



## *President's Message*

*By Glen McEwen*

**I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I certainly hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! 2014 was a great year for the neighborhood and we would like to make 2015 even better!** But, we need your help. With spring and summer soon upon us, please remember we are always looking for volunteers to help out in the neighborhood. Please refer to the Committee Chairs on page XX of this newsletter if you wish to lend a hand. We are also always looking for new ideas to help make the neighborhood better. If you have an idea that you would like to pass along to the board, please feel free to contact one of us or come to one of our monthly meetings.

Invoices for the 2015 annual dues will be mailed out soon. Payment is due March 17, and if you are experiencing any difficulty in paying by this date, please contact our Board Clerk Elizabeth Bialas. Please note that our HOA Covenants require us to assess late fees for those who do not pay on time, as well as prohibiting pool and other activity privileges, so please reach out to Elizabeth or a Board member so this does not happen to you.

Also, if you are one of the few homeowners who receive an architectural violation letter, please make sure you perform the corrections noted on the violation. If the requested corrective action becomes a financial hardship to you, or if there are time constraints that will prohibit a quick fix of the item, please contact the Architectural Committee. They will either work with you to grant a time extension, or they may provide an alternate correction that you had not considered. If you believe the violation is in error, you have the option to appeal the issue to the Board. The Board will look at the specifics and either agree with the Architectural Committee's assessment or overturn it. Whatever you do, please do not ignore the violation; it will not go away on its own and must be resolved in some manner by the homeowner.

### Architectural

**Streetlights:** In driving around the neighborhood I've noticed some street lights not working in Tanterra. This is an easy fix if you dial 311 (Montgomery County) and tell them you want to report a streetlight not working. They will either take the address of the street light or transfer you to someone who will. Help keep our neighborhood safe by reporting streetlights that are inoperative.

### Notice: To All TAN TERRA 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 2015 is \$375.00. 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, 2015. The approved Dues Policy is listed below. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer.

#### Tanterra Homeowner's Association Dues Policy

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| By Jan 31, 2015 | Bills are issued for calendar year 2015.  |
| By Mar 1, 2015  | 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, 2015 | Payment is due in full unless an extension has been approved.<br><br>A late fee of <b>\$15.00</b> will be added to each delinquent account.<br><br>Finance charges of <b>18%</b> per annum will start to accrue.  |
| On Apr 1, 2015  | Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.   |
| On Apr 17, 2015 | 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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, 2015  | 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.

## In Memory of Dick Cole

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sorrow at the passing of Dick Cole. He and his family have been stalwarts in the community and at the pool for many years. As one of the original homeowners, he organized the swim and dive teams and the Sunday volleyball as well as serving on the Board for many years. Our lives and those of our children are much richer for Dick's work. He built a group of new homes into a group of friends and neighbors. He will be sorely missed. —Glen McEwen

Dick Cole was one of the most dedicated volunteers I believe that ever lived in Tanterra. His volunteer efforts were on-going since the early 70's. He was very involved in Lion's Club and volunteered for Rebuilding Together. I kept asking him when he would retire and he would reply—why, I'm having too much fun.—Curt Barrett

Dick constantly looked out for his Tanterra community. His dedication as a board member was to make Tanterra a better place to live. He was a great asset to our neighborhood who gave of his time, expertise and compassion. A true community leader.—Ted Karp

A deep, generalized commitment to the community is what I will remember best about him. —Richard Bertin

## Calendar

January 21—Board Meeting at the Pool Shed at 7:30

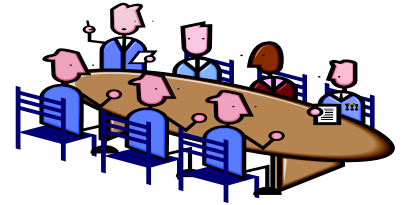
February 18 — Board Meeting

March 18 — Board Meeting

April 15 — Board Meeting

May 2—Tanterra Yard Sale—Rain date— May 3

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# Welcome New Neighbors!

We want to welcome our new neighbors:

**Tay Nguyen, Cam-Hong Traung**, 3304 Gold Mine Road

**Ebony Jones** 18745 Tanterra Way

Ebony is the Founder/CEO of The Next Chapter, Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to empowering veterans and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to move forward to the next chapter of their lives.

**The Morse Family**, 18706 Considine Drive.

Schuyler and Seema Morse have two boys, ages three and five who love Legos, Star Wars and Lightning McQueen. Schuyler is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys biking and skiing. Seema enjoys tutoring middle and high school Spanish—she can be reached at (202-489-4239). The Morse family is looking forward to becoming part of the Tanterra community!

**Abigail Grace Frye**, born 12/15/14, 9 lb. 5 oz.. Proud parents are Jim and Melissa Frye, Tanterra Circle.

Our information is not always complete. Please let us know of anyone we have missed by emailing [tanterratoday@hotmail.com](mailto:tanterratoday@hotmail.com) and/or [reisscarolyns@gmail.com](mailto:reisscarolyns@gmail.com)

## Sandy Spring Museum Jazz in the Round

Marc Cary

January 30, 2015 8-10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person

Jazz pianist Marc Cary will be the first performer in Jazz in the Round.



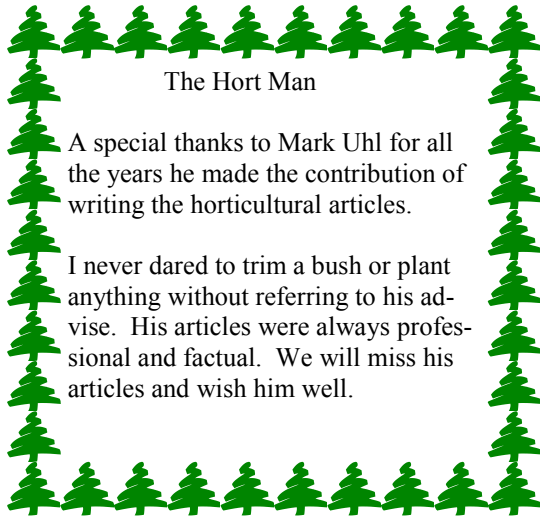
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## The Hort Man

A special thanks to Mark Uhl for all the years he made the contribution of writing the horticultural articles.

I never dared to trim a bush or plant anything without referring to his advise. His articles were always professional and factual. We will miss his articles and wish him well.

### **Snow Shoveling**

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