



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer. PLEASE drive at or below the speed limit when driving within the neighborhood. As we gear up to a new school year, be especially careful while driving in the early morning hours and afternoon when our students are walking to and from their bus stops. Much of our neighborhood has sidewalks on only one side of the street, so some bus stops may be in a location without a sidewalk.

TIMBER FARMS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The Timber Farms Annual Festival is quickly approaching!

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Please RSVP by September 3 for your family and all guests, so we can adequately plan for food. Email your RSVP to Linda Olds at Timberfarmscivic@aol.com with your name, address and number of family members and guests attending. Please include the total number of children younger than age 12.

Cost:

Timber Farms 2026 members- Free

Timber Farms non-members- \$10 per family member attending (It is not too late to join- go to https://www.timberfarmscivic.org/archive/dues_letters/TFCA_dues_letter.pdf)

Guests of Timber Farms Members who do not live within Timber Farms- \$5 per guest

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers (middle school and older) make this event a success each year. If each household can give a minimum of an hour volunteering, all will have time to enjoy the festival activities.

How to sign up to volunteer: Go to <https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/10C0C45AFA92BA3FDC07-64688462-2026>. If you have trouble signing up, contact Elaine at elittlede@gmail.com

If you have never attended, check it out. It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and learn the names of people you say hello to when you are out walking or in your yard.

New this year: A bull ride!

Back this year:

Inflatable slide and moon bounce

DJ Josh Grant

Mr. Softee

Popcorn & cotton candy generously provided by the Finley family

Door Prizes

Hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Elaine Little

President, Timber Farms Civic Association

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORP

Some homeowners have contacted us about the state of the pond in the center of our development, especially occasional extensive growth of algae. As in past years, the TFMC has a contract with Weeds Inc. to chemically treat the pond three or four times a year to limit algae growth but, depending on temperature and other factors, algae growth might still occur between treatments. When looking into potential other ways to improve the health and appearance of the pond, we made some inquiries with former TFMC Board members who know more about the pond's history. Apparently, before TF was built, the pond had a relatively steady in- and out-flow. This flow stopped once the first phase of TF was completed. At that point it was discussed whether to fill in the pond, but the builder and TFMC found out that this was not legally possible. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers evaluated the situation and expressed concern about the stagnant nature of the pond and its potential health implications. The Corps wanted some mechanism installed that would make the pond less stagnant. The preferred option was to install an aerator, but a mechanism by which fresh water could be supplied to the pond periodically was also deemed acceptable. The builder and Board at that time decided on the second option. A well was drilled near the pond and a pump was installed that was powered by a gas-powered generator. The Corp's recommendation was to add fresh water at least every 90 days, but it's not known when this was done the last time, if ever. Operation of the generator and pump requires the purchase and storage of gasoline and some supervision during operation that might take an entire day. Therefore, the Board is currently looking into possible alternative approaches to deal with the pond situation. We will let you know what these options could be.

The maintenance of the pond and the two storm-water management facilities are part of the responsibilities of the TFMC, and the annual assessment pays for the associated costs. We are happy to report that we have received payment from 99% of the homeowners. We are now in the process of using the aid of our attorney to collect the few unpaid assessments.

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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 REPRESENTATIVE WILSON-ANTON

Friends and Neighbors of the 26th District,

The Legislative Session came to a close on June 30th. I had the pleasure of sponsoring several bills that were passed into law:

HB 63, which strengthens fireworks enforcement by increasing fines, regulating sales through a permit system, ensuring consumer awareness through required safety information, and generating revenue for the Fire Marshal's office to improve oversight and public education.

HB 145, which protects Delawareans' Fourth Amendment rights by prohibiting law enforcement agencies and courts from requesting, issuing, or enforcing reverse-keyword court orders and reverse-keyword requests.

HB 155, which increases transparency on elected officials' finances, gifts, and travel.

HB 420, which modernizes massage therapy training by permitting hybrid education for theoretical, non-hands-on subjects.

My office intends to serve as a resource for the community. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need assistance connecting with a state agency or have questions about legislation.

Sincerely,
Rep. Madinah Wilson-Anton

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

FROM COUNCILMAN HACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I'm excited to share important news and updates that impact our Timber Farms community and the broader district.

Recently, we've had several significant legislative actions aimed at improving property assessment and tax policy. Following a bipartisan review by the Delaware General Assembly Joint Special Committee on Property Reassessment, multiple measures advanced this session.

Of note, Senate Bill 228, now enacted, allows New Castle County to conduct a quality control review of non-residential properties. This review is currently underway and has resulted in an extension for paying property taxes, from the original September 30, 2026, deadline to December 31, 2026. Additionally, billing dates for property taxes have been shifted from mid-July 2026 to mid-November 2026.

