

Tanterra Today

Homeowner's Forum May 2009

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TANTERRA SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE 2009 SEASON

- **May 23rd—Pool Opening from Noon to 2 p.m.**
- **June 13th—Summer Kickoff from 7:00—9:00 p.m.**
- **June 27th—Casino Night from 8 p.m. to Midnight (adult party)**
- **July 4th—4th of July Party from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**
- **July 18th—College Games Night from 8 p.m. to Midnight (adult party)**
- **August 29th—Crab Feast from 8 p.m. to midnight (adult party)**
- **September 5th—Pool Closing from noon to 2 p.m.**

Watch for details on all of these events in the months to come!

If you run into any of these people, THANK THEM! The events would not happen without the Social Committee.

Jodie Siarkis, Donna Hubbard, Laura Evans, Leah Niepold, Jim Welch, Mark Kershaw, Brooke Kershaw, Becky Wessling, Ryan Wessling, Sarah Formichelli, Phil Formichelli, Angela Daniels, Dwight Daniels, Barbara Stockinger, Ron White, Michelle Cagley, Jim Cagley, Nancy Kotsiras, Wayne Johnson, Curt Barrett, Sue Barrett.



Architectural Update

Driveway Sealing

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. All driveways will be done at the cost of **\$125.00**.

Their reason for doing it at this reduced rate is based on volume. ***This is a very competitive price.*** Many of the prices that have been quoted on an individual basis are in the \$170 to \$250 range. When you consider the cost if you were to do it yourself (approximately \$50-\$100 in materials) and take into account that this can also be a messy job it pays to have a professional do it for you. If interested contact **Hugh Ford on (410) 262-1426**.

County Roads

The County has been through the neighborhood fixing the grass between the streets and the culverts. Based on budgets I don't think we will see them again for a while as it pertains to fixing these areas. If the area in front of your house still needs work you can try contacting the county or you may find it easier just to fix this area yourself. One suggestion is that we feel that you will have better success using sod versus seed.

Commercial Vehicles

We've received a couple of complaints about Tanterra residents Commercial vehicles being parked in the street. Please keep in mind that our covenants under article VII, Section 7 states that "Commercial vehicles must be parked in driveways." Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Reminder to submit your approval form for Changes to the outside of your house!

Remember that this is a requirement or it can result in fines. If you have any questions you can go to the web site at www.tanterra.com under Architectural and check the rules and requirements. Even if painting your house the same color requires submission. We are turning requests around very quickly. Any questions call or email me at Hank Griffith (240) 461-7536 or skayhank@comcast.net.



TANTERRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR
March 19, 2009

Board members in attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Curt Barrett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glen McEwen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Endlich	<input type="checkbox"/> Dianne Butler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Cole	<input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Cook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Cagley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Murray	

Others Present: Sue Barrett, Clerk : Ted Karp, Hank Griffith, Architectural: Keith Evans, Tennis: Bryan Ashewood, David Oarr, Ron White

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice-President Jan Endlich. A motion was made by Wayne Johnson to approve the minutes of February 2009 as amended. Dick Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as amended.

Open Discussion: A homeowner in attendance stated that he felt that the services provided by the Homeowners Association were exceptional for the fee charged annually for homeowners' dues. Wayne Johnson explained that we would need to increase our dues at 6% annually for the next four years to replenish our reserve fund. A homeowner asked whether the dues have to be collected in March. A discussion was held. It was explained that because Tanterra's expenditures for grounds upkeep, social events, and the pool all occur during the Spring and Summer, it is necessary to have those funds available. A suggestion was made by a homeowner that this explanation be given to the homeowners. The suggestion was noted.

Grounds Committee: Ron White, who has previously held this position, volunteered to chair the committee again. The board thanked him. Ron questioned whether or not middle school students could help and earn volunteer hours. He will check with Rosa Parks and Sherwood. The fallen trees in the pool parking lot will be removed next week.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Barrett, clerk, reported that the collection of homeowners' dues has been slower this year than in the past. There have been several requests for extensions on payment.

