



Tanterra Today

DECEMBER 2013



President's Message

by Glen McEwen

For those of you who missed the annual homeowner's meeting November 20, we had a great meeting. The Board recapped the year's accomplishments, from our Spring Community Yard Sale, through our First Annual Halloween Parade.

Charlie Cook, our treasurer, presented the 2014 annual budget. The good news is our annual dues will not be increased next year. Also, it was voted that the remaining unspent funds be placed in the Reserve Fund. For those of you unaware, Charlie recently moved out of Tanterra and, as a result, resigned from the Board. Charlie has been a member of the Board and our Treasurer for over 20 years; he will be sorely missed. Thank you Charlie for your help, dedication and commitment these past two decades; our community has certainly benefited from your efforts and expertise!



Elections for the three Board seats up for re-election were also held. The three incumbents who were running, Wayne Johnson, Dick Cole and Dick Bertin, were elected.

Requests were sought for additional volunteers in our community, to help out with pool and grounds cleanup, the Tanterra Today and the Social Committee. With several long-term, committed volunteers recently moving out of the area, our volunteer base has decreased. Please consider adding your name to our volunteer list who so graciously offer their time. Only a few hours a month can make a real difference in keeping our costs down. The volunteers who faithfully serve our community now saves Tanterra's residents and associate members tens of thousands of dollars each year.

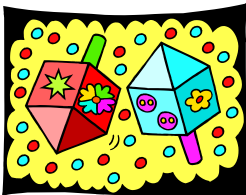
A special thank you went out to Wayne Johnson and Dave Stout for all the hard work that they, as well as other members of the Pool Construction Committee, did on handling the pool renovations.

Following the annual meeting, the board held their monthly meeting. Officer elections were held, with Glen McEwen elected as President, Wayne Johnson elected as Vice President, and Dick Bertin elected as Secretary.

The Board wishes everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday and Happy New Year !

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Next Board Meeting

December 18

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



Happy Holidays





BOARD MINUTES - October 16, 2013

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

1. Minutes

Glenn Wasik moved to approve the draft minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting, with correction of the annual homeowners meeting date to November 20. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of September 30) and the Profit & Loss Statement (as of October 9). She noted that income and expenditures continue to be on track. A total of approximately \$6,800 is still due for homeowners' dues and special assessments. Arrangements, including liens, are in process to complete the collections.

3. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

No report. The last payment for pool renovation is being made this month.

Architectural Committee:

Ted Karp reported that homeowners continue to comply with architectural policies and requests for needed property improvements. He noted that a homeowner is asking about any restrictions on solar panel placement. The Board affirmed that placement on roofs is permissible. Other property structures (including free-standing solar panels) are subject to special approval processes.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported on the status of damaged trees. Bike path improvements have been completed.

GOCA:

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

Newsletter:

The Board commended Sharlene Monroe and Jim Frye for adding labels for the changed Homeowners association meeting date to newsletters prior to distribution.

Social Committee: No report.

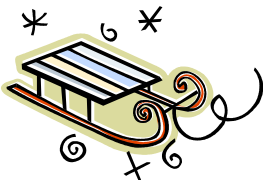
Tennis Committee: No report.

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
Ted Karp
Sharlene Monroe
Ron White



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COMMUNITY CORNER

BROOKSIDE GARDENS HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

Now thru Jan. 5 (Closed Dec. 24 & 25, Jan. 1 & 2)
1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton 301-962-1453

Weekday hours: 5:30-9 pm (last car admitted @ 8:30 pm)
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Prices: \$20 weeknights (Mon-Thurs) **Cash Only**
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To purchase advance tickets for \$20 that can be used on ANY evening, stop by the Gift Shop or Visitors Center daily before 4 p.m. 301-962-1448. Prices for 15+ passenger vehicles are higher.

See hundreds of trees and shrubs in festive lights, gorgeous seasonal displays and beautifully lit gazebos! **Musical performances in the Visitors Center Auditorium every night from 6:30pm-8:00pm thru Jan. 5. Volunteers 16+ needed!** For more info see http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/garden_lights.html

DON'T MISS SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT THROUGH TAN TERRA!



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20TH TO SEE SANTA ON HIS "SLEIGH" RIDE THRU TAN TERRA. Sponsored by the Sandy Spring Fire Department. With County cutbacks, think of them this year with a donation to their squad.

GLEN ECHO PUPPET THEATRE Presents Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker"

Now thru Dec. 29
 7500 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo

Celebrate the Puppet Co.'s 30th Anniversary as they perform their annual holiday treat *The Nutcracker*, with marionettes and larger-than-life costume characters in a delightful and entertaining production for the entire family! **For show times and more info, see:** www.thepuppetco.org or call 301-634-5380.

SEE PAGES 4 & 5 FOR MORE HOLIDAY INFO!!

