthony Drive |

Honorable Mentions:

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| The Butcher Family | 36 Anthony Drive |
| The Cabalza Family | 540 W. Hummock Lane |
| The Carosino Family | 116 Woodland Road |
| The Grant Family | 121 Woodland Road |

Great job everyone!

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

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| Feb. 1 | Civic Association Membership Drive |
| Feb. 23 | Newsletter "Timber Farms Voice" |
| Mar. 31 | (Sat.) Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Playground |
| May 19 | (Sat.) Annual Community Garage Sale |
| May 21 | (May and June Graduations Notices-Entrance Bulletin Board) |
| May 25 | Newsletter "Timber Farms Voice" |
| June 6 | (Wed) Civic Association Meeting - Playground |
| Aug. 25 | Newsletter "Timber Farms Voice" |
| Sept. 8 | 25th Annual Community Picnic |
| Oct. 17 | (Wed) Civic Assoc. Meeting - Thurgood Marshall School |
| Oct. 27 | 25th Annual Halloween Parade - Christiana High School Band |
| Nov. 14 | (Wed) Civic Assoc. Meeting - Thurgood Marshall School |
| Nov. 24 | Newsletter "Timber Farms Voice" |
| Dec. 21 | Judging of the Best Decorated Homes |

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INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

I wanted to let the community know that our community policing Officer Sr. Cpl Perry Sorrels has been moved to the community engagement specialist division and will still cover our area on patrols. We now have a new community policing officer, Cpl. William DeJesus, who will be covering our community and I am sure he will attend an upcoming meeting.

One of the first issues Cpl. DeJesus worked on for our community was the issue at the intersection on Timber Woods Blvd/Silver Fox Rd. Parents were reporting that when the school bus was picking up the children and had the flashing red lights on, vehicles were failing to stop. Officer DeJesus visited the site during the time the parents requested and made sure the children got on the bus safely. He also advised that he will be back as time allows to observe the vehicle traffic and issue tickets if he needs to. Officer DeJesus can be reached at WDeJesus@nccde.org.

Please be on alert, drive safely, and observe the speed limits to provide for the safety of everyone on your route.

Your safety is always our main concern. Please keep me posted on any issues and at any time.

Dave Tackett, Councilman 11th District
302-395-8371

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this finds you well and that 2018 is off to a good start.

This year appears to be a relatively calm one in the Delaware General Assembly down in Dover. The circus-like nature of the 2017 budget negotiations should not repeat in 2018, because this year our projected revenues are sufficient to

meet our projected costs. This balance is not expected to last, though; for 2019, we project another major revenue shortfall. Yet it appears that this year legislators are most likely to hunker down, work on smaller legislation rather than big budget solutions, and then wait until after the 2018 elections to tackle the bigger, deeper issues of our structural revenue instabilities.

In our district, major roadwork along or near Old Baltimore Pike continues to move through the construction or planning processes. In the coming months and few short years, please keep an eye on roadway sign alerts, follow the projects on DelDOT's website, or contact me with any questions.

I met with the State Police and the leadership of the I-95 travel plaza, regarding the loud noises that had bothered Timber Farms residents in previous years. They have pledged to coordinate, and I have not received any additional complaints from our neighborhood's residence. Please contact me if noise continues to be an issue from the travel plaza.

Please also never hesitate to contact me with any question, concern, or suggestion on any issue. I do my best to answer all emails, particularly ones that are time-sensitive or involve a specific issue or question I can address. Assisting in this way is one of the most rewarding aspects of having the honor to serve you.

Sincerely,
Bryan Townsend
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TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation held its board meeting on January 28, 2018 to discuss general business and the fiscal budget for 2018. The meeting opened at 7:00 P M, all board members were in attendance.

The first order of business was the review of the 2017 expenses and the proposed 2018 draft budget. The proposed 2018 total income is \$46,905.00. The total budgeted expenses for 2018 is presented at \$46,261.00. The financial was discussed and approved by all Board members and the assessments will remain at \$165.00 per home.

The 2018 assessment bills will be mailed out to all the residents on March 1, 2018 with a due date of April 30, 2018. The 2017 treasurer report as well as the 2018 budget will be included.

Other topics that were discussed are as follows:

A storage shed for the maintenance grounds equipment and our pond generator was again discussed. The board again agreed to obtain estimates to restart this project.

The last section of our open space has not been turned over as of the first of this year. Due to delayed building of the

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last homes we cannot accept the grounds until the county witnesses a final grade and established grass. The turnover will hopefully take place in the spring of this year.

It was discussed to obtain estimates to upgrade our current security camera. These improvements would include an improved broadcasting system and an updated operation system.

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Preschool/Toddlers teacher and Assistant teacher is needed for Happy Kids Academy off Old Baltimore Pike. Must have State certificate to apply. Please call 302-369-6929 and ask for Mariam.

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

Loving Touch Animal Clinic a new veterinary hospital close to Faith City at 155 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, (302) 861-6291, offers a warm office setting where you see the same vet each visit, Dr. Smalls is offering Timber Farms residents a free first wellness visit, Call for an appointment and we are also open every other Sunday.

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I am a resident of the Timber Farms Community. I do interior and exterior painting. I offer free estimates and affordable pricing. Upon request I can supply references, If you are interested please feel free to contact me (302)-235-9922

To all Timber Farms residents, Happy Kids Academy, 273 Old Baltimore Pike is having a promotion and is waiving the \$ 55.00 registration fees and FREE week after 3 months of enrollment. Phone 302-369-8030 - www.happykidsacademy.org

I have a used Harmon Kardon 5.1 Channel AV receiver Model AVR 146 for anyone looking for a good quality receiver for cheap or a second room possibly. Works fine and I have the remote as well. Call or text: 302-514-7797 Asking \$60 OBO (This is just the receiver does not include speakers). Cheers, Alwin

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