



AUGUST 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Glen McEwen



It's hard to believe the pool will soon be closing; it seems like it just yesterday we opened for the summer! Before we bid farewell to summer fun, however, **we have several end of summer Social Committee events still going on:**

- Family Happy Hours (Fridays, August 9 and 23, 5pm til 9pm);
- Annual Crab Feast (Saturday, August 24, 8pm til Midnite); and
- Pool Closing Party (Saturday, August 31, 12pm til 2pm).

The Pool Closing Party and Family Happy Hours are open to all ages, while the Crab Feast is an adults only (21+) party. See pages 3 and 4 for more info on these events. **The Social Committee may still host a raft and game night for the kids one evening in August, so make sure you check the pool for flyers.**

With less than a month before the **pool closes Monday, September 2**, make sure you come by the pool often to enjoy our volleyball games, horseshoes, new sandbox for the little ones, beautiful new baby pool with fountains - and **don't forget to stop by the pool's snack bar** for all sorts of treats, including hot dogs, chips, drinks, ice cream and more!

A Message to our Associate Members: please note that this will be the last *Tanterra Today* you receive by mail until the January 2014 issue. If you wish to stay tuned to events in the Tanterra community – and read reports from the Swim & Dive Reps on the summer season – please check our website at www.Tanterra.com.

At the July monthly homeowner's meeting, the Board approved the use of vinyl as a fencing material. Although the vinyl fence costs more than wood, the maintenance is less and it will last much longer, so if you are considering replacing or installing a fence on your property, you may now include vinyl among your list of options. The fence styles remain the same; just the material selection has been expanded to include vinyl. And always remember to get the Architectural Committee's approval before performing this or any other kind of work around the outside of your home or property.

Hope to see you around the pool or after one of our great Social Committee events this month!

A few pics from our



July 26 Family Happy Hour!!



BOARD MINUTES - June 26, 2013

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

Board Members Present:

- Jim Cagley
- Charlie Cook
- Jim Frye
- Aleka Kapatou
- Glen McEwen

Others Present:

- Elizabeth Bialas (Clerk)
- Hank Griffith
- Ted Karp
- Dave Stout

1. Guests - None.

2. Minutes

Jim Frye moved to approve the draft minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting, as previously distributed. Aleka Kapatou seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of May 31, 2013). Charlie Cook reported that a total of 28 homeowners still owe for annual HOA fees and/or special assessments. Expenditures continue to be on track.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee. No Report.

Architectural Committee:

Hank Griffith and Ted Karp provided an update on the outstanding architecture issues. The committee reported that homeowners are cooperating and the neighborhood is looking great.

Grounds Committee. No Report.

GOCA:

Aleka Kapatou provided information from the June meeting. There was a discus-

sion about the road planned to connect Batchellors Forest and Emory Church Road. The concern is over the increased thru traffic.

Newsletter. No Report.

Social Committee. No Report.

Tennis Committee. No report.

Web Site:

Tanterra.com will soon be updated with pictures of the finished pool.

Welcoming Committee. No report.

4. New Business

A homeowner asked the board to consider revising the pool operating hours. The concern was the pool was not open during the morning hours. After a discussion it was determined that the operating cost for extending pool hours would be too substantial. The homeowner also asked the board to approve the swim practice and meet schedule prior to the season. This request was made to ensure there was enough time available for homeowners to use the pool.

5. Old Business
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin

(With appreciation to Jim Frye for taking meeting notes.)

