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## BOARD MINUTES - May 16, 2012

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Curt Barrett.

### 1. Guest comments:

Homeowner Anthony Fu and Guest/Former Homeowner Ray Mollenhoff were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Fu attended as an observer, and did not have any specific comments or requests. Mr. Mollenhoff spoke during the Architectural Committee report.

### 2. Minutes:

A motion was made by Dick Cole to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Board meeting. 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, 2012). She reported that annual dues and associate member payments are coming in well. Second payments of the Special Assessment for pool renovations are due June 15. A new homeowner reported surprise that he was billed for the balance payment of the special assessment. He will be advised to request reimbursement from the previous homeowner, who was billed the entire \$1000 last year, but elected to defer the balance payment until 2012. Although it was well publicized to the homeowners, Tanterra will record the special assessment with Montgomery County to help avoid similar claims of unfamiliarity with this assessment.

### 4. Committee Reports:

#### Architectural Committee:

Co-chair Hank Griffith reported on a case of heavy moss growth on the roof of a Tanterra residence that was flagged during the recent home inspections. The resident is reluctant to remove it due to potential damage to an old roof. The Board urged Mr. Griffith to work with the resident, since removal of heavy roof moss growth is consistently required by Tanterra. There may be moss removal methods that do not pose a large risk to roof integrity. The committee reported on a residence with several vehicles consistently parked in the driveway and in front of the residence. Guest/Realtor Ray Mollenhoff described to the Board the negative effect that such accumulations of vehicles, often in poor condition, have on adjacent properties and the community in general. The architectural committee will explore ways to limit such situations, including publication of additional guidelines for homeowners and regulatory action by Montgomery County where appropriate. Ted Karp also noted that there were fewer issues of home appearance problems noted during this spring's inspection. Many of the homeowners notified of problems have already indicated that corrective action has been taken or planned.

#### Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction contract with Catania Construction has not yet been signed, due to a hopefully temporary technicality, which Catania has 10 days to address. The pool passed its initial inspection, with only a relatively minor fence issue needing correction. There is still work to be done in anticipation of opening day, and volunteer work days are set for the weekend of May 19-20.

### Board Members Present:

Curt Barrett, President  
Glen McEwen, V.P.  
Dick Bertin, Sec'y.  
Jim Cagley  
Wayne Johnson  
Aleka Kapatou  
Dick Cole

### Others Present:

Sue Barrett  
Elizabeth Bialas  
Anthony Fu  
Hank Griffith  
Ted Karp  
Ray Mollenhoff  
Jodie Siarkas  
Peter Szwec  
Ron White

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## Next Board Meeting

July 18

Meeting begins at  
7:30 p.m. and is  
held under the  
Pool Pavillion

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# SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS



## **JULY 13: 5pm-9pm • FAMILY HAPPY HOUR**

Bring an appetizer to share; kids welcome!

Beer & wine drinkers: \$5/person

## **JULY 27: 5pm-9pm • FAMILY HAPPY HOUR**

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# TANTERRA SWIM & DIVE NEWS

## EARLY POOL CLOSINGS

Please note the following dates the pool will be closing at 5:00 pm for swim meets. Everyone is welcome to stay and watch the meet.

July 11

July 18

## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

In response to two near-drownings over Memorial Day weekend, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue officials are urging residents to take proper precautions around the water and to keep a close eye on children when they are near any water sources. Whether you're a seasoned swimmer or just learning how to swim, many water-related injuries can be avoided by knowing what to do and how to stay safe. The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service and the Department of Recreation are joining forces to promote the importance of water safety throughout the summer. For more tips on keeping safe this summer visit: <http://connectedcommunities.us/showthread.php?t=50103>

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Curt Barrett

By now the summer is hammering away at us but fortunately we have a huge pool and a great set of activities that revolve around the pool. There is Swim and Dive team competition for all ages of children, social parties, volleyball and games on the weekends, and beverages to quench your thirst. I do hope our homeowners and associate members take advantage of this great asset. Speaking of pool, the Board of Directors last night unanimously chose Atlantic Pool, Inc. to renovate our pool this fall. Although Atlantic pool was not the low bidder for our renovation, the low bidder pool contractor was unable to comply with Tanterra HOA concerns. Atlantic was the second lowest bidder. As a result, we must pay about \$40K more than the original bidder, but we will be more secure in meeting our quality and building timetable requirements. This additional cost means we will use more of our reserve funds than we had originally anticipated, and the reserve fund could be reduced to as low as \$40K (this is worst case and assumes we use all our contingency funds of 10% (\$45K) on top of the expected cost (\$445K + \$1K for core cement testing) for a total cost of \$491K spent). This would only happen if there was excessive damage to the pool shell that needed repair or if excessive base sand and gravel fill would be needed to replace clay. Nobody anticipates this, but we must budget for it. Pool construction will begin this year immediately after the pool closes.

