



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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LETTER FROM OUR 2024 FALL FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON

We hope you and your family will join us for this year’s Fall Festival on Saturday, September 14, from 3 to 6 pm. The festival will be held near the gazebo at the end of Holly Cove Lane and is open to all 2024 Timber Farms Civic Association members, their families, and guests. We ask that you pay \$5 for each guest at the sign-in table on festival day. If you are not yet a Civic Association member, you can join for \$25.

We are excited to share the day with you and your families! We will provide a variety of food, including hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, as well as vegetarian pasta and Indian dishes. Kids can enjoy the moon bounce, giant slide and pony rides. Josh Grant (a Timber Farms resident) will be our DJ and Master of Ceremonies. Everyone will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone from Mister Softee. Door prizes will be awarded as the festival winds down.

We need YOU to make this year’s festival a success. Consider helping us with setup, grilling and serving food, and cleanup. Use this link to our volunteer sign-up web page and help out if you can. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFA92BA3FDC07-50402462-2024timber>

Rain date is Sunday, September 15, 3 – 6 pm.

If you have any questions, please email me at bruce.lipphardt@gmail.com.

Bruce Lipphardt,
TFCA Fall Festival Committee Chairperson

Remaining Planned 2024 TFCA Activities

- Aug Newsletter – Timber Farms Voice
- Sept 14 29th Annual Fall Festival* 3 – 6 pm
- 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, 3 pm
- 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, 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!

TFCA -- serving the community for the past 32 years!

TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

The Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation is in a very good financial position for the year with 98% of homeowners having paid the 2024 assessment. Following a long-standing policy, we have provided the names and addresses of homeowners who have outstanding balances to our lawyer who has now initiated legal procedures to collect the assessments.

With regards to expenditures, we have been lucky this year as we only had one snowfall event, and, so far, only one case of tree damage due to a storm. Unfortunately, we had to recently hire the Geese Chasers company again as geese started to frequent the playground area.

It has been brought to the Board’s attention that some homeowners have completely removed the shutters from their houses. Shutters have been part of the original design of our development, and removal is a violation of Article IV (1) of our deed restrictions.

After several phone calls to the DeIDOT Maintenance Department regarding their plans for the sinkhole along Timber Wood Blvd., we were finally told that the task to fill it in was given to a contractor, but that they did not know when the contractor would do the work.

Since speeding and running of stop signs have remained a concern in our development, we are still on the list for patrolling by the New Castle County police, so please obey the speed limit and stop signs.

If you have any questions and concerns, please contact the Maintenance Corporation at timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com.

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 a developing project in our area. The site would be just down Walther Road as you pass the townhomes on the right. The patch of woods is where this project is proposed. Based on the 1975 Valley Stream Village DPUD plan approved by County Council, a 2-story, 20,000 SF (10,000 SF for each floor) office building with 100 parking spaces. The developer is now requesting to replace the approved office building with two apartment buildings. The developer is planning to hold an informational meeting; the tentative date is October 2nd. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

I also wanted to give a brief update on the ongoing property tax reassessment. Data mailers have begun to go out and should be arriving any day now. If you believe the proposed value does not reflect the current market value, instructions will be provided with the notice on how to arrange an informal review of the value with Tyler Technologies. These reviews give the property owner a simple and efficient means of resolving any discrepancies. You may also find they have documented too many or not enough rooms in your home; they will also be able to correct this issue for you.



Councilman David Tackett, 11th District
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INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

I hope this newsletter finds you well and your summer is winding down smoothly!

Recent months have not involved as many local road projects or other developments of note, but work has recently begun on an expansion of the intersection of Salem Church Road and Route 4, including a second left-turn lantern from northbound SCR onto westbound Rt. 4. Also at that location, the Islamic Society of Delaware recently has purchased the parcels at the southeast corner of that intersection and will be expanding their footprint as well as parking capacity. A bit further from our neighborhood, construction continues on Rt. 72 and on 896 in connection with the I-95 project, and planning for safety enhancements along Old Baltimore Pike near Old Coochs Bridge Road continues as a multi-year effort.

Drainage projects continue to be an issue in our community, especially as rain events involve higher and higher amounts of precipitation. Please contact me if you have drainage issues, and I will work with the Conservation District to determine if we might be able to assist.

