

Tanterra Today

April Showers bring
May Flowers ...

President's Message

by Glen McEwen



With the start of Spring we need volunteers for the Grounds and Pool Committees to begin community cleanup. **The first cleanup is scheduled for the weekend of April 26 & 27 and will continue on most weekends thru May until pool opening.** Check for signs at the entrances for further details as the dates draw closer.

Looking forward to a great summer!!

If you haven't paid your annual HOA dues yet, please do so ASAP. Dues need to be paid in full before Memorial Day weekend to ensure your family's access to and use of the pool this summer. If you are unsure if your dues are paid in full, please contact HOA Clerk Elizabeth Bialas at LizBialas@Verizon.net.

GO GREEN! Our monthly newsletter is available online at www.Tanterra.com. **Associate Members** receive this newsletter between January and August, but **if you would like to be taken off of our mailing list, please email Elizabeth Bialas** at LizBialas@verizon.net and include your name and address so she can update her records.

Lastly, we need volunteers to take over as Editor of the Newsletter and Chair of the Grounds Committee. Please consider helping out our community by taking over one of these positions. If you are unsure if you have the time, team up with a friend and lighten the load! Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Make sure you hop on over to the pool Saturday, April 19th to see the Easter Bunny and join our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Visit with the Easter Bunny starting at 10:45am, followed by the Hunt at 11 am. See page 3 for more details.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3rd. See page 3 for details.

Come to the Social Committee's PARTY PLANNING MEETING this April 25th at 7pm at the Pool Pavillion. Munchies and beverages provided. Help make this summer a blast for all the kids and families. If you can't make this meeting but still want to help out on the Committee, or have any questions, please contact Committee Chair SarahFormichelli@yahoo.com.



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Next Board Meetings

April 16 • May 21 • June 18

Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the Pool Shed



BOARD MINUTES - February 19, 2014

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

1. Guest

There were no guests in attendance.

2. Minutes

Dick Cole moved to approve the draft minutes of the January 15 meeting with one correction. Bryan Moffett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet (as of January 31) and the Profit & Loss Statement (as of February 14). She and Treasurer Jim Frye noted that income and expenditures continue to be on track. Homeowner and Associate Member dues are coming in following the recent billings. A total of under \$6,000 is still unpaid for homeowners' past dues and special assessments. Arrangements, including liens, are in process to compete the collections.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee: No report.

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Board Members Present:

Glen McEwen
Dick Bertin
Jim Cagley
Dick Cole
Jim Frye
Aleka Kapatou
Bryan Moffett

Others Present:

Elizabeth Bialas
(HOA Clerk)
Ron White
(Grounds Committee)



4th ANNUAL TANTERRA COMMUNITY YARD SALE !

**Saturday, May 3
8 am til 1 pm**

Held in Each Homeowner's Yard, Garage or Carport ...
Just Set up Shop and You're Ready to Go!

(Rain date: Sunday, May 4 ♦ 9am - 2 pm)

**Event will be Advertised on
Olney Brookeville Exchange*
Craigslist and other Venues**

* a Yahoo listserve group of over 4,000 Olney families
Questions? Email Sharlene.Monroe@Remax.net

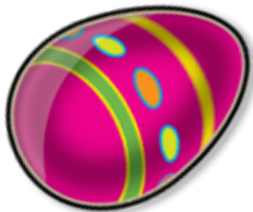




***Join us for Tanterra's
Annual Easter Egg Hunt !
Saturday, April 19 @ 10:45 am****

*** Mingle with the
Easter Bunny**

**Easter Egg Hunt
Starts at 11 am SHARP
so arrive early!!**



For Tots and Children up to 5th Grade

Tanterra Pool Parking Lot

***(Bring Your Camera for Pictures
with the Easter Bunny!)***

Rain date: Monday, April 21st @ 11 am

***(Hunt Cancelled Only in Event of Heavy Downpour
Event Will go On with Light Rain)***

***Contact Jodie Siarkas @ jsiarkas@comcast.net
or 301-674-3819 with any questions***

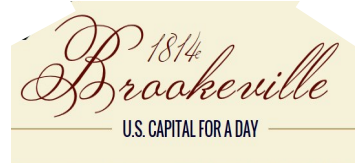


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SAT, MAY 3 - Brookeville House Tour & Lunch

SAT & SUN, AUGUST 30 - 31

War of 1812 Brookeville Bicentennial Commemoration Civilian Re-enactors and Enthusiastic Volunteers Wanted !

