



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been great getting to see people out and about walking in the neighborhood. Please remember to have your dogs on a leash when they are not inside your home or fenced in your yard. Please walk on the sidewalk. If you are walking at night, please wear light or reflective clothing.

It is not too late to join the Timber Farms Civic Association. The annual dues are only \$25. You can get the form here: https://www.timberfarmscivic.org/archive/dues_letters/TFCA_dues_letter.pdf

The Timber Farms Civic Association is the social organization for the neighborhood whereas the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation is in charge of deed restrictions, open space maintenance, etc. To contact someone from the Maintenance Corporation, email them at timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com

Our annual Timber Farms Civic Association Festival will be held September 12, 2026 from 3:00–6:00 PM. For those new to the neighborhood this event includes food, drinks, inflatables and more. It is held each year at the open space at the end of Holly Cove. It is a great opportunity to meet and volunteer with your neighbors. Any *Timber Farms Civic Association Member* can be on the festival planning committee. If you have ideas for our festival or would like to be on the committee, please attend the first festival planning meeting of the year. It will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM at Elaine's house at 113 Woodland Rd. Please RSVP to Elaine at (president@timberfarmscivic.org) so she knows how many to expect.

Our spring garage sale was held on Saturday May 16. Thank you to Donna Wright for taking the lead and Linda Olds for handling communication and publicizing in the News Journal. Thank you also to Maurice W, Marjani G, Kathy F, and Smera A. who distributed maps at the entrance of the development during the garage sale.

Kind Regards,

Elaine Little
President , Timber Farms Civic Association

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TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORP

The Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation (TFMC) would like to thank everyone who paid the 2026 assessment by the due date. For those homeowners who have yet to pay, updated bills reflecting a \$25 late fee will be issued. Already we have bills to pay for grass cutting, landscaping and for the maintenance of our two stormwater ponds. We also had the Leyland cypress trees near the entrance on Old Baltimore Pike removed after one of them fell and partially blocked the turn lane into our development. It was then discovered that additional trees were partially uprooted and prone to fall as well. This type of non-native tree is relatively short-lived and susceptible to disease. It appears that some additional trees along Old Baltimore Pike will have to be removed soon.

The TFMC reminds everyone that fences, sheds and additions require approval by the Board prior to installation. Above-ground pools are not allowed. Also, overnight parking on the street is not permitted by our deed restrictions. Please contact the TFMC if you plan upgrades to avoid violations that might be costly to correct.

Our deed restrictions contain many details that were established in the late 1980's. These restrictions can be amended by an affirmative vote of more than 50% of the homeowners. Currently such a vote is underway. Since the previous method of voting by paper mail is expensive and cumbersome, the Board decided to conduct a vote on amending the deed restrictions regarding fences on-line. For the amendments to be added to our deed restrictions, at least 141 homeowners must vote "yes". If you have not yet voted, please do so immediately. Even if you already have a fence or do not plan on building one, whether we have these amendments will determine what your neighbors or the future purchasers of your house will be allowed to build.

Finally, some homeowners have asked why the TFMC does not install speed bumps on Timber Wood Boulevard because speeding by visitors and, unfortunately, also by some residents is a persistent problem. Since this is not a private road, only DelDOT can put up speed bumps after a clear majority of homeowners vote in their favor. Last time such a vote was held, homeowners rejected speed bumps. Especially since school is out and children will play outdoors more often, obeying the speed limit and traffic signs is imperative. Parents need to consider if certain outdoor activities are safe. Children have been observed riding motorized scooters and bikes at high speeds through our development, creating potentially dangerous situations.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Rolf Joerger
President , Timber Farms Maintenance Corp

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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 & Info@timberfarmscivic.org.

FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I wanted to make you aware of some recent happenings in the district.

New Castle County Council approved the FY2027 Operating and Capital budgets on May 26th. The budget will go into effect on July 1st. The Operating Budget is \$387.6 million, with the Capital Budget being \$75.7 million.

To balance this, a 17.2% increase, equating to approximately \$102 per year, or about \$8.54 per month, to the unincorporated New Castle County property tax rate and a 5% increase in sewer consumption rates, averaging \$13.70 annually, will go into effect.

Regarding projects in the area, there have been no recent developments. As always, we will notify everyone of any movement.

If anyone is interested in service on a New Castle County Board or Commission, please contact my office.



Councilman David Tackett, 11th District

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FROM REPRESENTATIVE WILSON-ANTON

Friends and Neighbors of the 26th District,

I was pleased to see my fireworks bill, [House Bill 63](#), passed through the House. This bill boosts fireworks safety by strengthening enforcement measures. This initiative began after numerous constituents contacted my office to express concerns about the use of illegal fireworks in neighborhoods within the district. My HB 63 strengthens enforcement by requiring firework retailers to obtain permits and register with the State Fire Marshal before the sales period. In addition, retailers must provide a clear warning, in a legible font, explaining when a product is illegal. To learn more about this bill, please click [HERE](#).

