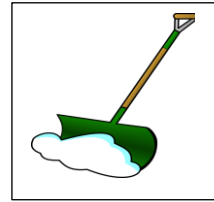


Tanterra Today



January/February 2016

President's Message

by Glen McEwen

After digging out of the Blizzard of 2016 a few weeks ago, I hope the cold winter weather will soon be behind us, and we can put the snow shovels and snow blowers away for another year. I did receive a few questions on the street snow removal. By law, the County will not allow us to maintain the streets, including the snow removal. And, in as much as they concentrate on the main thoroughfares first, the snow removal on the neighborhood side streets gets lowest priority. That's why it took a few days to get our streets cleared.

Looking ahead to 2016, the invoices for the annual dues have been mailed out. Payment is due March 16, and if you are experiencing difficulty, 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. The dues notice includes a request for your email address. **This information will only be used for HOA business.** In order to save printing and mailing costs and to keep the annual dues as low as possible, the Tanterra Today will be converted to email over the next few months. For a while, you will receive both print and email, but eventually the printed version will be phased out.

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.**

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 3 of this newsletter if you wish to lend a hand. Volunteers save the homeowners money by doing many things that the HOA would otherwise have to pay for.

Notice: To All TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS

Pursuant to Article V of the Re-Stated 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 2016 is \$385.00. 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, 2016. 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, 2016 Bills are issued for calendar year 2016.
- By Mar 1, 2016 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, 2016 Payment is due in full unless an extension has been approved.
- A late fee of **\$15.00** will be added to each delinquent account.
- Finance charges of **18%** per annum will start to accrue.
- On Apr 1, 2016 Letters are sent to homeowners who have not paid and who do not have an approved extension.
- On Apr 17, 2016 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.
- 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.
- 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, 2016 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.

Tanterra HOA Board of Directors

P. O. Box 25

Brookeville, MD 20833

www.Tanterra.com



OFFICERS

President	Glen McEwen (2018)	fivemcewens@msn.com	301-570-3586
Vice President	Wayne Johnson (2016)	wayneljohnson@verizon.net	301-774-1906
Treasurer	Jim Frye (2018)	JSFrye@gmail.com	301-814-3993
Secretary	Dick Bertin (2016)	RichardBertin@verizon.net	301-774-7926

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Glenn Wasik (2018)	301-774-5020	Jim Cagley (2017)	301-570-1475
Dave Bouve (2016)	bouved@gmail.com	Aleka Kapatou (2017)	301-774-4624
Bryan Moffett (2017)	202-701-6284		

CLERK: Elizabeth Bialas 301-774-3809 LizBialas@verizon.net (also contact for HOA resale packets)

COMMITTEES

Architectural	Hank & Kay Griffith	skayhank@comcast.net	240-461-7536
Grounds & Environment	Peter Szwec	pszwec@verizon.net	240-599-5160
Greater Olney Civic Assn	Aleka Kapatou	alekakapatou@hotmail.com	301-774-4624
Neighborhood Watch	Vacant		
Social Committee	Jacque Weed	jsweed1@verizon.net	301-774-3431
Pool Committee	Wayne Johnson	tanterrapool@hotmail.com	301-774-1906
Pool Phone			301-774-4035
Pool - Day-time parties			301-774-4035
Pool - After Hours Rental	Dick Bertin	RichardBertin@verizon.net	301-774-7926
Dive Reps	Valerie Carlson	Valerie_carlson@yahoo.com	301-529-3862
	Susan Ostrinsky	sma89v2@gmail.com,	301-980-5682
Pre-Team Rep	Heather Kauffman	HeatherCMD@yahoo.com	301-570-6838
	Meredith Myers	Meredithjustin@verizon.net	301-260-8554
Swim Team Reps	Kate Gun	kategun4@gmail.com	301-873-5655
	Amy Blachere	Amy.Blachere@gmail.com	301-260-8385
	Tina Varron	tinav4@gmail.com	240-463-3743
	Glenn Wasik	wasik1C@verizon.net	301-641-4500
Swim Team Treasurer	Jim Cagley	JCBozLaw@aol.com	301-570-1475
Tanterra Website	Jim Frye	JSFrye@gmail.com	301-814-3993
Tanterra Today	Charlotte Cary	tanterratoday@hotmail.com	301-774-6862
(Co-Editors)	Carolyn Reiss	reisscarolyns@gmail.com	240-389-1712
Tennis	Peter Szwec	pszwec@verizon.net	240-599-5160
Volleyball	Wayne Johnson	WayneLJohnson@verizon.net	301-774-1906
Welcoming Committee	Jodie Siarkas	jsiarkas@comcast.net	301-774-2117



Olney Home for Life is an all volunteer organization providing friendly calls, friendly visits, and transportation services. We enable a community of neighbors helping neighbors, similar to the experiences of our grandparents and great-grandparents. Anyone over 60 living in Olney, Brookeville, Ashton, and Sandy Spring can use the services. Transportation is provided for doctor's appointments, hospital visits, shopping, and social gatherings within a 10 – 15 mile radius of downtown Olney. OHFL also provides transportation for out-of-area people needing transportation to Medstar Montgomery's Cancer Center. The Friendly Calls Program provides free friendly calls daily to Olney area seniors. The Friendly Visits Program provides weekly visits to seniors who are homebound because of chronic illness or physical concerns. For further information about volunteering or requesting services, visit the website at <http://www.olneyhomeforlife.org/> or call 301-446-2512.

