



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we gear up for another exciting festival within our community, we're turning to you, our valued civic members, to help us fine-tune the details. As you are aware, last year the festival was cancelled due to lack of interest. This year, we want to learn from you on how to make it better and ensure its success. Your participation is crucial in revitalizing this cherished tradition and reigniting the spirit of celebration in our community.

To make sure we're hitting the mark, we've put together a brief survey designed to capture your preferences and expectations. Your honest feedback will serve as our guiding light, steering us toward creating a festival that resonates with each and every one of you.

Please take a moment to complete the survey by following the link provided below. Your contribution is invaluable, and we're immensely grateful for your time and support in helping us revive this beloved festival and make it a highlight of our community once again.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community's journey. Together, let's make our upcoming festival a celebration to remember! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYRFSVH>

Warm regards,

Pruthvish (Pru) Patel, President, Timber Farms Civic Association

Remaining Planned TFCA Activities for 2024:

- Aug Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
 - Sept TBD 29th Annual Fall Festival*
 - Oct 5 (Sat) Community Fall Yard Sale
 - Oct 17 (Thurs) Joint Civic / Maintenance General Meeting, Thurgood Marshall School
 - Oct 26 (Sat) 30th Annual Halloween Parade
 - Nov 12 (Tues) Civic Assoc General Meeting & Elections for President & Secretary, Thurgood Marshall School
 - Nov Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
 - Dec (3rd – 4th week) Judging Holiday Decorated Homes*
- *The Annual Fall Festival & the Judging of the Holiday Decorated Homes are for 2024 paid TFCA members only.

Thanks to all of our Timber Farms families who have joined as members this year. If you haven't yet, there's still time 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. Please consider an extra donation to help us with rising costs. 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 support over the years. We are looking forward to an exciting remainder of 2024!

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TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Board of the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation would like to thank everyone who has paid the 2024 assessment on time either online or by check. Your prompt payments ensure that the Maintenance Corporation can pay the bills for such items as open space maintenance (grass cutting, tree removal, landscaping etc). We still have some unpaid assessments, and a late fee of \$25 will now apply. Please pay the amount you owe as soon as possible to avoid further actions. If we need the help of a lawyer in the collection process, fees amounting to hundreds of dollars will be added to the assessment bill.

One item we just paid for is the new entrance sign that has replaced the one that had warped considerably and could not be repaired. The new sign is backed by a metal bracket designed to prevent warping.

Every year it seems, there is a need to take care of trees in our open spaces that could pose a hazard to persons or property. As a rule, the Maintenance Corporation only pays for the removal of dead trees in our open spaces that could fall on residential property. Live trees are only removed if they pose an obvious threat. If you think that a tree poses a danger to your property, please contact us at timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com, and we can discuss the issue and, if necessary, solicit the opinion of a tree expert. You are actually not permitted to remove trees growing in our open spaces on your own or have a company do it for you.

You might have noticed the barrels and fencing at Timber Wood Blvd. and East Silver Fox Rd. Within hours of reporting the sinkhole, DelDoT secured the area, but it seems to take a while longer for their Maintenance Department to fill it in.

Please obey the speed limit and stop signs in our neighborhood. New Castle County police is patrolling in our development occasionally and will issue tickets to violators.

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 timberfarmscivic@aol.com.

INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I thought I'd quickly share with you some information regarding projects in your area.

Next to the existing WAWA by University Plaza, Project 20230374 is still ongoing. We have still not been notified as to who the incoming tenants may be.

Project 20230158, to consolidate two parcels and construct three buildings on the north and south sides of Old Sportsman Club Road, west of Old Baltimore Pike, also has no new updates to share.

The Heaven's Gate Church Project at the southwesterly corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Salem Church Road, Project 20220406, has had no significant progress to share.

I let you know of the sale of the Girls Scout building at 225 Old Baltimore Pike not too long ago, and at this time, there have been no further updates. There is still no indication of what may be done with the space.

