

Tanterra Today

OCTOBER 2012

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Tanterra Homeowners Association General Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2012

7:30 p.m. at Greenwood Elementary School

The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Directors to present the 2013 Budget and to elect three Board Members. **Board Nominations:** running for the Board this year are Tanterra residents Jim Frye, Glen McEwen and Glenn Wasik.

- **Ballot is for Tanterra homeowners only; Associate members do not vote.**
- **Additional nominations for Board members are encouraged and will be taken from the floor at the General Meeting. You are welcome to nominate yourself to be on the ballot.**

Absentee Voting Ballot for the November 15, 2012 General Meeting

Please mail this ballot to THOA, P.O. Box 25, Brookeville, MD 20833 before November 10, 2012 or have a neighbor bring it to the meeting in a sealed envelope (see instructions below). The following candidates have been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election for the three-year term ending 2015:

Tanterra Representative	Write in	Tanterra Representative(s)
_____ Jim Frye	_____	_____
_____ Glen McEwen	_____	_____
_____ Glenn Wasik	_____	_____

Proxy for the November 15, 2012 General Meeting

I, _____, of _____, Brookeville, MD 20833, authorize _____ to meet the quorum and vote for the following specific issue(s): _____

Conducted at the November 15, 2012 General Tanterra Homeowners Meeting.

_____ (signature) _____, 2012

Note: Only one proxy per household is permitted. You must include your address in the proxy statement. Each envelope must be marked 1/385 on the back and separate envelopes are required for proxies and absentee ballots.



BOARD MINUTES - August 15, 2012

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Curt Barrett.

Board Members

Present:

Curt Barrett, President
 Glen McEwen, VP
 Dick Bertin, Sec'y.
 Jim Cagley
 Dick Cole
 Aleka Kapatou

Others Present:

Ron Adams
 Sue Barrett
 Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
 Jim Frye
 Hank Griffith
 Ted Karp

1. Guest comments.

A homeowner appeared before the board to challenge a recent notice of violation of the Tanterra Guideline relating to parking of vehicles on properties in the community. He challenged the characterization of one of his vehicles, which he said has now been sold and removed from the property, so the Board deemed the violation moot. Discussion followed concerning the impact of the appearance of individual properties on the overall esthetic of the community and the very practical issue of Tanterra's overall attractiveness to future homebuyers. The Board will continue to monitor compliance with its Architectural policies as well as County policies in order to maintain an inviting atmosphere.

2. Minutes

Two minor edits to the draft minutes were proposed. Glen McEwen moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012 Board meeting with those changes. Dick Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of July 31, 2012). Tanterra now maintains seven bank accounts for its various funds. It was reported that 20 homeowners are now in arrears in payment of special assessment fees. It was agreed that we must follow the Tanterra covenants and issue letters to those individuals notifying them that they are subject to placement of liens on their properties if the due payments plus fees and interest are not paid. However, every effort will be made to work with those homeowners to establish a plan to pay the amounts due prior to actually filing the liens.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

No report. Curt Barrett reported that the pool reconstruction project is on schedule and that Atlantic Pools, Inc. has provided drawings for committee review.

Architectural Committee:

No further report.

Grounds Committee:

No report.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou briefly recapped recent past meetings of GOCA and previously provided the Board with copies of available minutes, through June.

Next Board Meeting

October 24

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

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OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Change*

It's hard for me to comprehend, but after 32 years of living in Tanterra and over 20 years on the Board, I am moving to another place this month. This transition is hard for me because I have strong roots in this community and leave good friends and dedicated volunteers who work for you to have a stronger and better community. These relationships stay with you. When you work side by side with homeowners who have a job and family, but are willing to put aside time for your community, you develop friendships that will last forever. To the Tanterra homeowners, your homeowner's association needs you. And by volunteering to help your community and neighborhood, you will be surprised how much can be accomplished and the benefits you will receive from old and new found Tanterra friends.

As you will note on page one, three individuals have been nominated for the Board by the Nomination Committee. Two of the nominations are existing Board members, but one candidate is new and has been volunteering by mailing out our newsletters.

If you cannot make the Annual Meeting on November 15 at Greenwood Elementary School, please vote by filling out an Absentee Ballot and either mail it in or have a neighbor take it to the meeting. Also, fill out the proxy and give it to a Board member or neighbor who will attend our annual meeting. The proxy is very important, as our covenants require that 10% of homeowners (or their proxies, which is 39 people and/or their proxies) must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting for a quorum to occur.

The main business at this year's meeting will be:

- the election of three board members;
- approval of the reserve fund amount for this year (required by IRS);
- briefing of the 2013 budget to homeowners by our Treasurer (Charlie Cook), and
- an overview of accomplishments and plans by the Board for next year, including status of the pool renovation.

In case you are not aware, the pool renovation began this past month September, and at the time of this writing, most of the pool concrete has already been removed and the contractor is on target with our timetable.

