

# Tanterra Today

SEPTEMBER 2011



*Welcome Back to  
School!*

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## President's Message

by Curt Barrett

To all homeowners: **the proposed budget for 2012 will be posted on the Tanterra website** on or about September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note the Board will vote on the budget at the October 19th meeting, at which time comments are welcomed.

**Three Board of Director positions are expiring in 2011. If anyone is interested in being on the Board or is interested in being on the Nominating Committee for 2012, please contact**

Glen McEwen at [five\\_mcewens@msn.com](mailto:five_mcewens@msn.com).

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

September 21  
October 19  
\* November 9 \*

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Pool  
\* Nov. 9 meeting to be held at Greenwood Elem. School \*

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## ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE

**PARKING** – We have received reports of cars being parked on the sidewalks along Heritage Hills Drive and Gold Mine Road near Greenwood Elementary. Please be aware that it is illegal to block a sidewalk in Montgomery County with any vehicle, and you must park on the street or face possible ticketing by Montgomery County Police. If you see a vehicle parked on the sidewalk and want to report it, call the County's non-emergency police number at 301-279-8000. (Please do not call 911, as this number is reserved for emergencies.)

**STREETLIGHTS** – Last year the Architectural Committee noted all street lights that were not working or were turning on and off without due cause. For the safety of the neighborhood, it would be appreciated if homeowners could also report any malfunc-

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### Board Members

#### Present:

- ▶ Curt Barrett, Pres.
- ▶ Glen McEwen, V.P.
- ▶ Charlie Cook, Treas.
- ▶ Dick Bertin, Sec'y.
- ▶ Jim Cagley
- ▶ Dick Cole
- ▶ Wayne Johnson
- ▶ Beth Murray
- ▶ Glen Wasik

#### Others Present:

- ▶ Sue Barrett
  - ▶ Elizabeth Bialas
  - ▶ David Brown
  - ▶ Charlotte Cary
  - ▶ Sarah Formichelli
  - ▶ Alexa Kapatou
  - ▶ Ted Karp
  - ▶ Ron White
- ▶ = Members present & attending meeting

## *Tanterra Homeowners Association*

### *General Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Curt Barrett.

- 1) **Guest Comments:** Guest/homeowner, Dave Brown, was introduced by Ted Karp. He has extensive construction experience and is a new member of the Architectural Committee. He is also interested in serving on the Pool Renovation Committee, currently being formed.
- 2) **Minutes:** A motion was made by Beth Murray to approve the minutes of the June 15 meeting as previously distributed (with one typo corrected and a clarification regarding the Pool Renovation Committee). Dick Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried and the June minutes were approved.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of June 30). Homeowner and Associate Member dues and special assessment payments continue to come in well, with all but 25 homeowners making at least the initial payment on the special assessment. Following discussion, it was determined that existing policy concerning late payments provides sufficient guidance regarding interest and penalties for late special assessment payments. Excess revenues have been placed into interest bearing accounts until needed for construction and other payments. The clerk noted that road construction is causing excessive delays in reaching the Brookeville post office to collect mail, and discussion followed concerning the possibility of moving the Tanterra postal box to the Olney post office for increased efficiency. No action was taken at this time.

#### 4) **Committee Reports**

##### Pool Committee

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool is operating with no problems and the new filter is working very effectively. A meeting of the Pool Renovation Committee will be held on Sunday, July 24 at 7 pm at the pool.

##### Architectural Committee

Ted Karp noted that homeowners are continuing to make improvements to properties in compliance with earlier notices.

##### Grounds Committee

Ron White reported that sign work is needed at the Tanterra entrance and that logs and brush in common areas will be picked up by the lawn service contractor.

##### GOCA

Aleka Kapatou, GOCA representative, previously provided June meeting minutes for the Board's information.

##### Newsletter

Charlotte Cary inquired whether the web posting of the Newsletter can include additional content including event photos that cannot be accommodated in the official version that is printed and mailed. It was agreed that this is permissible.