Next Board Meeting

August 21

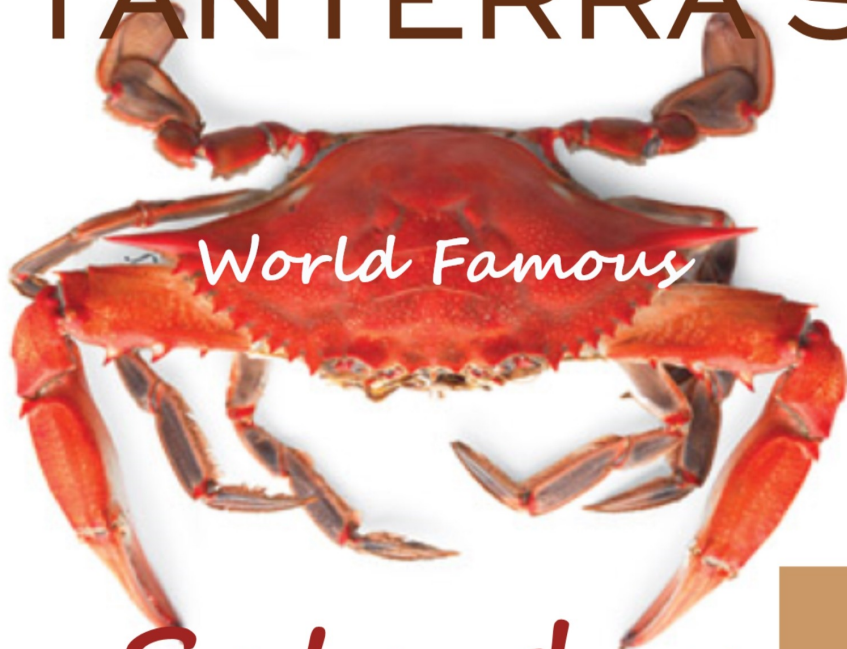
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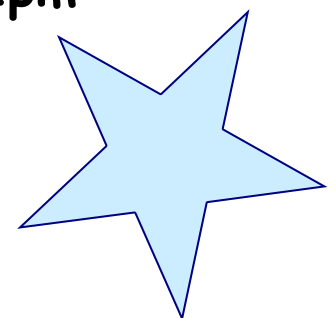
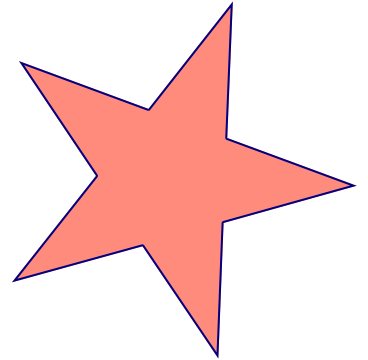
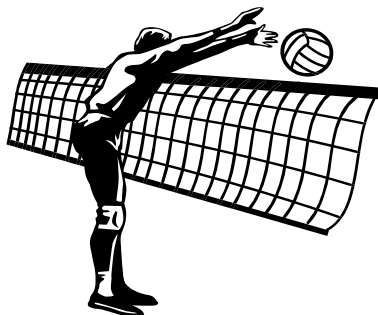
CLOSING PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

12pm—2pm

Hot Dogs • Chips

Beer • Lemonade





THE AUGUST LANDSCAPE GARDENER

By

MARK D. UHL, Horticulturist

Late summer is the best time to rejuvenate lawns, the process of filling in bare spots and replacing poorly performing grasses with better varieties starts now. Poor grasses, Japanese stilt grass, or spots of "warm season" grasses can be eliminated easily with a non-selective herbicide (Roundup) 2-4 weeks prior to reseeding. This time frame will allow you to see the spots die before reseeding. In an emergency you can spray Roundup and reseed three days later, but you may not have entirely killed off the unwanted grasses and they may return. Spraying 2-4 weeks ahead will give you the opportunity to evaluate your treatment and re-spray if needed. The preferred grass seed to use in our area for most lawns is a turf type tall fescue blend. (TTTF). TTTF germinates best at soil temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees, which occur in our area from mid August through the end of September. Seeding during that time (provided adequate moisture is present) will provide for germination in as short as 5 days with an average time of 7-10 days. Seeding early will get a stand of grass established prior to leaf clean up in the Fall. If moisture is not present, wait until adequate rainfall has occurred prior to seeding. (Adequate soil moisture will also allow for better penetration of aerator tines into the soil).

Seeding may be done in many ways. The primary objective is to establish seed contact with the soil particles. Aeration prior to seeding provides additional benefits of allowing for improved penetration of fertilizer and water to the root systems of the existing grass plants while opening areas for new seed to contact soil. Slice seeding, using a special machine, cuts very shallow grooves for the seed through the existing turf. This is the preferred method for obtaining the best stand of grass in the shortest time, but is also the slowest and most expensive. Broadcasting seed without aeration can work if we get a week of wet weather after seeding, but is very hit or miss. Watering the new seeding is very important for the first two weeks. A light-daily watering is extremely beneficial and can mean the difference between success and failure of the seeding job. Watering should be gradually withdrawn as the grass grows, watering more at each watering and applying water less frequently.

