



# Timbers Talk



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## REC HAPPENINGS



### This Month

June 08th ~ Ceramics 2pm-4pm

June 14th ~ Flag Day

June 15th ~ Ceramics 2pm-4pm

June 16th ~ Happy Father's Day!

June 19th ~ Juneteenth

June 22nd ~ Ceramics 2pm-4pm

June 22nd ~ Flea Market 10am-4pm

June 22nd ~ Trivia Night 8pm-10pm

June 23rd ~ Board Meeting 10am

June 29th ~ Ceramics 2pm-4pm

## TTPOA Board of Directors

### Executive Board

Melissa DeSola (Hemlock) - Interim President

Mike Fiorello (Birch) - Vice President

Marika Goldschmied (Dogwood) – Treasurer

Victoria Tuite (Pine) - Secretary

### Village Reps

Peter Hedenhag - (Cedar)

Pam Cronin -(Elm)

Craig Miller - (Maple)

Michael Cox - (Oak)

Brian Semmens - (Spruce)

Axel Herrera - (Sycamore)

## CAMPFIRE RULES

- Campfires are permitted with a 36" ring.
- Fires CANNOT be higher than 3 feet.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CAMP FIRES TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME!

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE FIRE ADVISORY SIGN  
AS YOU ENTER THE CAMPGROUND  
TO SEE IF FIRES ARE PERMITTED  
FINES WILL BE ISSUED



# From the President's Desk

Happy Season Tall Timbers!

We had an amazing start to our 2024 season. The Welcome Back Dance was great; there were also a lot of smiling faces at our annual fishing contest. I'd like to thank Meg, staff, Kerie & all other volunteers for all their help making our kickoff to the season great. Here are a few changes and reminders for the upcoming season.

Due to tanks recently going missing, propane tanks will not be filled after 2pm, and if tanks are not picked up by 4:30pm they will be secured until the next day.

The electronic guest registration was a big hit. Please remember this and try to pre-register your guest for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, it's a vehicle fee weekend. Registering and paying sooner will reduce the lines to enter.

If you haven't gotten your decal yet, please go up to the office and get it. The planned date to deactivate the key card system is Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The trash area is becoming a bigger and bigger issue. Too many people are leaving their trash outside the containers. The household garbage must go in the compactor. If the compactor is full, please ring the bell and the gate house attendant will come to run the compactor.

Hope to see you around the campground!



Melissa

Interim President





Thank you to all of our participants in the Fishing Contest and for all of our Volunteers!!!  
It was a fun day!









## REC HAPPENINGS

The Flea/Craft Market is being held on June 22nd in the ballfield, we are still accepting vendor applications, if you would like to participate or know someone who would be interested please reach out to Meg!

We are looking for volunteers to make our events a success. We could use volunteers for Kids Bingo on Thursdays beginning in July and Adult Bingo on Fridays beginning in July as well.

If you are interested in volunteering for any event you can visit the office or email Meg at [mhmccall@gmail.com](mailto:mhmccall@gmail.com)



Looking for Mahjong players. If interested, call and/or see:

Rose Marie  
173 Sycamore  
201-674-8416







# RECREATION 2024

## Pool and Lake Schedules

### LAKESIDE & MOUNTAIN POOLS

WEEKEND / HOLIDAY ONLY SCHEDULE (11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM)

MAY 25 ~ 27, 2024, JUNE 1 ~ JUNE 2, 2024, JUNE 8 ~ 9, 2024 , AND JUNE 15 ~ 16, 2024

#### Swim Lessons (Starting 07/01/2024)

Lakeside Pool

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

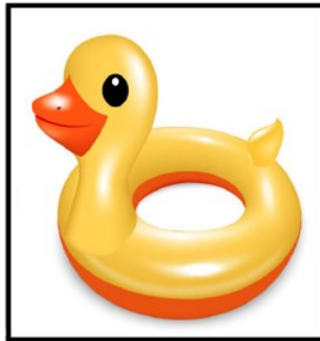
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#### Water Aerobics (Starting 07/07/2024)

Mountain Pool

Sundays and Thursdays

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM



#### Lakeside & Mountain Pools and Lake

June 22 ~ September 2

Open daily 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

#### Lakeside Pool

Friday Late Night Swim ~ 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

#### Mountain Pool

Saturday Late Night Swim ~ 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Daily ~ 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

