



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

Timber Farms Civic Association
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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'm sure many of us continue to face new challenges with the evolving social restrictions during the pandemic. I urge everyone to stay informed, and to remain flexible and safe in your social planning. The upcoming holidays will be particularly challenging. Remember that we are all in this together. The extra effort you make to properly wear a mask in public and to maintain safe social distancing is your contribution to everyone's health and safety.

We recently received a number of reports of drivers speeding on the streets of Timber Farms. I urge all of our drivers to take those few extra seconds to slow down and proceed safely through the neighborhood. You help ensure the safety of all of our residents when you are mindful and attentive while driving. The New Castle County police conducted targeted traffic enforcement on three different mornings in mid-October. They will continue this effort periodically to help ensure our drivers are being safe.

Do you like to decorate your home for the holidays? We are having our annual Holiday Home Decorating contest again this year. The three best decorated homes of Timber Farms Civic Association members will be selected on the evening of December 21. Make sure your home is looking its best that evening!

On behalf of our residents, I want to welcome Madinah Wilson-Anton, the newly-elected State Representative for District 26. Madinah grew up in our district, and is a graduate of the University of Delaware. We look forward to working together in the coming years. Welcome Madinah!

I also want to thank John Viola for his tireless support and service as our State Representative for the past twenty two years. John has regularly attended our neighborhood meetings, and has always been ready to answer questions and solve problems for us. We truly appreciate his efforts over the years, and we wish him all the best. Thank you for everything John!

Regards,
Bruce Lipphardt, President

INFORMATION FROM REP. MADINAH WILSON-ANTON

Greetings!

I am happy to introduce myself as your newly elected State Representative for the 26th District. As you know, Timber Farms Civic Association has been a great organization to be connected to and I welcome your continued support. To make sure the needs

of residents in Bear and Newark are met, I encourage all of you to always share your questions or concerns with me. As a lifelong resident of Newark, I've seen the issues our community faces, and I am excited to serve the community I grew up in and effect changes in the lives of my neighbors. I am passionate about economic and social justice, specifically issues surrounding education, healthcare, criminal justice, housing, and family planning. Ultimately, I am committed to keeping everyone in mind as I contribute my skills to shaping legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 302 577 5190 or 302 744 4349 or my Legislative Aid Leilani.Rhodes@delaware.gov

Sincerely,

Rep. Madinah Wilson-Anton

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy, as we enter the holiday season and continue our efforts to adjust safely to the ongoing pandemic.

A few quick updates:

(1) A new wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is upon us. Please, be safe, be cautious, wear masks, and minimize the chance you contribute to the ongoing spread of the virus.

(2) I look forward to working closely with our new state representative, Madinah Wilson-Anton. Rep. Wilson-Anton and Councilman Tackett and I will continue our tradition of smooth coordination among your local elected officials.

(3) The repaving and realignment project on Old Baltimore Pike between Salem Church Roads should be complete right around the time this newsletter reaches you. Thank you for your patience the past several weeks as the project has unfolded. A key goal of the project is to address the serious traffic safety concerns at that location.

(4) Please do your part to prevent speeding in our community. It is disheartening to see drivers who believe there is any reason to drive 40, 45, or even 35 miles per hour in our neighborhood. Please, when driving in Timber Farms, drive at or below the speed limit. Please do not tailgate or zip around cars in front of you. We have a beautiful community with young people who are playing outside or cycling, and we should not invite harm and tragedy. In turn, if you are walking in our neighborhood, please use the sidewalks whenever possible; at times people clearly could be on the sidewalks but have chosen to be in the streets. Let's practice better safety than that.

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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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(5) As we head into Spring 2021 and a new construction season, I will work with State and County officials to address the late-night noise disturbances from the Christiana Materials Plant on Salem Church Road. In recent months residents along the west side of Timber Farms (especially Marie Court, but other streets as well) experienced significant noise disturbances as late as 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. in the morning, as the plant was preparing materials for nighttime construction projects. There are steps that the plant can take to minimize noise disturbance, and I will facilitate a discussion to ensure they are taking every possible step and that your local levels of government do everything possible to strike the right balance between the plant's long-running operations and a community's reasonable expectation of nighttime calmness.

