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**Upcoming Events:**

**April 15 Board Meeting**

Please visit [www.tanterra.com](http://www.tanterra.com) for changes to events. Residents, who have provided their email addresses to Liz Bialas, may receive email updates on special issues, such as the Board elections.

**President's Message**

By: Glen McEwen

Typically, for the April newsletter, I write about summer being around the corner, the Easter egg hunt, the community yard sale, how we need volunteers for pool and common area cleanup, and the pool opening in less than seven weeks. This year, due to the COVID-19 virus, the status of everything is up in the air.

Most importantly, I hope everyone is adhering to national, state, and local officials and health care providers' instructions regarding your family's health. It is essential to leave the house only for necessary trips, maintain a safe "social distance" from others, cough and sneeze into a tissue or your bent elbow, and WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN. As the virus spreads, it is important to stay informed and abide by the latest recommendations. Please check with your doctor or other health care provider for the latest information on how to remain healthy.

Regarding changes in the neighborhood due to the virus, please note the following:

This issue of *Tanterra Today*

will be issued via email and uploaded to our website. No paper version will be printed this month. This is due to the proximity of people putting the newsletter together, having copies made, physically handling the paper copies, and having them physically delivered. Each step could lead to the virus being transmitted.

We have decided to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt and Community Yard Sale this year. Again, due to the social distancing instructions, it is too risky to hold it. If there is an opportunity to hold the yard sale later in the year, our decision may be revisited then.

We are moving forward as if the pool opening would occur on Memorial Day weekend. Georgetown Aquatics has cleaned and filled the pool. The Pool Committee (Wayne) has been strapping chairs, cleaning, planning, etc. The pool opening may get delayed, but we want to be prepared if opened on time. Please check our website and future issues of *Tanterra Today* for more news on the pool opening.

Along those lines, the 2020 Swim and Dive Team seasons should be starting soon (if not affected by the virus). If you have children between the ages of four and 18, please consider having them join the team. This is a great summer activity filled with fun, team spirit, and camaraderie. Both teams have daily weekday practices and weekly meets throughout the months of June and July.

If you have a young child learning to swim, there is a preteam where older swimmers help younger ones feel more confident in the water and learn the basics. If you would like to learn more about the teams, please visit our website for the pool and swim team links.

If you have not paid your annual HOA dues, please do so ASAP. Dues must be paid before Memorial Day weekend to ensure your family can access the pool this summer. If you are unsure whether your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk, Elizabeth Bialas, at [LizBialas@Verizon.net](mailto:LizBialas@Verizon.net). If the COVID-19 virus has affected your ability to pay the HOA dues, please contact us for a payment plan.

**President's Message Continued...**

As a closing statement, please check on your neighbors and friends, especially during these trying times. If you are going to the store, check if your neighbor needs a few items picked up. It means one less person out in public catching or spreading the virus.

Have a healthy summer!



**Welcome to Tanterra!**

If you have new neighbors or new additions to your family, please email [brookemarshal@live.com](mailto:brookemarshal@live.com).

Also, contact us if you are new to Tanterra and have not been contacted by the Welcome Committee.



**Board Meetings**

**2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

11/4/20 @ 7:30 (GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

4/15/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

5/20/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

6/17/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

7/15/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

8/19/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

9/16/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

10/21/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

11/18/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

12/16/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

**\*Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations Subject to Change**

**To be included in this list, please email name, age, and contact information to [tanterratoday@gmail.com](mailto:tanterratoday@gmail.com). Indicate if you babysit( B), petsit (P), or assist with gardening (G).**

**Name                      Age      Phone**



Updated 4/2020

## Volunteers Needed: Tanterra Architectural Committee

Due to the resignation of the Architectural Committee announced at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting in November, the Tanterra Board of Directors is looking for members to replace them. Enforcement of rules and covenants is one of the most fundamental obligations of a HOA. The Architectural Committee consists of three members. One chairperson and two others.

The Architectural Committee works under the direction of the Board and is responsible for:

- Approving or disapproving architectural changes.
- Organizing a group to go out each year and inspect for architectural violations.
- Review the report of the inspection group to confirm a violation.
- Send out notices to each homeowner of the violation.
- Investigate homeowner's complaints of architectural violations and take appropriate action.
- Make recommendations to the Board for changes to architectural rules.
- Enforce all rules as stated in the Restated Declaration, Conditions and Restrictions, adopted Rules and Guidelines, and other architectural documents. \*
- Have at least one member attend the monthly Board meeting or provide a written report when no one can attend.

