



THE TIMBER FARMS VOICE

Neighbors working together

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Timber Farms Civic Association. Many of our residents have been members since the Association was formed in 1992. The past twenty years have brought many changes both in our community and throughout the U.S. I'm proud of the way our residents work together to make this neighborhood such a vibrant place to live. I hope you are too.

Our 2012 goal is to have 80% of our residents as Civic Association members. With our current membership over 70%, we are nearly there! Post Oak Lane and Timber Wood Boulevard residents have already met the goal. Thanks to all of you who have already joined us this year. If you haven't joined us yet, please consider becoming a member. Our annual dues are only \$25. I especially want to thank those of you who added voluntary additional contributions to your membership. Our voluntary 2012 contributions total \$970, enough to pay for the printing and mailing of three of our four annual newsletters.

We had terrific weather for our Easter Egg Hunt in April. Thanks to all of our volunteers for organizing this event, which is always a lot of fun for the kids. On May 12, we will have our annual spring neighborhood yard sale. Take advantage of the opportunity to clear out some of your unwanted clutter.

I'd like to thank our Secretary, Camille Dinon, for coordinating our quarterly newsletters, including the classified ads. She has done a great job with this since 2007, and we all appreciate her efforts. Thank you Camille!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, I hope you'll find a reason to spend some time outdoors with your families. Why not take a walk, and meet some of your neighbors?

Bruce

Graduation Notices:

Laura Rickert	Mt. Sophia High School
Jasmine Mapp	Delaware Military Academy
Ryan Feely	Salesianum
Cassie Vincelette	St. Mark's High School
Lauren Cardamone	Hodgson Vo-Tech
Katie Boese	University of Delaware
Alison Kingcade	Delaware State University
Charles M. Jackson	American Intercontinental University

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

CIVIC CORNER

The Symbolic History of Delaware.

by Vanessa Spence

Where did that come from? Is often a question of background or the history behind an odd sense of belonging. Symbolism is one way of identifying oneself or aligning it in a sense of purpose. So where does Delaware fit?

In the case of our state we are known as the first state. Our children learn in school that we were the first to sign the Constitution. Fortunately, it turned out well, but we could have been first in line for eradication by the British!

Our state shield, pictured on our state flag, shows much symbolism. We claim our motto to be "Liberty and Independence. The "first state" was coined by a first grade class asking our state assembly to make it official in 2002. Now, it appears on the state quarter that details Caesar Rodney's ride to Philadelphia. He rode through the night, during a terrible thunderstorm, to break a deadlock vote on July 1st, 1776. We now know how that turned out; he was the deciding vote for independence from England. Rodney was Delaware's president at the time, as was George Read before him and John Dickinson after him.

Other early signs of Delaware's legacy are depicted in the state seal, adopted in 1777. On it we have three years of initiation. 1704 when our state assembly started meeting and talking independence, 1776, when all declared independence from Britain and 1787, when we ratified the Constitution and became the "first state." My question remains how old are we really? Arizona and New Mexico celebrated being 100 years old this year. When is our birthday? Well, they seem to have settled on 1787 as our beginning.

Early economic history is also on the state seal. What made up Delaware and how were we different from neighboring states? At the time we were proud of our ship building yards. Today it is hinted at along the Wilmington waterfront, and the shipyard shops.

On the seal the Farmer, the wheat shaft and corn all symbolize Agriculture. It was the basis of our state's economy in the 1700's. From that, many symbols have been adopted along the years. Our official state soil is Greenwich loam, a deep well-draining soil. It is found along the coastal plains of Delaware and is productive for agriculture.

From this industry we adopted the ladybug as our state bug. It is a beneficial bug that seems to invade our area in late summer and fall, in time to eat the larvae and aphids, from crops and plants.

Also represented on the state seal is our militia. We were organized to draw 100 men quickly to battle in the organization of "hundreds" rather than townships or boroughs. Later came the state bird the blue hen, a strong-willed fighting cock. Caldwell from Kent County carried a mascot pair during the Revolutionary War. Hearsay leads us to believe George Washington coined the phrase "fighting blue hens" for the militia coming from Delaware. We also honored George Washington's uniform colors of colonial blue and buff, now our state colors.

