



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

Timber Farms Civic Association
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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We've had some unexpected warm weather this month, which has been a pleasant surprise. I hope you and your family have a chance to take advantage of it.

This month marks the start of our annual Civic Association membership drive. We've already received new memberships from over 100 homes this month. More than half of our 2022 members included an additional donation with their \$25 annual dues. We really appreciate your extra support. Those funds help us sustain our newsletter and our neighborhood events. Thanks to all of our 2022 members!

We have experienced some problems with mail delivery for our quarterly newsletters, and are working with the post office to resolve them. If you requested to have our newsletters delivered by regular mail, and you don't receive your copy, look for a PDF copy in your email. All newsletters are also available online at www.timberfarmscivic.org.

If you own a portable basketball setup, please remember that DelDOT regulations require all areas of the roadways and sidewalks to be free of obstructions. Be safe while playing basketball, and store all equipment safely away from roads and sidewalks when not in use.

We look forward to another great year with our neighbors. If you are not yet a member, please join the Civic Association and help support our upcoming social events. We hope to see you at our annual Easter Egg hunt on April 16!

Regards, Bruce Lipphardt, President

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents

Development on 273: Update into the construction on 273 by University Plaza, I first alerted our community to this development project in our community newsletter in February of 2019. The development is to have three separate businesses and is planned to include two restaurants, one sit-down style and one fast-food and a convenience store with gas pumps. Since 2019, I've sent updates letting you know that the convenience store will be a Wawa, but the project was moving slowly. I received an update from the attorney, and he informed me that Wawa should start construction in approx. 60 days, with hopes of opening this year but that may be tight. No other tenants yet for the restaurant or fast-food pad.

New Castle County Reassessment Progress: Tyler Technologies has the task of collecting data on all the properties in NCC. The data collectors will be making their way through New Castle County, visiting every property, measuring improvements, and

collecting data. The data collector may also ask the occupants questions about the property but will not enter the home. They expect to be in Timber Farms in about a month or two.

For more information, use this URL

<https://empower.tylertech.com/New-Castle-County-Delaware.html#fieldand>

Check out the frequently asked questions document and check back for updates as the project progresses. Key dates as well as pictures of the Data Collectors will be uploaded to this website. If you have any doubt if a data collector is in your area, please feel free to call your County Assessment Office at 302-395-5520.

Please feel free to contact my office at any time,

Councilman David Tackett

302-395-8371

David.Tackett@newcastlede.gov

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Timber Farms,

I hope this finds you well as winter prepares to transition into spring, and as the Omicron variant has receded significantly and we all seek a safe return to stability.

The legislature is returning to work in Dover following the conclusion of budget hearings in February. The State's financial forecasts remain strong this year, and in addition there are historic amounts of federal resources we can use for infrastructure investments and certain operational programs relating to COVID considerations. The Senate anticipates action on several important initiatives in the coming weeks, including paid family and medical leave, increased transparency to help enhance trust between law enforcement and the communities it serves, and bail reform that will enable our justice system to detain dangerous defendants pre-trial when they are accused of serious crimes and there is strong reason to believe their pre-trial release would be a risk to the community.

Also teed up for progress will be promoting more economic opportunities for all Delawareans. After several years of efforts I was proud to lead, the State will be releasing a disparity study (likely by the time this newsletter reaches you), which will identify disparities in the racial and other demographics of State contractors, suppliers, and vendors. The next step from the legislature and Governor needs to be taking this data and turning it into policies and programs that ensure hardworking contractors and small business people of all backgrounds are on equal footing when it comes time for the State to issue contracts.

Locally, a most pressing issue remains drainage concerns, especially as the springtime weather arrives. Please reach out to me with any drainage concerns or requests, or with any concerns

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or questions you have on any issue at all. It is an honor to serve you, and the most rewarding aspect of my position is hearing from and working directly with you.

Sincerely,
Bryan Townsend
Senate Majority Leader
bryan.townsend@delaware.gov
302-709-1516

INFORMATION FROM REP. MADINAH WILSON-ANTON

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this article finds you well. The Delaware General Assembly returns to session this month after a break in February for budget hearings. So far, we were able to successfully pass a bill that provides COVID-19 related relief to people receiving unemployment benefits and employers who have assessed unemployment taxes.

During my last virtual town hall meeting on February 1st, I was joined by representatives from Delaware Health and Social Services for a discussion about health issues including COVID-19, resources for seniors and people with disabilities, service center information, and more. If you missed it, you may watch the entire town hall on my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RepMadinah/videos/819848999411583>.

