

# **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 community. As the pandemic continues to fade and mask requirements are being lifted, outdoor activities continue to be one of the safer activities. Still, we need to be cautious. If you are not vaccinated, please consider doing so.

As most of you know, National Golf Club at Tantallon is undergoing a major renovation. We are excited to see how this project progresses and how it will impact our community. We appreciate their willingness to hold outdoor meetings in their parking lot.

We continue to express our concerns about the proposed construction of a kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school at the corner of Fort Washington Road and East Swan Creek Road. We agree and support the general need for a good education for all our students, and good school facilities in which to educate them -- at the right location to handle traffic and rainwater runoff. Many of us think that re-purposing the current site of Potomac Landing Elementary School is just one of several better sites. With the proposal of 2000 students, we also are concerned that our less than 600 students will not be going to a community school, but to a large regional school, and that this will have a detrimental effect on education.

The lack of transparency regarding the decisions made concerning the location, siting, design, flood control, traffic, and pedestrian safety is deeply disturbing.

Some of us have joined the leaders of adjoining communities including Tantallon North, Tantallon Square, and Tantallon South in an effort to make our voices heard with regard to school construction, and to influence the siting and development of any school, so that the results best serve the students in Prince George's County and the neighborhood.

Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker shares our concerns and has met with us and the group planning the new school to express these concerns. Our group has now been meeting regularly for several months. I am particularly grateful for the efforts of Mr. Ron Weiss, who has been an active and effective advocate in this effort. Sadly, despite repeated efforts to contact our other county leaders, they appear to be ignoring our concerns.

As a result, we are now raising money to take additional actions to address our concerns, including the hiring of technical experts and retaining legal representation. Please consider making a donation to this very important effort that will impact our community for years to come. We would welcome your donation: by PayPal at our website, [www.tantallon.info](http://www.tantallon.info), or send a check to Tantallon Citizens Association, P.O. Box 44069, Fort Washington, MD 20749. Thank you.

--Carter Ferrington

### **Two Spring Clean-up Days**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 10, 2021. We picked up trash, trimmed some of the trees we had planted previously, and removed vines from the fences along Fort Washington Road north of the school. Volunteers included Patti Holcomb, Henrieta Dzurikaninova, Angela Malone, Eric Williams, Bil Nelson, Dede Perkins, Sarita Burns, Ed & Jacque Akselrad, Troy Ford, Kim Vu, and JoAnn Davis.

On Saturday, May 1, our second clean-up day of the year was held in conjunction with the countywide *Growing Green with Pride* event. Volunteers included Ed & Jacque Akselrad, Eunice Theobalds, Carter Ferrington, Angela Malone, Henrieta Dzurikaninova, Bil Nelson, and Tony Williams.

We focused on tree trimming. The county was notified to pick up the bundles of branches. A special thanks to Tony for picking up our "borrowed" safety vests and free bags of mulch provided by the county.

—Jamie Crist

### **Control Committee Approval**

When the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) reviews a proposed residential improvement plan from a resident, it does so to check for aesthetic and harmonious environmental purposes established by the Tantallon land covenants.

As you know, homeowners must also comply with all applicable codes, rules, and other obligations established by the relevant County authorities, and obtain all required permits and approvals for all proposed work. The TCC's review and approval process does not relieve the legal responsibilities of any homeowner, architect, engineer, or contractor with respect to the proposed improvements.

—Henrieta Dzurikaninova

### **Next TCA General Meeting**

**Wed. June 9, 7:00 PM**

**National Golf Club Parking Lot**

**Fall 2021 —TBA**



Once again, the colors of Tantallon exploded this year. Mother Nature's palette exceeded all expectations. Throughout the neighborhood, the yellow, purple, pink and white irises have been amazing. Some of our brave neighbors had beautiful tulips in their garden. They must have had a stern talk with the deer! Right now, the rhododendron blossoms are vibrant and huge. Set aside a few minutes to enjoy the beauty of Walt and Terry Cody's backyard on Monterey Circle. Gorgeous colorful roses, giant hostas and various annuals overwhelm your senses. We certainly live in a beautiful community!

