

# Tanterra Today

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## President's Message

by Glen McEwen

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and good health and prosperity for 2014. 2013 was a great year for Tanterra and we look forward to making 2014 even better!

Our pool renovation was completed last spring, which should provide us many decades of future use. Also, the pathways and pool parking lot were resurfaced, with many of the older trees trimmed as well.

A few of the items that we will be undertaking in 2014 is the general maintenance of the pool, tree trimming in the common areas and architectural oversight of homeowner improvements. If you believe there are other items that should be brought to the Board's attention, please contact any Board member or attend one of our monthly meetings at the pool (typically held the third Wednesday of the month) to discuss. Please remember that the Board is here to serve the neighborhood and to look out for our community's best interests.

As some may recall, our past Treasurer and Board member Charlie Cook recently moved from Tanterra and consequently had to resign his Board seat. I'm happy to announce that the Board has appointed Bryan Moffett to fill this vacancy for the remainder of Charlie's term. The Board also elected Jim Frye as our new Treasurer. Congratulations to both Bryan and Jim!

Invoices for the 2014 annual dues have been mailed out, and the good news is that the dues did not increase this year! Payment is due March 17, and if you are experiencing

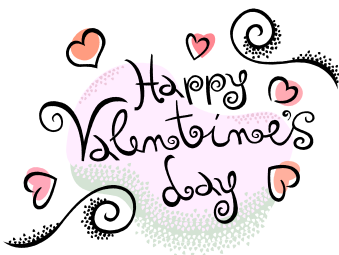
any difficulty in paying by this date, please contact our Board Clerk Elizabeth Bialas. Please note that our HOA Covenants require us to assess late fees for those who do not pay on time, as well as prohibiting pool and other activity privileges, so please reach out to Elizabeth or a Board member so this does not happen to you.

Also, if you are one of the few homeowners who receive an architectural violation letter, please make sure you perform the corrections noted on the violation. If the requested corrective action becomes a financial hardship to you, or if there are time constraints that will prohibit a quick fix of the item, please contact the Architectural Committee.

They will either work with you to grant a time extension, or they may provide an alternate correction that you had not considered. If you believe the violation is in error, you have the option to appeal the issue to the Board. The

Board will look at the specifics and either agree with the Architectural Committee's assessment or overturn it. Whatever you do, please do not ignore the violation; it will not go away on its own and must be resolved in some manner by the homeowner.

With spring and summer soon upon us, please remember we are always looking for volunteers to help out in the neighborhood. Please refer to the Committee Chairs on page six (6) of this newsletter if you wish to lend a hand. Also, the Tanterra Today editor is looking for someone to either take over or share the newsletter responsibilities each month. If you are interested, please contact the editor at [Sharlene.Monroe@ReMax.net](mailto:Sharlene.Monroe@ReMax.net).



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### Next Board Meeting

February 19

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



## BOARD MINUTES - November 20, 2013

The annual Tanterra Homeowners Association General meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Glen McEwen.

### 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

Plus 43 homeowners who were either present or represented by proxy, constituting a quorum of homeowners necessary to conduct the annual meeting

#### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the October Board meeting will be distributed and approved by e-mail vote. (Done 11/22/13)

#### 2. Introductions

Glen McEwen introduced himself to the audience, and identified other Board members present. He also introduced Tanterra Clerk Elizabeth Bialas and Tanterra committee chairs present and recognized their many contributions to our community.

#### 3. Board Member elections

The three individuals running for Board seats, incumbents Wayne Johnson, Dick Cole, and Dick Bertin were introduced and they briefly addressed the audience. There were no additional nominations from the floor for Board office. Ballots were distributed and collected. Later in the meeting, it was announced that all three candidates had been elected to Board membership for three-year terms, beginning in 2014.

#### 4. Budget

Treasurer Charlie Cook presented the budget for 2014, previously distributed to homeowners and approved by the Board. He explained major revenue and cost items and responded to questions. Acting President McEwen discussed the need for annual approval of the Reserve Fund. A motion and second were offered from the floor, and the Reserve Fund was approved for 2014 by voice vote.