Architectural Committee: The inspection committee will do inspections next month. Our community has been very good at correcting violations. Our housing prices show this. A home in Tanterra that has been in disrepair has had its case referred to Montgomery County for compliance. Montgomery County will attempt to re-seed or repair some of the grassy areas by the street. Stakes may be left in place until the grass grows back. A discussion was held concerning the case of a violation of Tanterra's Architectural Guidelines, that had been referred to the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership. The Commission on Common Ownership suggested that the Tanterra Board of Directors allow the homeowner to make an appeal before the Board. A discussion was held. Glen McEwen made a motion that the homeowner be allowed to make an appeal before the Board. Jim Cagley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Pool Committee: Wayne Johnson reported that at this point there are not enough funds to purchase a sun-shade for the baby pool.

Social Committee: Brooke Kershaw will have a schedule of events in the next newsletter.

New Business: Dick Cole asked if Tanterra could continue its yearly contribution to the Olney Lions and Sandy Spring Lions "Rebuilding Together" (once called Christmas in April) program. Wayne Johnson made the motion that Tanterra donate \$100 to the Lion's program. Beth Murray seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Submitted by Beth Murray

The May Landscape Gardener

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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.

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.

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

*** Information given here is to be used at your own risk. Always read the label of pesticides and follow label directions. Label directions supercede information given here as to suitability of intended use.

POOL COMMITTEE

Now that winter is finally over it is time to get the pool in shape and opened on Memorial Day weekend. The pool has been cleaned and filled already and it is waiting for us to do our part to be ready for opening day. As usual we need volunteers to help us with that. This issue has dates and times that we will have organized days of work at the pool. If you can give just one hour or several hours of time, we appreciate whatever you can do to help out. I will also have signs posted around Tanterra as a reminder of the work days.

Please note that this issue has the pool rules. Please read and keep this copy as you may need to refer to it during the year. For new associate members and homeowners we will be taking getting your family pictures entered in the computer on opening day. Please be aware that all dues must be paid before the pictures and entry into the pool can be made.

I hope to see you at the clean up days and if not see you at the pool this summer.

Wayne Johnson
Pool Committee Chairman

Pool Clean Up Dates

May 2, 3, 9, 16, 17

12:30—5:30 each day

Tanterra Homeowners/Associate members are welcome at all Board Meetings

Tanterra Homeowners' Association P.O. Box 25, Brookeville, Maryland 20833			TANTERRA COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS:	
Board of Directors:	Term Ends	Phone #	POISON CONTROL	1-800-222-1222
President	Curt Barrett	2009	Animal Control	240-773-5960
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Vice President	Jan Endlich	2009	Building Permits	240 777-6200
	jfel@a-verizon.net		Cable TV Montgomery	301 424-4400
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	chazemcook@cs.com		County Information	240 777-1000
Secretary	Beth Murray	2009	Environmental Protection	240 777-7770
Other Board Members:			Greenwood School	301 924-3145
	Dick Cole	2010	Library (Olney)	301 570-1232
	Wayne Johnson	2010	Longwood Rec Ctr	301 570-1200
	Jim Cagley	2008	Montgomery Hospital	301 774-8882
	Dianne Butler	2010	Noise Control	240 777-7770
	Glen McEwen	2008	Police, Wheaton	240 217-4400
Clerk	Sue Barrett		Gangs	240 773-5570
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	Skayhank@comcast.net		Post Office, Brookeville	301 260-2975
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Greater Olney Civic Assoc. (GOCA)	Buck Parr	774-2078	Radon	301 217-2177
Neighborhood Watch	Joan Mattingly	774-0082	Recycling Leaf Collect	240 777-6410
Social	Nancy Kotsiras	570-9007	Rosa Parks MS	301-924-3180
Social Co-Chair	Barbara Stockinger	570-6698	Sherwood HS	301-924-3210
Pool Phone	Wayne Johnson	774-4035	Snow Removal	301 217-2159
Pool	Wayne Johnson	774-1906	Street Lights Out	240-777-6000
	tanterrapool@hotmail.com		Transit Information	240-777-7433
Pool/Pavilion Calendar	Dick Bertin	774-7926	Waste Weed Compliance	301 217-6020
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Schedule of Board Meetings
(all meetings start at 7:30pm)

Dates

May 21
June 18
July 16

All meetings in 2009 will be held at the Pool Shed

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