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Tanterra Today

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President's Message *by Glen McEwen*

As usual, a lot of wonderful thinks are happening in our neighborhood. **The annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, **March 30th** beginning at 10:45. Please be sure to arrive on time, as you don't want to miss getting your picture taken with the Easter Bunny or be late for the start of the Hunt, which takes place at 11 a.m. ***SHARP!***

Also, our **3rd Annual Tanterra Community Yard Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, **April 20th** at 8 a.m., with a rain date of Sunday, April 21st at 9 a.m. This is a good opportunity to clean out your garage, basement or kids' rooms and make a few dollars at the same time! See page 5 for more information.

The following weekend, **April 27**, we will have our **first pool and common area cleanup**. We will need volunteers on several weekends in May to help with both pool and grounds clean up; please come out to help; it keeps our annual dues lower as a result. No special skills or tools necessary; just a willingness to help. See page 5 for details and watch for signs at the neighborhood entrances.

Due to some cold winter weather over the past few months, very little work has taken place on the pool renovation. However, this slowdown was expected and our contractor, Atlantic Pools, had almost all of the work completed last fall, and has promised 100% completion prior to Memorial Day. We hope to see you at our pool reopening event on Memorial Day weekend!

With the pool season just around the corner, start encouraging your children now to join the **Tanterra Swim and/or Dive Teams**. If your little ones are not avid swimmers but you would like them to be, they can join the pre-team, but they must be at least five (5) years of age or entering kindergarten this fall to be eligible. Start checking the Swim and Dive team's website during the next few weeks at www.tanterratarpons.org for registration and other information.

Lastly, don't forget to join the Tanterra Email Group ! We have created a group email (TanterraHOA@yahoogroups.com) that allows us to quickly and easily reach homeowners with news relevant to our immediate neighborhood and the greater Olney community as well. If you would like to join, please email Carri Wheatley at carri_wheatley@yahoo.com.

If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, we welcome your thoughts. Please check page 8 for Board and Committee Chair emails.

Next Board Meeting • March 20

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

Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen
Dick Bertin
Jim Cagley
Dick Cole
Charlie Cook
Jim Frye
Aleka Kapatou
Wayne Johnson
Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
Peter Szwec

BOARD MINUTES - January 16, 2013

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

1. Minutes

   Glenn Wasik moved to approve the draft minutes of the November 15, 2012 General Homeowners and Board meetings. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

   It was noted that the October 2012 meeting minutes neglected to indicate board approval of the addition of $24,000 to the pool renovation budget to cover additional needed work. That approval motion was made by Dick Cole and seconded by Charlie Cook and unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

   Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of December 31, 2012). Treasurer Charlie Cook noted that receipts and expenditures are on track. Several large invoices for the pool renovation project have been paid. Money will be transferred from Savings accounts and CDs as needed to meet expenses. Elizabeth Bialas reported that annual dues invoices will be mailed by the end of the month to homeowners and associate members, along with notices of special assessment payments due from members who have not yet paid the full assessment.

3. Committee Reports

   Pool Committee:

   Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project continues to be ahead of schedule. Work is now likely ended until spring, but the opening date target should be met. The ongoing work passed County inspection, and the final inspection will occur prior to opening.

   The board discussed design of the low fence surrounding the pool deck. Wayne moved, and Glenn Wasik seconded the motion of a painted aluminum fence. The money to cover the fence was included in the original budget.

   Wayne also reported that the individual who has been running the snack bar at the pool will not return in 2013. The board agreed that a contract should be developed for this activity, which Glenn Wasik volunteered to draft.

   Architectural Committee:

   No report. It was noted that one homeowner with repeated property appearance violations has contacted the board.

   Grounds Committee:

   No report. It was noted that at least one light at the community entrance is not working.

   GOCA:

   Aleka Kapatou reported that she was unable to attend the last meeting, but will forward minutes to the Board when received.

(Cont'd. on page 4)

Join us for Tanterra's Annual Easter Egg Hunt !

Saturday, March 30 @ 10:45 am*

*** Easter Egg Hunt Starts at 11 am** ***SHARP***, so arrive early!!

For Tots and Children up to 5th Grade

Tanterra Pool Parking Lot

(Bring Your Camera for Pictures with the Easter Bunny!)

Rain date: Monday, April 1st @ 11 am

(Hunt Cancelled Only in Event of Heavy Downpour
Even Will go On with Light Rain)

Contact Jodie Siarkas @ jsiarkas@comcast.net
or 301-674-3819 with any questions

(Board Minutes cont'd. from page 2)

Newsletter:

No report.

Social Committee:

No report.

Tennis Committee:

Peter Szwec reported that one new net will be installed for this year. That is within budget.

Web Site:

Both domain names, Tanterra.com and Tanterra.net will be renewed. Both addresses currently access the same site. Peter Szwec will provide training on posting to the site for Board members with need to do so.

Welcoming Committee:

No report.

4. New Business:

Dick Cole reported that the Olney Lions Club plans a new Christmas in April project for this year, to which Tanterra customarily makes a contribution. Wayne Johnson moved and Glenn Wasik seconded to contribute $100, which was unanimously approved. Peter Szwec proposed building of an arbor for shade behind the diving well. He will provide draft plans for review by the Pool Committee and Board.

5. Old Business

Glen McEwen reported that there had been some speeding control action on Heritage Hills Drive, but that further action was unclear at this time.

