

Tanterra Today

President's Message

by Glen McEwen

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Old Man Winter has finally left us, and just in time to celebrate Spring and Summer Fun! **Please be sure to mark your calendar for the Pool Opening on Saturday, May 24th and our Pool Opening Party from 12pm til 2pm.** We'll have hot dogs, chips, and drinks on hand for all to enjoy. And make sure you mark your calendar for the **Meet & Greet Your Neighbor Party Saturday evening at 8pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones! See details on page 3 for both events.

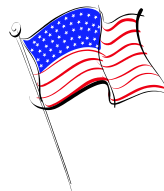
For those of you with children who want to join the Tanterra swim or dive team, please see page ___ for more information. If you have children who could benefit from swim lessons, be sure to sign them up for the pre-team.

Please remember your annual dues need to be paid in full before pool opening to ensure access to and use of the pool Memorial Day weekend. If you are unsure if your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas (contact info on page 10).

We need volunteers to help us get the pool ready for the summer. No special skills are required – just a willingness to help. **Be sure to look for the signs at the neighborhood entrances** for details on when work will be taking place Saturdays and Sundays in May.

Our District 14 State Delegate and Tanterra resident Craig Zucker joined our April 16th monthly Board meeting to inform everyone about new legislation the local delegates passed this year. **Primary elections have been changed from September to June 24th,** so please mark your calendars accordingly. Craig discussed the funding of projects that affect the Olney area, in addition to the availability of a college scholarship program. This program is good for both graduate and undergraduate programs at public or private schools in Maryland. It is also good for out-of-state schools if the field of study is not offered at a Maryland school. For more information on these programs, please contact Craig at Craig.Zucker@house.state.md.us.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the pool this summer!



Check out www.Tanterra.com for back editions of newsletters, announcements and other community news!

Submit all items for publication by the 20th of each month to: TanterraToday@hotmail.com





BOARD MINUTES - March 19, 2014

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Vice President Wayne Johnson.

Board Members Present:

Jim Cagley
 Dick Cole
 Jim Frye
 Aleka Kapatou
 Wayne Johnson
 Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
 (HOA Clerk)
 Ted Karp
 (Architectural)
 Sharlene Monroe
 (Newsletter)
 Ron White
 (Grounds Committee)

1. Guest.

There were no guests in attendance

2. Minutes.

Glenn Wasik moved to approve the draft minutes of the February 19th meeting. Dick Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of February 28) and the Profit & Loss Statement (as of March 16). Treasurer Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures continue to be on track. Homeowner and Associate Member dues are coming in following the recent billings. Arrangements are being made for families with hardships.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that there was no movement of concrete around the pool after the winter. Minor repairs are needed and will be performed free of cost by the pool construction company. New trash cans have been purchased for around the pool. Wayne is soliciting bids for a concrete slab for the trash cans. Pool Cleanup dates will be announced soon!

Architectural Committee:

Ted Karp announced that the Inspections subcommittee will be conducting inspections the week of March 26th. Ted shared a letter with the board from a homeowner about a fine he has received. The letter was discussed and a response was drafted.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that a normal amount of branches have fallen over the winter. These branches will be taken care of during the spring cleanup day. Ron announced that he will be moving. The board is looking for a volunteer to take over the Grounds Committee.

GOCA:

Jim Frye reported the highlights from the March 11 GOCA meeting. Good Counsel will be expanding their building to include a Performing Arts Center. No changes to the traffic pattern are expected. GOCA passed a resolution opposing HB1279 and SB627, both of which allow Counties to impose Special Taxing Districts for Transportation Improvements. GOCA communicated its opposition to these bills in a letter to our elected officials.

Next Board Meetings

May 21
 June 18
 July 16

Meetings begin at
 7:30 pm and are
 held in the Pool
 Shed

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Who's ready for the pool???

Pool Opening Party



5/24



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Join us in celebrating Summer!