As always, please do not hesitate to let me know if I ever might be of assistance. And please be safe during this pandemic. Sincerely,

Senator Bryan Townsend
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302-709-1516

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Shopping center with the new Wawa on 273 behind the Boston Market is proceeding forward but slowly. Not much has changed from last year. The Valley Stream project that would build 2 -12 unit apartment buildings (Total 24 units) on Walther Road hasn't moved forward but the community will get notified and there will be some type of informational meeting before it proceeds. Many of these kind of meetings have been happening via ZOOM and have been well received by the public.

Christmas at Glasgow Park: We have designed the holiday programs to provide a drive thru experience at Glasgow Park. We have expanded the event at Glasgow Park to be two

days, December 11 and 12. We will have Santa, music and a beautiful light display in the Hermitage area. You can drive through and see display any time between 6 pm and 9 pm on either (or both). I look forward to seeing you there!

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

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Although thoughts of snow were definitely not on our minds at the beginning of this month, we need to be prepared for it to happen eventually. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board of our Maintenance Corporation has signed a contract for snow removal for 2020/21. We included funding for salting in the budget, so that salt can be applied to the major intersections and the entrance of our development. Since salt application is not reimbursable expense from the state and adds significant costs, it will only be carried out upon direction of the Board. While on the topic of snow, please move vehicles off the street during a snow event so the contractor can remove snow from the street without any impediments. We will attempt to keep you informed of when the contractor will plow the snow. In our current budget, we had appropriated \$ 5,000 for tree work and tree removal from our open spaces. So far, we have spent \$ 6,875 for such work. This amount includes work done at 12 properties. Another six properties reported tree problems, but we determined that these trees were not the responsibility of the Maintenance Corporation. In August, the board approved spending of \$ 1,500 for the chipper service that many of you made use of. We also spent \$ 1,150 on removal of more than 40 piles of debris along Old Baltimore Pike and in the back of Woodland Circle. Hopefully we will not have any more storms before year's end.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the members of the Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation with any questions and concerns. Stay Safe!

Regards, Rolf Joerger, President

FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VIOLA

I just wanted to offer a quick note of thanks and gratitude to the residents of Timber Farms for allowing me to serve you for the past 22 years.

I have enjoyed representing you in Dover, and I have always taken your concerns in the community seriously and done my best to address those issues to make your lives better.

While I'm no longer in office, I still am around in the community and look forward to running into many of the friends I've made throughout the years.

BEAR, DELAWARE! WHAT A NAME

Although years ago bears probably roamed these parts of Delaware, it was not why this area is named Bear, Delaware. It was named for a local tavern, Bear Tavern, that existed until 1845 when the building burned down.

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General Washington, Lafayette and others used this tavern when traveling to and from Chesapeake Highway. The actual location is said to be four miles west of Rt. 13 on the north side of Rt. 40.

OCTOBER 17, 2020 GARAGE SALE

A large group of residents emailed the Civic Association wanting a garage sale in October and it was scheduled for Saturday, October 17. The weather seems to cooperate for our events in Timber Farms, a beautiful sunny day. About 45 homes participated, and from the emails we received it

seemed like residents preferred a garage sale in the fall. This is one we received. "Yes I agree I do much better in the fall. Last year I made just over \$400 and this year I just made shy of \$400. I am a avid yard seller and May is always bombarded with yard sales and you can only hit so many in a day. Towards the end of the season which would be mid October the week before Halloween because not many people have them anymore. And it's before the craft shows/bazaars start."

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

If you are interested in joining a women's bible study for our neighborhood, please send your name and number to Doris Griffin, drdorisgriffin@gmail.com. This is a great way for some of us to get together virtually and develop connections. It would be great if we could start in September. I hope to hear from you. Thank you!

Dr. Anthony Giantinoto, Doctor of Chiropractic, conveniently located for Timber Farms Residents, 260 Chapman Rd Ste 104E, 302 294 1832. Dr. Anthony has continually strived for excellence in service, and has done his best to assist every patient on their journey from symptoms to health. Headache relief, reduced joint stiffness and better sleep are a few of the positive side-effects can expect following his treatments. dranthony@302relief.com

If you need help to upgrade your computer, or recover data from an old device please reach out to me at 516-236-0859. (Timber Farms Resident)

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