## Bear Cave

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Fridays 4:00 PM—10:45 PM

Saturday Noon—10:45 PM

Sunday Noon—10:45 PM

Monday Noon—4:00 PM

### JUNE

Fridays 7:00 PM—10:45 PM

Saturdays Noon—10:45 PM

Sundays Noon—4:00 PM

### JULY & AUGUST

Daily Noon - 10:45 PM

### SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY Noon— 10:45 PM

SUNDAY Noon—4:00 PM

### OCTOBER

TBD



## Store Hours

DAILY 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

## Arts & Crafts

TO BE ANNOUNCED



## Ceramics

### JUNE 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 28TH

Saturdays

Session 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

## Bingo

### KIDS (SEE CALENDAR FOR DATES)

Thursdays 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

### ADULTS (SEE CALENDAR FOR DATES)

Fridays 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

## Important Information



### **TTPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE 2024**

- April 28, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- May 19, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- June 23, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- July 6, 2024 – Saturday - Annual Owner Meeting
- July 28, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- August 25, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- September 22, 2024 – 10 a.m.
- October 5 & 6, 2024 -Saturday & \*Sunday (\*if necessary)  
- (Budget Prep for 2024)
- October 27, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Meetings are held in the Adult Lounge at 100 Tall  
Timbers Road, Sussex, NJ 07641

The Annual Meeting is held on the deck of the Bear  
Cave.

All meetings are subject to change by notice posted at  
the TTPOA office and on the website.

## Important Information



Tall Timbers Property Owners Association, Inc.

*The Premier Campground Community in Northern NJ*

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Sussex, NJ 07461

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Office: 973-875-1991

Fax: 973-875-0647

Visit our website: [Talltimbers.net](http://Talltimbers.net)

### Vehicle Decal Procedures & Guidelines

- Tall Timbers (T.T.) site owners in good standing will be provided, at no charge, up to (2) two decals that will be placed by T.T. staff on the front windshield of their vehicles.
- Please bring your gate card(s) with you when you head to the office to get your decal(s). The current gate card(s) will be taken back by T.T. at the time the decal is put on and that card(s) will be deactivated.
- Vehicles need to be registered with T.T. (listed on your Annual Information Sheet) for the decal(s) to be placed on your vehicle windshield.
- Tall Timbers site owners in good standing will be able to purchase up to (2) two additional decals at a cost of \$10.00 each. These (2) decals can be placed on any vehicle as long as the vehicle is listed on your Annual Information Sheet.
- Tall Timbers site owners will be permitted to purchase additional decals beyond 4 for vehicles registered to the site owner's home address of record and proof of that registration is provided. The vehicles must be listed on the Annual Information Sheet.
- All decals must be adhered to vehicles by T.T. staff, no decals will be handed out.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### When will the card system be shut down?

The decal system is currently being rolled out on an on-going basis. At a date to be determined, when owners have been given adequate time to obtain decals, the current card system will be deactivated. Owners coming to T.T. after the cards are shut off will be directed to the office to obtain their decal(s).

Owners are encouraged to obtain decals sooner rather than later to avoid delays in entering and potential long lines. The process takes a few minutes. If you show up at the office to have a decal adhered and there is a long line, you may be asked to return at a later time so you do not have a long wait. We appreciate your patience as we move to this new system.



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### Short Term Rental Cars

Owners with short term rental cars will enter through the guest gate when we have Security full time and can use the intercom when there is no Security at the gate. When entering through the guest gate, you will be asked to show id and Security will verify that you are owners in good standing before letting you in.

### Broken Windshields

Owners with a broken windshield can obtain 1 replacement decal at no cost by providing documentation to the office. Further replacements will have to be paid for at \$10.00 each.

### New/Different Vehicles

As owners change to new/different vehicles, decals beyond your initial 2 free ones will need to be paid for - no free decals in this case.

### Motorcycles

Motorcycles with windshields can use the decal as is. We also have a limited number of decals made specifically for motorcycles - please ask for one (if they are popular and we run out - we can buy more). For those that do not have a place to put the decal or do not want to risk damage to their motorcycles, we will maintain a list to be kept in the Guard Shack (guest side) of motorcycles registered with the office. Owners will enter via the staffed guest side of the gate. During hours when no Security is there, you can use the intercom system to enter on the owner side.

### Owners Who Do Not Want a Decal on Their Vehicle

Owners who choose not to put a decal on their vehicle will have to enter through the guest gate when it is staffed and use the intercom when it is not. Security will ask for owner identification and verify that you are owners in good standing before allowing you to enter.

