

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

Will this be the year that you get more involved in your community? I certainly hope so! While there are a few people who gladly give many hours on a regular basis to the TCA, we are very grateful to the people who can participate more occasionally. There are as many ways to move our community forward as there are people in Tantallon.

This newsletter is both created and distributed by volunteers. Newsletter delivery volunteers are often needed, and community news is always welcome. We are also looking for volunteers to help maintain community standards on the Tantallon Control Committee. Beautification, community clean-up, community advocacy (with State and County agencies, the County Council and the State House and Senate), inter-community relations, are always areas where we rely upon the contacts, skills and efforts of our neighbors.

Those of us who serve as officers and members of the Board of Directors are honored to serve. However, after a term or two, we look forward to see new board members and officers take over the responsibility for the upkeep of this friendly and beautiful little enclave. I hope some of you, who have not yet held office, will consider the considerable rewards and responsibilities of serving as an officer and/or Board member for the TCA when we hold elections again in 2019.

--Carter Ferrington

Neighbors and Noise

As the weather begins to break, the urge for larger residential gatherings will increase. With this increase, I would like to remind everyone of the county noise ordinance.

The noise ordinance in Prince Georges County is no longer a time based law. The noise ordinance is now in effect 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK and within 50 FEET of the residence on ALL SIDES! This ordinance does carry a substantial fine for the owner of the home.

If you incur this issue in your neighborhood, please dial 301-352-1200 immediately. Thank you and be safe!

-- Cpl. S. Rannacher, Prince George's County Police Dep't

Next TCA Membership Meeting

Fall 2017

Our Dying Trees Are Being Replaced

The Right Tree, Right Place program (RTRP) was developed by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) as a risk management program to replace dangerous Bradford Pear street trees in the public right-of-way. The RTRP program has evolved to include replacement of large numbers of dying ash trees, and placing street trees in neighborhoods that don't have any. Since its beginning in July of 2011, almost 29,000 street trees have been planted across the county.

Tantallon requested participation in RTRP in early 2014, and removal of white dot marked diseased and dead trees should start in June followed by the planting of replacement trees. Please help our new trees get off to a good start by watering them with five gallons once a week in the dry months (July to September), and make sure you avoid your trees when mowing and weed whacking. Nicking the trunk of a tree damages tissues that bring water and nutrients to and from the roots and branches. Deer protection would be nice. -- Ron Weiss

"A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever" (except when it's destroyed)

The circle (roundabout) vandals have struck again, this time somehow driving the wrong way over the triangle towards Silesia and actually tearing a large salvia and several dusty miller plants out of the ground, as well as uprooting a dwarf crape myrtle. This, following last week's destruction of two other dwarf crape myrtles on the opposite triangle.

As one of the circle chairmen from Tanta-Cove Garden Club, it angers and sickens me that drivers do not seem to care or realize the time and expense the club members put into beautifying the circle. Perhaps drivers don't know that the effort to beautify and maintain the plants on the circle is due to private funds and sweat equity, with help from Denison's Nursery.

It baffles and angers us that we have to control and repair damage to the circle on a weekly basis. The club maintains the circle to the benefit of the whole neighborhood. It is our fondest wish that our neighbors would help us by driving more sanely and, if they see someone wantonly destroying property, would notify us. The incoming president is Eugene Thompson, and I am a co-chair of the circle committee.

--Marge Stevens



After a cold, gray spring, some hot days, and finally rain, the neighborhood looks lush and green, and it appears that spring is here! Hearty congratulations to all the achievers in the community. First, the news from the college set:

Bradley Jacks, the son of Anthony and Sharon Jacks of Inverness Circle, was a forward on the Babson College basketball team, which won the 2017 NCAA Division III Men's National Basketball Championship on March 18th with a 79-78 victory over Augustana College. A graduate of Gonzaga College High in 2014, Bradley will enter his senior year at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, in the fall.

Donald Ray Gibson, the son of Donald and Sharon Gibson of Arrow Park Drive, is a 2016 graduate from Hampton U. with a B.S. degree in Finance and Accounting. A graduate of Bishop McNamara High in Forestville, Donald currently serves as a Senior Accountant II/Payroll Chief at ASI Works Inc. and PSI Family Services in Washington, DC.

Timothy Drumtra, the son of Meredith McGehee and Jeff Drumtra of Castleray Circle, graduated in May from Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN, with a major in Criminal Justice. Tim played NCAA Division II lacrosse during his four years there. His father, Jeff Drumtra, recently returned from several months in the Kurdish region of Iraq where he taught a class on emergency aid response at the American University to local officials.

Cristina Nassif, the daughter of Tom and Cristina Nassif of Arrow Park Drive, presented a concert of opera, art songs, and Broadway hits on Sat., March 27th at the Szilagy Center in Rowlesburg, WVA, at the 10th Annual River City Festival of the Arts. Her father was one of the piano accompanists.

