

# **Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.**

## ***newsletter***



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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Neighbors:

How can we get more volunteers to help with the many things the TCA does to make Tantallon a great place to live? This is a question that I've asked our Board of Directors and others throughout our community in the past few weeks, and I welcome your thoughts as well.

Some people help with community clean-ups for an hour or two a year. Others hold an office, or chair a committee which involves a greater time commitment. Volunteers to help with distribution and other tasks which bring the newsletter to us are always welcome, as is community-related news. We would also welcome a group of people to help us more frequently clean, pick up trash, pull weeds and plant bushes and flowers. The Control Committee also occasionally has vacancies.

To this end, I am exploring the possibility of a Volunteer Open House, later this summer. This would provide both an opportunity to thank current volunteers and to speak with potential new volunteers.

If and when this is scheduled, I'll send an announcement through the email list.

Meanwhile, have a happy and safe summer!

—Carter Ferrington

### **Spring Landscape Award 2018**

The Tantallon Citizens Association and the Tanta-Cove Garden Club are pleased to present the 2018 Spring Landscape Award to Karen and Charlie Meyers of 12904 Argyle Circle.

A variety of low evergreens with a rhododendron on the left and a pink azalea on the right frame the front view of the house on a steep lot. A curved walkway leads to the porch with a white railing and a red door. The level lawn has creeping juniper ground cover and is neat and well-tended. Mature tall trees and a Japanese maple contribute to the peaceful, shady ambiance.

A lovely sight to see after the most unusual spring weather pattern in this area recently.

—Rosemary Weller and Jean Rositol

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Patriotic Concerts**

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July Concert is coming! For those of you who make attending the Fort Washington Community Chorus' concert in the Fort a part of your Fourth of July celebration, you are in luck!

This year the chorus will be performing in the Fort on Saturday, June 30 and again the next day – July 1 -- at Fort Hunt Park in Virginia. Double the fun, double the music, double the celebration!

The chorus will be joined at both concerts by the MV Brass of Alexandria VA. Both concerts are at 7:00 p.m. and as always, are free to the audience. If you wish to bring non-perishable food items for the Fort Washington Food Pantry to the concert in Fort Washington, those are always welcome. Monetary donations for either the food pantry or the chorus are also gratefully accepted.

Come on out, bring a picnic, wave your flags, greet your neighbors and celebrate the Fourth! We look forward to seeing you there!

-- Marge Stevens

### **Noise Control Ordinance**

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 residences on ALL SIDES! This ordinance does carry a substantial fine for the owner of the home. If you all incur this issue in any of your neighborhoods, please dial 301-352-1200 immediately. Thank you and be safe!

—Corp. Victoria Blackwell,

Prince George's Co. Police Dept.



As spring fades into summer, the neighborhood is lush and green with beautiful foliage due to the *nearly four inches of above average rain* that have fallen in the past few weeks. It's the time of the year when thoughts turn to graduation. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families.

Jim and Margarete Dandridge, longtime residents of Firth of Tae Drive, recently attended the graduation of his granddaughter, Amber Frazier, at the University of Maryland where she received her degree, Au. D. (Doctor of Audiology). A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, she completed a bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences at UMD seven years ago. Her graduate studies included internships at Fort Meade, NIH, and Walter Reed. Licensed to practice as an audiologist, Dr. Frazier works at the Washington, DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Lauren Wynn, the daughter of Carl and Cathy Wynn of W. Tantallon Drive, graduated from Florida Memorial University in North Miami with a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) in Elementary Education. She is currently a substitute teacher at Potomac Landing Elementary School.

Ernesto Henderson, M.D., the son of Sylvia and (the late) Robert Henderson of Whitehaven Circle, graduated from the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York City in 2017. He will complete an internship in New Jersey this month, and begin a residency in psychiatry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, DC in July.

More good news: The daughter of Dorothy and (the late) Allen Engleking of Surrey Circle Drive, Elizabeth Engleking and her husband, Joe Meslovich, report the arrival of Benjamin Allen Meslovich, on March 3, a few weeks early. He was welcomed home in Staunton, VA, by his big sister, Alexandra, age 5, who will go into first grade in the fall.

Richard and Becky Pica of Alexandria are the proud parents of Jacqueline Helen Pica. Jackie was born on May 7, and weighed 7 lbs., 15 ounces. Grandparents, Rick and Carol Pica of Surrey Circle Drive, are delighted to welcome grandchild number five to the family!

