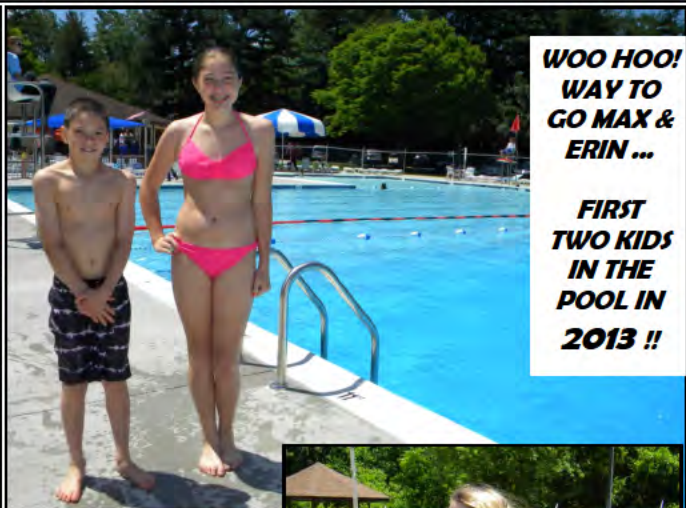


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JUNE 2013



**EVEN WITH COOL TEMPS & WINDS,
WE HAD A LINE AT THE GATE !!**



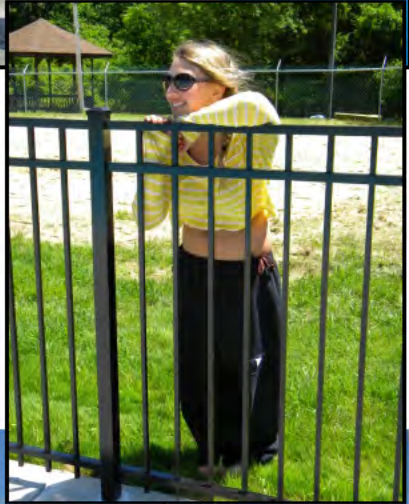
**WOO HOO!
WAY TO
GO MAX &
ERIN ...

FIRST
TWO KIDS
IN THE
POOL IN
2013 !!**



**THANKS TO OUR GRILLING GUYS ...
JEFF, JIM and RON**

**MAY 25 -
OPENING
DAY
AT THE
POOL**



**WHILE SOME
KIDS GROW
UP AND
MATURE,
SOME ADULTS
DON'T
ALWAYS ...
LOL!!**



BUSIER ON THE PATIO THAN IN THE POOL ...



BOARD MINUTES - April 17, 2013

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Glen McEwen.

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
 Sarah Formichelli
 Hank Griffith
 Ted Karp
 Sharlene Monroe
 Brian Nave
 Ron White

Next Board Meeting

June 19

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

1. Guest

Brian Nave, certified horticulturist and owner of Nave Landscaping introduced himself to the board. Mr. Nave grew up in Olney and attended Sherwood High School. He made tree recommendations for the fence line around the pool parking lot. Mr. Nave spoke about possibly taking over the landscaping duties for the neighborhood.

2. Minutes

Glen McEwen moved to approve the draft minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting, as previously distributed. Dick Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of March 31, 2013). Charlie Cook provided an update on the outstanding special assessment and annual homeowner payments. Expenditures continue to be on track. There was a discussion and was decided to not allow entry to the pool for homes with outstanding dues.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project has resumed and is on track to be completed on time. The internal fence will be installed in the upcoming weeks. The management contract for 2013 has been received and is pending signatures. Mr. Johnson reminded all that cleanup day is scheduled for April 27th. The board thanked Mr. Johnson for all his work thus far on the renovation.

Architectural Committee:

Hank Griffith and Ted Karp provided an update on the outstanding architecture fines and ongoing inspections. The committee informed the board of the approval of the installation of solar panels on a home in the neighborhood. There was a discussion on what happens when homeowners do not submit an architectural change request. The board will look into increasing the architecture fines for homes that do not submit a request.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that the current landscaper has fallen ill and no longer able to continue maintaining the property. Mr. White solicited bids for a new landscaping company. The bids were presented to the board and in a unanimous vote, selected Nave Landscaping. Mr. White also collected bids for sealing and striping the parking and for resurfacing the bike paths. Bids were reviewed by the board and in a unanimous vote selected a company. Mr. White asked the board for \$2,000 to replace trees that line the pool parking lot. Wayne Johnson made a motion to allocated funds for this project. Dick Cole seconded the motion and was agreed on by the board. Mr. White will provide the board with a 5 year plan for the community landscaping.