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### SUNDAY, SEPT 11th - MEMORIAL EVENTS in D.C.

- **Washington National Cathedral** (3101 Wisconsin Ave) will host three days of commemorative events - **Sept. 9-11**
- **Smithsonian Nat'l. Museum of American History**, Hall of Musical Instruments, 3rd Floor, West Wing. Exhibit will provide close-up view of 50+ objects from New York, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa. Sept. 3-11. 11 am to 3 pm.
- **Pentagon Memorial** - the memorial commemorates the 184 lives lost in the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77. The Memorial is free and open to the public 24 hours a day.

For more info on D.C. events visit: <http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/a/Sept11Memorial.htm>

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*Sixth grade English teacher Sarah F. Lewis is the new SSL Coordinator at Rosa Parks for the 2011-2012 school year. You may pick up pre-approval and verification forms outside of the guidance office and outside of Mrs. Lewis' classroom – B108 in the sixth grade hall. This year, students will need to drop off all pre-approval and verification forms to Mrs. Lewis. There are folders on the classroom door for students in each grade level to submit their forms.*

*All SSL hours performed June through August are due by September 30. You will complete another form for hours served September through December. If parents have questions, please email Ms. Lewis at sarah\_f\_lewis@mcpsmd.org or leave a phone message with the RPMS main office at 301.924.3180.*

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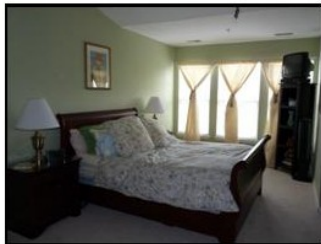
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## MARY KERR'S SEPTEMBER Timely Tip



Schools Are Open!  
Be sure to stop for school buses (it's the law) and drive very carefully when you see children walking!

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## THE SEPTEMBER LANDSCAPE GARDENER

### MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

Begin the month by applying fertilizer to your lawn in the first week of September. This will assist in your lawn's recovery from Summer's stress. Aeration and seeding can be done after fertilizing. The late August rains can make for earlier seeding, but sometimes these rains are only a tease and we get several more weeks of hot dry weather. Earlier seeding can be risky but the extra growth achieved can be worth the risk for some lawn conditions. For those with perennial weed problems not controllable with selectives, killing these areas with Round up, or another non-selective, can be done at the time of fertilizer application and still will allow time to reseed the killed-off areas in late September. Nut sedge, Japanese stilt grass (becoming a bigger problem each year) and others fit this category.

Re-seeding of lawns- generally, cut your lawn at normal or slightly lower height, then find a way to get the seed in contact with the soil particles. This can be done by aerating first, or raking the soil surface vigorously with a hard rake (small areas only) or dethatcher/verticutter prior to broadcast seeding. Professional-type slice seeders, available at rental yards, verticut the turf and drop seed in one pass. ( Slice seeders may be needed to achieve the density of turf by next Spring that you will want.) Use good, quality seed of the turf-type-tall fescue variety at rates of from 4 to 8 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft., of lawn. For heavily damaged lawns a rate of 8 lbs. is appropriate. \*\*Note-"Kentucky 31 tall fescue " is not a turf type and should be avoided if you desire a fine textured lawn surface with reduced mowing. Earlier planted seed (Sept. 1st-20th ) will be able to withstand the raking of leaves this Fall with fewer tear outs. When seeding into turf covered areas the established grass will protect the new seed from drying out too fast. When seeding into bare areas you may want to add a seed mulch which holds moisture at the soil surface for longer periods of time, some have fertilizer added for an extra punch.

Watering of a new seeding will make the difference between success and failure. As opposed to the regular season advise for watering, which is one inch of water one time a week, provide light and frequent watering at first, (often enough to keep the soil surface moist at all times), then continue with a gradual tapering off of frequency and increase in the amount of water as the young grass matures. I recommend hand watering with a hose at first for the light watering and gradually switching to sprinklers as the amount of water required increases.

