



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope you all are having a safe summer and keeping cool. I love that we have a safe, walkable neighborhood. When I go out walking, am mowing my lawn, or pulling endless weeds from my front lawn, it is nice to see the friendly faces of neighbors out walking. Please remember to walk on the sidewalks and if you choose to walk in the street, walk against traffic and wear light colored clothing, especially at night, so cars can see you.

If you were surprised with the increase in school taxes on your most recent county tax bill you can send a request for review by Christina School District to <https://www.christinak12.org/property-taxes>. This does *not* apply to the county taxes and only applies to the Christina School District portion of the new tax bill.

Volunteers are so important for our community events to run smoothly. I am grateful to the many neighbors who step up to help. Any middle school or older youth and all adults are encouraged to volunteer. Student volunteer hours can be documented through an emailed letter, confirming an online submittal by the student, or by going directly to an online portal on a school website. Youth, use Elaine Little and president@timberfarmscivic.org when submitting your hours.

The joint general meeting with the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation will be held on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall Elementary. Nominations for TFCA Board Treasurer and Vice-President will be accepted at this meeting.

The TFCA general meeting with elections for Treasurer and Vice-President will be held on Tuesday November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall Elementary.

The second half of this year will be busy for our neighborhood. Our second yard sale of the year will be held on October 4. We are looking for volunteers to hand out maps at the entrance between 8 a.m.– 12:00 noon. Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 13. And our Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25. See other articles for more details.

I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you by name at our community events.

Regards,

Elaine Little, president@timberfarmscivic.org
President, Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA)

TFCA - serving the community for the past 33 years!

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORP

TFMC Tree Policy: Our development has over 50 acres of open space and a sizable part of it is covered by trees. These trees fulfill an important function as barriers to noise, dust and emissions from I-95, Old Baltimore Pike and the asphalt plant. Therefore, it is necessary to retain these trees as much as possible. Over the years some of the trees have grown larger and some have died or are damaged. In consultation with a tree service company, the TFMC will have trees removed that could fall on someone's property. TFMC will not remove healthy trees growing in open space. If such trees have grown to the extent that branches overhang into lots, homeowners have the right to have such branches cut; however, the trimming must be done in a way that it will not lead to the ultimate death of the tree. It is, therefore, recommended that such trimming be done by a reputable company. If a homeowner cuts down trees growing in the open space or damages them by inappropriate trimming the TFMC is allowed to ask for restitution which can amount to thousands of dollars per tree. Some trees in Timber Farms are growing within lots. Homeowners have the right to do with those trees as they wish, but it is recommended that they know the property lines of their lots and don't have work done on trees that grow in open space.

Upcoming Elections for the Board of the TFMC: When you acquired a lot in Timber Farms, you immediately became part of the TFMC which is established according to Delaware law. The TFMC is charged with ensuring that the open space is maintained properly (grass mowing, tree work, landscaping, stormwater pond maintenance), that the roads are plowed if necessary, and that the deed restrictions are followed. The bylaws of the TFMC stipulate that the TFMC members elect a Board of Directors consisting of no more than six members every two years. This Board can sign contracts for work to be done in Timber Farms and sets and collects the annual assessment for each property in Timber Farms to cover the costs associated with the above listed tasks. Although the Board is allowed to do so, it has not contracted with a property management company to collect the assessments or to select the various contractors. The main reason has been the fees charged by these companies which would likely necessitate a significant increase in the annual assessment. If a community like Timber Farms does not elect a functioning Board, the community can be placed in receivership and the State will appoint someone who will make the decisions for the community. While Board members are volunteers, this appointed person would have to be paid by the community. It is, therefore, in our interest to have a functioning Board. Elections for the Board will be held in October. You will receive emails on how to nominate yourself or someone else for the Board soon. The bylaws envision voting to take place in person at the meeting but also allow you to vote by proxy if you are unable to attend the meeting. Information on how to vote by proxy will also be sent out prior to the October meeting. Please consider getting involved in the work of the Board of the TFMC by becoming a candidate for one of the six Board member positions.

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 & timberfarmscivic@aol.com.

FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

I'd like to share with you a few updates on matters in the district that you'll want to be aware of. As always, it's a priority of mine to keep you updated on any projects and developments in the area. As of right now, there are no new updates on the proposed apartments on Walther Road that I previously alerted you to. There is also no movement on the car wash next to the Chick-fil-A on Route 273. Additionally, the townhomes along Canoe Club Road have been withdrawn. We will, of course, provide updates on any movement.