Our Very First Annual CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!!

Our first annual Opening Day Cornhole Tournament was a huge success! We had 32 participants sign up and play in the double elimination tournament, including several ladies! **The winning team of Dave Bouve and Mark Uhl just edged out the second place team of Dwight Daniels and Ryan Wessling in a very close championship match.**



MORE PICS FROM OPENING DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 25

SOME LADIES NEEDED A LITTLE BIT OF "NUDGING" BEFORE ENJOYING THE POOL'S CHILLY WATERS !!



SWEATSHIRTS AND WARM CLOTHING WERE THE GARMENTS OF CHOICE FOR THE DAY!

ANNA & AIDEN ENJOYED LEMONADE AND HOT DOGS ON THE PATIO



BOARD MINUTES

(cont'd. from page 2)

Web Site
No report.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou provided information from the April 9 meeting. There was a discussion about the North Branch Trail Connection which connects the Emory Trail to the ICC Trail. There was also a discussion about the difference between an easement and a covenant. Carol Rubin from MNCPPC reported on the updates to the Zoning Code for Rural Open Space. Details can be found on the Montgomeryplanning.org website

Newsletter:

The pool rules will be included in the next newsletter.

Social Committee:

The Committee presented the 2013 social schedule of events. Sarah Formichelli gave an update on the progress of the pool opening party. A flyer will be placed in the newsletter outlining the day of events.

Tennis Committee:

No report.

Welcoming Committee:

No report.

5. New Business:

- Charlie Cook read a letter from a resident whom has concern about the noise and horseplay that happens around the pool deck. There was a discussion by the board and will ask guards to enforce current rules.
- Sharlene Monroe suggested having fliers at the pool gate encouraging homeowners to join the Tanterra Yahoo group listserv as well as flyers reminding residence of the architecture bylaws. Sharlene offered to create the fliers.

6. Old Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

** With appreciation to Jim Frye for taking meeting notes **

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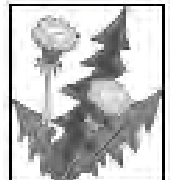
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**JUNE
Timely Tip**



Non Chemical Weed Killer

2 cups water
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 Pour in a spray bottle and shake to mix. Spray solution directly on the weeds but not on surrounding desirable plants. This kills the leaves but not the roots. It will deplete stored energy reserves & kill the weed in time.



