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Check our website for announcements and other community news!

Please submit all items for publication in the newsletter by the 20th of each month to TanterraToday@hotmail.com.

President's Message

by Curt Barrett

The Pool Renovation Committee recently collected bids from four companies. We were surprised by higher than expected bids, due largely in part to new state of Maryland requirements for handicap access.

This change in code will require us to modify the entrances into both the main pool and baby pool areas, **adding as much as $50,000 to our total costs**. Even if we weren't renovating now, this cost is inevitable, as we would be required to modify both pools in the near future anyway. As a result, we are now negotiating with all four companies to try and keep the costs as close as possible to our original estimate of $400K. Our goal is to award this contract by the end of February, with construction beginning in September after the pool closes.

Please see pages two and three for meeting minutes from our Annual and monthly Board meetings, respectively, and page six for Social and Grounds Committee news.

Join the Tanterra Email Group!
We have created a group email (TanterraHOA@yahoo groups.com) that allows us to quickly and easily reach homeowners with news relevant to our immediate neighborhood and the greater Olney area. To join, please email Carri Wheatley at: carri_wheatley@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Board Meetings

February 15 ♦ March 21 ♦ April 18

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
and are held in the Pool Shed

(All homeowners and associate members are welcome and encouraged to attend our Board Meetings each month.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TANTERRA WINNERS!

The Sherwood Girls Swim & Dive Teams defeated Blake on Saturday, January 14. The girls won 111 to 60 to remain undefeated for the season. Associate Members **Kylie Sheapp** and **Rikki Sargent** put in great 1st place finishes for the girls swimming, while Tanterra Resident **Summer White** placed first in diving! ***Woo hoo!! Way to go ladies!!***

Board Members Present:

- ► Curt Barrett, Pres.
- ► Glen McEwen, V.P.
- ► Charlie Cook, Treas.
- ► Dick Bertin, Sec'y.

Board Members at Large in Attendance:

- ► Jim Cagley
- ► Dick Cole
- Wayne Johnson
- ► Aleka Kapatou
- ► Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

- ► Elizabeth Bialas, HOA Clerk
- ► Ted Karp (Arch. Comm)
- ► Sue Barrett

► = Members present & attending meeting

Please note all attendees listed above were present at both the Annual Meeting commencing at 7:30 p.m. and the regular monthly Board meeting commencing at 8:45 p.m. (see Board minutes on page 3).

Tanterra Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting Minutes for November 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Tanterra Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Curt Barrett.

1) Curt Barrett introduced members of the Board of Directors, Committee chairs and Maryland State Representative Craig Zucker, a Tanterra resident and our elected representative to the state assembly, who made welcoming remarks and provided an update of activities of interest to residents.

2) Treasurer Charlie Cook and President Barrett presented the 2012 budget approved by the Board and led discussion. As noted in the budget previously distributed, there will be an increase of $20 in the HOA fees for homeowners in 2012, and an increase of $10 for Associate members. Suggestions were made by a homeowner that in order to plan specific contributions to the reserve fund and to achieve a closer matching of budgeted to actual expenses to the extent possible, a 3 year budget plan be constructed. President Barrett will follow up on this suggestion.

3) Glen McEwen provided an update on the pool reconstruction plans and schedule. He thanked the members for excellent response to the special assessment for this purpose. A geotechnical study has been completed and bid requests sought for the work. A contract should be awarded in February 2012.

4) **Reserve Fund**. It was moved and seconded by members that unexpended funds from 2011 be moved to the Reserve Fund, as is customarily done. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5) **Nominating Committee**. The President appointed two members to the Nominating Committee for 2012: volunteers Beth Murray and Bill Joyner.

6) Curt Barrett announced that a new website design is being developed and implemented, with the assistance of Greg Fury and several member volunteers. President Barrett announced the results of the Board Member election.

Note: As HOA members checked in upon arrival, ballots were distributed and proxies collected. Ballots filled in on-site were collected, and all votes were tallied during the first part of the meeting.

