

Tanterra Today

May 2015



President's Message

by Glen McEwen

The winter cold has finally left us and it's time to celebrate the spring and summer fun! **Please be sure to mark your calendar for the Pool Opening on Saturday, May 23rd 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 starting May 29 at 8pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones! See details on pages 6 and 8.

For those of you with children who want to join the Tanterra swim or dive team, please see page 4 for more information. The swim and dive teams are a great way for your kids to meet new friends, have a lot of fun, and improve their swimming ability. 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 7).

We need volunteers to help us get the pool and common areas 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. The calendar at <http://www.tanterra.com> is also a handy way to find out what is going on.

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



Board members in attendance:

Glen McEwen
Aleka Kapatou
Jim Frye
Glenn Wasik
Bryan Moffett
Richard Bertin

Others present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Tanterra HOA Clerk)
Hank Griffith (Architectural Committee)
Carolyn Reiss (Newsletter Committee)

Calendar

May 9—Pool & Grounds Clean-up
May 16 & 17—Pool & Grounds Clean-up
May 16 and 17—Olney Days
May 20 — Board meeting
May 23—Pool opening party
May 25—Memorial Day
May 26—Swim & Dive Teams begin
May 29—Family Happy Hour
June 5—Family Happy Hour
June 6 —Sandy Spring Museum Strawberry Festival
June 17—Board meeting

TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2015

(Approved 4/15/15)

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Glen McEwen.

New Member

David Bouve has stepped forward as a candidate to fill the vacant member position on the Board. He has been a homeowner over many years and a long-time supporter and friend of the Tanterra Homeowners Association. Dick Bertin moved his confirmation as a full member. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes

Bryan Moffett moved to approve the draft minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of February 28) and the 3/18/15 Profit & Loss YTD statement. Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures for 2015 are on track. Eight homeowners are on the approved payment extension list. Just 76 homeowners have not yet paid the 2015 annual fees which were due March 17. Those not paid by April 1 will receive overdue notices. We are still accepting Associate Member dues payments, and will follow up personally with those not paid soon. There are several names on the waiting list for Associate membership.

Committee ReportsPool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool sustained just very minor winter concrete damage. Volunteer clean-up dates will be set and publicized soon. Jim Cagley reported on some dates of swim team events.

Grounds Committee:

Peter Szwec reported on two minor sinkholes in the common property that will be followed up with the landscaper or other source of fill. He will review spring needs with Wayne Johnson, including tree and bamboo cutting and general cleanup. Volunteer cleanup dates will be scheduled and publicized.

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Architectural Committee:

Ted Karp reported that the annual spring home inspection process will begin soon, with Committee follow-up to keep Tanterra looking good.

Newsletter:

Carolyn Reiss reported longer than usual printing turnaround times. There was discussion about possible electronic distribution of Tanterra Today for the future. Bids will be sought from other printers for the hard copies for mailing.

Social Committee:

Jacque Weed reported on the schedule of social events for 2015, which was published in the just-released issue of Tanterra Today. The first event will be the Easter egg hunt on April 4.

Tennis Committee:

Peter Szvec reported minor winter damage and plans to replace the awning and possibly add some chairs to the tennis area

Web Site

With the coming of the more active season, the site and its calendar will be updated by Peter Szvec and Jim Frye as information is available.

Welcoming Committee:

Carolyn Reiss reported that she and Charlotte Cary have been visiting new homeowners with welcoming information.

New Business:

- The annual Tanterra Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 8 am – 1 pm., as reported in the March Tanterra Today.
- The Board agreed to send a charitable contribution in memory of Lynne Cook, wife of long-time Board Treasurer Charlie Cook.

Old Business

Board members are working on a formal response to the homeowner who requested a special payment plan for overdue fees and architectural fines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary (richardbertin@verizon.net)



Both the **Pool and the Grounds Committees** need help with spring clean-up. Clean-ups are scheduled every weekend in May until the pool opens on May 23rd. Dates in May are the 9th, 16th, and 17th. Contact Wayne Johnson at wayneljohnson@verizon.net, 301-774-1906; or Peter Szvec at Pszvec@verizon.net, 301-570-1724. Volunteers save our community a substantial amount that would otherwise be spent on landscaping and repairs. Please consider giving a few hours!



**TANTERRA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM
TANTERRA PRE-TEAM**

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Tanterra pool community! One of the benefits of joining the Tanterra pool is the opportunity to join the swim and dive team.

The Tanterra Swim and Dive Team will begin its 2015 season on Tuesday, May 26th. For those of you with children ages 4-18, this is a wonderful summer activity filled with fun, spirit, and camaraderie. Both swim and dive teams have daily weekday practices and weekly meets throughout the months of June and July. We offer afternoon practices for those children who can't attend in the morning. (Pre-team is morning only) The coaches work with the swimmers and divers in both technique and endurance. In addition, there are many social activities for the children (and parents) to enjoy throughout the summer. One of the best aspects of the Tanterra Swim and Dive team is the feeling of community that families experience when they join.