As always, I invite everyone to email or call me anytime you have a question or a request for assistance. You can reach me at bryan.townsend@delaware.gov or 302-740-5231. Hearing from you (whether drainage, traffic signal issues, illegal parking of trucks on roadway shoulders, or any other issue) is the best part of serving in my position, and enables us to work together to strengthen our community.

Sincerely,
Bryan

TIMBER FARMS FARMERS MARKET

Alex and Shola Philip have suggested that residents who grow vegetables might be interested in having a community "farmers market" which would not only provide a convenient source of fresh produce, but highlight the talents and hard work of residents, foster community spirit, and promote sustainable living.

To see how this goes and gauge interest, we will start with having interested residents set up on their driveways and sell produce they have grown in their back yards. (Note: per the deed restrictions, vegetable gardens may **only** be grown in residents' back yards; **not** in front or side yards.) It was suggested that Saturday mornings, from 9 am – 1 pm would be a good time to hold the farmers market. This will have to be a rain or shine event.

We will start on Sat, Sept 7. (We will not have one on Sat, Sept 14 as that is the TFCA Fall Festival.) If you are interested in putting out your home-grown produce on your driveway on Sept 7, please send an email to Linda at timberfarmscivic@aol.com no later than Tues, Sept 3 and give me your name & address. I will send out a community email listing the participating homes by Thurs, Sept 5 for those who notify me by Sept 3.

-- Linda Olds, TFCA Treasurer & Secretary

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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
- Historic Odessa Foundation
- Nemours Estate
- 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 4 passes per library card within a 60-day period. In fairness to others, one pass for a specific museum can be reserved within a 60-day period



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 and to print passes.

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.

Specific details on the Museum Pass Program can be found at :
<https://lib.de.us/museum>
<https://delawarelibraries.org/museumpass>

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

BUSINESS CARD ADS

FREE to members of the civic association and their businesses; all others may place ad for \$10.00 / issue.

A business card for Bright Kidz Learning Center. It features a blue background with a cartoon owl wearing a graduation cap and stars. The text includes 'Mariam Banoub Administrator', 'BRIGHT KIDZ LEARNING CENTER', and 'BRIGHT KIDZ BRIGHT FUTURE!'.

A business card for Shola Coker Philip, Real Estate Consultant. It features a photo of Shola, a house, and a RE/MAX logo. The text includes '668 Yorklyn Drive Hockessin, DE 19707', 'Cell (302) 563-3784', 'Office: (302) 234-3800', 'sholastrade@gmail.com', and 'www.homelotland.com'. It also has a small logo for 'Each Office Independently Owned and Operated.' and a 'REALTOR' logo.

A business card for Richard Armorer, Family Affair Tent & Party Rentals. It features a logo with a tent and the text 'A FAMILY AFFAIR TENT & PARTY RENTALS'. The text includes 'RICHARD ARMORER', '(302) 733-0408', 'FAMILYAFFAIRRENTALS.COM', and 'YOUR TENT & PARTY RENTALS PLACE SERVING DELAWARE & SURROUNDING AREAS'. There is also a QR code and the text 'SCAN ME'.

Most of the business card and classified ads are from Timber Farms residents. If you are looking for a service, please consider looking here first.

Your Business Card Could Be Here!!

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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.

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)

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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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)

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

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

Your Classified Ad Could Be Here!!



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Timber Farms Civic Association
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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)

At Bright Kidz Learning Center, we provide a caring and nurturing environment. We include families in all aspects of their child's development. By providing a play-based environment, we focus on the child's developmental needs. This is accomplished through a variety of strategies which include teacher-directed and theme-based activities. Activities are engaging and hands-on and are based on the child's developmental level. Bright Kidz is running a promotion within our surrounding community. Use code "timberfarms" to have a waived registration fee (\$60.00 value) to enroll at our center today! (302) 369-6929 www.brightkidz.org (Bright Kidz owner is a 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)

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 #PO-2590A; CTSP # 2806; Maryland Licensed Tree Expert #2230

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

Evergreen Waste Services offers Timber Farms residents a special offer. Weekly Trash & Recycle Collection on Tuesdays. Because we are the #1 trash collector in Timber Farms, we can offer you a great discounted price. Call Evergreen now (302) 635-7055.