

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



FALL 2019 <http://www.tantallon.info>

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

You are the most powerful agent for change on your block, and in your neighborhood. We have found that membership in the TCA, attendance at meetings, participation as a volunteer—whatever your neighbors see what you do in our community -- is much more important than what you say to your neighbors.

Please do invite a neighbor to come with you to the next general membership meeting in February. Ask your neighbor if s/he has renewed her/his membership for the 2019-20 year. Invite your neighbors to participate in the next community clean-up in the spring.

St. Andrews Drive West, and several other blocks are re-examining the possibility of a more active neighborhood watch. This may be the perfect activity to bring neighbors together. Other parts of our neighborhood are experiencing problems with excessive water, including erosion and sporadic flooding. We plan to address both security and water issues in future meetings.

As we enjoy all the wonderful benefits of living in Tantallon this holiday season, let's explore ways to bring our neighbors together.

Enjoy the holidays, and best wishes for a very happy new year in 2020

---- Carter Ferrington

Future TCA Membership Meetings

February 26 & May 27

District VII Police Station

11108 Fort Washington Road

Annual Messiah Concert

It's that time of year again – *Messiah* is coming to Fort Washington! The Fort Washington Community Chorus will be returning to Oxon Hill United Methodist Church, 6400 Livingston Road, to sing the Christmas portion of *Messiah*, including, of course, the Hallelujah Chorus.

The concert will be presented at 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2019. As always the concert is free and open to all; however, the chorus welcomes free will offerings in support of the chorus, as well as non-perishable food items and monetary donations to go toward the local food pantries. Join your friends and neighbors in this festive event that never fails to enhance the holiday season.
-- Marge Stevens

Fall Clean Up Day

Thank you to the volunteers at our annual fall clean-up! On Saturday, October 26, we worked along Fort Washington Road to pick up trash and trim the crape myrtle trees planted in previous years. There is still more to do, but we were able to clear out quite a bit of debris as well.

Volunteers were Patti Holcomb, Sabrina Lemieux, Deb Raw, Diane Miceli, Kim Vu, German Cruz, Javier Samayoa, Allette Hannon, Jo Ann Davis, Eunice Theobalds, and Tony Mitchell.

If you missed this one, there will be another one in the spring, and the more help we get the more we can do. Also, it's a pleasant experience working alongside our neighbors.
--Jamie Crist

TCA Membership Status

Thank you to all who sent in their 2019-20 Tantallon Citizens Association dues. As of November 15, 2019, 140 households have paid dues. 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 previous newsletter, a dues form and instructions for payment (including a PayPal link) are included on the TCA website at www.tantallon.info. Again thank you.

--Larry Carbaugh



The Tanta-Cove Garden Club was busy this summer while our yards and gardens were suffering during the drought. The roundabout underwent a renovation. Farewell knock out roses; we'll have to see them in various neighborhood yards. Say hello to the new bushes in the triangles that surround the roundabout. They are dwarf dogwood, arctic fire. The beauty of the new bushes is their red stem branches, which we can enjoy throughout the winter. In the spring and summer, we will see small white flowers and berries. Our anticipation will grow throughout the winter!

Nancy Korendyke of Surrey Circle Drive, is a new-bee (newbie) beekeeper, having just finished her certification class. She installed her first colony of bees into a beehive at the end of April. She planned to install a second colony in June. She is not expecting to harvest any honey this year! A hive of bees needs to have 60-70 pounds of honey stored for its own use to survive the winter. The colonies she is installing didn't come with any stored honey, so the bees had to work hard during the summer to be prepared for the cold weather. About 2 million flowers need to be visited to create a pound of honey, with each bee able to make about ½ teaspoon of honey over its six-week lifespan. Flowers you can plant in your garden that are good for making honey include coneflowers, common yarrow, sunflowers, giant hyssop, horsemint, black-eyed susans, beebalm, and asters. Holly, tulip poplars, and redbud trees are also excellent for honey.

On October 2, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club toured the Gardens at the Franciscan Monastery near Catholic University in Washington, DC (while the temperature registered 98 degrees). The gardens had their beginnings in 1897 and are now managed by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. The serenity of the gardens attracts not only visitors but birds and other wildlife, and are known for their prized rose beds and formal gardens.

Fall travel news: Larry and Caroline Carbaugh of Inverness Lane spent three weeks in southern Africa, enjoying time in Cape Town, and being fascinated by a wide variety of animals in the bush country. They went to the Cape of Good Hope, the most south-western point of the African continent; and at a game preserve next to Kruger National Park, they saw many animals in their native environments; e.g. lions who lazed around and looked charming and cuddly. Victoria Falls in Zambia and Zimbabwe were spectacular with their power and force that created massive sprays. They saw more animals in Botswana, and in Pretoria they saw where Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu had lived on the same street.

