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Upcoming Events:

May 7, 13, 21, 22
Pool work days from 12-5 PM.

May 27
Pool Opening

June 9
Family Happy Hour

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

The winter cold, or what there was of it, has finally left us. It's time to celebrate the spring and summer fun!

Please mark your calendar for the Pool Opening on Saturday, May 27th and the Pool Opening Party from 12 – 2 PM. We will have hot dogs, chips, and drinks on hand for all to enjoy. Mark your calendar for the Meet and Greet for that evening as well.

The Family Happy Hour is planned for Friday, June 9 from 5 – 8 PM at the pool. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and new ones too! See details on page 5 for all of the planned social events.

For those of you with children who want to join the Tanterra swim or dive team, please see page 9 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.

Your annual dues must be

paid in full before the pool opening to ensure access and use of the pool on Memorial Day weekend. If you are unsure of your dues being paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas at LizBialas@verizon.net.

We need volunteers to help get the pool and common areas ready for the summer. No special skills are required – just a willingness to help. We will be working at the pool almost every weekend until opening day so stop by or look for the signs at the neighborhood entrances for details.

In addition, we will be re-surfacing the tennis and hockey courts this year. Over the weekend of 4/30, we will scrape hockey pad and clean/prep the crack in the surface. Over the weekend of 5/6, we will be pulling the rest of the boards, power washing, and laying sealer.

The calendar at <http://www.tanterra.com> is also a handy way to find out what is going on. If you have not signed up to receive the electronic version of *Tanterra Today* in lieu of the mailed version, please

do so. I am happy to say that many people have elected to receive the electronic version since this will save the association a lot of money. However, some homeowners did not respond with their preference when they sent in their yearly dues. If you have not done so, please forward your preference to Elizabeth Bialas at LizBialas@verizon.net. When you come to the pool opening, you can provide your email address as well when checking in.

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



New Neighbors Join Tanterra



No new neighbors this month!

If you have new neighbors or new additions to your family, please email bmarsall@draggalaw.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.

Important Announcement!



Tanterra Today has changed email addresses!

Please contact us at TanterraToday@gmail.com with questions, concerns, and/or contributions to the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation during this transition.

Helpful Suggestions

By Glen McEwen

Some residents in the community have reported issues with drainage in their yards and water entering their homes.

Below are some helpful tips from an article published in the *Washington Post*, titled "Solutions Before Calling a Contractor" by Kevin Brasler:

Most basements get wet when rainwater runs toward the walls of houses from roofs, yards, and driveways.

Step 1:

Force water to run away from your home. Start by cleaning your gutters, repairing holes, and ensuring they slope toward downspouts. Be certain they have not come loose from the house, allowing water to fall directly from the roof to the ground. Test downspouts to make sure they spill water at least 4 feet away from the house. You can extend downspouts for less than \$15 each; gutter repairs are more expensive.

Step 2:

Inspect the soil around your house and regrade it if necessary. This is a job you can do yourself or by calling in a landscaper. The earth around your house should slope at least one inch per foot going away from your house for about 6 to 8 feet. The grading should consist of fill soil with a clay content of 20 to 30 percent. Don't use sandy soil or soil containing a lot of organic matter; it will not shed water adequately.

Please remember that pipes under your driveway are your responsibility to clear out and replace if necessary. If you are planning on repaving your driveway, consider replacing the pipes under the driveway if you notice some sagging or settlement of the driveway in that area. This could save you money in the long term.



1 to 1 Computer Training

Date:
May 1, 2017

Start Time:
6:00 PM

End Time:
7:30 PM

Description:
This Olney library event is free on Mondays. Sign-up starts at 5:15 PM at the information Desk.

A maximum of four individuals may sign up on a first come; first served basis. Bring your library card to use our computers, or register for a library card when you arrive.

If you want to save your documents, please bring a flash drive.

