

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

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From The President

Dear Neighbors:

How does one build a greater sense of community? I've examined this issue many times in discussions with many different people over the years, both in the context of our community, and as a workplace issue. Clearly this is to a certain extent, a subjective task, as each person's perceptions and desires for building a sense of community are all but certain to vary somewhat. However, I think there is enough common ground to both define and nurture the concept of community in our own neighborhood.

It does appear that this sense of community is initially facilitated on a personal level by individuals. Those who both welcome interactions with neighbors and who make the effort benefit from shared information, mutual security, and friendship. Seeing and spending time with my neighbors has greatly enriched my life, and this appears to be a common experience in our community. Mutual activities like walking, biking, golf, and boating provide excellent opportunities for neighbors to spend time together and to get to know each other. These individual efforts appear to be as critical as they are common in our neighborhood.

Our organization also can and does provide many opportunities to build a better sense of community during meetings, and a variety of volunteer activities. All of these things result in accomplishments which benefit our community, allow us to get to know one another better, and we have fun doing it. I would encourage you to volunteer on one of our committees. As Mahama Gandhi once said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

I would like to thank the many people who have volunteered this year and whose efforts have made the Tantallon community a more welcoming, more friendly and more cohesive community in past years, and look forward to seeing you at a meeting, in a committee, at an event or at a clean-up day, in the very near future.

**Future TCA Membership Meetings:
to be arranged via email**

Three Spring Clean-up Days

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the first of two spring clean-up days on Saturday, March 5, 2022. We picked up trash although there was very little, thanks to ongoing efforts from some of our neighbors—Jacque & Ed Akselrad, Jo Ann Davis, Diane Miceli, Janice Bradley, and others. We focused on trimming the crape myrtles along Fort Washington Road and bundling the broken branches from the ice storm. Saturday's volunteers included Eric Williams, Ed & Jacque Akselrad, Carter Ferrington, Dilara El-Assad, and Ken Miller.

Our second clean-up day was on Saturday, April 2. We only had four volunteers this time. Many thanks to Ed & Jacque Akselrad, Ken Miller, and Denise Gassama. In addition to cleaning up trash, we were able to clear out and tie together another 15-20 bundles of branches along Fort Washington Road between W. Tantallon Drive and St. Andrews Drive. We also trimmed the crape myrtle trees.

On our third clean-up day, we had a small contingent of volunteers for the countywide *Growing Green with Pride* event on Saturday, April 23. Thanks to Jacque & Ed Akselrad and Dilara El Assad for picking up trash. And a special thank you to Cassie of *Cassie Moments Catering*. Even after a late night catering event, she volunteered to pick up free mulch from the county, which I was able to use to mulch the trees we planted last fall. We were also able to trim the crape myrtle trees and bundle another 15 or so bunches of branches from St. Andrews Drive south to W. Tantallon Drive.

Thank you to Ron Weiss for putting me in touch with another county official regarding the bundled branches from the previous two clean up days. They were finally picked up on Friday, April 22! Keep in mind: we can always use volunteers to pick up trash along Fort Washington Road and other area roads.

--Jamie Crist

A Friendly Reminder

**You can review the Tantallon Land Covenants
on the TCA website**



Once again, the landscaping in Tantallon exploded with colorful azaleas, daffodils, flowering trees and much more. One neighbor, whose home is located at the corner of Autumnwood Lane and Aten Drive, provides a feast for your eyes with tulips. The large lot has numerous beds filled with bright red tulips and just as many beds filled with sunshine yellow tulips. Mark your calendar for April 2023 so you can walk or drive over and enjoy the display.

Juan Aleman and Jenny Tsao, of Castleray Circle, met 11 years ago, and joined the Tantallon community in 2016. A few months after the marriage proposal, the pandemic hit, postponing their wedding. The couple recently married in their house on the auspicious 2.22.22 date at 2:22 pm and took wedding photos at our own Fort Washington Park. They will be Mr. & Mrs. Aleman in October, following their reception in Chicago. Congratulations to this new "twosome!"

