



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dave Schneider, the president of our Maintenance Corporation for the past 15 years, is in the process of leaving Timber Farms and moving to another residence in New Castle County. As many of you know, Dave has been an important and influential voice for Timber Farms with New Castle County leadership, particularly concerning issues related to streets, drainage and stormwater management. He has always focused on maintaining property values while minimizing our annual maintenance costs. Thank you Dave, for all of your help over the past 15 years. We will miss your energy and enthusiasm, and your advocacy. Best of luck with your transition!

Our annual TFCA neighborhood picnic begins at 3pm on Saturday, September 7. We will have some great food, a DJ, a pony ride, moon bounce, giant slide, and some games of skill for children and teens. Please join us! If you're not yet a civic association member, you can join us in advance or at the picnic. Annual dues are just \$25 per household.

We need volunteers to help us during the upcoming picnic! We need help with setup, grilling, serving food, organizing activities, and cleanup. Please consider giving one or two hours to help make the picnic a success again this year. Look for an email from us, with a web link to our volunteer signup page. We can document service hours for youth volunteers if needed.

Bruce Lipphardt, President

COMMUNITY CORNER

Timber Farms Picnic

Hello Neighbors:

Calling all Timber Farms residents and Civic Association members! It is almost time for our Timber Farms picnic. Our Picnic date is Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the open grounds near the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove Road, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Our rain date is September 8th. What a wonderful time to enjoy food, fellowship and fun with our friends and neighbors!

We have the popular features that are always crowd pleasers: grilled hot dogs and burgers, pastas, salads, multiple vegetarian dishes and more... The children enjoy Mr. Softee ice cream, pony rides, the moon bounce, our giant inflated slides and football toss. We also have a great DJ. All we will need is good weather and You!

Would you like to take part in helping to ensure that this year's picnic is our best one ever? Please respond to Elaine's email for volunteers. There are many places to serve. The great thing about working together with your neighbors is that it allows us to get to know each other better. Helping out is a lot of fun! We

especially need volunteers to assist with grilling. Often times, one person grills for all of us for the whole picnic and does not get to enjoy the event. Bummer, right? So, let us all help as we can. Thanks neighbors!

Here's the message and website to respond to Elaine's request for volunteers:

Hello neighbors:

Please go to the website below to sign up to volunteer during the Timber Farms Civic Associations Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 8, 2018, 3 to 6 p.m. We need everyone's help, so a select few are not working the entire time from set up to clean up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f48a4a62ba57-2016>

As always are youth volunteers will receive documented service hours if they want them. Thank you, Elaine

Please note: the picnic is only for Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA) members, their families and guests. Guests will be charged a nominal \$5/person. The funds are used to help us to manage the costs of hosting TFCA events held throughout the year.

If you are Timber Farms resident who is not yet a member of the TFCA, you can join for \$25. Please feel free to join us by signing up at the picnic registration table. We would love to have you join us and look forward to enjoying the day with you!

Regards,

Rosie Tooley
Chairperson, Picnic Committee

25th Annual Halloween Parade

Mark your calendar, The annual Timber Farms Civic Association Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019. It will be once again led by the Christiana High School Band. Parade will start at Timber Wood Blvd & Woodland Road and march down Woodland Road to Holly Cove and end at the Gazebo. Judging of the 10 best costumes. Treats will be available and once again Mr. Softee will be there for all the children and their parents and friends.

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

As of August we are finally caught up with the removal of the damaged trees and branches associated with the strong storms of the last two months.

This year our membership assessments are current with 100% of the homes paid. During the past 10 - 12 years Bob Oakes has maintained dues collections of between 97 and 99 percent of the homes paid during a fiscal year, According to our findings

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Please send your dues to:
TFCA, P.O. Box 489, Bear, DE 19701
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Website: www.timberfarmscivic.org

If you aren't one of the 400 residents of Timber Farms who have already provided us with their e-mail address, please do so. It is the surest way to receive timely, updated information which affects you. Please e-mail us your address today at timberfarmscivic@aol.com.

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many home owner associations fall measurably behind the 90% collection rate. Hats off to Bob for putting our community in the perfection column.

We have started to obtain quotes for this years snow removal contract. During last year's snow removal some residents had valid complaints regarding the professional service associated with last years contractor. I inspected the complaints associated with that snow contractor and found the complaints to be valid. Hopefully we can retain a better contractor for the 2019/2020 snow season.

For the past 15 years I have served as President of our Maintenance Corporation. As of August 15, 2019 I will be stepping down and the board of Directors appointed Mukesh Mehta as President of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation. This decision is a result of our moving. It has been my pleasure to serve our community.