Yoga for Every Body

Date:
May 2, 2017

Start Time:
6:00 PM

End Time:
7:15 PM

Description:
Join us for FREE yoga at the Olney Library to 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 yoga mat, two yoga blocks, and a heavy beach towel or yoga blanket. (Ages 14 and up)

Recipe of the Month

"Morning Energy Juice"

- * 3 to 4 carrots: scrubbed well, tops removed, ends trimmed
- * 1 cucumber: washed or peeled if not organic
- * 1/2 beet: scrubbed well (may include stem and 1 or 2 leaves)
- * 1/2 lemon: peeled
- * 1-inch chunk gingerroot: scrubbed or peeled if old

Taken from "Juicing, Fasting, and Detoxing for Life: Unleash the Healing Power of Fresh Juices and Cleansing Diets" by Cherie Calbom & John Calbom



Architectural Updates

Inspections

The Inspections Committee completed the inspections of the neighborhood and were reviewed by the Architectural Committee to ensure validity. If you get a letter and have any questions, please call Hank Griffith at (240)461-7536.

Due to the cooperation of many of the homeowners, the Inspections Committee had the fewest number of issues ever. The neighborhood is looking very good, resulting in Tanterra houses selling quickly with high resale values. Thank you for making our job easier and keep up the good work.

Carports/Front of House

The largest number of violations this year was the required cleanup of carports and front of houses. We have been notifying homeowners through numerous articles over the last year that it is an item getting our utmost attention.

If you received a letter, we would appreciate your cooperation. Due to this issue's importance and worsening clutter in front of some houses and carports, the committee will be issuing new violation letters throughout the next few months. We would appreciate your

cooperation if you receive a letter.

From previous article:

We have a few carports where some homeowners are using it for more than the original purpose of keeping your vehicle, trash cans, a bike or two and a few other miscellaneous items.

We do not allow lawn mowers, yard tools, gas cans, furniture, general items such as oil cans, a collection of many items and other such items. Many homeowners who have the need for storage in this area have requested that they be allowed to enclose the carport into a garage at which point we don't regulate what is in it.

You would need to submit an Architectural Request form if this is something you want to consider. Another option is to install or build a shed in the backyard of your home to store these items. Again, our guidelines on the Tanterra website speaks to what size is allowed. An Architectural Request form is needed along with a permit by the county as well.

We will be sending letters out to those carports that need to be cleaned up to meet our standards.

Staining/Painting

Keep in mind that the Tanterra homes do not have paint, but instead have stain. Many homes were done with a latex stain and others used an oil base (most were with latex). It is important that you understand which was done on your house to ensure a good coat of stain. We only approve stain for Tanterra homes.

Prior to staining your house, it is required to submit an Architectural Request Form, even if you are doing the same color. Also, we do not allow glossy/shiny paint on the houses. Two homeowners had to redo their houses as they used incorrect paint.

To submit a sample, ask the supplier to give you a little sample. You can paint a small piece of wood or stain a small area on the house so we can directly see it. We do not accept color charts etc., since this does not show the true color always.

Driveways

As in years past, we have been able to negotiate a resealing offer for Tanterra residents and associate members of our pool from Mr. Stanley Nichols. (Associate members need to mention their Tanterra Pool Membership and our discount offer).

He has two applications and would want to meet with homeowners first to determine which one is suggested. One of his coverings is \$150.00 for any Tanterra Driveway. However, if it has cracks etc., it will need to be filled. Therefore, the price will be higher. He will quote you a price before doing any work, and explain the difference in the two applications (longevity, etc.).

In resealing every couple of years, you will add years to the life of your driveway along with a great protection for your investment. Homeowners who recently resurfaced their driveway should consider resealing every couple of years to allow a longer period before replacement is necessary.

On the Tanterra website, we have a couple of vendors for your pricing inquiries. There are many companies available throughout the area. We are now adding Nichols Asphalt who has many years of excellent service. They do resurfacing, expansion, and resealing of driveways.