Pre-Team (Swim) is a developmental program designed for children who are at least 5 years old by Sept 1. Pre-team is for children who have received previous swimming instruction, but cannot yet swim the 25 meter length of the pool independently and consistently. The Pre-Team is not designed to replace swimming lessons. Rather, it is a stepping stone between swimming lessons and age group swimming on the Swim Team. Pre-Team coaches are experienced swim team members, ages 13-18, who work with the children in small groups in the shallow end of the pool. For those children who are not quite ready to join the Pre-Team, lessons will be available through the Tanterra Swim Team coaches as well as the lifeguards.

Diving Is your child ready for a new challenge? Does your child love going off the diving board? Then Dive team is the place for them. The 8 & under age group allows our youngest divers to participate with a front jump, back jump and head first standing dive into the pool and receive accolades from the spectators and participation ribbons for every event. Your child only needs to be able to get from the diving board to the ladder unassisted and with confidence. The dive coaches will teach them the rest. Tanterra is one of 25 pools in Montgomery County that has a dive team (1,000 divers county wide) and is part of very elite group of pools that offers a summer of safe, fun filled activities for both swimming and diving.

Parent Participation is vital to the continued success of the team. It takes up to 45 volunteers to run a successful home swim meet and 10 - 12 for dive meets. We can't manage meets or activities without you. Due to the tremendous amount of volunteer support needed, we require that each family help at the social activities or meets during the swim season. There are ways to help if you work full-time or have toddlers clinging to your leg. There are jobs you can do if you don't know a backstroke from a breaststroke. There are many ways you can use your special talents and skills to help make the Tanterra team the best it can be.

If you would like to learn more about preteam or swim team, email Heather Kauffman: heathercmd@yahoo.com. For questions about Dive team, email Valerie Carlson: valerie_carlson@yahoo.com. Questions about registration should be directed to Lauri Black: lauriblack@comcast.net.

Registration will open on Saturday, April 11th.

Visit www.tanterratarpons.org for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL NEWS

Architectural Requests - Remember to fill out the Architectural change request for any work being done on the outside of your house. This includes window, door replacement, staining your house, driveway expansion, shingles, gutters, etc. You can get this form at the Tanterra Web site at www.tanterra.com

Should you have any questions, concerns etc., when it comes to the Architectural issues in Tanterra, please don't hesitate to give me a call or email. Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net.

Mailboxes – Many mailboxes in our neighborhood are in need of some kind of repair. Please see if your mailbox could use a coat of paint (please try and match the house). Please straighten the post should it be leaning over. You may need to use cement in the base of the post. You could get a new mailbox and post at Home Depot or Lowes for a low price of around \$35.00. If you want something more substantial www.mailbox.com offers a wide variety of posts mailboxes/newspaper holders at very competitive pricing. Recommend that you call the 800 number on the site if you want to order. We found the operator has additional discounts not listed on the web site.

Street Lights – Reporting intermittent, non-working or leaning street lights in Tanterra is an easy process. You can call 311 and ask the Montgomery County operator to transfer you to those responsible for fixing streetlights or you can go on line to report. Go to <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-streetlight/>, put in the address close to where the streetlight is located, and a map will appear with the streetlights in that area. You then click the problem streetlight and answer a couple of questions that the link will ask you. The County is very good at getting lights fixed quickly. Remember having streetlights working properly keeps our neighborhood safe!

Lastly, if you could turn on some outside lights around your house at night you would help make our neighborhood a safer place to live. The cost to do this is minimal versus peace of mind. This helps discourage those who are looking to break into cars, houses etc. We've had some breaking into cars in the neighborhood recently. Don't make it so easy for those looking to do wrong. Too dark around your house only makes you a better target.

Driveways – Remember that we negotiated a deal for driveway sealing with Ford Paving for \$150.00 any driveway. This also includes associate members. Hugh Ford can be reached at (301) 915-4876. Sealing helps extend the life of your driveway and gives your house better curb appeal.

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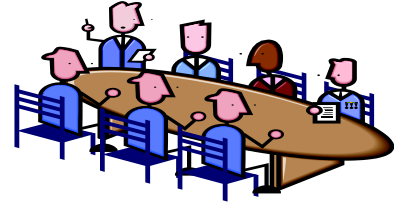
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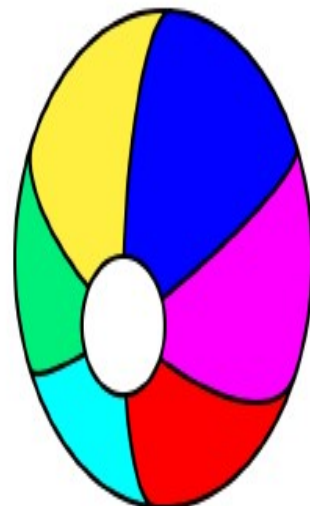
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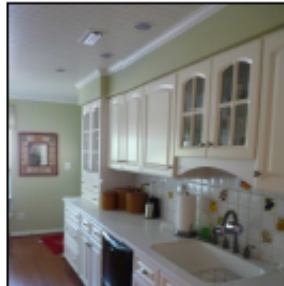
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