



Tanterra Today

December 2014

President's Message

By Glen McEwen

For those of you who missed the annual homeowner's meeting last month, we had a great meeting.

The Board recapped the year's accomplishments from the Easter Egg hunt and Community Yard Sale through the Halloween Parade. A special thank you went out to Wayne Johnson and Dave Stout for all of the hard work they did, and continue to do, at the pool.

Jim Frye, our treasurer, presented the annual budget for 2015. The good news is that the dues will increase slightly for next year. Homeowners who were present voted that the remaining unspent funds will be placed in the reserve fund.

Elections for the three board seats that were expiring were also held. The three incumbents that were running, Aleka Kapatou, Bryan Moffett, Jim Cagley (our associate representative) were re-elected.

Requests were made for volunteers to help out in the neighborhood on the Spring pool and grounds clean-up, as well as our other committees. The volunteers that help out the community save us tens of thousands of dollars every year. Your help is needed – no special talents are required, just a willing to help out.

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

Have a Happy Holiday and a Very Happy New Year!

Are you signed up for the Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group? By Amy Matathias

The Yahoo Group is an online discussion board that is primarily used to send out reminders to homeowners about meetings, pool events, and to gather information about contractors and neighborhood businesses.

If you are not signed up you can sign up in several ways:

- 1)** go to the Tanterra Website <http://www.tanterra.com/> and click on the link "Subscribe to email." Then enter your email as indicated and you will become a Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group member.
- 2)** go to Yahoo.com and either enter your Yahoo login information or sign up to join Yahoo (you can use any email account). Select groups and search for tanterrhoa. Click on the the "Join Group" link and follow the prompts.
- 3)** to subscribe without setting up a Yahoo account send a blank email to tanterrhoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- 4)** if the above 3 methods do not work for you send Amy Matathias (matathi@aol.com) a request to join the TanterraHOA yahoo group and she will send you an invitation.

Once you are signed up for the Yahoo Group you will get occasional emails from the group. In addition if you have a question you can post a question to the group by email tanterrhoa@yahoogroups.com.



Board Minutes— October 15, 2014

Board Members

Present:

Glen McEwen
Wayne Johnson
Jim Frye
Richard Bertin
Glenn Wasik
Jim Cagley

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
(Tanterra HOA Clerk)

Hank Griffith & Ted
Karp (Architectural
Committee)

Carolyn Reiss
(Newsletter)

Dave Stout (Pool com-
mittee)



The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Glen McEwen.

1. Minutes

Wayne Johnson moved to approve the draft minutes of the September 17 meeting as amended. Glenn Wasik seconded the motion, which was passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of September 30) and the Profit & Loss Statement, dated October 13. Treasurer Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures continue to be on track. Overdue payments and follow-ups to liens letters are being monitored.

3. Committee Reports

Pool Committee

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool is being prepared for the winter season. Work on approved plumbing repairs will start within the coming two weeks

Architectural Committee

Hank Griffith and Ted Karp reported that there are no new architectural issues. When appropriate, cases are referred to the County for follow-up.

Grounds Committee

No report. Peter Szwec has volunteered to head this committee, as well as the Tennis Committee.

GOCA

No report. GOCA minutes will continue to be forwarded to members for their information.

Newsletter

Carolyn Reiss reported that she and Charlotte Cary are assisting the Welcoming Committee in obtaining information and welcoming gifts for new homeowners.

Social Committee

No report. A Halloween parade will be scheduled and publicized to the Tanterra community.

Web Site

Jim Frye continues to post updates as needed.

New Business:

Glen McEwen is seeking confirmation of the recipient of the Horsman scholarship award from our contact at Sherwood High School.

Old Business:

The annual General Homeowners Meeting has been confirmed for Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose Room of Greenwood Elementary School. Board members with expiring terms (Jim Cagley, Aleka Kapatou, and Bryan Moffett) have agreed to run for re-election. No additional candidates have come forward, though they may do so at the meeting. Glen McEwen reminded members to gather proxies and absentee ballots from neighbors who cannot attend in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary (richardbertin@verizon.net).

Happy Holidays!

As you look forward to the end of one year and the start of another are your thoughts turning to selling your house for a smaller one, larger one, one in a different climate, closer to family or friends? It's a great time to start planning as interest rates are very low and housing prices are holding steady; but, Spring may change everything.

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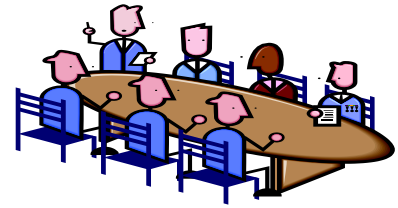
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Welcome New Neighbors

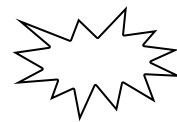
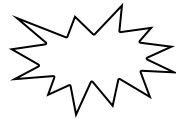
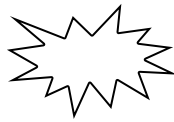
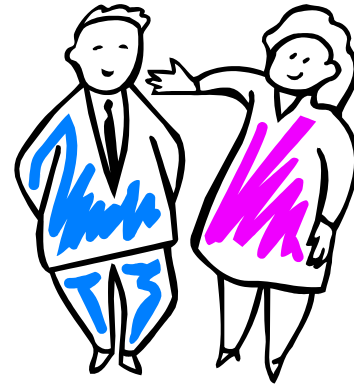
Aprille D. Doherty

18805 Alpenglow Lane

Karen Mack

18820 Alpenglow Lane

2 children—**Luke** and **Sadi** both attend Greenwood ES. Luke takes karate lessons and Sadi enjoys Irish Dancing. Karen enjoys bicycling.



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Tanterra's Halloween Parade

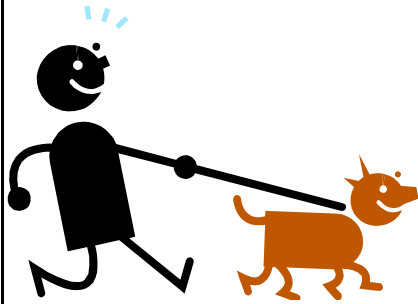
Organized by Jennifer Campbell



Problems with Dogs Running Loose Near Greenwood

The principal of Greenwood Elementary contacted Glen McEwen to explain her concerns about dogs repeatedly running loose near the school and about the failure of owners to clean up after their dogs in that area. Montgomery County has strict animal control laws that are explained in detail at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/asd/laws.html>. A dog must be leashed and under the owner's control at all times unless it is on the owner's property. An owner must prevent unwanted contact between any pet and any person or domestic animal. An owner must clean up any pet defecation in an approved manner.

Fines are \$100 - \$500. Please be considerate of our children and their health and safety, and take responsible care of your pets.



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