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President's Message

By: Glen McEwen

If you have a Sherwood High School senior that will be going to college this fall, please do not forget about the Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, Dick contributed extensive time and energy in helping our neighborhood and the entire Olney community. To honor him, we have a \$750 scholarship available to eligible students.

The \$750 scholarship is open to all graduating Sherwood students and the selection criteria is:

- Tanterra resident
- Tanterra Associate Member (if a Tanterra resident is not proposed or qualified)
- Community involvement
- Academic excellence

If you have not done so already, please apply.

After a long and cold winter, spring is almost here. There are wonderful things going on in our neighborhood! The Social Committee will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 10:45 AM at the pool parking lot with a special visit by the Easter Bunny.

Don't forget your cameras! The rain date is April 17th.

With warm weather around the corner, please plan on helping our Pool and Grounds Committees with cleanup. No special skills or tools are necessary—just individuals looking to make our community look nicer. Watch for signs at the neighborhood entrances for more information.

Make sure to mark your calendar for Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 23rd for our pool opening day! Grilled hot dogs, chips, salads, and cold drinks will be available as well as lots of fun and games! Please come and reacquaint with old neighbors and meet the new ones.

Speaking of the pool, please encourage your kids to join the Tanterra Swim and Dive Team. If your children are young and not yet avid swimmers, have them join the pre-team and get swim lessons from the older kids on the team. More information will be coming out in April.

A few years ago, we began issuing *Tanterra Today* electronically! If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically as opposed to the expensive, antiquated, paper version, please ensure you include your email address(es) with your annual dues.

Please see the notice on page 3 regarding the Architectural Committee. After too many years to count, Ted, Hank and Kay have stepped down from the Committee. We are looking for someone to pick up the reigns.



Upcoming Events:

March 18 Board Meeting

Please visit 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.

Board Meetings

2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

3/18/20 @ 7:30 (TANTERRA POOL)

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**

New Neighbors Join Tanterra



Welcome Tyler and Nancy Evans on Considine Drive, Jaime and Maria Galdamez on Heritage Hills Drive, and Justin and Stephanie Junghans on Shady View Lane.

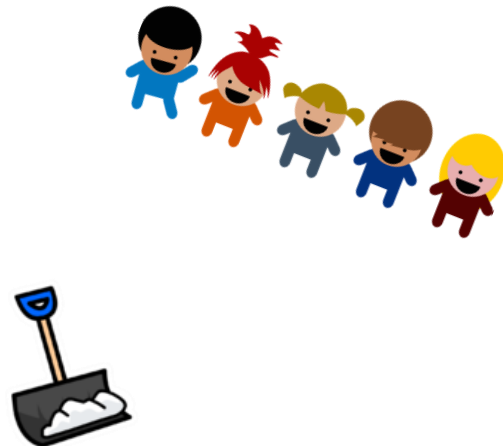
If you have new neighbors or new additions to your family, please email brookemarshall@live.com.

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

The HOA has a small gift for each new homeowner.

To be included in this list, please email name, age, and contact information to tanerratoday@gmail.com. Indicate if you babysit(B), petsit (P), or shovel (S).

Name Age Phone



Updated 2/2020

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

Wayne Johnson can be reached at: 301-742-0678 or email 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.

**TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2020**

Board members in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glen McEwen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Cagley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aleka Kapatou
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erwin Hesse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodie Siarkas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Wasik	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Bouve
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Scall	

Others present: Elizabeth Bialas, Clerk

Guests included: Seven (7) homeowners signed in

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

1. Introduction

President Glen McEwen reviewed the proper conduct rules for the meeting

2. Additions/Changes to the agenda by the BOD - No changes

3. Approval of minutes

As amended Glen Wasik moved to approve the minutes, Erwin Hesse 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Swim and Dive Team

Jim Cagley reviewed the use of electronic payments for the swim and dive team. Jim Cagley moved to approve the use of Square and Team Unify. Glen McEwen 2nd. Lauri Black is the point of contact overseeing the electronic payments. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget/Financials

Elizabeth Bialis reported that all is in line with regards to the budget.

Jim Cagley said the Reserve Fund was opened at Capital One Bank in the amount of \$55,575.00. The Swim and Dive at Sandy Spring Banks has a balance of \$30,968.24.

Wayne Johnson discussed the possibility of posting the balance sheet on the Tanterra Website. This conversation

has been tabled until the February meeting.

Committee Reports

Pool

Wayne Johnson is obtaining for bids for the pool house roof. Bids will be presented at the next board meeting.

