



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Timber Farms Civic Association held elections on November 18. Linda Olds was reelected as Treasurer, and Donna Wright was elected Vice-president. Thank you both for serving our neighborhood.

With the days getting shorter, it will be more common for school students to walk to and from bus stops in the dark. Students, please stay on the sidewalks. One of the advantages of this neighborhood is that it has sidewalks. If you are walking at night, PLEASE walk on the sidewalk and wear light clothing. Set a good example for our children. When driving through the neighborhood at any time of day, but especially when it is dark, PLEASE stick to the speed limit of 25. We have roads that curve, and it can be difficult to see people walking in the street. In addition, there is a 4-Way STOP, NOT a four-way slowdown at the intersection of Timber Wood Blvd, Woodland Rd and W. Hummock Ln. Please come to a complete stop for everyone's safety.

Start planning for our annual holiday house decorating contest. The judging is currently scheduled for Dec. 22. (subject to change) This is one of two neighborhood events in which participants are required to be 2025 Timber Farms Civic Association members to have their home considered for the contest. If you are not sure of your membership status, contact Linda Olds at [treasurer@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:treasurer@timberfarmscivic.org).

We are looking for judges for the holiday home decorating contest. If you would like to be a judge, contact Linda Olds at [treasurer@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:treasurer@timberfarmscivic.org).

Kind Regards,

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

### Remaining Activities for 2025:

- 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 CORP

The by-laws for the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation (TFMC) set two-year terms for the members of the Board with elections to be held during a meeting of homeowners in October. Homeowners can either vote in person or designate another homeowner to vote for them during the meeting. A minimum of 10% of homeowners must cast a vote for the elections to be valid. Unfortunately, we did not reach this threshold during the October 16 meeting. Therefore, the Board decided to provide another opportunity for those homeowners who did not vote in October to vote at a joint TFMC/TFCA meeting on November 18. Together with the votes cast in October the additional votes from this meeting allowed the quorum to be reached. Re-elected were the 2023/25 Board members Annette Collier, Jennifer Hostetler, Rolf Joerger and Linda Olds. Rosie Tooley who was a Board member until the end of 2023, rejoins the Board. William Johnson who was Vice President during the last four years decided not to run for re-election. The Board would like to thank him for his years of dedicated service to our community.

Given the difficulties in achieving a quorum for the election of Board members, it is perhaps time to find ways to increase homeowner participation. One approach could be to change the by-laws to allow web-based voting. (PayHOA offers such services.) Please let us know your thoughts on this matter by emailing us a [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com).

At the January 2026 meeting of the Board, the members will decide who will take on the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board will also establish a budget for 2026 and set the amount of assessment for the year accordingly.

For the 2025/26 winter season we have signed on with Campbell's Landscaping Services again for snow removal services.

We wish you a happy holiday season.

Rolf Joerger, President, Timber Farms Maintenance Corp

## TFCA - serving the community for the past 33 years!

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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,

In an effort to keep you informed, I would like to provide an update on the current status of the New Castle County tax reassessment.

As you may be aware, a lawsuit was filed in September against New Castle County and local school districts by several associations, including the Newark Property Association, Delaware Apartment Association, First State Manufactured Housing Association, and the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association. The plaintiffs claim that the revised tax rates introduced in August were unfair. The Chancery Court released its opinion on October 30th, ruling in favor of the defendants.

While the plaintiffs did appeal this decision to the Delaware Supreme Court, the Court issued its opinion on Wed, November 12<sup>th</sup>, affirming the decision of the Chancery Court in favor of the County, State, and the other co-defendants, allowing the split rate to remain as is.

As of today, property tax bills remain due on November 30th. However, the State Senate has voted to extend the deadline to December 31st, and the House is expected to meet later this week. It is anticipated that they will also approve the extension, but it will not be official until the vote takes place.



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## FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Timber Farms Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well!

By the time this reaches you, the major pipe repair project on Timber Wood Blvd should be complete. Projects like this are critical throughout our district to ensure our infrastructure is updated and well-functioning. Like all of you, I had no notice of this project before our neighborhood's main road was shut down. I have asked DelDOT to keep me, and all residents, better informed in the future. Including when the entirety of Post Oak Lane is repaved in 2026.

Also by the time you read this, you may have received your updated NCC and School Tax bill. (If not, it will arrive any day now.) The bill should be lower than the bill you received back in July, as the General Assembly passed special legislation in August to ensure there was not a sudden shift of taxes onto residential bills from commercial property bills. There is much more to the past, present, and future of this issue. Please contact me if you have any questions.

And, as always, please contact me if you have any questions on any topic, or any requests, suggestions, or other input. It is an honor to serve our community, and the experience always is best when I am hearing directly from you.

Sincerely,

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## FROM REPRESENTATIVE WILSON-ANTON

Happy Fall (although it seems we've jumped straight to winter)!

