



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, my name is Elaine Little. On November 12 I was elected as president of the Timber Farms Civic Association (TFCA) for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2025. Consequently, I will resign from my position as the vice-president of the TFCA. I would like to thank Pru Patel for being our president in 2024. Unfortunately, Pru and his family moved from the neighborhood to pursue a job opportunity. I wish him and his family all the best.

My family and I moved into Timber Farms in 2003. The ethnic diversity of our neighborhood, the kind, friendly people who live here, and the community events sponsored by the TFCA are my favorite things about this neighborhood.

We are all so fortunate to live in this development. The TFCA Board is seeking to appoint a TFCA member to the vacant vice-president position of the TFCA Board for 2025. If you would like to be considered, please contact Elaine Little at [President@timberfarmscivic.org](mailto:President@timberfarmscivic.org).

Although we have a very competent board with Kathy Frederick, our newly elected secretary, and Linda Olds our treasurer, we need the support of all the Timber Farms Civic Association members for our activities to be successful. The emails that appear in your inbox, the events that get planned, and the newsletter that comes to your mailbox all take time and effort.

If each TFCA member committed to help with a minimum of one TFCA-sponsored event, it would take some of the work off the Board. In addition, if at least one adult from each household volunteered a minimum of one hour at the annual festival, we wouldn't have to cancel it.

As the cold sets in and the days get shorter, please be careful when walking at night and use the sidewalks. Many of our roads curve and it is difficult to see pedestrians walking in the road in the dark.

Also, be sure to get those outdoor holiday decorations displayed before the judging on Saturday, Dec. 21. Please be aware that only the homes of current TFCA members can be considered for the Holiday Home Decoration Contest.

Blessings for a safe and healthy holiday season,

Elaine Little  
Current President and President-elect for 2025-2026, TFCA

### Remaining Planned 2024 TFCA Activities

Dec 21 Judging Holiday Decorated Homes\*

\*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, and you want your decorated home to be considered in the Holiday Home Decorated Contest, 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. You can find the membership form on our website: [www.timberfarmscivic.org](http://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. **TFCA -- serving the community for the past 32 years!**

### TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

One of the tasks of Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation (TFMC) Board is the contracting of snow ploughing services for our development. For the 2024/25 season we have signed up with Campbell's Landscape Services Inc. The costs for ploughing of snow depths of 1-3.99", 4-7.99" and 8-11.99" will be \$1400, \$2100 and \$2,800, respectively for one snowfall event. If we decide to have snow ploughed with a depth of less than 4" there will be no reimbursement from the State of Delaware. At snow depths of 4-7.99" and 8-11.99" we can apply for a partial reimbursement in the amounts of \$1582 and \$2095, respectively. Deciding if and when to plough is sometimes difficult as accumulation levels are not always predicted accurately and the rate of melting after the snow event is often also uncertain. We try our best to limit our expenditures while making our roads as safe as possible. When predictions for snowfall are in excess of 4" it makes financial sense to wait with ploughing until we actually reach that level; however, when vehicle traffic is high during the snow event, the snow tends to compact on the road and is then difficult to plough without damage to the road and the equipment. Salting is an option but it is expensive at \$230 per ton. Hopefully snow events will be rare this coming season.

The Board of the Maintenance Corporation will meet in January to decide on the budget and the amount of the assessment for 2025. The 2024 budget can be viewed on our website ([timberfarmsmaintenancecorporation.org](http://timberfarmsmaintenancecorporation.org)) and the actual expenditures for the year will be posted in January as will be the proposed budget for 2025. Please contact us at [timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:timberfarmsmaintenance@gmail.com) if you should have any feedback, questions or concerns.

The Board of the Maintenance Corporation wishes you a happy holiday season.

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](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com).

## INFORMATION FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Dear Timber Farms Residents,

I've been sharing all updates about the ongoing New Castle County reassessment as they are made available, and I have more to share with you today. Tyler is getting ready to send out value notices shortly. These notices will let you know your new tentative assessment and will be mailed to all property owners beginning on 11/14/24. It will take 2 to 3 days to get them all out.

Tyler is prepared to take calls regarding the notices, which will be routed to a third-party service that will schedule an informal appeal hearing for every caller. All questions will be handled in the hearing. You may also call the county about the value mailers, but only Tyler staff should discuss your new value with you. Tyler will offer informal appeals by phone, virtually, and in person. In-person meetings will be held in the Gilliam Building's Multi-Purpose Room, with informal appeals scheduled every working day in December and January.

Starting on 11/15/24, you may schedule an informal appeal with Tyler by calling 1-855-670-2658 or by visiting the reassessment site online at <https://empower.tylertech.com/New-Castle-County-Delaware.html>.