DART's Annual Poster Contest, "Stuff The Bus 25th Anniversary Logo Challenge" is open to school-age children grades 6 through 12. The contest is designed to encourage students to learn more about public transportation and its benefits to the community, as well as the chance to see their artwork featured by DART in various advertisements, promotions, and displays. Interested schools are being asked to conduct the contest within the appropriate grade levels at their respective schools and forward the entries to DART for judging. For details and contest instructions, please call (302) 576-6143, or visit DART's website at DartFirstState.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>.

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

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation (HOA) met on February 7 to review expenditures incurred in 2021, establish a budget for 2022 and determine the assessment amount for this year. In 2021, we spent \$ 53,059.49 and had a income of \$ 46,625.00. The deficit stemmed primarily from two items, the necessary removal of a large tree along Old Baltimore Pike that was hit by lightning (\$ 5,500.00) and the capture and relocation of beavers that were negatively impacting one of our retention ponds (\$ 2,550.00).

For 2022, we estimate expenditures of \$ \$ 54,576.00. We expect higher costs for tree work and open space maintenance as well as the work at the entrance way and the playground. Keeping the 2022 assessments at the same level it has been for the past 9 years would again cause a significant deficit. Therefore, the Board has decided to increase the assessment from \$ 165 to \$ 195. In this way, our revenues are expected to be \$ 54,975.00 and thus in line with expected expenditures. Despite this increase, the assessment for our Timber Farms Community will still be below the average homeowners assessment for other communities in New Castle County which is about \$ 250.00. This is the case despite the fact that we have a considerable amount of open space to maintain (51 acres) which is more than that of most other communities.

Please contact any of the Board members if you have any questions or concerns. Bills for the assessment will be mailed at the beginning of March and payments are due by April 30, 2022.

Rolf Joerger, President

TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Planned Activities for 2022

Feb.	Civic Association Membership Drive
March 4	Newsletter- Timber Farms Voice
April 16 (Sat.)	Easter Egg Hunt - Playground
May 10 (May and June)	Graduation Notice's Entrance Bulletin Board
May 14 (Sat.)	Spring Garage Sale
May 26	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
June 13	Civic Meeting Playground - Pizza's
August 28	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
Sept. 10	27th Annual Picnic
Oct. 15	Fall Garage Sale
Oct.	TBD Civic/Maintenance meeting
Oct. 29	28th Annual Halloween Parade
Nov.	TBD Civic Association Meeting
Nov. 29	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
Dec. 19	Judging Best Decorated Homes

Timber Farms Civic Associations Associations first meeting was held in 1992. The meeting was called to order by Jim Ferguson at 7:15 p.m. Jim and many others from our community have been working for about eight months to get our civic association started. The purpose of the meeting was to update the community on activities in the area, discuss and accept the-bylaws, nominate officers and vote them into office.

State Representative Rich Davis discussed the work being done to Old Baltimore Pike. The current schedule calls for about one year to clear trees and move dirt, two years of changes in traffic patterns in the area. As it stands now there will be one lane in each direction with a full lane shoulder and one center lane for turns. Rich and others are trying to convince the state to stripe the road for two lanes each direction. The following were elected: President Jim Ferguson, Vice President Bob Marton, Secretary Carol Slotis. Treasurer Chuck Vincelette. Following Jim Ferguson the first President were Len Taddei, Bob Oakes, Vanessa Spence, Larry Rizzo, Janet Taylor, Len Taddei and Bruce Lipphardt.

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HOLIDAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following 2021 Holiday decorating contest winners. Great job everyone!

The Oldis Family
2 Anthony Drive \$ 50.00

The Rutherford Family
500 W. Hummock Lane \$ 50.00

The McFadden/Stacy Family
653 Timber Wood Blvd \$ 50.00

Honorable Mention

The Hayward Family
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The Banoub Family
The Charnick Family
The Donahue Family

46 Anthony Drive
415 Arrowood Lane
213 Michelle Court
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Evergreen Waste Services are offering Timber Farms residents a special offer. Weekly Trash & Recycle Collection on Tuesdays. Because were the number one trash collector in Timber Farms we can offer you a great price (\$19.00) per month.) Call Evergreen now at 302-635-7055 to start taking advantage of the discounted services for Timber Farms Residents.

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

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.

Shola Coker Phillip, Realtor/Home Designer, REMAX Associates, 668 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. www.sholasellshomes.com, Cell: 302563-3784, Office: 302-234-3800, efax: 877-408-7952

An experienced lawn mower and a second year college student. I can bring my own mower if needed. Thank you, David Hawtof 302 463 6817.

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.

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

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

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