



# THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

## *Neighbors working together*

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is finally here, which is a welcome relief after a cold, snowy winter. I encourage everyone to spend some time outdoors and enjoy the mild weather.

You should have received a neighborhood survey soliciting your opinion on possible changes to the left turn traffic light on eastbound Old Baltimore Pike at our neighborhood entrance. We want to hear from you on this issue. Please take a few minutes to review the survey, fill out the survey form, and return it to us in the provided postage-paid envelope no later than May 31. We will report the results of this survey to you by email, and in our next newsletter.

We have received a number of email complaints about cars making dangerous U-turns at our neighborhood entrance off Old Baltimore Pike to avoid long waits at the intersection red lights, usually during the morning rush hours. In April, the Civic Association sent a letter to State Representative John Viola requesting the installation of a 'No U-turn' sign at this entrance. The planning for the installation of this sign is in progress, and the sign should be installed within the next few months. Once the sign is in place, the New Castle County Police will be able to issue citations for illegal U-turns.

Our next Civic Association general meeting will be held outdoors at the playground off Anthony Drive on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00pm. Our New Castle County Police Community Services representative, Corporal Christopher Gigliotti, will be available to update us on police response in the neighborhood and to answer your questions. A representative from Chesapeake Security will also be available to provide an update on their activities and to answer questions. We will also report on the results of the neighborhood survey regarding the possible changes to the left turn signal at our neighborhood entrance. Please plan to join us.

If you haven't already done so, please join the Civic Association for 2014, and help support our annual neighborhood events and our quarterly newsletters. Thanks to all of you who have already joined us this year!

Bruce

### LETTER FROM COUNCILMAN TACKETT

Timber Farms Community,

The leaders of the Maintenance Corporation and Civic Association have been doing a great job in addressing the issues in Timber Farms and keeping my office updated and engaged on the issues that affect our community every day. I have said, at many of our community meetings, and it's worth repeating; the model Timber Farms has created in running the day to day operations in our community can serve as a role model for the other communities in our county.

I have confirmed that Officer Chris Gigliotti will be at our community meeting on June 4th at the playground off Anthony Drive. Officer Gigliotti is our new Community Policing officer for Timber Farms and he comes to this position with over 15 years of experience in New Castle County policing. He will be able to talk to us about whether to call 911 or the non-emergency number 302-573-2800, the SMART911 program, Citizen Observer notifications, Text-A-Tip, Heroin alert program, and the Targeted Analytical Policing System. Officer Gigliotti has also been made aware of the U Turn situation at the entrance of the community and he has already been in contact with DelDOT and plans to work on a few solutions to implement as soon as the state posts the signs.

Also, Corporal Gigliotti will share some tips on preventing burglaries and property crimes. This will include a discussion on the latest crime trend, distraction burglaries, which occur when one person poses as a salesman at the front door while his accomplice breaks into the back door and robs an unsuspecting victim. Officer Gigliotti also encourages residents to take precautions such as not putting out the box of a new, 70-inch TV in front of their houses, or posting vacation photos on Facebook.

New Castle County has rolled out a new interactive website and upon visiting [www.nccde.org](http://www.nccde.org), users will find press releases, proclamations and tributes issued by the Executive, as well as a link to NCCTV, the County's public access TV station. They will be able to find what they are looking for in three clicks or less, apply for County jobs, and sign up for news alerts and updates – on the topics they choose – that go right to their phone or email. One great new feature is the "how Do I?" tab at the top of the webpage <http://nccde.org/9/How-Do-I>. Here you can find answers to common requests.

Glasgow Regional Park has something for everyone this year. The Dog Park, with the large and small dog enclosures, has been a huge hit since it opened last August. The walking paths are always an attraction and now the hill has a paved path as well so you can add a challenge to your walk or run. The 2014 Farmers Market at Glasgow Park is now open! Market Days are Fridays from 3-7pm. Local farmers, artisans, & shops bring their best; fresh produce, meats, eggs, jams, jellies, honey, cakes, pastries, along with homemade soaps, lotions, candles, spices and fresh cut flowers. Come and shop, have a snack and enjoy a stroll down the promenade. New additions are turf grass in the children's play area, and fencing and a shade pavilion in the skate park.

