

Tanterra Today

President's Message

by Glen McEwen

April Showers bring
May Flowers ...



With the start of Spring (although with temperatures colder than usual and an end of month snowstorm to boot, it still seems like winter), we will be looking for volunteers to help the Grounds and Pool Committees to begin the annual spring community cleanup.

Work has resumed on the pool renovation. The biggest remaining items to be finished before the Grand Reopening of the pool are completion of the white coat finish surface on the pool walls and installation of the fence around the pool deck.

Our first neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for the entire weekend of April 27th/28th, and will continue for most of the weekends thereafter until pool opening. Please check pages three and four of this newsletter for more info or look for signs at the community entrances as the dates draw closer.

Don't forget - both the regular and special assessments need to be paid in full before pool opening to ensure access to and use of the pool Memorial Day weekend. So make sure you're not left out from the fun and sun! If unsure if your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas (see page 10 for her info).

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Don't forget our **Third Annual Tanterra Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th** at 8 a.m. (Rain date: Sunday, April 21st at 9 a.m.) This is a great opportunity to get a jump on your spring cleaning AND make a few dollars at the same time! See page three for details.

Parents of swimmers and divers - please see article on page five about joining this year's Swim & Dive Team - first meeting is May 22. Information is also available on the Tanterra Tarpon's website at www.tanerratarpons.org.

The Social Committee met in March and has set most of the dates and themes for this year's summer parties, but they still need a few more volunteers to help co-chair or support these events. Please contact Sarah Formichelli if you would like to help (see page 10 for her contact info). Full Social Committee calendar to appear in the May newsletter, or you can check the Tanterra website (www.tanterra.com) for more info.

Lastly, don't forget to join the Tanterra Email Group! If you would like to receive neighborhood information via email and haven't forwarded your email address to the Board, please do so at carri_wheatley@yahoo.com. The Tanterra Yahoo list serve (TanterraHOA@yahoogroups.com) allows us to quickly and easily reach homeowners with news relevant to our immediate neighborhood and the greater Olney community as well. Please make sure you email Carri Wheatley to join this group.

Next Board Meeting • April 17

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



BOARD MINUTES - February 20, 2013

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

1. Minutes

Two minor edits to the draft minutes of the January meeting were offered by members. Dick Cole moved to approve the corrected minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting. Charlie Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of January 31, 2013). Treasurer Charlie Cook noted that receipts (including special assessment, associate member, and homeowner payments) and expenditures continue to be on track. There is no current need to cash in a certificate of deposit to meet expenses.

3. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project is now on hold due to the weather. Spring completion is still on schedule. The pool shed heater approved at the January meeting is scheduled to be delivered and installed shortly.

Architectural Committee:

No report. It was noted that a homeowner has requested that additional guidance on permitted exterior house colors be presented on the web site. Some options were discussed, but the bottom line is that homeowners planning to paint need to comply with the detailed requirements of the current by-laws and covenants as posted on the web site (<http://www.tanterra.com/cm/bylaws>.) The Architectural Committee will also be asked to prepare a reminder article on the topic for an upcoming issue of the Tanterra Today newsletter.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that one light at the community entrance is not working, and that the protective cage will be installed when weather permits. April 27 was set as the Spring community cleanup day, and volunteers will be requested to assist with this important task. Projects proposed for this year include repaving bike paths and sealing and striping the pool parking lot. Damaged or dangerous trees will be evaluated for removal.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou previously distributed GOCA minutes to members electronically. She recapped major discussions including a new development planned for the Emory Road area.

Newsletter:

Sharlene Monroe will publicize a community yard sale on the agreed-upon date of April 20.

Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen
Dick Bertin
Jim Cagley
Dick Cole
Charlie Cook
Jim Frye
Aleka Kapatou
Wayne Johnson
Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
Sharlene Monroe
(Newsltr)
Peter Szvec (Tennis)
Ron White (Grounds)

(Cont'd. on page 6)



3rd ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !

**Saturday, April 20
8 am til 1 pm**

Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...
Just Set up Shop and You're Ready to Go!

(Rain date: Sunday, April 21 ♦ 9am - 2 pm)

(If entire weekend a washout, second Rain
Date will be Saturday, April 27 ♦ 8am til 1pm)

**Event will be Advertised on Olney Brookeville Exchange,
Craigslist and other Venues**

(OBX is a Yahoo listserve group of over 3000 families in the greater Olney
area) Have questions? Email Sharlene.Monroe@Remax.net



POOL COMMITTEE

Clean Up Dates in April & May

We have set aside the following dates for clean up in and around the pool:

April 28 and May 5, 11, 18 and 19

Clean up will start at 12:30 pm each day. We will finish up the fence project that we began last year on May 18th.

We encourage everyone who helped out last year to come by and bring a friend along too! The more hands on deck, the quicker we can complete the work.

Questions? Contact Wayne Johnson at WayneLJohnson@verizon.net.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALEX POPECK DIFFERENCE MAKER COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. Details at www.apnbd.org.**

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

Tanterra Grounds Community Cleanup

Saturday April 27th - 10 am

(FREE LUNCH for all who show up at 10 am!)

Meet in Pool Parking Lot near the tennis courts and we will clean up the commons. Please bring eye protection, gloves and neighbors.

Also, please bring your own trash cans or paper bags for collecting materials and take to your home for pick up by the County on recycling day Friday. Remember, homeowner assistance reduces our annual dues!

Questions? Call or email Ron at 240-678-3189 or rononearth@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Ron White
Grounds Committee Chair

Check out www.Tanterra.com for back editions of newsletters, announcements and other community news.

Submit all items for publication by the 20th of each month to TanterraToday@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

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MARY KERR'S

APRIL

Timely Tip



Travel Tips!

Pack a roll of tape for a quick fix to a torn hem, remove lint from clothing, reseal the caps of liquids, or tape travel information to the dashboard for quick & easy retrieval.

Pack clothespins to draw draperies together for privacy & to keep out light, or use them to hang up wet clothes or reseal snack bags.



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TANTERRA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM TANTERRA PRE-TEAM



Congratulations on becoming a member of the Tanterra pool community! One of the benefits of joining the Tanterra pool is the opportunity to join the swim and dive team.

The Tanterra Swim and Dive Team will begin its 2013 season on Tuesday, May 28. For those of you with children ages 4-18, this is a wonderful summer activity filled with fun, spirit, and camaraderie. Both swim and dive teams have daily weekday practices and weekly meets throughout the months of June and July. We offer afternoon practices for those children who can't attend in the morning. (Pre-team is morning only.) The coaches work with the swimmers and divers in both technique and endurance. In addition, there are many social activities for the children (and parents) to enjoy throughout the summer. One of the best aspects of the Tanterra Swim and Dive team is the feeling of community that families experience when they join.

Pre-Team (Swim) is a developmental program designed for children who are at least 5 years old by Sept 1. Pre-team is for children who have received previous swimming instruction, but cannot yet swim the 25 meter length of the pool independently and consistently. The Pre-Team is not designed to replace swimming lessons. Rather, it is a stepping stone between swimming lessons and age group swimming on the Swim Team. Pre-Team coaches are experienced swim team members, ages 13-18, who work with the children in small groups in the shallow end of the pool. For those children who are not quite ready to join the Pre-Team, lessons will be available through the Tanterra Swim Team coaches as well as the lifeguards.

Diving. Is your child ready for a new challenge? Does your child love going off the diving board? Then Dive team is the place for them. The 8 & under age group allows our youngest divers to participate with a front jump, back jump and head first standing dive into the pool and receive accolades from the spectators and participation ribbons for every event. Your child only needs to be able to get from the diving board to the ladder unassisted and with confidence. The dive coaches will teach them the rest. Tanterra is one of 25 pools in Montgomery County that has a dive team (1,000 divers county wide) and is part of very elite group of pools that offers a summer of safe, fun filled activities for both swimming and diving.