You can contact Stanley Nichols, Owner, at (240) 372-3364. Stanley comes highly recommended through many Tanterra residents and can provide recommendations.

Architectural Cont.

Summer 2017 Fun in the Sun! Get Ready to Party!

By Tanterra Social Committee

Architectural Requests

Now that the nice weather is here and many have work done on their houses, please remember to submit an Architectural Request Form.

We have homeowners still doing work without approval. Some homeowners have to redo the work as a result, such as a homeowner who put up the wrong paint color.

It is in our bylaws/ covenants that homeowner complete the Architectural Change Request Form for ANY work completed on the outside of their house. This includes window, door replacement, staining your house, driveway expansion, roof shingles, solar panels, gutters, fences, etc. You can obtain this form on Tanterra's website at www.tanterra.com.

Should homeowners have any questions, concerns, etc., when it comes to the Architectural issues in Tanterra, please do not hesitate to call or email Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net.



Opening Day Festivities

Saturday, May 27th

Family Party from 12 – 2 PM

Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be served.

Meet-N-Greet from 8 PM – 12 AM (Adults only)

Friday Night Family Happy Hours (5 – 8 PM)

June 9th

July 7th

August 11th

Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 4th from 12 – 2 PM

Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be served.

Music Under the Stars

Saturday June 24th from 8 PM – 12 AM (Adults only)

Live music, food, and beverages will be available.

Murder Mystery Night

Saturday, July 29th from 8 PM – 12 AM (Adults only)

Crab Feast

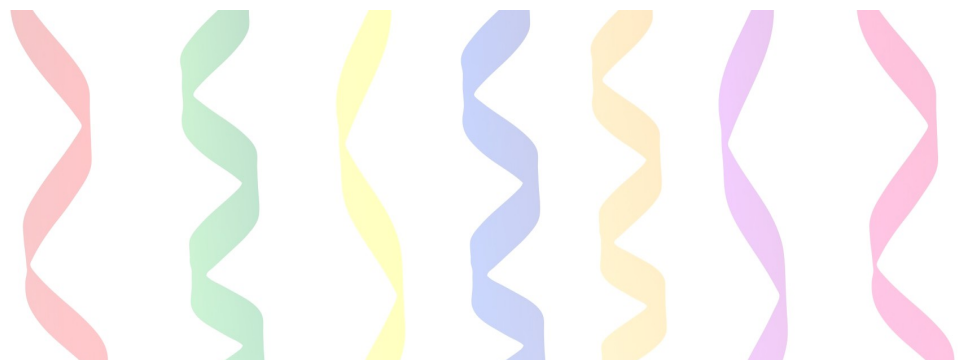
Saturday, August 19th from 8 PM – 12 AM (Adults only)

Pool Closing Party

Saturday, September 2nd from 12 - 2 PM

Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be served.

Be sure to check the upcoming newsletters for more details. Flyers will be posted at the pool with all the particulars. We will be seeing you soon!



Lawn & Landscape Advice

Farmers Market
Rte. 108 & Prince Philip Drive
May–November, Sunday, 9 AM – 1 PM

- Select the right plants and trees for your site.
- Decide when and how to test your soil.
- Feed your turf without feeding the Chesapeake Bay.
- Identify weeds, insects and disease.
- Avoid blanket use of herbicides and pesticides.
- Identify and avoid killing beneficial insects.
- Learn how and when to prune your trees and shrubs.
- Chose the right mulch for your garden.
- Read seed catalogues: decode VFFFNT for tomatoes.
- Develop strategies to deal with deer.



Raptor Festival at Meadowside Nature Center



5100 Meadowside Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20855
Saturday, May 6, 2017
12 — 4 PM

Experience the thrill of seeing real owls, hawks, eagles and other predators up close and face to face!

Explore the world of these beautiful birds through all kinds of games and crafts, flight demonstrations and presentations from local experts.

Otus the Owl will be there to greet you, too!

Don't forget your camera! No registration required.



