



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Another Delaware winter greeted us this past month with a few major storms. I hope none of you were seriously inconvenienced by the recent weather. The holiday season is just ahead – take the opportunity to enjoy some time with your families.

Two recent neighborhood events provided opportunities for us to get out and meet each other. I am particularly pleased with the large turnout at our neighborhood picnic on Sunday, September 9th, even though it was postponed one day due to weather. A long list of volunteers made the picnic possible, and we all thank them for their help. It was terrific to see the number of new residents who have already come forward to offer their help as volunteers. Thank you everyone!

We also had a great turnout for our Halloween Parade and costume contest on October 27th. As always, our kids had some great costumes, and Mister Softee was available with free ice cream.

Timber Farms always looks bright and festive during the holidays, since so many residents enjoy decorating their homes for the season. This year, our judges will decide the winners of our annual holiday home decorating contest on December 22nd. We will send email reminders about the contest in December. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. YOU could be this year's winner!!!

Finally, I want to thank all of our residents who joined the Civic Association in 2012. Along with your annual dues, many of you sent additional voluntary donations. This year, these donations totaled more than \$1,100 allowing us to continue organizing events like the annual picnic. We appreciate all of your support, and look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2013.

Bruce

CIVIC CORNER

Brandywine Springs Park

Most of us have driven by the picnic grove and playground on the corner of Faulkland Road and Newport Gap Pike, just north of Greenbank. It is now a county park that holds the same name. The history behind this property begins with Washington and his aides, who held a planning meeting before marching on to the battle of the Brandywine in 1777, under the council oak, still standing today. It was the park's bubbling springs of iron and sulfur enriched water that drew socialites beginning in 1826.

A group of Wilmington men, including James Canby, grandson of Oliver Canby of Brandywine Mills, built a three-story hotel in a grand and modern style. Few other facilities would match its elegance at the time. The promise of health benefits and the relaxation of such an establishment soon encouraged Philadelphians to take a steamboat to Wilmington and then carriages brought them to the spa. It cost \$3 per day and 62 1/2 cents for dinner. Such things as soft shell crab from Tangiers and lobster from the Delaware Bay were served.

The hotel was popular but it did not succeed financially. In 1833, the property was sold at a public auction for \$15,500. The new Philadelphia owner, Robert Newkirk, took it further by building a five story stone structure. It could accommodate 300 guests. Newkirk too, was financially unsuccessful and in 1853 Newkirk leased the property to Captain Alden Partridge, a former West Point officer who made his later career setting up military schools in a number of states.

The hotel was transformed into sleeping quarters, classrooms, drilling fields and riding stables. At the first school break and students not present, the school burned to the ground on December 9th of 1853. Newkirk sold the property to another Philadelphian with experience in hotels, Peter Coyle for \$15,000, \$500 less than Newkirk had paid 20 years prior. Coyle expanded on the only structure left after the fire, Newkirk's private home. Coyle invested \$5,000 and opened Brandywine Springs Hotel. At this time the Civil War had begun and the hotel business again failed.

After a sheriff's sale of the property it was rented to Richard Cook of Wilmington who again remodeled the idea into a recreation area that included a hotel, restaurant, vaudeville theatre, and amateur dramatic association, toboggan slide, picnic and excursion grounds. It was a time of fierce competition from the seashore resorts and nearby Shellpot Park.

Cook's opening day was spectacular in size and effort but it was marked with tragedy when two trolleys collided, killing two and injuring more than 40 others. Between the years of 1905 and 1916 there were five fires. The fifth set by an unhappy employee who murdered one woman and hurt another.

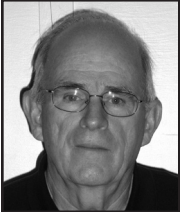
The park shows little of what it has gone through today. No traces remain of its long and tragic history. Even the springs that once bubbled are now covered with growth.

By Vanessa Spence

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!

