



**WIPE OUT!!**



**Is your pool bag ready? Come on, it's coming soon ...  
and your Social Committee is all geared up and ready to go!!**

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**Memorial Day/Pool Opening Party**

May 28

12 pm - 2 pm

(Hot Dogs provided by Mamma Lucia Restaurant)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Party**

July 4

12 pm - 2 pm

**Family Fun Raft Night**

July 9

7 pm - 9 pm

**Happy Hour / Adult Party**

(TBA) 8 pm - Midnite

**Crab Feast**

August 27

8 pm - Midnite

**Labor Day/Pool Closing**

September 3

12 pm - 2 pm

Watch for details on all these events in the months to come!  
The Social Committee is looking forward to a Fun Filled Summer!

Do you want to be a part of the planning?

Do you have Questions or Suggestions??

Join us in making Tanterra's Social Scene the Greatest!

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## *Tanterra Homeowners Association*

### *General Meeting Minutes for March 16*

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Curt Barrett.

#### (1) Minutes

A motion was made by Glenn Wasik to approve the February 2011 minutes as distributed. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the February minutes were approved.

#### (2) Treasurer's Report

Tanterra Clerk Elizabeth Bialas reported for Treasurer Charlie Cook and distributed current balance sheet (as of February 28) and Profit & Loss Statement. Homeowner and Associate Member dues and special assessment payments are coming in well. A Finance Committee meeting was rescheduled for March 27.

#### (3) Committee Reports:

##### Pool Committee

Wayne Johnson reported that spring pool servicing is underway. He reviewed the process used to solicit bids and approve recent procurements, including new pool filters, which were recently installed. In response to questions about the profit or loss of private pool rentals, 2010 experiences will be reviewed and management processes will be adjusted as needed to ensure that all costs are met. Mama Lucia's will be the approved caterer for the 2011 season.

##### Architectural Committee

Ted Karp reported that the initial inspection of Tanterra homes will be made shortly, and that homeowners needing to make corrections will be contacted. A focus this year will be on mailbox appearance, as many seem to be in disrepair. Architectural guidelines will be published in the upcoming issue of the Tanterra newsletter.

##### Grounds Committee

Ron White reported that spring grounds cleanup is being planned, and volunteers are needed to assist with this work. Some pool area cleanup of winter damage has already been done, but there remain some dead or dying trees on community property that will be addressed.

##### GOCA

Alexandra Kapatou, GOCA representative, previously provided GOCA meeting minutes for the Board's information. She reported on a special meeting where the Williams gas pipeline manager provided general information on the major transmission line crossing Tanterra and other nearby properties.

##### Newsletter

Charlotte Cary, newsletter Co-Editor, presented advertising rate information in response to questions at the last meeting. No changes to advertising rates or policies were made at this time.

#### **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
- ▶ Beth Murray
- ▶ Glenn Wasik

#### **Others Present:**

- ▶ Sue Barrett
- ▶ Elizabeth Bialas  
HOA Clerk
- ▶ Charlotte Cary  
Newsletter  
Co-Editor
- ▶ Aleka Kapatou  
GOCA Rep
- ▶ Ted Karp
- ▶ Ron White  
Grounds Comm
- ▶ = Members present  
and attending mtg

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### 1st ANNUAL TAN TERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 8 a.m. til 3 p.m.**

To participate in this Community Yard Sale, you need only set up shop in your own yard (or a neighbors!), and wait for the customers to come on by!

We'll advertise this event on the Olney Brookeville Exchange and Craigslist. If you know of other venues in which to advertise, or have any questions, please email the newsletter Co-Editor at [Sharlene@LNF.com](mailto:Sharlene@LNF.com).

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### POOL COMMITTEE

Once again another winter is over and it will soon be time to open the pool. Initial work has already begun. A new pool filter system has been installed to replace our very old system. The pool has already been drained, cleaned and refilled and is now waiting for us to do our part to be ready for opening day. As always, we need volunteers to help us with that. We need help with general clean up, caulking joints, patching cement and some painting. We need to do some reconstruction of the children's sand box as well. We need to get through two seasons of patchwork until our major renovation in Fall 2012. If you can give just one hour or several hours of time, we appreciate whatever you can do to help out. I will also have signs posted around Tanterra as a reminder of the work days.

