

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

—Carter Ferrington

Hello, Neighbors.

As spring turns into summer, our community can, and usually does, look its best. Please share the beauty and pleasure of living in Tantallon with your friends and family.

Our planning for the fall and beyond has begun. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions about beautification, the newsletter, activities, our fiftieth anniversary, security, and so much more.

Transforming thoughts into actions, however, depends upon our all-volunteer workforce. We welcome and need your help. Please consider getting in touch to offer your services.

Warm weather brings more complaints about high grass and other neglect. If you'd like to join the informal, but highly effective network of people who kept making calls to get nuisances addressed last year, please let me know. Since it takes a minimum of 30 days for the County to act, early reporting can make a huge difference.

Have a great spring and summer!

TCA Annual Picnic

Last year the late September picnic for the TCA Community at Deakins Run Farm, Accokeek, part of Denison Landscaping and Nursery, was a huge success.

We plan to repeat the picnic again this year. This fall the picnic will be in the spirit of *Oktoberfest* with good food, games and activities for the kids, and wonderful giveaways for adults.

Volunteers are needed to organize this event. Contact me at cotaylor5@aol.com or 301-203-1576. Your assistance is greatly needed. Thank you.

—Constance Taylor, TCA Activities Chair

Next TCA General Meeting

Fall 2012

Potomac Landing Elementary School

12500 Fort Washington Road

Fort Washington Food Pantry

Volunteers are the life blood of this community endeavor at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Broad Creek. Volunteers come from Grace Lutheran, St. John's, Tantallon, and other local groups and organizations. On Saturday mornings in a classroom converted to a small grocery store, 50 to 70 families obtain food for their households.

While non-perishable food donations are accepted and appreciated, the bulk of the food needs can be purchased at a much lower cost than retail grocery stores can provide. Each Wednesday, a volunteer picks up a truckload of preordered food from the Capital Area Food Bank in Northeast DC. On Fridays donated bread is collected from Panera Bread in Waldorf and from bakery overstock at the Swan Creek Safeway.

The primary needs are volunteers and donated funds with which to purchase heavily discounted food. Deductible cash donations can be made to "Fort Washington Food Pantry," 9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744. To learn more, see www.fortwashingtonfoodpantry.net or call Lowell or Lin Edminster at 301-567-2791.

Spring Clean-up

It is spring – and once again time to remind Tantallon residents, new and old, that this is a community with land covenants designed to maintain and improve property values.

At this time here are a few local issues which need to be addressed: property maintenance and the proliferation of signs. One of the most visible of the property maintenance problems is the deterioration of fences, particularly those along Fort Washington Road. These fences belong to the respective property owners and must be maintained by them. Beginning next month, we will be asking the Property Standards division of the county's Department of Environmental Resources to inspect those fences and issue citations to the property owners where they fail to meet county standards. By repairing or replacing deteriorated fences now, you will avoid being cited.

The Tantallon Land Covenants **Do Not** permit the placement of most kinds of signs in our community. Obvious exceptions include election candidate signs and those that identify the contractor doing construction on a lot. Others advertising products and services are not allowed. County ordinances prohibit any signs attached to utility poles or traffic signs. Real estate signs are permitted during the period of Friday evening through Monday morning. They must be removed by Monday noon.

Any other signs on private property in our community are limited in size and must be pre-approved in writing by the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC), which can be reached at PO Box 44069, Ft. Washington, MD20749, or by phone to its chairman, Dick Krueger at 301-292-3407.

Let's improve the beauty of our community by repairing or replacing deteriorated fencing, keeping our lawns mowed, and removing unapproved signs. -- Dick Krueger



After a mild winter, spring arrived early in all its glory. As usual, news reaching the Toe has reflected the season: graduations, wedding anniversaries, travel, golf, and more. Congratulations to all.

Joseph and Edith Schantz of Baleshore Circle celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Feb. 14, 2012, Valentine's Day, with family and friends. Kathy and Bud Giannetti of Asbury Drive will celebrate their 50th wedding on June 9th with their children, Beth, Pam (Billy), Peter (Mayumi), and Amy (Pentti); their grandchildren, Heather, Bradley, Shannon, and Nico; plus other family members and friends.

Larry and Earlene Ward of Emerald Hill Drive will celebrate two graduations in May. Daughter Miya Elaine will graduate from Haverford College in PA with a degree in Comparative Literature, and daughter Adia Lynette is graduating from Georgetown University in DC with a degree in Liberal Arts.

Janelle Dixon, the daughter of Terrence and Linda Dixon of River Forest Lane, will graduate on May 1 from the University of Southern California with a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy, and be inducted in USC's chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Ruth Williams of Creighton Circle reports that her grandson, Morgan Williams, will graduate May 12th from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Economics and Finance and a minor in Psychology. His parents are Don and Helen Williams.