Hot Dogs, Chips and Beverages will be provided by your Social Committee.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament!

(All two person teams must be present at 1:30 to register.

Ladies & Couples are encouraged to compete!)



Family Meet & Greet

5/24



8-10:30

We'll have a D.J. on hand to play your favorite tunes - Beverages Provided. Just bring an appetizer to share and the party's complete.



Cheers!

Questions? Interested in being a part of the committee? Email : sarahformichelli@yahoo.com
Please join our Facebook Page "Tanterra's Social Events" for updated info.

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Historic Brookeville War of 1812 200th Anniversary Celebration Aug 30 & 31

As the War of 1812 dragged on and the hot and humid days of summer continued, the British entered Washington, D.C. in August of 1814. Intent on destroying the city's infrastructure, the British set fire to D.C.'s public buildings as well as private property. Refugees from Georgetown and Washington soon poured into Brookeville, along with American soldiers and militiamen from Beltsville who were headed for Baltimore. Finally, after two days flight from the city, President Madison and his Cabinet arrived too, taking refuge at the home of Brookeville's postmaster on August 26. Brookeville thus became known as the "U.S. Capital for a Day."

Join us Saturday & Sunday, August 30 and 31 for the War of 1812 Brookeville Bicentennial Commemoration. Civilian Re-enactors and Enthusiastic Volunteers Wanted.

For more information on this historic celebration, visit <http://uscapitalforaday.org/>

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MAY

Timely Tip



Spring has Arrived!

- Plant grass seed in bare spots
- Check windows for decay, torn screens or caulk deterioration
- Check for roof damage
- Call a chimney sweep
- Clean & secure gutters
- Check downspouts & be sure they are securely connected



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Pool Opening Party

5/24 12-2



Meet & Greet

5/24 8-10:30



Happy Hour

6/13 5-9



Casino Night

6/28 8-12

Fourth of July

7/4 12-2



**Mark your
Calendars!
You won't want to
miss an event!**

Happy Hour

7/11 5-9

Crab Feast

7/26 8-12



Happy Hour

8/1 5-9

Happy Hour

8/29 5-9



Pool Closing Party

8/30 12-2



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THE MAY LANDSCAPE GARDENER

by
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

As the season progresses and plants start to put on new growth, I am seeing indications of shoot and root damage caused by the low temperatures we experienced this past winter. Pruning-out of damaged parts is often the only course of action required. Most root systems were better protected from the temperature extremes than the tops so new growth will fill in where damaged portions were removed.

May is a great month for plantings of all sorts. The milder weather will allow greater leeway when it comes to a conflict between your busy schedule and the need for the newly planted plant material to be watered. Be sure to plant slightly high in the soil when installing new plants to allow for drainage and aeration. Roots need water and air in balanced proportion in order for the plant to thrive, and our clay soils do not allow for easy passage of either of these. Digging a wide and shallow hole for plants will allow the roots at the top of the new plant's root ball to expand into soil that is better aerated near the surface. Roots toward the bottom of the container may not survive the transplanting shock of a sudden reduction of oxygen levels, but the plant will survive.

Lawns - for existing weed control (dandelions, clover plantains, etc.), broadleaf weed killers are most effective in May when the temperatures are optimum for the growth and thus the death of the weeds. The pre-emergent weed controls that are put down in late March to early April take care of keeping many new weeds from growing from seed, but once plants have grown beyond the seedling stage they are no longer effective. Water based selective herbicides can be used when temperatures are slightly higher (up to 85 degrees); however, oil based materials should not be used when temperatures are expected to go over 80 degrees prior to the material drying. These can volatilize and drift into desirable vegetation. Treat areas underneath other vegetation only if needed, as broadleaf herbicides can be taken up by the roots of trees and shrubs and cause damage. Finding broadleaf controls without additional fertilizer can be a challenge. Stimulating new top growth with fertilizers will use up already depleted reserves so the grass plants will be weaker (less able to withstand summer drought conditions) albeit greener for a while.