Do you remember the backyard chant, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!" There is plenty to scream about in Fort Washington. The winter shutters have been removed, the lights are on and Hovermale's has opened for the 67<sup>th</sup> season. Who will be the first to enjoy a mixed cone, sundae, or the famous dip top? And here's another scoop! In 2012 Brandon Byrd of Surrey Circle Drive started his frozen custard business inside a very cool 1952 Metro van, adorned with his red *Goodies* logo on the side. He added a second van in 2019. You may have seen the food truck vans parked on a street corner in D.C. Or you may have enjoyed a cone or sundae at National Harbor. In 2019 Brandon purchased the Old Town Alexandria's Mutual Ice Co. building located at 200 Commerce Street. Unfortunately, the pandemic melted his timeline for opening. The building has been painted and renovated, and the front yard landscaped with planters filled with flowers. Plans were set to open by Memorial Day. These are two terrific opportunities to enjoy a sweet treat!

Ron Weiss of Haxall Court became a medical celebrity due to the article in the *MedStar Health*, Winter 2021 edition. In summer 2020, Ron had recovered from COVID-19 but was still struggling once he returned home from a long hospital stay. Ron has a "history of heart complications and is already on heart medicine and dependent on an external defibrillator" so he enrolled in the Cardiopulmonary Rehab Program. When he started, his heart function was at 25% but, after a few weeks on a monitored regimen of exercises, his heart function improved to 35%. Ron continues in rehab and has a goal to avoid open heart surgery and eliminate the need for medication. Congratulations, Ron, and we applaud your determination!

There was lots of fun and excitement at the home of Esther Mulheron of Prestwick Drive recently, as family gathered to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This backyard event took place on her new patio where Esther enjoys bird watching. Happy birthday, Esther!

Carol Pica of Surrey Circle Drive spoke with a WSSC representative at the construction site on W. Tantallon Drive. The pumping station has undergone a major renovation with new pipes and pumps. The purpose of this pumping station is to pump our area's wastewater to Rt. 210 and then onward to the Piscataway Pumping Station. The project should be com-

pleted within two months. The Rep said it was essential to upgrade the mechanics in the station. He added, no one thinks about flushing their toilet, until it doesn't flush!

The Fort Washington Pool Association invited the community to their Food Truck Open House on Sat., May 22. Tables were set around the pool which encouraged everyone to dream about the upcoming hot summer days and the cool refreshing swim or dip in the pool. More information about membership can be found at [www.fwpool.com](http://www.fwpool.com).

The eagle in Glen Clark's yard on Tantallon Drive has been busy this spring. The eagle donned a festive sombrero for Cinco de Mayo. The eagle dressed appropriately for Memorial Day in patriotic red, white and blue! We can only imagine what the Fourth of July will bring!

Henry DiLorenzo of Swan Harbour Drive, proudly shared that his son, Daniel, published an article, *A Case Study on Epilepsy Treatment Development*. "New Yorker" magazine included an article on a company Dan founded, NeuroVista. He developed the brain implant. Congratulations!

Lauren Thomas, daughter of Karin and Dale Thomas of Gleneagles Drive, graduated *cum laude* from the University of Maryland with a double major, B.S. Environmental Science and Policy and a B.A. Criminology with a minor, Remote Sensing. The double major with a minor was accomplished in four years while holding two part-time jobs! Her future is yet to be determined but Lauren is actively interviewing with several impressive employers. Congratulations!

Kerrington Lee Banks, son of Derris and Tima Banks of Norwood Lane and grandson of Mildred McGuthry of Monterey Circle, graduated on May 9 *cum laude* from North Carolina A&T University with a B.A. in Architectural Engineering. Congratulations!

Arianna Cacic, daughter of Michael and Christine Cacic of Swan Harbour Road, graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of MD-Baltimore County on May 21 with a B.S. in Environmental Science and Geography, a Certificate of Geographic Information Systems, and the Tom Rabenhorst Award for Geospatial Techniques. As a Sondheim Scholar, she participated in various public service projects. She also interned with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's NESDIS communications office, improving interactive web maps. Congratulations!

A "find" during the pandemic! Patrice Higgins of Swan Creek Rd, reported that St. Columba School offers a high calibre education in a supportive, caring environment with personalized attention and tutoring. Its 59 year tradition welcomes children of all faiths in a convenient location at an affordable price ( See [www.stcatholic.org](http://www.stcatholic.org) ).

Your neighbors **thank you** for keeping sidewalks, curbs, and walkways free of branches, leaves, and trash so that walkers, joggers, bikers, strollers, and buggies can pass freely.

At the same time, a friendly request: can we reduce the number of parked cars and trucks on our residential streets? Neighbors like to walk. Children like to play. Residents like to see homes and gardens. All our houses have driveways and garages — let's use them. Here's to our lovely neighborhood.