\* These documents can be found on the Tanterra.com website.

If you are interested in being a member or the chairperson of the Architectural Committee, please notify both Glen McEwen & Wayne Johnson before the February 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. You may call or email them. If you email, please give a brief bio of yourself which should include:

- Your contact information
- Your occupation (or former occupation, if retired)
- How many years you have lived in Tanterra
- Your activities in the community of Tanterra or in other endeavors
- Any other facts you think would be relevant to the volunteer position

Glen McEwen can be reached at: 301-570-3586 or email [fivemcewens@msn.com](mailto:fivemcewens@msn.com)

Wayne Johnson can be reached at: 301-742-0678 or email [wayneljohnson@verizon.net](mailto:wayneljohnson@verizon.net)

Please notify **both** Wayne and Glen. Please do so even if you have previously notified someone about volunteering for the Architectural Committee. We anticipate an interview process, depending on the number of people who express interest.

**Social Committee News**

*By: Jacquie Weed*

Greetings Tanterra!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the community safe and healthy during these trying times. We have not seen anything quite like this pandemic. There are many fears and unanswered questions, but this will pass. At times like this, I am reminded of the great community we live in. I have seen so many acts of kindness—neighbors reaching out to help neighbors in need. It warms my heart!

At this point in time, the situation with this virus is fluid. None of us know what changes tomorrow will bring. Almost certainly, however, the upcoming pool season will be disrupted. Please check Tanterra.com and the Tanterra HOA Facebook page for changes and announcements.

On Thursday, March 12 (before the social distancing order was put into place), I conducted a meeting at the pool with current social committee members. It was open to interested members of the community, and we discussed the upcoming summer season. We were able to hash out a schedule of events. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unsure when the pool will be opened. Listed below is the schedule as it stands. Necessary changes will be made once we know more about the social distancing timeline.

|           |                |                                   |              |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| May       | Saturday, 5/23 | Pool Opening Hot Dog Party        | 12 - 2 PM    |
|           | Saturday, 5/23 | Meet-n-Greet (Adults only)        | 8 PM - 12 AM |
| June      | Friday, 6/12   | Family Happy Hour                 | 5 - 8 PM     |
|           | Friday, 6/26   | Family Happy Hour                 | 5 - 8 PM     |
| July      | Saturday, 7/4  | Independence Day Hot Dog Party    | 12 - 2 PM    |
|           | Saturday, 7/11 | Beach Olympic Party (Adults only) | 8 PM - 12 AM |
|           | Friday, 7/24   | Family Happy Hour                 | 5 - 8 PM     |
| August    | Friday, 8/14   | Family Happy Hour                 | 5 - 8 PM     |
|           | Saturday, 8/22 | Crab Feast (Adults only)          | 8 PM - 12 AM |
|           | Friday, 8/28   | Family Happy Hour                 | 5 - 8 PM     |
| September | Saturday, 9/5  | Pool Closing Hot Dog Party        | 12 - 2 PM    |

\*\*Please note the closing party is NOT on closing day but on the Saturday of closing weekend.

The dates above are tentative, but we wanted to release this information ahead of time.

Additionally, the Pool Sports group will be providing beer every Sunday and on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Please note the beer provided on these dates is funded entirely by donations. One day Alcohol Permits are obtained from the County. No HOA dues are used. The dates are as follows:

- May 24, 25, and 31
- June 7, 14, 21, and 28
- July 5, 12, 19, and 26
- August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- September 6 and 7

## Notice: To All Tanterra Homeowners

Pursuant to Article V of the Re-Statement Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the Tanterra Homeowner's Association, Inc., all Tanterra property owners are hereby notified that the Annual Assessment for 2020 is \$477.00. 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 16, 2020. The approved Dues Policy is listed below. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer.

