



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first edition of the Timber Farms Voice for 2025. The Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA) is the social organization for the community. We plan events that allow neighbors to get to know one another. Membership remains a low \$25/year per household. If you were a member in 2024, you will receive a renewal letter in the mail. If you weren't a member in 2024, do not be dismayed. Go to the [timberfarmscivic.org](https://timberfarmscivic.org) website, download the membership form and mail it to TFCA, P.O. Box 489, Bear, DE 19701 along with the annual dues.

Do not confuse the TFCA with the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation (TFMC). If you have questions regarding, our common spaces, adding a shed or fence to your yard, or other non-social issues contact the TFMC at [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com)

The Timber Farms Civic Association Board has set the schedule for our annual events. We may schedule some additional events this year, so open those emails when they come to your inbox.

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older are welcome and encouraged to volunteer at our events. If your school or house of worship requires documentation of hours served, we can provide it. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 AM at the playground on Anthony Drive. We will need volunteers to stuff and hide eggs, and to help during the event.

If you want to transition some of the plantings in your yard towards *native* trees, bushes and perennial flowers but don't know where to purchase them, the University of DE Botanic Gardens spring plant sale is April 23 – 26, 2025 and Delaware Nature Society spring plant sale is May 3, 2025 at Coverdale Farm Preserve.

Regards,  
Elaine Little, President  
[president@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:president@timberfarmscivic.org)

### 2024 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Timber Farms Civic Board Members want to thank all the residents who decorated their homes for the 2024 holiday season. They were beautiful and transformed the community into an evening wonderland. We hope you all had opportunities to drive around and enjoy them for yourselves.

The judging was no easy task for the three judges: Latasha Allison, Elaine Little, and Linda Olds. With the wide variety of decorating styles, it was extremely hard to down-select to 7 homes to highlight out of all those Civic Association members' homes that were decorated.

#### Our 2024 Top 3 Decorated Homes, in no particular order, were:

The Cross Family	211 Michelle Ct
The Rutherford Family	500 West Hummock Ln
The Donahue Family	152 Woodland Rd

#### Our 2024 4 Honorable Mention Decorated Homes, again in no particular order, were:

The Hayward Family	46 Anthony Dr
The Matyger Family	215 West Silver Fox
The Keenan Family	510 West Hummock Ln
The Carosino Family	116 Woodland Rd

The Top 3 Decorated Homes each received \$50.00 and a colorful certificate. The 4 Honorable Mention Homes each received a colorful certificate.

Again, thank you to all who took the time and effort to beautifully decorate their homes!

2024 Timber Farms Civic Association Board

### TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation including Annette Collier, Jennifer Hostetler, Rolf Joerger, William Johnson and Linda Olds met on February 4 to review the Corporation's expenditures from 2024, to establish a budget for 2025 and to decide on the assessment amount for this year. The list of 2024 expenditures and the 2025 budget can be viewed on our website [timberfarmsmaintenancecorporation.org](https://timberfarmsmaintenancecorporation.org). The Board decided to keep the 2025 assessment at last year's amount of \$195. Bills will be mailed at the end of February with a due date of April 30. A late fee of \$25 will be charged for every month of non-payment after the due date. This is a change from our previous policy of just charging \$25 regardless of when the bill is finally paid. Please see the Board's Resolution on Late Fees posted on our website under the tab "Deed Restrictions and Other Documents". The bill can be paid by electronic payment via the PayHOA portal or by check. Please contact Board members or email [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the 2025 assessment. The assessments are used to pay for mandatory items such as snow removal, maintenance of our two retention ponds and the centrally located pond, open spaces and playground, grass cutting and tree care and removal. Other recurring items are utilities and insurance. We have also budgeted again for occasional traffic patrols in our development by New Castle County Police and for geese control as needed.

Rolf Joerger,  
President, Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation

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*Please send your \$25 dues to:*

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Website: [www.timberfarmscivic.org](http://www.timberfarmscivic.org)

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).

## FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

In an effort to keep you in the loop, I would like to share an update on the current state of the New Castle County tax reassessment. The informal appeal process has concluded. If you are still unsatisfied with your newly assessed value, the next step is filing a formal appeal with the Board of Assessment Review. The deadline for filing an appeal is March 14th of the tax year for which you are filing an appeal. There will be no further opportunities for appeals this year once the window for a formal appeal has passed. If you have questions regarding the process, we recommend contacting Assessments at (302) 395-5520.

Regarding the ongoing construction next to the Wawa on Route 273, the remaining pad at this site is confirmed to be a car wash. Please note that the site will have no access to Old Baltimore Pike; the site will use the current entrances and exits that exist for the Wawa.

Councilman David Tackett, 11th District

Office: 302-395-8351, Email: [David.Tackett@newcastlede.gov](mailto:David.Tackett@newcastlede.gov)

## FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

The General Assembly began our 2025 session in January, has been in recess in February for budget hearings, and will reconvene in mid-March. This year, I will continue my efforts to improve health care in Delaware. This includes cutting red tape that frustrates patients and doctors with prior-authorization requirements for procedures and medications, and investing more in primary health care. In March, I will lead legislation to reinforce a pillar of the Delaware economy—our corporate law—by restoring balance in our law at the same time Texas and Nevada are wooing Delaware corporations and thousands of legal jobs with alternative laws.

At some point in 2025, a DelDOT contractor will repair the sink hole at the intersection of Timber Wood Blvd and East Silver Fox Road. DelDOT recently filled it in with dirt as a temporary patch, but they will come back in the coming months to finalize a full repair, including a pipe replacement underground.

Please contact me if you have any requests for legislation or if I might be of any service with any question, suggestion, or concern.