Application of fertilizer designed for use with new seed such as 18-24-12 the first week of September will stimulate the existing turf and support the growth of young grass plants. This timing is important for the fertilizer whether you seed earlier or later. New regulations passed by the State of Maryland are set to start in October of this year which allow for fertilizers containing phosphorus to be used only if seeding. If not seeding, use a fertilizer where the phosphorus, the middle number in the fertilizer analysis, is zero. (12-0-4, for example)

Plan now for Fall plantings of ornamentals, Fall planted trees and shrubs produce roots during the long period of Fall through next Summer and are better able to withstand the Summer's temperatures. You might also begin planning for the division of perennials in your garden. Later September through early October is an ideal time for all but the most early flowering perennials.

Pruning should be delayed until mid-October. Pruning now will encourage growth which will not have sufficient time to harden off prior to freezing weather.

Weed control in plant beds now, first week of August, will eliminate possible sources of weed seed for next year. With a combination of hand weeding, where weed growth is too large or too close to desirable plants, and herbicides your yard can be weed free in no time. (Well almost.) I have noticed many areas where the wild grape vines have taken over and smothered trees and shrubs in our woodland areas and some of this grape has made its way into our yards as well. This grape vine grows so fast that it can overwhelm small trees before you are aware that it may be present. Japanese Stilt grass is another invasive species which seems to be coming into untended areas rapidly. Pre-emergent herbicides are our best defense against this one. Hand weeding of this weed, when it attempts to move into new areas, works well also; so you need to be vigilant and catch these outbreaks in their early stages.. Application of a pre-emergent herbicide, in planting beds only, in early August, will keep Fall germinating weeds such as the chickweed invasion of this past Spring from being

