



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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Timber Farms Civic Association
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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The new year is here, and I hope all of you are doing well and looking forward to Spring. We have another year of neighborhood events planned, and I hope you and your family will join us. Warmer weather is just around the corner!

February kicks off our annual Civic Association membership drive. Please join us this year! You should have already received our membership invitation letter in your mailbox. Your \$25 annual dues help support all of our social events, newsletter mailings, and our web site. When you return your membership letter to us, please also let us know how you can help out with neighborhood activities. We welcome all new volunteers who'd like to get more involved.

Our web site (www.timberfarmscivic.org) includes information for both the Civic Association and our Maintenance Corporation, including newsletters, a calendar of our annual events, meeting agendas and minutes, information about our deed restrictions, and useful links with contact information for our Association board members and local legislators. A Who Do I Ask? page includes useful information to guide you in getting help with common neighborhood concerns. We strive to make our web site both informative and easy to use. Please submit your comments or suggestions using the Contact Us link on our home page.

Thank you to those residents and their families who have already joined the Civic Association in 2020. We are especially grateful to those of you who included an extra donation with your annual dues. For all residents, remember to check out the 2020 calendar of events on our web site. Our events are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and spend some time learning more about them. Plan to join us with your family!

Regards,
Bruce Lipphardt, President

INFORMATION FROM REP. JOHN VIOLA

Welcome to leap year 2020 !

As your full time legislator I look forward to working for you and with you on any issues that may come forth.

If and when issues do present themselves, please do not hesitate to reach out by email @ john.viola@delaware.gov or call me at 302-598-8311.

Also as your full time Representative I can meet morning, afternoon or evening at your discretion.

I've enjoyed working for you in the past the present and moving forward in the future.

Thank You

John Viola
State Representative

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

PROJECT UPDATES:

When Valley Stream was built the wooded parcel along Walther Road was zoned for an approved office building but was never built, so the developer is coming back and they are asking to build 2- 12 unit apartment buildings (Total 24 units). You may have noticed the Yellow Project Sign. The developer will call a community meeting when they decide to proceed. The community will get noticed.

Shopping Center with the new Wawa on 273 behind the Boston Market is proceeding forward but slowly.

SAVE THE DATES

11th District HOA Forum Feb 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Hodgson Vo-Tech 2nd Floor Lecture Hall, Councilman Tackett will present a powerpoint presentation on using the New Castle County Website and locating new plans,

Constituent Coffee, Feb 26, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Troop 2

Make plans now to attend Councilman Tackett's Spring Forum. It will be at Christiana High School on May 21 from 6-8:30p.m. Our special guest speakers will be Chief of Police, Colonel Vaughn Bond, and Law Enforcement specialist Mike Walsh.

Next 11th District Community Forum with Councilman Tackett, Sen Townsend and Rep Viola, is scheduled for the evening of May 21, 2020 at Christiana High School. The Chief of the New Castle County Police, Colonel Vaughn Bond, will be there along with Michael Walsh to discuss Crime trends in New Castle County, the TAPS policing model and how you can effectively work with the police department to impact your community.

GLASGOW PARK

Plan your Spring and Summer activities at Glasgow Park

The Crown Jewel of the 11th District, this 285-acre park has a 2.75-mile paved trail with fitness stations, wooded paths, playgrounds, High 5 sensory playground, skate park, dog park, basketball and tennis courts, catch and release fishing pond and pavilions. The Bank Barn and Frazer House feature year-round programs, including seasonal Farmer's Market.

Working for you-David L.Tackett
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If your 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.

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we prepare to make the transition from winter to spring.

This winter brought disappointingly little snow, but it did bring plenty of rain events that always serve as a reminder where our drainage challenges are. I have heard from some neighbors I can assist, and from other neighbors whose drainage issues are outside state purview. Please never hesitate to reach out to ask if I might be able to assist, or to inquire about the status of your project in the event you have not received a timely update.

The long-awaited modification to traffic patterns at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike and Salem Church Road should be underway later this year. The project will involve restriping the left turn lanes from OBP onto SCR in both directions, as well as changes to the left-turn light from OBP eastbound to SCR northbound. A more significant project to address traffic flow in that location is likely 5 to 8 years away, if not longer.