Bryan Townsend, State Senator

302-740-5231, [bryan.townsend@delaware.gov](mailto:bryan.townsend@delaware.gov)

## TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

It's another exciting year as February begins the 2025 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. We appreciate any extra donation that you would like to consider as costs continue to rise. 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 2025.

### Planned Activities for 2025:

Feb 1	Start of Civic Association Membership Drive
Feb	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Apr 19	(Sat) Annual Easter Egg Hunt
May 15	Begin Posting May & June Graduation Notices on Bulletin Board
May 17	(Sat) Community Spring Yard Sale
May	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Aug	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Sept 13	(Sat) 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival*
Oct 4	(Sat) Community Fall Yard Sale
Oct 16	(Thurs) Joint Civic / Maintenance General Meeting, Thurgood Marshall School
Oct 25	(Sat) 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Parade
Nov 18	(Tues) Civic Assoc General Meeting & Elections for Vice-President & Treasurer, Thurgood Marshall School
Nov	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Dec 22	Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes*

\*The Annual Fall Festival & the Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes are for 2025 paid TFCA members only.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2025! TFCA -- serving the community for the past 33 years!

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## We've Lost A Great Friend, Bob Oakes



Robert Allen Oakes, age 89 from Newark, Delaware and long-time resident of Timber Farms, passed away on December 25, 2024 at Millcroft Rehab in Newark, Delaware.

Bob began his career in the service department at age 16 at Delmarva Power, where he was a supervisor until his retirement at 62. He went on to serve as the president of the Delmarva Power Credit Union for over a decade. Sunday was always football day around Bob's house, where the team he rooted for the most was the Philadelphia Eagles. For most of his life, he was an avid golfer who loved the game and shared this love with his sons, grandsons, and many friends. He dedicated his life to his family and for him, family was always first. He loved being with every one of his grandchildren, and they all brought such joy to him throughout his life. Bob was a giver, always ready to help someone.

Bob's dedication to our community was unsurpassed. As anyone who knew Bob knows, he was known as a first responder for all members of the Timber Farms Community. With wisdom gained through years of serving as both President and Treasurer of both the Timber Farms Civic Association and the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation, there was no problem he couldn't solve and no response he didn't have a hand in providing the framework for.

The love he had for his community was always a priority to him. It gave him much joy organizing community events for Timber Farms residents: Easter egg hunts, Halloween Parades, and Picnics, which always brought him so much joy. He made sure everyone and everything was taken care of and running smoothly throughout the years.

Bob's graciousness and ability to connect with the Timber Farms community cannot be understated. As well as being an essential contributor to community events, he also relayed any neighborhood concerns sent to him and shared them with the two Boards. Furthermore, Bob was a remarkable listener, ensuring that everyone's voice was heard and using his wry sense of humor to smooth over uncomfortable situations. Some have called Bob the "Sheriff" of Timber Farms, others "Our Timber Farms Hero." But all know he will be missed greatly and life will be a little less bright without his presence in our community!

**Bob Oakes did not simply live in Timber Farms;  
Timber Farms lived in Bob.  
Rest in peace, Bob Oakes.**

## BUSINESS CARD ADS


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Mariam Banoub  
Administrator



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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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Here are some teens and young adults who are interested in shoveling snow (and they will probably be interested in yard work when spring arrives):

- ❖ Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Rd; Text (302) 685-8006; [flash2reece@gmail.com](mailto:flash2reece@gmail.com)
- ❖ Liam, Kieran, & Ryan Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; (302) 668-8773
- ❖ Tom McCarthy, (302) 593-7803; [tomcat9591@gmail.com](mailto:tomcat9591@gmail.com)
- ❖ Charlie Porter, 308 E Silver Fox Rd; (302) 983-7020

Huge 3-Day Moving Sale! Everything Must Go! Amazing deals on furniture, electronics, Clothing, and more!

- ❖ Friday, March 28: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
  - ❖ Saturday, March 29: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - ❖ Sunday, March 30: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 423 Post Oak Lane, Timber Farms (302) 482-5782

My name is Emily Hostetler and I'm a junior who loves children and is available for babysitting. I completed the Red Cross babysitting basics course & have a certification in CPR. I have experience with children from one year & older. Contact me at (302) 358-1209 (Timber Farms resident)

Healing Touch Energy Therapy: Great for pain management, relaxation, stress reduction, reducing anxiety/depression, strengthening the immune system, enhancing recovery from surgery, supporting cancer care, easing acute & chronic conditions, etc. Reasonable rates, flexible hours, Call Judie Rodgers, HTPA, (302) 273-2447 (Timber Farms resident)

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Affordable alteration contact: Jayshree Sheth (302) 250-4397 (Timber Farms resident) • any saree to add fol/stitching • any dress/chudidar stitching • any pant stitching • need to add/remove sleeves on dress • anything else just call

Shola Coker Phillip, Realtor/Home Designer, REMAX Associates, 668 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. [www.homelotland.com](http://www.homelotland.com), Cell: (302) 563-3784, Office: (302) 234-3800, efax: (877) 408-7952 (Timber Farms resident)

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Power washing all Timber Farms homes from gutters to foundation decks, concrete walkways, and driveways. Long time Timber Farms resident. Contact Rick at (302) 345-6350

Newark Charter sophomore, working to get extra cash for school needs. My name is Mi-na Wright and I enjoy caring for kids. I'm an active member at my church where I volunteer my time watching kids in our children's ministry from ages 0 – 12 years old. I've been doing this for 2 years now. Please contact me for inquiries at (302) 607-3971. (Timber Farms resident)

I have a new Nail business - Contact Neema Sheth (704) 287-1703 (Timber Farms resident) [www.COLORSTREET.com/neemasheth](http://www.COLORSTREET.com/neemasheth). Each pack is \$12

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