#### 5. Volunteers Needed

Glen McEwen noted that volunteers are needed for many Association activities. Interested homeowners should make themselves known to Glen or another Board member. Tanterra's very active volunteers have made it possible to run the Association without need for a costly management company, but our long-time volunteers need to be assisted or replaced by additional individuals, or there will be considerable additional cost to hire needed services.

#### 6. Grounds

Grounds Committee chair Ron White provided an update on the many projects recently undertaken by the committee, noting that volunteers are always needed to assist with these projects.

#### 7. Olney Home for Life

Resident Susan Brown addressed the group briefly to describe the Olney Home for Life project briefly and ask for volunteers to assist this important service for aging neighbors. More information is available at [OlneyHomeforLife.org](http://OlneyHomeforLife.org). *[Editor's note: or see top of next page for short article about Olney Home for Life.]*

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**Olney Home For Life is an all volunteer, no-fee organization designed to assist Olney's aging and disabled neighbors and allow them to remain living in their homes.** Our efforts will concentrate on services and demands associated with inclusion, engagement, safety and comfort. OHFL volunteers provide transportation to and from medical appointments, shopping, and other needs such as friendly visits and other opportunities for social connections in the greater Olney community. OHFL envisions a community where neighbors help neighbors, similar to our grandparents' and great grandparents' experiences.



The Greater Olney Civic Association supports the goals of OHFL and has established OHFL as a subcommittee of GOCA. We are interested in recruiting volunteers with expertise in finance and accounting, nonprofit and/or association law, fundraising and development, managing volunteers and/or experience working with aging and the elderly and invite those interested in making a sustained commitment to join one of our steering committees. Regardless of background or experience, **OHFL welcomes every volunteer who brings a passion for Olney and its senior and disabled population. Their assistance is critical to our success.** You can join OHFL's efforts to help out Olney's seniors by:

- Attending our planning meeting and contributing your ideas and insights
- Joining one of the Steering Committees
- Volunteering to provide services directly to seniors
- Providing financial support

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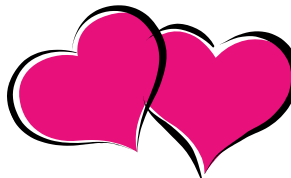
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To future editions for information about ....

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Pool
- Swim & Dive team sign ups
- Pool Clean up Dates
- *more Summer Fun !!*



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 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](mailto:TanterraToday@hotmail.com).

**(Board Minutes cont'd. from page 2)**

8. Brookeville History

Resident John Quinter provided an update on plans for the Brookeville bicentennial celebration in 2014, which will kick-off on Labor Day.

The slate of officers was approved by acclamation. Treasurer Cook has recently moved from Tanterra, and his Board replacement as well as the position of Treasurer will be appointed at a later date.

There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Following the General Meeting, a short meeting of the Board was convened by President McEwen at 8:15, which was attended by all current Board members present.

1. Election of Officers for 2014.

The following slate of officers was offered:

- President – Glen McEwen
- Vice-President – Wayne Johnson
- Secretary – Dick Bertin

2. Future meetings

Need for a December meeting of the Board will be determined. 2014 meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Pool Shed, unless a change is announced. Secretary Dick Bertin will follow up with the volunteer who maintains the Tanterra Yahoo Group to ensure that current information is transmitted concerning Board activities.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by  
 Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

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### In The News . . .



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44 colleges and universities each offer full-tuition scholarships to students throughout the country and create multicultural teams — called Posses — on each campus. These student teams receive professional guidance before and throughout college and provide support to one another. On campus, these students serve in leadership roles. Summer will be attending Grinnell University in Iowa and pursuing a degree in Political Science or Policy Studies.

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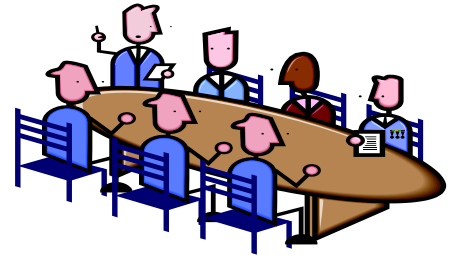
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