

# **Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.**

## **newsletter**



FALL 2017 <http://www.tantallon.info>

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Since the first home was built in Tantallon in 1964, a requirement that no house be exactly like any other has resulted in an amazing degree of architectural diversity. We have colonials, ramblers, split-levels, Loire Valley chateaus, California contemporaries, Georgians with porticos and even one large Adirondack-style log cabin. Some of our residents live entirely on one level, while others prefer multi-level living. A commitment to quality construction and attractive exteriors makes our neighborhood one of the most attractive in the region.

We can enhance the quality of life for all residents by maintaining our exteriors and lawns in a manner befitting a Class A planned neighborhood of custom homes with both a golf course and a marina. Outside storage can be unattractive and often violates county laws and, in some cases, violates the Tantallon Land Covenants. Similarly, we ask that all noise, particularly that from parties and lawn care be kept to reasonable levels, and that all such noise be significantly restricted late at night and early in the morning. County ordinances regarding noise are being strictly enforced, but it would be better if these violations not occur to begin with. Some of our neighbors have children and others must rise early.

Our neighborhood diversity is not seen only in the wide variety of homes found here. Our neighbors come from many different countries, many different parts of the USA, and hold an amazing variety of jobs. We have psychologists, rocket scientists, teachers and therapists, Army generals and general contractors, physicians and politicians, merchants, and many more. Some of the most interesting people you'd ever meet are your neighbors.

Do come to our next community meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 pm and meet them! Our speaker will be Frank Taylor of Firth of Tae Drive, former Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis in the Department of Homeland Security, who will speak on "Terrorism." —Carter Ferrington

### ***Messiah* is coming! *Messiah* is coming!**

It's that time of year again. The Fort Washington Community Chorus will present an early gift to the community when it sings the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*. The concert, FWCC's 24th annual presentation, will take place at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 5203 St. Barnabas Road, Temple Hills, MD, 20748, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

A chorus of about 45 members, composed of your friends and neighbors from around the greater Fort Washington community, has been rehearsing since mid-October. The concert is free, but monetary contributions to the chorus and/or the Fort Washington Food Pantry, as well as non-perishable food items are always appreciated.

We hope you will choose this as a way to begin your celebration of this festive season, joining us at the concert and the reception that follows. Hallelujah!

— Marge Stevens

### **Landscape Award – Fall 2017**

The Tanta-Cove Garden Club and the Tantallon Citizens Association are pleased to present the 2017 Fall Landscape Award to Charles Coleman and Joy Wright of 101 Pearl Light Circle.

The front yard is slightly raised and gently slopes to the street. The shrubs are meticulously pruned, maintained, and enhanced by a large assortment of chrysanthemums. The mums are of varying colors and blend to create a cohesive picture. Attention is brought to the front door by two beautiful shrubs and large planters of yellow mums.

Charles and Joy's house is indeed a *Joy to See*.

— Helen Aviles and Camille McIntye

### **Next TCA General Membership Meeting**

**November 29, 2017 7:00 PM**

**District VII Police Station**

**11108 Fort Washington Road**

### **TCA Calendar 2017-2018**

Nov. 29	General Meeting
Jan. 31	Board Meeting
Feb. 21	General Meeting
April 18	Board Meeting
May 16	General Meeting



As another fall winds down, the holidays cannot be far behind. Enjoy the festivities, and remember to pass on newsworthy items to the *Toe*. We have no reporters and depend on you.

In late September, Carroll and Marybeth Dority of W. Swan Creek Road happened to meet Ed and Jacque Akselrad of Castleray Circle in the Montreal Botanical Garden! Quite a pleasant surprise to both couples as they vacationed in Canada.

Janet Crews of Willow Wind Circle is happy to report the graduation of her grandson, Zachary Kaiser, from Kettering University in Flint, MI. He had a double major in physics and chemistry, and is working at a lab in Chicago. His mother is Leslie Kaiser, who grew up in Tantallon.

More education-related news: Kerrington Banks, the son of Derris Banks and Tima McGuthry-Banks of Norwood Lane is attending North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro. A graduate of Friendly High, he is in the University Honors program, majoring in Architecture Engineering.

Dr. Joseph Williams has accepted a position as Associate Professor at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education in Charlottesville. Joseph, his wife Erica, and their three young children lived on Braeburn Drive while he taught at George Mason U. and greatly miss their wonderful neighbors and the beautiful Tantallon community they called home.

At the former retail center on Oxon Hill Road, Denison Landscaping and Nursery Inc. collected 22,000 pounds of usable goods (e.g. furniture, clothing, dishes, bedding, bikes, tools—anything one uses to live) for victims of Hurricane Irma in the Florida Keys. One of the delivery drivers during the weekend of October 12-15, was Mike Weller, the son of Joe and Rosemary Weller of Tartan Lane. Every single item was gratefully received.

### TCA Membership Status

Thank you to all who sent in their 2017-18 Tantallon Citizens Association dues. As of November 19, 2017, 177 households have paid dues. This is about the number we received at this time last year. We still need your support. A list of current members is included with this newsletter.

