

# **Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.**

## *newsletter*



SUMMER 2017 <http://www.tantallon.info>

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Neighbors:

As summer starts to wind down, the TCA is beginning our new fiscal year. I hope to work with you this year to preserve and improve the quality of life in our community.

Our next general membership meeting is on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at the new District VII Police Station, 11108 Fort Washington Road. Please help us thank Major Sparkman for her leadership at the station.

Larry Carbaugh's article on p. 4 tells you all the benefits of TCA membership. Ruth Williams of Creighton Circle will be working with Larry as our Welcome Committee Chair.

You may have noticed the new landscaping at the entrances on W. Tantallon Drive across from Potomac Landing Elementary School. Beautification chair Judith Henry has worked with Wynn Landscaping to bring this about. Additional community donations for neighborhood beautification help pay for these improvements and the seasonal decorations at the roundabout.

Please consider submitting articles for the newsletter. This is your newsletter; there are no reporters, and we want to keep you informed and pass on relevant information. Kindly also consider advertising your business in the newsletter. Another way to assist is by newsletter delivery.

There are so many ways to be involved in our community. Clean-Up volunteers led by Jamie Crist spruce up the neighborhood a couple of times a year. Another wonderful community tradition: the Tantallon Community Players are always on the lookout for volunteers and audience members.

Do you like to keep up with the news in the neighborhood? If so, ask [tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com](mailto:tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com) to include you on the contact list.

I hope to see you on September 27th!

—Carter Ferrington

### **Next TCA General Membership Meeting**

**September 27, 2017 7:00 PM**

**District VII Police Station**

**11108 Fort Washington Road**

### **Mosquito Control**

Last spring the TCA again appropriated \$1400 to participate in the Prince George's County mosquito spraying program which runs from June 5--September 17, 2017.

We were scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying on Monday nights except when it rained. Most of us were unaware of the spraying because it is done during the night. Traps were placed in convenient locations throughout the community to gather and count the number of mosquitoes captured in a set period as a reflection of the total population in the area as well as the Asian Tiger Mosquito population which may be responsible for West Nile disease. We were not informed of any West Nile infections.

June was a drought month, and July and August have been in the top seven for rainy months in the metropolitan area and in Tantallon over the years. It was much easier to spray in June when it did not rain than in July and August when many weeks experienced significant rains.

When considering your landscaping needs for next year, remember to design your yard so it does not attract mosquitoes. Do not use containers that can hold water. Even small containers such as drinking cups can produce mosquitoes. Remember to check gutters. Make sure screens are intact. If designing sheltered areas in your yard, plan on using insecticides labelled for adult mosquitoes. Tiger adults rest in dark sheltered areas around your home such as under decks or porches, in thick or low-growing vegetation, or in outbuildings or sheds with gaps they can enter.

County spraying cannot include those dark shelters close to your house in their spraying plan. Also, try using an electric fan when sitting outside. "Tigers" are relatively weak fliers and may not be able to reach you to bite if a fan is blowing.

—Mary Downs

### **Summer Landscape Award -- 2017**

There was nothing to compare with the home of Walter and Terry Coady at 12527 Monterey Circle when we were judging on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Their beautiful home sits above the street, and they have terraced the front yard. The summer planting grabs attention with a riot of color from the annuals planted en masse. Tall trees provide a green backdrop for their impressive home and garden. Walter was busy mowing on the morning we visited, and everything was immaculate. We certainly picked the right day to visit.

Honorable Mention: Ronald and Beverly Anderson's home at 705 Muirfield Circle is also an outstanding property, which is well maintained with mostly mature trees, and green shrubs and plants.

Congratulations to both!

Jean Rositol and Judith Henry



After a summer of weather variety – a dry spell, high heat and humidity, and then rain, it's now a pleasant green August. First, Congratulations to the recent graduates:

Miya E. Ward, the daughter of Larry and Earlene Ward of Emerald Hill Dr., graduated from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, with an MBA in Business Administration. She earned her undergraduate degree in Comparative Literature from Haverford College, Haverford, PA, and plans to specialize in the management of non-profit organizations that focus on social issues.

On May 26, Lauren Thomas, the daughter of Dail and Karin Thomas of Gleneagles Dr., graduated from Bishop McNamara High School where she received numerous academic honors and was MVP of the Women's Lacrosse Team. Lauren is bound for the University of Maryland Honors College in College Park where she plans to pursue International Studies and Biological Sciences.

On June 1, Janet Crews of Willow Wind Circle attended the graduation of her grandson, Ryan Segur, from Brown University in Providence, RI. Ryan is the son of Nancy Crews of California Junction, IA. He majored in Neurological Science, has been working for Brown this summer, and his future plans include medical school.

Also in June, Clarke Osborne, the daughter of Calvin Osborne of West Tantallon Drive, graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria. Clarke will attend North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC, in September, majoring in Pre-Med Biology.

