



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

*Neighbors working together*

Timber Farms Civic Association  
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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The holidays are fast approaching, and I hope everyone is looking forward to spending time with friends and family. It's a great time of year to reflect on both the joys and challenges we all face, and to take a moment of gratitude for all that we have.

Many of you participated in our neighborhood yard sale on October 16. It was great to see you all out there. Our yard sales are a great chance to clear out some unneeded items and get them to someone who can use them. They have become very popular and we plan to continue hosting them in both the spring and fall in coming years.

We also had a fantastic turnout for this year's Halloween parade and costume contest! The Christiana High School marching band has been terrific in supporting this event every year, and we truly appreciate their energy and enthusiasm. Because so many of you included extra donations with your annual dues, we were able to include pony rides and ice cream after the parade. The kids really enjoyed it.

Judging for our annual holiday home decorating contest is tentatively set for Monday, December 20, starting at 6:00pm. We will update you on this schedule by email in mid-December.

I am thankful for the friendship and support of my neighbors, and all of the volunteers who make our neighborhood events all that they are. I hope you find many reasons to be thankful too. Enjoy every day of this holiday season!

Regards, Bruce Lipphardt, President

## INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents

New Castle County property value reassessment has begun.

All things change with time and New Castle County's assessment system is no exception. The County has contracted with Tyler Technologies to conduct a reassessment. This project will update property assessments from a base year of 1983 (what we are using now), to current, accurate property values.

The purpose of conducting the reassessment is to remedy a Delaware Chancery Court ruling in 2020 that found property taxing systems in each of the state's three counties to be unconstitutional and not in compliance with Delaware law.

Here are some things you should know.

The first thing is, NO ONE NEEDS TO ENTER YOUR HOME. You may see notices in the local newspaper or on the County website ([www.nccde.org](http://www.nccde.org)) that data collectors will be in your area. They will measure buildings and talk with property owners. All Tyler staff will wear photo ID badges and reflective

yellow vests identifying them as part of the project. Local police will receive advance schedules listing the areas where Tyler staff will be working. If you are not home when they come to your community, no worries. The data collector will leave a document asking for the occupant to provide interior information. You will receive a data mailer which will be mailed sometime between Spring and Summer 2022. This will be the your opportunity, as the property owner, to review and confirm and/or correct items that will impact property values.

Late in 2022, property owners will receive a notice of the new tentative appraised value. Property owners are encouraged to evaluate whether the assessment appears to be at market value. If you believe the appraised value to be at market value, no further action is required. If you think it is incorrect, instructions will be provided on how to arrange an informal review.

You can find out more information on the County website [www.nccde.org](http://www.nccde.org) or at <https://empower.tylertech.com/New-Castle-County-Delaware.html#field>

Councilman David Tackett  
302-395-8371  
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## INFORMATION FROM REP. MADINAH WILSON-ANTON

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you all are staying safe as the holiday season approaches. Every year, states are required to redraw their legislative districts based on the most recent federal census data in a process called redistricting. Due to this process, the Christiana area is no longer a part of the 26th district. It is now the 18th district, represented by David Bentz.

Delawareans seeking health insurance, especially those who have lost coverage, can shop for 2022 coverage now through the Health Insurance Marketplace. The open enrollment period started last week and ends Saturday, Jan 15, 2022. Individuals who don't act by the deadline, cannot get coverage for 2022 unless they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period based on circumstances such as a loss of qualifying health coverage, change of income, becoming a parent, or other qualifying factors. Visit this website for more information: <https://www.choosehealthde.com/>

If you know someone in the 26th district who would like to be added to my monthly newsletter, please share this link to the sign-up form with them: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/moQf7MX/wilsonanton>. For additional updates, please be sure to attend my monthly Town Hall meetings via zoom webinar and Facebook Live.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office via phone at 302-577-5190/ 302-744-4349 or via email to my legislative aide, Leilani: Leilani.Rhodes@delaware.gov.

Sincerely,

Representative Madinah Wilson-Anton

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### OCTOBER GARAGE SALE

The Timber Farms Fall Garage Sale was held on Saturday, October 30. We had our banners along old Baltimore Pike and our ad in the Wilmington News Journal and we had a great turn out for our garage sale. We hired two teenagers to pass out maps when the cars entered Timber Farms, the maps had all the streets on them and on the bottom all the address's of residents that were participating. They passed out maps to 250 cars entering Timber Farms. From the emails we received it was very successful from residents bringing in \$ 200.00 all the way up to \$ 800.00.

