

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



FALL 2018

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

I hope that you, your family, friends, and neighbors have a happy and safe holiday season, whether or not you're in Tantallon or traveling this year. Please consider, during this season of giving, to give back to your community this year. There are so many ways to make a meaningful difference in your community.

First, please do pay your annual dues. We make the annual \$75 per household go so far. Additional funds for beautification and Community Preservation are also appreciated.

Second, consider volunteering your time. There are openings on the Tantallon Control Committee, and opportunities to help with the production and delivery of this newsletter. I would also like to create a Clean-Up subcommittee (under the guidance of the Beautification Committee) with the stated goal of having 3 or 4 clean-up events annually.

To recognize and encourage volunteers, we're holding a **Volunteer Open House on Sunday January 20th, 2019, 2-4 pm at the National Golf Club at Tantallon.** Please join us.

--Carter Ferrington

Messiah Concert

The Fort Washington Community Chorus will once again present Handel's *Messiah* on December 2, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Oxon Hill United Methodist Church, 6400 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. Please note that this is a new location; seating begins at 3:15.

This is a free concert. However, non-perishable food items and monetary donations to the Oxon Hill Food Pantry, as well as monetary donations to the chorus are gratefully accepted. What a joyous way to start the holiday festivities and to greet your friends and neighbors! -- Marge Stevens

Next TCA General Membership Meeting

February — TBA

District VII Police Station

11108 Fort Washington Road

People Helping Others

On November 2, the first Shabbat Friday after the mass shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, Beth El Hebrew Congregation on Seminary Road in Alexandria, VA, was filled to capacity. There was nary a parking space to be found, save for the graciousness of the Virginia Theological Seminary across the street who opened their parking lot to folks who wanted to attend the voting event and services to follow.

It was truly an amazing night with a heartfelt show of support and solidarity. Nine local churches and a mosque were represented among the worshippers as well as students from the VTS. Volunteers spent an hour before services calling anyone they could to encourage them to vote on Election Day.

Many politicians came to the service from various affiliations, including Congressman Don Beyer, Mayor Allison Silberberg, and VA Delegate Mark Levin. It was truly an awesome, inspiring night where people put their arms around each other and sang and prayed together as one. We need so much more of this. May it one day be so.

--Jacque and Ed Akselrad

Fall 2018 Landscape Winner

The Tanta-Cove Garden Club and the Tantallon Citizens Association are pleased to present the 2018 Fall Landscape Award to Brenda and Bill Butler, whose beautiful yard is located at 1308 Swan Creek Road. Among the thirteen nominations, this yard with its variety of plants and lovely colors, stood out for excellence in gardening and landscape design.

Brenda had always enjoyed planting in her yard with her mom. She dedicates her yard and her gardens to the memory of her mom. Brenda buys the plants for her yard directly from an Amish farm (not the Amish market).

The red and white begonias create a colorful border along their driveway and the path to their front door, where a Japanese maple draws the eye. At the curb, the white and magenta vincas add lovely color for this time of year. Carefully manicured shrubs serve as a centerpiece for the front yard. The plantings throughout the yard are quite large and colorful due to the amount of rain we have received this year.

The Butlers have received Prince George's County Beautification Awards for 2016, 2017, and 2018. Winning those awards for the past three years has earned them the County's *Superior Sustained Maintenance Award*.

Brenda and Bill's gardening efforts help make our community and our county a beautiful and pleasant place to live and work. --Jo Ann Davis and Helen Aviles



You know fall is here in Fort Washington. Every day we hear the sound of leaf blowers chasing the leaves out of flower beds and yards. Neighbors are busy raking and filling large bags with the colorful leaves. Perhaps we should describe it as *exercise* and enjoy the process.

Fred and Mary Downs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14 (a lovely fall evening) at their home on Arrow Park Drive with family and friends.

Neighbors in the vicinity of Harbour Circle enjoyed the 25th Annual Block Party on September 22. The block party was a great time for neighbors to visit and catch up on happenings in the Tantallon community. It has been organized by Laura and George Riley and Connie Akers for 25 years! It was held at the home of John Shuster and Barbara Yentzer. Everyone enjoyed pot luck dishes brought by the neighbors, burgers and hot dogs from the grill, and a delicious and beautiful 25th anniversary cake.

All Aboard! October was a cruising month for some of our neighbors. This summer and fall were challenging times to take river cruises in Europe since the hot dry summer and lack of rain left many river levels too low for navigating. Carroll and Marybeth Dority of Swan Creek Road cruised on the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers going from Amsterdam to Budapest. Because of the low level of water, the guests were bused from Nuremburg to Passau, Germany and boarded another identical ship. Due to their inconvenience Viking sent them 50% of the price back. A highlight was the Octoberfest in Munich.