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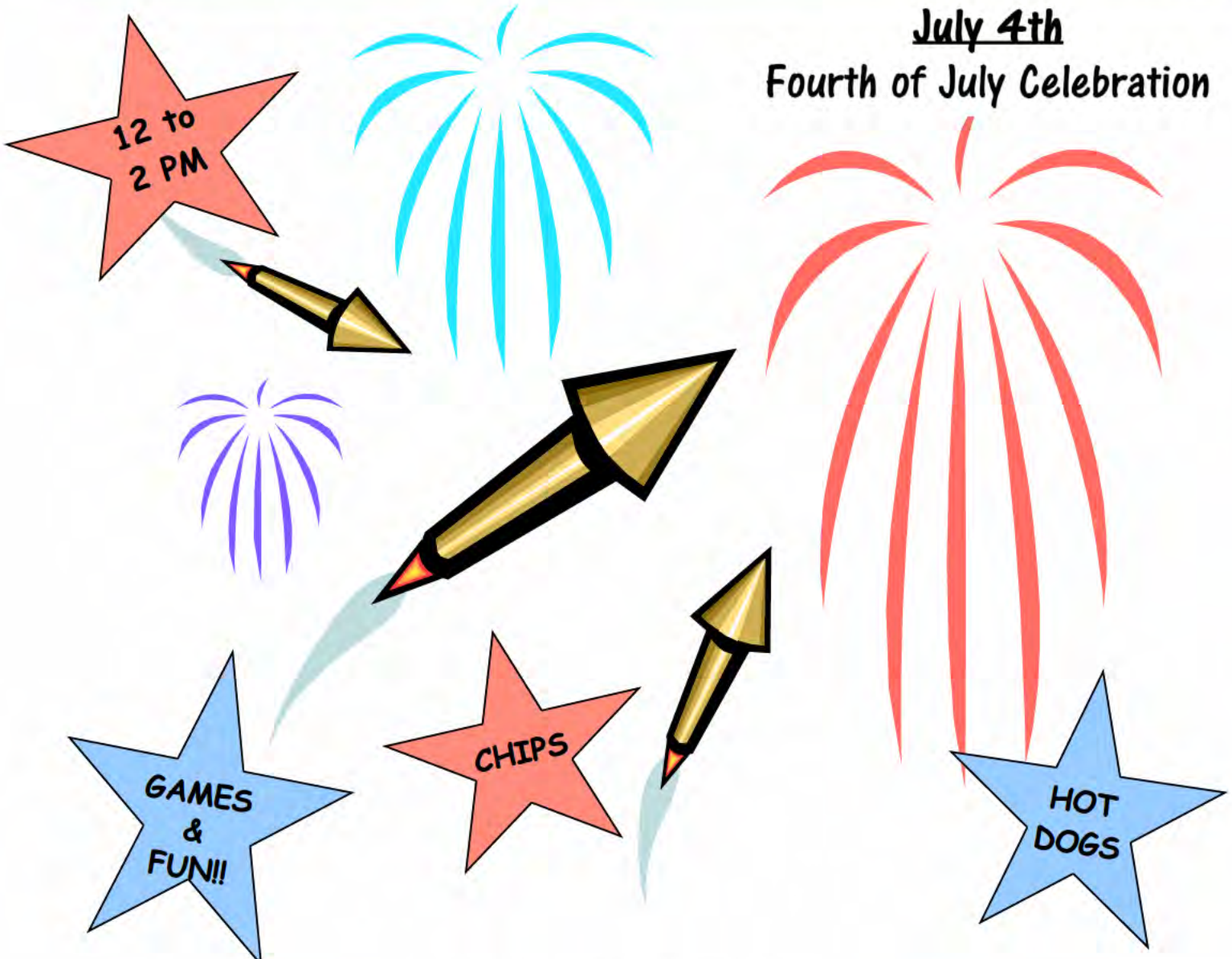


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The pool opening may be cool but the hockey is HOT!!! Crew of 16 with two goalies, having subs with fresh legs kept the game fast.

Come on out for pick-up on the Tanterra tennis court near the pool, with all ages and abilities welcome to join the fun! Current crew is 8 – 50 yrs old. Dust off your stick and come play floor hockey style or with skates. Plan is to play one day each weekend at about 3PM. Games typically last about 2 hours. Contact me if you want to be added to the invite list and Facebook site. (See additional picture on page 9.)

Check ya later
Jim Welch
302-535-0274

BOTH KIDS & ADULTS ARE ENJOYING THE ACTION PACKED FAST PACE OF ROLLER HOCKEY ... IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE ... COME ON OUT AND JOIN IN ALL THE FUN !!



CAN YOU FIND THE BALL?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Glen McEwen

Everyone who stopped by the pool over the Memorial Day weekend saw how fantastic the pool looks. A lot of the new work, however, include items that are hidden from view like the underground piping and mechanical room upgrades, but the new concrete deck, baby pool sun shade and fence that you do see really makes the pool area look brand new!

Our original pool lasted for 40 years, and with the proper care and maintenance, it should be another 40 years before Tanterra has to make these types of improvements again. A special thanks goes out to the Pool Committee and - as usual - especially Wayne Johnson and Dave Stout, who spent countless hours and lots of hard work getting our pool into the best shape possible. Year after year Wayne and Dave - along with a small group of regulars - work very hard to make sure our pool area not only looks great, but passes all of the County health requirements.

In addition to the pool renovation, funds were also allocated to resurface the pool parking lot and walking paths and new tennis nets were installed. If you haven't done so already, please go out and enjoy all of our newly updated neighborhood amenities.