Carol and Rick Pica, Surrey Circle Drive, cruised the Rhone River from Lyon to Avignon, France. In Lyon the Basilica of Notre Dame, and Roman ruins were interesting. In Avignon, they toured the Palace of the Popes, home for the Pope when it was too dangerous to live in Rome. The highlight of the trip was the Pont du Gard Aqueduct, a three tiered structure built by Romans 2,000 years ago; and visitors are still allowed to walk across the structure. The last three days were

spent in Nice, a marvelous place to relax with the deep blue Mediterranean Sea and rocky beaches.

In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, George and Marge Stevens of Gleneagles Drive took a two-week cruise to "Viking Homelands." The cruise began in Oslo and continued to Bergen and Stavanger, Norway. Next the ship docked in Alborg and then Copenhagen, Denmark. The next two stops were Berlin, where they enjoyed seeing how much it had changed without the wall; and Thalinn, Estonia. On to St. Petersburg, Russia, with its many art museums and lovely pastel palaces; and Helsinki, Finland, and finally to Stockholm, Sweden. It was a busy, exciting, educational trip and a most appropriate way to celebrate a special anniversary

Also in October, Marybeth and Carroll Dority of Swan Creek Road enjoyed a wonderful three week trip to the Middle East. They saw many religious and cultural sites and learned a tremendous amount of history. They visited Petra in Jordan, Jericho in Palestine, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nazareth, Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, and Masada in Israel.

Meanwhile closer to home: Congratulations to Shelley Powell-Larkin, Glasgow Way, on the birth of her first grandchild - Cali Jolie Powell. Cali was born on October 25th, seven weeks early, at four pounds. Dad Mike, Mom Brandi, and Baby Cali are all well, now at home in Bowie. "Ma Shelley" is over the moon.

The TWGA (women's golf organization at National Golf Club), completed its end of year championship tournaments. Congratulations to Maureen Brady of Berwick Circle, the winner of the Stephen's Cup, which is the nine-hole senior championship.

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

Interment with full military honors for Ron Haney, of Arrow Park Drive, is scheduled for December 6 at 11:00 AM at Arlington National Cemetery. Those interested in attending the funeral can find more information at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/About-Funerals>.

Carol Ann Bucher, 84, formerly of Prestwick Drive, died on August 31. A native of Washington, DC, Carol joined the U.S. Air Force as a civilian employee and served in Wiesbaden, Germany, during the height of the Cold War. Later she worked with the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Foundation. One of her proudest moments was the completion of her Bachelor's Degree at the U. of Maryland in 2005 at the age of 70. Her husband, Richard predeceased her; she is survived by her children, Craig, Christine, and Kevin Bucher.

Mark Stadler of Inverness Lane, passed away on October 1. A retired military officer, he is survived by his wife Minnie, four sons, his parents and two sisters.

Mae Chiantella Licitra, 95, of Columbia, MD, and a longtime resident of Carnoustie Lane, died on October 27. A native of New York, she was predeceased by her husband, Michael. Survivors include three children: Annette, Michael, Robert (Linda), two grandchildren, a brother and sister, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's of Piscataway, Clinton, on November 4.

The Toe Cont'd

Thomas B. McCaskill, a longtime resident of W. Swan Creek Road, died November 1 in Monroe, NC. As a mathematician and research physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory for 42 years, he made key contributions to the design of GPS. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three sons (Scot, Latham, and David) and two grandsons. An active member of Southminster Presbyterian Church, (Livingston Rd.), he was involved in county wide efforts to reduce domestic violence.

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Smart shopping tips? Need assistance? Check our advertisements.

Looking for a volunteer job? The newsletter needs a co-editor, a layout editor, and substitute delivery persons.

Did You Know?

The Tanta-Cove Garden Club meets the first Wednesday morning of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, Bayne Hall. Upcoming programs are: January 8th- "A Sustainable English Garden;" February 5- "Mixing It Up: How Edibles and Ornamentals Can Coexist in your Garden;" March 4- "Home-grown Solutions to Local Problems;" and April 1- "Spring Flower Arranging Workshop." Contact Membership Chair, Zsara Hamlin at onlyzz@aol.com (phone: 301 292-0029) or log onto www.Tanta-Cove.org and use the contact form if you would like to attend a meeting.

Looking back at the neighborhood real estate market for 2019, the median sale price was \$367,000 with an average of 20 days on the market; the fastest sale happened in five days. The highest sale was \$780,000. There were several sales over \$400,000 and one at \$535,000. Currently there is a house under contract listed at \$600,000 and a waterfront property under contract listed at \$730,000. In general we have seen prices increase.