Note that this issue has the pool rules. Please read and keep this copy as you may need to refer to it during the year. **For new Associate Members and Homeowners we will be taking your family pictures on opening day. Please be aware that all dues must be paid before entry into the pool can be allowed.**

I hope to see you at the clean up days and if not, see you at the pool this summer!

Wayne Johnson  
Pool Committee Chairman

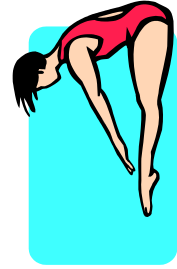
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**Pool work days are: Sat. May 7, Sat. May 14, Sun. May 15, Sat. May 21 and Sun. May 22.  
Works hours will be 12 p.m. to 5 pm each day.**

Volunteers may just show up, call or email me. I will also be working at the pool every day May 23 to 26 from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and all day on Friday May 27 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Refreshments will be provided on all work days, and a pizza party will be provided at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 27 for everyone who works that day.



### Tanterra Swim & Dive Team Online Registration is Open!



Whether you're a returning family or new family joining our team, the registration process is simple and takes only a few minutes. You will be requested to pay during the last step of the registration process. At the conclusion of the registration process **and** upon receipt payment, you will be granted access to your own private account for the team.

Returning families, you must log in with the e-mail you used last summer. Your account with all of your information, including your swimmers times, are associated with that log in. If you have a new e-mail, you can change it once you are logged in and the info will transfer. If you forgot your e-mail or password, send an e-mail to [registration@tanterratarpons.org](mailto:registration@tanterratarpons.org) and it will be sent to you.

Go to [www.tanterratarpons.org](http://www.tanterratarpons.org) then click on the Online Registration button to get started.

Questions: contact Lauri Black [registration@tanterratarpons.org](mailto:registration@tanterratarpons.org)

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## Timely Tip



Getting Out the Deck Furniture?  
Clean with a solution of 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 qt. warm water. Wipe and rinse and enjoy your deck or patio!



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## Tanterra Swim & Dive Team New Family Meeting

We will have an informational meeting for new families. We will explain the process, answer your questions, and you can meet our coaches!

When: Tuesday, May 23 7:00 PM

Where: Community room in the ReMax Building on Route 108 next to Ricutti's

For more information on the team, please visit [www.tanterratarpons.org](http://www.tanterratarpons.org) or call Susan Johnson 301-924-5979 [repsusan@tanterratarpons.org](mailto:repsusan@tanterratarpons.org)



## Mandatory Team Meeting



For all returning families, please plan to attend the team meeting to review the changes for 2011, purchase team apparel and much more! OK, we can't force you to attend but it would be helpful if you would!

When: Monday, May 23, 8:00 PM

Where: Community Room in the ReMax Building on Route 108  
(next to Ricutti's Restaurant)



## Swim/Dive Team Fundraiser! Mamma Lucia Restaurant May 25 5 to 10 p.m.



In their continued efforts to support the Olney/Brookeville community, Mamma Lucia is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Tanterra Swim & Dive Team. 8% of all proceeds will be donated to the team scholarship fund. Please come and support the team!

## Book Donations Wanted!

If you have any books left after the Tanterra yard sale, we can pick them up. The Tanterra Swim & Dive Team would love to take any old books or DVD's off your hands for our annual book sale. If you would like to donate, please contact Cindi Scafide at [advertising@tanterratarpons.org](mailto:advertising@tanterratarpons.org). The book sale will be held under the pool pavilion on July 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



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## ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE

**Inspections Update** - The annual inspections have been performed and if you were affected, you should have already received a letter by now, or will soon. We are here to work with those who do receive a letter, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Your cooperation on these issues is greatly appreciated.

**Driveways** - One of the areas where the Inspection Committee found the most violations was in the area of driveways. Many driveways are showing various signs of aging, with cracking, chunks of asphalt breaking off, or grass growing up through the driveway. Some driveways can be repaired by fixing the cracks and/or resealing, but others may need to be resurfaced. Please note, that in some cases fixing the cracks and resealing may only be a band-aid that will only last a year or so. All homeowners should consider resealing every couple of years to extend the life of their driveway. Resealing your driveway regularly not only makes it look better, but can also add years to its life.