The last symbol on the Delaware State seal is an ox. Yes, it was part of an important early industry but pay attention after this year's election. Return Day is when all those who run for political office return to Georgetown and share in a day of returning to normal. They bury the hatchet and share in roasting an ox. It takes place two days after the election, because back in 1792 you would come two days later to get the election results which were announced from the new state house balcony in Georgetown.

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THE OFFICER'S CORNER

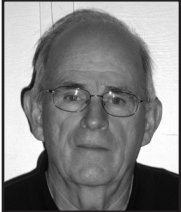


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CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!

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

Community Garage Sale

The 2012 Timber Farms Community Garage sale was the most successful that we ever had. Our thanks to Erica Chadick and Nancy Vintimilla for passing out 500 street maps with the address's on them as the shoppers entered Timber Farms. Many of the shoppers thanked them and said how great a idea it was. Many of the shoppers and residents enjoyed a free ice cream cone from Mr. Softee he dispensed 276 free cones. From the comments received many of you purchased great buys and the sellers had a great day.

Goodbye from a former resident:

As you may know, in late November we moved from our home at 405 Arrowood Lane. The 17 years we lived in Timber Farms was a wonderful time. The people of Timber Farms, especially those that dedicated themselves to the Civic and Maintenance organizations, made our development feel like a warm community. I was, and still am, proud to say that I lived in Timber Farms.

Some of our highlights include:

- the Halloween Parades and contests,
- the community garage sale (with goodies for our customers),
- the many holiday parties and events,
- the wonderful work in ensuring our community was safe via patrols, cameras and close connections with our local political leaders,
- the warm and timely emails that connected the community in everyday events, losses and warnings of potential threats,
- the way we supported each other during the terrible home invasion party (and shooting) in the rental on Timber Farms Blvd (the number of folks that showed up in court to testify was inspiring),
- having our boys graduations up on the community board,
- the unselfish ways we all rallied in support for our firemen in the aftermath of the terrible tragedy on Holly Cove,
- the friendly smiles and hellos anytime we walked or jogged in the development,
- ANY MANY, MANY MORE.

Thanks to all of you that made the Timber Farms development, a sought

after COMMUNITY in which to live. We will miss our community and friends but will hold our memories close to our hearts.

Take care of yourself and each other,

The Leverings

Catherine, David, Ryan & Wyatt

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Chesapeake Security

The Chesapeake Security Company furnishes the Association weekly reports and log sheets. We would like to share an example of one for Saturday night, April 28, 2012. Patrol time that particular night was from 9 pm to 2 am. We have several vacant properties in Timber Farms that they check on their patrol. They found a door open at one of the vacant homes and called New Castle County Police. Two cars responded and officers searched the house, found that it was vacant and locked the doors. Later on that evening, while patrolling, the security guard found a young male sleeping in his car. Checking on the person, the security guard found that he lived in Bear, Delaware and was visiting but didn't remember which house. The officer called his mother who drove over and picked him up. While patrolling late at night he found both garage doors open at a house on Woodland Road. No lights were on, he knocked on the door and the residents were unaware that they left the garage doors open and thanked the officer. In the early morning, he found several young people at the gazebo at Holly Cove he told him that the park is closed at dusk, they said they were sorry and returned to their home on Woodland Road. On the last patrol of the night he lists the make, model and address of cars parked on the street. Two on Timber Wood, five on Woodland, one on Holly Cove, and one on Anthony.