More notes about the college crowd: Roscoe and Cheryl Holley of Glasgow Court said their son, Ashaad, is nearing the end of his first year in a double major at George Washington U. This summer Diana Webb, the daughter of Jacquie Gales Webb of W. Tantallon Dr., will teach English in Seville, Spain, through Cambridge U. of Great Britain's CELTA program. Look for more *graduation and off to college* news in our fall issue.

Turning to golf, on March 17, Henry Woltman of Pearl Light Circle, shot a hole-in-one at National Golf Club on #15, known as one of the hardest par #3 holes in this area.

Gov. O'Malley appointed Manuel R. Geraldo of Swan Creek Rd. as the Chair of the MD Board of Airport Zoning Appeals (BAZA), established to help enforce noise zone regulations around BWI.

Moving along from airports to various destinations: in February Larry and Caroline Carbaugh of Inverness Lane spent three wonderful weeks in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. – magical, fascinating countries with their rich yet tortured histories, strong French influence from the 1880s, architecturally distinctive buildings, wide avenues, formal parks and gardens, exotic plants, charming and welcoming people, and delicious food.

In early March, Carroll and Marybeth Dority went to Cuba on a 12 day "People to People Program." They visited the capital city of Havana, the harbor town of Cienfuegos, Trinidad and the nearby Caribbean beach, and reported friendly people, wonderful hotels, and delicious seafood.

George and Marge Stevens of Gleneagles Drive with Joe and Carol Thomas of Asbury Drive had a two-week stay outside Paris, near Euro Disney in mid-March. They drove to the chateaux at Versailles, Fontainebleau, and Vaux-le-Vicomte; revisited favorite sites in Paris that Joe and Marge knew from their college junior-year-abroad days, and found new corners of Paris to explore. A highlight of the trip was dining at the Centre Interallie, a military club that has reciprocity with the Army-Navy Club in DC, of which Joe is a member.

Closer to home, Derris Banks and Tima McGuthry-Banks of Norwood Lane vacationed with their children Renee (14) and Kerrington (13) in Oranjestad, Aruba, April 1-5 – enjoying the beach, pool, and cabanas at the Divi All Inclusive Resort.

Passages:

Joseph S. Donnell III, an original resident of Rhame Dr. with his wife Judy and son Brian, died on March 28. in Virginia Beach. Here Joe was known as a big, friendly, regular guy who entertained neighbor kids with rides on his kit-build "antique car" and pickup truck. A native of Winchester, MA, born in 1932, he graduated from Tufts University in 1954 as a Civil Engineer, and served 39 years in the navy, achieving the rank of Vice Admiral. Survivors include his wife Judy, their five children; 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Condolences to his extended family and friends.

Did You Know?

On Gleneagles Drive, 33 homeowners are hiring a private engineer to conduct an investigative engineering survey to determine the source of flooding on their property. (*The Gazette*, 3/15/12)

Judy Adams of Surrey Circle Drive and principal of Accokeek Academy kicked off a monthly "Second Cup of Coffee" forum between parents and school administration on Feb. 22. (*The Gazette*, 3/1/12)

David A. Turner of the Broad Creek Historic District Local Advisory Council gave a well-received presentation at the April 16 General Meeting of the TCA.

On Wed., May 16, the Southern MD Antique Arts Assoc. will tour the Anne Marie Sculpture Gardens and Art Center in Solomons, lunch at Stoney's Kingfisher Restaurant, and then visit the Calvert Marine Museum and the Drum Point Lighthouse. Trip cost: \$60. Call Emmy Stuart (301-292-5961) for more information.

On Sat., May 19, St. Mary's Church of Piscataway, 13407 Piscataway Rd., will hold a *Quarter Auction*. What is it?think of it as *auction meets bingo*; \$5. at the door gets you two bidding paddles and a door prize ticket. Church hall doors open at 6 PM. Auction begins at 7 PM.

On Sat. and Sun, June 9-10, [Bike MS: Ride the Riverside](#), a charity cycling event benefiting the [National Capital Chapter](#) of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be starting and finishing at National Harbor.

The Marilou Padilla Gallardo Piano/Organ/Keyboard Studio will present two piano concerts with receptions at the John Addison Concert Hall, Harmony Hall Regional Center on Sat., June 23: "A Matinee Musicale" at 11 a.m. and "A Celebration of Piano Music" at 7 pm. Free to the public. Email musicwhiz@comcast.net or call 301.567.7973 for more info.

March Clean-Up Day: a Success

After being rained out for our initial clean-up day, **25** people showed up to help with our rescheduled day on Sat., March 17. We again tackled Fort Washington Road and West Tantallon Drive.

A few hardy souls bagged up over 30 bags of wet leaves behind some houses on W. Tantallon Dr. near Surrey Circle Dr. that had been there for over a year! Just a reminder - if the backyard of your house borders on W. Tantallon Dr., fellow residents would greatly appreciate it if you would take care of the leaves along the sidewalk. It makes it much easier to walk in our community when the sidewalks are clear.