National Golf Club at Tantallon is under new ownership. Mulugeta Tasfakiros is the new owner. Mr. Tasfakiros is looking forward to moving the Club to the next level. Over the next few weeks/months there will be many improvements to the facilities and the grounds.

Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual Winter's Eve event on Sat., December 7, from 4 to 8 pm! Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and enjoy roast-your-own chestnuts. Visit the crafting tent to create earth-friendly holiday gifts and make a wreath. Warm-up with a trip to the hot cocoa bar, and don't forget to stop by the Visitor Center to shop National Colonial Farm souvenirs and one-of-a-kind gifts from local artists. Free admission; some activities are ticketed.

Restaurant Corner

Sad note: For those of you who may not have heard, Mama Stella's restaurant at Bryan's Road has closed. The future of the site is unknown at this time.

On a brighter note, we recently tried **OBO PIZZA** down in Indian Head. The restaurant is actually in what was once a house with the addition of a fabulous wood-burning oven. The pizza, made with a wonderfully thin and crispy crust, is nothing short of delicious. The toppings would definitely fall into the "gourmet" category; i.e. sun dried tomatoes, sun dried cherries, spinach, goat cheese, buffalo mozzarella, feta cheese, ricotta, pineapple, seafood, a variety of meats, etc., etc. Also, there are five different sauces. The choices are too many and too amazing to list here.

The salads are extremely fresh and large enough to share. Obo also serves some yummy desserts. On a recent visit, there was chocolate cake, coconut cake and carrot cake -- all very good.

What we really love about the place is the warm and cozy feel – like eating in someone's home. It should be mentioned that the ordering there is self-serve, and there are no waiters. The two guys who make the pizza are lots of fun and very friendly in addition to making terrific pizza.

Obo is located at 4215 Indian Head Highway in Indian Head just before the Naval Base and across from City Hall. Obo's is open Monday–Thursday 11 AM–9 PM; Friday 11 AM–10 PM; Saturday 4 PM–10PM. Closed Sunday. Website is www.obopizza.com.
—Jacque and Ed Akselrad

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
Councilmember Monique Anderson-Walker.....	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, Inspections & Licensing	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 Budget 2019-2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2 018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020
INCOME			
Dues	\$ 21,500	17,013.50	21,500
Beautification	\$ 4,200	2,583.50	4,200
Newsletter Ads	\$ 5,300	5,206.50	5,300
Covenant Lawsuit	\$	15,241.00	
Tantallon Preservation	\$ 1,800	462.50	1,800
Miscellaneous	\$	105.75	
Interest	\$	6.65	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 32,800	40,619.40	32,800

EXPENDITURES

Beautification	\$ 10,000	9,918.09	10,000
Legal Fees	\$ 10,000	2,223.75	10,000
Mosquito Control	\$ 1,050	1,323.45	1,400
Office Expenses	\$ 400	240.30	400
Electricity	\$ 600	233.25	600
Printing	\$ 4,000	2,872.97	4,000
Insurance	\$ 1,800	1,751.00	1,800
Storage	\$ 2,724	2,948.80	2,724
Web site	\$ 150	140.05	150
Tanta-Cove donation	\$ 500	500	500
Welcoming Activities	\$ 150	0	150
Miscellaneous	\$ 200	120.58	200
Pole replacement	\$ 0	2,000.00	
Conservancy Donation	\$ 0	400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 31,574	24,672.24	31,924

**Proposed 2019-2020 Budget – Passed 9/25/19, TCA General Mtg
Cash on hand: (Checking and Savings Accounts): \$31,172.10**

Do you miss Ford Lumber and Hardware?

Since they closed a year ago, many neighbors miss Ford Lumber/ True Value Hardware (next to the Fort Washington Post Office).

One reason is they found it quite convenient -- not having to drive to the Oxon Hill Home Depot (approximately seven miles). There you could purchase one screw, or one of just about anything -- not like a quantity you would have left over from a Home Depot package. Other neighbors said they could actually ask a question and get a response (which they found quite helpful). Another plus: no waiting in long lines to check out. Let's face it, when you are doing a home repair, most of us are anxious to get the job done, especially if you have a contractor working at your home trying to complete the project.

Many of us grew up where we patronized the local hardware store. There you could always find exactly what was needed for your project: get screens repaired, keys made, or buy one screw. You can still get that service at the **Ace Hardware Store/ Bryan's Road Supply** at 3060 Livingston Road, Bryan's Road, MD -- about nine miles from here and no traffic. Also, phone 301-283-6081 -- they will answer!

It sits on the left side travelling south adjacent to the CVS. We have been there a few times and experienced excellent service. They even cut lumber to our exact measurements for a modest charge.
-Ed and Jacque Akselrad

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2019—Aug. 2020.....\$75.00

Optional Beautification Contribution.....\$ _____

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