Tanterra Today

JULY 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Glen McEwen

With summertime upon us, I hope that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the newly renovated pool and all the activities associated with it. Along with just jumping in to cool off on a hot summer day, we have the swim and dive teams for the kids, the parties hosted by our wonderful Social Committee for the entire family, and volleyball, horseshoes and other games on the weekends. Or, feel free to lie down on a lounge chair anytime under one of the funbrellas with a good book or magazine and do absolutely nothing but relax!

If you haven't tried out the new snack bar now being run by Mamma Lucia, please stop by and say hi to Rick, Danny & Nick! They offer you hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese fries, variety of ice cream & full Mama's menu.

In addition to the pool, we also have our neighborhood tennis courts, resurfaced walking paths, and on Sunday afternoon's there are informal roller hockey games on the rink adjacent to the tennis courts. And of course, cold refreshing beverages at the pool on Sundays too!

There has been an increase in the number of Tanterra homes being sold recently as well as an increase in the sales prices. This is partially due to the upswing in the economy but I believe it is also partially due to the way the homeowners are maintaining their homes. Everyone should be very proud of our neighborhood – we have great neighbors and fantastic amenities for everyone to enjoy!

The Board hopes that everyone has a safe and healthy summer, whether you are staying at home and enjoying the neighborhood amenities or traveling on vacation.

See More Pics from our June 28 Happy Hour On Page 5

A few of our gals & guys enjoying the summer evening with family and friends. A great time was had by all - with special thanks to the Sean Evans Project band who provided the Rock N Roll music!!

BOARD MINUTES - May 15, 2013

Board Members Present:

Dick Bertin
Charlie Cook
Jim Frye
Wayne Johnson
Aleka Kapatou
Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
Peter Szwec
Ron White
Craig Zucker

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Vice President Wayne Johnson.

1. Guest

   Craig Zucker, Homeowner and Maryland State Delegate for District 14 reported on major activities of the legislature of interest to residents of this area. Specifically, he noted funding for Olney Theater, the Olney police substation, school improvements and the Olney bypass on Route 97 (the latter in discussion for over 40 years). Del. Zucker also provided a reminder of the Delegate Scholarship program which he had talked about at our general meeting. The deadline for applications is May 31. Details are available at his office or at www.craigzucker.com. The board expressed appreciation for his work on our behalf.

2. Minutes

   Charlie Cook moved to approve the draft minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting, as previously distributed. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

   Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of April 30, 2013). Charlie Cook reported that a total of 26 homeowners still owe for annual HOA fees and/or special assessments. The board will attempt to contact them by phone. Expenditures continue to be on track.

4. Committee Reports

   Pool Committee:

   Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project is nearly completed, with final inspections completed or due shortly. Fencing is nearly all in place and volunteers have been working to prepare for the grand reopening celebration on May 25. Future work dates have been scheduled and volunteers are urgently needed.

   Architectural Committee:

   No report. Wayne Johnson noted that a homeowner with unapproved modifications has been working with the committee and resolution is anticipated.

   Grounds Committee:

   Ron White reported that volunteers have completed a lot of needed tree trimming on common grounds. The Board agreed that a broken Bradford pear tree should be professionally removed, and funds are available in the Grounds budget for that work. Bike path repaving and parking lot work is underway. It was noted that the contractor sprayed an herbicide along the bike paths prior to paving to kill unwanted grass, without prior notification of the Board or residents. Although this herbicide poses limited dangers as used, the Board will ensure that future contracts include required disclosure and warnings to impacted individuals as required by law.

Next Board Meeting

July 17

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

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BOARD MINUTES

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GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou provided information from the May meeting. The 30th Annual Olney Days celebration will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Aleka moved that the Board authorize payment of the 2013 GOCA membership fee of $100. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Newsletter: No report.

Social Committee:

No report. Plans are underway for pool opening celebrations and the full social calendar has been included in the latest issue of Tanterra Today, which was mailed out and is posted on the web site.