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## Visitor Vehicle Registration Policy

\*This is not for Site Rentals – see Rental Policies\*

- **Owners must register their visitors/guests** by filling out a Visitor Registration Form. You can do this by going online to the Tall Timbers website at: [talltimbers.net](http://talltimbers.net), by calling the office, or by going to the office and filling out a paper form.  
\*Please provide as much advance notice as possible\*.
- **Visitor Vehicle Fee:** The Board decided to **suspend** the Visitor Vehicle Fee of \$10.00 for the immediate future **EXCEPT** for the 3 holiday weekends of Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July celebration weekend, and Labor Day weekend. The holiday weekend is defined as Friday 12:00 a.m. until Tuesday 12:00 a.m. On these 3 holiday weekends, the Visitor Vehicle Fee of \$10.00 per car must be paid.
- **How to Pay the Fee:** The office no longer invoices for Visitor Vehicle Fees, so you must either pay in advance or your visitor can pay cash at the gate.
  - How to pay in ADVANCE:
    - Go to the office and pay in person (between 9am and 4:30pm)
    - Call the office with a credit or debit card (between 9am and 4:30pm)
    - Zelle to [bookkeeper@talltimbers.net](mailto:bookkeeper@talltimbers.net) (between 9am and 4:30pm)
  - How to pay at the gate:
    - The visitor can pay the fee in CASH at the guest gate when entering.  
(Cash is the ONLY payment method accepted at the gate)
- **Amenity Bracelets:** The suspension of the Visitor Vehicle Fee does not change the Amenity Bracelet rule. If an owner wishes to purchase additional amenity bracelets beyond the 7 and 1 fob that they receive, additional bracelets must be paid for at the usual cost of \$10 each for 7 days.

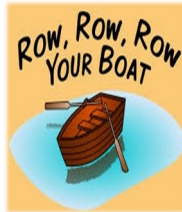




## Important Information

### Boat Contracts

**Attention Boat Owners!** You **must** come into the office to sign a boat contract, pay the \$15.00 fee and get your sticker for the 2024 season if you have not done so already. Any one whose sticker is not current will risk having their slip assigned to another boat owner.

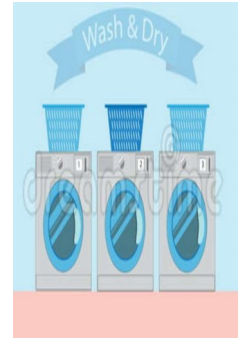


### Main TTPOA Laundry Room

Only use HE liquid detergent in the washers. HE detergent is available for purchase at the office. Do NOT use any other detergent in the machines.

### Village Laundry Rooms

Only use Liquid detergent. Powder detergents do NOT break down, cake up the lines and may damage our septic system.



### Septic Do's & Don'ts

Tall Timbers does NOT have a city sewer system. We have independent septic systems we are responsible for. Improper use can damage the septic; septic repair is **COSTLY!**

**Do** use water efficiently; conserve when possible. The average person uses 70 gallons a day. Leaky toilets use as much as 200 gallons per day.

**Do NOT** flush or pour down the sink the following items: Cooking oil, latex paint, dental floss, tampons, condoms, diapers, cotton swabs, cigarette butts, coffee grounds, cat litter, paper towels, wipes or food.

Thank you!

### Contractor Tips

- No work to begin before 9 a.m.
- Hire a licensed contractor.
- Obtain a Certificate of insurance before work is done.

If your contractor is uninsured, you are liable for any injuries or property damage.

### "Call-One System"

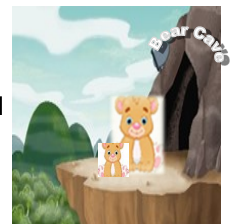
Our Call One system can list two phone numbers per site. It can also use your email address. Please **make sure to listen to these calls in its entirety.** Calling the office defeats the purpose of the Call-One System. Email additions or deletions to patti@talltimbers.net.

### No Parking Reminder

No parking is allowed on the side of the roads. During ALL functions parking is strictly enforced and will result in violations.

### The Bear Cave

To reach the Bear Cave directly, you can call **973-721-5006**



**There is ABSOLUTELY no smoking on the Bear Cave Deck at any time**



## Attention all Site Owners and Visitors

There are bears in the campgrounds all the time. This is their home. They look for food and have been spotted climbing into our dumpsters and bringing out food garbage bags. We do our best to deter them but these bears have become accustomed to humans. If you put your food garbage in the dumpster instead of the compactor, they will drag it out and make a huge mess. Besides the aesthetics, it can become a health hazard! It also takes our Maintenance Crew away from other important jobs. **ANY KIND OF FOOD GARBAGE MUST GO INTO THE COMPACTOR!!** The bears in our community are wild bears; you should never feed them! If they find it in the dumpster, they will continue to go there and make a mess of your campground. Please do your part and put your trash in the right place. **Be considerate!** **Your** Maintenance Department will have to pick up after the bears...and you! Help us keep your Tall Timbers clean!



