



Tanterra Today



September 2015

President's Message

by Glen McEwen

For those of you who didn't make it to the crab feast a few weeks ago, you missed out on a lot of good food and fun times. The Social Committee did a fantastic job of planning the event and everything turned out to be great. Please keep this in mind for next year's crab feast and plan on attending.

The summer is coming to a close and, for me, I'm sorry to see it end. However, it's a good time to remember the fun we had at the pool as well as looking ahead to upcoming events. The Social Committee events from the pool opening to pool closing parties as well as all of the happy hours and other gatherings in between were, as usual, a huge success; the swim and dive teams did great; the tennis courts seemed to have received a lot of use this summer as did the roller/hockey rink.

As for upcoming events, we have tentatively scheduled the **annual meeting for November 11TH at 7:30** at Greenwood with the specific date being dependent on Greenwood's availability. We would like to have everyone's input on the neighborhood's issues so please plan on attending. One of the important items will be the nominating and voting in of the board members. Every year, three board members' terms expire, and their seats are open for reelection. **This year Glenn Wasik, Jim Frye, and Glen McEwen are up for reelection. If you would like to run for a board seat or know someone else that would like to, please contact either myself or another board member or Melissa Frye who has volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Her contact information is 443-562-7574 or Melissafrye13@gmail.com** In addition, if you are interested in volunteering to be on one of the committee, please feel free to contact any of the board members, and we will let you know what is involved.

Also, the end of summer means that school has started. Many of our children walk to and from school along Heritage Hills Drive. There have been reports of speeding on this road, and the County will be heavily patrolling this area to keep our children safe. Please slow down! Also note that parking on the sidewalks is not only illegal but forces the children to walk in the street to get around the cars. This, coupled with the speeding, leads to a very dangerous situation. The Architecture Committee explains steps you can take to help on page 5.

Please also don't forget that we have a **board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month** at the pool, and that **guests are always welcome**. You don't need to have a special purpose or issue to discuss in order to attend; if you just want to listen and learn more about the neighborhood, you are welcome. Our next scheduled meetings are **September 16th and October 21st**. Hope to see you there.





A Note from the Social Committee

Hello Tanterra members,

I find it sad to say that summer 2015 is quickly coming to an end. It has been an awesome season with lots of great activities at the pool: Friday Night Happy Hours, the July 4th Celebration, the Season Opening and Closing parties, the Adult White Party, and of course, the Crab Feast. I'm happy to say that we had a really good turnout for most of our events, and the feedback from everyone was very positive. Several attendees for the Crab Feast told me that they thought the crabs this year were the best we've ever had (kudos to Jim Welch for choosing Captain White's as our crab provider)! Excellent job, Jim!

In order for us to have a successful and fun pool season, it takes the efforts of lots of our members who volunteer their time and talents to put together the social events. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many, many volunteers who helped plan and run all of activities this summer. Without your help and extraordinary efforts, it simply wouldn't have been possible. I had a great time serving as your Social Director this summer, and am looking forward to planning another great season in 2016. Our team of volunteers has already been brainstorming ideas for party themes for next year, so it promises to be another great summer! I hope everyone enjoys a safe winter and spring, and I'll look forward to seeing you all next summer!

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Board Members in Attendance

Glen McEwen
 Jim Cagley
 Wayne Johnson
 Richard Bertin
 Dave Bouve
 Bryan Moffett

Others Present

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

Calendar

9/5 12:00 Pool Closing Party

9/16 7:30 Board Meeting @ the pool shed

10/21 7:30 Board Meeting @ the pool shed

11/11 7:30 General Election @ Greenwood

For updates and changes, go to <http://www.tanterra.com/cm/>

TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2015

FINAL - Approved 8/19/15

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

Minutes

Jim Cagley moved to approve the draft minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting, with one clarification under New Business. Bryan Moffett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of June 30) and the 7/14/15 Profit & Loss YTD statement. In the absence of the treasurer, she reported that income and expenditures for 2015 are still on track. Dues and fee payments are generally in very good shape, with 5 approved extensions, and 7 liens for overdue payments in process, in accordance with Tanterra Bylaws.

Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that Verizon has installed a FIOS line to the pool office to serve an expanded security system.

Architectural Committee:

Committee members reported that two properties of previous concern appear to be resolving their issues. Community appearance and maintenance will continue to be a priority in order to maintain home values.

Newsletter:

Carolyn Reiss reported no problems.

Social Committee:

No report. The annual crab feast is scheduled for August 22 this year.

Web Site:

No report. There was brief discussion of the Tanterra Yahoo Group, which is actively moderated by a volunteer homeowner.

Welcoming Committee:

Carolyn Reiss reported that she and Charlotte Cary have called on several new residents, with very positive reception.

New Business:

Dick Bertin requested input for the date of the annual Tanterra Homeowners Association meeting, normally held at Greenwood school in early November. Wednesday, November 11 will be our first choice request to the County.

Old Business:

Glen McEwen reported that his contact at Olney Lions Club was pleased that we would welcome their participation in the annual Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship for a Sherwood student. The Lions will formally consider the partnership and notify us shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm

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

ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE

VEHICLES PARKED ON SIDEWALKS

With School starting back and children walking to school and bus stops we are sending this notice out again. We want everyone to know that if you or a guest visiting you park on the sidewalk that Montgomery County Police will be called to ticket and possibly tow that vehicle away and off the sidewalk. The safety of the children of our neighborhood is more important than a vehicle blocking the sidewalk which hinders their ability to get to their destination. Please be considerate and keep vehicles off the sidewalks.



We are resending this notice as we don't want to see any homeowner receive a citation for parking on the sidewalk. The police will not knock on your door and ask you to move the vehicle, but will write a ticket immediately.

It is illegal to park your vehicle on a sidewalk or in any way block the sidewalk from being used. With children going back to school, this is even more important. We have been getting more complaints about this and Montgomery County police will ticket those that are violating the law. If the violation is repeated, they will have the vehicle towed. You should call (301) 279-8000 Police non-emergency line where you can report cars parked in this manner. Your name when reporting is kept anonymous.

COMPLAINTS FROM HOMEOWNERS ABOUT PROBLEMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

We receive a few calls from homeowners who complain about various issues/problems in the neighborhood. When we get these calls, we will 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, the homeowner, are ANONYMOUS. Some of the items that they 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"



If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call. We are more than happy to meet with you on any questions you may have. Hank Griffith (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net

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<http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how/batteries.html>

Upcoming Local Events

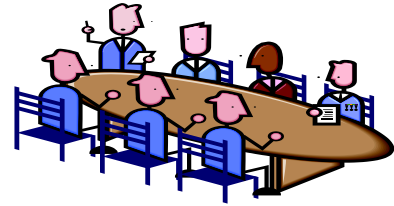
Oct. 3

24th Annual Harvest Festival, Agricultural Farm, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood
Scarecrow making, corn maze, farm & house tour, garden tours, antique farm equipment, candle making, hayrides and archaeology dig. 11-4. Free admission/charge for some activities

Oct. 12, Columbus Day

36th Annual Community Night & Taste of Olney. The County's longest running Business Expo is again at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School for an evening of fun, food and prizes. (17301 Old Vic Blvd.) Doors open to the public Exhibit Hall 4:30-8 p.m. Taste of Olney 5-7:45 p.m. Free admission.

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