Question: why do we keep having new weeds show up in our lawns if we are using pre-emergents and killing weed seeds as they germinate? Answer: most weed seeds germinate in the spring to early summer window. Pre-emergent herbicides are targeted at those weeds (primarily annual grass-like weeds, like crabgrass). Some weed seeds germinate year round (dandelions, etc.) or germinate in the fall (chickweed) when the pre-emergents have broken down and are no longer effective. We don't want a pre-emergent to interfere with the germination of desirable grasses, which we sow in late-summer, so the protection that the pre-emergent provided in early-spring through mid-summer is allowed to lapse, thus allowing a window of opportunity for some weed seeds to grow in our lawns. A second part of this equation is the degradation of the herbicide by soil microbes and wash outs along edges of hardscapes.

Free plants - do you have perennials and/or ornamental grasses? Now is a good time to increase these numbers by dividing these plants. Simply dig them up, carefully (or not so carefully) cut and pull the roots apart to form two or more separate clumps, and replant. Whenever you dig or move perennials, take a little extra time to add organic matter (composted leaves, Leaf-Gro) to the soil to replenish the tilth and fertility. Good candidates - hosta, (pennisetum and miscanthus-grasses), daylilies, and the list goes on. Ornamental grasses will, with time, grow out into a circular pattern with a dead area in the middle. By digging up the clump and moving or getting rid of 90% of the circle, then replanting the remaining 10% back in the middle (into compost modified soil) you can restore the vigor to your planting.

Grass cutting - mowing during April was late in happening and did not occur as often. We should be getting into a more regular pattern for the turf type tall fescues and bluegrasses of mowing on a 5-8 day cycle throughout May. By cutting

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TANTERRA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM TANTERRA PRE-TEAM NEWS



The New Family Meeting for Tanterra Swim and Dive Team will be held on May 15th at 7:00 in the Community Room at the Re/Max Building in Olney. If you have questions about swim and dive, this is a great opportunity to meet other members and learn about how the team works. Email Heather Kauffman at heathercmd@yahoo.com with any questions.

TANTERRA SWIM CALENDAR

A MEETS

DATE	HOME	AWAY	Tanterra Pool
June 14		TA @ Clarksburg Village	N/A
June 21	Eldwick		No Effect; over by 12pm
June 28		TA @ Lake Marion	N/A
July 5	Seven Locks		No Effect; over by 12pm
July 12		TA @ Rockshire	N/A

B MEETS

DATE	HOME	AWAY	Tanterra Pool
June 18		TA @ Norbeck Hills	N/A
June 25	King Farm		Closes at 4:45pm
July 2		TA @ Manor Woods	N/A
July 9	Clarksburg Village		Closes at 4:45pm
July 16	Washingtonian Woods		Closes at 4:45pm

PRE-TEAM MINI MEET

7/14 - Pool closes from 5:00 - 7:00pm

OTHER POOL CLOSURE DATE: Monday, June 23rd at 8:00pm - Raft Night

Sat., July 19th - Swim and Dive Team Banquet, held from 5pm-10pm. No effect on pool hours.

* *Thank You Homeowners for Your Continued Support - go Tarpons!* *

BOARD MINUTES (cont'd. from page 2)

Newsletter:

No report. A volunteer is still being sought to take over production work on the *Tanterra Today* newsletter.

Social Committee: No report.

Tennis Committee: No report.

Web Site: No updates.

Welcoming Committee: No report.

5. New Business:

A homeowner submitted a letter notifying the board of a strip of land that is consistently being missed by our landscapers. The Grounds Committee will meet with

the landscaper to ensure the strip of land is mowed with the rest of the property.