Parent Participation is vital to the continued success of the team. It takes up to 45 volunteers to run a successful home swim meet and 10 – 12 for dive meets (home or away). We can't manage meets or activities without you. Due to the tremendous amount of volunteer support needed, we require that each family help at the social activities or meets during the swim season. There are ways to help if you work full-time or have toddlers clinging to your leg. There are jobs you can do if you don't know a backstroke from a breaststroke. There are many ways you can use your special talents and skills to help make the Tanterra team the best it can be.

If you would like to learn more, plan on attending the new family meeting below:

When: Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.

Where: ReMax Community Room (Building is located on Rt. 108 next to Ricciuti's Restaurant)

For more information or if you are unable to attend, please call or email Tina Varron at 240-463-3743 or tinav4@verizon.net. You may also visit www.tanterratarpons.org for more information.

Check Out Our New Baby Pool!!

Instead of being oval and the same depth all over, the new pool is now rectangular in shape, with a sloped entrance at one end and deeper water level at the other.

For parents or siblings who wish to take baby in a small amount of water and not get splashed by bigger kids, this sloped end is great! Covered by a large canopy, baby and parent can sit for a long time in the shallow (shaded!) end while the deeper end is open to sun and fun for the bigger tots!

A new black metal fence will be installed around the baby pool before opening day.



Welcoming Committee:
No report.

New Business:

Glen McEwen reported that he had signed off on our annual contribution to the Jesse Horsman Scholarship. Dick Cole reported on planned Olney Lions Club activities including the pancake breakfast and mulch sale. He noted that the group hopes to identify appropriate local recipients for assistance from the Rebuilding Together project.

Old Business

Glen McEwen reported that there was need to get updated information on the status of the Neighborhood Watch program and the Tanterra Yahoo mail list. Members were asked to bring any available information to the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

BOARD MINUTES (cont'd.)

Social Committee:

No report. The annual children's Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for the Saturday before Easter.

Tennis Committee:

Peter Szwec reported that a new net will be installed when weather permits.

Web Site:

Peter Szwec will provide training on posting to the site to Board members with need to do so.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Inspections

Have been completed and letters will be going to those homeowners in April with items that need follow-up. The consensus is that the neighborhood continues to look better and many homeowners are being proactive.

Reminder to submit your approval form for changes to the outside of your house!

Remember that this is a requirement or it can result in fines. More importantly, if the suggested work is something that does not follow our guidelines and we would not approve, it could very likely require the work will have to be redone, so please submit your requests before starting any work to the exterior of your home!

Here is a partial list of some of the items that require approval: roof shingles, siding, staining/painting, new windows, doors, driveway extensions, house additions, fences, sheds, etc.

If you have any questions you can go to the Tanterra website at www.tanterra.com and under "Architectural," check the rules and requirements. Even painting your home the same color requires pre-approval. We turn requests around very quickly. Any questions? Call or email Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or [skay-hank@comcast.net](mailto:hank@comcast.net).

Painting/Staining

Remember that a request must be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to painting or staining of your home. Earth tone colors are allowed. No glossy stain/paint is allowed. Our experience has been that if homeowners wait too long to stain their house, the wood dries out and in many cases becomes damaged, requiring replacement of the wood. By doing an inspection, you should be able to notice if you see cracking, splitting, fading and blotches in the paint finish. A professional painter can also advise you. Wooden sheds should match the color of the house.

Commercial Vehicles & Vehicles

We've received a couple of complaints about Tanterra residents parking commercial vehicles in the street. Please keep in mind that our covenants under article VII, Section 7 states that "Commercial vehicles must be parked in driveways." Your cooperation is very much appreciated. This is also a requirement by Montgomery County, and if not observed, those vehicles can be ticketed and towed.