David L. Tackett

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### 2014 Graduation Notices

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

# The Timber Farms Voice

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By Vanessa Spence

As you drive east on rt. 273 and cross over rt. 13 you see Quigley's farm stand on the left. The stand is filled with color to suit the season from Easter to Christmas. If you stop in, you will get to talk with the Quigley family. The Quigley's are the last tenants to have or ever will inhabit this farm. Joseph Quigley III passed away in 2008 and was the grandson of a previous tenant, Joseph Quigley I. His wife, Elaine, lives off-site now and only returns to the farm stand daily. The land is still leased and upon her death that agreement will end. The house and land is now registered as a national historical landmark to protect its future and place in New Castle history.

Far up on the hill, behind the street side stand, is the old farm house. It was built in stages. The wood frame section began in 1799; the brick sections were added in the early 1800's. The land that remains, 112 of the original 1,068 acres, includes land north and west of New Castle. Development along the Rt 13 corridor lead to the condemning of the land under Eminent Domain. Today, we have developments such as Penn Acres, William Penn High School, part of the airport, New Castle Farmer's Market, Wilmington University, Penn Mart Shopping Center and Centerpoint Business complex.

How this large parcel of land began was in 1701, when William Penn set the land aside for the sole purpose of agricultural needs of the citizens of New Castle. This included grazing livestock, lumber, other natural resources as well as crops of corn, wheat and oats. At the time, William Penn was Governor of Pennsylvania. Remember, Delaware did not yet exist as a state until 1787.

In 1791 the board of trustees of New Castle Common granted William Penn's sons, Thomas and Richard, legal power to protect the land from wrongful use and monitor its sole use in ways benefiting the citizens of New Castle. The charter they created was updated in 1792 to include farming subdivisions, and allowing the charter to be passed down to Penn's son's successors.

About five farms operated until the rt. 13 development started in the 1950s and 60's.

Farmers would lease the acreage they farmed. In the 1890s the rental rate was \$5-\$6 an acre. That rate fell to under \$3 per acre during the World War I. The last rates posted were back up to \$6 an acre in the early 1940s. So over a 100+ years the value of farming the land did not change. However, its purpose and place in history did.

In 2013, the Delaware Greenways initiative teamed up with the trustees of New Castle Common. The farm is in transition and caught in the social movement back to protecting land and history. No doubt it has a new life ahead that may sustain another 100 years.

References:

1. From Crow to Quigley: A Unique Agricultural History at Penn Farm, by Larry Nagengast, 2011

2. My Conversations with Elaine Quigley in 2011.

3. <http://www.historicpennfarm.org>

## Recent Events

The Timber Farms Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 AM. More than 50 children participated. A special thanks to Bob Oakes who began this year's planning process and to the rest of the volunteers:

Candy Purchaser: Vanessa Spence

Egg Stuffers: Vanessa Spence, Autumn, Emily and Dave Tackett, Elaine Little and Barbara Carter.

The following youth volunteered the day of the picnic: Daulton Oakes, Jozalynn Gonzalez, Maegan, Autumn, and Heather Tackett, Heather Little, Juli Stape and Lauren Pala as well as the following adults: Vanessa Spence, Bob and Kate Oakes, Dave Tackett and Elaine Little.

Egg cleaners: Erica Chadick and Vanessa Spence.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive starts in February of each year. Our goal for 2014 is 80% membership. Our annual dues are \$25 and can be mailed to Timber Farms Civic Association, P.O. Box 489, Bear, De. 19701.

Thanks to all the residents that have already renewed their membership for 2014, including many voluntary additional donations. We truly appreciate it. Your dues support our quarterly newsletter, our web site ([timberfarmscivic.org](http://timberfarmscivic.org)), Community garage sale, Easter egg hunt, our annual Picnic, Halloween parade and Christmas events.

Also consider joining our neighborhood email list by sending your email address to [timberfarmscivic@aol.com](mailto:timberfarmscivic@aol.com). The Civic Association uses this email list to inform you about important events, lost and found items, and neighborhood security issues. We currently have 330 residents on our email distribution list which represents 96% of Timber Farms residents.

