

Tanterra Today



President's Message

by Glen McEwen

Changes to the Tanterra HOA Scholarship: In honor of Dick Cole, we are changing the name of our annual scholarship program from the Jesse Horsman Memorial Scholarship to the **Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship**. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, Dick was one of the last remaining original Tanterra homeowners and contributed extensive time and energy in helping a group of houses become a neighborhood. To mention just a few items, Dick was a member of the HOA board for many years, served as the head of the volleyball committee, and also helped build the pool pavilion. We should all strive to help our neighborhood in the same way Dick did.

The \$500 scholarship is open to all graduating Sherwood students and the selection criteria is:

- Tanterra resident
- Tanterra Associate Member (if a Tanterra resident is not proposed or qualified)
- Community involvement
- Academic excellence

After a long and cold winter, spring is almost here, and with it, wonderful things going on in our neighborhood! **The Social Committee will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th with a special visit by the Easter Bunny himself**, so don't forget your cameras!

The 5th Annual Community Yard Sale will be scheduled for May 2nd with a rain date of May 3rd. The community yard sale is a great opportunity to clean out your house and garage and make a few dollars by selling your hidden treasures. The yard sale takes place throughout the community, with each homeowner setting up "shop" in their yard, garage or carport. Many neighbors pool their resources with others and have multi-family yard sales in one yard. Signs will be posted ahead of time in the neighborhood and will be advertised on the Olney/Brookeville Exchange several times.

With the warm weather hopefully just around the corner, please plan now on helping our Pool and Grounds Committees with cleanup. No special skills or tools are necessary; just a willingness to help make our community look nicer. Watch for signs at the neighborhood entrances for more information.

Make sure to mark your calendar for Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 23rd, for pool opening day! Grilled hot dogs, chips, salads and cold drinks will be available, as well as lots of fun and games!

Speaking of the pool, **please encourage your kids to join the Tanterra Swim and Dive Team.** If your children are young and not yet avid swimmers, have them join the pre-team and get swim lessons from some of the older kids on the team. More information will be coming out in April.

Board members in attendance:

Glen McEwen
Wayne Johnson
Jim Cagley
Aleka Kapatou
Jim Frye
Glenn Wasik

TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2015

FINAL – Approved 2-18-15

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Glen McEwen.

Guest

A homeowner spoke to the board about financial issues and asked for a payment plan to pay back homeowner fees and fines. The board will discuss and will follow up with the homeowner.

Minutes

Wayne Johnson moved to approve the draft minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of December 31). Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures for 2015 are on track. The 2014 books have been closed. The accountant will begin the audit this month. Three homes with outstanding dues will have liens placed on the homes.

Committee Reports

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou reported on recent GOCA meetings, and provided meeting minutes and background information for the Board’s information. WSSC gave a presentation to GOCA about the forthcoming increase in fees. The Inn at Brookeville Farms would like to add 40 rooms to the property.

Newsletter:

Carolyn Reiss is asking the people listed as baby/pet sitters to contact her to update their contact information.

New Business:

The board is searching for a member to fill the vacant board seat. The term will run until May 2016. Please contact a board member or attend a monthly meeting if interested.

Old Business

Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Others present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Tanterra HOA Clerk)
Hank Griffith (Architectural Committee)
Carolyn Reiss (Newsletter Committee)
and one homeowner with a confidential issue to discuss with the Board.

Calendar

March 18 — Board Meeting
April 4 — Easter Egg Hunt at the pool. Rain date is April 6.
April 15 — Board Meeting
May 2 — Tanterra Yard Sale—
Rain date— May 3
May 20 — Board meeting
May 23—Pool opening party
May 29—Family Happy Hour

Submitted by Jim Frye on behalf of Richard J. Bertin, Secretary
(richardbertin@verizon.net)

Volunteer Help

Spring is approaching and we could use some neighborhood volunteers in the late March timeframe to help on the Inspections Committee. This will not require a lot of your time (Four hours or less) and will be done with others on the Committee. Because of the sensitivity of the job this is an anonymous position as a volunteer. The job requires that you ride through the neighborhood and list items in the community that need attention and then present these to the Architectural Committee for further review. This is done from a vehicle and you never go on anyone's property. You will be given a list of items to look for. Please keep in mind that everything being done in this community is by homeowner volunteers and how we are able to keep our dues as low as we do. This is a good way to help payback and make this a community that we can all be proud to live in.

Please contact **Hank Griffith** at **(240) 461-7536** or skaykank@comcast.net if you think you can help out. It's been a tough winter and hopefully we will be enjoying good weather for the next few months. With Spring around the corner I know many of you have projects planned for around your home.