Broadleaf weed controls can not be applied within a period of 4 weeks prior to and 4 weeks after seeding of lawns. Seeding early enough will, sometimes, give enough time to control weeds later in the Fall, if the weather holds. Crabgrass growth is rapid at this time of the year. Regular trimming with mower or string trimmer will keep the seed heads from forming viable seeds for the 2012 season. The crabgrass will die out with the first frost but will leave seed for next year. Be sure to mark your calendar for late March to apply the first round of pre-emergent control and if you have a severe problem this year you may want to apply a second application in early May. Many lawns have severe crabgrass this year due to the heavy Spring rainfalls which washed out the pre-emergents.

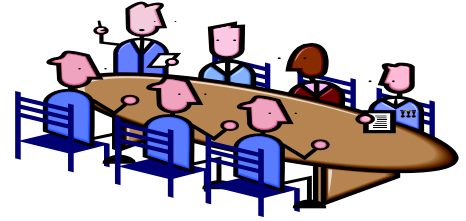
Although some shrubs may be getting slightly out of hand it is best to delay optional pruning until mid-October, this will avoid the stimulation of new growth which will not have time to harden off prior to winter weather. Do not prune early spring flowering plants (azaleas, rhododendrons, etc.) until after they flower next Spring or you will be pruning off flower buds which will significantly reduce the display of flowers you will get next year.

Transplanting of many perennials can be scheduled for mid September through mid October as this is the best time to divide and replant them. Planting of container grown perennials after November 1 is risky as there may not be sufficient time for sufficient root growth before ground-freezing temperatures arrive.

Continue to watch for and control lacebug on azaleas- use a soil applied application of Merit for best control, if needed.

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Social Committee

Sarah Formichelli reported that informal Friday happy hours at the pool have been popular. A fee is collected for beer and wine consumption by attendees. The Committee's budget has a positive balance. An additional happy hour will be scheduled August 26, in addition to the Crab Feast on August 27.

Tennis Committee

Curt Barrett reported that at least one of the recently repaired posts may be coming loose, and he will follow up with the contractor.

Website

Curt Barrett reported that there has been no change. The site is currently being maintained, and he is continuing to work with volunteers on development and maintenance of a new and improved site.

Welcoming Committee

No report. New residents are being welcomed as they arrive.

5) **New Business** - None.

6) **Old Business** - None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary



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**ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE**

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tioning lights to the County by dialing 311. You will need to give the address where the street light is located and the County will send out a repairman within a few days.

**MAILBOXES** – We appreciate everyone's effort to fix up their mailboxes in our neighborhood. If you have not already done so, please check your mailbox to see if it is leaning or held together by improper means (*i.e.*, rope, ties, bungy cord, etc.), and make the necessary repairs so that it is installed properly. Repairing a mailbox is one of the least expensive fixes out there and can make such a difference to the neighborhood and your home's appearance!

**STAINING/PAINTING** – To ward off major damage to the wood siding on your home, you need to regularly adhere stain to the home. A coat of stain keeps the wood from drying out and can keep the wood from peeling away from its base. We've had a number of homeowners that waited too long to stain their homes, which resulted in the need to replace the wood or - for some homeowners - going with siding. If you check your wood siding and see it beginning to rot or look dried out, please take action soon; it'll save you money in the long run.

**ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS** – If in doubt, fill it out. Remember to fill out the Architectural change request for any work being done on the outside of your home. This includes window and door replacement, garage doors, staining your house, siding, fences, painting of windows and doors, driveway expansion, roof shingles, gutters, sheds, additions, etc. You can find this form online at [http://www.tanterra.com/covenants/architectural\\_changes.htm](http://www.tanterra.com/covenants/architectural_changes.htm).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding architectural issues in Tanterra, please don't hesitate to email or call me. Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or [skayhank@comcast.net](mailto:skayhank@comcast.net). Thank you.

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