Remember our covenants and bylaws do not allow cars to be parked on grass. If you have a public sidewalk in front of your property for pedestrian use, please do not park your vehicle on the sidewalk or block it in any way. This is a County violation.

Debris and clutter

The Tanterra board approved a debris and clutter rule so please pay attention to the items being stored in front of or along side your house (visible to the street), in your carport, etc. A few homeowners were cited by Tanterra's Inspections Committee. Montgomery County has a policy on debris and clutter as well, which is very similar to the one being enforced by Tanterra's HOA. If you are accumulating a number of items around the exterior of your home, you should consider installing a shed in your backyard where those items can be housed year-round.

Attention all Roller Hockey Fans!

Winter sports are over, so time for roller hockey! We presently play games on the Tanterra tennis court near the pool, with all ages and abilities welcome to join in the fun! Current crew is 8 - 50 yrs old with intermediate level play. Plan is to play one day each weekend at about 3pm. Sundays will be the regular day unless changed. Let me know if you want to be added to the invite list and Facebook site. Look forward to skating with you!

Jim Welch
301-535-0274



Books & DVD Donations Wanted



It's Spring cleaning time! The Tanterra Swim & Dive Team would love to take any old books or DVD's off your hands for our Annual Book Sale this summer (date to be determined).

We need your donations now, so please contact Cindi Scafide at advertising@tanterratarpons.org if you have items you'd like to contribute. *We can even pick them up!* (Please do not bring books to the pool; we will collect or we ask that you drop them off to specially identified locations. Thank you!)

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NOTE

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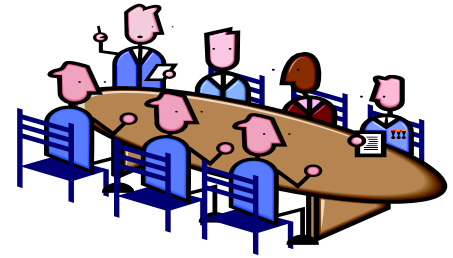
THE APRIL LANDSCAPE GARDENER
MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

Maintenance for April

1. Begin mowing- bluegrass and turf type tall fescues prefer being cut at 2 ½” to 3” for the spring months and switching to 3-3 ½” as the hot weather comes in June to shade the turf. Mow at least once a week and leave the clippings on the lawn to decompose and return nutrients to the soil.
2. Pre-emergent lawn application should have been done by now. If not, do ASAP. If you seeded this spring you will have to use a product containing Tupersan , chemical name Siduron, (I have been hearing advertising for a new Scott’s product that can be used with new seedings. You may want to try it) followed by the regular pre-emergent in 6 weeks after the newly seeded grass has grown enough to tolerate it.
3. Broadleaf weeds can most effectively be controlled late April through June. You need a large leaf area to hit (early sprays may miss some of the weeds that emerge late, such as the clovers and sedges) and the temperatures must not exceed 80-85 degrees before the spray dries. Broadleaf sprays should not be used close to desirable ornamental plants where overspray may do damage. Under trees should be done on an “as needed” basis only, as the material can be taken up by tree roots and do damage.
4. Edge and mulch planting beds. Mulch to a depth of 1-2”, no more. If old mulch is crusty, rake to break it up prior to applying the new layer. Too much mulch can exclude oxygen and water from the roots of desirable plants and encourage root growth into the mulch where the roots will die from the next winters’ cold. Application of a pre-emergent weed control to the planting beds can reduce hand weeding later in the summer months, sometimes considerably.
5. Renewal prune plants, such as forsythia, which have already finished blooming. Forsythia can be controlled and kept manageable if cut to the ground every 2-3 years immediately after flowering.
6. Start monitoring for insect pests. If spotted, try to control with oils and biological agents. When targeted at young insect populations these controls are very effective and less hazardous to you and the environment. For a few aphids on your rose buds, using your fingers to crush these is an effective mechanical control that allows the predators time to catch up to the explosion of the aphid population. Once caught up the predators can keep the pest population in check, often for the remainder of the summer!

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