

Tanterra Today



APRIL

President's Message

by Glen McEwen

I am proud to report that the Board has appointed **Dave Bouve** to be a member of the Board. Dave and his family have been a part of the Tanterra community for approximately 30 years, and Dave has always been a great volunteer at the pool, social events, and just about anything else that needs someone to pitch in and help. We are very lucky to have Dave!

With the start of Spring, *we need volunteers for the Grounds and Pool Committees* to begin community cleanup. ***The first cleanup will be April 25th, and they will continue on most weekends thru May until pool opening.*** Check for signs at the entrances for further details as the dates draw closer.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 2nd. See page 8 for details.

Looking forward to a great summer!!

If you haven't paid your annual HOA dues yet, please do so ASAP. Dues need to be paid in full before Memorial Day weekend to ensure your family's access to and use of the pool this summer. If you are unsure if your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas at LizBialas@Verizon.net.

GO GREEN! Our monthly newsletter is available online at www.Tanterra.com. ***Associate Members*** receive this newsletter between January and August, but ***if you would like to be taken off of our mailing list, please email Elizabeth Bialas*** at LizBialas@verizon.net and include your name and address so she can update her records.

Help Wanted



Both the **Pool and the Grounds Committees** need help with spring clean-up. The first clean-up is April 25th. Clean-ups are scheduled every weekend in May until the pool opens on May 23rd. Dates on May are the 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 16th, and 17th. Contact Wayne Johnson at wayneljohnson@verizon.net, 301-774-1906; or Peter Szwec at Pszwec@verizon.net, 301-570-1724. Volunteers save our community a substantial amount that would otherwise be spent on landscaping and repairs. Please consider giving a few hours!

Board members in attendance:

Glen McEwen
Aleka Kapatou
Jim Frye
Glenn Wasik
Bryan Moffett
Richard Bertin

Others present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Tanterra HOA Clerk)
Hank Griffith (Architectural Committee)
Carolyn Reiss (Newsletter Committee)

Calendar

April 15 — Board Meeting
April 25—Pool & Grounds Clean-up
May 2 — Tanterra Yard Sale—
Rain date— May 3
May 2 & 3—Pool & Grounds
Clean-up
May 9—Pool & Grounds Clean-up
May 16 & 17—Pool & Grounds
Clean-up
May 20 — Board meeting
May 23—Pool opening party
May 26—Swim & Dive Teams
begin
May 29—Family Happy Hour
June 5—Family Happy Hour
June 17—Board meeting

TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2015

FINAL – Approved 3-18-15

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

Minutes

Glen Wasik moved to approve the draft minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of January 31) and the January Profit & Loss YTD statement. Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures for 2015 are on track. The Board has reviewed and will communicate follow-up action regarding a payment plan for the homeowner who attended the January meeting.

Committee Reports

Architectural Committee:

One new roof was requested and approved. No other activity.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou reported on recent GOCA meetings, and provided meeting minutes and background information for the Board's information.

Newsletter:

Carolyn Reiss has updated the list of people offering baby/pet sitter services.

Social Committee:

No report. The Easter Egg Hunt will be the first 2015 activity. The committee will meet this week to plan 2015 activities and budget.

New Business:

The Board discussed the Jesse Horsman scholarship award. Glenn Wasik moved and Dick Bertin seconded the motion to rename the award as the Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship – recognizing our long-time Board member and Tanterra volunteer. Motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that the \$500 scholarship would retain the prior criteria - including eligibility limited to Sherwood students who are Tanterra residents or Associate Members, grades, and community participation. Sherwood will verify residency eligibility with THOA before announcing the award.

Old Business

Officers will meet to review self-nominated candidates for the vacant Board seat. Routine annual contributions to Olney Days (\$100) and the Olney Police Substation (\$500) were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary (richardbertin@verizon.net)

Are you signed up for the Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group? By Amy Matathias

The Yahoo Group is an online discussion board that is primarily used to send out reminders to homeowners about meetings, pool events, and to gather information about contractors and neighborhood businesses.