Public Works recently opened a brand-new playground at Glasgow Regional Park on Friday, July 24. As part of the upgrade, the High-5 playground at Glasgow Park was closed to make way for an exciting and inclusive new play space for all children and families.

During the planning process, New Castle County worked in collaboration with Autism Delaware, whose input and expertise were critical to creating a welcoming environment that celebrates diversity and ensures everyone feels safe and included.

Thank you for your engagement and support in making Timber Farms a thriving community.

Sincerely,



Councilman David Tackett
11th District



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AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FALL ADVENTURES!

Museum Passes Are Now Available 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
Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art Brandywine Zoo
Delaware Historical Society
Delaware State Parks
Hagley Museum & Library
Rockwood Park & Museum
Tyler Arboretum
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library

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. In fairness to others, you may reserve 1 pass per month, 5 per year.

Specific details on the Museum Pass Program can be found at:

<https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/passes>

All pass reservations are processed through the MuseumKey link and patrons need to have their library card available when reserving a pass. Patrons can access the page from home or in the library to reserve passes.

This is a digital pass. Reserve this pass for the date you plan to visit the museum. Your email confirmation from the library with an attached PDF coupon serves as your pass. If you are unable to show your library confirmation on a phone, please print a paper copy of the pass you received in your email.

Patrons are responsible for calling museums for hours of operation. Please note that each museum pass has its own admission rules. Loan periods for passes vary and are specified for each museum. A museum pass reservation represents a commitment by the patron to abide by the library's museum pass policy. Please be sure of your plans before reserving a pass, as reservations cannot be canceled.

Reserve your museum pass today and have a fun FREE experience!

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This fall we are planning on filling in the gap in the tree line at the end of Marie Court with new tree plantings. Currently, the asphalt plant is visible through this gap, and dust and noise enter our development unimpeded. The trees that were planted years ago have either died or are not doing well due to deer damage and poor soil quality. We are in the process of obtaining estimates for new trees and ways to improve their chance of survival.

As the school year is beginning, we ask everyone to drive at the speed limit and to be especially careful and patient when children are picked up and dropped off by school buses.

Rolf Joerger
President, Timber Farms Maintenance Corp

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 website and email communications.

Annual dues are only \$25 per household. You can find the membership form at:

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 hope you will join us in 2026.

Remaining Planned Activities for 2026:

Sept 12	Annual Fall Festival
Oct 3	Community Fall Yard Sale
Oct 15	Joint Civic / Maintenance General Meeting, Thurgood Marshall School
Oct 24	Annual Halloween Parade, 3:30 pm
Nov 19	Civic Assoc General Meeting & Elections for President & Secretary, Thurgood Marshall School
Nov	Newsletter - Timber Farms Voice
Dec 20	Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes*

*Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes is open to 2026 paid TFCA members only.

**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/chudidhar 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

BUSINESS CARD ADS

FREE to members of the civic association & their businesses; all others may place ad for \$10 / issue.

A yellow business card for 'A FAMILY AFFAIR TENT & PARTY RENTALS'. It features a logo with a tent and the text 'A FAMILY AFFAIR TENT & PARTY RENTALS'. Below the logo, it says 'RICHARD ARMORER' and '(302) 733-0408'. There is a QR code and the website 'FAMILYAFFAIRRENTALS.COM'. At the bottom, it says 'YOUR TENT & PARTY RENTALS PLACE SERVING DELAWARE & SURROUNDING AREAS'.

A business card for 'WALK INS WELCOMED'. It features a logo with 'THE FADE DISTRICT' and 'WALK INS WELCOMED'. Below the logo, it says 'NOW BOOKING APPOINTMENTS' and 'APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED'. It lists hours: 'OPEN 7:30AM - 7PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY 7AM - 6PM SATURDAY'. There is a QR code and a photo of a woman. At the bottom, it says '15 SALEM VILLAGE SQUARE NEWARK, DE 19713' and '(302) 722-4433'. The name 'BEECE DA BARBER' and 'PROFESSIONAL BARBER' are also present.

A business card for 'Shola Coker Phillip Real Estate Consultant'. It features a photo of Shola Coker Phillip and a house. It says '668 Yorklyn Drive Hockessin, DE 19707'. It lists contact information: 'Cell (302) 563-3784', 'Office (302) 234-3800', and 'sholastade@gmail.com', 'www.homelotland.com'. At the bottom, it says 'Each Office Independently Owned and Operated.' and has a REMAX logo.



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