

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

As summer begins, we can anticipate with pleasure the many forms of outdoor enjoyment offered by our beautiful planned community such as an 18-hole golf course and swimming pool. Over 50 streets in our neighborhood provide an infinite number of routes for bicycle riding and long walks. Many neighbors have outstanding gardens of flowers and trees, private pools, and decks. In addition, there are more than 120 acres of green space to view.

As we sample these summer delights, it is also useful to anticipate, and even welcome, change. When one neighbor leaves, it is not long before a new neighbor arrives. New construction replaces empty and bucolic lots which we had almost begun to believe would be wooded forever. New homes mean new neighbors, and new people to get to know. New homes, for better or worse, will likely add to the value of existing homes. There are three new homes under construction in our neighborhood right now. That is the largest number of new homes being built in our neighborhood at one time in many years.

Change comes, whether we want it or not. This winter, two large trees came down in our back yard, and leveled perhaps 35% of everything behind the house. This change was not what we had wanted; it required us to re-build, plant more flowers and bushes which like direct sunlight; re-think how we want the space to look, and how we want to use it. What could have been a depressing exercise has re-focused our determination to make our yard better than ever.

I hope our neighborhood also embraces and harnesses the forces of change to make Tantallon better than ever.

Yes, #BetterThanEver

Carter Ferrington

Tantallon Land Covenants in Brief

The land covenants, which apply to all properties in our community, are designed to improve or maintain property values and enhance our quality of life. Briefly, they require that all proposed exterior changes to property must be submitted to the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) for its approval in writing before they are implemented. These changes include external additions to our homes, new or expanded patios and decks, swimming pools, fences, walls, and television antennas.

Also TCC permission must be obtained prior to removal of any trees with trunks greater than eight inches in diameter. There are only a few things that the Covenants absolutely prohibit. The most significant of these is the external parking or storage of boats.

PATRIOTIC CONCERTS

The 20th Annual Patriotic Concert, presented by the Fort Washington Community Chorus, will take place at Fort Washington National Park on June 29, at 7:00 PM. The chorus will again be joined by the MV Brass of Alexandria, VA, and will be performing a variety of American and patriotic favorites.

We hope you will plan to bring a picnic dinner, chairs or blankets and enjoy the concert as the sun sets over the Potomac River. Should the weather prove inclement, as it did last year, the concert will move indoors to Fort Washington Baptist Church, 11516 Fort Washington Road.

In case you can't attend the concert on June 29 - or you would like a double dose of patriotism! - the concert will be repeated on June 30 at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria, VA, 22308. The alternative site for that concert is Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria, VA, 22308.

We look forward to seeing you at one - or both - of the concerts to help us celebrate our nation's birthday. Happy Fourth of July!

—Marge Stevens

Spring Landscape Award -- 2019

The spring Landscape Award goes to Drs. Ronald and Beverly Anderson of 705 Muirfield Circle. Their lovely home sits off the cul-de-sac among mature trees.

The gardens that lead to the entrance of their home are planted with a wide variety of shade-loving plants of diverse colors, sizes and textures. A decorative fence which surrounds the gardens is planted with low-growing perennial bushes that soften the texture of the fence.

The landscape of this home is well integrated into its position adjacent to the golf course and provides an excellent example of what to do with a shade-filled yard.

-- Marge Stevens and Rosemary Weller

Spring 2019 Clean Up Day Report

Despite the rain the day before, which threatened to interfere with our clean-up on Saturday, April 6, we had a good turnout.

Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped to keep our community clean: Jacque & Ed Akselrad, German Cruz & Jose Javier Samayoa, Patti Holcomb, Diane Miceli, Eunice Theobalds, Charles Walton and his son, Henrieta Dzurikaninova, and Jo Ann Davis. We couldn't do it without you.

-- Jamie Crist



Spring is a beautiful time in Tantallon. The daffodil display at the roundabout, thanks to the Tanta-Cove Garden Club, was amazing. The cherry blossom trees, in our neighborhood and Ft. Washington Park, challenged those at the Tidal Basin. The Kwanzan cherry trees, pink and white dogwoods, and newly planted redbud trees provided a beautiful array of color.

Have you noticed the renovations at the three roundabouts on Oxon Hill Road? The changes took place in February. Enjoy the ride as you drive past the transformed circles. Also, you may want to drive around the roundabout on Ft. Washington Road, to completely enjoy the beauty of the floral display designed and maintained by the Tanta-Cove Garden Club.

There is a new eagle on Livingston Road near St. John's Episcopal Church. Rick Pica of Surrey Circle Drive stopped to talk with the home owner. When his maple tree split, he contacted a wood carver. Armed with six different sized chain saws, the artisan turned the tree stump into a bald eagle, who is keeping watch over the road. It is an amazing sight!