Additionally, I am happy to share that my bill to prohibit the use of reverse keyword warrants in Delaware passed the House on May 20th. Unlike traditional warrants, reverse keyword warrants do not require probable cause tied to any one individual. They cast a wide net by collecting information about everyone who searched for certain terms or entered specific addresses into applications or search engines. Ultimately, this tool puts our civil liberties and online privacy at risk.

Our state's status as the incorporation capital of the United States means companies incorporated here can still be forced to comply with these requests by out-of-state actors, exposing the private data of Americans from across the country to likely unconstitutional searches. You can read more about the bill here: <https://bit.ly/4fxzlrJ>

If you are dealing with issues related to property tax reassessment, energy costs, or other issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office so that we can assist you and connect you with resources.

Sign up for my e-newsletter for updates, resources, and events: <https://tinyurl.com/RepWilson-AntonNewsletter>

Sincerely,

Rep. Madinah Wilson-Anton

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GO NATIVE !

Native plants are ideal for a residential property. When planted in the correct light conditions, they require little to no watering and self-seed or spread by rhizomes which in time eliminates the need for mulch. Many native plants attract pollinators or provide food for insects, birds and small mammals. If you would like to get started, but purchasing plants isn't in your budget, I have plants to share free of charge. There is also the Delaware Native Plant Identification and Exchange Facebook group in which individuals share the excess from their yard for no cost. This is how I have gotten many native plants that I can now share with others.

Go Native! Elaine Little



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GRADUATION NOTICES
Congratulations to all our 2026 Graduates!



Judah Allison; May 18, 2026; Newark Charter School. Will be going to Delaware Technical Community College (Deltech).

Morgan Casper Charnik; June 10, 2026; Christiana High School. Will be going to University of Delaware.

Emily Hostetler; May 18, 2026; Newark Charter School. Will be going to Cedarville University in Ohio, majoring in Linguistics, with a minor in Asian Studies.

Kamyron Johnson; June 7, 2026; Christiana High School, with honors. Will be going to Delaware State University, majoring in Biochemical Engineering.

Alec Jurgaitis; June 6, 2026; Saint Mark’s High School. Will be going to Lehigh University.

Semon Rezkalla; May 22, 2026; University of Delaware, Civil Engineering.

Dr. Veyola Rezkalla, DO; May 14, 2026; Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Bobby Ritterbeck; May 18, 2026; Newark Charter School.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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. 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 2026.** TFCA -- serving the community for the past 33 years!

Planned Activities for 2026:

May 15	Begin Posting May & June Graduation Notices on Bulletin Board
May	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Aug	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Sept 12	Annual Fall Festival*
TBD	Community Fall Yard Sale
Oct 15	(Thurs) Joint Civic / Maintenance General Meeting, Thurgood Marshall School
Oct 24	(Sat) Annual Halloween Parade, 3:00 pm
Nov 19	(Thurs) Civic Assoc General Meeting & Elections for President & Secretary, Thurgood Marshall School
Nov	Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
Dec 20	Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes*

*The Annual Fall Festival & the Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes are open to 2026 paid TFCA members only.

TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Another Successful Easter Egg Hunt on March 29, 2026

The Timber Farms Civic Association hosted another successful Easter Egg Hunt on March 29. Approximately 26 older children participated, and there were about a dozen young children under age 5. A special thank you to the following people who stuffed 1200 Easter Eggs with candy: Kathy Frederick, Donna and Jin Wright, Melissa Joerger and Juliette Tabron. Thank you to Chase Oldis, Colby Lockridge, Chase Hughes and Carol, Dharmik, and Pratik Patel, who hid the eggs for the Easter bunny, and Morgan Charnik who once again served as our Easter bunny. Jim Little took photos of the basket winners and helped distribute the prizes for returning empty eggs. As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to make any of our civic association events a success. Thank you to all of you. I couldn't have done it without you. If you would like to chair the 2027 egg hunt please contact me at president@timberfarmscivic.org.

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



We are looking forward to an exciting 2026! TFCA -- serving the community for the past 34 years!

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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.

Teens/young adults who are interested in doing yard work for you:

- ❖ Liam & Kieran Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; they have been mowing yards for 3 years; they mow with a zero-turn mower, weed-whack, & blow off the cut grass. For estimates, call Liam at (302)668-8773 & Kieran at (302)551-9744 (Timber Farms resident)
- ❖ Gavin Hughes, 310 E. Silver Fox; \$30/lawn for mowing; reliable, hardworking, & available most afternoons & weekends. Call or text at (302)548-7331 (Timber Farms resident)

Ian Chadick, 218 W. Silver Fox, would like to announce his vehicle detailing service to Timber Farms neighbors. He has 3 interior & exterior packages. Contact him for details. IC Detail Co, @ic.detailco, (302)740-9965 (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)

A Family Affair Tent & Party Rentals; Weddings, Graduations, Birthday Parties, Reunions; (302) 733-0408. Your Tent & Party Rental Place Serving Delaware & Surrounding Areas; www.FAMILYAFFAIRRENTALS.COM (Richard Armorer, Timber Farms resident)

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

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 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)

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

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

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