For more information on these and other landmark celebrations, visit <http://uscapitalforaday.org/>

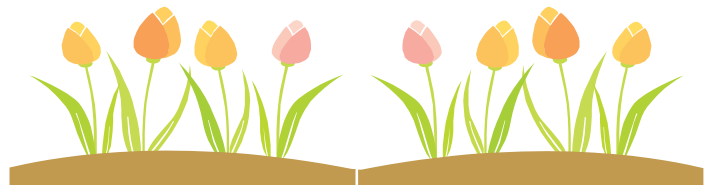
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APRIL Timely Tip 

Tablecloth Stain Tip!

Tablecloth stains can be removed by spraying them with foam shaving cream, let it sit for 15 minutes and then rinse with 1/4 cup white vinegar mixed with 1 cup water. Be sure to test for color fastness before using this tip.



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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 2014 season on Tuesday, May 27. 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. (Pre-team is morning only.) The coaches work with the 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 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. Pre-Team coaches are experienced swim team members, ages 13-18, who work with the children in small groups in the shallow end of the pool. 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.

Diving. 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 and 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 to 12 volunteers to run a dive meet. We can't 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, plan on attending the new family meeting in May. The date will be posted on the team's website. **Registration will open on Saturday, April 12th.** Visit www.tanterratarpons.org for more information.

For more information or if you are unable to attend the new family meeting, please call Heather Kauffman at 301-570-6838 or email at heathercmd@yahoo.com.



**(February Minutes
cont'd from page 2)**

Architectural Committee:

No report.

Grounds Committee:

Ron White reported that the entrance lights will require electrical repair when the weather clears. He also noted that a large tree had been removed from the pool area at no cost to Tanterra. The 2014 mowing contract was reviewed and should be finalized shortly with last year's vendor.

GOCA:

Jim Frye presented highlights of the February 11 meeting.

Newsletter:

No report. Glen McEwen noted that a volunteer is being sought to take over production work on the Tanterra Today newsletter.

Social Committee:

No report.

Tennis Committee:

Glen McEwen reported that Peter Szwec had informed him that a shade awning has been purchased for the tennis court area.

Web Site:

Jim Frye stated that he had posted Bylaws and budget documents to the site.

Welcoming Committee:

No report.

5. New Business:

- Glen McEwen moved that the Board again allocate \$500 for the Jesse Horsman Memorial Scholarship for 2014. Dick Cole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Dick Cole requested that the Board consider supporting the Rice Bowl appeal of the Mid-County United Ministries to purchase rice and other food for needy families in the area. He moved that Tanterra contribute \$100. Dick Bertin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed the scheduling of the Annual Spring Yard Sale. Saturday May 3 has been confirmed. Additional details will follow.
- Ron White inquired about policy regarding clearing of walking/bike paths in winter. The Board discussed aspects of this activity and may consider action at a coming meeting.
- Dick Bertin noted that he has started receiving inquiries about pool rentals. The pool committee will review the 2013 policy and cost documents to determine if any changes are needed for 2014.

6. Old Business.

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin





ARCHITECTURAL UPDATE



Inspections Update - The inspections are complete, and if you are affected you should have already received a letter or will receive one soon. Your cooperation on these issues are greatly appreciated. We are here to work with homeowners who have received a letter, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Due to the early inspection date, the only item that may come up in the next month or two would be dead trees, bushes etc.

Driveways - One of the areas where the Inspection Committee noted the most violations was driveways. Many driveways have experienced a lot of cracking, chunks breaking off of the asphalt or grass growing up through the driveway. Some can be repaired by fixing the cracks and resealing, but others will need to be resurfaced. However, in some cases, fixing the cracks and resealing may only be a band-aid that will last only a year or so.

Even homeowners who recently surfaced their driveway should consider resealing every couple of years to allow a longer period before replacement is necessary. Sealing the driveway not only makes it look good, but can also add years of life to it.

As in years past, we have been able to negotiate a reduced price from two different companies to re-seal your driveway. Both firms are willing to offer a price of \$150 on any Tanterra driveway. This is an excellent price, and we hope many of you will take advantage of this discount. The two companies are:

[Sealcoat Etc. / 1-855-370-7325 / www.sealcoatetc.com](http://www.sealcoatetc.com)

[J. FORD / Hugh Ford / 301-915-4876](http://www.sealcoatetc.com)

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 prior to doing any work, you understand which was done on your house to ensure a good coat of stain. We only approve stain for Tanterra homes.

Architectural Requests - Remember to fill out the Architectural change request for any work being done on the outside of your house. This includes window, door replacement, staining your house, driveway expansion, shingles, gutters, etc. You can find this form on the Tanterra website at www.tanterra.com.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Architectural issues in Tanterra, please don't hesitate to give me a call or contact me via e-mail. Hank Griffith at (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TANTERRA'S OWN SUMMER WHITE !!

