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President's Message

by Glen McEwen

Spring has almost sprung, and with it, a host of wonderful things going on in our neighborhood! **The annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 am on Saturday, April 19th, with a special visit by the Easter Bunny himself**, so don't forget your cameras! Be sure to arrive early, by 10:45, so you don't miss out on any of the festivities !

The 4th Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for May 3rd with a rain date of May 4th. The Board scheduled this event a few weeks later than last year, in hopes the winter weather will be behind us and warmer temperatures will greet us that day. 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 pull 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.

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

Make sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 24th for pool opening day! Grilled hot dogs, chips, salads and cold drinks will be available, as well as lots of fun and games!



We Want Tanterra Homeowners on the Social Committee! We have less than FIVE Tanterra residents on the Social Committee - please help make our summers at

the pool a success - and get to know your neighbors too! Contact SarahFormichelli@Yahoo.com.

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. For more information, please visit www.TanterraTarpons.org.

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.

Next Board Meetings
March 19 · April 16 · May 21
 Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the Pool Shed



BOARD MINUTES - January 15, 2014

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

1. Guest

Glen McEwen introduced Bryan Moffett of Alpenglow Lane, a resident of several years, who has expressed interest in the board seat recently vacated by Charlie Cook. Mr. Moffett addressed the Board, describing himself, his family, and his sincere interest in working with the Board.

2. Board Appointment Actions

a. A motion to appoint Bryan Moffett to the Board had earlier been offered by Wayne Johnson, and was seconded by Glen McEwen. Bryan Moffett was unanimously elected by voice and e-mail ballot to serve the remainder of the vacated term of office.

b. Jim Frye indicated his interest in serving as Treasurer for 2014. A motion to appoint Jim Frye to the open office of Treasurer was offered by Glenn Wasik and seconded by Dick Bertin. It was passed unanimously.

3. Minutes

Jim Frye moved to approve the draft minutes of the November 20, 2013 General Homeowners Meeting and the Board Meeting which immediately followed. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of December 31) and the Profit & Loss Statement (as of January 13). She and Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures continue to be on track. A total of approximately \$7,000 is still unpaid for homeowners' dues and special assessments. Arrangements, including liens, are in process to complete the collections. One lien was approved by the Board to ensure payment is received.

5. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

No report. The pool appears to be weathering the winter well.

Architectural Committee:

Hank Griffith noted that one home has accrued \$1,400 in fines for non-compliance with driveway repair requirements. A lien will be considered for this situation if not resolved when the weather clears.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that several welcome new members have volunteered for the Grounds Committee. The contract and payment plan for community property lawn service will be finalized shortly with the firm we used successfully in 2013.

Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen
Dick Bertin
Jim Frye
Glenn Wasik

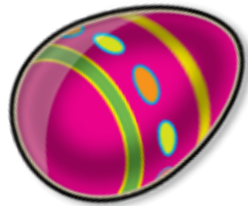
Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
(HOA Clerk)
Hank Griffith
(Architectural Cmte)
Bryan Moffett
Ron White
(Grounds Committee)



***Join us for Tanterra's
Annual Easter Egg Hunt !
Saturday, April 19 @ 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 21st @ 11 am

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

***Contact Jodie Siarkas @ jsiarkas@comcast.net
or 301-674-3819 with any questions***



(Minutes cont'd from page 2)

GOCA:

Jim Frye attended recent meetings in place of Aleka Kapatou and reported on progress toward reopening the Olney Library in early 2014.

Newsletter:

No report. Glen McEwen noted that a volunteer is being sought to take over production work on the Tanterra Today newsletter.

Social Committee:

No report.

Tennis Committee:

No report.

Web Site

Jim Frye noted that he had posted new dates to the calendar.

Welcoming Committee:

No report.

6. New Business:

- Glen McEwen had been approached by the individual who conducted a Reserve Fund Study for Tanterra several years ago about our interest in a new study. The Board agreed to Table this proposal until 2015.
- Elizabeth Bialas, Tanterra Clerk, reported that she has had to purchase a new Canon printer and requested partial reimbursement from the Board to cover its use for official Tanterra business. Glenn Wasik motioned and Glen McEwen seconded providing 50% compensation for the printer (not to exceed \$100). The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE

By Hank Griffith, Architectural Committee

It's been a tough winter and hopefully we will soon be enjoying good weather for the next few months. With Spring just around the corner, I know many of you have projects planned for your home, but before you do any work around your house, there is probably a good chance you will need to complete an Architectural Request Form. This is a requirement under our bylaws. This is simple to do and you can either print a copy from our website at www.tanterra.com or write 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. Not everything is listed, but many of items are shown. 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. We work hard at turning around your requests as quickly as possible, so as not to hold up your improvements.

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 receive a letter and have any questions about it, please know we are always available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have about the item(s) that were flagged for attention.