Gaithersburg's 18th Annual WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL 301-258-6310

Nov. 30 - Dec. 30
Seneca Creek State Park
 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg

Sun-Thurs: 6-9pm \$12/vehicle
 Fri & Sat: 6-10 pm \$15/vehicle
 3.5-mile drive w/350 themed light displays including Winter Woods, Teddy Bear Land, Victorian Village, the North Pole and more! Winter Lights benefits numerous local & community charities. For more info visit—www.gaithersburgmd.gov/winterlights/13_main.html

HOWARD COUNTY'S 20th ANNUAL SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS

Open Daily for Lights til Jan. 5 (closed 12/31)
Open Dec. 31 for fireworks display from 5pm - 7:30pm

Hickory Ridge Rd & Broken Land Pkwy, Columbia

TWO OPTIONS:

Drive Thru: 6 pm til 10 pm
Walk Thru - Mon & Weds ONLY til Dec. 18th between 4pm and 5:30pm

Military Appreciation Night: Dec. 12. Bring your valid I.D. for \$10 discount. For more info or to volunteer, visit <http://www.hcgh.org/symphonyoflights> or call 410-740-7840.

Agricultural History Farm Park's

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

Dec 14 & 15 12 pm til 5 pm



Come and enjoy the holiday spirit on the farm:

- Turn of the century decorations • Children's activities
- Free live Christmas music & caroling
- Free hot cider & ginger cookies
- Free hayrides (weather permitting)
- Homemade baked goods for sale

CHRISTMAS CLUB PARTY

Dec 19 at 6:30 pm

For more info visit www.FriendsOfTheFarmPark.org or call 301-670-4661. The Agricultural History Farm Park is located at 18400 Muncaster Road in Derwood.

LOCAL TREE FARM + FAMILY/FRIENDS = LOTS OF FUN!

Finding the right tree for your holiday celebration is often an important part of the Christmas tradition, whether it be combing the local nurseries or garden center for a pre-cut tree or finding one along a country road to cut down like grandpa used to do. If you're in that latter crowd, you may be very pleased by the number of family owned tree farms in our area that are lots of fun to visit! Below is a partial listing of the tree farms close to Olney; for a wider selection of farms throughout Maryland (or in another state!), visit <http://pickyourownchristmastree.org/MDxmasbalt.php>. PLEASE CALL AHEAD to confirm hours of operation, attractions, tree availability, etc.

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www.gaverfarm.com/christmas-trees

Open thru Dec. 23, 9am-5pm
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HOMESTEAD FARM, 15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville
Owner/Operators: Ben and Maureen Allnutt

301-977-3761
<http://www.homestead-farm.net>

Open Friday-Sunday Only, 9am-5pm. Spruce, Scotch Pines & Fir up to 10 ft. Also, fresh-made wreaths and roping, jam, jellies, honey and more! **What makes this tree farm special:** The Allnutt family has farmed in Mont. County since 1763, when James Allnutt purchased 746 acres by the Potomac River. Homestead Farm maintains 230 acres from that original purchase. *Cash, VISA, Mastercard & Discover only. No checks or American Express.*

Wishing for a New Home?



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MARY KERR'S DECEMBER Timely Tip



