



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

Timber Farms Civic Association
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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There have certainly been some surprising new challenges for all of us so far this year. The need for social distancing has impacted everyone in so many ways. I hope you use some of your available free time to do something fun with your family. It has been great to see so many neighbors out walking and enjoying the warmer weather.

The Civic Association's typical schedule of neighborhood social events is necessarily impacted by the need to keep everyone safe and healthy. We canceled our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Yard Sale. Plans for our annual fall neighborhood picnic depend on how things evolve. We will keep you updated by email.

Graduating from high school or college has been particularly challenging this spring, since graduates are unable to share their achievements up close in person with family and friends. I congratulate everyone who graduates from high school or college this spring. You should be proud of your achievement, and we all support you as you move on to the next stage of your lives.

Be safe, and stay healthy. Ask for help if you need it. Enjoy spending time with your family. Consider going for a walk, or just spending some time outside in the yard.

Regards,
Bruce Lipphardt, President

INFORMATION FROM REP. JOHN VIOLA

In March, the leadership of the General Assembly made the decision to postpone session to ensure that legislators and staff wouldn't risk spreading COVID-19. I'm disappointed that this means some bills won't be able to pass this year, but it was the right call for the sake of public health. Since then I have been focused on helping constituents through the challenges created by this pandemic.

Every day my legislative aide and I hear directly from constituents who need help accessing services like unemployment. We've also hosted a roundtable discussion over the phone with small businesses from the 26th district where I listened to the concerns business leaders have about how their livelihood is being affected, and a virtual town hall meeting with over 30 community association leaders to hear about the unique needs of different neighborhoods.

Hearing from you and getting your feedback is essential. As a member of the General Assembly I hear updates every

day directly from the Governor's administration, and it is important to me to be able to offer input directly from my constituents - whether that is about reopening safely and effectively or offering help to the people and families who need it most.

Please continue to reach out to my office with any issues or concerns: John.Viola@delaware.gov or (302) 744-4351.

Thank You

John Viola
State Representative

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

So I wanted to make sure everyone knows Glasgow Park is OPEN and we encourage you to visit the park and I am sure given the current situation everyone is having cabin fever and the need to get some fresh air and stretch is a priority with the nice weather. However, we have shut down the basketball courts and play ground equipment to protect everyone from the spread of the Coronavirus.

I also want to make sure everyone knows that masks are required and you will also need to practice social distancing while visiting the park.

Glasgow Park Farmers Market is scheduled to open June 5th and we are working to develop the signage, protocols and operational procedures to ensure the safety and health of our staff, vendors and customers. I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to open on that date. However, until further notice all other public events at Glasgow Park have been suspended.

David L. Tackett, County Councilman
302-395-8371 or dltackett@nccde.org

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and that your family has been able to remain healthy and safe these difficult months.

The efforts at the State level to recover from the pandemic seek to balance public health considerations with economic ones. At a fundamental level, these two are aligned. At certain times and on certain issues, these two might be at odds. Whether in the current moment (when the focus is on "flattening the curve" and avoiding having our hospital systems become overwhelmed) or in moments soon to come (when the focus will be on preparing for and minimizing the

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size of “second waves,” and achieving sustainable frameworks for safe economic recovery), we will be most safe and successful if we invite informed perspectives, insist on good-faith decisions, and consistently assess how we are doing and how we might improve.

As a member of Senate leadership, I have been on weekly phone calls with Governor Carney, his cabinet, and caucus leaders from both chambers and both parties. I note here briefly, in response to Delawareans who characterize the emergency response as unilateral gubernatorial action: nothing could be further from the truth.

The General Assembly will convene in virtual session several times in May/June to complete certain legislative work, chiefly the annual budget bills. We intend to use the Zoom platform to do so, with the public able to listen to our proceedings. There will be significant cuts to next year’s budget, and even some mid-stream cuts to the current year’s budget. These decisions will be difficult and, in their own way, costly. It is my hope that the legislature will address more than only the budget bills—that in these times, as we ask so many people to innovate and put forth maximum effort, we as legislators do the same.