Carol and Rick Pica of Surrey Circle Drive toured Munich and Salzberg before boarding their ship to sail the Danube River from Passau, Germany to Budapest, Hungary. While in Salzberg, they toured many of the locations where the *Sound of Music* was filmed. Another highlight was visiting St. Stephen's Cathedral in Passau to enjoy an organ concert on Europe's largest pipe organ, more than 17,000 pipes. The weather throughout the trip was beautiful, the tour guides were full of knowledge, and the beer and wine were delicious.

Caroline and Larry Carbaugh of Inverness Lane, and Peggy and Neil Hibler of Monterey Circle, cruised the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest. They found it very interesting to explore and learn about countries that were behind the Iron Curtain when they were growing up. They visited Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. Unfortunately, because of their locations in central and Eastern Europe, they were overrun and overtaken by many groups -- the Huns, the Mongols, the Turks, the Austrians and Hungarians, the Soviets. These countries are enjoying their independence and working hard to create successful global economies. Some of the highlights were exploring Dracula's castle in Transylvania and spending time in Budapest, a beautiful and charming city.

The TWGA (Tantallon Women's Golf Association) celebrated the end of their golf season on October with a scramble and lunch at the Club. It was a difficult season due to the unusual amount of rain that often fell on Tuesdays, their regular

golf day. However, they were able to recall all their great shots, and surprisingly forgot all the shots that landed in the lakes.

Mary Alice Bonomo of Prestwick Drive is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Meghan, to Derek Hudson on October 20. It was a beautiful afternoon when they exchanged vows and celebrated at the National Colonial Farm.

In late October Jeff Kinney, who grew up on Glasgow Way and is the author of the best-selling *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books, began a book tour of ten U.S. cities and six countries in Europe to publicize The Meltdown, the 13th book in the series. He is doing talks and book signings plus an hour-long show featuring costumes, cartooning, and a chance to stump the author on "Wimpy Kid" trivia.

The National Colonial Farm in Accokeek sponsored *Tails on Trail* on October 31. Buddy, a beagle owned by Marty Stewart of Kilburnie Circle, won the Howl-o-ween costume contest dressed as Bud"dy"weiser.

Monique Anderson Walker, the daughter of Drs. Ronald and Beverly Anderson of Muirfield Circle, was elected to the Prince Georges County Council, representing District 9 on November 6.

The Toe has a new address! If you have news to share with our neighbors, please send your information to:

www.tantallontoe@gmail.com

Passages: Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

Macy Cooper West of Surrey Circle Drive, 86, the beloved wife of Robert Elmon West, passed away on September 22. She is survived by their son Keith West, the TCA treasurer, and daughter Lynn Linde (Karl) of York, PA; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a sister. Macy valued and exemplified love of family, kindness, generosity, and devotion to her church. She enjoyed bridge, Bible study, and the family lake house in North Carolina. A funeral service was held at the Oxon Hill United Methodist Church.

We are sad to share the passing of Sharon Crist, mother of Jamie Crist of Inverness Drive.

Judy McIntyre, a resident of Arrow Park Drive since 1971, and wife of the late Fred McIntyre, a judge in D.C., died on October 20 after a lingering illness. Survivors include two sons, Gary of Ashville, SC, and Jeff Gunther of Falls Church, and two grandsons. Judy was an active member of the TWGA, a regular at the bridge table, and she loved to travel!

Lloyd Richards, a former resident of St. Alban Circle and River Forest Lane, died on Oct. 26, 2017, in Phoenix, AZ. Survivors include his wife, Leola, and one son and three daughters. As a Navy pilot, Lloyd earned a Bronze Star during the Vietnam conflict. In 1969, he was shot down and severely wounded over Laos, earning him a Purple Heart. Lloyd and his wife, Leola, sold real estate for 24 years in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 27, 2018.

Margaret Blewitt, 87, of Willow Wind Circle, passed away on Nov. 2. Married to the late Don Blewitt, Marge is survived by six children (Russ, Don, Ted, Jeanne, Pam, and Deb); 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. After a career as a Bank Executive, Marge retired in 1999 and lived her remaining years as she wished at her home of 44 years. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Piscataway.

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Fall Clean Up - Green Up Day: Sat., Oct. 20

Despite one of our lowest turnouts ever (only three other people participated), we still managed to plant five crape myrtle trees, 10 red bud trees, 50 daffodil bulbs, and pick up trash. The trees are along Fort Washington Road between St. Andrews Drive and the southern intersection with West Tantalton Drive. We added one crape myrtle on the small island on St. Andrews Drive to replace the tree that had died there a few years ago.

Thank you to Carter Ferrington (who helped me plant the trees), Jacque Akselrad, and Jo Ann Davis. And a big thank you again to Mariano Flaim, of Flaim Brothers, Inc., for picking up the trees, mulch, and bulbs from the county! We really appreciate his help, as I would not have been able to pick up the trees myself.