**TANTALLON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**Informational Websites**

**TCA Home Page-** <http://tantallon.info/>

**Tantallon Blog-**  
<https://tantalloncitizensassociation.blog.spot.com/>

**District VII Citizens Council CAC) Blog -**  
<https://dviicac.blogspot.com/>

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**Did You Know?**

**High school and college grads, please send your information to [www.tantallontoe@gmail.com](mailto:www.tantallontoe@gmail.com) for posting in the next newsletter,**

**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.**

**Passages**

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

Reverend Franklin Lyle Ways of Surrey Circle Drive, died on Feb 1, 2021. His loving wife, Carol Tippet and brother John predeceased him. He is survived by his sister in law, Becky, and several nephews and nieces. AUSAF veteran, graduate of UMD and The Methodist Theological School of Ohio, Frank served as Pastor to several churches in Baltimore/Washington and West Virginia. A private graveside service was held at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery on Feb. 26.

Charlotte Anita Dortch Spires of Troon Circle died on May 24, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Darrell, of 37 years, her children, Jessica and Nelson, twin brother Judge Charles Dortch (Doris),. A native of South Hill, VA, Charlotte earned a BS from the Tuskegee Institute in Animal Science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1982.

Dr. Spires' career included work at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services; in 1995 she was commissioned into the U.S. Public Health Service. She earned a Master's in Public Health in epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University, and was a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Her achievements included Crisis Response Service Awards for her hurricane relief work and animal rescue management, and a Presidential Unit Citation for her role in Ebola response. Services for Dr. Spires were held at Encounter Life Church in Hillcrest Heights on June 5.

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**Covid Prompts Change of Plans for Local Farmer**

The Good Fortune Farm, located in Brandywine, has always been a high production farm according to Mike Klein, owner/farmer. In May, strawberries showed promise of a bountiful yield along with tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, and sugar snap peas. Potatoes and turnips were planted; asparagus crowns were visible. Lettuces and herbs were interspersed among the slower maturing vegetables. Meat chickens fussed noisily, and the egg layers were geared up for production.

Last year his farm faced an uncertain future due to the pandemic and business shutdowns. Mike rethought his business plan which includes the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and restaurant business. CSA members pay an up-front fee and receive a "share" of produce: 8 to 10 items a week depending on what is available for harvest. He doubled CSA shares and expanded deliveries.

Following Covid protocols, no farmhands were hired; a family friend helped seed, plant, pick, pack and deliver; 150 free range chickens produced plenty of eggs to supply the CSA. He increased his meat chicken production, 50-75 roasters a month. He ordered his turkey poulters later than usual as families ordered smaller Thanksgiving birds. This year Mike and his wife, Michelle, see positive signs of recovery. Farmers are dependent on factors beyond their control; weather, pests etc. But thankfully, this small family farm was flexible and able to maneuver through a year-long pandemic lockdown. For more information on Good Fortune Farm, please email Mike at [gfforganic@gmail.com](mailto:gfforganic@gmail.com).  
—Christine Cacic

### 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. Wash. Adventist Hospital.....	301-292-700
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 General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2020—Aug. 2021.....	\$75.00
Optional Beautification Contribution.....	\$ _____
Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution .....	\$ _____

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### More Dues Paying Households since 1/21

Alston	Joy
Barton	Keith
Bryant	Danielle-Lasure
Cowell	John
Cunningham	Dawn
Flip	Beta
Gilbert	Gisela
Hawkins	Charles & Anna
Johnson	Ebony
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Matthews	Ardre & Rochelle
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**261 members as of May 28, 2021**

### MOSQUITO TO-DO LIST

Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely. Store plastic wading pools inside or upside down when not in use; make sure water doesn't collect in the 'depression' on the underside when the pool is turned over.

Empty or remove saucers under flower pots. Empty water from recycling bins, as well as garbage cans and their lids.

Eliminate trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover cars, boats, and pools.

Replace water in bird baths every 2-3 days. Remove any item such as tires, discarded toys, pet food and water dishes, wheelbarrows, wagons, carts, where standing water may accumulate.

Check under decks and porches, on patios and in hedges for containers which can hold water.

Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens or stock them with fish; use a filter system.

Eliminate standing water that may have gathered in the open ends of corrugated hoses attached to downspouts. Check for standing water in yard furniture and yard ornaments.

Drill drain holes in items such as trash cans, lawn furniture and recycling bins, which routinely collect standing water.

-- Judy Meade