



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We are very excited to host the next annual Timber Farms neighborhood festival on Saturday, September 10. As always, there will be a wide variety of food, pony rides, giant slide and moon bounce, and ice cream. Food will be available beginning at 3:00pm. Our check-in table will open at 2:30pm to help alleviate the long lines we experienced last year. The festival is open to Civic Association members and their families. If you are not yet a member, you can join us at the festival sign-in table on September 10. Annual dues are just \$25.

We need volunteers for festival day! Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help with set-up, grilling food, the sign-in table, or clean-up. Watch your email for a link to sign up as a volunteer. Thank you to Elaine Little for coordinating all of our volunteers.

Do you have a unique or classic car? Know any of your neighbors who do? We hope to make our annual Halloween parade even better this year by adding more fun cars. If you'd like to join this year's parade, let us know by email. The Halloween parade and costume contest is set for Saturday, October 29, starting at 3pm. Join us!

Rosie Tooley has done a terrific job of coordinating all of the planning for this year's festival. Thanks to Rosie, and to all of our volunteers, who are busy finalizing preparations for our September 10 celebration. We hope you can join us as we all meet and share as neighbors.

Regards, Bruce Lipphardt, President

INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

Another summer gone; time passes too quickly.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I will share a few quick items that may be of interest, and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about them or any other issue.

1) Plans continue to advance for major repaving of Old Baltimore Pike from the Maryland line to the town of Christiana. The contract already has been awarded, and the project should commence in the near future. It is scheduled to take 205 days, though as always the timing will be weather-dependent.

2) The I-95 restoration project in the City of Wilmington is on schedule. Realignment of traffic to normal patterns should occur in early 2023.

3) The road construction at the 95/273 interchange is scheduled to finish by year-end.

4) Trucks continue to park illegally on the shoulders of nearby roadways, including along OBP. The General Assembly passed legislation in June to give DelDOT and the State Police more authority and flexibility to address the issue. I continue to share constituents' (and my!) frustrations with the State Police, who have responded and helped address the issue at certain locations. Please do not be shy about contacting me so that I can pass even more frustrations along.

5) If you have any drainage issues, please let me know.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Bryan Townsend

Senate Majority Leader
bryan.townsend@delaware.gov
302-709-1516

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear TF Neighbors,

• New Castle County has several job openings (currently 28) Full time and Part time <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/nccde>

• Property Tax Bills are out and Due by Sept 30th

• Our Youth Workforce Development Program is always taking applications. <https://www.newcastlede.gov/859/Youth-Workforce-Development-Program>

• Glasgow Park has Yoga and Zumba Classes and The Summer concert series in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. Both are in full swing. Market opens at 3pm Concerts start at 6:30pm

• Public comment period for the UDC appendix changes end August 12th

• The Wawa on 273 has pushed back the opening date till the spring of 2023.

Please reach out to my office any time,
Councilman David Tackett

302-395-8371
David.Tackett@newcastlede.gov

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

We (almost) did it again! With the exception of one Timber Farms residence, all property owners have paid the assessment for 2022. We are now in the process of collecting the remaining assessment, and we hope to reach the 100% payment level. Your assessments provide for the cost of grass cutting and other work in the open spaces, as well as the maintenance of the entrance way plantings and the playground. So far, this summer has been relatively calm, and we did not have any

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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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severe weather events that caused tree damage as happened last year. Hopefully, fall will be equally uneventful.

We are happy to report that we have a high level of compliance with the requirement to request permissions for decks, fences and entry way alterations. Please continue to submit plans for these items to the Architectural Review Committee and contact us if you have any questions regarding specific guidelines. Other items that the Board of the Maintenance Corporation frequently has to deal with are complaints about vehicles being parked on the street overnight and about commercial vehicles parked in our development. Please remember that these are violations of our deed restrictions.

Also, please obey the speed limits and stop signs in our development, especially since school starts and children will be picked up and dropped off by their school bus.