Please consider helping us in the future. It doesn't take that long, and we all enjoy the fruits of our labor. The trees will need water, so if anyone is interested in watering them, please let me know. We could also use some help trimming the vines off the fences along Fort Washington Road.

If you would like to be on a volunteer list for clean-up and/or planting, please email me at jamedoc@aol.com. This will make it easier to notify volunteers for additional clean-up events during the year.
— Jamie Crist

Stray Cats

It's possible your neighborhood has a colony of stray cats. Ours does. Cats reproduce frequently, so if left unchecked, the number of stray cats will increase rapidly with each new litter.

Here's where the concept of "trap-neuter-return" (TNR) can help. The cats are trapped and taken to a vet to be neutered/spayed and vaccinated for rabies. Their ears are clipped to indicate they have been neutered and vaccinated. Then they are brought back and released but can no longer produce more kittens. TNR helps limit the cat population and cat euthanasia. If the kittens are young when trapped (less than 10 weeks old), they may be accepted at animal adoption organizations rather than returned.

Our Tantalton neighborhood has stray cats. We counted 12 young ones. Then we found "Rescue Angels." They provide a TNR program at no charge (although as a non-profit, they accept donations). Their volunteers donated their time to trap the cats which took one full day, took them to be treated at the vet the next day, and then released them back the following day. They caught and treated nine of the twelve cats we had identified.

The Rescue Angels of Southern Maryland
(www.rescueangelssomd.com) TNR'd more than 400 community cats last year, and with the help of a grant this year expects to double that number in 2018.
—Barbara Yentzer

Winter's Eve

Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual *Winter's Eve* celebration on Sat., December 8, 2018, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight while its halls are decked for the holidays, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and roast-your-own chestnuts. Visit the crafting tent to create your own earth-friendly holiday gifts, and make a wreath from greenery grown on the farm and in the gardens.

Warm up with a trip to the hot-chocolate bar and spice up your cocoa with all your favorite fixings. And don't forget to stop by the Visitors' Center to shop National Colonial Farm souvenirs and one-of-a-kind gifts from local artists.

This event has free general admission, with some ticketed activities. Tickets cost \$1/piece. All proceeds from the *Winter's Eve* event support the Accokeek Foundation's conservation work and environmental education programs in Piscataway Park.
—Mary Alice Bonomo

TCA Membership Status

Thank you to all who sent in their 2018-19 *Tantalton Citizens Association dues*. As of November 26, 2018, 144 households have paid dues. This is fewer than we received at this time last year. We still need your support. A list of current members is included in 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) are included on the TCA website at www.tantallon.info or you may use the form on p. 4 of this newsletter.
—Larry Carbaugh

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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

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2018—Aug. 2019.....	\$ 75.00
Optional Beautification Contribution.....	\$ _____
Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution	\$ _____

(Please print all information.)

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TCA Budget 2018-2019

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19
INCOME			
Dues	\$ 21,500	17,812.84	21,500
Beautification	\$ 4,200	3,110.00	4,200
Newsletter Ads	\$ 5,300	5,359.25	5,300
Tantallon Preservation	1,800	455.00	1,800
Interest	\$	5.08	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 32,800	26,742.17	32,800
EXPENDITURES			
Beautification	\$ 10,000	10,535.97	10,000
Legal Fees	\$ 10,000	1,903.75	10,000
Mosquito Control	\$ 1,000	1,030.71	1,100
Office Expenses	\$ 400	216.38	400
Electricity	\$ 600	326.47	600
Printing	\$ 4,000	2,953.76	4,000
Insurance	\$ 1,800	1,751	1,800
Storage	\$ 2,724	3,072.35	2,724
Web site	\$ 100	136.05	200
Tanta-Cove donation	\$ 500	500	500
Welcoming Activities	300	50	150
Miscellaneous	\$ 200	227.33	200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 31,624	22,703.77	31,674

Proposed 2018-2019 Budget – Passed 9/26/18, TCA General Mtg
Cash on hand: **\$20,909.86** Savings: **\$5,153.90**

REMEMBER!

The Tantallon Land Covenants require that all external improvements on private property in our community must be approved in writing by the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC).

Included are all new homes, add-ons, pools, decks, patios, walls, fences, sheds, etc., as well as changes to the exterior of such existing items (including siding, shutters, doors, deck, and fence colors).

Written TCC approval must be obtained prior to the removal of any trees greater than eight (8) inches in diameter. Verbal approval can be obtained from the TCC Chairman for the removal of dead or damaged trees which prevent an immediate safety concern for life or property.

Finally, the Covenants absolutely prohibit the external storage of boats on any Tantallon property.

For details on how to apply for TCC approval of proposed external changes, please contact:

Joseph Weller, Acting Chair, TCC
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tantalloncontrol@gmail.com