Kimberly Walton of Hazel Hill Circle recently received the Presidential Rank Award. The Presidential rank award is one of the most prestigious awards in the federal career civil service. They are presented to a small cadre of civilian senior executives in recognition for their long-term accomplishments in providing exceptional service to the American people. Recipients are leaders who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, and a relentless commitment to public service. Ms. Walton retired at the end of the year after a 32-year federal career, 22 years as a Senior Executive.

When Ebony Sunala Johnson of Candlelight Circle discovers a problem, she doesn't sit and worry about it, she gets to work. An organization, Laurel Cats, received grant money from the Maryland Department of Agriculture for trap-neuter-release (TNR) efforts in targeted zip codes within Prince George's Co., which included Ft. Washington. Ebony volunteered with Laurel Cats to assist with the cat colonies in Tantallon.

Starting in November 2021, the group identified the approximate number of feral cats in numerous locations and any residents that fed or cared for the cats. Next, they worked with the feeders to obtain permission to set traps on their property and take the feral cats caught to be spayed, fixed, and receive any necessary medical care. Ebony reported that, with the help of neighborhood volunteers, 48 cats from Tantallon were taken in to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated and returned to the community in a few days. Several cats were treated for respiratory issues, and two received eye surgeries. This was made possible by caring neighbors and the hard work of Ebony and her team.

After two years of lock down due to COVID-19, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club presented a Flower Show on May 4th at the home of Shirley Nicolai. The show consisted of horticulture from members' yards, floral designs, botanical arts which consisted of decorated birdhouses and apple gourds, and an education exhibit on caring for indoor plants. Recently, the Garden Club planted colorful summer annuals in the traffic circle.

The world reopened for travel, COVID restrictions eased up, and Ammie and Jerry Laguilles of Norwood Lane ventured on a pilgrimage, "Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise/Medjugorje/Dubrovnik." After completing the pilgrimage, they visited the Acropolis in Athens, walked on the popular Mostar Bridge in Bosnia, and took an extensive tour of the walled city of Dubrovnik including the sites where the famous series, *Game of Thrones*, had been filmed. A new and different perspective of some places they had visited before.

Our neighborhood has a reputation as a safe and welcoming place to live. Most recently, one neighbor had a kayak stolen from the back yard, and a canoe was stolen from a nearby dock. Take care to make sure your yard, car, and home are secure to eliminate any further unlawful activity. Also, be on the lookout for stolen items.

Lest we forget, warm congratulations to all the graduates from elementary and middle schools, high schools, and colleges!!! You survived the pandemic in fine form.

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

Dr. Thomas Polley, a homeowner on Renfrew Circle for 50 years, died on December 1, 2021. Thomas and his wife, Carla moved to Albuquerque, NM in May 2020. Tom was a forensic psychologist for the criminally insane at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and a personal supervisor of John Hinckley. There was a Mass of Christian Burial in Niagara Falls, NY, on May 2, 2022. Interment will occur at a future date.

On April 20, 2022, Margaret Stevens, 76, of Gleneagles Drive, died of a pulmonary embolism. She is survived by her husband George, their sons, Alexander and Andrew, and one granddaughter. Marge received a BA in French from Alfred University and an MS in French & Linguistics from Georgetown University. For 30 years, she taught French in Prince George's County Public High Schools and worked with novice teachers for an additional six years. Marge loved to travel and led numerous student tours to France during spring breaks.

With family and friends, she cruised European rivers, spent a month in China, and sailed on the Chesapeake Bay. After retirement, Marge studied watercolor painting, became an enthusiastic member of the Tanta-Cove Garden Club, and an active parishioner at St. John's Episcopal Church. She sang in several episcopal choirs which included 20 annual Christmas performances of Handel's *Messiah* at the Kennedy Center and with the Ft. Washington Community Chorus. Marge and George participated in choral pilgrimages and sang at numerous cathedrals in Europe. A celebration of her life was held at St. John's Episcopal Church on May 14.