With all of the above projects, as always, I will inform you as soon as I hear of any progress or changes.

I also wanted to share some information about the ongoing property tax reassessment. As you're all aware, New Castle County has engaged the services of Tyler Technologies for this non-optional reassessment with bills predicted on the newly assessed values expected to go out in July of 2025. Prior to this tax bill going out, you will receive notice of the new tentative appraised value in late 2024. Property owners are encouraged to evaluate whether the assessment appears to be at market value. If one believes the appraised value to be

at market value, no further action is required.

To end on a positive note, there seems to have been some movement on the new LIDL on Route 40. New Castle County has recently issued the Certificate of Occupancy, and LIDL has shared they are planning to open later this year.

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TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024

The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024. 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 thank 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: Wanda Prigg; Tim Louden; Allison, Olivia and Alec Jurgaitis; Kathy Frederick; Elaine Little; and Linda Olds.

And we want to thank our Easter Bunny, Morgan Charnick.

We also had many volunteers the day of the Easter Egg Hunt who hid the eggs, collected the empty eggs, handed out the prizes when the empty eggs were returned, and took a picture of the 4 winners of the prize baskets and the Easter Bunny. We want to thank: Wanda Prigg; Tim and Dakota Louden; Pratik and Carel Patel; Jaxon and Arthur Horn; Kelly and Chase Oldis; Colby Lockridge; Suyapa Yanes; Kathy Frederick; Elaine Little; and Linda Olds.

And, finally, we want to give a big "Thank You!" to Dave Tackett, and his assistant, Cable Davis, for helping us get a mini-grant from New Castle County to help with some of the costs of the Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you to you all!!



Prize Basket Winners: (left to right) Veada Vacek, Ranvder Singh, Alaina Thomas, Charlie Ritterbeck & Eva Hague (found egg together)



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GRADUATION NOTICES

Congratulations to all our 2024 Graduates!



Hannah Allison, 6/2/2024, Mount Pleasant High School. Will be going to Widener University.

Abram Banoub, 5/27/2024, University of Delaware, Biology – Sociology

Jaxon Grant, 5/18/2024, Newark Charter School

Olivia Jurgaitis, 5/29/2024, Christ The Teacher Catholic School. Will be going to Padua Academy.

Sophia Jurgaitis, 5/30/2024, Padua Academy. Will be going to Immaculata University.

Julia Lanzona, 5/25/2024, University of Delaware, BS in Nursing.

Jennifer Maxwell, 6/2/2024, Wilmington University, Nurse Practitioner

Zahir Owens, 5/11/2024, West Chester University, M.Ed in Higher Education

Dhruv Patel, 5/19/2024, Newark Charter High School

Kush Patel, 5/23/2024, University of Delaware, BS in Biology.

Almari Philip, 5/23/2024, Red Lion Christian Academy.

TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Energize Delaware Home Performance Workshop April 27

The Timber Farms Civic Association sponsored an Energize Delaware's Home Performance with Energy Star® workshop on April 27 at the Bear Library. This workshop included do-it-yourself energy conservation tips for the household, energy-saving resources and rebates for energy efficient home improvements, and

information about additional programs for utility assistance and energy-related repairs including various energy audits that can be performed on your home. Those that attended found it very informative. For more information on Energize Delaware go to: <https://www.energizedelaware.org/>

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Here are some teens and young adults who are interested in doing yard work:

- ❖ Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Rd; (302) 685-8006; cutting grass, moving mulch/soil, picking weeds; flash2reece@gmail.com
- ❖ Liam Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; (302) 668-8773; LC Lawn Care Service: lawn mowing, edging, trimming, blowing, yard clean up
- ❖ Tom McCarthy: yard work & some landscaping; (302) 593-7803

My name is Emily Hostetler and I'm a rising 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. You can reach me at (302) 358-1209 (Timber Farms resident)

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