If you were not already aware of it, I'd also like to inform you of an important program provided by New Castle County Police, Senior Roll Call. Senior Roll Call is a telephone reassurance program that calls senior citizens or homebound residents on a daily basis with a prerecorded safety message. The program is monitored to ensure the Senior Roll Call member answers the telephone and is "Okay." I'm unsure if everyone is aware, but we recently had an elderly community member pass away in his home. While we have made every attempt to locate his family, efforts have been unsuccessful. If you or a family member could be in a vulnerable position such as this, we encourage you to sign up for the program. If you're interested in signing up or getting further information, please contact my office, and we can provide you with the information to sign up.



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TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Timber Farms Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept 13th, 3 – 6 p.m. (rain date Sept 14)

As in past years, homeowners must have joined the Timber Farms Civic Association in 2025 to attend the festival. If you haven't joined yet, be sure to join by August 31 to attend. The membership form can be found on our website at: https://www.timberfarmscivic.org/archive/dues_letters/TFCA_dues_letter.pdf

We have made some minor changes to the festival this year:

- On-the-job training is being provided at the grilling station—help the community and learn a new skill!
- We may have some live animals to touch and learn about in place of the pony rides. Details are being finalized.
- **Raffle instead of door prizes**
 - We're currently seeking donated goods / services to be used as raffle items during the festival. These prizes are always a big hit and a great way to celebrate our community spirit.
 - This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your business, talents, or generosity!
 - If you or someone you know would be willing to contribute—whether it's a gift card, a free service, or anything else you would want to receive as a gift, please let us know by August 31st.
 - All contributors will be acknowledged at the event and in our neighborhood newsletter (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).
 - To donate or learn more, please send an email to TFCA Vice President, Donna Wright at donnarochester@yahoo.com with your name, contact info, and the item or service you wish to donate.

Festival Volunteering

To volunteer for set-up, clean up, grill, serve at the food table, or welcome guests as they arrive, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFA92BA3FDC07-57300783-2025timber>. If every family volunteers a minimum of half an hour, all volunteer slots will be filled, and festival committee members will get to enjoy the festival as well. Thank you in advance for your support and for helping make this year's festival our best yet!

Halloween Parade & Trunk or Treat, Sat, Oct 25

Time: TBD

Parade:

- Classic car
- Christina High School Marching Band
- Children join the parade in costume
- No costume contest this year. Participate for the fun of it.

Trunk or Treat:

- Decorate your vehicle, park on the grass at end of Holly Cove
- Hand out candy from back of your car when the parade ends
- Participate on your own or work with a neighbor
- \$50 Amazon Gift Cards for the 3 best decorated vehicles!

TFCA Fall Festival

TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com
RSVP no later than Sunday 8/31
• **Volunteer to Help (use link below)**
• Need information/have questions
& to RSVP: timberfarmscivic@aol.com



INFORMATION

FOOD: hamburgers, hotdogs, bean/veg burgers, bratwurst, vegetarian options, sodas, lemonade, ice tea, water, ice cream cones & more

DATE: Saturday, September 13, 2025

TIME: 3 - 6 PM (opens at 2:30)

RAIN DATE: Sunday, September 14, 2025, same time

WHERE: Gazebo, at the end of Holly Cove

WHO: TFCA family members & guests only, RSVP required by Sun, Aug 31st
(Guests are individuals who don't live in your home and are \$5.00/guest)

NON-TCFA MEMBERS: Must join by Aug 31, 2025 TimberFarmsCivic@aol.com

FAMILY FUN: sign-in begins 2:30 PM, food 3-6 PM, animals 4-5 PM, Mr. Softee 5-6 PM, door prizes 6 PM, inflatables for kids 3-6 PM.

WISH YOU KNEW MORE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS? Consider Volunteering

HELP IS NEEDED! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFA92BA3FDC07-57300783-2025timber#/>

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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)

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

Diamond State Tree Experts; Jeremy Casey, Owner / Operator; (302) 561-4157; Jeremy.c@diamondstatetree.com. www.Diamondstatetree.com. Licensed & insured; free estimates. ISA Certified Arborist; CTSP

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

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. Each pack is \$12

A1 Quality Maintenance, Lawn Care & Handyman Services, Brian White, Owner. (302) 584-0694; A1Maintenance911@gmail.com.

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