**As in years past we have been able to negotiate a resealing offer from J. Ford who will reseal any driveway in Tanterra, regardless of size, for \$130.00.** This is an excellent price and hope that many of you will take advantage of it. **You can contact Hugh Ford at (410) 262-1426 to schedule this service.**

**Staining/Painting** - Keep in mind that Tanterra homes with the original T-111 rough cedar plywood exterior often do not have paint, but instead are covered with stain. Many homes were painted with a latex stain, but others have an oil based stain (most were done with latex). It is important to determine prior to any painting being done that you know which product was used on your home to ensure a good adherence of the new stain. We only approve stain on Tanterra homes.

**Architectural Requests** - If in doubt, fill it out! Remember to complete an Architectural Change Request for any work being done on the exterior of your home. This includes window and door replacement, staining, siding, garage doors, fences, driveway expansion, roof shingles, gutters, sheds, additions, etc. You can find this form on the Tanterra website at [www.tanterra.com](http://www.tanterra.com).

Should you have any questions or concerns on any architectural issue in Tanterra, please don't hesitate to give me a call or email. I can be reached at (240) 461-7536 or [skayhank@comcast.net](mailto:skayhank@comcast.net). Thank you. Hank Griffith.

## COMMUNITY/GROUP TRASH RATES? (Please reply even if you responded before)

**IF YOU REPLIED TO THIS ARTICLE IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER, CAN YOU PLEASE RESPOND AGAIN?  
Server failure caused most emails to be lost.**

Several weeks ago, there was a lot of "chatter" on the OlneyBrookevilleExchange yahoo group regarding group rates for trash removal and mention was made privately as to whether it would be worth our community approaching one vendor for a group discount. This issue was presented at the February HOA meeting with a lot of useful feedback from the Board. Overall, there is an interest in pursuing this matter with one or more vendors, but mention was made that many homeowners have developed a strong loyalty to their vendors and may not change regardless of cost, and second, that some companies may not have much "wiggle room" in their ability to offer a lower rate.

That being said, I would like to solicit input from anyone interested in this issue. If you would consider switching your trash service to receive a lower rate, please let me know by emailing me the following information:

Your current vendor, and whether you would like your vendor approached specifically to probe whether it is open to discounting its fees;

Whether you have 1x /week or 2x/week pick up; and

What is your current rate; and please specify whether you are paying monthly or quarterly.

Please email your responses to [matathi@aol.com](mailto:matathi@aol.com) and type "TRASH SERVICE" in the subject line. If I receive sufficient interest, I will proceed in contacting one or more vendors and report back to the Board within the next few weeks.

Thank you. Dan Matathias



## THE LANDSCAPE GARDENER

### MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

May is a great month for plantings of all sorts. The milder weather will allow greater leeway when it comes to a conflict between your busy schedule and the need for the newly planted plant material to be watered. Be sure to plant slightly high, ( the crown of the plant being 1-2" above surrounding grade for a 1 gal. container plant), when installing new plants to allow for drainage and aeration. Roots need water and air in balanced proportions in order for the plant to thrive, and our clay soils do not allow easy passage of either of these. Healthy additions and incorporations of composted materials will aid in keeping soil particles from packing tightly together, thus allowing for air and water permeation. Digging a wide and shallow hole for plants will allow the roots at the top of the new plant's root ball to expand into soil that is better aerated near the surface. Roots toward the bottom of the container may not survive the transplanting shock of a sudden reduction of oxygen levels, but the plant will survive.

