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Upcoming Events:

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Please visit www.tanterra.com or the Yahoo listserv for changes to events. Residents, who have provided their email addresses to Liz Bialas for the use by the Board, may receive email updates on special issues, such as the Board elections.

President's Message

By Glen McEwen

For those of you who attended the annual homeowners' meeting at the beginning of November, thank you very much for attending. For those of you who could not make it, we had a great meeting!

The board recapped 2017's accomplishments from the Easter Egg Hunt and Community Yard Sale to the Pool Closing Party. The electronic version of Tanterra Today is being sent to more and more homeowners. If you have not signed up to receive the newsletter electronically, please do so. It is a big cost and time saver for the association. Email lizbialas@verizon.net with the email and street address to be used for your

electronic copy of Tanterra Today.

A special thank you went out to Wayne Johnson and Dave Stout for their hard work at the pool this year. We are very fortunate to have them as our neighbors. Jim Frye, our treasurer, presented the annual budget for 2017. Elections for the three, expiring board seats were held. Jim Cagley, Erwin Hesse, and Aleka Kapitou were elected to fill those seats.

The speeding on Heritage Hills continues to be a critical issue. Sadly, majority of the people speeding on Heritage Hills are members of our neighborhood. For the safety of our children,

please slow down! Our community works best when volunteers serve on various committees. If you would like to help, please contact the chair of that committee. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for their contact information. I am sure they would love to have the help.

One position, managing the community yard sale, needs to be filled. If you are interested, please contact Glen McEwen at glenm@donohoe.com. Following the annual meeting, the board held their monthly meeting. The current slate of officers were reelected to their respective positions.

Tanterra Yard Sale Chairperson Needed!

Duties include setting a date for the yard sale, advertising in local news-groups, putting up and removing signs at significant intersections and listing sellers' addresses for distribution at intersections.

Signs and holders are provided and can be found

in the pool shed.

Contact Glen McEwen at glenm@donohoe.com if you are interested.



Olney Library Events

Toddler Storytime

December 4, 2017
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

For ages 12 to 24 months, get up and get moving at story time! These 20 to 30-minute programs are full of a diverse collection of books, songs, and fun activities. They are designed to introduce your child to the culture of reading and help develop language skills. Children are encouraged to engage with the stories and activities along with their parent/caregiver.

More than a Block Party

December 5, 2017
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
For preschoolers and their

parent/caregiver, drop in every Tuesday morning for a fun-filled session of block play (duplos and others) and hands-on science, learning activities.

Yoga for Every Body

December 12, 2017
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Explore the benefits of movement, breath, and meditation! The class is geared to those new to yoga or those looking to refresh the basics. Drop in for one or all of the classes, no registration required.

Supplies are available but limited. You are encouraged to bring your own yo-

ga mat, two yoga blocks, and a heavy beach towel or yoga blanket. Dress in comfortable clothing.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

December 22, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Skilled long-time knitters help others knit and crochet for pleasure. Enjoy sharing your projects and ideas! Bring along current projects or start something new. You'll need worsted weight yarn and size 8 knitting needles if you have them. Beginning crocheters may bring a crochet needle and yarn, to learn the basics and have fun.

New Neighbors Join Tanterra



Welcome to Fiorella Vannina Pasara Gonzales & Jaime Enrique Camino Bellido on Heritage Hills Drive, and Diana Weinrich on Gold Mine Road!

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.



Recipe of the Month



Cream Cheese Penguins

- 18 jumbo black olives, pitted
- 1 eight-ounce package of softened cream cheese
- 1 carrot
- 18 small black olives

Cut a slit from top to bottom, lengthwise, into the side of each jumbo olive.

Insert about one teaspoon of cream cheese into each olive.

Slice the carrot into eighteen, 1/4 inch thick rounds.

Cut a small notch out of each carrot slice to form feet.

Save the cut out piece and press into center of small olive to form the beak. If necessary, cut a small slit into each olive before inserting the beak.

Set a big olive, large hole side down, onto a carrot slice.

Set a small olive onto the large olive, adjusting so that the beak, cream cheese chest and notch in the carrot slice line up.

Secure with a toothpick.

* For more recipes, visit allrecipes.com

Architectural Updates

Vehicles Parked on Sidewalks

It is illegal to park a vehicle on a sidewalk or in any way block the sidewalk from being used. We have been getting more complaints about this, and Montgomery County Police will ticket those violating the law. If repeated, Montgomery County Police will have the vehicle towed.

The safety of the children and residents in our neighborhood is more important than a vehicle blocking the sidewalk. Please be considerate and keep vehicles off the sidewalks. You should call (301) 279-8000, the non-emergency line to report cars parked in this manner. Your name can be kept anonymous if desired. We are sending this notice again to prevent a homeowner from receiving a citation for parking on the sidewalk. The police will not knock on your door and ask you to move the vehicle. They will write a ticket immediately.

Also, those with sidewalks have a county obligation to shovel them when it snows so pedestrians can access them. Montgomery County will do it if not done after a complaint and bill it to your house annual tax

bill. The cost to do this by the county is quite expensive.

