



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello! Welcome to the spring edition of The Timber Farms Voice. A special welcome to Donna Wright who has joined the Timber Farms Civic Association Board of Directors as our Vice-President.

Communication is important to me. If your family is not receiving emails from the Timber Farms Civic Association, please first check your spam or junk mail folder. If nothing is in spam, contact [info@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:info@timberfarmscivic.org) with your correct email. If you transition to a new email address, please contact [info@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:info@timberfarmscivic.org) to provide your new email information as well.

I take pride in the cleanliness of our neighborhood. The day before the easter egg hunt, I went out to the playground to look for trash and any dog droppings. The next morning when I arrived, a dog had done its business. Please pick up after your dog(s). If you forget to grab a bag as you head out on a walk, and you need one, most homeowners are more than willing to hand you a plastic bag to pick up after your four-legged friend.

We are already thinking about the annual festival to be held on Saturday, September 13 from 3–6 PM. The 2025 festival planning committee will have its first meeting on June 11. If you would like to be on the festival committee, contact me at [president@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:president@timberfarmscivic.org). Historically this event has been organized and executed by homeowners along with the TFCA board. I have been involved with the festival committee since at least 2008. I don't recall a year in which the chairperson or co-chairs of the festival committee were also TFCA board members. Please consider volunteering as the chairperson or co-chairperson of the committee this year. When we have many volunteers, the work is divided, and all get to enjoy the festival- including the volunteers. I look forward to your participation.

Kind Regards,

Elaine Little, [president@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:president@timberfarmscivic.org)  
President, Timber Farms Civic Association

### TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

There's still time for 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. 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. TFCA -- serving the community for the past 33 years!

### Planned Activities for 2025:

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.

### TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Thank you to all of you who have paid the 2025 assessment that was due on April 30. Your prompt payments allow the Maintenance Corporation to pay the bills for work on trees in the open spaces, having the acres of grass cut in our development, landscaping work, and snow removal this winter. Unfortunately, we still have a few unpaid assessments. As we did for the 2024 billing period, the Board will make every effort to collect the mandatory 2025 assessments from all 281 Timber Farms homeowners. As announced earlier, there will be a \$25 late fee for every month the payment is late. If payment is not received after several months, the Board will start legal proceedings that will add hundreds of dollars to the assessment bill. Please contact us at [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the 2025 assessment or if you have any other concerns or suggestions regarding items that can be addressed by the Maintenance Corporation.

If you are planning on installing a fence or shed or building an addition, please contact the Maintenance Corporation before the start of a project as required by our deed restrictions to avoid violations that can be costly to correct.

Please obey the speed limit and stop signs in our neighborhood. New Castle County police are patrolling in our development occasionally and will issue tickets to violators. Also, please do not turn into the development when the traffic light on Old Baltimore Pike shows a solid red arrow. Prior to the installation of this signal, several accidents occurred that impacted residents.

We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

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 [Info@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:Info@timberfarmscivic.org) & [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com).

## FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I'd like to share with you a few updates on matters in the District that you'll want to know about. To start, at his budget address on April 22nd, County Executive Marcus Henry announced a new tax rate and an update on the future of the reassessment process. The new tax rate for unincorporated New Castle County, the residential rate change, is going from 0.8054 to 0.1596 per \$100 in assessed value, and 0.8054 to 0.2412 per \$100 in assessed value for the non-residential rate change. For seniors receiving the over-65 tax exemption, the exemption amount would be subtracted from your assessed value prior to calculating.

I'd also like to share an update on the long-awaited opening of the LIDL on Route 40. While a specific date is not currently available, keep an eye out as the store's opening is expected to take place this summer.

Lastly, I wanted to provide some good news regarding the Polly Drummond Yard Waste site. Polly Drummond is currently open on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*David*

Councilman David Tackett, 11th District  
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## TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Another Successful Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025

The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025. Thank you to the approximately 48 children and their adults who attended the annual TFCA Easter egg hunt. We wanted to give a huge "THANK YOU" to all those who volunteered and helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a huge success!

First, we want to give a special thanks to Erica Chadick for washing and storing our eggs from year to year.

Then we had the following volunteers who met and stuffed the candy into the eggs: Jody and Emily D., Kathy Frederick, Allison and Olivia Jurgaitis, Linda Olds, and Donna Wright.

We also had many volunteers the day of the Easter Egg Hunt who deserve a big thank you. Morgan Charnick served as our Easter bunny. The following people helped the Easter bunny by hiding eggs: Maggie Charnik, Liam and Ryan D., Mason Evans, Jaxon Horn, Tim Loudin, Pratik and Carol Patel, and Maurice and Mi-na Wright. Mason Evans started the younger children's hunt and Elaine Little got the older kids started. The following people distributed prizes when children returned empty eggs: Maggie Charnik, Jaxon and Arthur Horn, and Pratik Patel. Arthur Horn cleaned up after a dog before the hunt began, so all could safely hunt for eggs, and then kept our special prize winners together to get a picture taken.

Congratulations to our special prize winners: Dev P, Teanna E, Priyana D, and Vaeda V.



Prize Basket Winners: (left to right) Dev P, Teanna E, Priyana D, and Vaeda V.

**Thank you to all our volunteers & our Prize Basket Winners!!**



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## GRADUATION NOTICES Congratulations to all our 2025 Graduates!

**Zachary (Zack) Joseph Chadick;** June 8, 2025; Christiana High School. Will be going to Delaware Technical Community College.

**Kya Coleman;** June 1, 2025; Mount Pleasant High School. Will be going to Arcadia University.

**Liam Dallas;** May 18, 2025; Newark Charter School. Will be going to University of Delaware, majoring in Construction Management Engineering.

**Ricky Dupree;** June 7, 2025; Appoquinimink High School. Will be going to University of Delaware.

**Cameron Kelley;** June 5, 2025; Delaware Military Academy (DMA). Will be going to Immaculata University.

**Reanna Minto, DPT;** April 4, 2025; Drexel University, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

**Charlie Porter;** June 5, 2025; Delaware Military Academy (DMA). Will be going to Wilmington University on a baseball scholarship.

**Navya Veeragandham;** end of May 2025; Charter School of Wilmington (CSW). Will be going to University of Southern California (USC).

**Maurice Wright;** May 18, 2025; Newark Charter School. Will be going to Hampton University.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

### Museum Passes Are Now Available for Your Summer Adventures at Your Local New Castle County Library!

Museum passes are your FREE entry to art, culture, entertainment and so much more! Get a Museum Pass today! Some of the Museum Passes available through the Museum Pass Program are: Biggs Museum of American Art, Hagley Museum & Library, Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art, Rockwood Park & Museum, Brandywine Zoo, Tyler Arboretum, Delaware Historical Society, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, and Delaware State Parks.

The Museum Pass Program is available to adult Delaware Library cardholders (18 years+). One museum pass may be borrowed per library card at a time. You may reserve up to 2 passes per library card within a 60-day period. Specific details on the Museum Pass Program can be found at <https://lib.de.us/museum>. All pass reservations are processed through the MuseumKey link and patrons need to have their library card available when reserving a pass. All passes are printable passes. Reserve your museum pass today and have a fun FREE experience!

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Administrator

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FREE to members of the civic association and their businesses; all others may place ad for \$6.00 / issue.**

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)

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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)

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