### Garbage & Debris Removal

The dumpster area is located at the Tall Timbers entrance at the side of the Guard House. Please place your garbage in the appropriate containers.

**The Compactor** – Household garbage ONLY. Place all bags containing food into the compactor to avoid attracting animals. If the compactor is full, please notify the guard on duty.

**The Open Tops** – Bulk items only. **NO FOOD!** (This will attract the bears!)

**Recycle Bin** – Paper, plastic, glass and aluminum only. Please be sure to rinse any food out.

**Red Dumpster** – Scrap metal only. Do not throw old propane tanks in the dumpster, please contact the office for proper disposal methods.

## Four Reasons NOT To Feed Wildlife

We know they're cute and they might seem hungry, but feeding wild animals -- whether in your own backyard, a local park, or while on vacation -- just isn't a good idea. Here's why.

1. "People" food isn't good for animals. Human foods aren't nutritious enough for animals and may cause serious health problems (especially when animals are continually fed bread, french fries, and popcorn).
2. It makes wild animals lose their natural fear of people. Feeding can make large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential or recreational areas. Once animals learn they can panhandle for food, they can become a nuisance—or even worse, a safety risk.
3. Feeding wildlife from or near vehicles is dangerous to animals, people, and property. Animals can be hit by moving vehicles or might try to enter vehicles in search of food. In Yosemite National Park in 1998, more than 1,100 vehicles were broken into by black bears -- causing more than \$630,000 in damages.
4. Wild animals who depend on people for food can cause injuries or spread disease. When wild animals gather for food handouts, it can cause crowding and competition. These unnatural conditions increase the chances of

## Maintenance Reminders



We will gladly refill your propane tanks at the Office. We can fill 20#, 30#, 40# and 100# tanks. Please bring your UNEXPIRED tank to the office (with the exception of the 100#'s) and **leave them** on the wall near the propane. After payment is made, the office will give you a tag to put on your tank. **Please keep in mind that propane is not filled after 2 pm.** All propane **must** be paid for in advance.

- **100#:'s:** Site owners must disconnect their tanks from the trailer in order for maintenance to pick them up. All propane is prepay. Tanks are called in and filled within a 24 hour turn around time.
- Due to propane tanks recently going missing from near the Admin office, Maintenance will be changing how they will be handling the propane tanks. Moving forward, all propane tanks that have not been picked up before 4:30pm, will be secured in the fenced in area until the next day.
- Any **"EXPIRED"** tanks that you are wanting to dispose of can be placed by the bay doors to Maintenance. **DO NOT** discard propane tanks in the garbage containers. Due to the gas and pressure inside, these tanks cannot be thrown in the garbage. If any gas is left in the tank, it could cause a fire or explosion at the landfill.

## Admin Office Updates

REMINDER: The Tall Timbers office does not accept personal mail for site owners. Please be sure your utility bills for your site are billed to your home address. Also, we do not accept packages (UPS, FedEx) for site owners, unless it is medication. You can have packages delivered locally to any of these authorized providers:

- Baker's Pharmacy (UPS)  
38-42 E. Main St, Sussex, NJ 07461
- CVS (UPS)  
302 NJ-94, Vernon Township, NJ 07462
- The Vernon Copy Center (FedEx)  
70 Vernon Crossing Rd, Vernon, NJ 07462
- Walgreens (FedEx)  
359 Route 23 N, Sussex, NJ 07461





# THE VILLAGES OF TALL TIMBERS



## Birch Village News

### Birch In The Lurch

Four abandoned trailers have been removed thanks to our President Mike Fiorello. Thank You to all who helped with the project. Now we have more sites to sell.

We are considering a Birch Garden on abandoned site #53. We need a committee to work on the project. You can talk to our President Mike Fiorello if you are interested. The garden will be for Birch Village only.

On July 6, 2024, Joe & Jenny are having a pig roast on their site #58. They bought the pig. Please bring a dish or ask Joe & Jenny what they could use and bring lawn chairs if you want to attend.

