

# Tanterra Today

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## President's Message

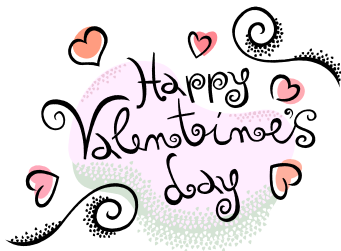
by Glen McEwen

In last year's February issue of *Tanterra Today*, we reported the receipt of pool renovation bids. Over the past year, a great deal of work has taken place to ensure the pool will last another several decades, as well as to enhance our current enjoyment of the facility.

The renovation work included numerous necessary items: replacement of underground piping and electrical work, new pool lights, coping stones, installation of pool ceramic tile, a new concrete deck around the pool and pool house, and installation of new life guard stands. In the upcoming months, when the weather permits, new fencing will be installed at the pool deck perimeter, the shade structure at the baby pool will be installed, and the underwater coating at the pool walls will be installed. We hope you join all of your neighbors for the pool opening on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend) to see all the great improvements that have been made. Remember, even if you are not a regular pool user, the pool and other neighborhood facilities (e.g., walking paths, tennis courts) are amenities that help us maintain and enhance the value of our homes and community.

At our January Board Meeting, we discussed our goals for the upcoming year. Of course, the biggest item is the completion of our pool renovation. In addition, we have several other items upon which we will be focusing our attention: the Grounds Committee will be performing much needed and ongoing maintenance of the common areas, the Social Committee will continue with their great activities at the pool, the Tennis Committee will replace the nets, the Architectural Committee will keep our neighborhood looking great, and our new website, [www.Tanterra.com](http://www.Tanterra.com), will continue to be updated. If you would like to be a permanent part of any of these committees or just want to help out for one day, please let either a Board member or Committee chairman know; we love to see new faces!

We are also planning on distributing the *Tanterra Today* via email as well as the mailed copy. If you have not joined the Tanterra group email (TanterraHOA@yahoo.com) and would like to receive the *Tanterra Today* and other news relevant to our immediate neighborhood and the greater Olney area in email form, please send us your preferred email address so we can add you to the list.



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Submit all items for publication by the 20th of each month to [TanterraToday@hotmail.com](mailto:TanterraToday@hotmail.com).

### Next Board Meeting • February 20

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm and is held in the Pool Shed



## BOARD MINUTES - November 15, 2012

The annual Tanterra Homeowners Association General meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Acting President Glen McEwen.

### Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen  
 Dick Bertin  
 Jim Cagley  
 Charlie Cook  
 Aleka Kapatou  
 Glenn Wasik

### Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas

Plus 42 homeowners who were either present or represented by proxy, constituting a quorum of homeowners necessary to conduct the annual meeting

#### 1. Minutes.

The minutes of the October Board meeting will be distributed and approved by e-mail vote.

#### 2. Introductions

Glen McEwen introduced himself to the audience, and identified other Board members present. He also introduced Tanterra Clerk Elizabeth Bialas and Tanterra committee chairs present. Former homeowner and Association President Curt Barrett was acknowledged for his long service. Maryland State Delegate Craig Zucker was introduced and provided brief greetings to the group.

#### 3. Board Member elections

The three individuals running for Board seats, incumbents Glen McEwen and Glenn Wasik and new candidate Jim Frye, were introduced and briefly addressed the audience. There were no additional nominations from the floor for Board office. Ballots were distributed and collected. Later in the meeting, it was announced that all three candidates had been elected to Board membership for 2013.

#### 4. Budget

Treasurer Charlie Cook presented the budget for 2013, previously approved by the Board. He explained major revenue and cost items and responded to questions. Acting President McEwen discussed the need for annual approval of the Reserve Fund. A motion and second were offered from the floor, and the Reserve Fund was approved for 2013.

#### 5. Volunteers Needed

Glen McEwen noted that volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee for 2014 and for many Association activities. Interested homeowners should make themselves known to Glen or another Board member. Joe Joyner and Melissa Frye volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Tanterra's very active volunteers have made it possible to run the Association without need for a costly management company, but our long-time volunteers need to be assisted or replaced by younger individuals, or there will be considerable additional cost to hire all of the needed services.