At last month's Timber Farms community meeting a number of issues were raised by the community which I've been working on with Senator Townsend and Councilman Tackett. Replacement of faded street signs, hazardous parking at school bus drop off in the mornings, and concerns around the proposed data center in Delaware City impacting energy costs.

As we work to address these issues and more, please remember you don't have to wait for the community meetings to reach out to our offices.

If you haven't already, please sign up to receive my email newsletter where I share legislative updates, local construction project details, and upcoming community events for the entire family. One such event is the Easter Seals Care Giver Resource Center Open House on Dec. 3rd from 10am-6pm at 61 Corporate Circle in New Castle. You can get more information about the event by calling 302-221-2291.

I am here to serve you and ensure your voice is represented. My office can be reached at 302-744-4351 or by email: [Madinah.Wilson-Anton@delaware.gov](mailto:Madinah.Wilson-Anton@delaware.gov)

Yours in Service,

Madinah Wilson-Anton

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## TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **2025 Timber Farms Festival Returns Sat, Sept 13th !**

After a two-year break, all on the fifteen-member festival committee were thrilled to see it return. Each member of the festival committee contributed either in the planning, booking vendors, purchasing food and other supplies, set-up, clean-up and/or working the event. The 2025 committee members were Bose Annavarapu, Kathy Frederick, Jennifer Hostetler, Yi Huang, Rolf and Melissa Joerger, Elaine Little, Bruce Lipphardt, Kelly Oldis, Linda Olds, Wanda Prigg, Juliette Tabron, Rosie Tooley, Lucy Wan, and Donna Wright.

Additional Volunteers included John and Latasha Allison, Don Boese, Sara Carty, Mary Diaz, Steve Donahue, Mason Evans, Sue Gargel, Chase Hughes, Maria Lanzona, Jim Little, Rema Lipphardt, Jason Oldis, Janki Patel, Upesh Patel, Quiana Pettiford, Mukund Purandare, Ankit Sheth, Dave Tackett, Maurice Wright, Carlos and Suyapa Yanes, and many others who jumped in to help out where they saw a need.

We thank the following vendors who added comfort and entertainment: A Family Affair Party Rental, Bakers Party Rentals, Jungle John Entertainment, DJ Josh Grant, Mr. Softee, the Finley Family for the cotton candy and popcorn and Debbie Fuller for her docile goats.

We thank the following residents who donated items for the raffles: Latasha Allison for a gift card, Bose Annavarapu for a gift card, Karen Baumer for a certificate for dinner for two, Linda Olds for a gift card, Nanette Pizarro for a craft basket, Neema Sheth for a nail kit, Rosie Tooley for a gift card, and Donna Wright for several gift baskets. Additionally, Amore Pizza gave us some gift cards.

We thank the Taddei, Payne, and Pettiford families who allowed vendors to plug into their homes for an electricity source. Additional neighbors jumped in and helped with set-up, during the event, and clean-up. We appreciate you too.

Thank you again to all who made the 2025 Timber Farms Festival a success! Consider chairing or joining the 2026 Timber Farms Festival Committee for 2026.

### **Halloween Parade and “Trunk or Treat” Sat, Oct 25th**

This year we wanted to remove some of the stress of creating that “perfect costume”. We decided to have, instead, a “Trunk or Treat.” We invited our neighbors to decorate their cars and park them in the open space at the end of Holly Cove. Although we had no one sign up in advance, the parade participants did enjoy treats provided by the Charnik family and the Timber Farms Civic Association.

The parade was led by Bruce and Rema Lipphardt in their 1972 Corvette, followed by a fire truck from the Christiana Fire Company, the 93-Member Christiana High School Marching Band, and about 30 children in costumes with their adults.

Our volunteers for the event were Linda Olds, Kathy Frederick, Juliette Tabron, Christina Emmanuel-De Luna, and Jim Little. They bought and/or distributed treats or stood at intersections along the parade route to keep other cars from entering the parade route. Thank you to all of you.

If you have any ideas for next year’s Halloween festivities, please contact Elaine Little at [President@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:President@timberfarmscivic.org).

## **Our Playground / Park Now Has A Name**

Our playground / park area now has a name. And we could not think of anyone more deserving to name it after. Bob and Kate Oakes exemplified what it was to “love thy neighbor”. Their dedication to our community was like no other. They are missed but not forgotten.

Thank you to William Johnson and the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation for making this happen!



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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.**

**Winter will be here before you know it! Here are teens/young adults who are interested in shoveling snow and/or helping with yard work:**

- ❖ Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Rd; wants to earn money during semester break from Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. He can shovel snow or help with any yard work needs. (302) 685-8006
- ❖ Liam, Kieran, & Ryan Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; Liam (302)668-8773; Kieran (302)551-9744; and Ryan (302)668-9641

My name is Emily Hostetler and I'm a senior 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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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 junior, working to get extra cash for school needs. My name is Mi-na Wright kids in our children's ministry from ages 0 – 12 years old. I've been doing this for 2 years now. I'm CPR certified. Please contact me for inquiries at (302) 607-3971. (Timber Farms resident)

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