We now have a new website. We decided to direct www.Tanterra.com to www.Tanterra.net, so our website domain remains the same. Our thanks to Peter Szwec and Ann Joliet for volunteering to oversee the website administration.

It's been a pleasure for me to serve on the Board and work with each of the Board members and our committees, especially the unpaid committee chairs. Your new President will be Glen McEwen until December, at which time the Board will elect the new president to lead the association in 2013.

Annual Tanterra HOA Meeting

The date of the Tanterra Annual Homeowners meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 in the Greenwood Elementary All-Purpose Room at 7:30 pm

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to fill three vacancies on the Board this November

If you are interested in serving, please contact Glen McEwen by email or phone (see page 7 for contact info)

AUGUST 2012 BOARD MINUTES

(cont'd. from page 2)

Newsletter:

No report.

Social Committee:

No report. Crab Feast is upcoming on August 18, and only a few additional tickets are available.

Tennis Committee:

Web Site:

The new web site is nearly ready for implementation. Final content reviews are being conducted. Curt Barrett urged other Board members and Committee chairs to monitor and edit those areas for which they have responsibility.

Welcoming Committee:

No report.

New Business:

Curt Barrett noted that we have been informed that the Montgomery County police are acting on reports of excessive and frequent speeding on Heritage Hills Drive. They will install speed notification signs, and follow up with active ticketing of speeders.

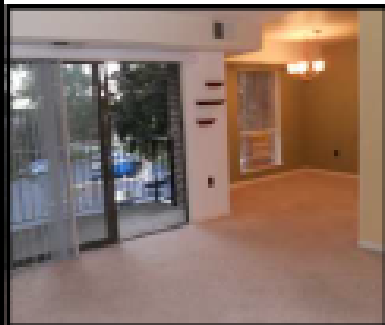
Old Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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MARY KERR'S OCTOBER Timely Tip



Laundry Help!

Having trouble getting ink off of something? Try rubbing with milk and then washing the item. It's magic!



THE OCTOBER LANDSCAPE GARDENER

BY
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

As we move into October with its cooler, shorter days there are many projects which have waited for this time of year. Hopefully, we will be getting enough rainfall, which will softened the soil to allow for good penetration of aerator tines. Ideal seed germination temperatures will be gone but , if not already done, seeding of your lawn is still possible.(The sooner the better). Planting of most ornamentals, pruning, soil testing/ applying lime, leaf raking, and Spring bulb planting may have to be moved to the, weekends –only, as evening daylight diminishes.

With September’s cool-down continuing, it is a good time to plant perennials. Planting during the first three weeks of October, will allow them to develop a root system capable of sustaining the plant through the winter and giving them a head start on those planted next spring. Don’t wait too long on these, as late planted perennials are often not able to withstand a hard winter. Planting and transplanting of woody plants, now through mid November is less stressful on the plants as a cooler weather pattern moves into our area, thus, reducing, not eliminating, the need for after-planting watering.

Pruning can be restarted by the middle of October. Do **not** prune plants which flower in early Spring. I keep seeing people making the mistake of pruning azaleas in the late summer and fall. This cuts off the flower buds which produce next years flowers. Prune azaleas between flower drop and mid July only, if you want to enjoy all of the flowers..

With lawn fertilization in September and November, the month of October is a good time to put down lime, if needed. A soil test is the best way to determine the need and quantity of material to use. Soil testing is available through the Maryland Extension Service and their local agents.

October starts the season of natural leaf fall. Use care when raking in areas where you newly seeded grass; rake lightly, or use blowers, at times when the grass is dry, to prevent dislodging the young grass plants. Removal of fallen leaves is important where new grass is starting to grow as these areas can be easily killed out by smothering with leaves. Frequently removing the worst of the leaves is better than infrequent attempts to get every leaf out of the grass.

Planting of pansies for color now and next spring and ornamental kale/cabbage for winter interest can make your landscape more exciting during the fall/early winter months. Other plants for Winter interest include woody plants- Red Twig and Yellow stem Dogwoods, and Ornamental grasses with their bronze foliage and seed heads. October is a great time for planting bulbs. Be aware that squirrels like the taste of tulips, but shy away from the poisonous daffodils. Plant in drifts, that resemble a tear drop shape for a natural look and avoid single rows . If you must have tulips, plant as usual, then cover the area with a coarse wire mesh to keep squirrels from digging. Be sure to remove the wire mesh just prior to the tulips coming up in the Spring.

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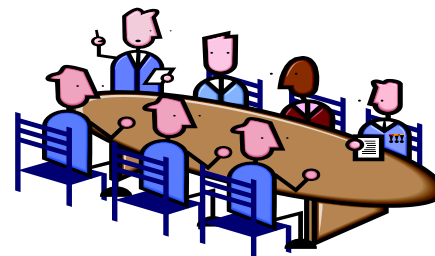


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