



Tanterra Today

MAY 2013



Re **GRAND** **OPENING** **Pool Party**

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Free

**Saturday
May 25th**

Hot Dogs, Pizza,
Pasta Salad, Garden Salad
Drinks & Chips

Games!
Raffles!
Prizes!

Good
Times!

Activities

12:30 - 2:30

"Just Jenny" will be here with Balloon Art & Tattoos

1:30

Adult Corn Hole Tournament

(All two person teams must be present at that time to register.
Ladies & Couples are encouraged to compete!)

3:00

Kids Games

***5:00 - 8:00**

Family Meet & Greet w/ DJ provided Games & Entertainment

(* Please bring an Appetizer to share)



BOARD MINUTES - March 20, 2013

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Glen McEwen.

Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen
Dick Bertin
Charlie Cook
Jim Frye
Aleka Kapatou
Wayne Johnson
Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
Hank Griffith (Architect.)
Ted Karp (Architectural)
Ron White (Grounds)

Next Board Meeting

May 15

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

1. Minutes

Wayne Johnson moved to approve the draft minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting, as previously distributed. Jim Frye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of February 28, 2013). She and Treasurer Charlie Cook noted that receipts (including special assessment, associate member, and homeowner payments) and expenditures continue to be on track. Letters will be sent to individuals not current at the end of March.

3. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported that the pool reconstruction project is due to resume shortly, with the return of warmer weather. Spring completion is still on schedule. The management contract for 2013 has been received, and Wayne will provide some clarifying information requested concerning billing for staff. Wayne Johnson moved, and Charlie Cook seconded, that an additional \$1,000 be budgeted for pool grand reopening activities this year, recognizing the major reconstruction project.

Architectural Committee:

Hank Griffith and Ted Karp reported that the spring home inspections have been completed, with fewer issues than in previous years. Letters of notification will go out around April 1. The great majority of homeowners seem to be maintaining their properties very well, and compliments on Tanterra's general appearance are common.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that the lights at the Tanterra entrance on Heritage Hills are working and that the first of two protective cages has been installed and is working well. Ron will seek bids for sealing and striping the parking lot at the pool prior to opening day, and for resurfacing the bike paths. April 27 will be the spring community cleanup day, and volunteers will be requested to assist with this important task.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou provided information from the March 3 awards ceremony as well as the March 12 meeting, where County Executive Ike Leggett addressed the group.

Newsletter: No report.

Social Committee:

No report. The Committee is working on the 2013 social schedule of events.

Tennis Committee: No report.

Web Site:

No report. Jim Frye has been provided training to post information to the site.

Welcoming Committee: No report.

4. New Business: None.

5. Old Business:

Glen McEwen asked if there was information on the status of the Neighborhood Watch program and the Tanterra Yahoo mail list. None was available at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary

Social Committee Summer Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars!
You don't want to
miss out on the fun!

May 25th
Pool Opening
12-close



July 4th
Fourth of July Celebration



August 24th
Crab Feast



August 31st
Pool Closing
12-close



Happy Hour Dates

Hours 5-9

May 31st

June 7th & 21st

July 12th & 26th

August 9th & 23rd



COMMUNITY EVENTS



JOE'S RIDE & STRIDE - MAY 18 - OAKDALE EMORY CHURCH

Joe Sanford was an Olney resident who courageously battled brain cancer for three years before passing away on June 19, 2002 at the age of 10. This annual event commemorates Joe's memory and all local children who have passed away from cancer or other illness. Start times range from 7am for a 45K bike ride to 9am for children's rodeo. 5K walk at 8am. For more info visit: www.JoeSanford.com.

GOCA's popular **OLNEY DAYS** event is coming **May 17 thru May 19** - see www.olneydays.org for schedule of events, opportunities to volunteer or to download a parade application.

MARYLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL - MAY 18 - 12pm to 6pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Glen McEwen

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!

The big news is that the pool reconstruction is coming to a timely completion and the pool will be ready for the grand "Re-Opening" on Memorial Day weekend. If you haven't done so already, stop by the pool and you will see that the pool finish coat has been completed and water is in both the main and baby pools, as well as a new sun shade installed over the baby pool. The installation of the fence around the pool deck is the only remaining item before we can schedule the necessary inspections with the County Health Department. Make sure you come to the pool on Re-Opening Party to enjoy the new facility and all the festivities we have planned for the big day !

The Social Committee has finalized their events for the summer with a few special items planned for the pool re-opening. The Architectural Committee has reported that there have been very few violations this year and the Tennis Committee has replaced one of the nets that was old. Overall, the neighborhood is looking great!