Tennis Committee:

Peter Szwec reported that the courts are in good shape, with new nets. There was discussion about a trash container at the tennis/hockey courts. It was decided that we will ask users of the area to carry out their own trash and evaluate the situation later.

Web Site: No report.

Welcoming Committee: No report.

5. New Business:

Following discussion on the topic, Charlie Cook moved that two homeowners with large outstanding debts to Tanterra have those debts frozen at current level (without further interest) for collection/lien purposes. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Treasurer Cook also moved that the 14 homeowners with only small outstanding interest charges have those balances waived without further penalty as a one-time accommodation. This will facilitate bookkeeping and reduce instances of members being turned away from the pool for very minor indebtedness. Jim Frye seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

Wayne Johnson will discuss with Sharlene Monroe the logistics of collecting information for the Yahoo mail list at pool opening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

Social Committee News ....

Upcoming Happy Hours:

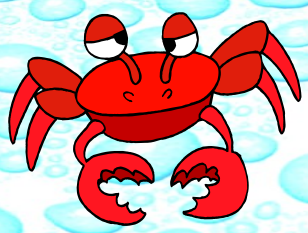
Fridays - 5 pm til 9 pm

Beer & Wine Provided; $5/person if consuming

Please bring an appetizer to share!

July 26

August 9 and 23



Kids Raft Night - Date TBD Check Pool for Flyers

Crab Feast - August 24 8pm til Midnite Price: TBD

Pool Closing Party - August 31 12pm til 2 pm

Thanks to Iris, Lisa V., Sarah F., Steve J., and Dwight & Angela (June 28 Happy Hour) and Mike & Barb, Jim & Michelle and Kari H. (July 4th celebration) for all your hard work in making these events such a great success! You Rock!

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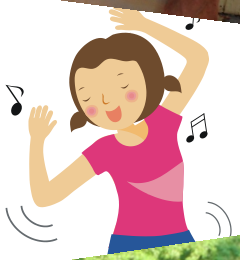
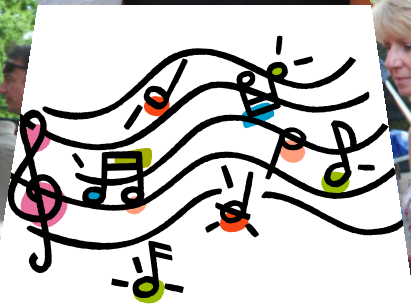
Thanks Guys !!





THE JULY LANDSCAPE GARDENER

By

MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

The "to do" list for your yard grows shorter as the summer season gets into full swing with insect control, weeding and pruning topping the list.

The recent rains have stimulated growth of our "summer" weed seeds. The summer crops of oxalis, nut sedge, and knotweed are making an appearance as thunderstorms give them sufficient moisture to germinate. If you can get them early, small weeds in planting beds can be eradicated with a hoe and dust mulching or a shot of Round Up - but use with care, spraying only those things which you want killed. Round Up will damage or kill your desirable plantings if you hit them by mistake with overspray. Carry a pair of pruning shears to cut off unintended overspray mistakes on your desirable plants. Weeds which have been allowed to grow to a larger size and too close to desirable plants to comfortably spray, will need to be removed by hand or mechanical means. Nutsedge - a triangular shaped yellow-green weed - has grown well with our current weather pattern. Broadleaf weed killers (selective) will work to suppress or kill this in lawns and can also be used in beds with directed sprays. Do not spray broadleaf weed killers (as a full coverage spray) within the drip lines of trees and shrubs as damage may result. Spot spray these areas if you have weeds, but in general you will find the areas are shaded to the point where few weeds will be present. Read the label for warnings on this. Be on the look out for outbreaks of Japanese Stilt Grass. Pull these from desirable planting beds to eliminate the threat of them taking over. They are easily pulled out.