Ruth Williams of Creighton Circle said that this is party time in Texas for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nora Johnson turns 9, Stella Johnson turns 2, Clementine Bowles turned 1, and Ryan Rocco is 25. They have all resettled in Spring Branch, Texas, in the Texas Hill Country outside San Antonio.

Shelley Powell-Larkin, of Glasgow Way, has been tutoring youngsters since she retired as principal of Rose Valley Elementary. One of her current students, third-grader Zuri Hammonds, granddaughter of Jean Hammonds of MacBarger Circle, has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence. As a reward, Zuri's grandmother will be taking her on a trip to Paris, at the close of school.

Kir and Sung Om, daughter and son-in-law of Horace and the Reverend Dietra Coleman of Creighton Circle, will travel to Korea in June to visit his family and show Kir Korea. Miter Emory, two and a half, will be staying with Grandpops and Grandma Coleman.

In May Tantallon and the Tantallon Community Players said good bye to George and Kate Roff of Reid Circle who moved to Spring Lake, NJ, to enjoy the beach. For years George was one of the set builders for the Tantallon Players that made the shows so believable. Kate was a great cook, fantastic hostess, and friend. George was a ready helper to all who called.

Moving on to news of young adults: Ed and Jacque Akselrad of Castleray Circle hosted a group of young adults from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas H.S. in Parkland, FL who came to D.C. to participate in the "March for our Lives" on March 24. The group, who were here for about 4 days, included Ed's nephew, Alex Zand, a recent graduate of Stoneman Douglas. Alex was close with the family of Alex Shacter, one of the shooting victims who was killed in the senseless massacre.

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

Mary Jean Dawn, 86, (nee Manion), beloved wife of the late Ralph Dawn, Sr., and mother of Deborah Martin (Glenn), Ralph, Jr. (Kathleen), Teresa Niffenegger (Robert), Steven Dawn, and the late Michael Dawn, died on March 7. A longtime resident of Asbury Drive, she is also survived by five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A Mass was celebrated in her memory at Holy Family Catholic Church, Davidsonville on March 28.

Damani Kahil Clark, 45, who lived on Inverness Lane, died on March 21 at the Washington Hospital Center, while waiting patiently for a heart. A certified electrician, he established a restaurant, Saran Seafood, and is survived by five children, one granddaughter, his mother, a brother, and many members of an extended family. There was a celebration of his life at Ebenezer AME Church, Allentown Road, on March 27.

Marva W. Dean-Smith, a longtime resident of W. Tantallon Drive, died on March 29. Survivors include her husband Walter Smith, and children: Karen Dean, Kathy Dean-Wiggins (Garry), and Kara Spears (Kato) as well as four sisters, three brothers, five grandchildren, one great-grandson, and her former spouse, Emerson Dean. Funeral services were held at St. Columba Catholic Church on April 6; interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton..

Susana Yemaiel, 94, of River Forest Lane since 2009, died peacefully at home on April 3. A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Susana traveled the world, and had lived in Benidorm, Spain and in Miami. A real estate investor and philanthropist, she worked *pro bono* for hospitals in administrative functions; contributed to the advancement of the Fine Arts, and to diverse Children's Health and Education programs. Survivors include her daughter Monica and son-in-law Coeur; son Arthur (Jennifer) and granddaughter Coralyn. There was a private celebration of her life and funerary services by Kalas Funeral Home.

John Melcher, 93, a Montana Democrat who served in both houses of Congress and lived on Arrow Park Drive for many years, died at his home in Missoula, MT, on April 12. He grew up in Iowa and South Dakota, served in the Army during World War II and was part of the Normandy invasion in 1944. A veterinarian before entering local politics, during his time in Washington, he was known for his support of his state's agricultural interests and overseas trade. Sen. Melcher was a stout defender of federally funded food programs as a way to fight hunger and advocated environmental preservation measures. He remained in Washington after his defeat in 1988, working as a lobbyist, notably for the American Veterinary Medical Association. His wife of 69 years, the former Ruth Klein, died in 2015. Survivors include five children; a brother; a half-brother; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitacion "Betty" Hilario Lapesqueur, 85, died at her MacDuff Drive home on May 17, after suffering from Alzheimer's for eight years. She came to the U.S. from Manila, Philippines, on a Fulbright scholarship in 1963 to attend Columbia U. and was an elementary school teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools. She is survived by her husband (of 50 years) Raymond Lapesqueur, Jr.; two daughters: Eloise Lapesqueur and Michelle Yanotti Wilson, and two grandsons, Fino Yanotti II and Jack Wilson. The funeral was at St. Columba Catholic Church on May 31.