If you aren't one of the 90% of Timber Farms residents who have already provided us with their e-mail address, please do so. It is the surest way to receive timely, updated information which affects you. The most recent important information we communicated related to updating the community on the recent criminal activities happening in Timber Farms. Please e-mail us your address today at timberfarmscivic@aol.com

RECENT EVENTS

Timber Farms Civic Association Annual Picnic:

The Timber Farms Civic Association Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, Sept. 9th from 2 to 5 p.m. We had a gorgeous day and record attendance with over 250 participants. The committee did a great job with all the planning. A special thanks to Elaine Little, Linda Olds, Tom Layman, John Verdi, Gene Spence, Vanessa Spence, Bob Oakes, Bruce Lipphardt, Josh Grant, Dave Frampton and Wanda Prigg who attended meetings, scheduled vendors and entertainment, and kept attendees fed and well hydrated. Additional thanks to Min Yang, Wanda Prigg, Altair Dube and George for set up and/or clean up help. Thanks go to Rema Lipphardt, Christine Verdi and Jim Little for helping out wherever needed. Altair Dube did a great job getting raffle tickets filled in and people

RECENT EVENTS CONTINUED...

registered. Others helped out when needed and for you we are extremely grateful. If you would like to be personally recognized next year, come and join the committee!

The Taddei and Payne families provided the electricity for our inflatables. Without their generosity our day would have been less bouncy and fun. LC Homes sponsored our moon bounce and double slide.

Josh Grant provided the music and kept us all informed of the activities. Bob Oakes coordinated the football toss and golf ball closest to the pin competitions with the help of Wayne Needles, Sam Falco and Dan Frederick. Kids who threw two of three footballs through the hoop were awarded a dollar. One hundred single dollar bills were distributed. First, second and third prizes were given to the three girls and three boys who hit the golf ball closest to the pin.

The White family on Holly Cove provided one of the canopies and the Spence Family provided two additional canopies. The Spence's and Vintimilla's provided the grills.

Rocky Bluewinkle was a huge hit and a great addition to our picnic. He donated his time and waived his normal fee. Thank you, Rocky. Go Blue Rocks! Mr. Softee was a sweet treat giving out 311 ice cream cones.

Door prizes were drawn at 5:15 p.m. Those still present received their prizes and the other prizes were mailed to the winners. Thank you to Linda and Vanessa for your door prize contributions.

Timber Farms Halloween Parade:

Timber Farms Civic Association held its annual Halloween parade on October 27th. The parade was lead by a 2008 Shellby GT500 Mustang decorated and driven by John Verdi followed by the Christiana High School Marching band followed by all the ghosts and goblins along the parade route. Many thanks to the judges Bill and Jen Johnson, Linda Olds, Tom Layman, and Altair Dube. Again judging was a very difficult job with so many great costumes. Mister Softee was once again a big hit giving out over 250 ice cream cones to band members, ghosts and goblins and moms and dads.



The Timber Farms Voice

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Timber Farms Maintenance Association I would like to thank the residents for the large turnout we had at the meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, and the support we received in an effort to amend our bylaws. The by-law amendments required a minimum of 141 votes to meet the requirements to amend them. The final tally of votes submitted by proxy and voted on at our meeting totaled 164 in support of the by-law changes.

The amended changes to the by-laws will provide our Association with a more reasonable method of running the Timber Farms business. If you have any questions or comments, please forward your concerns to our Maintenance web site. timberfarmsmaint@aol.com We can only improve our development with your input.

Regards,
Dave Schneider
President, TFMA

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Disc Jockey: Reliable, affordable and quality Disc Jockey services. Available for Weddings, Private Parties, Bars and Nightclubs, Corporate Functions and Black Tie Affairs. Call Josh at (484) 252-1290 or e-mail at joshuagrizant@yahoo.com.

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Tara Jezyk - College Student - available for Babysitting nights and weekends - Home - 302-368-3212.

Anthony Jezyk - 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).

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Babysitter/Mother's Helper: 13 year old eager to babysit or be a mother's helper. Red

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Babysitter: Need a babysitter this summer? Available to work day and/or evenings with toddlers and young children. YMCA babysitting course and First Aid certified. Please call 738-8041 and ask for Lindsay. Also willing to work as mother's helper.

Certified Babysitter: High school student (age 18), very experienced with all ages. Available after school, evenings and weekends. Call Lauren at 737-4559.

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

Babysitter available: Enthusiastic babysitter - age 16! Lots of experience and very responsible. Please contact Kristin at 737-4559.

Babysitter available: Stay at home mom looking to babysit for extra cash. Days, nights or weekends. Call cell # 610-809-9020.

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