Lawns- For existing weed control (dandelions, clover plantains etc.), broadleaf weed killers are most effective in May when the temperatures are optimum for the growth and thus the death of the weeds. The pre-emergent weed controls that were put down in late March to early April are taking care of keeping many new weeds from growing from seed , but once plants( weeds) have grown beyond the seedling stage they are no longer effective. Water based selective herbicides can be used when temperatures are slightly higher (up to 85 degrees; however, oil based materials should not be used when temperatures are expected to go over 80 degrees prior to the material drying. These can volatilize and drift into desirable vegetation. Treat areas underneath other vegetation only if needed as broadleaf herbicides can be taken up by the roots of trees and shrubs and cause damage. Finding broadleaf controls without additional fertilizer can be a challenge. The Turf-Type-Tall fescues will flower shortly and then will go into a resting period. Stimulating new top growth with fertilizers will use up already depleted reserves so the grass plants will be weaker ( less able to withstand Summer drought conditions) albeit greener for a while

Question---Why do we keep having new weeds show up in our lawns if we are using pre-emergents and killing weed seeds as they germinate? Answer- Most weed seeds germinate in the Spring to early Summer window. Pre-emergent herbicides are targeted at those weeds (primarily annual grass- like weeds like crabgrass). Some weed seeds germinate year round (dandelions, etc) or germinate in the Fall when the pre-emergents have broken down and are no longer effective. We don't want a pre-emergent to interfere with the germination of desirable grasses, which we sow in late-Summer, so the protection that the pre-emergent provided in early-Spring through mid Summer is allowed to lapse. Thus, allowing a window of opportunity for some weed seeds to grow in our lawns. If you do not re-seed in the late-summer to early Fall window you can treat another time with a pre-emergent to keep these weeds from growing. This application would be made around the 1st of August.

Free plants- Do you have perennials and/or ornamental grasses? Now is a good time to increase these numbers by dividing these plants. Simply dig them up, carefully (or not so carefully) cut and pull the roots apart to form two or more separate clumps, and replant. Whenever you dig or move perennials take a little extra time to add organic matter (composted leaves, Leaf-Gro ) to the soil to replenish the tilth and fertility. Good candidates—hosta, (pennisetum and miscanthus- grasses), daylilies, and the list goes on. Ornamental grasses will, with time, grow out into a circular pattern with a dead area in the middle. By digging up the clump and moving or getting rid of 90% of the circle, then replanting the remaining 10% back in the middle ( into compost modified soil) you can restore the vigor to your planting.

Grass cutting- Mowing of the turf type tall fescues and bluegrasses should be on a 5-8 day cycle throughout May. By cutting often and allowing the clippings to fall back on the lawn you will recycle the micro-nutrients which all grasses need to flourish.. Cut at 2.5-3" through May and take the mower height up to 3-3 ½" setting around the second week of June( this will allow the soil to be shaded by the taller grass thus protecting the grass root systems). Grass subjected to the stress of being cut too short does not generate new roots for a period of 28 days following that cutting. Grass root systems, growing deep in the soil, are the best means of surviving summer heat and drought.

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

**PICTURES FROM OUR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!!**

**Saturday, April 23**



**The rain held off long enough for everyone to enjoy our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Thanks to our lovely volunteer Jodie Siarkas (and family!) who single handedly coordinated the entire event!**

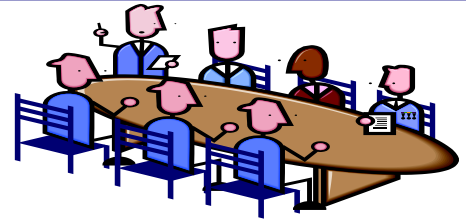
**Way to go Jodie!**

**Special thanks to Easter Bunny Charlie ...**



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(3) Committee Reports (cont'd.):

Social Committee

No committee report. The committee will meet soon to develop plans for 2011 activities.

Tennis Committee

Curt Barrett reported on proposals for tennis court repair/resurfacing received from Metropolitan Tennis and American Tennis Courts. The Board agreed to proceed with the less costly \$7800 proposal from Metropolitan that best met current needs.

Website

Curt Barrett reported that the site is currently being maintained, and that David Wandell, a Tanterra resident, had stepped forward to assist with further development and maintenance of a new and improved site.