### Restaurant Corner

We would like to report on two good restaurants in the immediate area which we tried recently.

One is at the National Harbor next to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and Crabcake Cafe. It's a Mediterranean restaurant called "Mezeh" The food is fresh, delicious, and is a great value. You build your own "greens" bowl or rice bowl, and you are welcome to add as many "Med" ingredients as your taste allows. The cost of the above bowls is only \$8.65 and can easily be shared. On a nice day it is lovely to order food and eat outside at one of their many tables facing the water.

Another local establishment is "Sardi's" Peruvian charcoal grilled chicken directly across from the Oxon Hill post office. One has to try the food there to believe how delicious it is. The menu is extensive, featuring a wide assortment of meats, fish and vegetables, all cooked to order. The place is a bit noisy when they are busy, and they seem to be quite popular even on a Sunday.

--Jacque and Ed Akselrad

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### Did You Know?

\*The Tantallon Community Players are celebrating 39 years! *Hairspray* runs June 1-10. Fall 2018 features *The Ad-dams Family*.

\*The Marilou Padilla Gallardo Piano/Organ/Keyboard Studio will celebrate the 25th year anniversary of concert productions at the John Addison Concert Hall, Harmony Hall Regional Center on Sat., June 16: "Spring Musicale 2018" the piano recital at 11:00 am. and "An Evening Of Piano Music" with reception at 7:00 pm. These concerts are free to the public. Call (301)567-7973 or email [musicwhiz@comcast.net](mailto:musicwhiz@comcast.net) for reservations.

\*Patrick Lundy (of Tartan Lane) and the Ministers of Music will perform again at the Fourth of July Concert on the Mall.

\*SPAYghetti and No Balls Dinner, Aug 3, 2018, Jaycees Community Center, Waldorf, MD in support of their "Spay & Neuter & Release" program.

\*St. John's Seventh Annual Crab Feast, Aug 4, 2018, 1-5pm. New Location: Knights of Columbus Hall 1633 Tucker Rd. Cost: \$55 (17 & older), \$40 (10-16), Under 9 (Free with paying adult). For info, call 301-251-4557.

### 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
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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
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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

### Thank You to our Spring Clean Up Volunteers

To the 11 volunteers on April 21 who came out to help with our community spring cleaning -- thank you. They were: Diane Miceli, Angela Malone Williams, Eric Williams, Jacque and Ed Akselrad, Alvin Burwell, Tony Yates, Henrieta Dzurikaninova, Carter Ferrington, Carl Wynn, and Jamie Crist.

In addition to cleaning up along Fort Washington Road, they were able to fill 42 bags of leaves that were left behind last fall on W. Tantallon Drive near Surrey Circle Drive -- as well as haul away numerous branches picked up by Carl Wynn. No need for lifting weights that day!  
-- Jamie Crist

### Did You Know (cont'd)

\*Have you checked the new ads in our recent issues?

\*Are you using CountyClick/311? Be sure to get a service request ID. The more people who report eyesores, the more likely they will get action.

\*Next TCA General Meeting: Fall 2018 TBD

### The newsletter needs assistance

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### TCA Membership Status

Thank you to everyone who sent in their 2017-18 Tantallon Citizens Association dues since the last newsletter. As of June 1 2018, **9** additional households have paid dues, for a total of **224** this year. A list of the new dues-paying members follows:

Aleman/Tsao	Juan/Jenny
Alto	Joe & Ann
Berhane	Thomas
Gibson	Steve & Angie
Hawkins	Charles & Anna
Johnson	Neal & Barbara
Lucas/ Hannon	Edward/ Allette
Martin	Claudette T
Yates	Anthony & Nicole

If you haven't yet paid your dues, use the form on this page or on the TCA website.

--Larry Carbaugh

### TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2017—Aug. 2018 .....\$ 75.00

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

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

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