Streetlights

Help keep our neighborhood safe. If you see a streetlight leaning, turning on and off, or completely out, please report it to Montgomery County. It is easy to do and takes very little time. Just report it to Montgomery County by dialing 311. You will need to provide the address where the street light is located, and the county will send someone to fix it within a couple of days.

Additionally, if homeowners could leave a couple of lights lit outside, this will deter suspicious/dangerous activity. If you see something on your street that does not look right, do not hesitate to call Montgomery County Police. There are two ways to reach them: the emergency line at 911, and their business line at (301)279-8000. They will send someone out when an officer is available.

Commercial Vehicles

Please remember that commercial vehicles need to be parked in the driveway, or it will be considered a violation and a fine will be sent. Please cooperate by following the covenants and by-laws which state that

commercial vehicles cannot be parked on the street. Size limitations do apply per Montgomery County!

Complaints from Homeowners about Problems in the Neighborhood

We receive a few calls from homeowners complaining about various issues/problems in the neighborhood. When we receive these calls, we look into it. We are asked by these homeowners what options they have as well. You can call Montgomery County and file a complaint by dialing 311. They will take down the address where the problem is and send out an inspector to determine if it is a legitimate complaint. All complaints by you are ANONYMOUS. Some of the items that Montgomery County will act on are:

- Untagged and inoperable vehicles (even if they are in the driveway)
- Debris and clutter around the house
- Damaged wood on houses or need staining
- Falling gutters
- Broken windows
- Missing roof shingles
- Dead trees
- Driveways that are in need of repair
- Lawns and weeds greater than 12"

Dead Trees

If you have a neighbor with a dead tree or a tree that could fall onto your property, it is up to you as the homeowner to act. First, you should send a letter to your neighbor detailing your concern with their tree causing possible damage to your property. Once on notice and if the tree falls, their insurance company could be responsible for damages. If you say nothing, the liability is on you for any damage done to your property. Also, you can contact the county as mentioned above, and they will inspect the tree. They will determine if it is dangerous and send a notice to the owner of the dead tree. If the architectural committee can see a dead tree, we will send a notice to the homeowner asking that it be removed. The problem is that we cannot see dead trees from the street in many cases.

Please feel free to contact Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net. We are more than happy to discuss and meet with you regarding questions/concerns.

Tanterra Homeowners Association: October Board Meeting Minutes

By Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

October 18, 2017
APPROVED November 8, 2017

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

Minutes

Glenn Wasik moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Board meeting as drafted. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of September 30) and the 10/15 Profit & Loss YTD statement. Treasurer Jim Frye briefly recapped our bank balances and the current status of dues payments, extensions, and liens. There is only one remaining lien and four outstanding extensions. Homeowners not in compliance with established payment plans are being charged monthly overdue fees in compliance with policy.

Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

The board held a discussion of the final management bill.

Grounds Committee:

Peter Szwec continues to obtain bids for needed grounds work for completion this Fall.

Architectural Committee:

The lights at the Georgia Avenue entrance sign have been repaired.

Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA):

Aleka Kapatou reported on the recent meeting. Queen Elizabeth Drive from 108 to Georgia Ave has been reclassified as a minor arterial road. As a reminder, any tree growing along a county road is to be maintained by the county. GOCA is seeking volunteers to join the association.

New Business/Old Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

* *Board Members in Attendance:* Glen McEwen, Jim Frye, Wayne Johnson, Aleka Kapatou, Glenn Wasik, Jim Cagley

* *Others in Attendance:* Elizabeth Bialas (Tanterra HOA Clerk)

Connect with the Tanterra Community!

Website

<http://www.tanterra.com/cm/>

Email Tanterra Today

Email LizBialas@verizon.net with your name, street address, and the email address you wish to use. The street address is needed because the board's database is set up by address rather than by owner name.

Swim and Dive Teams

<http://www.tanerratarpons.org/Home.jsp?team=recmcslttstmd>

Facebook Pages

Tanterra Tarpons Swim and Dive Team
Tanterra Hockey
Tanterra's Social Events



Yahoo Newsgroup

If you are not signed up you can sign up in several ways:

1) Go to the Tanterra Website <http://www.tanterra.com/cm/> and click on the link "Subscribe to Email." Then enter your email as indicated and you will become a Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group member.



2) Go to Yahoo.com and either enter your Yahoo login information or sign up to join Yahoo (you can use any email account). Select groups and search for tanterrahoa. Click on the "Join Group" link and follow the prompts.

3) To subscribe without setting up a Yahoo account, send a blank email to tanterrahoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

4) If the above three methods do not work for you, send Amy Matathias (matathi@aol.com) a request to join the TanterraHOA yahoo group. She will send you an invitation.

Holiday Festival at the Fairhill Shops

Join Fairhill Shops in Olney for fun and FREE activities* for the entire family!

Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 2 - 4 PM

- ◇ Photos with Santa
- ◇ Holiday hayrides
- ◇ Hot chocolate
- ◇ Cookie decorating
- ◇ Caroling

Visit www.fairhillshops.com for more information.

*While supplies last



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