ITEMS THAT WILL BE INSPECTED

Antennas – Cars without tags – Debris and Clutter Outside of Home – Driveways – Fences – Garage Doors – Gutters – Overgrown Shrubbery – Dead Trees and Bushes – Mailboxes in disrepair - Mold on the house – Roofs – Siding/Stain/Paint – Damaged Siding

OUTSIDE WORK ON YOUR HOME

Every year we explain the HOA rules as it relates to Architectural Guidelines and requirements. We do this to save homeowners the added expense of re-doing work that was performed without first obtaining approval from the Architectural Committee. Unfortunately, we have had several situations in the past couple of years where homeowners' improvements did not meet HOA standards and had to be redone. In all instances, a phone call (even though an Architectural form is required) would have saved these homeowners time, money and aggravation. My Committee is excellent at turning around requests in a few days, even though the covenants provide for 30 days. I ask that you still allow up to 30 days when submitting requests. My number is listed in the newsletter, along with my articles, so please give me a call and we will ensure that we give you enough information to let you know if your request for work outside your house will be approved or not, and what is needed to get it done.

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.

ITEMS THAT NEED APPROVAL

I would suggest you call me if you are unsure if the work you are planning requires an Architectural Approval Form. Here are some of the items that would need approval, BUT IS NOT THE ENTIRE LIST:

Additions to home – Antennas - Decks – Driveways (especially additions) – Fences – Changes to Front Door – Garage doors – Gutters – Patios - Reconstruction of existing house – Roofs - Sheds – Siding/Stain/Paint – Windows

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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 2014 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, 2014. 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, 2014 Bills are issued for calendar year 2014.

By Mar 1, 2014 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, 2014 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, 2014 Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.

On Apr 17, 2014 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 Sep 1, 2014 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 written notice.



THE MARCH LANDSCAPE GARDENER

by
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

It's very hard to believe that by the time you read this we (hopefully) will, at last, be rid of the snow that has blanketed our lawns and covered our small and not so small plantings. As the snow begins to melt, it is already revealing another massive clean up effort; that of clearing fallen branches, pruning out broken and split stems, and repairing turf damaged by the snow removal machinery. Many of our plants which fall in to the category of being "borderline hardy" have experienced damage ranging from slight leaf burning to partial die back of tops or branches, to total kill off of tops and roots. Some of the damage may not be evident until the growing season begins. These plants will require pruning, or in some cases, removal and replacement. When all of that is done, you can get on with the "normal maintenance" activities listed below.

Yard Checklist – MARCH:

Clean up leaves and other debris/complete winter pruning of trees and shrubs. Broken branches or stubs left from fallen branches need to be pruned back to just outside the branch collar so that the tree can grow over the wounded area easily. Many of our white pine trees are at the size where damage from a heavy snow resulted in a cascade of broken branches. Hiring a reputable tree service to chip up the fallen branches and cut back the stubs will be money well spent.

Cut back perennials and grasses - tying grasses together with twine prior to cutting off can be a real time saver if you have several of these. It also makes disposal much easier. Cut perennials to the ground, but allow the smaller leaves at the base to remain intact.

If planning to rake the yard, do so before applying pre-emergents on the lawn to control crab grass and other related lawn weeds. Once applied, the pre-emergent should not be disturbed by raking hard enough to disturb the soil surface layer. I have noticed lawns where the pre-emergents have been applied seem to resist the incursion of Japanese stilt grass. Japanese stilt grass is a weedy grass that can move into your lawn areas and kill off your turf type grasses. Once established in your lawn, the only available way to remove JSG is through total renovation with Roundup. If you have not been using pre-emergents for crabgrass due to a shady lawn or some other reason, you may want to re-think this one.

Plan for planting and order those last minute seeds for this year's flower and vegetable plants.

Plant trees - many deciduous trees are best planted at this time of year. Oaks are especially sensitive to planting time, and must be transplanted prior to leaf expansion in order to guarantee success.

Get mower out and ready to use or get it fixed.

Repair of turf areas damaged by snow removal can be done after the soil dries to the point where it can be worked. However, by that time, it may be too late to re-seed. Seed started this Spring will grow well at first but will not be able to generate a sufficiently robust root system (deep enough) to sustain it through our

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4th ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !

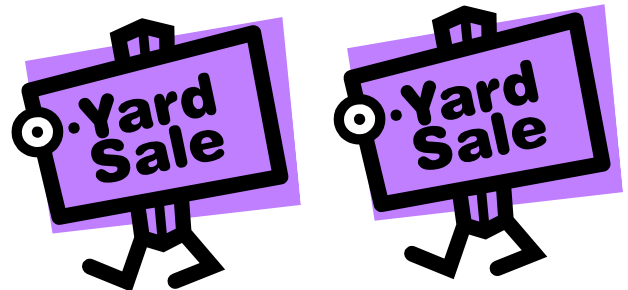
**Saturday, May 3
8 am til 1 pm**



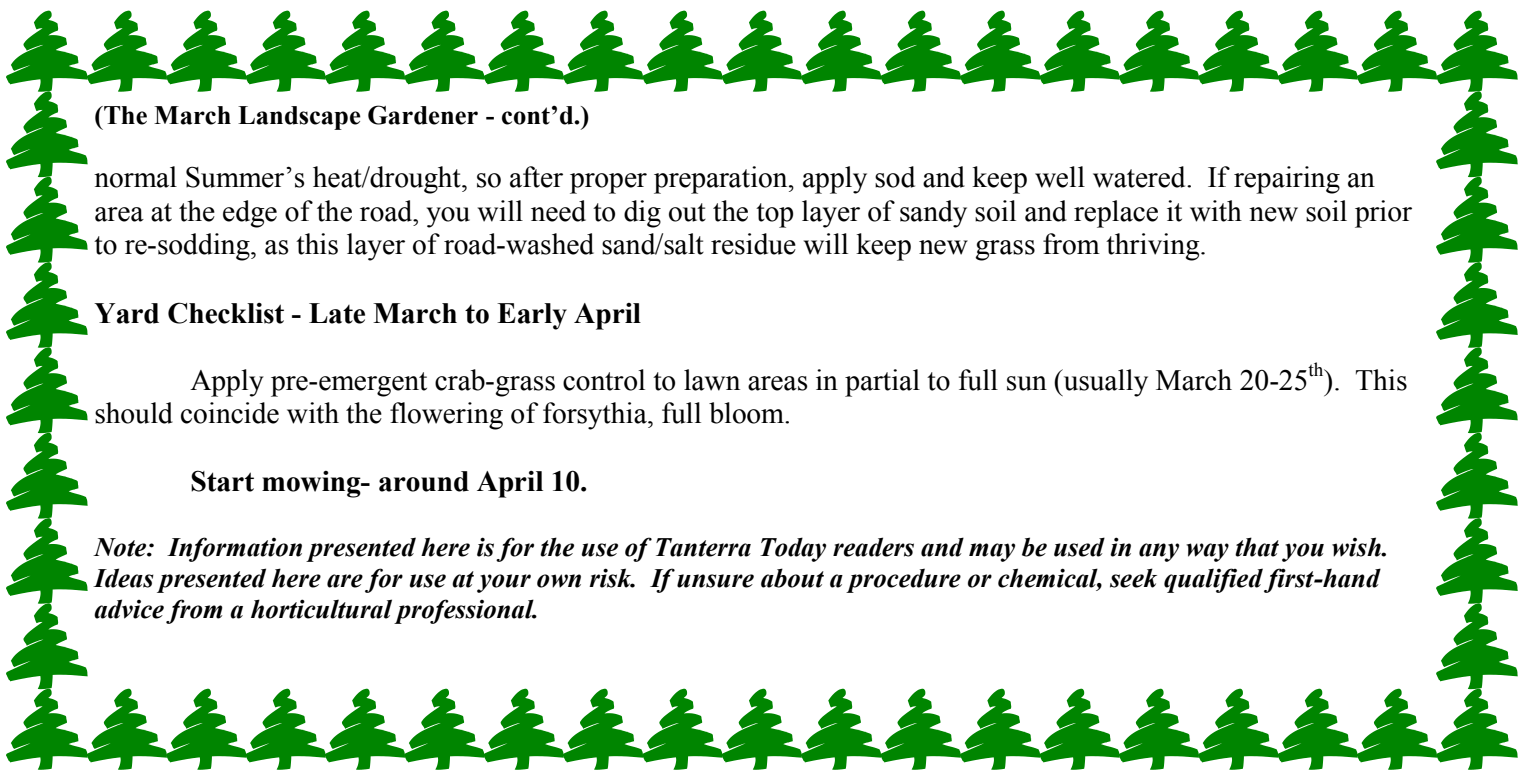
Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...
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(Rain date: Sunday, May 4 ♦ 9am - 2 pm)

**Event will be Advertised on
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Questions? Email Sharlene.Monroe@Remax.net



(The March Landscape Gardener - cont'd.)

normal Summer's heat/drought, so after proper preparation, apply sod and keep well watered. If repairing an area at the edge of the road, you will need to dig out the top layer of sandy soil and replace it with new soil prior to re-sodding, as this layer of road-washed sand/salt residue will keep new grass from thriving.

Yard Checklist - Late March to Early April

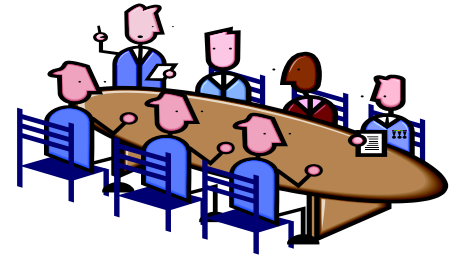
Apply pre-emergent crab-grass control to lawn areas in partial to full sun (usually March 20-25th). This should coincide with the flowering of forsythia, full bloom.

Start mowing- around April 10.

Note: Information presented here is for the use of Tanterra Today readers and may be used in any way that you wish. Ideas presented here are for use at your own risk. If unsure about a procedure or chemical, seek qualified first-hand advice from a horticultural professional.

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