If you haven't yet paid your dues or misplaced the membership envelope enclosed with the earlier newsletter, a dues form and instructions for payment (including a PayPal link) may be found on the TCA website at [www.tantallon.info](http://www.tantallon.info) or you may use the form on p. 4 of this newsletter.

— Larry Carbaugh  
Membership Chair

### Did You Know?

\* *Winter's Eve*, is coming to National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park on Sat, December 9, 4 PM to 9 PM: earth friendly craft making, 18<sup>th</sup> century farm by candlelight; music and entertainment; hot cocoa and warm cider; and wreath making. Free general admission. Tickets for food/beverages/craft making.

\*The Fort Washington Hospital Medical Center/Nexus Health is offering a new service to the community: **free** classes in *Yoga* and *Zumba*. Classes are held in the cafeteria. Enter at the rear emergency room entrance. Security will direct you.

Yoga: Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM.

Mats provided or bring your own.

Zumba: Every Thursday at 4:00 PM and

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM

\*Prince George's County wins a new U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Headquarters at Branch Avenue Metro Station with 3,700 employees and retail amenities; construction to be completed in 2020. Prince George's County is home to a quarter of the region's federal workforce – 75,000 workers – yet only has 4 % of federal leased space.

\*Have you noticed the mounds of earth at the south end of the cemetery at St. John's Episcopal Church on Livingston Rd.? There were 20 some exhumations at MGM (most from the Addison family) when the area was bulldozed and 20 feet (vertical) were removed from the site. St. John's agreed to accept them, and they will be lined up in the original physical geographical arrangement; only six have tombstones with names and dates due to vandalism about 20 years ago. On Oct. 27 there was a private ceremony blessing the graves.

#### \* Upcoming Concerts at Harmony Hall:

Sat., Dec. 9, 8 PM *Part Harmony*

Sat., Jan. 6, 8 PM *Forever Yours—A  
Tribute to the Music of the O'Jays*

Sat., Feb. 24, 8 PM *Eddie Holman*

\*Have you checked the ads in our newsletter recently? Some are new; others are old standbys. Many of our neighbors have used them for years and give them high praise.

\*Recycling reminder: Effective July 1, 2015,

PLASTIC bags of any color, size or shape, and plastic film are NO LONGER ACCEPTED in the Prince George's County Residential Recycling Program. Think Green!

## TANTALLON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Officers, Board, Committee Members 2017-2019

#### OFFICERS

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### Good Neighbor Citations

Thank you to residents who:

- \* Pick up litter as they walk through the neighborhood.
- \* Turn on outside lights at night for safety.
- \* Park cars in garages or driveways.
- \* Maintain a low rate of speed on residential streets.
- \* Observe County leash and waste removal laws for dogs.

### Newsletter Help Wanted:

co-editor

writer for "the Toe"

layout editor

substitute delivery person

### Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

This is the time of year when the leaves are gone from most of the trees and open sight-lines expose some problem areas in our community. A drive along Fort Washington Road through Tantallon reveals one of the most obvious: the broken and downed sections of the stockade fence on both sides of the road. These fences are on private property and their ownership and maintenance in good condition are the responsibility of the respective property owners. These eye sores are in contrast to the many beautiful sights along this stretch of road. These views contribute significantly to the first impressions made on visitors, realtors and potential home buyers.

The Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA) provides the funds for plantings and upkeep of the landscaping and flower beds at the entrances to both the Tantallon Hills and the Tantallon-on-the-Potomac areas of our community. Your payment of TCA dues and "Beautification" contributions make these efforts possible.

In addition, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club members devote major efforts to keep the Swan Creek Road intersection traffic circle looking beautiful year-round with the yearly planting of new flowering annuals, maintaining perennials, trees and shrubs, as well as weeding and watering. The Tantallon Golf Club plants and maintains the flower gardens at the St. Andrews Drive entrance.

Community volunteers conduct a number of "Clean-up, Green-up" efforts each year focused on that portion of Fort Washington Road. In addition to trash removal, they continue to obtain, plant and maintain shrubs obtained at no cost from the County each year.

As you can see, in addition to the members of the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) which enforce the Tantallon Land Covenants, there are many members of our community contributing time and energy to keep Tantallon beautiful and enhance its property values.

It is hoped that the property owners along both sides of Fort Washington Road running through our community will join in this effort by repairing or replacing the damaged and fallen down sections of their stockade fences. Thank you. —Dick Krueger

### Thanks to our 18 Clean-up, Green-up Volunteers!

Eighteen volunteers showed up at the *Clean-Up, Green-Up* event on Saturday, October 28. We planted 10 serviceberry trees on Fort Washington Road between St. Andrews Drive and Asbury Drive, along with daffodils, and picked up many bags of trash. We also did some clearing of vines that are growing on the wooden fences. We had ordered crape myrtles, but the county gave us serviceberry trees instead. The good news is that they will bloom in the spring with small white flowers.