WOO HOO !!
IT'S FINALLY HERE



JOIN US at the
POOL OPENING DAY PARTY

Sat., May 27 12pm til 2pm

Hot Dogs, Chips & Sides
Beverages Provided
Great Music
Don't Miss Out on All the Fun !!



Interested in joining the Social Committee? Email Jacquie at JSWeed1@verizon.net
And please remember to join our Facebook Page at Tanterra's Social Events for up to the minute info !

Community Yard Sale!

Toys, home décor, clothes, books, and much more...Join the Tanterra Community and sell/buy some great items.

June 10, 2017

8 am - 1 pm



**Event will be advertised on
Olney Brookeville Exchange*,
Craigslist, and Facebook**

*a Yahoo Listserve of over 5,000 Olney families

**Questions? Contact us at:
TanterraToday@gmail.com**

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NEIGHBOR

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provided***

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MAY 27

8PM - 12AM

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Share***

Questions? Contact Jacque at jsweed1@verizon.net

Tanterra Homeowners Association: March Board Meeting Minutes

By Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

March 15, 2017
APPROVED April 19, 2017

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

Minutes

Glenn Wasik moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Board meeting as amended. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Frye distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of February 28, and the 3/14/17 Profit & Loss YTD statement. He reported Homeowner and Associate Member dues payments are coming in well, with the deadline approaching. Funds are now being deposited to our account at Capital One bank pending receipt of bills in the coming month.

Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that spring clean-up dates will be set prior to opening day. We anticipate receiving the pool operations contract shortly. Dick Bertin reported that there is already one private rental scheduled and swim/dive team events are also on the calendar.

Architectural Committee:

Hank Griffith reported that several home improvement/repair jobs have been approved. Spring inspections of the community will begin shortly. Carport neatness will be an area of focus this year.

Grounds and Tennis/Hockey Committees:

No report. Tennis and hockey court repairs are on schedule for the spring.

Social Committee:

No report. A meeting is planned for mid-March to plan the Social schedule for 2017.

Website Committee:

Jim Frye reported that the site is up and running well. He will add updates as available.

Welcoming Committee:

Brooke Marshall presented a draft letter she plans to send to area businesses to solicit contents for the Welcome Baskets for new homeowners. The Board approved the letter and thanked her for her efforts and enthusiasm.

Old Business

Dave Bouve will present the Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship to the winning Sherwood student in the Spring at their awards ceremony.

The Board discussed issues and options regarding operation of the snack bar at the pool for the coming season. More information will be available for further discussion at the April meeting.

New Business

None reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

* *Board Members in Attendance:* Richard Bertin, Dave Bouve, Wayne Johnson, Glen McEwen, Jim Frye, Glenn Wasik

* *Others in Attendance:* Hank Griffith (Architectural Committee), Brooke Marshall (Welcoming Committee), Kristen Bouve (Homeowner)

Tanterra Swim & Dive Team

By Heather Kauffman, Swim Team Rep

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Tanterra pool community! The Tanterra Swim and Dive Team will begin its 2017 season on Tuesday, May 30th.

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. (Preteam is morning only.) The coaches work with 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 4 years old. 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.

This year we will be evaluating ALL NEW swimmers to see whether they are ready for the Pre-team. PRE-TEAM EVALUATIONS WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 10:30AM. THESE EVALUATIONS ARE FOR ALL NEW SWIMMERS! If your child has already been a member of the Pre-team, they need not attend this evaluation. Each child's swimming will be evaluated to determine if they are ready for Pre-team. 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.

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 cannot 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, email Katie Parker: parkerkatie81@gmail.com; Swim team, email Heather Kauffman: heathercmd@yahoo.com; Dive team, email Valerie Carlson: valerie_carlson@yahoo.com; Registration, email Lauri Black: lauriblack@comcast.net. Save \$25! Early Bird Registration opens on Saturday, April 8th. Visit www.tanerratarpools.org for more information.

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