I am pleased to announce that Jacob Bremerman was the recipient of the Jesse Horseman Memorial Scholarship this year. Jacob is a Tanterra resident and a member of the English, Math, Science and National Honor Societies. His great love of science has guided him towards a major in physics at college. ***Congratulations Jacob!***

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Social Committee events. They are always a lot of fun and a great way to meet and/or reconnect with your neighbors!

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THE JUNE LANDSCAPE GARDENER

By
MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

This Spring we have seen enough rainfall to keep things growing. The occasional combination of cool and wet has us seeing fungal problems - Red thread on turf have shown up on unprotected lawns - and some of our trees have thinned canopies due to fungal infections. Both problems will see recovery by the plants without any applied treatments.

Grasses are currently flowering and thinning out, so by June 5-10th your mowing schedule - which is currently once every 6 to 8 days - can be stretched to 10 to 14 days. (Assuming we get our normal warm-up for this time of year.) Mowing height for bluegrass and turf type tall fescue lawns should be adjusted to 3-3.5 inches and remain at that height for the remainder of the summer. This will provide shading of the soil allowing the root systems of the grass plants to stay cooler, thus alive.

Broadleaf weed control of dandelions, clover, etc., should ideally be done when temperatures are below 80 degrees, and no rain is expected for 48 hours. The application should be spaced equally between mowings to allow for growth of the weeds before the application and kill time prior to mowing-off treated foliage after the application. These conditions do not show up very often after the middle of June, so when they do you need to take advantage of them. Active growth of the weeds at the time of application is necessary for a good kill. Another thought - you need to make broadleaf applications four weeks prior to or after late summer seeding. (last date approx. August 10th for seeding dates in late September).

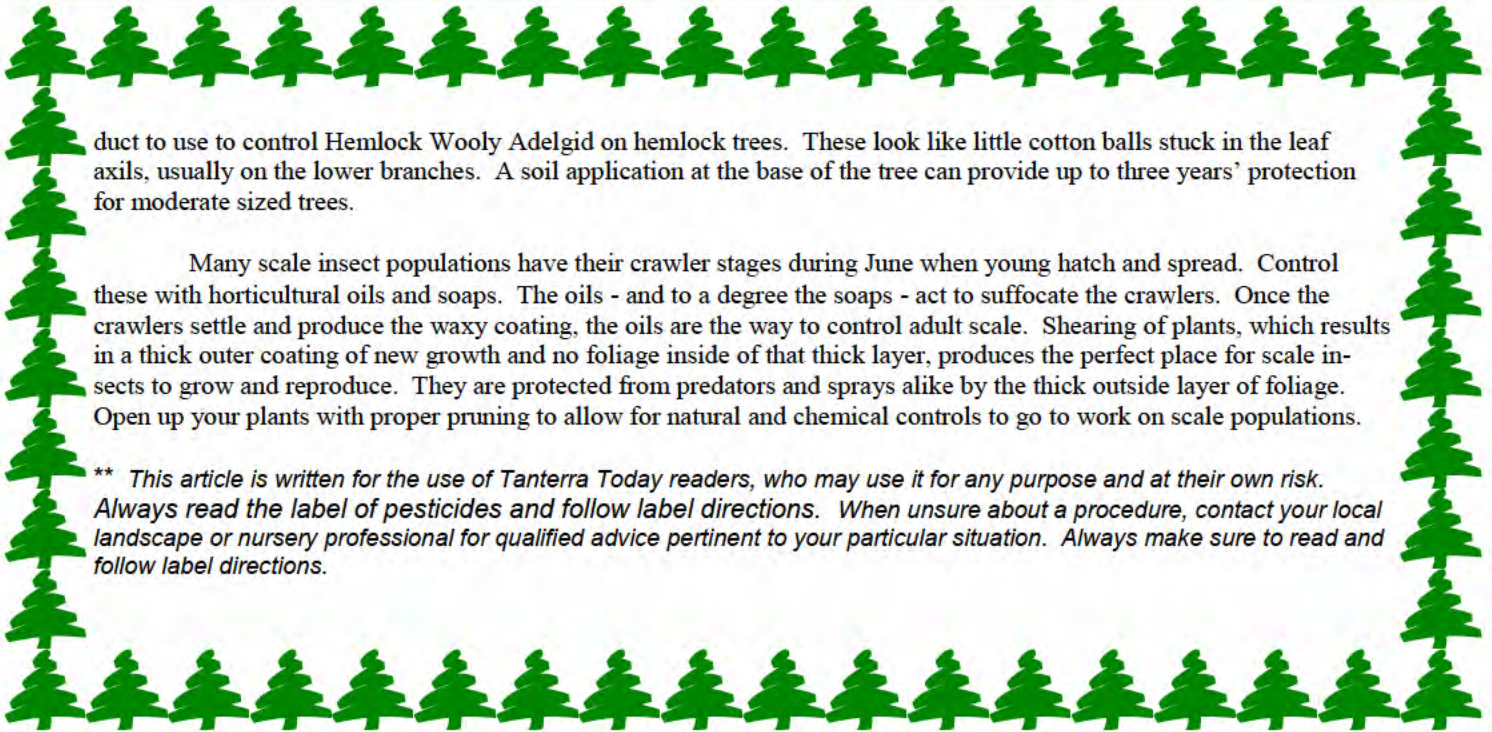
I am seeing nutsedge starting out - sedges have leaf blades with a strong rib on the back making them appear triangular in shape, and with rains they will flourish. The first place they show up are in our drainage swales. Professionals have a herbicide called Sedge Hammer which targets nutsedge. Some of the broadleaf weed killers list nutsedge as a weed they control, so read the label prior to purchasing to be sure you will get good control.