* Outstanding Student, Volunteer and Daughter Extraordinaire *

Summer won the 2013 Greater Olney Civic Association's
Youth Contribution to the Community Award

GOCA's awards ceremony took place Sunday, March 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, with numerous political and community members on hand to congratulate the winners. Some of you may recognize Summer from her many years of participation on the Tanterra Swim and Dive teams, but Summer's nomination for the GOCA Youth Award sprung from her involvement with many other community volunteer efforts over the years. Among them:

- Sherwood High School Swim and Dive Team Captain
- President and Vice President for the Sherwood High School Student Ambassadors
- Nominated Participant, Junior National Youth Leadership Conference
- Publicity Chairwoman, American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Olney
- Captain, Tarpons for Life Relay for Life team to benefit the American Cancer Society

When you next see Summer, make sure you congratulate her on a job well done!



Summer is congratulated by Brookeville's own Karen Montgomery State Senator District 14



Summer flanked by proud mom and dad, Jody & Ron

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SANDY SPRING MUSEUM'S 33rd ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL !!

Each year thousands of people descend on the Sandy Spring Museum the first Saturday of June looking to celebrate summer and strawberries! From 10am until 5pm, the fun, entertainment and food doesn't stop!

Volunteers are a critical element to making this event such a success each year. For more information, please call 301-774-0022 or visit www.sandyspringmuseum.org. Thank you!

EDITORS NOTE: If you know someone in the community worthy of mention, please email us at TanterraToday@hotmail.com. We'd love to share the good news!



THE APRIL LANDSCAPE GARDENER

by
MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

As I am writing this it is snowing (* sigh *) again. With the up and down temperatures we have experienced in March, mainly down, the beginning of the Spring landscape maintenance schedule will be pushed back by as much as a week to ten days for some items.

Maintenance for April

Begin mowing - bluegrass and turf type tall fescues prefer being cut at 2 ½” to 3” for the spring months and switching to 3 to 3 ½” as the hot weather comes in June to shade the turf. Mow at least once a week and leave the clippings on the lawn to decompose and return nutrients to the soil.

Pre-emergent lawn application to established lawns should be timed with the blooming of forsythia. This year, I am guessing this will happen around the week of March 31st. If you are seeding this spring, you will have to use a product containing Tupersan, chemical name Siduron (I have been hearing advertising for a new Scott's product that can be used with new seedings - you may want to try it) followed by the regular pre-emergent in six weeks after the newly seeded grass has grown enough to tolerate it.

Broadleaf weeds can most effectively be controlled late April through June. You need a large leaf area to hit (early sprays may miss some of the weeds that emerge late, such as the clovers and sedges) and the temperatures must not exceed 80-85 degrees before the spray dries. Broadleaf sprays should not be used close to desirable ornamental plants where over-spray may do damage. Spraying below tree canopy/near roots should be done on an “as needed” basis only, as the material can be taken up by tree roots and do damage to the tree.

Edge and mulch planting beds. Mulch to a depth of 1-2”, no more. If old mulch is crusty, rake to break it up prior to applying the new layer. Too much mulch can exclude oxygen and water from the roots of desirable plants and encourage root growth into the mulch where the roots will die from the next winters' cold. Excessive mulch can accumulate in dry areas (such as around a home's foundation under our overhangs). Removal or redistribution of the excess will result in better air/water movement into the soil where roots live. Application of a pre-emergent weed control to the planting beds can reduce hand weeding later in the summer months, sometimes considerably.

Renewal **prune plants**, such as forsythia, which have already finished blooming. Forsythia can be controlled and kept manageable if cut to a 6” stub every 2-3 years immediately after flowering.

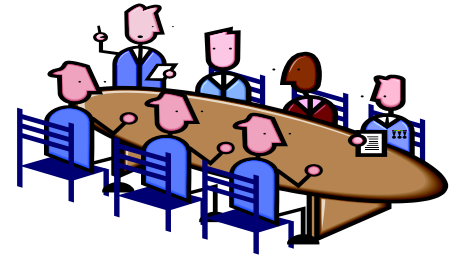
Cut out any winter killed branches on our borderline plant material. Stagger the height of your cuts to allow for a natural regrowth form.

Start monitoring for insect pests. If spotted, try to control with oils and biological agents. When targeted at young insect populations, these controls are very effective and less hazardous to you and the environment. For a few aphids on your rose buds, using your fingers to crush these is an effective mechanical control that allows the predators time to catch up to the explosion of the aphid population. Once caught up, the predators can keep the pest population in check, often for the remainder of the summer!

Note: Information presented here is for the use of Tanterra Today readers and may be used in any way that you wish. Ideas presented here are for use at your own risk. If unsure about a procedure or chemical, seek qualified first-hand advice from a horticultural professional.

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