



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

*Neighbors working together*

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer is in full swing now, and the weather has been making things a bit unpredictable. Avoid the heat, but head outdoors when you can to enjoy this time of year. Summer always seems to pass by so quickly.

This year's TFCA picnic will be held on September 8. Thank you to the many volunteers who are already at work planning this event. We hope you and your family will attend and learn a bit more about your neighbors.

Many of our member families make an extra contribution along with their \$25 annual dues when they renew their TFCA membership each year. This year we received more than \$1500 in extra contributions. We want you to know how important these gifts are for us. In addition to supporting our quarterly newsletters and web site, they help sustain our annual picnic, which costs more than \$3000 each year.

Finally, please remember that our neighborhood Halloween parade and costume contest will be held on Saturday, October 27. Save the date!

Bruce

## COMMUNITY CORNER

Hello my fellow Timber Farm residents and Civic Association members: Are you all ready for our annual fun filled summer bonanza – The TFCA's summer picnic?! I sure am excited and eager yet again to lead and plan our most awaited event of the year. This year, on the top of the usual support from our enthusiast volunteers, I also have backing from our resident Rosie Tooley as a co-chair. So, gear up once again with your family to spend a festive afternoon on Saturday, Sep 8th at the open grounds near gazebo, at the end of Holly Cove road! As always, we want to see your families - kids and adults all alike excited for our picnic.

Our committee members, volunteers, Rosie and I already had a kick-off meeting at the end of July and we already have locked down most of major vendors for their services on picnic day. To cater our appetite – as usual we will have barbecue with our grillers grilling a variety of items on a hot and humid afternoon. We certainly will also have varieties catering our vegetarian community.

For the kids - we will have our usual moon bounce, giant inflated slides, pony rides, football toss, and of course for everyone - our signature Mr. Softee ice-cream! Can't wait now, can you?

This year, we will have couple additional items that will provide a great service to our residents. First - I am very proud and excited to announce that our great supporter Rep. John Viola has

arranged to have a "DMV on the Go" onsite at our Picnic this year. You will be able to get more details about it from his article in this newsletter, but all I can say is that you will be able to do everything you can do at DMV except for car inspection on that table! This would save your trip to DMV's office during busy weekday. Make sure to bring all the required documentation needed if you plan on using the service on our picnic day. You can visit [www.dmv.de.gov](http://www.dmv.de.gov) for a list of the required documents for your transaction.

Second – TFMC President Dave Schnieder, with the assistance from Senator Brian Townsend is working with local Fire Company to bring the demo of Safety House (previously called smoke house) to the picnic. This display instructs adults and most importantly children what to do in the event of a house fire. This would be a great lesson for all of us alike.

Once again, we will keep the event only for TFCA members, their families and guests. Guests will be charged a nominal \$5/ person. With ever rising cost to host an event of this magnitude, year-on-year it gets difficult for the committee to manage it from the funds allocated from association's budget. So, we do encourage members to contribute more if they are able and willing.

So, keep an eye out for our emails for further update and plan to show up in big numbers as always on Sep 8th!

Mukesh Mehta  
Co-Chairman, Picnic Committee



## INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

New Castle County Continues to move forward with its plan to address vacant, abandoned, and problem properties within our communities by acquiring the properties through the monition process and getting them to Sheriff's Sale and then into the hands of those who will breathe new life into them. This could be by remodeling and reselling or just having a new family move in who value the property and are willing to fix and maintain it.

This process has required more than 2 years of legislative

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measures, working groups, as well as executive orders to come about and I am committed to continually engaging our code and assessment departments to make sure the properties that are creating blight and lowering property values are addressed and put back into productive uses.

If you would like to report a vacant, abandoned, or problem property you can contact my office (395-8371) or our County Code department at 302-395-5555.

If you or someone you know might be interested in purchasing one of these properties, you can find out more about our Sheriff Sale Process by visiting the [www.nccde.org](http://www.nccde.org) website and under the Government tab choose Sheriff's Office or simply search for "Sheriff Sale" to see the current listing and prequalification procedures.

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

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we transition from Summer to Fall!

The summer months involved plenty of road construction in our area — bringing some headaches and frustrations in the short-term, but safer roads and commutes in the long-term. The 2018 repairs on Rt. 72 and on Walther Road, and the completion of the redesign of Old Baltimore Pike and Rt. 72, will be followed in 2019 by the redesign of Old Baltimore Pike and Salem Church Road (both intersections) for smoother and safer traffic flow. Stay tuned for news of a Spring 2019 DelDOT town hall; I've asked DelDOT to present specific plans for OBP/SCR and receive final community feedback about proposed timing/scope for road closures, which would play an important role in determining how long the project will run.

Thank you for your patience with these and other projects. Please never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns about individual projects, or any other issue or idea that interests you. Not only is the most enjoyable part of being a legislator

having the chance to talk with you about how our government could and should operate, but it's also the best way to ensure our government operates well.

Sincerely,  
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## **INFORMATION FROM REP. JOHN VIOLA**

The General Assembly ended session in the early morning of July 1st. One of my proudest moments this session was the passage of legislation I sponsored along with Sen. Townsend, creating the "Green Alert Program." The Green Alert Program will help law enforcement officers and members of our communities in locating missing members of the armed forces, including veterans, who have a physical or mental health condition related to their service. This issue was brought to us by a concerned constituent, and I'm happy to have seen this through.

This legislative session, we tackled many important issues, all while passing a balanced budget that maintains vital state services, invests in infrastructure, and increases programs for children, low-income families, correctional officers, seniors and people dealing with addiction.

As I mentioned earlier in the year, we will have a "DMV on the Go" onsite at the Timber Farms Community Picnic on September 8th. This is a wonderful program that brings many of the major DMV driver and vehicle services directly to the community. You will be able to get a new driver's license, change your address, renew your vehicle registration, obtain a handicap placard and purchase an E-ZPass transponder. Please be prepared with all the required documentation for your transaction. You can visit [www.dmv.de.gov](http://www.dmv.de.gov) for a list of the required documents and vital information.

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](http://www.facebook.com/johnviola26).

I look forward to seeing you at Community Day next month.

## **TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION**

As I mentioned in May's Newsletter regarding the final paving of our roads and turning over of the open space; we are still in the correction phase. I have been in recent conversation with LC Homes regarding the on-going punch list that needs to be corrected before we can complete the final turnover. I fully expected this process to be completed 3 months ago, however re-grading, removing large dead trees and establishing grass to prevent water runoff had to be established before New Castle County would accept the open space. We are now at an expected date of September for the turnover and the paving.

At our last Board Meeting the Board approved upgrading our entrance camera. The improvements will improve the memory and software performance of the camera system. The work will begin the week of August 13th and should take one day to complete.

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We constantly receive property concerns from residents complaining of poor conditions of residents homes. These complaints range from un-maintained yards, high grass, trash cans in the front of the garage, and un-registered vehicles. All of these are NewCastle County Code violations. These violations often result in residents receiving a monetary fine. While I understand some residents do not want to report any issues, I

encourage our members to register these complaints to benefit improved property values, I would like to forward New Castle County's phone number to simplify this process. All reports do remain anonymous. New Castle County's Information Desk is 302-395-5555. This number will start the process.

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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](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

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Evergreen Waste Services are offering Timber Farms residents a special offer. Weekly Trash & Recycle Collection on Tuesdays. Because were the number one trash collector in Timber Farms we can offer you a great price ( \$19.00) per month. ) Call Evergreen now at 302-635-7055 to start taking advantage of the discounted services for Timber Farms Residents.



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