Thank you for your support in recent years. We are looking forward to an exciting 2014.

## TIMBER FARMS MAINTENANCE CORP.

I would like to thank all residents that make the effort to park their vehicles in the garage and driveway overnight. Not only is it a deed violation parking your vehicle in the street overnight, it is a restriction for emergency vehicles responding to needs in our development.

Abiding by the Deed Restrictions keeps the overall appearance and value of our property as its highest level. Please keep in mind that all building additions, decks, in ground pools, fences and sheds MUST be approved by the Maintenance Corporation as the first step in planning your construction projects. Our Deed Restrictions supersede any building or construction permit issues by New Castle County.

Chesapeake Security has begun patrolling our community. Their patrols are mostly in the night and early morning hours. The head of Chesapeake Security will be attending the June 4th Civic Association Meeting that will be held at the playground on Anthony Drive. If you have questions or suggestions for him he will be there for you. Delmarva Power has completed the installation of two new street lights at our playground.

Regards, Dave Schneider, President

Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE to residents and residents' businesses; all others may place an ad for \$6.00. Call (302) 456-9559 before July 31, 2014. Next issue: August 2014.

AT&T Digital Life home security and automation is available to all Timber Farms residents. As low as \$39.99 a month! Free professional installation! Call Shelley Kruse 302-521-0280 for information.

Leon Jackson is available again this year for basic lawn care. He may not be as professional as those with the big trucks but he is local and less expensive. So if you want a bargain, Call Leon for an appointment: 302-690-2980

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Anthony Jczyk – available for Grass cutting needs and yard work – 302-268-3212; Anthony has also received his Lifeguarding Certification if anyone knows of any local pools looking for a lifeguard for the summer.

Real Estate Appraisals: Cardinal Appraisals, Bill N. Waugaman, IFA, 1607 East Newport Pike, Wilmington, DE 19804; phone: 302-999-0909, fax: 302-999-1999, email: cardinalapp@msn.com. (Timber Farms resident).

Seamstress - Alterations: alter unlined items \$6, alter lined items \$8. I do clean and excellent work. Will be done in one day if needed. I have 30 years experience. Please contact me by e-mail: Alterations100@yahoo.com. I live in Timber Farms.

Babysitter/Mother's Helper: Sisters Michelle and Heather, responsible high school students, eager to babysit or be a mother's helper. Red Cross Babysitter Certified. Please call them at 302-292-6990.

Babysitters: Certified and live in Timber Farms. Please call Natalie and Audrey at 731-7927.

Dog Walking Service: "WALK WITH US" Dog walking service. Services include walks and overnight/extended services. For questions/references please call Heather at 454-7187. We'd love to meet your furry friend!

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Tent and Party Rentals: A Family Affair Tent & Party Rentals. Please call 302-733-0408. All Timber Farms residents receive 5% off & no delivery fee.

Safe Roof Cleaning - www.VestaWash.com is a business that gently cleans the black roof stains on your house. Look for the Demo house on Woodland Rd. Special price for fellow Timber Farms Residents. 877-526-7244

Item for sale: Pool table to anyone who can take it out of my basement. ANY offer!!!! May come by and see. Call first- 302-275-9909

Items for sale: I have a Black & Decker NPP2018 Cordless Pole Saw, 18-Volt NiCad, 6-1/2 To 10-Ft for sale. Asking \$70. In great condition and used only once. More info is at [http://www.amazon.com/Black-Decker-NPP2018-Cordless-Electric/dp/B0007OPJM8/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1399071348&sr=8-1&keywords=npp2018](http://www.amazon.com/Black-Decker-NPP2018-Cordless-Electric/dp/B0007OPJM8/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1399071348&sr=8-1&keywords=npp2018)  
Interested please call 302-722-4599

Item for sale: I am selling a Pier One Full Sized Loft Bed if anyone is interested for \$150. It is 5 years old and is in very good condition. It includes the loft, desk, chair and comforter. A picture similar to what I am selling can be found at <http://www.divandspan.com/4231-12-amazing-pier-one-kids-bunk-beds-idea-snapshot/pier-one-furniture/>. Please e-mail me if you are interested @ rhawtof@gmail.com.



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