The Board passed an architectural guideline that prohibits unlicensed vehicles to be parked in a resident's driveway (already a Montgomery County law) and also prohibits any kind of cart and/or riding lawnmowers to be parked on front lawns and or driveways as well. Please remember that the architectural standards and guidelines for our subdivision that are posted on the web ([www.tanterra.com](http://www.tanterra.com)). Violators can be fined and barred from use of the pool until the violation is corrected and fines are paid.



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## ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE



### GUIDELINE ON PARKING IN DRIVEWAYS

Effective June 27, 2012, the Board approved a new guideline on parking in the driveways. The new rule is as follows:

*Parking in driveways of Tanterra will consist of legally tagged and operable vehicles. This is the same guideline as Montgomery County. Any exceptions will need the approval of the Architectural Committee.*

In addition, no other vehicles - including golf carts, carts in general or riding lawn mowers - are to be parked in the driveway or on the lawn. These vehicles must be kept in storage sheds, garages or carports.

### OUTSIDE WORK ON YOUR HOME NEEDS AN ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST FORM

We are constantly reminding homeowners that when work is done around the house there is probably a good chance that you will need to fill out an Architectural Request Form. This includes windows, doors, roofs, staining of house, driveway improvements and additions, carport to garage enhancement, additions to the house, sheds, fences etc. This is a requirement under our bylaws. This is simple to do and you can either print a copy off the Tanterra web site at [www.tanterra.com](http://www.tanterra.com) or scribble it down on a piece of paper and submit it to us. Instructions on the form are on the web site under Architectural Committee News and is highlighted "Homeowners Request for Architectural Changes." You can also look at the general guidelines of the community as well. Not everything is listed, but many of items are available. If you're not sure if you need to submit a request you can always call me, Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or [skayhank@comcast.net](mailto:skayhank@comcast.net).

### POSTS, ROCKS, BARRIERS, TIMBERS, STAKES placed on the public right of way. (Section 49-10 of Montgomery County Code)

The public right-of-way generally includes the grassy shoulder and side drainage ditch bordering the roadway paving. Objects that may not be placed in the right-of-way include: stakes, posts, rocks, logs, fences, walls, wheel stops or railroad ties and certain plantings installed without Montgomery County permit.

For those homeowners that don't want cars parking on their public right-of-way in front of their house, the Department of Permitting Services has determined that flexible plastic reflectors are not considered a safety hazard, and therefore will not be removed by the county. These may continue to be used to protect grassy areas. Any questions about this can be directed to Division of Highway Services email [mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov) Attn: Richard Dorsey at (240) 777-7600.

### DRIVEWAYS - RESEALING

As in years past we have been able to negotiate a resealing offer from J. Ford who will reseal any driveway in Tanterra regardless of size for \$150.00. This is an excellent price and hope that many of you take advantage of this. You can contact Hugh Ford at (410) 262-1426 to schedule for this service. We were also able to get another vendor to offer the same deal since there were times that J. Ford did not respond, The other vendor ACSINCO, Asphalt Concrete Services INC. will do it for \$150.00 as well. You can call them on 1-800-923-2281 and they will schedule you for a Saturday and let you know ahead of time which Saturday. They need to schedule a few driveways at the same time.

### COUNTY HELP

Are you aware that you can call the County by dialing 311 for many of its services? Two services they provide include reporting a street light not working and the culverts backing up on your street. Please report all street lights that are not operating properly as this will help keep our neighborhood safe. The County is quick to respond, and lights are usually fixed within a few days. If there are water flow issues in the culverts, they will send out a County inspector to assess.

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**MAY BOARD MINUTES (cont'd.)**Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that he had discussed ongoing problems with grounds maintenance with the contractor. The Board reviewed a written complaint from a homeowner concerning unsatisfactory grass mowing and trimming of public areas for some time. Board members agreed that grass has been too high in some areas, though the early wet, warm spring has made it challenging to keep up with the pace of growth this year. It was noted that the contractor has not yet provided us with a contract for 2012, nor received any payment. His performance will be addressed in the contract review, and necessary action taken to ensure timely and competent grass maintenance.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou, GOCA representative, was unable to attend their last meeting and had no report.