June is a great month for pruning. Spring growth flushes have finished and the new growth generated at the point where the pruning cuts are made will have time to mature and harden off prior to winter. Prune undesirable branches to a point inside of the main body of the plant using a sharp pair of shears and cutting just above a side branch that is pointing in the direction you want the plant to grow. Pruning through the second week of July is still okay; after that time should be limited to emergencies or very minor touch ups. October will again be safe for pruning of non-early-Spring flowering plants. When pruning with a pair of by pass pruners, keep the blade side next to the "to be retained" part of the plant. This way the cut end is not crushed by the hook part of the pruning shear.

Start looking for lacebug on azaleas (underside of leaves a small clear winged moth 1/8th inch long). These are responsible for the mottled and whitened foliage on azaleas. They feed on the undersides of first the older, then the younger leaves. Once spotted, control can be obtained using one of the Merit products; follow label directions for best results. If you catch this early and control the first generation, the second and third generations will not be a problem.

Spider mites can cause foliage to appear yellow and can gradually cause the death of branches. If you have noticed a general decline of the plants in an area over a period of months to years and don't seem to find any insects, these may be the culprits. An oil spray can be applied which will suffocate the spider mites and avoid causing severe damage to the predator insects. The Merit formulated products (see above recommendation) or similar products in the neonicotinoid class of pesticides have been known to cause problems for parasitoid mites. Using a Merit product may cause an unintended side effect of a pest mite explosion. Keep an eye out for this possibility.

Japanese beetle grubs are large now and will generate this years' adult beetles in July. These adults will lay eggs to produce a new crop of grubs. Products containing Merit can be applied to lawns with past histories of grub problems during June and July to control the small grubs that will emerge to feed on grass roots in August and September. Merit takes about two months to activate in the soil and is most effective against the small, recently hatched grubs. Merit is also a great pro-



duct to use to control Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on hemlock trees. These look like little cotton balls stuck in the leaf axils, usually on the lower branches. A soil application at the base of the tree can provide up to three years' protection for moderate sized trees.

Many scale insect populations have their crawler stages during June when young hatch and spread. Control these with horticultural oils and soaps. The oils - and to a degree the soaps - act to suffocate the crawlers. Once the crawlers settle and produce the waxy coating, the oils are the way to control adult scale. Shearing of plants, which results in a thick outer coating of new growth and no foliage inside of that thick layer, produces the perfect place for scale insects to grow and reproduce. They are protected from predators and sprays alike by the thick outside layer of foliage. Open up your plants with proper pruning to allow for natural and chemical controls to go to work on scale populations.

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MORE ROLLER HOCKEY ACTION!!

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(SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO)

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