If you still think your new value is too high after the informal appeal process, you may file a formal appeal with Assessment. The due date for customers to file a formal appeal is 3/14/25.



Councilman David Tackett, 11th District  
Office: 302-395-8351  
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## INFORMATION FROM SENATOR TOWNSEND

Dear Neighbors,

The Delaware Senate will convene in special session in mid-December to vote on several judicial nominations and other nominations that Governor will be making in his final weeks in office. The Senate, along with the House, will then convene beginning in mid-January for our normal session, which runs through June 30. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns that you have about any issue you see in our community; sometimes, that kind of outreach can lead to us engaging in conversations and then drafting and passing legislation or making changes in the State's annual budget.

An item of local concern right in our neighborhood: the repairs to the storm drain at the intersection of Timber Wood Blvd and E. Silver Fox Rd. should be completed by the end of December. The project has been delayed by the timing of DeIDOT putting projects out to bid and on contracts. Meanwhile, the same storm drain issues you see on Old Baltimore Pike opposite the old Girls Scouts property likely will take much longer to repair, given the tremendous cost of repairing the pipe at that location. But, at the very least, we soon will be rid of the unsafe (and unsightly) situation in our own neighborhood.

Please never hesitate to contact me if you ever have a question, suggestion, or concern, and best wishes through the holiday season and into the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Bryan*

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302-740-5231

## TIMBER FARMS HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Timber Farms Civic Association's 30th Annual Halloween Parade was held Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 3:00 pm. The weather was perfect! The parade was led once again by a 1972 orange corvette convertible driven by past TFCA President Bruce Lippardt, followed by the 80+ person Christiana High School Marching Band who has led the parade for us for the last 23 years! The roughly 200 people in the parade marched down Woodland Road, turned right onto Holly Cove Lane, and ended at the cul-de-sac on Holly Cove Lane.

Judges had a difficult time picking the 10 best costumes, and ended up awarding prizes to 11 winners. The 11 winners each received a crisp \$10.00 bill for their winning costumes! We also learned that there were 4 Timber Farms residents in the Christiana High School Marching Band: Morgan C., Matthew C., Sam H., and Chase O.

At the end of the parade, Mr. Softee was waiting and gave out ice cream cones to all the band members and all the children in costumes, and their parents, grandparents and friends!



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**4 Timber Farms residents in the Christiana High School Marching Band:**  
(left to right in the picture):  
Morgan C., Matthew C., Sam H., and Chase O.



**11 Best Costumes Winners (from left to right in the picture):**  
MacBook Air: Jinlee W; Purple Witch: Mahi P; Wolverine: Jacob R; Rapunzel: Charlotte F; Clown: Eva H; Minions: Landon & Logan T; Spiderman: Kiaan S; Police Officer: Heer S; Pumpkin: Daniel F; and Dinosaur: Liam J.

**TFCA Board would like to thank our volunteers for helping make the 2024 Halloween Parade a success:**

Juliette Tabron, Christine Zaghmout, Rema Lipphardt, Bruce Lipphardt, Dave Tackett, Lisa Peterson Evans, Elaine Little, and Linda Olds  
-- Linda Olds, TFCA Treasurer & Secretary

## BUSINESS CARD ADS

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Administrator

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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 shoveling snow:

- ❖ Maurice Wright, 156 Woodland Rd; Text (302) 685-8006; [flash2reece@gmail.com](mailto:flash2reece@gmail.com)
- ❖ Liam, Kieran, & Ryan Dallas, 504 W Hummock Ln; (302) 668-8773
- ❖ Tom McCarthy, (302) 593-7803; [tomcat9591@gmail.com](mailto:tomcat9591@gmail.com)
- ❖ Charlie Porter, 308 E Silver Fox Rd; (302) 983-7020

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

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## Your Classified Ad Could Be Here!!



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Timber Farms Civic Association  
P.O. Box 489  
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Shola Coker Phillip, Realtor/Home Designer, REMAX Associates, 668 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. [www.homelotland.com](http://www.homelotland.com), Cell: (302) 563-3784, Office: (302) 234-3800, efax: (877) 408-7952 (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

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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)

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Diamond State Tree Experts; Jeremy Casey, Owner / Operator; (302) 561-4157; [Jeremy.c@diamondstatetree.com](mailto:Jeremy.c@diamondstatetree.com). [www.Diamondstatetree.com](http://www.Diamondstatetree.com). Licensed & insured; free estimates. ISA Certified Arborist #PO-2590A; CTSP # 2806; Maryland Licensed Tree Expert #2230

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