The Grounds Committee is having a new top coat of asphalt on the bike/walking paths and the parking lot resurfaced with new parking stripes prior to the pool opening. The Grounds Committee has removed some of the older, overgrown trees from the common area and has trimmed back some others. However, **both the Grounds and Pool Committees could use your help in getting a few remaining items done. Please look for signs at the**

neighborhood entrances or the notice below for work dates and times. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help.

Don't forget - both the regular and special assessments need to be paid in full before pool opening to ensure access to and use of the pool Memorial Day weekend. If unsure if your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas (see pg 10 for her info).

Parents of swimmers and divers - please see article on page six about joining this year's Swim & Dive Team - first meeting is May 22. Information is also available on the Tanterra Tarpon's website at www.tanerratarpons.org.

Lastly, don't forget to join the Tanterra Email Group ! (TanterraHOA@yahoo.com) Although open to all, this listserve is mainly for the benefit of homeowners, allowing us to quickly and easily contact residents with important news regarding our neighborhood, early pool closures, etc. To sign up, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and search for "Tanterra;" when the Tanterra listserve group comes up, click on link to be added to the group. You may also email Amy Matathias (matathi@aol.com) your email info and she will sign you up.

Looking forward to a great summer at the pool this year!

POOL COMMITTEE • Clean Up Dates**May 5, 11, 18 and 19 • 12:30 pm til ???**

Come on by and bring a friend along too!
The more hands on deck, the quicker we can finish the work!

Questions? Contact Wayne Johnson at WayneLJohnson@verizon.net.

ALEX POPECK NEVER BACK DOWN FOUNDATION

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - Difference Maker college scholarships being awarded; application deadline approaching. Visit www.apnbd.org for details.

ALEX'S RUN - a great FAMILY 5k walk/run event - will take place June 23rd at OBGC, rain or shine. To register, sign up to volunteer/help out , or to become a sponsor, visit www.apnbd.org. SSL hours awarded.



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 2013 season on Tuesday, May 28. This is a wonderful summer activity for children ages 4-18, 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. There are also many social activities for the children (and parents) to enjoy throughout the summer.

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.

Diving. The 8 & under age group divers participate in front and back jump dives and a head first standing dive into the pool, receiving ribbons at every event. Your child only needs to be able to get from the diving board to the ladder unassisted and with confidence.

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 (home or away). 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. Even if you work full-time or have toddlers clinging to your leg, there are jobs you can do.

If you would like to learn more, plan on attending the new family meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: ReMax Community Room

(Building is located on Rt. 108 next to Ricciuti's Restaurant).

For more information or if you are unable to attend, please call or email Tina Varron at 240-463-3743 or tinav4@verizon.net. You may also visit www.tanterratarpons.org for more information.

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ARCHITECTURAL NEWS

Architectural Change Request

Please don't forget to submit your form prior to doing any work on the outside of your house as required by our covenants and bylaws. Change form can be found on the website or contact Hank at the info below. We've had instances where this was not submitted and work had to be redone. This requirement includes but not limited to staining, even if staining the same color, additions, decks, fences, exterior antenna, driveways, roofs, windows, gutters, etc. If in doubt, check with Hank Griffith at skayhank@comcast.net or (240) 461-7536. We are very quick in turning around the request, but please don't submit the day before your contractor is coming.

Driveway Sealing Discounts for Residents and Associate Pool Members

Driveway sealing will both extend the life of the driveway and also add to the curb appeal of your house. Major cracking, grass growing through your driveway, crumbing will require that you repave your driveway which becomes more expensive.

J Ford Paving called us to renew their offer on sealing of driveways at discounted pricing. Every homeowner that calls them to seal their driveway will receive the same price regardless of size. Associate pool members are also included on this discount. Please mention the Tanterra discount when calling. All driveways will be done at the cost of \$150.00. Please call Hugh Ford at (301) 915-4876.

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, since we found the operator has additional discounts not listed on the web site.

Powerwash

We have a vendor that has offered Tanterra and Associate Pool members discounts on pressure washing. This would include siding, decks, walkways, mold and staining on roofs, etc. Please call Pete Heon with Superior Pressure Washing at (301) 949-8000 and mention the Tanterra discount.

Street Lights - How to Report a Non-Working Street Light

Reporting intermittent or non-working streetlights in Tanterra is an easy process. This also includes leaning or missing parts on streetlights. 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.montgomerycounty.md.gov/dot-streetlight/>, put in an address close to where the streetlight is located, and a map will appear with all the streetlights in that area. You then click on 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 street lights working properly keeps our neighborhood safe!