A. Charlie Cook (re-elected THOA member for 2012-2014)
B. James Cagley (re-elected THOA associate member for 2012-2014)
C. Aleka Kapatou (newly elected THOA member for 2012-2014 replacing retiring member Beth Murray).

Open discussion. Several members remarked about excessive speeding on Heritage Hills Drive, endangering pedestrians, particularly children attending Greenwood Elementary School. Representative Zucker indicated that he would contact the Montgomery County Police Department to request speed enforcement action.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned by President Barrett at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

COMMUNITY CORNER

HOWIE MANDEL - SAT FEB 11 @ 8 p.m.
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Sat. Feb. 25 @ 2 pm
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Meet a Tuskegee Airmen
Sat. Feb. 11 @ 2 pm 10am-5pm
College Park Aviation Airpark
1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive

Have you heard about the **new movie produced by George Lucas, Red Tails**? Red Tails is about the 1st all-Black fighter squadron in the U.S. Army Air Force, the 332nd Fighter Group, a.k.a., "The Tuskegee Airmen." Meet a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and learn about their history and organization! The Tuskegee Airmen never lost a friendly bomber to enemy fighter and no other U.S. fighter group in WWII could boast that achievement. Admission: $2-$4 depending on age. Call 301-864-6029 or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

For info on these events and LOTS more, visit www.calendar.visitmaryland.org !

Tanterra Homeowners Association

Board Meeting Minutes for November 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm by President Curt Barrett, following the General HOA Membership meeting.

1. **Election of Officers**. The Board elected officers for the 2012 year. Dick Cole moved and Glenn Wasik seconded that the 2011 officers be re-elected to serve in 2012. Those individuals agreed, and by unanimous vote, the following will serve as the officers of the Tanterra Homeowners Association for 2012:

President	Curt Barrett
Vice-President	Glen McEwen
Secretary	Dick Bertin
Treasurer	Charlie Cook

2. **Minutes**. Copies of the minutes of the October 19, 2011 Board meeting were unavailable at this meeting. They were subsequently distributed and unanimously approved on November 18 by e-mail vote of the Board.

3. **December Meeting**. Curt Barrett stated that the December meeting of the Board could be cancelled unless urgent business arose for consideration. In the absence of such business, the December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of January 2012 in the Pool House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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Pursuant to Article V of the Re-Stated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the Tanterra Homeowner's Association, Inc., all Tanterra property owners are hereby notified that the Annual Assessment for 2012 is $345.00. Further notice is given that the Board of Directors for the Tanterra Homeowner's Association, Inc. has approved a dues policy that will obligate homeowners to additional fees and charges in the event the assessment mentioned above is not paid on or before March 17, 2012. The approved Dues Policy is listed below. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer.

Tanterra Homeowner's Association Dues Policy

By Jan 31, 2012	Bills are issued for calendar year 2012.
By Mar 1, 2012	If for some financial reason you are not able to pay your bill in full by the due date, you must submit a written request for an extension of making payment(s). All extensions must include the specific date(s) you are proposing to make the payment(s) and the amounts. All extensions of payment must be approved.
On Mar 17, 2012	Payment is due in full unless an extension has been approved. A late fee of **$15.00** will be added to each delinquent account. Finance charges of **18%** per annum will start to accrue.
On Apr 1, 2012	Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.
On Apr 17, 2012	Names of all homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension are forwarded to the attorney who sends a demand letter. At this time, there is a $25 charge for this service. If payment is not received with all finance charges and attorney fees within 30 days after the attorney mails the collection letter, we shall instruct the attorney to file a Notice of Lien in the land records for Montgomery County. At this time, there is a $50 fee for serving the notice and a $200 fee for filing the lien. Any homeowner or their renter who has not paid and who does not have an approved extension will not be permitted to use any of the association's recreational facilities.
By Sept 1, 2012	Action may be taken to have a suit filed in the appropriate court for payment of any past dues and/or fees. Currently, the attorney charges $200 per hour plus court filing fees, and $50 for process of this service.