If you are not signed up you can sign up in several ways:

- 1)** go to the Tanterra Website <http://www.tanterra.com/> and click on the link "Subscribe to email." Then enter your email as indicated and you will become a Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group member.
- 2)** go to Yahoo.com and either enter your Yahoo login information or sign up to join Yahoo (you can use any email account). Select groups and search for tanterrahoea. Click on the the "Join Group" link and follow the prompts.
- 3)** to subscribe without setting up a Yahoo account send a blank email to tanterrahoea-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- 4)** if the above 3 methods do not work for you send Amy Matathias (matathi@aol.com) a request to join the TanterraHOA yahoo group and she will send you an invitation.

Once you are signed up for the Yahoo Group you will get occasional emails from the group. In addition if you have a question you can post a question to the group by email tanterrahoea@yahoogroups.com.

**Jason & Casey A. Dreher**

18909 Heritage Hills Drive

"Hello! We are thrilled to join the Tanterra community which seems to be filled with kind and friendly people! We are the Dreher's (Jason, Casey, daughter Finley 10 mos. old, and tiny dog Bertie). Thanks to the neighbors who have already made us feel welcome! Looking forward to meeting more this summer at the pool!"

Russell M. Testa & Megeen P. White

3440 Tanterra Circle

These neighbors are moving in as Tanterra Today goes to the printer.



**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 2015 season on Tuesday, May 26th. 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. 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 about preteam or swim team, email Heather Kauffman: heathercmd@yahoo.com. For questions about Dive team, email Valerie Carlson: valerie_carlson@yahoo.com. Questions about registration should be directed to Lauri Black: lauriblack@comcast.net.

Registration will open on Saturday, April 11th.

Visit www.tanterratarpons.org for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE

INSPECTIONS

By the time you receive this newsletter the annual inspections should be complete by the committee. We will verify the results and send letters to those identified. Those affected will have 90 days to fix items. We do allow for extensions but this requires a call to the Architectural Committee Chairman Hank Griffith (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net and an agreement between both parties as to when the issue will be resolved. If you receive a letter and have a question or concern about the violation, give us a call and we will be more than happy to meet with you to go over and discuss the violation.

Over the last few years our neighborhood's condition has improved immensely and you as the homeowners should be credited with making our community a better place to live.

Staining/Painting - Keep in mind that the Tanterra homes do not have paint, but instead have stain. Many homes were done with a latex stain and others used an oil base (most were with latex). It is important that prior to doing anything that you understand which was done on your house to ensure a good coat of stain. We only approve stain on the Tanterra homes. **NO GLOSS FINISH IS ALLOWED.**

Solar Panels - Need to submit plans on the installation of solar panels.

Driveways - One of the areas that the inspection committee had the most violations was in the area of driveways. Many driveways have a lot of cracking, chunks breaking off of the asphalt or grass growing up through the driveway. Some can be repaired by fixing the cracks and resealing and others will need to be resurfaced. In some cases fixing the cracks and resealing may only be a band-aid and last only a year or so.

Even some of the homeowners who recently surfaced their driveway should consider resealing every couple of years to give the driveway a longer period before replacement is necessary. Sealing the driveway not only makes it look good, but can also add years of life to the driveway.

As in years past we have been able to negotiate a resealing offer from J. Ford who will reseal any driveway in Tanterra & Associate Members regardless of size for \$150.00. This is an excellent price and hope that many of you take advantage of this. **You can contact Hugh Ford at (301) 915-4876 to schedule for this service.**

More detailed information is available at <http://www.tanterra.com/cm/architectural>.

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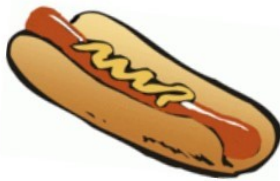
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With the TANTERRA SOCIAL SUMMER FUN !!**

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



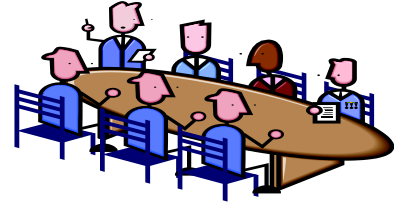
Pool Closing Party

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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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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Timely Tip



Clever Organizing Tip!

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