On Sat., June 22, 2019, the Marilou Padilla Gallardo Piano/Organ/Keyboard Studio will present two major piano performances: "Summer Musicale 2019" at 11:00 AM, and "An Evening of Piano Music 2019" at 7:00 PM. The gala evening concert includes a reception at the John Addison Concert Hall, Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Rd., Ft. Washington, Md. Both concerts are free to the public, but reservations are recommended. Call mobile (240) 533-2220 or e-mail: MUSICWHIZ@COMCAST.NET for info or reservations.

Congratulations to Jim and Alyson Manion of West River, MD. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Claudia Jean, born on March 4, 2019, 6 lbs. 9 oz., 19 inches long, and four year old Mavis. Jim grew up on Asbury Drive with his parents, now deceased, Jim and Ada Manion.

More good news: Horace and Rev. Dietra Coleman, longtime residents of Creighton Circle are happy to announce the May 30 arrival of their third grandson, Levi JiSung Om. His parents, Sung and Kier Om, and three year old brother, Emory, are also residents of Tantallon.

Congratulations, Graduates!

On May 18, Renee Michelle Banks, daughter of Tima and Derris Banks of Norwood Lane and granddaughter of Mildred McGuthry of Monterey Circle, graduated from the University of Lynchburg with a B.A. in Music Education with an emphasis in Instrumental Music. On May 19, Renee reported for boot camp at Parris Island. She will be an alto saxophonist in the United States Marine Band.

Christopher Holmes, Jr. (CJ), the grandson of Theodore and Patricia Holmes, formerly of Surrey Circle Drive and now residents of Hernando, Florida, will go to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in July. In 2016, CJ moved to La Plata

from Fort Washington, along with his dad, stepmom and two younger sisters so he could be part of the NJROTC program at La Plata High School where he was awarded Chief of the Year in 2018-2019.

Mary Korendyke, daughter of Clarence and Nancy Korendyke of Surrey Circle Drive, graduated Summa cum laude in May from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a B.S. in Applied Physics and a double minor in Mathematics and Music. Mary is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Sigma Pi Sigma. She has a research assistantship for her graduate studies in Climate Dynamics at George Mason University in the fall.

David Korendyke, son of Clarence and Nancy Korendyke of Surrey Circle Drive, finished his freshman year at the University of Maryland's Clark School of Engineering. A major in electrical engineering, David is a member of the Environment, Technology, and Ecology (ETE) Scholars Program, where students work on sustainable development projects for the university, and a member of the U-MD Sailing Club and the U-MD Beekeeping Club.

On May 11, Jason Rogers, the grandson of Mildred McGuthry of Monterey Circle, graduated from Lake Erie College in Plainville, Ohio. He received a degree from the School of Business with a concentration in sports management.

Nathan Thomas, son of Karin and Dale Thomas of Gleneagles Dr., graduated from Bishop McNamara High School this May. He received a Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement (FADE) Honors for his dedication to playing French horn and successfully competing in solo competitions at the State level. Nate will attend the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in Catonsville this fall.

Kolby Martin Williams, the grandson of Claudette Martin of Arrow Park Drive, graduated from the University of Richmond with a major in Sociology in May. His brother, Jalen Williams, graduated from Landon School, Bethesda, in May and was recognized by the 2018 All Metropolitan Football Team. Jalen will attend Boston College in the fall.

Alan and Pam Ritter, longtime residents of MacDuff Drive, report a "three generation family tradition." In 1965 Alan graduated from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Their daughter, Kellee Ritter Brotherton, attended East Carolina U, in the late 1990's. Now their granddaughter, Michaela Dove Brotherton, a graduate of West Springfield High School in June, will go to East Carolina University in the fall.

Timothy Drumtra, the son of Jeff Drumtra and Meredith McGehee of Castleray Circle, was accepted into the Navy's SEAL training program. Family, friends, and neighbors gathered to wish him well before he left for boot camp at Great Lakes Training Center, North Chicago, IL at the end of May.

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

Joseph Michael Alto, Sr., "Joe", 95, of Inverness Lane, died on Feb. 15, 2019. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Elva Ann Alto; four children: Jayne Zolfaghari, Renee Benzel, Michael (Allyson) Alto, and Joseph M. (Stacy) Alto, Jr; 14 grandchildren, and a sister. Joe served in the Merchant Marines and then in the US Air Force 1948 to 1975. Fluent in seven languages, his military career took him all over the world as a spy. Upon retirement, he was a self-employed consultant, corporate travel agent and enjoyed cooking his specialty, Lebanese foods. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St Columba Church on Feb. 22. Interment with military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery on July 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a brunch at Ft. Myer's Officers Club. Anyone who would like to attend should contact Ann, 301-292-2457.