The above mentioned fees are subject to change without notice.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

Dear Neighbors:

Several trees and shrubs have been trimmed back in the Common Areas of our community, with the cuttings still remaining in several areas. Instead of scheduling a specific date for clean up this year, I have a different idea - when you have time to help out, please stop by one of the common areas listed below and clear away the debris. We have trim, pine logs and cuttings in the following areas:

- by the Tennis Courts - cut pine logs and trim needs to be removed
- in the Common Area bordered by Shady View, Tanterra Circle and Considine, in the area closer to Considine, trim needs to be removed

If you see any other tree or shrubbery material that needs removing, please take the initiative to remove this also. Some items will require a truck for removal. Please bring your own trash cans or paper bags for collecting materials and place at your home for pick up by the County on recycling day. Remember, homeowner assistance reduces our annual dues!

PET ALERT: please scoop up after your 4-legged friends ... this also applies to the hockey / tennis areas too.

Thank you. Ron White, Grounds Committee Chair

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Committee is gearing up for another year of summer fun! We will be having our first planning party in the spring, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for events or activities, please email me at Sarahformichelli@yahoo.com. Or better yet, join our committee! The more the merrier. :)

Help make this summer a great one for you and your family !!

Sarah Formichelli, Social Committee Chair

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Preparing ahead of time for the severe weather, power outages and impassable roads that winter weather brings can make the season more tolerable. Everyone should take a few basic steps to prepare your home and family:

- Make an emergency supply kit (plenty of advice on-line for what to include) for your home and car.
- Have an emergency plan (contact numbers, supplies locations, meeting places) and always be aware of impending severe weather that may affect your area.
- Keep your vehicles' gas tanks full to avoid being stranded.
- You should keep, at a minimum, a 3-day supply of both non-perishable food and water (for drinking and toiletries) on hand.
- Keep essentials including a manual can opener, radio, flashlight and extra batteries where you can get to them easily, especially when the power goes out.
- Dress appropriately. For cold weather, wear layers of loose-fitting and light weight clothing instead of one thick layer. Jackets should be wind and water repellent. Wear boots, gloves and a hat.
- If you have limited heating fuel, conserve it by closing vents to unused rooms. If you use space heaters, keep them away from flammable objects and make sure they are well vented.
- Avoid travel if possible. And if you must travel in poor conditions, try to do it during daylight hours when the roads may be more passable, and make sure others are aware of your travel itinerary.

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HEATING - Replace your furnace filter every month. Filters keep pollutants such as molds, skin cells and other allergens from entering your home's environment and keeps your furnace running smoothly and more efficiently all winter long.

CUT DOWN ON ENERGY COSTS by installing proper insulation in your ceilings, attics and crawlspaces. Areas around recessed lights, attic access panel and plumbing vents should be sealed too, as they allow warm air to escape your home. Weather strip all exterior doors. And if you couldn't afford new windows this winter, try getting an inexpensive plastic film sheet kit from the local hardware store. They only last one season, but do help to keep cold weather from entering your home.

Chiswick Court, Leisure World

OUTDOOR CHECK-UP - Cut back all tree and shrub branches away from your roofline and windows, as ice can cause branches to break and fall, damaging your home. Keep snow away from basement windows and dryer exhaust vents too. Lastly, check the foundation for small cracks or openings where mice or other vermin can get in and seal them closed to prevent these unwanted "guests" from entering your home!

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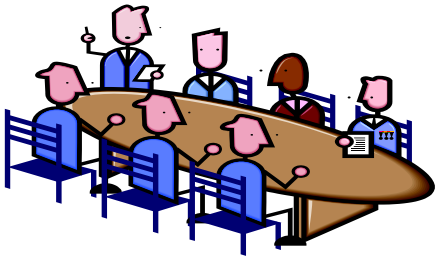

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