More congratulations and best wishes! James O'Brien of Braeburn Drive had a wonderful 100<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner on June 3. His wife Neoma, all three sons (two from the West Coast), and their daughter, as well as later generations were here!

In case one wonders what a centenarian with peripheral neuropathy does for entertainment, James "... does what he can." He uses a walker for mobility and relief from the wheelchair. He uses hand weigh exercises to keep the arms strong -- 50 in each of three directions for a total of 150. To avoid back problems, he sits on the edge of the bed and bends as far backwards and then forwards in a back and forth exercise.

His wife of 70 years, Neoma, is a great help and comfort. Their retired Waldorf son helps a lot. Music is one of his greatest pleasures, especially classical music.

Jeannie Hagar of Renfrew Circle has a new grandson as of May 18 -- *just over 100 days ago* as this issue goes to press. Cruz Makai weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and lives in Bowie with his parents, Anneke and Brian Odland, and Cody, his "big" brother by 23 months.

Travel news: Marilou Padilla-Gallardo of Gleneagles Drive and her daughter Celina took a very active walking and mountain-climbing trip to Peru during spring break -- visiting Lima, the Sacred Valley, Cuzco, Machu Picchu (on her bucket list), Puno, the Andes Mountains and the Uros people.

Jerry and Ammie Laguilles of Norwood Lane embarked on some adventurous and exciting travels in the past few months. In May they went to Northern Italy including Milan, Genoa, La Spezia, and a week in the Cinque Terre villages. In late July and early August, they cruised the Norwegian Fjords and Iceland and had a post-cruise stay in London.

In June Dail and Karin Thomas of Gleneagles Drive enjoyed a 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary cruise on the Danube, and then they, their daughter Lauren and a friend took a quick road trip to Niagara Falls, Montreal, and NYC while son Nate was sailing in the Bahamas with other BSA Venture Patrol Scouts.

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

Faust C. Villareale, 85, attorney, and a resident of Castleray Circle for more than 30 years, died on June 5 in his Silver Spring residence. He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia; their children: Anne (David) McEvoy, Denise (Pat) McGloon, Laura (Mark) Dirlam, Matthew (Katherine) Villareale, Alicia (Tahir) Majid, Diana (Kevin) Adkins, and Catherine Villareale; 15 grandchildren; two brothers; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Funeral services were held at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Washington Jesuit Academy, 900 Varnum St., NE, Wash., DC 20017.

Bernard Allen Thornton "BT", a long-time resident of Norwood Lane, died on July 12 at home in Marianna, FL. Survivors include his wife, Dianne Thornton; their children: Ronda (Christopher) Wynder, Brian (Ebony) Daniels, Mellooney (Paul) Spence; 17 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, and many relatives and friends. A memorial service was held at Believers Baptist Church in Leesburg, VA.

John A. Droter, 83, of Carnoustie Lane passed away on July 25 after a year-long struggle with cancer. He said his greatest achievements were his family and his dental practice. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Hildegard, and their children: John, Joseph (Anne Wallis), Linda (Jim Bailey), and Jim (Jennifer); five grandchildren, and a nephew. A memorial mass was held at St. Columba Church on Aug. 19 with interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation or Anderson Orthopaedic Research Institute.

Theodore L. Pawlowski "Ted", 86, the original owner of a home on Heather Circle, died on August 16. The beloved husband of Joan Pawlowski, he is also survived by their children: Susie (Rick) Outland and Sharrie (Mitch) May; and six grandchildren: Emily, Kasey, Alex, Georgia, Tori, and Brady. Funeral services were held at St. Columba Church on Aug. 21. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society.

## TANTALLON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## CLEAN-UP, GREEN-UP DAY

Do consider joining some of your fellow neighbors for a community clean-up day on Saturday, October 28, from 9 AM to 11 AM. We'll meet in the parking lot of Potomac Landing Elementary School. Bags will be supplied. We'll clean up trash and debris from the summer.

Please contact Jamie Crist at [jamedoc@aol.com](mailto:jamedoc@aol.com) or 703-966-8757 if you'd like to participate, or just show up! If you have children who need community service hours, this is a great way to get them!

## Help Wanted

The Newsletter needs assistance:

A writer for "the Toe".

An assistant editor.

A substitute delivery person.

## THREE CHEERS

Hats off and a round of applause to the faithful band of volunteers who see that the residents of Tantallon receive the *TCA Newsletter* and various flyers four times a year. Special appreciation goes to Emmy Stuart, our business manager who sells the ads (which more than pay for the printing) and to Jim Davis, who does the layout of the ads.

At the counting and sorting sessions of newsletters and inserts four times during 2016-2017 were your neighbors: Jan Kohout, Marie Vaillant, Joe Weller, Janet Crews, Judith Henry, Jo Ann Davis, Helen Aviles, Lynne Barden, Jim Davis, Carolyn LeCrone, Keith West, and Rosemary Weller. Then Keith West delivered packets of 15 to 60 newsletters to the homes of the more than 30 neighborhood distributors who in turn brought them to your door.