The TOE– Cont'd

Harry R. Davis, Sr., 91, a longtime resident of River-view Rd. died on Jan. 13, 2019. Harry graduated from Virginia Polytech Institute in Blacksburg, VA with a BS degree in Civil Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army, and built his career in the railroad, moving often. His wife of 59 years, Barbara (Fulton) Davis predeceased him. Survivors include: three children, five grandchildren, and six great granddaughters.

Dr. Ernesto Gallardo a longtime resident of Gleneagles Drive, died on March 9 due to complications of metastatic prostate cancer. Survivors include his wife, Marilou Padilla Gallardo, two daughters, four siblings, and many nieces and nephews, Dr. Gallardo specialized in pediatrics and was a hospitalist physician at Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital for twenty five years. A memorial mass was held on May 28 at St. Columba Church followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery and a celebration of his life.

Henry Woltman, formerly of Pearl Light Circle, and more recently a resident of Pauley's Island, SC, passed away on April 5, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Grady Horak; son, Andy (Amy) Woltman and daughter Becky (Bob) Beveridge; stepchildren, Jennifer (Pete) Danna and Joe (Beth) Horak; ten beautiful grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Ann Mann. Henry spent 35 years at the U.S. Census Bureau as a mathematical statistician. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed the company of many friends.

Dr. Dwight M. Carter, of Candle Light Circle, passed away on April 22, 2019, surrounded by loving family. In 1967, his passion and dreams of traveling the world became a reality. His worked and lived in many countries across the globe including the United Kingdom, Italy, Turkey, Germany and Japan. He traveled to over 83 countries. Over the course of his varied career, Dwight worked as a teacher, school counselor, psychologist, supervisor, antique appraiser and the Director of Executive and Career Development for the Department of the Navy, Office of the Auditor General.

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Or phone: 311 Mon.– Fri., 7am – 7pm.

Mosquito Spray Night Notification

Our scheduled spray night is **Mon** (May 29 – Sept. 17).

Spraying will begin after dark and may continue until midnight or later. As a precaution, stay inside and close windows.

Love Those Eggs

Henderson Farm on Danville Road off Floral Park Road sells FRESH eggs for \$2.00 a dozen. The farm houses about 350 chickens so eggs are quite plentiful. The Hendersons keep their gate closed, but a phone number is posted on a sign in front of the gate: 301.372.8614. Just call and Mr. H will come down and deliver your eggs.

– Jacque and Ed Akselrad.

Restaurant Corner

For those looking to satisfy their taste buds with more exotic flavors in a somewhat adventurous spirit, we recommend the year and a half old **INDISH** in nearby Brandywine. Located close to Costco and Target and a few doors from the Hair Cuttery, it offers a full restaurant and bar with outstanding ambiance....15908A Crain Hwy, Brandywine.

A lovely and delicious buffet (\$12.95 is offered daily for lunch, which includes great Masala tea. We loved the buffet and look forward to going back for dinner. A private dining room which seats up to 45+ (NC) is great for special gatherings. 3½stars.

-- Jacque and Ed Akselrad

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Newly Elected TCA Officers and Board of Directors

May 2019—May 2021

President: **Carter Ferrington**, attorney, real estate broker, personal property appraiser, and arbitrator for the Better Business Association, has lived on Inverness Lane since 2004. Carter has been the TCA president for 10 years and before that, he served as a committee member and 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. Beautification Chair since 2010, Judith 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 five 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:

Jo Ann Davis has lived on Arrow Park Drive since 2004. A retired elementary school teacher, she is a member of the Tanta-Cove Garden Club and the Southern Maryland Antique Arts Association. An active member of the Tantallon Citizens Association, she is a newsletter delivery person and participates in the TCA Clean Up--Green Up activities. She loves the welcoming spirit of Tantallon and hopes to encourage more members of the community to participate in the TCA.

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 been a Tantallon homeowner 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 the chair of the Security Committee. He is also an Indian Head Highway Area Action Council (IHHAAC) board member and the 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, and currently as newsletter editor and board member. Rosemary is interested in grass-roots 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 ten years in the liquor business as well as the Fort Washington Real Estate Company in conjunction with her husband's practice in the Palumbo building. Ruth started the Williams Addictions Treatment Center (on Oxon Hill Rd. 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.

TCA Membership Status

Thank you to all who sent in their 2018-2019 Tantallon Citizens Association dues since the Winter newsletter. As of May 29, 2019, 25 additional households have paid dues for a total of 215 members. See p. 8 of the Ads, for a list of the new members..

If you haven't yet paid your dues, a dues form and instructions for payment (including a PayPal link) are included on the TCA website at www.tantallon.info. The 2019-2020 Dues Year will begin on September 1, 2019.

-- Larry Carbaugh

Next TCA General Membership Meeting

TBA-- FALL 2019