Alice LaCivita, 96, a homeowner on Arrow Park Drive since 1967, died on April 25, 2022. She is survived by four children, Laurel, Amy, Lisa (Patrick Browne), Emil Jr. (Nancy) and six grandchildren. A graduate of Ohio State University, she earned an MS from Kent State University in 1965. Alice was a guidance counselor at Oxon Hill Senior High and retired in 1989. She was an inveterate gardener evidenced by the sumptuous gardens around her home. Her home was the center of their social life, and she maintained deep friendships with her neighbors. She enjoyed entertaining friends, playing bridge, tennis, relaxing in the sun and traveling. A memorial Mass was held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Clinton on May 23.

If you have news to share, kindly send it to
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Tantallon Blog-

<https://tantalloncitizensassociation.blogspot.com/>

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<https://dviicac.blogspot.com/>

Memorial Day Remembrance

May 10, 2022, marked the 50th anniversary of a tragic helicopter accident in Vietnam that killed all 34 soldiers and aircrew aboard on their way out of the jungle for some much needed rest and relaxation. Longtime Firth of Lorne resident and then 1st Lieutenant John Dullahan had been on that aircraft moments before it departed, but was bumped at the last minute by his commanding officer. The aircraft went down minutes after takeoff.

John, wife JoAnn, and daughter Laura joined with some other Vietnam veterans and their wives to honor these soldiers' service and memory by inviting their families to a special dinner, presentation, and ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial on the anniversary of their passing.

Of the 34 soldiers' families, 23 were represented at the special memorial events, including wives, children, and siblings, who travelled from as far away as California and Montana. In all, some 180 persons attended this heartfelt event, sharing memories, tears, and healing.

—JoAnn Dullahan

Did You Know?

***See an eyesore?** It may be a County Code violation.

To request service: Use CountyClick (24/7)

<http://princegeorges-csrprodewi.motorolasolutios.com/Home.mvc/Index>

Or phone: **311** Mon.-Fri., 7 am – 7 pm

*Mosquito Spray Night Notification

Our scheduled spray night is **Mon.** (May 25 -- Sept. 30). Spraying begins after dark (if no residents are outside).

Stay inside and close windows for 20-30 min. after the truck passes. The spray schedule rotates every three weeks due to weather, etc. The cost to the TCA this year is \$1610.

*Piscataway Park Hours – Updated

June 1 – Aug. 31 7 am – 9 pm

Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 7 am – 7 pm

Nov. 1 – Feb. 28 7 am – 5 pm

*Got Prescription Drugs???? ...a public safety issue!

Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of *expired prescription medications*, but if a program is not available: Take the meds out of their bottles. Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds. Seal them in a bag or disposable container; throw that away.

If you have news to share with your neighbors, send it to tantallontoe@gmail.com.

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.

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 Edward Burroughs.....	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 Adventist 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 Dues Paid
As of May 26, 2022**

Last Name:	First Name:
Amey	Ellen
Bushillon	Gary
Collins	James
Gassama	Duran & Denise
Gibson	Sharon
Mulcrone	Trent
Riley	Lauria
Ritter	Pam & Alan
Rodriguez	Dilara El-Assaad
Washington	Robin
Watstein/Mckittrick	John/Joyce

11 New (listed above)

Total Households Paid: 194

SHEDS

Over the last 50 years, the Tantallon Control Committee has responded to many requests from homeowners for approval of shed construction. The Committee applies the following standards to such requests:

1. Sheds should be no larger than 6 ft. wide by 8 ft. long.
2. Sheds should be placed in unobtrusive, inconspicuous locations that are shielded from the view of the neighbors and passersby.
3. Shrubs planted along the sides of sheds should be aesthetically beneficial.
4. The shed's color scheme and architecture should be compatible and harmonious with that of the residence.

Homeowners who intend to construct a shed must submit a written request for approval to, and must receive approval from, the Committee **prior to commencement of work.**

Submit your request by U.S. mail to Tantallon Control Committee, P.O. Box 44069, Fort Washington, MD 20749

Or by email to tantalloncontrol@gmail.com.

--The Tantallon Control Committee

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2021—Aug. 2022.....\$75.00

Optional Beautification Contribution.....\$ _____

Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution

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