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Easter Egg Hunt Update

The annual Timber Farms Civic Association Easter Egg Hunt was held Sat., April 7th at 10 a.m. at our playground. The weather was nice and we had over 140 adults and children in attendance. Before the hunt a jelly bean on a spoon race was held for the children. The winners were

Younger Children:	First Place	Lamont	Older Children:	Dalton
	Second	Madison		Heather
	Third	Jenelle		Silpa

Thanks to the many volunteers we had this year. These include teens, Altair Dube, Vilas Annavarapu, Shawn Butcher, Dalton Oakes, Conlan Tran, George Yang, Haseeb Uppal and Heather and Michelle Little who helped fill eggs, hide eggs, run the games and/or photograph the event. The following adults either purchased candy, filled eggs, hid eggs, coordinated the hunt, and or will clean the eggs for next year. Patty Rutherford, Jennifer Hostetler, Linda Olds, Erica Chadick, Bob Oakes, Bruce and Rema Lipphardt, Christine (Rema's niece), and Jim Little. Councilman Dave Tackett donated 300 candy filled eggs to our hunt. Thank you all for your help.

Elaine Little,

Chairperson

2012 Easter Egg Hunt



CLASSIFIED ADS

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Leaf Removal: Call today for your leaf removal estimate. Tetrick Lawn Care 302-478-7185 (Owner/Operator – Jeff Tetrick). I am also the snow removal contractor for Timber Farms.

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 joshuagrizzant@yahoo.com.

Pet care: Reliable pet care available for your cats, small dogs and/or small mammals. Contact Michelle at 292-6990.

Dog Walking Service: Does your dog need a bit more exercise? Someone to feed them? Someone to give them a little extra love? Amanda, a Timber Farms resident, would love to meet and walk your dog! Call to set up an appointment: 302-444-4403.

Lawn services: Reliable and hardworking Timber Farms teenager is available to do odd jobs such as mowing, weed pulling, power washing, etc. Please contact Ryan at 444-4403.

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).

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: rema@udel.edu. I live in Timber Farms.

Babysitter/Mother's Helper: 13 year old eager to babysit or be a mother's helper. Red Cross Babysitter Training Certified. Please call Michelle at 292-6990.

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.

Babysitting: Need a babysitter in the evenings or on weekends? Call Tara Jezyk at (302) 368-3212.

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 15! 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.

Work Wanted: Teenage boy willing to do Lawn work, Power washing, Pet sitting, and Babysitting. Experienced Lawn worker. I can be reached at 292-2618 or jrteed@comcast.net

Pet sitter or dog walker: Will pet sit in your home. Experienced, with references available. Contact 737-4559.

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!

Flooring Specialist: Hardwood, tile, carpet. Anything you want to walk on, we can install! Next Step Flooring. Contact Tim (302) 528-0244.

Residential/Property Management: Contact ABLE Real Estate for all of your real estate needs. Annette C. Collier is the owner and Broker of Record of Able Real Estate located in West Philadelphia. The agency provides commercial and residential property management, real estate sales and investment consultation services to Philadelphia and its surrounding areas, including Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. Call her at (215) ABC-3700 or e-mail at ablerealestate1@aol.com.

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Items for Sale:

To make way for new furniture, we are selling our entire living room set for the slightly negotiable price of \$800.00. The set consists of a large pillow back sofa, love seat, chair, glass and stone coffee tables, 2 matching end tables and two complimenting table lamps. The set is in GREAT condition and well cared for. Please call 302-545-5504 if interested. First come first serve.

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

Looking for a carpool for Salesianum for the next school year. We can drive all mornings. Looking for some afternoon help in exchange. If interested, please contact Lisa at 368-9547. Thanks.

I am 14 looking to earn money over spring and summer. I am a persistant worker. I will cut, weedwack, and blow standard sized lawns for only \$20, and perform other lawn care services upon request. (for example: weeding, laying mulch, spraying weed killer, raking, watering plants, etc.) Please call (302-482-5782 My name is Ryan. Thank You

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WANTED TO SWAP – jigsaw puzzles. We have an accumulation of puzzles (ranging in size from 100 – 1000 pieces) that we've already completed. If you're in the same boat, let's trade. (No children's puzzles, please.) Contact John at 292-1151, or e-mail john.kelahan@verizon.net.

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