### Labor Day Weekend

Our Birch picnic will be on Saturday, August 31, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, September 1, 2024. We will meet on empty site #39. Bring a dish and lawn chairs for your family. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and bottled water provided. We are trying to get a bouncy house for the kids.

We have had complaints about loud music. Please be considerate of your neighbors and remember that 11pm is quiet time. People have to go to work and have children that need to sleep. The enforcement committee will be called if it keeps up.

The world is a crazy place. Birch Village and Tall Timbers is our refuge and get away. Let us try to be respectful of each other. No drunk driving. Let us avoid fighting. Lend a helping hand when you can. Our village should be our sanctuary, not a battlefield.

Let me know about anything and I will try to get it out in the next "Birch In The Lurch"

Ellen Roth #82|



## Cedar Village News

Hi Cedar Villagers !

Come join us this Saturday June 8 for Movies

Under the Stars , It will take place at the cedar Bathhouse around 830 (darkness)

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Remember if you are building a deck or other construction on your property. A permit is required please inquire in the office about filing for a permit . Work without permits will result in fines and having to remove the structure.

Our next Cedar Village meeting will be on Saturday June 22 at 10 am. Please attend to keep informed.

Remember DCA inspection is coming up soon please clean your properties .

Happy Father's Day!

Ginny Macchione

Cedar Village President

## Dogwood Village News

The weather seems to have changed for the better and all the rain has really greened up our village.

Last week at our well attended Opening Meeting, we tallied the mail-in ballots for the two Amendments to our By-Laws. As a result, we can now communicate, vote and conduct village business electronically. Welcome to the future! Dogwood Village also passed a deed restriction on renting your sites. No Short Term Rentals, any period of time under 30 days, is allowed. We also had excellent and informative updates from our TTPOA Reps Marika and Alice. Thanks!

Quick reminders:

- Plants, grass and weeds :( are growing fast.
- The Upper Pool is open and looks great!
- Laundry Room and Bathhouse is open. It belongs to us all. Please treat it as such.
- Double check that you are within your property lines. Contact us if you'd like to see the maps and dimensions of your site.
- Dogwood Party July 27. Stay Tuned!!!

We are happy to see so many of you around the village and welcome all our new owners. We look forward to your contributions to the best village in Tall Timbers!

\*\* Next village meeting: Saturday June 22 10am

## Oak Village News

Hello Oak Village!

Memorial Day weekend was great! Lots of fun events, perfect weather and most of all, a relaxing time – right?

We have some winners here in Oak from the Fishing Contest last weekend. Congratulations to Bailey Martin (Oak 108) for winning “Biggest Fish” at 11.5 inches, and to Quinn Martin (Oak 108) for winning “Most Fish for Specific Age Group” at 16 total.

It's that time again, we need to start doing our Spring/Summer cleanup around the village. All of us need to do our part to keep our properties and our surrounding areas on the roadways clear of overhang and overgrowth, and to keep the roads visible for drivers. Please help by trimming back, weed whacking, and clipping all protruding branches, shrubs, and weeds – not only on your property, but across from your property too. If you cannot drive your car on the road without the vegetation hitting it, then it is too far out onto the road and it needs to be cut back. All gardening debris **MUST** be put into paper leaf bags, not plastic bags, and you need to call the office to schedule a pickup. Pickup days are Thursdays and Sundays.

With that being said, the annual DCA inspection is scheduled to take place in July (no specific date yet). Please make sure your sites are cleaned up, leaves and weeds removed, clear and visible signage of your site number **IS A MUST**. Let's make sure that Oak Village does not receive any violations.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00am at the lounge in the old Admin Bldg. We really want a great turnout for this meeting so please make every effort to attend.

Here's wishing you a season full of fun, sun and smiles. See you around the campground.

Maureen DeFilippo

Oak Village Secretary / Treasurer





# Severe Summer Storm Evacuation

Hi Everyone!

In the event of a Severe Summer storm such as a Hurricane or Microburst, Evacuation sites have been arranged for those that can't go home.

Two locations have been arranged so far .

- Vernon Police Station ( most likely senior center )
- Pochuck Firehouse is the other.

I am awaiting a response on Sussex Firehouse ( our bingo spot).

In the event of a predicted storm arrangements will be made and a call one will go out advising where to go .

If you are not set up to receive a call one / text please arrange it with the office .



# Important Zelle Payment Information

**Important !!**

Please remember, all Zelle payments must include your site number and village name in the memo section, for proper account processing.

Payments should be sent to the attention of:

[Bookkeeper@talltimbers.net](mailto:Bookkeeper@talltimbers.net)





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