Best Regards, Dave Schneider

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Offering thanks and best wishes for the future to Dave Schneider, President of Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation for the past fifteen years, and former officer of the Timber Farms Civic Association. As your Councilman, I deal with many community groups and I can say that we are very lucky to have had Dave Schneider involved on our boards for as long as we have. Dave and Donna are moving, and we will be losing great neighbors. He's been a true example of community volunteerism and good stewardship. We appreciate his dedication and continual leadership to all of us in Timber Farms. Thanks again for all the time you have given in helping govern our community and for setting a standard of excellence for board members and neighbors alike. Sincerely, Councilman David L. Tackett

There is a prolific THEFT TREND occurring throughout New Castle County. The New Castle County Division of Police has seen an increase in thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of motor vehicles throughout all New Castle County. It appears that juveniles and young adults will go out in groups of three or more with the intent

of stealing from cars and in some incidents stealing the car itself.

Groups as large as ten to twelve people have been seen roving through communities. These groups will typically use stolen cars during the overnight hours to target the random neighborhoods. Usually, the driver will stay in the car and the others will get out on foot and begin looking for unlocked vehicles.

They will enter any vehicle that is unlocked looking for items of value like change, cash, credit cards, purses, electronics and even things from the trunk. They are also looking for keys or fob to the vehicle that will allow them to steal the vehicle.

The thefts are occurring on varying days of the week. Communities from Claymont to Middletown and everywhere in between have been victimized. Patrols have been increased but you need to remain vigilant. If you see any suspicious activity call 911. NCCPD has a video on how to keep your belongings and vehicles safe at www.nccpdnews.com

Dave Tackett, Councilman 11th District
302-395-8371 or dlackett@nccde.org

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is ending, fall is arriving, and we are undergoing our own local transition: new Timber Farms leadership following the departure of the Schneider Family, including longtime TFMA president David Schneider.

As senator for the southern Newark area (as well as a proud resident of Timber Farms), I can say unequivocally that Timber Farms is one of the best led neighborhoods in our area. Dave has played a critical role in Timber Farms for many years, alongside several other committed, service-oriented individuals. A neighborhood culture of vibrancy and safety is not one that appears automatically; a key driver of it is the kind of leadership Dave has provided (coupled with Donna's patience!). As new leaders emerge and the Schneider's move on, I thank Dave sincerely and deeply for his many years of service.

The state legislature reconvenes in January. We have been on break since July 1, when we adjourned after a relatively smooth session enabled by a strong budget year. There is some tension over how much excess funds we set aside for future tough budget years, versus spending those funds now on critical infrastructure needs, unmet social supports, or long-term investment such as workforce development. My own legislative work has continued to involve a heavy focus on health policy — specifically, policies and investments that enable us to be a healthier community, saving long-term by preventing avoidable medical issues while also enabling more wellness, a more dynamic and productive workforce, and a higher quality of life. Locally, the redesign of Old Baltimore Pike / Salem Church Road is scheduled to begin in Spring 2020 and last until Spring 2021. The project has been slowed in part by incorporating drainage enhancements along Salem Church Road between OBP and I-95.

As always, please never hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or requests. It is an honor to serve, and the most enjoyable part of the service is hearing directly from you.

Sincerely, Bryan Townsend 302-709-1516
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INFORMATION FROM REP. JOHN VIOLA

I have been lucky to know Dave Schneider for over 20 years. Dave is a passionate person who always puts his community first. He has consistently taken the initiative to make Timber Farms the very best it could be. A great example of this is the fact that Timber Farms has a 100% participation rate in its dues collection. Of course others in the community have been essential in making this happen as well, but Dave has always been there leading the charge.

Dave we will miss your leadership and resolve, but we also wish you the best as you and Donna move on to your next adventure. It has been a pleasure to know and work with you over the years. Thanks for all you do.

John Viola, State Representative, 26th District

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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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My name is Alison Hawtof and I'm a high school student interested in babysitting. I love playing and reading to children (as young as 2). During the school year, I am available Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays. In the summer, my hours are flexible. Please contact me at (302-257-8369 if you are interested.

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TFCA Sept. Picnic

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- ◆ **RSVP by 9/2**
- ◆ Volunteer to help,
- ◆ more information

INFORMATION

FOOD: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Bean/Veg Burgers, Bratwurst, Vegetarian Options, Pepsi Products, Lemonade, Ice Tea, Snacks

DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2019 **TIME:** 3-6 PM

Rain Date: September 8, 2019

WHERE: Gazebo, end of Holly Cove

WHO: TFCA family members

NonMembers: Join by Sept. 5, 2019, TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com

MOSTLY FOR THE KIDS: Mr. Softee 5-6 PM, pony rides, games with cash prizes and inflatables for kids, door prizes