Wayne Johnson renewed his request for investment in a heater at the Pool Shed, noting that this is the most convenient location for winter Board meetings, and that volunteers frequently work on pool furniture in the shed during the winter. Use of existing space heaters is unsafe. The Board approved the expenditure of $800 for the heater, which will be wall-mounted, fueled by propane and vented outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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MARY KERR'S MARCH Timely Tip

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Add one cup of white vinegar to your carpet cleaning solution and it will make odors disappear once the carpet dries.

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3rd ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !

Saturday, April 20
8 am til 1 pm

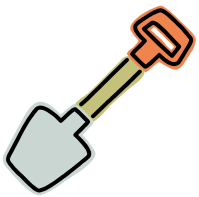
Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...
Just Set up Shop and You're Ready to Go!

(Rain date: Sunday, April 21 ♦ 9am - 2 pm)

(If entire weekend a washout, second Rain Date will be Saturday, April 27 ♦ 8am til 1pm)

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

* a Yahoo listserve group of over 3000 Olney families
Questions? Email Sharlene.Monroe@Remax.net

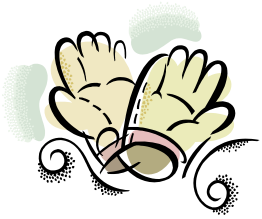


GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

Tanterra Grounds Community Cleanup

Saturday April 27th - 10 am

(FREE LUNCH for all who show up at 10 am!)



Meet in Pool Parking Lot near the tennis courts and we will clean up the commons. Please bring eye protection, gloves and neighbors.

Also, please bring your own trash cans or paper bags for collecting materials and take to your home for pick up by the County on recycling day Friday. Remember, homeowner assistance reduces our annual dues!

Questions? Call or email Ron at 240-678-3189 or rononearth@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Ron White, Grounds Committee Chair

Olney Lions Spring Mulch Sale – April 6

Free Delivery! Reserve Your Order Now!

The Olney Lions Club will once again be hosting our annual Spring mulch sale this year, with delivery on Saturday, April 6. All profits go to support charitable programs in our local community and throughout the world, including vision, youth and healthcare programs.

Price is $5.00 for a large three cubic-foot bag of shredded hardwood mulch, with free delivery service provided on orders of 10 or more bags. **Our entire shipment usually sells out in advance, so make sure to place your order early!** Payment can be made at time of delivery or we can leave an invoice.

To place your order, call Myron Shear at **301-774-5756**, **or send an email to myron.shear@gmail.com**. Please include your name, address, phone number, number of bags wanted and where you'd like us to stack your mulch.

Thank you for your past patronage; we look forward to serving you again this year!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

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Tickets $25 In Advance or $30 At Door Per Person!
Couples $45 In Advance $50 at the Door
Everyone 21 and over Invited!

When
- Saturday, March 16th
- Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
- Dinner 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Dancing 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Where
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- Catered Dinner by Renaissance Chef Caesar Salad, Rigatoni Rustica, Herb Roasted Chicken, Vegetable Medley & Assorted Desserts
- Beer, Wine & Soda
- DJ Ed Jackson Entertainment
- 50/50 Drawing

For Tickets or Reservations call Marlies Musgrove (301) 774-4708 or Danceinfo@ssvfd.com

THE MARCH LANDSCAPE GARDENER

by
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

Spring, Yeah! To me it means we have gotten through another up an down Winter and it's time to get back to work. With the great temperatures we had in January, we had the opportunity to do some yard clean up, so many of you have less to do to get ready for this year's landscape tasks. Winter was indeed up and down as far as temperatures were concerned - if you didn't like the weather, all you had to do was wait a week or so and it changed - or so it seemed. There seemed to be adequate moisture levels for most of the Winter, so winter burn will be minimal on protected evergreens and a minor nuisance on those in full sun.

At the Winter meetings I attended, I learned of a new labeling for Solitaire, a post emergent herbicide, for control of Japanese Stilt Grass. This is a commercial product, and I don't know of a homeowner material now, but one should follow shortly. Secondly, new regulations have been enacted by our state to further influence the application of fertilizer on lawns. At this point these cover commercial applicators, but homeowners may not be far behind.

Check list for your yard—

March:

- Clean up leaves and other debris/ complete winter pruning of trees and shrubs.
- Cut back perennials and grasses- tying grasses together prior to cutting off can be a real time saver if you have many of these. Cut perennials to the ground but allow the smaller leaves at the base to remain intact.
- If planning to rake the yard do so prior to applying pre-emergents on the lawn for control of crabgrass and other related lawn weeds. Once applied the pre-emergent should not be disturbed by raking hard enough to disturb the soil surface layer.
- Plan for planting and order those last minute seeds for this year's flower and vegetable plants.
- Plant trees. Many deciduous trees are best planted at this time of year. Oaks are especially sensitive to planting time, as they must be planted prior to leaf expansion in order for success.
- Get mower out and ready to go or get it fixed.

Late March to Early April:

- Apply pre-emergent crab-grass control to lawn (usually March 20-25th).
- Start mowing about April 10.

Note: Information presented here is for the use of Tanterra Today readers and may be used in any way that you wish. Ideas presented here are for use at your own risk. If unsure about a procedure or chemical, seek qualified first-hand advice from a horticultural professional.

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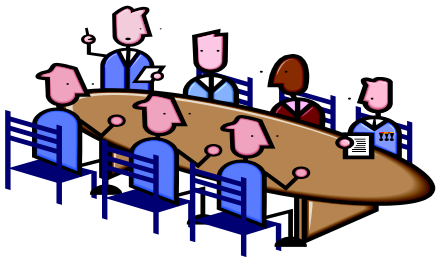

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