Thank you to the following people for their help: Patti Holcomb, Jacque & Ed Akselrad, Calvin Martin, Sarita Burns, Ari Belmonte, Joe Ramsey, Alvin Burwell, Roy Higgins, Jo Ann & Jim Davis, D'Mya and Marcelle Curtis, Allette Hannon, Myra Ceasar & Sean Brittle, Ninh & Kim Vu, Henrieta Dzurikaninova, and Ski Markowski. Your hard work was greatly appreciated! It was great meeting new neighbors as well!

And thank you again to Mariano Flaim of Flaim Brothers, Inc. for again picking up the trees and mulch from the County. If you missed the opportunity to help, we will have another clean-up day in the spring. —Jamie Crist

**FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

Abandoned vehicles .....	301-952-1873
Animal Management .....	301-780-7200
Bulky trash collection.....	301-952-7600
Comcast customer service .....	301-499-1980
Community/property standards .....	301-883-6100
Congressman Steny Hoyer.....	301-474-0119
Councilman Obie Patterson.....	301-952-3860
County Click Services .....	311
Crime Solvers.....	866-411-8477
Crisis Hotline.....	211
Environmental Crimes (illegal dumping).....	301-772-4402
Fire Dept., 10900 Ft. Wash. Rd.....	301-292-4920
Fire/EMS.....	301-583-2200
Fort Washington Post Office.....	301-292-3658
Fort Washington Hospital.....	301-292-7000
Household hazardous waste.....	301-883-5045
Litter .....	301-499-8530
Maryland Poison Control Center.....	1-800-222-1222
Motor Vehicle Administration.....	1-800-950-1682
Pepco.....	1-877-737-2662
Permitting, Licensing & Inspections.....	301-636-2000
Police, District VII, Fort Washington .....	301-292-5300
Police non-emergency.....	301-352-1200
Public works and transportation.....	301-499-8520
Recycling program info.....	301-883-5045
Refuse collection, service complaints.....	301-952-7630
Tucker Road Ice Rink.....	301-265-1525
Verizon.....	1-800-837-4966
Washington Gas Light.....	703-750-1400
Wash. Post: Start/Stop/Missed Delivery .....	202-334-6100
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.....	301-206-4002

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dues	\$ 21,000	18,396	21,500
Beautification	\$ 4,200	3,386.50	4,200
Newsletter Ads	\$ 5,300	5,081.25	5,300
Tantallon Preservation	1,800	1,014.50	1,800
Interest		4.56	
Bank Refund		12.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 32,300</b>	<b>28,438.37</b>	<b>32,800</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Beautification	\$ 10,000	13,323.17	10,000
Legal Fees	\$ 10,000	1,692.50	10,000
Mosquito Control	\$ 1,000	7 19.69	1,000
Office Expenses	\$ 400	303.41	400
Electricity	\$ 600	456.94	600
Printing	\$ 4,000	3,090.51	4,000
Insurance	\$ 1,800	1,751.00	1,800
Storage	\$ 2,364	2,398.00	2,724
Web site	\$ 100	95.88	100
Tanta-Cove Donation	\$ 500	500.00	500
Welcoming Activities	\$ 500		300
Miscellaneous	\$	121.61	200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 31,264</b>	<b>24,452.71</b>	<b>31,264</b>

**Proposed 2017-2018 Budget -- Passed 9/23/17, TCA General Mtg**

**Cash on hand: \$11,414.02 Savings: \$5,152.96**

**Goal: Zero Deaths on Indian Head Highway**

During the last 10 years an average of **six** lives have been lost each year on the Prince George’s portion of MD-210. In the first eight months of this year, there have been 1,466 crashes, **six** of them fatal. Commander Keleti of District VII and his State Police partner, Captain Pickett, are using all the resources at their disposal to enforce the traffic laws. Greg Slater, Administrator of the State Highway Administration working on lighting and lane marking improvements.

But they CANNOT fix the real reason for these fatal crashes. AAA’s John Townsend referred us to a classic Walt Kelly *Pogo* comic strip where Pogo says: **We have met the enemy and he is us.** Pete Rahn, Maryland Secretary of Transportation, says his grandchild accused him of driving “like a Grandpa.” Safe driving is so unusual that even youngsters recognize that it is different. A local pastor put it this way (I am paraphrasing): Where drivers need to go is more important to them than other people’s safety.

We put our neighbors and friends at jeopardy when we speed. As adults, we should be able to discipline ourselves. Speed cameras are better than a knock on the door to tell a parent their child is never coming home. If you don’t like speed cameras, don’t speed. **Do we value time more than life? Is that why we speed?** Please help us re-balance the priority placed on life. Drive like a “Grandpa.” You’ll get used to it, and it will help reduce your blood pressure. Zero Deaths on Indian Head Highway, and we will all get home safely.

-- Ron Weiss

**TCA General Membership Dues:**

Sept. 2017—Aug. 2018 .....\$ 75.00

Optional Beautification Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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