Grounds-no report

Tennis/Hockey/Pickelball - no report

Architectural

There was discussion to appoint new members to the Architectural Committee as soon as possible. Wayne Johnson will prepare something to be published in the next Tanterra Today letting all homeowners know that the positions are open and to let us know if they want to be on the committee. We will then make a determination of how to proceed once we know how many people are interested.

GOCA

Aleka Kapatou reported that GOCA will start to have their meetings now at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Department in the Oak Room starting in Feb. MCPS has a \$2.2 billion plan for construction and renovations. Senator Kramer is involved with Climate Crisis issues. The goal is to have a zero carbon footprint by 2040.

Newsletter

January and February newsletters are combined into one.

Social - No report

Web Site - No report

Welcoming Committee - No report

6. Unfinished Business

Bruce Moran has made suggestions to update our bylaws. Suggested changes would then be reviewed by the board to see if changes are needed. Committee will provide reports at the monthly HOA meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Glen McEwen at 8:34 pm.

Submitted by Jodie Siarkas, Secretary (jsiarkas@comcast.net)

Notice: To All Tanterra 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 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.
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, 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.
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, 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

Spring is almost here so it is time for the annual architectural inspection in April.

Aside from the usual checking of roofs, driveways, and other things needing repair, this year's inspection will be checking for violations of the new "Front Yard Policy."

Please take the time to review this policy before April. It can be found on the Tanterra Website at tanterra.com. Look for **HOA** at the top of the page, then **Documents**, then **Architectural**, and finally select **Front Yard Policy**.

If you have anything in your yard that does not comply with the new policy, please remove the items or submit an "Architectural Change" form to see whether the item(s) can be kept. Things needing approval are items taller than 30 inches high such as plant trellis or fountains that may have been there before the new policy.

I would like to remind everyone—Glen McEwen, Jodie Siarkas, and I are only temporary members of the committee. The committee has three members, and we are still accepting names for this

committee. We would like to have a diverse committee representing the entire community.



Community Events

Gentle Hatha Yoga

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 12 - 1 PM
Chevy Chase Library

Gentle yoga is perfect for seniors those who are just starting out with yoga are less mobile or simply want a more relaxed yoga experience. This is supported by Friends of the Library Chevy Chase Chapter.



AARP Tax-Aide

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Silver Spring Library

Free tax preparation assistance offered by trained volunteers to low-to-moderate income, Montgomery County taxpayers.



Spring Flower Arranging Workshop

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 1 - 2:30 PM
Little Falls Library

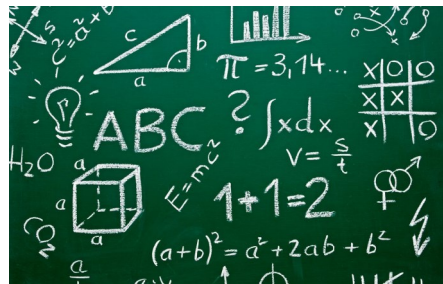
Join members of The Garden Party for a discussion of cherry trees and why they thrive in our region. Includes hands-on arrangement of cherry blossoms. Space is limited. Registration is required.



Mathematical Mastery Tutoring

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 4 PM - 5:30 PM
Chevy Chase Library

Need assistance with tutoring in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and pre-calculus? Need help prepping for the SAT or ACT math test? Sign up at the information desk for a one-on-one math session.



Career Corner: One-on-One Job Search

Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Silver Spring Library

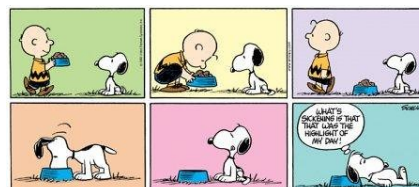
One-on-one assistance with job search steps such as formatting or organizing a resume, writing a cover letter, creating an email account, and completing an online job application.



Cartooning (for Seniors)

Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 11 AM - 1 PM
Wheaton Library

Create your own original characters caricatures one-panel gag cartoons and comic strips.



**Come be part of the discussion at the
Tanterra Community Shed
Sunday March 8
3-4pm Organic Lawn Care Talk
4-5pm Garden Club Planning Session**



Exempt from labeling under FIFRA EPA 25(b)

Join Mary Travaglini, Sustainable Landscapes Manager for the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Sunday March 8, to learn about healthy soils and tips for maintaining your lawn without synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. The discussion will conclude at 4pm and be followed by an information And planning meeting for a new community garden club. Event is free and open to all. Refreshments provided.



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