THE MAY LANDSCAPE GARDENER

by
MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

May is a great month for plantings of all sorts! The milder weather will allow greater leeway when it comes to a conflict between your busy schedule and the need for the newly planted plant material to be watered. Be sure to plant slightly high when installing new plants to allow for drainage and aeration. Roots need water and air in balanced proportions in order for the plant to thrive, and our clay soils do not allow easy passage of either of these. Digging a wide and shallow hole for plants will allow the roots at the top of the new plant's root ball to expand into soil that is better aerated near the surface. Roots toward the bottom of the container may not survive the transplanting shock of a sudden reduction of oxygen levels, but the plant will survive.

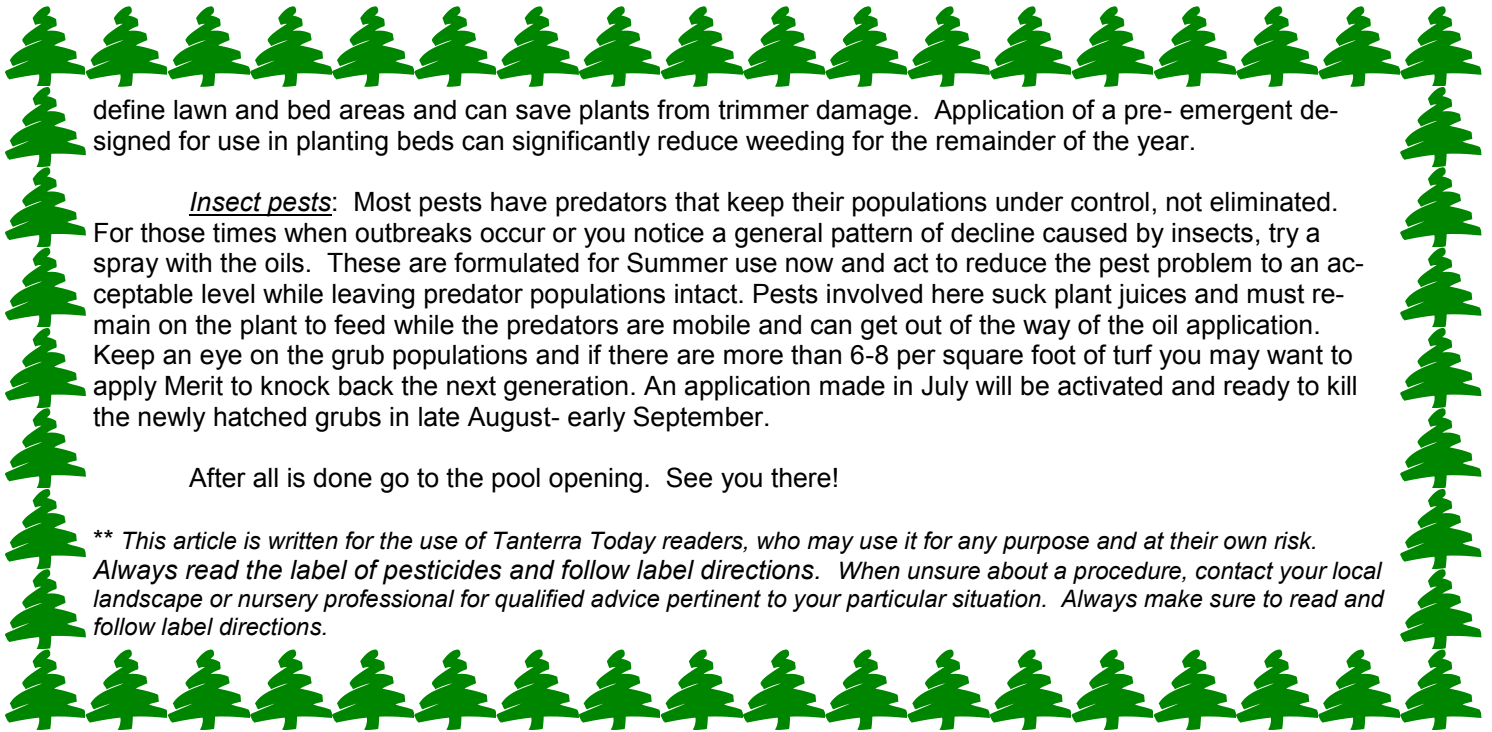
Lawns: For existing weed control (dandelions, clover plantains etc.), broadleaf weed killers are most effective in May when the temperatures are optimum for the growth and thus the death of the weeds. The pre-emergent weed controls that are put down in late March to early April take care of keeping many new weeds from growing from seed, but once plants have grown beyond the seedling stage they are no longer effective. Water based selective herbicides can be used when temperatures are slightly higher (up to 85 degrees; however, oil based materials should not be used when temperatures are expected to go over 80 degrees prior to the material drying. These can volatilize and drift into desirable vegetation. Treat areas underneath other vegetation only if needed as broadleaf herbicides can be taken up by the roots of trees and shrubs and cause damage. Finding broadleaf controls without additional fertilizer can be a challenge. Stimulating new top growth with fertilizers will use up already depleted reserves so the grass plants will be weaker (less able to withstand Summer drought conditions) albeit greener for a while.