Welcoming Committee

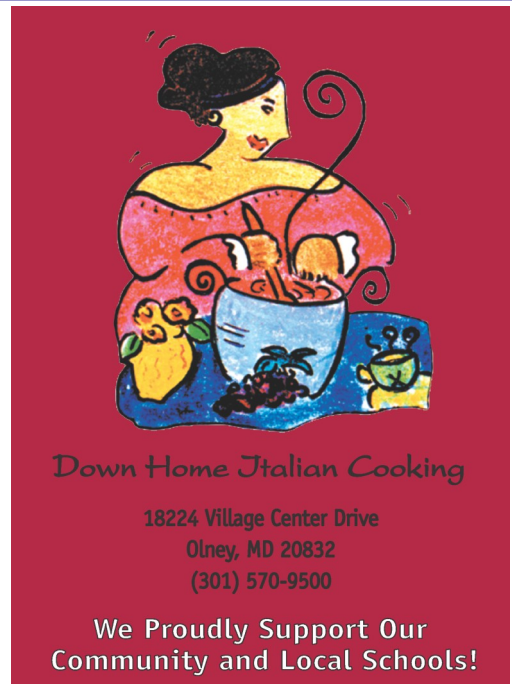
No Committee report. Curt Barrett reported that the Committee Chair has distributed several welcome package to new residents.

(4) New Business

Sue Barrett reported that a preliminary report from the Auditor indicates that additional income in 2010 may necessitate tax payment due. This is seen as positive news and may permit some additional purchases including needed new pool furniture. The Board will watch this situation and act appropriately.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary



(cont'd. from pg. 9)

Edging and mulching - May is a great time for edging and mulching planting beds before the weather turns too hot. Cutting a shallow edge around plantings prior to application of a 1-2" layer of mulch can clearly define lawn and bed areas and can save plants from trimmer damage. Application of a pre-the year.

Insect pests - Most pests have predators that keep their populations under control, not eliminated. For those times when outbreaks occur or you notice a general pattern of decline caused by insects, try a spray with the oils. These are formulated for Summer use now and act to reduce the pest problem to an acceptable level while leaving predator populations intact. Pests involved here suck plant juices and must remain on the plant to feed while the predators are mobile and can get out of the way of the oil application. Keep an eye on the grub populations and if there are more than 6-8 per square foot of turf you may want to apply Merit to knock back the next generation. An application made in mid June- early July will be activated and ready to kill the newly hatched grubs in late August- early September.

After all is done, go to the pool opening! See you there!

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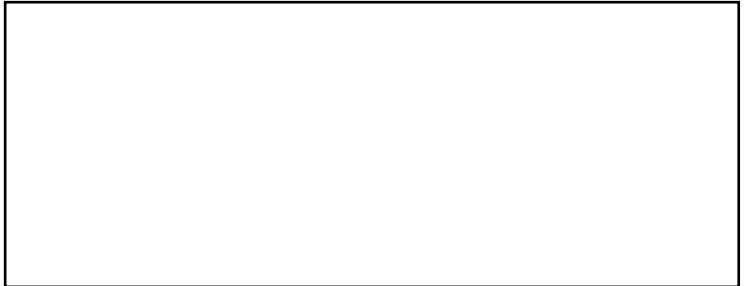
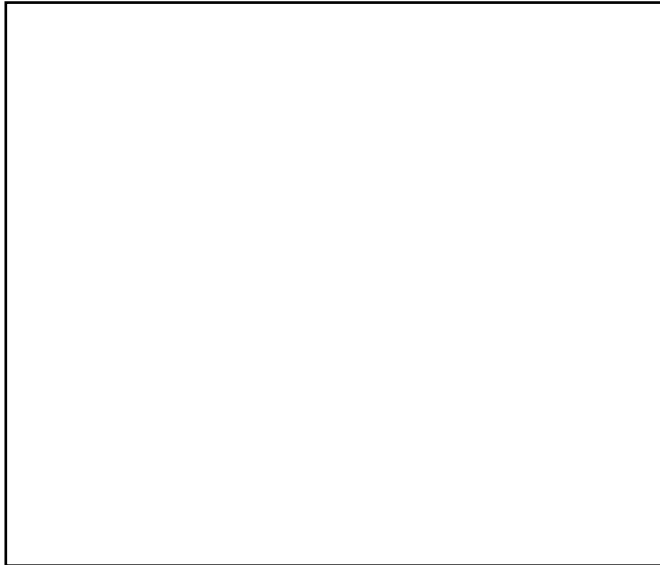
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