Happy Holidays!
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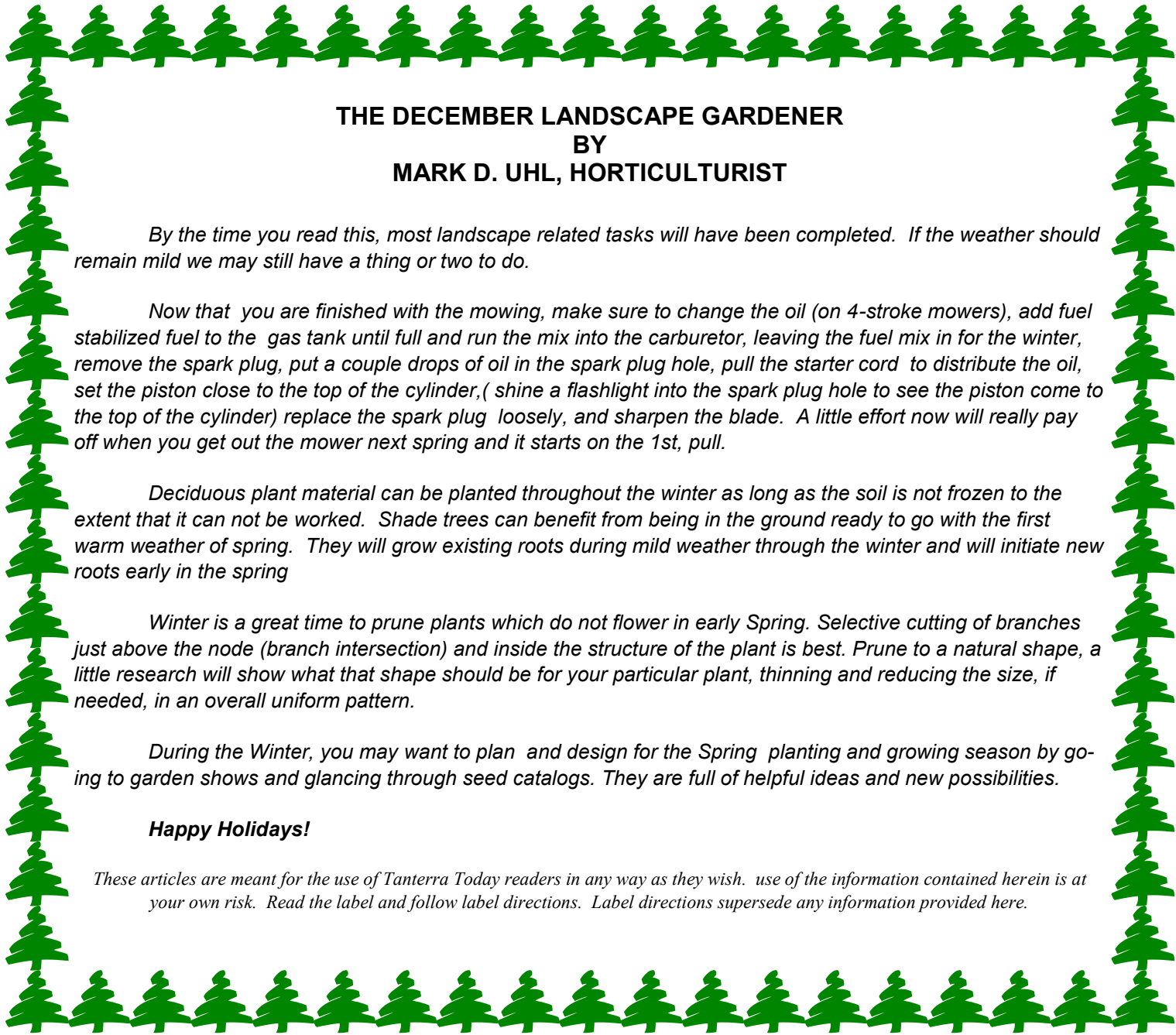
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**THE DECEMBER LANDSCAPE GARDENER
BY
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST**

By the time you read this, most landscape related tasks will have been completed. If the weather should remain mild we may still have a thing or two to do.

Now that you are finished with the mowing, make sure to change the oil (on 4-stroke mowers), add fuel stabilized fuel to the gas tank until full and run the mix into the carburetor, leaving the fuel mix in for the winter, remove the spark plug, put a couple drops of oil in the spark plug hole, pull the starter cord to distribute the oil, set the piston close to the top of the cylinder, (shine a flashlight into the spark plug hole to see the piston come to the top of the cylinder) replace the spark plug loosely, and sharpen the blade. A little effort now will really pay off when you get out the mower next spring and it starts on the 1st, pull.

Deciduous plant material can be planted throughout the winter as long as the soil is not frozen to the extent that it can not be worked. Shade trees can benefit from being in the ground ready to go with the first warm weather of spring. They will grow existing roots during mild weather through the winter and will initiate new roots early in the spring

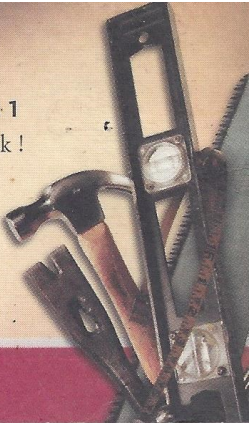
Winter is a great time to prune plants which do not flower in early Spring. Selective cutting of branches just above the node (branch intersection) and inside the structure of the plant is best. Prune to a natural shape, a little research will show what that shape should be for your particular plant, thinning and reducing the size, if needed, in an overall uniform pattern.

During the Winter, you may want to plan and design for the Spring planting and growing season by going to garden shows and glancing through seed catalogs. They are full of helpful ideas and new possibilities.

Happy Holidays!

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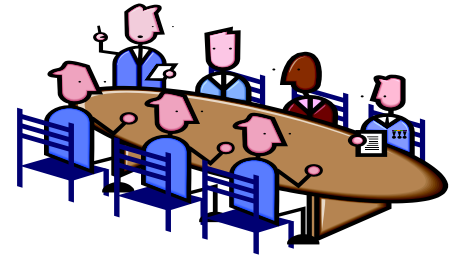
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December 13-24

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12/13 7:30 pm

12/14 1:30 & 7:30 pm

12/15 1:30 & 7:30 pm

12/19 7:30 pm

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Web Site:

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

Welcoming Committee: No report.

- 4. New Business: None.
- 5. Old Business

The annual Tanterra Homeowners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, starting at 7:30pm in the all-purpose room of Greenwood Elementary School on Gold Mine Road in Brookeville. Three Board seats are up for election/reelection. The 2014 budget and discussion of other important community issues will be on the agenda. With regard to potential pit bull dog restrictions, the Board is continuing to seek additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin

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