6. Old Business: None.

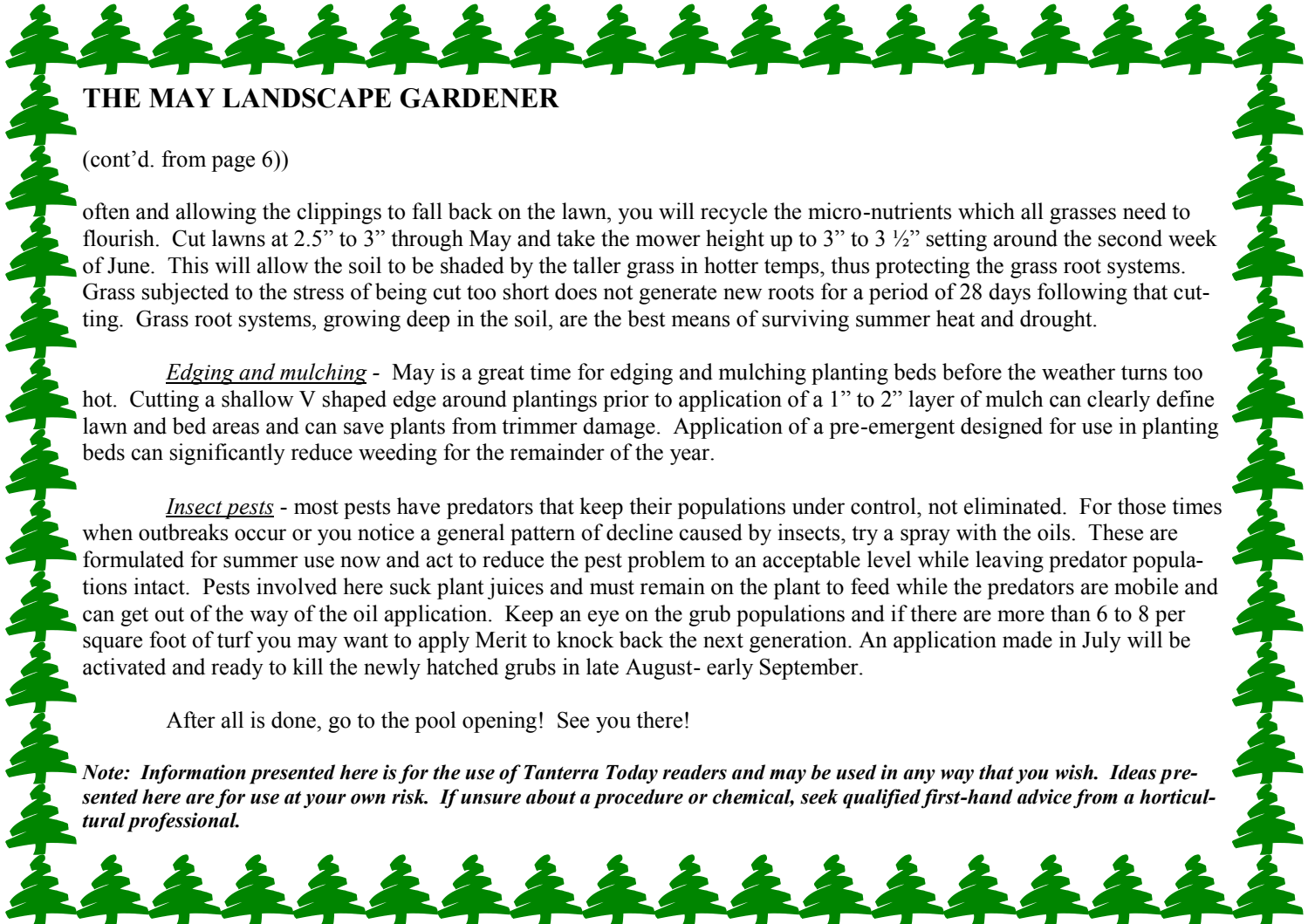
The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Richard J. Bertin, Secretary
with input from Jim Frye

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THE MAY LANDSCAPE GARDENER

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often and allowing the clippings to fall back on the lawn, you will recycle the micro-nutrients which all grasses need to flourish. Cut lawns at 2.5" to 3" through May and take the mower height up to 3" to 3 1/2" setting around the second week of June. This will allow the soil to be shaded by the taller grass in hotter temps, thus protecting the grass root systems. Grass subjected to the stress of being cut too short does not generate new roots for a period of 28 days following that cutting. Grass root systems, growing deep in the soil, are the best means of surviving summer heat and drought.