The neighborhood distributors were: Jacque and Ed Akselrad, Barbara Yentzer, Marybeth Dority, Bernard Robinson, Constance Taylor, Christine Cacik, John and JoAnn Dullahan, Howard Nelson, Don Kiser, Jo Ann Davis, Diane Micelli, Carol Pica, Judith Henry, Ammie Laguilles, Maureen Brady, Cheryl Hawkins, Pam Ritter, Barbara Brooks, Kathy Giannetti, Ruth Williams, Olivia Powell, Francis Adorno, Jean Rositol, Trish Gallahan, Fred Saunders, Maria Liggins, Calvin Martin, Lynn and Lynne Barden, Judy Meade, Suzanne Callahan, Peggy Hibler, Ron Weiss, Deborah Raw, and Rosemary Weller.

The TCA thanks each of you for your important service to the community. Well-done!

## Did You Know?

Did you watch "A Capitol Fourth" on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>? Yes, that was Patrick Lundy of Tartan Lane and the Ministers of Music in performance with Yolanda Adams during the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "God Bless America."

William Ball of St. Andrews Drive West, one of our advertisers, is celebrating 30 years in the insurance business.

Are you ready for a Tantallon Property Standards Survey? The Dept. of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) enforces the county's minimum property standards to enhance the quality of life and aesthetic values of our communities. **The survey will start after Labor Day.**

The Tantallon Community Players will present *Little Shop of Horrors*, a horror comedy rock musical (about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh), at Harmony Hall Regional Center on: Fri. and Sat., Sept. 22-23, 29-30 at 8 PM; and Sundays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 at 3 PM. Tickets online: adults \$20; students and seniors \$15. with a few available at the door.

Of the 31 ads in this issue, can you guess which three date back the longest?

The answer:

Alexander & Cleaver — Feb. 1986.

Royal Flush Plumbing — Sept. 1987.

Denison Landscaping and Nursery Oct. 1989

## 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
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

### John Denison

Tanta-Cove Garden Club and the Fort Washington community mourn the recent loss of one of its most generous neighbors. John Denison, founder and owner of Denison Landscaping and Nursery, died on May 25, 2017. He began with a lawn mowing business in 1973 and built it into a large full service landscape contractor in the DC/Maryland Mid-Atlantic region. Denison's has been named in the top 50 and, more currently, in the top 26 landscape organizations in the country.

John has been a dedicated and long-time supporter of Tanta-Cove Garden Club and our garden at the Swan Creek Roundabout. He has given us plants, sold us plants at a discount, watered our plantings during the summer, helped with mulching, and supported our work in many generous ways. His death is a loss to the club and to the Fort Washington community. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to his family.

-Caroline Carbaugh

(See the website at [www.KalasFuneralHomes.com](http://www.KalasFuneralHomes.com) for more details about a man known for hard work and determination, compassion for those around him, and his devotion to family, friends, and employees.)

## TCA Membership 2017 – 2018

It's time to renew your membership in the Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA). September 1 is the beginning of the TCA 2017–2018 Dues Year. Why is the TCA important to you, and why does TCA need your membership dues?

In general, if you get a copy of this newsletter, you are part of a community (Tantallon on the Potomac and Tantalton Hills) of nearly 950 properties subject to a series of covenants which put restrictions on the use of these properties and provide guidelines on what can be built or stored on them. The purpose of the covenants is to help maintain our attractive community and its property values. A copy of the covenants and the properties covered by them is available at [www.tantallon.info](http://www.tantallon.info).

Here are six of TCA's top financial priorities:

- 1. Enforcement of covenants:** TCA, through its Control Committee, is charged by these covenants with their enforcement. So, you at least have some level of comfort that the restrictions will be enforced resulting in a community that you can be proud to live in. Last year, the TCA incurred over \$10,000 in legal fees to maintain these series of architecture and property use standards.
- 2. Community beautification**
- 3. Communication with property owners and residents**
- 4. Regular contact with elected officials**
- 5. Community safety**
- 6. Mosquito control**

We need the commitment of all residents to keep TCA viable and to fund the necessary items to keep the community beautiful and safe. If you were a dues-paying member last year and will do so again this year, we thank you for your continued support. If you did not pay membership dues in prior years, we ask that you consider participating this year by joining those neighbors who currently bear the financial load for the TCA. Remember we all share in the benefits!

If you are new to the neighborhood, please let us know. Our Welcome Committee wants to introduce you to the services and activities available to residents of Tantalton and southern Prince George's County.

If you have questions about TCA membership, please contact me or members of the Board of Directors. Their names and numbers can be found on p. 3. We have included a membership form and return envelope for your use and make it easier to pay your dues by offering the use of PayPal or credit cards on our website at [www.tantallon.info](http://www.tantallon.info).

We look forward to your support.

Larry Carbaugh  
Membership Chair,  
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