Newsletter: No report.

Social Committee:

No report. The social committee's schedule of 2012 pool-based events has been finalized and will be posted in the Tanterra Today newsletter and on the web site.

Tennis Committee:

Peter Szwec reported that there were no participants for the scheduled tournament, likely due to poor publicity. Another date will be set. Peter has repaired the nets, so they will not need to be replaced this year.

Web Site:

Content for the new web site has not yet been fully migrated from the old site. That should be completed soon.

Welcoming Committee:

Jodie Siarkas reported that she is providing welcome kits to new residents, which they appear to really appreciate.

New Business:

Dick Cole confirmed that the Olney Lions will not be requesting their annual contribution of \$100 this year, since no local assistance project has been identified.

Old Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin  
Secretary

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

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Blueberries are ripe and ready for picking at Blueberry Gardens in Ashton! Visit [www.blueberrygardens.org](http://www.blueberrygardens.org) for more information.



Freeman Company is hosting free summer concerts at the Fair Hill Shopping Center. Every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m.-noon there will be a children's concert series and every Thursday from 6-8:00 p.m. enjoy a concert for the family. For the performance schedule, go to [www.fairhillshops.com/Events.html](http://www.fairhillshops.com/Events.html)

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 7 5pm-8pm  
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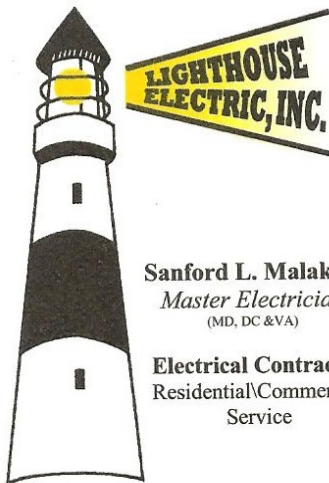


**WHAT IS National Night Out?** It's American's Night Out Against Crime! A crime & drug prevention program and police awareness. Citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups and local officials from over 15,000 communities in all 50 states and military bases worldwide participate! For more info visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>

The Roll Skate Shop, Rocketeria, Project Change, and the Olney Manor Skate Park have teamed up to bring you some live music and skateboarding! JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY STARTING JULY 6. Food available for purchase, giveaways and raffles! Roll Skate Shop will hold mini competitions and games with prizes to give away. For more info call 301-774-1817. The Roll Skate Shop is located at 16650 Georgia Avenue in Olney.



**IMPORTANT:** The Olney Chamber of Commerce oversees the **Olney Police Satellite Station**. The District 14 Legislators recently secured a state grant of \$10,000 for upgrades to the station. **These funds must be matched by the community.** The Olney Chamber has a fund set up through the Community Foundation for Montgomery County for tax deductible donations. To make a donation make a check out to Community Foundation for Montgomery County and in the memo line write Olney Police Satellite Station Fund. Mail your donation to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 550, Olney, MD 20830. Please call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 with questions.



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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. This Spring’s bumper crop of seed produced by our maple and oak trees, combined with a wetter than usual period of April and May left us with numerous tree seedlings all over the place. We were spared being completely inundated( by the seedlings) by the drought that followed, as many of the seedlings had not developed a root system capable of sustaining them through the drought.

The rains have stimulated growth of other weed seeds as well. The summer crops of oxalis, nut sedge, and knotweed are making an appearance as the occasional thunderstorm gives 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 Round-Up with care and spray only those things which you want killed, because it 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 of desirable plants. Weeds, which have been allowed to grow to a larger size and those too close to desirable plants to comfortably spray, will need to be removed by hand or mechanical means. Nut sedge, 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, they pull easily, from desirable planting beds to eliminate the threat of them taking over.

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.

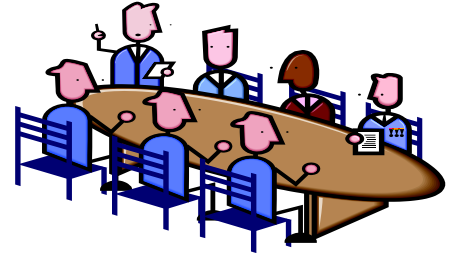
Japanese beetles are starting to emerge as adults. If your lawn is prone to damage from beetle feeding you may want to put down a preventative application of any of the products containing Merit **now**. Merit takes up to two months to activate once applied so an application now will kill the new grubs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

**Note- the above information is for the use of Tanterra Today readers and is for their use in any way and at their own risk. Read and follow label directions on all chemicals. Label directions supersede all information contained in this article\***

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