Regards,
Rolf Joerger

TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting was held on June 13, 2022 at the Timber Farms Playground to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Bruce Lipphardt, President congratulated everyone on our 30th Anniversary saying that it takes a lot of effort by a lot of people to have this kind of success. Bruce introduced New Castle County Councilman Dave Tackett. Dave congratulated those in attendance on our 30th Anniversary and for a phenomenal job of running the community. He said it is one of the best run communities in the area. Dave had a 30th Anniversary Proclamation that he read to all. Bruce next introduced State Senator Bryan Townsend who congratulated the community for having such a successful Civic Association. Bruce next introduced Delaware Lieutenant Governor, Bethany Hall-Long, she praised Timber Farms Civic Association and gave "kudos" to us on our 30th Anniversary.

We need to thank Teguh & Lidya Darmawan of Anthony Dr for allowing us to plug in and furnish electricity for the meeting. Thanks to Josh Grant of Woodland Rd for furnishing and setting up our PA system and speakers. Thanks to Rich Armorer of Woodland Road, owner of A Family Affair Tent & Party for donating 100 chairs, 4 picnic tables for our Pizza's and drinks

Everyone enjoyed Armore's pizzas and cold bottled water in celebration of our 30th Anniversary!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Hello Neighbors!

Calling all Timber Farms residents and Civic Association members! It is almost time for our Timber Farms Festival. Our Festival date is Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the open grounds near the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove Lane, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Our rain date is Sunday, September 11th. We are expecting a wonderful time to enjoy food, fellowship and fun with our family, friends and neighbors!

We have the popular features that are always crowd pleasures: grilled hot dogs and burgers, pastas, multiple vegetarian dishes and more.. The children enjoy Mr. Softee ice cream, pony rides, the moon bounce, our giant inflated double slides. We are also adding a Bubble Machine. All we need is good weather and YOU!

Would you like to take part in helping to ensure that this year's picnic is our best one ever? Elaine Little has once again created an online sign up sheet for our volunteers to participate and there are many places to serve. The great thing about working together with your neighbors is that it allows us to get to know each other better. Helping out is a lot of fun! This year, volunteers will be asked to start at 1:30 PM. Guest sign-in will start at 2:30 PM.

We especially need volunteers to assist with our grilling. Often times, one person grills for all of us for the whole picnic and does not get to enjoy the event. Bummer, right? So, let us all help as we can. Thanks neighbors!

Please note: the celebration is only for Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA) members and family. If you are a Timber Farms resident who is not yet a member of the (TFCA), you can join for \$ 25. Please feel free to join us by signing up at the (TFCA) Festival registration table. We would love to have you join us and look forward to enjoying the day with you.

Rosie Tooley, Chairperson, TFCA Festival Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Delaware has a Senior School Property Tax Credit? I've lived in Delaware for 11 years and, until recently, never knew that Delaware has a Senior School Property Tax Credit. Do you know about it?

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Qualifications:

- Applicants must be at least 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the fiscal year for which the School Property Tax Credit is being sought;
- Applicants must own their home (either sole owner or co-owner) and that home must be the applicant's primary residence;
- If applicant moved to Delaware between 1/1/2013 and 12/31/2017, they must be a resident for at least three (3) years before applying; if applicant moved to Delaware on or after 1/1/2018, they must be a resident for at least ten (10) years; and

- All property taxes must be current.

What is the benefit? A 50% credit on the school taxes of the property up to a maximum of \$400.00 per year. This credit is not permitted retroactively, unfortunately. Statewide deadline is April 30th for the upcoming tax year. Keep it in mind for next year and apply early.

It's not well publicized, yet it is a simple application that one can get on www.newcastlede.gov or by calling NCC Assessments at (302)395-5520. Please share this information on the somewhat obscure Senior School Property Tax Credit with your friends and neighbors!

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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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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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