Edging and mulching - May is a great time for edging and mulching planting beds before the weather turns too hot. Cutting a shallow V shaped edge around plantings prior to application of a 1" to 2" layer of mulch can clearly define lawn and bed areas and can save plants from trimmer damage. Application of a pre-emergent designed for use in planting beds can significantly reduce weeding for the remainder of the year.

Insect pests - most pests have predators that keep their populations under control, not eliminated. For those times when outbreaks occur or you notice a general pattern of decline caused by insects, try a spray with the oils. These are formulated for summer use now and act to reduce the pest problem to an acceptable level while leaving predator populations intact. Pests involved here suck plant juices and must remain on the plant to feed while the predators are mobile and can get out of the way of the oil application. Keep an eye on the grub populations and if there are more than 6 to 8 per square foot of turf you may want to apply Merit to knock back the next generation. An application made in July will be activated and ready to kill the newly hatched grubs in late August- early September.

After all is done, go to the pool opening! See you there!

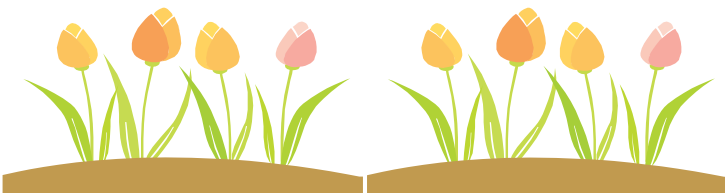
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EASTER EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA ...

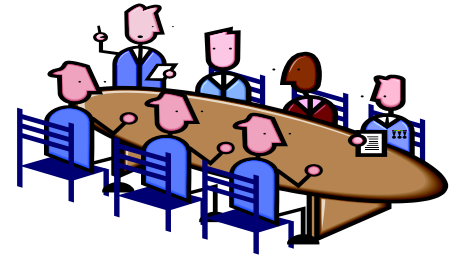
We had a GREAT
Turnout for our
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
This past April 19

Large and Small,
Everyone Enjoyed
Meeting
The Easter Bunny !



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GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

This past winter was indeed harsh but thankfully the grounds did not suffer any abnormal losses. In April we performed our annual work in the commons, which included light tree work, stick gathering and chipping all trim. We had a great turn out of help from Dave Stout, Jim Welch, Mark Uhl and Randy Hawkins and his kids! A special "Thank You" goes out to Wayne Johnson, who used his personal truck to pick up and return the rented chipper machine.

All this work very necessary work could not have been done without the generous assistance of these guys, which also helped save our homeowners lots of money, by keeping our annual dues low. You too can help out during several weekends in May - just check the community entrances for signs with dates and times.

Please note that it is not allowed for homeowners to dump sticks or other yard waste in the common areas.

Ron White, Grounds Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SANDY SPRING MUSEUM'S 33rd ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL !!

Sat., June 7 • 10 am - 5 pm

Come celebrate summer and strawberries at the Sandy Spring Museum this year! Live music, artisans, petting zoo, childrens games and more! Don't miss it!

Volunteers are a critical element to making this event such a success. For more information, please call 301-774-0022 or visit www.sandyspringmuseum.org.

Thank you!

DOG OWNERS - PLEASE READ

For those of you who walk your dog either on the streets or in the common areas, please remember to clean up after them. The Board has received complaints that dog feces are not being cleaned up. Not only is this unsanitary and a hazard to the children who could come in contact with it, it is against the law and violators are subject to a \$100 fine.

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