In May, Michael and Patricia Banks of Glasgow Court, celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary and their 13th year living in Tantallon. They enjoy walking, running and biking in the neighborhood

Some *new baby* news: Ed and Jacque Akselrad of Castleray Circle announce the arrival of the seventh grandchild on his side of the family. Natalie Bea Akselrad was born on May 25 and weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. The happy parents, Diane and Chad Akselrad, and big sister, Julia Faye (born in August 2015), welcomed her home in Bucks County, PA.

Lynn and Lynne Barden of W. Tantallon Drive were recently designated *Pathfinders of Syracuse University*, their alma mater, in honor of continuous support of the University's research, philanthropic, and sports programs. If you know the Bardens, you know how they "bleed Orange" for their sports teams.

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James O'Brien of Braeburn Drive reported that he and his wife Neoma will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 1st. Then on June 3rd, his descendants are holding a 100th birthday party for him. In the meantime, he regularly completes 150 hand weigh exercises.....50 in three different routines.

On Sun., May 29, did you see the National Memorial Day Concert on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol? Yes, that was Patrick Lundy of Tartan Lane and the Ministers of Music singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" with Vanessa Williams.

Passages:

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

Frances Tilch died on Feb. 6, 2017. The beloved wife of the late John R. Tilch, Sr., mother of Ray (Karen) Tilch and the late Mike Tilch, she is survived by three grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. There was a celebration of her life at Kalas Funeral Home on Feb. 12, and funeral services on Feb. 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway.

Dawn Grilliot Davit, a resident of Shore Drive for many years, died on Feb. 22 after a long illness. Her husband, Jim, predeceased her in 2007. Dawn's devotion to community was demonstrated in her leadership roles with the Potomac Valley Citizens Assoc., the Hedgeneck Assoc., the Conservancy of Broad Creek, the Indian Head Highway Area Action Council, and the South County Coalition against Crime. Gardening and animal welfare were other interests. Dawn was known by all as an environmentalist and preservationist. A celebration of her life was held on April 1 at St. John Episcopal Church, Broad Creek.

Marjorie Ann Thiesen Gallie, 90, the mother of Christine (Michael) Cacic of Swan Harbour Rd., passed away on Feb. 25. Survivors include three other children and their spouses, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A registered nurse, she volunteered for various organizations over the years; e.g. the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, St. Thomas More Elem. School, and the Girl Scouts. Funeral services were held at St. Columba Church with interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

John Denison, founder and owner of Denison Landscaping and Nursery, Inc., died on May 25, 2017. He began with a lawn mowing business in 1973 and built it into a large full service landscape contracting operation in the DC Metropolitan area and beyond. John has been a dedicated and long-time supporter of the Fort Washington community. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as this newsletter goes to press.

Help Wanted

The Newsletter needs assistance:

A writer for "the Toe".

An assistant editor.

A substitute delivery person.

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Fall Code Enforcement Survey-- Heads Up

Criminals tend to target communities where it looks like the residents just don't care. One of the reasons Tantallon has a low crime rate is, as Judy Henry is quoted in the Washington Post in June 2014, "You can tell that people think a lot of their community." (See "*Tantallon is a tony but affordable community in Prince George's County*" on the TCA website, www.tantallon.info.) In Tantallon, we care; we feel like we own our community; we are proud; and we want to protect our investment in our homes. We are not the *low-hanging fruit for criminals to pluck*.

However, now that Tantallon is over 50 years old, it is showing a few signs of aging, and not all residents have the mind-set that Judy Henry bragged about. To prevent deterioration of our investment, *the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE)*, as part of their county-wide code enforcement survey, is partnering with us this fall to see how well we are doing to meet the minimum County Code requirements. We have until then to spruce up so we look good in the survey mirror.

The DPIE "Frequently Asked Questions" insert in this Newsletter will help you get ready. -- Ron Weiss

4th of July Patriotic Concerts

The Fort Washington Community Chorus will once again be presenting two patriotic concerts for the Fort Washington and Fort Hunt communities. The concert at Fort Washington Park will be on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., and the concert at Fort Hunt Park in Virginia will be on July 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The chorus hopes that our neighbors and friends will come out to support the chorus and start the holiday weekend off with a bang! As always, these are free concerts; however, free will offerings in support of the chorus and/or the Fort Washington Food Pantry will be gratefully accepted. Non-perishable food items in support of the Food Pantry will also be collected.

This will be the Fort Washington Chorus' 18th concert for the benefit of the community. Bring a picnic, lawn chairs, flags, and whatever else you need to celebrate our nation's birthday in stirring fashion. See you there!

--Marge Stevens, Chorus co-chair

Spring Clean-Up Workers

Thank you to our 12 volunteers who pitched in on a beautiful Saturday in March to clean up our community. We picked up many bags of trash along Fort Washington Road.

Volunteers included Eunice Theobalds, Edith Thomas, Roy Higgins, Jacque Akselrad, Frank & Helen Robinson, Anthony, Nicole, and Riley Yates, Allette Hannon, Diane Miceli, and Tabitha Stewart.