The relocation of the daycare from the shopping center just outside our neighborhood a few hundred yards east along OBP is scheduled to occur in the coming months. Though this project has involved limited State interaction, please do let me know if you have any questions about it.

As always, please never hesitate to contact me about anything. Hearing directly from constituents is the most rewarding part of serving in elected office. It is an honor to be your state senator, and I always appreciate hearing directly from you. Sincerely,

Bryan
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COMMUNITY CORNER

CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

February begins the 2020 Timber Farms Civic Association's Annual Membership Drive

We thank all 191 members for supporting us last year. Your membership supports our Annual neighborhood events (Easter Egg Hunt, Community yard sales, Community Picnic, Halloween Parade, Holiday home decorating contest). The Timber Farms Quarterly Newsletter and our web site and email communications to 397 of our residents.

Thank you for your support over the years. We are looking forward to an exciting 2020!

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Congratulations to the following 2019 Holiday Decorating Contest winners

The Oldis Family	2 Anthony Drive	\$ 50.00
The Chadick Family	218 W. Silver Fox	\$ 50.00
The Cabalza Family	540 W. Hummock Lane	\$ 50.00

Honorable Mention

The Quinn Family	512 W. Hummock Lane
The Charnik Family	111 Woodand Road
The Carosino Family	116 Woodland Road
The McCarthy Family	217 Holly Cove Lane

Great Job Everyone!

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

Feb. 1	Civic Association membership Drive
Feb. 21	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
April 11	(Sat.) Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Playground
May 11	(May and June) Graduation Notice's - Entrance Bulletin Board
May 16	(Sat.) Community Spring Garage Sale
May 23	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
June 10	Civic Association meeting at the playground
Aug. 21	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
Sept. 12	26th Annual Community Picnic
Oct. 10	(Sat.) Community Fall Garage Sale
Oct. 14	Civic Association Meeting - Thurgood Marshall School 7 p.m.
Oct. 24	26th Annual Halloween Parade - Christiana High School Band
Nov. 11	Civic Association Meeting - Thurgood Marshall School 7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
Dec. 2?	Santa's Visit
Dec. 21	Judging of the Best Decorated Homes

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TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation held a meeting on February 10 to review the balance sheets for 2019 and to develop and approve a budget for 2020.

The Maintenance Corporation's income in 2019 was \$48,081.00, and we spent \$48,630.07. This amount includes a one-time \$4,000.00 retainer fee for our new attorney and \$4,145.00 for necessary work on and removal of trees in our open spaces. Expenditures for snow removal (\$1,790.00) were lower than anticipated. Reserve funds were used to make up for the deficit. A complete list of expenditures can found on our website.

The budget for 2020 assumes income of \$46,700.00 and expenditures of \$48,277.29. The amount includes \$ 3,000.00 for snow removal costs. Small increases over last year's costs are

expected for grass cutting and some minor items such as the mandated maintenance of our two retention ponds. The budget was approved unanimously by the Board members and can also be viewed on our website.

A motion to keep the assessment for each Timber Farms home at \$165 was also approved unanimously. The Board hopes that in 2020, as in 2019, 100% of all homes in Timber Farms will pay their maintenance assessments on time and the enforcement actions such as the imposition of late or even attorney's fees will not be necessary. The main reason why we have been able to keep the maintenance assessment at the same level for many years now is residents willingness to pay the assessments on time.

The 2020 assessment bills will be mailed out to all homes on March 1, 2020 with a due date of April 30, 2020

Regards, Rolf Joerger, President

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In need of calligraphy services for weddings, gifts, or decor? Search "Katelyn's Calligraphy and More" on Facebook or call Katelyn at (302) 584-4339 for more information.

I am available to clear driveways and sidewalks in the case of snow this winter. My name is Ash Verdi. I live at 102 Woodland Road. My phone number is 302-229-9533 (I would prefer to be contacted through text messages if at all possible as I am more likely to respond.

I would be available for snow shoveling this Winter - Paige Barnard 124 woodland 302-463-0489

My son, Tom is available for yard work, some landscaping and snow shoveling this winter. His contact number is 593-7803. Thank you.

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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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