### Tanterra Homeowner's Association Dues Policy

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| By Jan 31, 2020 | Bills are issued for calendar year 2020.  |
| By Mar 1, 2020  | 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 16, 2020 | Payment is due in full unless an extension has been approved.<br>A late fee of \$15.00 will be added to each delinquent account.<br>Finance charges of 18% per annum will start to accrue.  |
| On Apr 1, 2020  | Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.   |
| On Apr 17, 2020 | 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>If payment is not received with all finance charges and attorney fees<br>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>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, 2020

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 NOTICE \*\*\*

### Architectural Updates

By: Wayne Johnson

The weather is warming up, and the Architectural Inspection Group will be proceeding with their annual inspection of architectural violations in April.

Letters will be sent to all residents with violations and will detail what needs to be corrected. In the past, the letter gave homeowners two weeks or 30 days to correct the violation with the option of contacting the architectural committee for additional time. Due to the COVID-19 situation and depending on the violation, we will be considerate of the time frame needed to correct violations this year.

This will be the first year in which the Front Yard Policy will be enforced. I would like to remind everyone—if you have anything higher than 30 inches (including arbors or trellises), you must submit an Architectural Change Request for approval.

Neighbors, if you are doing anything to the outside of your house, you must submit an Architectural Change Request to the Architectural Committee. The form can be found on Tanterra's website. The committee meets once a month before each board meeting to approve or deny requests. If you are painting your house, you will need to submit a painted board with the actual color of paint being used as well.





**TANTERRA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM  
TANTERRA PRE-TEAM**

**Congratulations** on becoming a member of the Tanterra pool community! One of the benefits of joining the Tanterra pool is the opportunity to join the swim and dive team.

**The Tanterra Swim and Dive Team will begin its 2020 season on Tuesday, May 26th.** For those of you with children ages 4-18, this is a wonderful summer activity filled with fun, spirit, and camaraderie. Both swim and dive teams have daily weekday practices and weekly meets throughout the months of June and July. We offer afternoon practices for those children who can't attend in the morning. (Preteam is morning only) The coaches work with swimmers and divers in both technique and endurance. In addition, there are many social activities for the children (and parents) to enjoy throughout the summer. One of the best aspects of the Tanterra Swim and Dive team is the feeling of community that families experience when they join.

**Preteam (Swim)** is a developmental program designed for children who are at least 4 years old. Preteam is for children who have received previous swimming instruction but cannot yet swim the 25 meter length of the pool independently and consistently. The Preteam is not designed to replace swimming lessons. Rather, it is a stepping stone between swimming lessons and age group swimming on the Swim Team. Please contact Katie at [parkerkatie81@gmail.com](mailto:parkerkatie81@gmail.com) if you have questions about your child's readiness for Preteam. For those children who are not quite ready to join the Preteam, lessons will be available through the Tanterra Swim Team coaches as well as the lifeguards.

**Diving** Is your child ready for a new challenge? Does your child love going off of the diving board? Then Dive team is the place for them. The 8 & under age group allows our youngest divers to participate with a front jump, back jump and head first standing dive into the pool and receive accolades from the spectators and participation ribbons for every event. Your child only needs to be able to get from the diving board to the ladder unassisted and with confidence. The dive coaches will teach them the rest. Tanterra is one of 25 pools in Montgomery County that has a dive team (1,000 divers county wide) and is part of very elite group of pools that offers a summer of safe, fun filled activities for both swimming and diving.

**Parent Participation is vital to the continued success of the team.** It takes up to 45 volunteers to run a successful home swim meet and 10 – 12 for dive meets. We can't manage meets or activities without you. Due to the tremendous amount of volunteer support needed, we require that each family help at the social activities and meets during the swim season. There are ways to help if you work full-time or have toddlers clinging to your leg. There are jobs you can do if you don't know a backstroke from a breaststroke. There are many ways you can use your special talents and skills to help make the Tanterra team the best it can be.

If you would like to learn more about Preteam, email Katie Parker: [parkerkatie81@gmail.com](mailto:parkerkatie81@gmail.com); Swim team, email Heather Kauffman: [heathercmd@yahoo.com](mailto:heathercmd@yahoo.com); Dive team, email Susan Ostrinsky [sma89v2@gmail.com](mailto:sma89v2@gmail.com); Registration, email Lauri Black: [lauriblack@comcast.net](mailto:lauriblack@comcast.net). **Save \$25! Early Bird Registration opens on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.** Visit [www.tanterratarpons.org](http://www.tanterratarpons.org) for more information.

**Tanterra HOA Board of Directors & Committees**

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|---|-----------------------|--------------|
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|                                 |   |  |  |
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