INSPECTIONS

Over the next month the Inspections Committee will be giving a list to the Architectural Committee of homes that need items repaired, painted/stained, driveways resurfaced/sealed, etc. After the Architectural Committee inspects the list, we will work to get these notices out in April so homeowners can take advantage of the good weather in May, June and July to get the work completed. If you get a letter, we are always available to meet with you to review should you have questions about the item (s) that need attention.

ITEMS THAT WILL BE INSPECTED

The House: Roofs – Siding/Stain/Paint – Damaged Siding – Mold on the house – Damaged garage doors – Gutters – Antennas

The Yard: Dead trees and bushes – Overgrown shrubbery - Driveways – Fences – Cars with no tags – Debris and clutter around house – Mailboxes in disrepair

OUTSIDE WORK ON YOUR HOME

Every year we explain the HOA rules when it comes to Architectural Guidelines and requirements. We do this to save homeowners an additional expense should the work they do without approval not meet the HOA standards.

Unfortunately in the last couple of years, some homeowners' unapproved improvements had to be redone due to the nature of the work they completed. In all instances a call (even though an Architectural form is required) would have saved these homeowners money and aggravation. My committee is excellent at turning around requests. Even though the covenants state 30 days, we can do in a few days. I still ask that you still try and allow 30 days. My number and email are listed above and in every newsletter so please contact me, and we will ensure that we at least give you enough information if your request for work outside your house will be approved and what is needed to get that done. *(continued on p. 4)*

Before you do any work around your house, there is a good chance that you will need to fill out an Architectural Request Form. This is a requirement under our bylaws. This is simple to do and you can either print a copy off the Tanterra web site at www.tanterra.com or scribble it down on a piece of paper, and submit it to us. Instructions on the form are on the web site under Architectural Committee News and is highlighted "Homeowners Request for Architectural Changes." You can also look at the general guidelines of the community as well. If you're not sure if you need to submit a request, you can always call me, Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net.

ARTICLE VI Architectural Control

Section 2. Architectural Change Approval

No building, fence, wall, deck, exterior antenna, or other structure, building or improvement shall be erected upon the property, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made (including change in color/or same color) until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography, and as to compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, by an Architectural Committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. The Architectural Committee may promulgate standards for homes in the subdivision.

The Architecture Committee is appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to helping you keep both your home and Tanterra looking beautiful.



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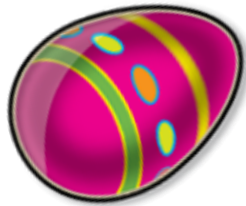
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Join us for Tanterra's Annual Easter Egg Hunt ! Saturday, April 4 @ 10:45 am*



* Easter Egg Hunt
Starts at 11 am
SHARP, so
arrive early!!



For Tots and Children up to 5th Grade

Tanterra Pool Parking Lot

**(Bring Your Camera for Pictures
with the Easter Bunny!)**

Rain date: Monday, April 6th @ 11 am

*(Hunt Cancelled Only in Event of Heavy Downpour
Event Will go On with Light Rain)*



Contact Jodie Siarkas @ jsiarkas@comcast.net

**GET YOUR GROOVE ON THIS SUMMER
With the TANTERRA SOCIAL SUMMER FUN !!**

A note from Jacquie Weed, your new Social Chairperson

Hello everyone! Have you had enough of winter yet? Well spring is just around the corner, and the Social Committee is already busy planning our events for lots of summer fun. So get out your calendar, and save the dates! With all these great events coming up, this promises to be a GREAT summer!



Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 11am (Rain Date 4/6)
(Held in the Pool Parking Lot)



Pool Opening Day Party

May 23 12-2
(Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverages Served)

Family Happy Hour

May 29 5-9 pm
June 5 5-9 pm
June 26 5-9 pm
July 24 5-9 pm
August 7 5-9pm
August 28 5-9pm



July 4th Party

July 4 12-2 pm
(Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverages Served)



Adult Party

July 11 8pm - 12am
(Tentative - Theme TBA)

CRAB FEAST - Adults Only

August 22 8pm - 12am

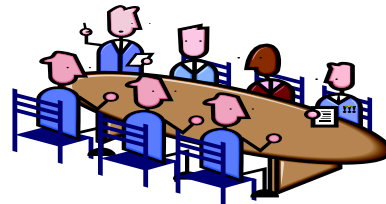


Pool Closing Party

September 5 12-2 pm
(Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverages Served)

Questions? Interested in joining the Social Committee? Email Jacquie at JSWeed1@verizon.net
And please remember to join our Facebook Page at Tanterra's Social Events for up to the minute info !

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Flyer designed by Sharlene Monroe

5th ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !



Saturday, May 2
8 am til 1 pm

Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...

Event will be Advertised on
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