



# Tanterra Today

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## President's Message

by Glen McEwen

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Our annual meeting was held November 15<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood Elementary. We had a fantastic crowd in attendance and a lot of Homeowner Association business was resolved. If you have not attended an annual meeting or one of the regular monthly meetings, I urge you to join us on the third Wednesday of any month to learn more about how your Homeowner's Association works and what we do for you.

Our local neighborhood State Delegate Craig Zucker talked about the speed signs that had been temporarily placed on Heritage Hills Drive in an effort to slow down traffic along this busy street. In addition, he reminded us of the State of Maryland college scholarships that are available to its residents. If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships, please contact Craig at [Delegate.C.Zucker@house.state.md.us](mailto:Delegate.C.Zucker@house.state.md.us).



for major capital improvements (such as bike path or parking lot paving).

Dave Stout spoke to everyone about the wonderful progress that the contractor is making on the pool renovation. If you have not been by the pool since its closure in September, please stop by the pool area and see the progress being made!

Because the annual dues and the special assessment payments are due about the same time next Spring, the Board would like to ease the financial burden for its homeowners by allowing the special assessment payment to be spread out over several months. If you are interested in learning more about this option, please contact Elizabeth Bialas (see page six of this newsletter for her contact info).

The last item of business at the annual meeting was a request that more residents become involved in the association. For example, people are always needed to volunteer on one of the committees or by helping at pool and/or grounds for the Spring clean up.

After the annual meeting, the Board met and re-elected the current officers for another year: Glen McEwen as President, Wayne Johnson as Vice President, Charlie Cook as Treasurer and Richard Bertin as Secretary.

The entire Board wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



Tanterra Today can also be found online at [www.Tanterra.net](http://www.Tanterra.net).

Check our website for announcements and other community news!

Please submit all items for publication in the newsletter by the 20th of each month to [TanterraToday@hotmail.com](mailto:TanterraToday@hotmail.com).

We also held our annual elections for the HOA Board of Directors. Tanterra homeowners unanimously elected the three candidates up for election to the Board for the next three year term: Glen McEwen, Glenn Wasik, and our newest member, Jim Frye. If you are interested in running for the Board next year, please contact one of the Nomination Committee members: Joe Joyce, Melissa Frye or Glen McEwen.

The homeowners also approved a motion to allocate all unspent funds this year to the reserve fund. The reserve fund is the Homeowner Association's fund used to pay



# BOARD MINUTES - October 24, 2012

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Acting President Glen McEwen.

### 1. Minutes

Three minor corrections to the draft September minutes were requested. Glenn Wasik moved to approve the amended minutes of the September 19, 2012 Board meeting. Dick Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of September 30, 2012). Treasurer Charlie Cook presented the proposed 2013 budget which was discussed in depth. He moved approval of the amended budget, and Glenn Wasik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The budget will be submitted as presented to the membership at the November 15 General Meeting.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project is progressing well. In consultation with the contractor, the Board approved some additional critically necessary prep work for the site. The cost of that work is well within the original allowance for contingencies.

#### Architectural Committee:

Ted Karp reported no issues.

#### Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported. The contract for mowing is anticipated. The lights at the Heritage Hills entrance need protective enclosures to prevent damage. The committee will investigate options.

#### GOCA:

No report.

#### Newsletter:

No report.

#### Social Committee:

No report.

#### Tennis Committee:

No report.

#### Web Site:

The process for adding items to the site was discussed.

#### Welcoming Committee:

No report.

4. **New Business:** None.

5. **Old Business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

### Board Members Present:

- Glen McEwen, President
- Dick Bertin
- Glenn Wasik
- Jim Cagley
- Dick Cole
- Charlie Cook
- Wayne Johnson

### Others Present:

- Elizabeth Bialas
- Jim Frye
- Ted Karp
- Ron White

**Next Board Meeting**

December 19

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm and is held in the Shed by the Pool





**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**BROOKSIDE GARDENS HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW**

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**SANDY SPRING MUSEUM'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 1 - 9: TRAIN DISPLAY**  
**Dec. 9, 3-6pm: HOLIDAY PARTY**  
 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring



Train Show & Gingerbread House Display  
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 9900 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington

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*SEE PAGES 4 & 5 FOR MORE HOLIDAY INFO!!*



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301-865-3515      **GAVER TREE FARM**  
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**HOMESTEAD FARM, 15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville**  
Owner/Operators: Ben and Maureen Allnutt

301-977-3761  
<http://www.homestead-farm.net>

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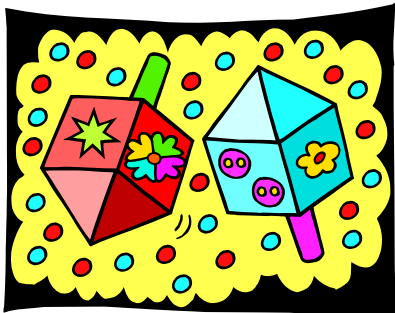
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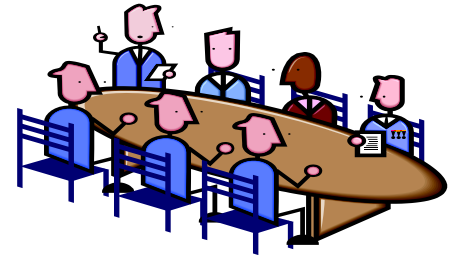
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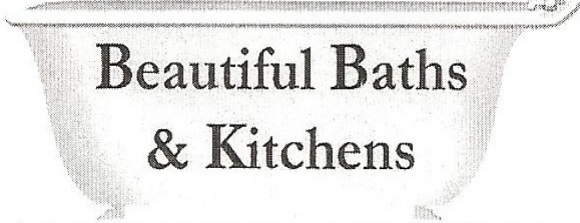


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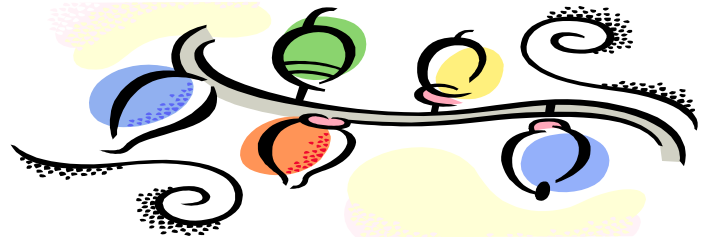
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