One tool I use for control of the many tree seedlings is the string trimmer. By cutting off the very young tree seedlings they are starved for energy and soon die.

Pruning of trees and shrubs should be completed by mid July. This will allow new growth, originating from the area of the pruning cut, to harden off prior to killing temperatures of fall and winter. Limit pruning during the late summer to emergencies, realizing that these same plants will require a touch-up pruning in early spring to remove the dead tips. **Do not prune azaleas and similar spring flowering plants after mid July.** Azaleas set flower buds during late summer for the following spring blooming period. Most other plants can be pruned once again by the middle of October after the chance of re-growth has passed. When pruning, cut just above a side branch that is pointing in the direction where you want the resulting growth to go. Cuts can be hidden by making them inside the bulk of the foliage of the plant and/or angling them away from the predominate direction from which the plant will be viewed.

Japanese beetles are starting to emerge as adults. If your lawn is prone to damage from beetle feeding you may want to put down a preventative application of any of the products containing Merit **now.** Merit takes up to two months to activate once applied so an application now will kill the new grubs in September. The smaller grubs are easier to kill in this Fall than the over-wintered, larger ones which will do much more damage to your lawn next Spring.

Two groups of pests, spider mites and scale insects, seem to do their work right under our noses and can go undetected for a number of years. Plants tend to be slightly off-color with dying and dead branches (especially in the protected interior of sheared plants). The activity of both of these groups is to feed by sucking the plant juices, thus starving that portion of the plant on which they are feeding. The preferred way to control the populations of these is to use an oil cover spray which coats and suffocates the pests while not

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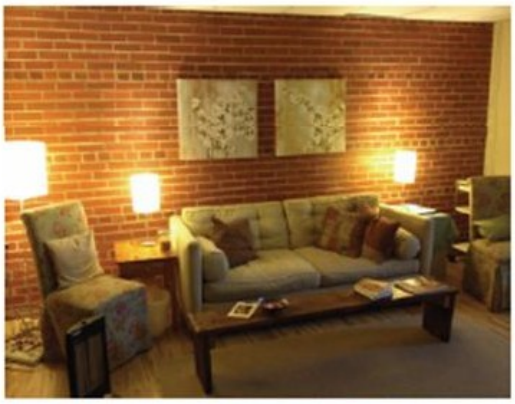

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doing considerable damage to the predator populations, due to their mobility. Oils have been further refined lately so that they can be used year round and not damage the host plant. Growing season applications should be limited to 2%, whereas dormant oils can be mixed at up to 4% for application during the seasons when plants are not actively growing. Timing is not super critical on this application. *Great coverage is extremely important with the oils*. Read the label for temperature limits. As a second line of defense, Merit in granular form can be applied to the ground to be taken up by the plant roots and protects the plant for up to three years. A combination of both attacks is advisable for heavily infested plants. I am seeing greater numbers of plants with soft scale, which looks like white fluff, on the underside of leaves. It is often accompanied with sooty mold fungus which feeds off the scale exudate. The black fungus grows on the top of leaves underneath of active scale and is a good indicator for the presence of the scale which is hidden from view on the underside of leaves.

Mow on an as-needed basis, as hot and dry weather will slow lawn growth. Keep your mowing height high 3+ inches. July is a month when we may mow once or four times, depending on the weather patterns that show up.

Looking ahead to August, pre-emergents put down in planting beds can reduce or eliminate Fall germinating weeds such as chickweed, and if renovating your lawn, start spraying to kill off problem areas prior to seeding in September.

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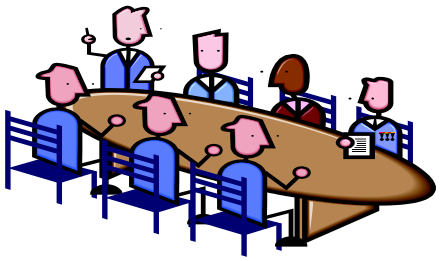

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