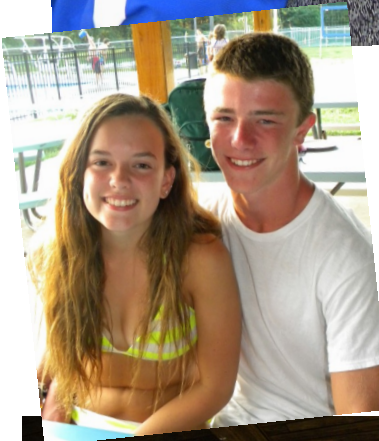
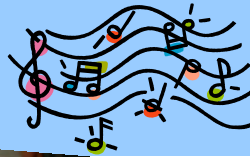
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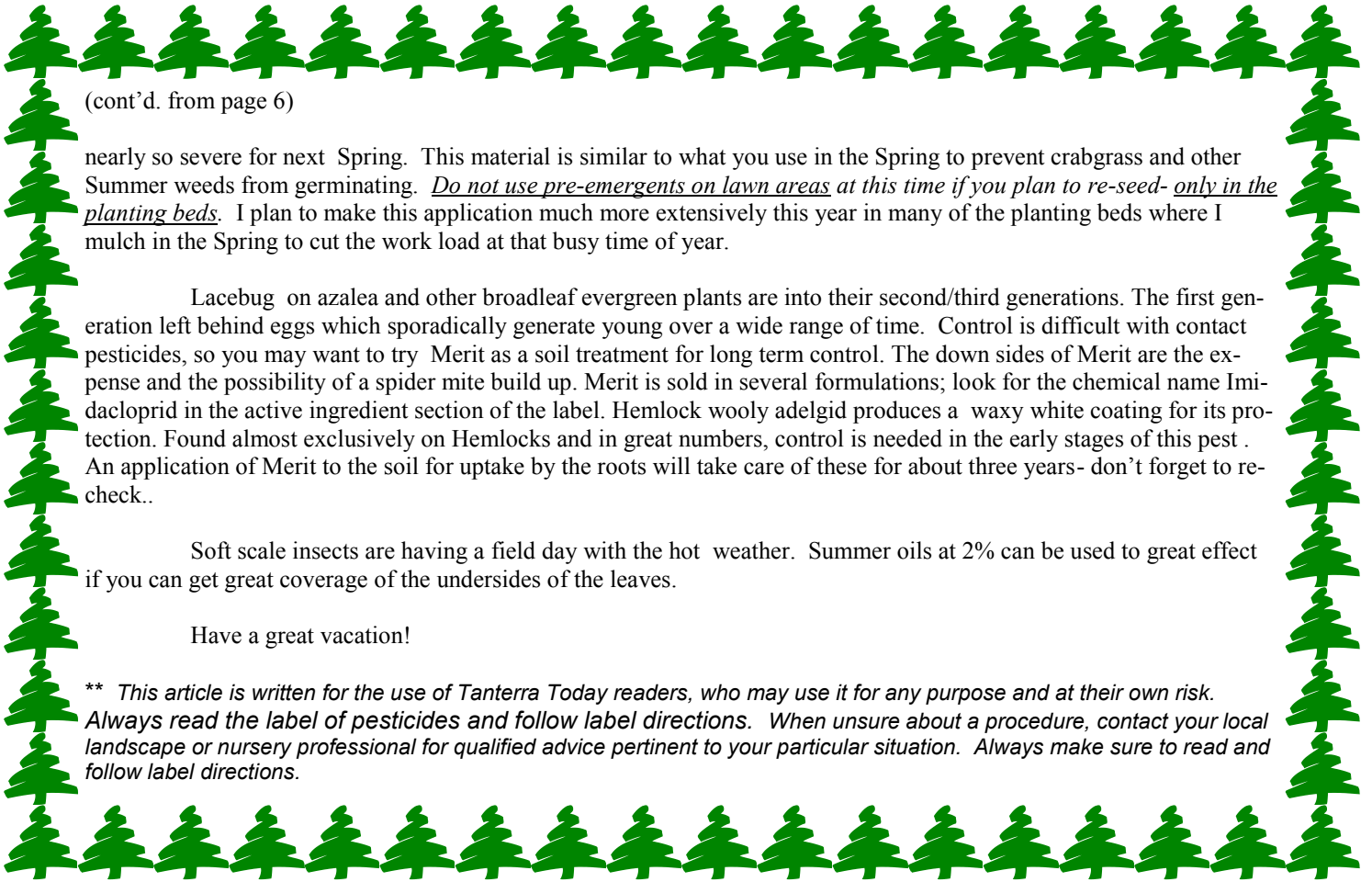


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nearly so severe for next Spring. This material is similar to what you use in the Spring to prevent crabgrass and other Summer weeds from germinating. Do not use pre-emergents on lawn areas at this time if you plan to re-seed- only in the planting beds. I plan to make this application much more extensively this year in many of the planting beds where I mulch in the Spring to cut the work load at that busy time of year.

Lacebug on azalea and other broadleaf evergreen plants are into their second/third generations. The first generation left behind eggs which sporadically generate young over a wide range of time. Control is difficult with contact pesticides, so you may want to try Merit as a soil treatment for long term control. The down sides of Merit are the expense and the possibility of a spider mite build up. Merit is sold in several formulations; look for the chemical name Imidacloprid in the active ingredient section of the label. Hemlock wooly adelgid produces a waxy white coating for its protection. Found almost exclusively on Hemlocks and in great numbers, control is needed in the early stages of this pest. An application of Merit to the soil for uptake by the roots will take care of these for about three years- don't forget to re-check..

Soft scale insects are having a field day with the hot weather. Summer oils at 2% can be used to great effect if you can get great coverage of the undersides of the leaves.

Have a great vacation!

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July 26
Family Happy
Hour ...



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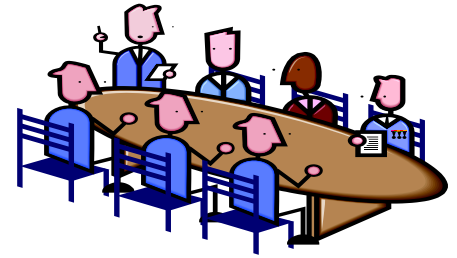


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MANY thanks to Nitsa Ferentinos and Shawn Papadimitris for hosting the Family Happy Hour July 26. It was a great success and so much fun!

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