As always, local transportation projects impact our daily lives. The bridge repairs on Salem Church Road soon will be complete, enabling the reopening of that route to Chapman Road and Route 4. The construction of the new bridge on Chapman Road has begun, as has preliminary work on the multi-year restoration project on I-95. The Main Street Newark project is in its final phases. Soon, right outside our neighborhood, there will be a rehabilitation project (including intersection enhancements) on Old Baltimore Pike, stretching from Salem Church Road nearly to Route 72. This multi-month project will involve night-work only, in an effort to minimize negative traffic impacts along a congested, heavily traveled corridor.

A final topic that will generate much discussion in our area: the announced Christina School District referendum for June 9. This is a challenging topic that cannot be summarized adequately here; in short, Delaware’s system of school funding is broken, involving division throughout communities and a referendum-style system that almost every other state has realized simply does not work well for public schools and the entire communities and economies they undergird. Whatever happens on June 9—whether a referendum is held, and whether it passes—there is no way Delaware can succeed in the long-term without major modernizations to our system of education funding. More on this topic in the future; for now, I worry deeply for our students, families, and educators, and consequently for the success of our economy.

Please be safe, and please never hesitate to contact me if I might be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Bryan Townsend
State Senator
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TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The members of the board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation hope that you stayed healthy in these challenging and stressful times. Despite the current difficult state of the economy, the Board is happy to report that most of you have remitted your assessments that were due by the end of April. Thank you very much. These funds allow us to pay for such items as grass cutting, tree work and landscaping. If you have not paid your assessments yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid late fees and eventually legal costs. Contact the Board if you have any questions regarding your assessments. Remember that the only way we could keep fees at the same level as in previous years is due to each resident having paid them. Indeed, we can be proud to be one of the developments in the state with the highest percentage of homeowners having paid their assessments. Let’s keep it this way in 2020.

The board would also like to remind residents that approval is needed for additions, fences and sheds before work is started or items are purchased. In this way, deed restriction violations can be avoided. Please also remember that our deed restrictions forbid overnight parking on the street as well as parking trailers or boats in driveways. Stay safe

Regards, Rolf Joerger, President

DID YOU KNOW?

Not all Communities have both a Civic Association and a Maintenance Corporation. Timber Farms has both a Civic Association and a Maintenance Corporation and some of our new residents were not aware of it. All residents are members of the Maintenance Corporation and are required to pay annual assessments which were \$165 for 2020. The Maintenance is responsible for maintaining our 55 acres of open space areas, snow removal, playground, two retention ponds, approving additions, sheds and fences and enforcing our deed restrictions.

Membership in our Civic Association is voluntary, with annual dues just \$25 per household this year. The Civic Association organizes neighborhood social events, publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains the web site. Also Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sales, Picnic, Halloween Parade and best decorated homes at Christmas. The Civic Association coordinates email communications with 397 residents. It also has coordinated the recent voting sent to all resident in Timber Farms on speed bumps and the green arrow at our entrance.

GRADUATION NOTICES

Abram Banoub, Caravel Academy High School, going to University of Delaware

Ashlie Cabalza, Delcastle Technical High School, Graduation date was scheduled for May 26, 2020

Sidiq O. Campfield, George Kirk Middle School, Graduation was scheduled June 21, 2020

M. Farien Griggs, Christiana High School

Julia Lanzona, Newark Charter High School

Michelle Little, University of Dayton, BS Biology

Uriah Major, Paul M. Hodgson Vo-Tech

Xa'Mya Major, Odyssey Charter

Mark McMillan, Wilmington Friends High School

Nicholas Minto, University of Delaware, Chemical Engineering

Brandon Murphy, Delaware Military Academy

Adejoyinolu Ojo, Newark Charter High School

Kush Patel, Newark Charter High School

Maya Patel, Caravel Academy

Odunayo Ogunbo, Delcastle High School, he'll be getting his BS in Computer Engineering

Katelyn Shoemaker, Geneva College, Summa Cum Laude, BS in Education

Emily Tackett, Del Tech, Multi Media

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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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