#### 6. Pool Renovation status

Glen McEwen called on Dave Stout of the Pool Committee to provide a report on the progress of the renovation project. All is proceeding very well, ahead of schedule. No major unanticipated issues have come up, and the project remains on budget, with completion of most work expected before winter weather stops progress until spring.

#### 7. Grounds

In response to a question, Grounds Committee chair Ron White indicated that trees on Tanterra property are aging and that they will be inspected for problems and critically

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## NEWS RELEASE



*For Immediate Release—January 7, 2013*

Contact: Liz Hofmeister, 301-590-9650

## ATTENTION GARDENERS!

Montgomery County Master Gardeners is holding its 13th Annual Mini-Conference in Derwood, MD, on **Saturday, February 23, 2013**. The theme of the conference is Our Common Ground – Building better landscapes, one yard at a time.

**Registration information** will be available on the website, [mcmg.umd.edu](http://mcmg.umd.edu), beginning January 2, 2013.

The day-long event offers multiple workshops, morning snacks, a delicious bag lunch, door prizes, networking with other gardeners, answers to your gardening questions, handouts, and reference materials. Participants can attend three of nine concurrent workshops, all taught by Master Gardeners. Topics include trees, edibles in the landscape, water features, roses, replacing lawns, companion planting, soils, and perennial grasses. Two shorter talks over lunch will address additional topics of gardening interests.

The event will be held at the University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County Office, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD, at the Agricultural History Farm Park. Advance registration is \$50; bring a friend and the cost is \$90 for two. For details, email [mgminiconference@gmail.com](mailto:mgminiconference@gmail.com).

**The registration deadline is February 15, 2013. Space is limited and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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needed work will be done. Secure enclosures for the lights at the Tanterra signs on Heritage Hills Road will be installed before winter.

**8. Web Site**

Glen McEwen reminded attendees of the recently improved web site: Tanterra.net, and its variety of useful content. Residents who want something added should speak to a Board member, Peter Szwec, or Ann Joliet.

**9. Other Business**

Rep. Zucker reminded residents that his office has approximately \$50,000 in scholarship aid for students attending Maryland colleges. Interested individuals should contact his office.

There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Following the General Meeting, a short meeting of the Board was convened by Acting President McEwen at 8:15, which was attended by all current Board members present plus newly-elected member Jim Frye.

**1. Pool Shed Heater**

Wayne Johnson had previously proposed purchasing a new heater for the pool shed to provide heat for winter Board meetings held there. Glenn Wasik moved in favor of purchase, seconded by Jim Cagley. Discussion followed, during which cost, infrequency of use, and advantages over the current heater were discussed. Vote disapproved purchase of the heater at this time.

**2. Election of Officers for 2013**

The following slate of officers was offered:  
President – Glen McEwen  
Vice-President – Wayne Johnson  
Treasurer – Charlie Cook  
Secretary – Dick Bertin

The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

**3. Future meetings**

Need for a December meeting of the Board will be determined. 2013 meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Pool Shed, unless a change is announced.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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## NOTICE: TO ALL TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS

Pursuant to Article V of the Re-Statement of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the Tanterra Homeowner's Association, Inc., all Tanterra property owners are hereby notified that the Annual Assessment for 2013 is \$365.00. 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, 2013. 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, 2013 Bills are issued for calendar year 2013.
- By Mar 1, 2013 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, 2013 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, 2013 Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.
- On Apr 17, 2013 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, 2013 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.

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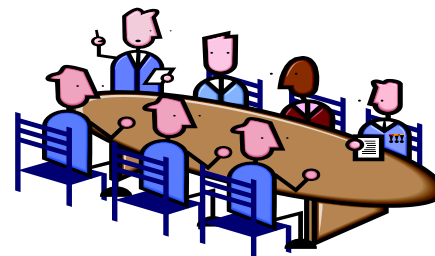
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