Snow Information

Clearing Sidewalks -

Property owners are responsible for clearing public sidewalks on or adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so. If you are live on a corner and have a sidewalk on the side, you are also responsible for clearing it. Residents are also encouraged to clear snow from around fire hydrants.

If you need help to clear your sidewalk, you can register at <http://snowcrew.org/>. If you wish to volunteer to help others, you can also register at the same site.

On the subject of volunteers, some residents of Alpenglow want to thank Eric who cleared the street enough to make it passable before the snowplows arrived. The editors don't know the names of everyone who helped neighbors, but we noticed quite a number of people helping others clear snow. Way to go, Tanterra!

If you want to track snowplow activity, you can do so at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-highway/snow/snowtrack.html>.

If you would like to view live traffic cameras, the links are at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-TMC/cam.html#routes>.

Local Activities

Olney Library

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/olney.html>

For Kids

Lego Construction Crew

Drop in every Friday afternoon between 3:30 and 5 and create with Legos! Parent/caregiver must accompany child. For ages 5 and up. We'll supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!

More than a....BLOCK PARTY!

For preschoolers and their parent/caregiver. Drop in every Monday morning between 10:30 and noon, for a fun-filled session of block play (duplos and others) and hands-on science learning activities

Build a Robot! 2/6/2016 2:00 PM

Kids ages 5-8 build robots, and then write programs to get their robots working. Presented by Great Adventure lab, and sponsored by Friends of the Library, Olney chapter. Registration limited. Please register online.

Teen Writers' Club 2/11/2016 6:45 PM

Meet other teens who also share interest in writing. Learn how to improve your writing, try new approaches, and meet authors and other experts in the publishing field. Spend time with peers who share your interest in the written word. Most important, get constructive feedback on fiction, short story and nonfiction.

For Adults

English Conversation Club/SUNDAYS

Practice speaking English in a fun and informal class with English speaking volunteers. The class meets once a week on Sundays from 1:30pm to 2:30.

Jewish Book Discussion 2/7/2016 3:00 PM

Please join us for a book discussion of The Plot Against America by Philip Roth.

RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program

The RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide **free income tax preparation assistance by trained volunteers for low-to-moderate income Montgomery County taxpayers-especially seniors 60 and over.**

**Appointments are required. On or after January 25, schedule an appointment by calling 240-2577 or go online at www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide.

Spanish Conversation 2/9/2016 6:30 PM

Practice speaking Spanish in a fun, informal setting. The group is led by supportive volunteers who are native Spanish speakers. The group meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

3 Finished Levels in Olney!



Large open living room & dining room with doors leading to deck

Wonderful master bedroom with adjacent full bath & plenty of closet space



Sought after Hallowell end unit TH with 3 lge bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, finished bsmt, deck with handicapped access & backs to common area. Price: \$355,000 Est. taxes: \$3579.36



Mary Kerr
240-793-8979

marykhomes@aol.com
www.HomesByKerr.com

MARY KERR'S DECEMBER Timely Tip



Happy Holidays!

Quick fix for wrinkles in your clothing:

Hold your hair dryer just inches above your garment & watch the wrinkles disappear. Caution: Make sure the hair dryer & the clothing don't get too hot.



Kerr Realty Services

240-793-8980 Office
301-774-7775 Fax



Welcome New Neighbors!

Tim & Karen Kehl, 19117 Alpenglow, are glad to be settling into their home in Tanterra. They have moved to Maryland from Wisconsin this year. While they have a snowblower, they are looking forward to (hopefully) using it less frequently than they did in Wisconsin.

Ralph Frey, Jr. and Rebecca Donahue, 18617 Shady View Lane

Rick Mencia, 18737 Tanterra Way

Bryan M. and Margaret H. Giblin, 3337 Tanterra Circle

Yvette J. Patton, 18805 Alpenglow Lane



If you have additions to your family or new neighbors, please notify the editors at tanerratoday@hotmail.com so we can welcome them to the community.



6th ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !

Saturday, May 7
8 am til 1 pm

Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...

Event will be Advertised on
Olney Brookeville Exchange*
Craigslist and other Venues



* a Yahoo listserve group of over 40,00 Olney families
Questions? Email Sharlene.Monroe@Remax.net



<p>~ 301-260-2036 ~</p> <p>Beautiful Baths & Kitchens</p> <p>David G. Keller, President dkeller@beautifulbathsandkitchens.com</p>	<p>DAN KELLY Sales Associate</p> <p>CertaPro Painters® ★★★★★</p> <p>OFFICE 800-462-3782 FAX 301-984-5625 CELL 301-366-8376 dkelly@certapro.com www.certapro.com</p> <p>BECAUSE PAINTING IS PERSONAL®</p>
---	---

Tanterra Today

P. O. Box 25
Brookeville, MD 20833-2707

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Presorted
Standard U.S.
Postage Paid
Suburban, MD**

**Permit No. 25
20898**



Brookeville Pressure Cleaning

Nicholas McMahan
Owner/CEO



and Deck Restoration

301-412-2733
3324 Gold Mine Rd.
Brookeville, MD 20833

BrookevillePressureCleaning@gmail.com
www.BrookevillePressureCleaning.com