



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This winter has brought frost and a good amount of snow! I hope everyone has stayed cozy and warm but had a chance to experience the rare snowstorm. We're looking forward to a successful 2024 full of Timber Farms Civic Association events.

This year the Timber Farms Civic Association is looking for input from the residents to better the events for everyone to attend. As we transition from stalwarts running the association, the board seeks refreshing ideas from everyone to make all our events a success.

A survey is being drafted to solicit input regarding the 2024 Fall Festival. We hope each household takes the time to provide valuable insight. The survey will help the board members make educated decisions to host a successful event.

Residents are encouraged to share their visions for any event as well. In addition to seeking innovative event ideas, the association is keen on fostering a sense of ownership among residents. The call for input is an invitation for active participation, encouraging residents to take pride in shaping the communal experiences that define Timber Farms.

If you have not joined the Timber Farms Civic Association, please consider joining us and helping bring fun activities to our lovely neighborhood.

Pruthvish (Pru) Patel, President  
Timber Farms Civic Association

### INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Timber Farms Family,

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of projects in the area: Regarding project # 20230158 at Old Baltimore Pike and Route 273, I've kept you updated on this project and will continue to do so. To date, there has been no significant progress or movement since the plan was filed. There are still requirements from DelDOT to be met and building issues with the County to be resolved.

I also wanted to share some updates about the Girl Scout building. As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, this property has been up for sale. According to our records, it was sold on December 28th. The parcel is currently zoned for 'Institutional Regional' use. This may include, but is not limited to libraries, museums, cultural or arts centers, etc. These are only a few examples. At this point in

time, we have no further details regarding future plans and I have not been contacted by either the Girl Scouts or other tenants for future use.

If you have any questions or would like to request any updates always reach out to me anytime.

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### TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The newly elected Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation met on December 11, 2023, to assign positions on the Board. Rolf Joerger will continue as President and Architectural Review Committee and will also take over the HOA managerial duties previously carried out by Bob Oakes. William Johnson is Vice President; Jennifer Hostetler is Secretary and Linda Olds is Treasurer. The Board also includes members Annette Collier and Robert Neel. The best way to reach out to the Board is by email ([timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com)).

On January 22, the Board met for its annual budget meeting. Bob Oakes, as former treasurer, reported that the Maintenance Corporation spent \$45,856 in 2023. This amount was lower than was expected mainly due to no expenditures for snow removal and lower costs for open space and landscaping maintenance than in previous years. The Board is projecting expenditures for 2024 to be \$65,893 mainly due to expected higher costs for snow removal, tree service, and New Castle County police patrols, as well as the replacement of the warped sign at the entrance of the development and the addition of a new online HOA platform. Although the projected amount is higher than our estimated income for 2024, the Board decided to keep the 2024 assessment at the same level of \$195 as in 2023. The possible shortfall will be covered by funds saved from last year.

The Board decided to sign up with an internet-based organization, PayHOA, to facilitate assessment collection, communication and bookkeeping. This platform relies extensively on email communication. It is important for us to have up-to-date email addresses (maximum two per residence). Please send an email to [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com) if you have never shared your email address with us or if your current email address needs updating.

You should be receiving the 2024 assessment bill soon, and you will have the option to pay on-line through the PayHOA platform (fees apply) or, as in the past, by check.

Rolf Joerger, President  
Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation

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If you aren't one of the 400 residents of Timber Farms who have already provided us with their email address, please do so. It is the surest way to receive timely, updated information which affects you. (We will not sell or share your email address.) Please email us your email address today to [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com).

## INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm as winter moves along.

I have a few quick updates from the State level. I continue to work with DelDOT on modifications to the traffic signals at the entrance to our neighborhood. I appreciate those residents who have emailed me to share specific examples (including days and times) of the lights not functioning properly, such as the sensors not identifying cars waiting to turn left from OBP into Timber Farms. I hope by the time this newsletter reaches you that we have fixed all issues, but please never hesitate to email or call me with input.

The consistency of high-volume precipitation events continues to reveal drainage issues in our area. If you are experiencing drainage issues, please contact me. Remediation time can range from just a few months for a simple project to 1-2 years or more for more complex or high-dollar projects. We are trying to stay on top of this issues, albeit with limited funding and with increasing stress on drainage systems as the frequency and intensity of high-volume rain events increase.

All major road construction has now been completed in our immediate area, including the repaving of OBP. In certain areas, permanent striping will be finalized once warmer weather arrives. A bit further away, the project at OBP and 896 will continue for some time. But hopefully closer to home, traffic moves smoothly and safely. Please be sure to focus on the road and not smartphones, and please drive slowly and safely inside the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Bryan Townsend

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## TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

It's another exciting year as February begins the 2024 Annual Membership Drive for the Timber Farms Civic Association! Thanks to all of our Timber Farms families who were members last year. We once again ask you to join us as a member of our association this year. Your membership supports our annual neighborhood events (Easter egg hunt, neighborhood yard sales, annual fall festival, Halloween parade, and holiday home decorating contest), quarterly Timber Farms Voice newsletters, and our web site and email communications.

Annual dues are only \$25 per household. Please consider an extra donation to help us with rising costs. You can find the membership form on our website: [www.timberfarmscivic.org](http://www.timberfarmscivic.org). We can contact you with community news and event reminders if you include your email address. We thank you for your past support and once again we hope you will join us in 2024.

### Planned Activities for 2024:

Feb 1	Start of Civic Assoc Membership Drive
Feb	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Mar 30	(Sat) Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 27	(Sat) Energize Delaware Workshop
May 15	(May & June) Graduation Notices on Bulletin Board
May 18	(Sat) Community Spring Yard Sale
May	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Aug	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Sept TBD	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival*
Oct 5	(Sat) Community Fall Yard Sale
Oct 17	(Thurs) Joint Civic / Maintenance General Meeting, Thurgood Marshall School
Oct 26	(Sat) 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade
Nov 12	(Tues) Civic Assoc General Meeting & Elections for President & Secretary, Thurgood Marshall School
Nov	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Dec	(3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> week) Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes*

\*The Annual Fall Festival & the Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes are for 2024 paid TFCA members only.

**New This Year!** On Sat, April 27, from 10:30 - 12:30 pm, we will host an Energize Delaware Workshop at the Bear Library. Energize Delaware is a non-profit organization that helps residents save money through clean energy & energy efficiency & provides energy education programs. This workshop will provide our residents interested in saving energy with information about DIY energy conservation measures & tips for the household, provide information about energy-saving resources/programs, and information about available rebates for energy efficient home improvements. Watch for information on this workshop. Registration will be required.

Thank you for your support over the years. We are looking forward to an exciting 2024! TFCA -- serving the community for the past 32 years!



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It's still possible to get some snow in March, so if we do and you need help with snow shoveling, here are some teens and young adults to call:

- ❖ Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Rd; (302) 685-8006; flash2reece@gmail.com; Father Maurice (302) 465-5238; no set price, accepting donations towards college fund
- ❖ Ryan Thompson, 153 Woodland Rd; (302) 229-1994
- ❖ Daniel Hague, 517 W Hummock Ln; (856) 405-5193 (Jen) and (856) 340-8698 (Dan Sr.); [JLHague@comcast.net](mailto:JLHague@comcast.net)
- ❖ Liam Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; (302) 668-8773
- ❖ Tom is available for snow shoveling this winter, yard work, and some landscaping; his contact number is (302) 593-7803

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