Question: Why do we keep having new weeds show up in our lawns if we are using pre-emergents and killing weed seeds as they germinate? **Answer:** Most weed seeds germinate in the Spring to early Summer window. Pre-emergent herbicides are targeted at those weeds (primarily annual grass-like weeds like crabgrass). Some weed seeds germinate year round (dandelions, etc) or germinate in the Fall (chickweed) when the pre-emergents have broken down and are no longer effective. We don't want a pre-emergent to interfere with the germination of desirable grasses, which we sow in late-Summer, so the protection that the pre-emergent provided in early-Spring through mid Summer is allowed to lapse. Thus, allowing a window of opportunity for some weed seeds to grow in our lawns.

Free plants: Do you have perennials and/or ornamental grasses? Now is a good time to increase these numbers by dividing these plants. Simply dig them up, carefully (or not so carefully) cut and pull the roots apart to form two or more separate clumps, and replant. Whenever you dig or move perennials take a little extra time to add organic matter (composted leaves, Leaf-Gro) to the soil to replenish the tilth and fertility. Good candidates—hosta, (pennisetum and miscanthus- grasses), daylilies, and the list goes on. Ornamental grasses will, with time, grow out into a circular pattern with a dead area in the middle. By digging up the clump and moving or getting rid of 90% of the circle, then replanting the remaining 10% back in the middle (into compost modified soil) you can restore the vigor to your planting.

Grass cutting: Mowing of the turf type tall fescues and bluegrasses should be on a 5-8 day cycle throughout May. By cutting often and allowing the clippings to fall back on the lawn you will recycle the micro-nutrients which all grasses need to flourish.. Cut at 2.5-3" through May and take the mower height up to 3-3 1/2" setting around the second week of June (this will allow the soil to be shaded by the taller grass thus protecting the grass root systems). Grass subjected to the stress of being cut too short does not generate new roots for a period of 28 days following that cutting. Grass root systems, growing deep in the soil, are the best means of surviving summer heat and drought.

Edging and mulching: May is a great time for edging and mulching planting beds before the weather turns too hot. Cutting a shallow edge around plantings prior to application of a 1-2" layer of mulch can clearly



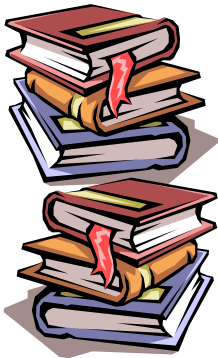
define lawn and bed areas and can save plants from trimmer damage. Application of a pre-emergent designed for use in planting beds can significantly reduce weeding for the remainder of the year.

Insect pests: Most pests have predators that keep their populations under control, not eliminated. For those times when outbreaks occur or you notice a general pattern of decline caused by insects, try a spray with the oils. These are formulated for Summer use now and act to reduce the pest problem to an acceptable level while leaving predator populations intact. Pests involved here suck plant juices and must remain on the plant to feed while the predators are mobile and can get out of the way of the oil application. Keep an eye on the grub populations and if there are more than 6-8 per square foot of turf you may want to apply Merit to knock back the next generation. An application made in July will be activated and ready to kill the newly hatched grubs in late August- early September.

After all is done go to the pool opening. See you there!

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Books & DVD Donations Wanted



It's Spring cleaning time! The Tanterra Swim & Dive Team would love to take any old books or DVD's off your hands for our Annual Book Sale this summer (date to be determined).

We need your donations now, so please contact Cindi Scafide at advertising@tanterratarpons.org if you have items you'd like to contribute. *We can even pick them up!* (Please do not bring books to the pool; we will collect or we ask that you drop them off to specially identified locations. Thank you!)

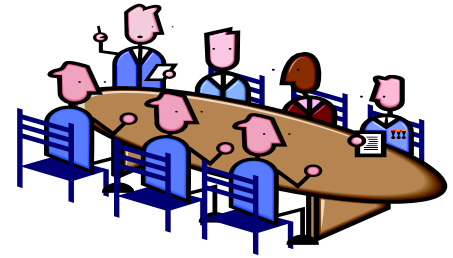
Attention all Roller Hockey Fans!

Winter sports are over, so time for roller hockey! We presently play games on the Tanterra tennis court near the pool, with all ages and abilities welcome to join in the fun! Current crew is 8 - 50 yrs old with intermediate level play. Plan is to play one day each weekend at about 3pm. Sundays will be the regular day unless changed. Let me know if you want to be added to the invite list and Facebook site. Look forward to skating with you!

Jim Welch
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