



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

*Neighbors working together*

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is starting to enjoy the warmer weather. It's a great time of year to head outdoors, and to plan some time away from your usual routines. Take advantage of it!

How does your mailbox look? Is it standing upright, or leaning over? If it includes a house number, are all of the numerals in good shape? Any numbers missing? This is a good time of year to spruce up your mailbox, and to ensure that it meets all US Postal Service and DelDOT standards. The US Postal Service requires the bottom front of your mailbox to be 41 to 45 inches above the road surface and 6 to 8 inches back from the curb. Your mailbox support should be stable. Also, for vehicle safety, DelDOT requires that your mailbox support should NOT be so rigid that it is unyielding. It must bend or break away if a vehicle hits it.

We have begun planning this year's neighborhood picnic, which will be held on September 8. Many of you have already volunteered to help with this event. We are looking for a volunteer to serve as a co-chair for the picnic planning team. The chairs are responsible for arranging two planning meetings (one in July and one in late August), and for organizing tasks among our volunteers. Plenty of help is available. If you are able to help us with this important job, please contact us by email or phone.

Finally, I want to thank all of our 2018 Civic Association members. You support this newsletter as well as all of our annual neighborhood events. We truly appreciate it!

Bruce

## GRADUATION NOTICES

Patrick Jankowski Berry, Newark Charter High School

Katrina Brooker, Christiana High School

Shawn Austin Cabalza, Graduate USMC

Altair Dube, Florida Institute of Technology, Bachelors Degree in Biology

Aleah Estévez, Brandywine High School

Meghan Feely, Georgetown University, M. A. Arab Studies

Amber Gamgort, Newark Charter School, 8th Grade

JM Lanzona, Newark Charter School

Amanda Merritt, St. Georges Technical High School

Alexandra and Reanna Minto, Padua Academy

Hope Mintzer, St. Georges Technical High nSchool

Dalton Oakes, St. Georges Technical High School

Allison Prigg, John Hopkins University, Master's degree is in Biology

Abigail Quinn, Padua Academy

Rogena Rezkalla, University of Delaware, BS in Criminal Justice

Ariana Rizzo, Wesley College, Degree-Masters in Occupational Therapy

Amber Watson, University of Delaware, With a BS in Health Behavior

Congratulations!

## EASTER EGG HUNT 2018

The Timber farms annual Easter egg hunt was held Saturday March 31, 2018 at our playground. More than 100 children participated. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Egg cleaner: Erica Chadick

Egg stuffers: Linda Olds, Paige Kauffman, Bruce and Rema Lipphardt, Jia Duo, Bob and Kate Oakes (1,250 eggs).

The following youth volunteered the day of the Easter egg Hunt: Maegan, Autumn Tackett, Patrick Jankowski, Shelby Long, and Ash Verdi as well as the following adults: Bryan Townsend, Dave Tackett, Rema Lipphardt, Christine Zaghmout, and Kate and Bob Oakes. A special thanks to Dave Tackett for making all the arrangements to have the easter bunny at our event.



*Picture from the Easter egg hunt*

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### INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

New Castle County Police have joined Law enforcement organizations all over the country to support the #9PMRoutine, a new social media technique to help you prevent becoming a crime victim.

No community has been spared from the trend of motor vehicle break-ins, sometimes repeated incidents in the same multifamily housing complexes. While these incidents are vigorously investigated, the New Castle County Department is sure there is more that residents can do to protect their vehicles and home. Against that background, the department is joining other police agencies across the country to promote the "9 p.m. Routine," a social media campaign to raise awareness and promote safer habits among residents and visitors, with a view to making it hard for criminals.

Read more here: <https://nccpdnews.com/?s=9pm>

Dave Tackett, Councilman 11th District  
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### INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this letter (along with summer) finds you well!

Happenings in Dover have been relatively smooth this year, especially because for 2018 we do not have the budget shortfall we had in 2017. It's not clear, though, whether this calm will last thru 2019, when we might have another budget shortfall. Delaware's annual budget roller coaster makes for a difficult political process, and I'm hopeful to work with colleagues and soon achieve a bipartisan solution to the budgeting challenges.

More locally, we have several road projects that continue moving forward in our area. Construction at Old Baltimore

Pike and Rt. 72 is nearing completion; the project along Walther Road near our neighborhood will begin in coming weeks, and soon after so will the one at Salem Church Road and OBP; and the multi-year project at Rt. 72 and 40 has recently begun. These roadway improvements, and others like the not-too-distant replacement of the Chapman Road bridge over I-95, will help to improve safety and quality-of-life as we all navigate the roads in our area. Enhancements like this are only possible because of recent increases in infrastructure funding. I was happy to support such enhancements, because from roads to water to electricity, a vibrant economy depends on having strong infrastructure.

Each week, I hear from constituents who have questions about how the State might be able to assist with concerns they have. Please never hesitate to contact me if you think I can help with any questions or concerns. These phone calls and emails are the most rewarding part of serving you in the State Senate.

Sincerely,  
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## TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

I would like to bring our members current to activity related to our community. Bob and I have been receiving concerns from residents concerning our community. I will list and comment below.

The turning over of the streets to DelDot on the third phase of Timber Farms: As many of you that live in the new section this has been a lingering problem for more than 4 years. Contractors from LC Homes have been replacing and repairing cement curbing and sidewalks that must be finished before the final inspection by the State. With the concrete work completed, I have been told that the streets will be completed by July of this year. Let's hope no other obstacles will surface.

The turnover of the final phase of the open space: Bob and I have driven and walked through the 25 acres of property that will be turned over to our Maintenance Corporation when approved by New Castle Land Use Department. Bob and I have had met with Land Use over the last year attempting to finalize the list of modifications and repairs to be made to qualify for the turnover. Today I sent the final email to LC Homes' supervisor and hopefully the last few items will be addressed we should have a seamless process in the turnover. This will mean that we will now have an additional 25 acres to maintain.

During the last ice and wind storm our development experienced more downed trees. The 25 year old trees along OBP are nearing their projected life span. With that in mind we are removing damaged trees that pose a danger to residents' homes and fence lines. We are also replacing these trees where possible to maintain tree line.

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In addition of the trees many residents have experienced damage to their fences and exterior of their homes. Fences and exterior siding and trim are to be maintained in good structural order according to New Castle County Code Department. A leaning, damaged or missing fence or visually damaged building exterior complaint can be submitted to Code Enforcement. These complaints are listed violations.

I encourage any resident to visit the Land Use Section that addresses property violations and file a complaint. This service

has been used by our corporation and many residents over the years to help support our community. All complaints are kept anonymous.

Land Use Web Site: [http://hanportal.nccde.org/DP1/Metroplex/Newcastle/customerservice/wiz\\_csr.asp](http://hanportal.nccde.org/DP1/Metroplex/Newcastle/customerservice/wiz_csr.asp)

As always, any questions or comments please forward.

Best Regards,  
Dave Schneider

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Babysitter: Heather, responsible high school student, eager to babysit. Red Cross Babysitter Certified. Please call her at 302-292-6990.

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.

Lawn mowing and trimming at reasonable rates. If interested please call or text David at (302) 463-6817

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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](http://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

Pressure Washing.....Do you need your siding, deck or sidewalk removed of all that dirt and mold? As Timber Farms resident, I care about your home. I do professional work for less the cost. Call me for a free estimate, call Ed Gonzales, 302-463-3224.



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