### 27th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Timber Farms Civic Association Halloween Parade was held Saturday, October 30, 2021. The parade was led by New Castle County Police car and followed by a 1972 Corvette Convertible owned by Bruce Lipphardt and driven by County Councilman Dave Tackett, following was the Christiana High School Marching band. They have led our parade for the past 21 years for which we are very thankful to them. Following the band was by far the largest turnout for any activity in Timber Farms. We had a resident video the parade as it passed the judges on Woodland road and reviewed the video, counted over 200 hundred children dressed in costumes, with their friends and parents, came to a total of 381. The parade ended at the open space at the end of Holly Cove where Mr. Softee was waiting, has been attending events over 20 years and he set a record of handing out 331 ice creams cones in 1 1/4 hours. Sunset Staples arrived for pony rides from 4:15 to 5:30 and the two pony's gave rides to over 100 children.

Here are the 2021 Halloween Costumes Winners

Scarecrow - Kashetra Komirishetti

Green Witch - Emily Dallas

Marionette - Caroline Maxwell

Trump - William Ritterbeck

Cruella - Eva Hague

Foxy - Nolan Maxwell

Doctor - Eldho Nebu

Cleopatra - Zoe Saxena

Evil Clown - Eden Joseph

Dorothy and Galinda - Nora and Nevaeh

Joker and Harley Quinn - Dallas and Harper

Thanks to our judges, Christina Emmanuel, Stephanie Deluna, Kelly Oldis and Juliette Tabron. Judging was a very difficult task with the record crowd over 200 children with so many great costumes. Thanks to Mukund Purandare and Kathy Frederick for passing out over 500 bags of treats.

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## TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Elections for membership on the Board of the Maintenance Corporations were held this October. For the first time, we had more residents, a total of nine, nominated for membership on the Board of the Maintenance Corporation than the numbers of Board members allowed by our bylaws (six). We take this as a true sign of interest in the affairs of our community. Elected/re-elected to the Board were Jennifer Hostetler, Rolf Joerger, William Johnson, Bob Oakes, Jason Oldis and Rosie Tooley. Thank you to everyone who participated in the election either as a candidate or as a voter. We are happy to report that 99.6% of our residents have now paid the assessments for this year, and we anticipate reaching the 100% mark soon. This level of compliance is extraordinary and the main reason we have been able to keep our assessments at the same level for many years. We hope to continue this trend, but we will need to assess the impact of unexpected expenditures on our financial situation. We had to hire a company to capture and relocate a family of beavers that felled trees and dragged them into one of our retention ponds. We are now dealing with the aftermath of a lightning strike to one of the trees along Old Baltimore Pike. It has been recommended to us that the tree be taken down as broken branches constitute a safety hazard, and the health of the tree is severely compromised. Given the size and location of the tree, the removal will be rather costly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board members with any concerns regarding the maintenance of our community as a safe and appealing place. Also, please remember to contact the Board if you plan on building a shed or addition to your house or if you are going to install a fence. Deed restrictions apply to these items. Finally, please drive at the speed limit in our development.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Regards, Rolf Joerger, President

### TIMBER FARMS PICNIC

This year's timber Farms Civic Association's Picnic was terrific! We had perfect weather and marvelous participation. Our attendance count was 370 people despite concerns regarding the pandemic. The pony rides and inflatables were extremely popular with the children. Both adults and children loved the ice cream. This year we increased our menu to include Indian vegetarian dishes. Everyone enjoyed the Samosas and Bhel puri! Next year, the committee expects to expand to include even more cultural dishes. Please let a picnic committee member know if you would like our community to try one of your culture's favorite dishes.

I wish to thank each member of the Timber Farms Civic Association Picnic Committee for your careful planning and collaboration in making this year's picnic such a wonderful experience. In addition, the whole committee sincerely extends our thanks to the volunteers who worked so diligently to help make this year's picnic successful.

Sincere regards, Rosie Tooley, Chairperson



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Legal Services: Stephanie Emmanuel-DeLuna, Esq. Legal representation in the areas of domestic/family law, personal injury, workers compensation, small business law, immigration, and wills/probate [Stephanie@thecastrofirm.com](mailto:Stephanie@thecastrofirm.com)

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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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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](mailto: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!

Chiropractor - Dr. Anthony Giantinoto. Conveniently located for Timber Farms Residents in the Commonwealth Building of the University Office Plaza - 260 Chapman Rd, STE 104E. Private health insurance accepted as well as Medicare and Medicaid. Call us at 302-294-1832, or find us online at [302relief.com](http://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)

Made By McFadden My name is Brittany McFadden and I have turned a hobby into making gifts for others. I make various baby items - blankets, bibs, swaddles, and onesies, as well as headbands for your mask, regular headbands, rag quilts and scarves. You can contact me on Facebook, Instagram @madebymcfadden or Etsy [https://www.etsy.com/shop/MadeByMcFadden?ref=search\\_shop\\_redirect](https://www.etsy.com/shop/MadeByMcFadden?ref=search_shop_redirect)

Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Road is available for snow shoveling. No set price, just accepting donations to put towards college fund. Phone number 302 685 8006, Father Maurice 302 465 5238

Paige Barnard at 124 Woodland Road would like to do snow removal this winter 302 542 4647





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