Thank you also to those of you who pick up trash on a regular basis. --Jamie Crist

Spring Landscape Award

The Tanta-Cove Garden Club and the Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc. are pleased to present the 2017 Spring Landscape Award to Claude and Gloria Murrell of 12605 Monterey Circle.

A colorful array of shrubs at curbside, in a variety of shapes and sizes, serves to disguise the parking area in front of the house, while enhancing the home's architecture, just visible over the top of the shrubbery. A beautiful pink rhododendron next to the home's entrance peeks over the shrubbery as well, pulling the visitor's eye to the front door which is flanked by two meticulously pruned evergreens, softening the lines of the house.

The Murrells have created a landscape that looks fresh and neat, no matter the season!

Marge Stevens and Rosemary Weller

NOW PLAYING AT HARMONY HALL:

A CHORUS LINE

The John Addison Concert Hall stage is alive with 120 nonstop minutes of singing and dancing. Remaining performances: Fri.-Sat., June 9-10, at 8 p.m.; Sun., June 11, at 3 p.m. Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Rd., Fort Washington. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for students with ID, and for ages 60 and over). Buy, reserve online at Tantallon-Players.org; a few tickets available at the door. -- Pat Myers

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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

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2016—Aug. 2017 \$ 75.00

Optional Beautification Contribution..... \$ _____

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New TCA Officers and Board of Directors May 2017-19

President: Carter Ferrington, attorney, real estate broker, personal property appraiser, and arbitrator for the Better Business Association, has lived on Inverness Lane since 2004. He is the current president of the TCA and a previous vice-president. His goals for the TCA are to build a greater sense of community, and to see the overall appearance of the community improve.

Vice-President: Judith Henry, an educator and administrator in the Prince George’s County and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (now retired), has lived on St. Andrews Drive W. since 1993. She has served as Beautification Chair since 2010. Judy is interested in preserving the beauty and integrity of this unique community, and believes it is important to be good neighbors by maintaining property, respecting the land covenants, and participating in the governance of the local civic association.

Treasurer: Keith West of W. Tantallon Dr. has lived in Tantallon since 1985. He retired from Federal Service with the Dept. of Defense and the Dept. of Education in December 2011, and transitioned to a career in executive coaching and consulting. Formerly a newsletter delivery person and now the circulation manager of the newsletter, Keith has served as TCA Treasurer for the past three years. He has a particular interest in helping to ensure that Tantallon is a safe and secure neighborhood.

Recording Secretary: Lynne Barden, a resident of W. Tantallon Dr. since 1974, taught Speech, Drama, and English at Surratsville High, and then had a long career in counseling. A Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse therapist, she worked for the U.S. Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program, and for various hospital and private therapy programs. A co-founder of the Tantallon Community Players, Lynne is active in political organizations, and in her college sorority alumnae group. Lynne asks that you remember that any small thing you do for the community is of great importance to its welfare.

Corresponding Secretary: Jacqueline A. Zuker-Akselrad, previously a para-legal and director of admissions at Stratford University, has lived on Castleray Circle since 1975. A part-time employee of Park and Planning at Harmony Hall, she has been the Corresponding Secretary of the TCA for several years. Her goals for the community are to raise awareness of each other’s needs, work on resources for seniors, and continue to keep our neighborhood safe, litter-free, and beautiful.

Board of Directors:

Constance Taylor of Firth of Tae, is a retired military officer, and active member of the local garden club and the National Capital Area Garden Club. Connie has chaired various committees over the past nine years, and is now the TCA Activities Chair. Her interests include cooking, travel, and spending time with her family. She believes if everyone contributed in some small way, we would continue to have a beautiful and active community.

Charles Walton of Hazel Hill Circle has been a resident of Tantallon since 1994. An attorney, Charles is a former TCA president and beautification chair. His interests include environmental preservation, fishing, and good conversations.

Ron Weiss of Haxall Court, a retired Air Force program manager and defense contractor, has lived in Tantallon for over 30 years. Formerly a home and school association president and treasurer and a middle school soccer coach, Ron is the TCA webmaster, and chairs the Security Committee. He is also an Indian Head Highway Area Action Council (HHAAC) board member and treasurer of the Police District VII Citizens Advisory Council. Ron wants to encourage more Tantallon residents to be active members of the association and to help keep Tantallon a beautiful, safe and secure community

Rosemary Weller, professor emerita of Communication Studies at Gallaudet University, moved to Tartan Lane in 1988. She has served the TCA as president, vice-president, newsletter editor and board member. Rosemary is interested in grassroots community service involving quality of life issues (i.e. neighborliness, land covenants, transportation, public safety, and beautification).

Ruth Williams of Creighton Circle has lived in Tantallon since 1973. The mother of five, her work history includes 10 years in the liquor business as well as the Fort Washington Real Estate Company in conjunction with her husband’s law practice. Ruth started the Williams Addictions Treatment Center (on Oxon Hill Road where the MGM Training Center is now). She would like to see people who live here become members of the TCA and see what it has to offer.