A special note of recognition to our youngest helper that day—7 and a half- year old Carson Kohout, the grandson of Jacque & Ed Akselrad and Jan Kohout of Castleray Circle.

Remember, that your kids can earn community service credit for helping us on clean-up day. We will schedule another clean-up day later this year.

--Jamie Crist

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TANTALLON WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

	Rain	Avg. Temp (F*)		Extreme Temp	
		Max	Min	High	Low
Jan.	2.39	47.4	30.6	63	18
Feb.	2.11	50.4	33.7	67	20
Mar.	3.15	64.8	45.1	82	29
Apr.	3.14	62.0	42.1	86	36

Snow — in Jan. .5 inches

— Ed Carlstead

Spring Landscape Winner

This season, our *Landscape Winner* is the property at 1209 Firth of Lorne, owned by Grace D. Wiggins, who purchased the house in 2001. The lot slopes gently downward from the street, and the driveway bisects the lot. A small knoll at the front of the lot is graced by a lovely armillary on a pedestal. The house appears to sit well back from the street, but this is largely illusion by design. Low, lantern topped brick pillars and decorative wrought iron fencing separate an interior terrace area from the lawn, providing a shaded spot for a birdbath and for the gardener herself.

The landscaping plan is an outstanding example of a beautiful, textural design that provides shade, privacy and color in every season. A curving hedge of burgundy barberry encloses a spiky black pine, leatherleaf viburnum, and a lacy Japanese maple. Close by the entranceway, a honeylocust's nearly chartreuse foliage speaks in vivid contrast. A weeping Norway spruce adds a darker note. To the right of the entrance, a mature weeping Atlas cedar contrasts the burgundy foliage that repeat throughout the design plan. Small blue spruce, mahonia and spiky agave accent the color theme. A low tiered dogwood anchors the corner of the structure. This is a landscape that relies on color and texture of foliage rather than flowers for its impact. Well done!

Honorable Mentions:

This extremely well maintained and meticulously detailed landscape at 12812 Prestwick Drive, owned by Eric and Tonia Douglas, relies on foliage color and texture for impact, and succeeds very well. The choice of materials-- boxwood, Alberta Spruce and creeping juniper, as well as the repetition of the forms, is a perfect choice for the rather austere elevation. We loved the hint of whimsy as well!

A stacked stone wall, lovely Japanese maples, textural contrasts and repeats of color and form highlight this delightful display at the home of William and Pamela Terrell at 1300 Swan Creek Road. The plantings are proportional, imaginative and extremely well kempt, and compliment the house very well. Good job!

For photos, see www.tantallon.info

-- Michelle Gish and Joyce Hawkins

Plant Sale

Just in time for your spring planting and Mother's Day, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club is having a plant sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 9 am to 12 noon at St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek. Perennials, annuals, houseplants, herbs, and vegetables will be available.

In addition, two publications will be for sale – *Month to Month*, a perennial and shrub maintenance chart for the Mid-Atlantic Region, and *Along the Potomac Shore in Prince George's County*, a local history of the Fort Washington area. There will also be a boutique featuring decorative pins.

So mark your calendars for May 12.

—Pat Villareale

Thank You to All who

Observe local speed limits.

Remove dog waste.

Turn on outside lights at night.

Know their immediate neighbors.

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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.....	301-292-1080
Fort Washington Hospital.....	301-292-7000
Harmony Hall reservations.....	301-203-6070
Household hazardous waste.....	301-883-5045
Litter	301-499-8530
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Police non-emergency.....	301-352-1200
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TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2011—Aug. 2012 \$ 50.00

Optional Beautification Contribution.....\$ _____

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(Please print all information.)

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Tantallon Players' Spring Musical Is "Guys & Dolls"

The talented actors, singers, and dancers of Tantallon Community Players, Fort Washington's own acclaimed theater company, are deep into rehearsals for "Guys and Dolls," Frank Loesser's famed lighthearted musical about colorful gamblers, squeaky-voiced chorus girls, and the Salvation Army's efforts to mend their ways.

This musical is truly one for the entire family: a fond memory for longtime theater fans and a wonderful way to introduce young people to live musical theater at a bargain price -- still just \$15, and \$12 for seniors and students. And on opening night, May 25, tickets are two for one!

Performances will be as always at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Rd., on Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., May 25-26, June 1-2, and June 8-9, plus Sunday matinees on June 3 (followed by the gala) and June 10.

Purchase tickets online at www.TantallonStage.com or call the Harmony Hall box office at 301-203-6070. — Pat Myers

**INVITATION TO the GALA for
 GUYS and DOLLS**

Come join your friends and neighbors on Sunday, June 3, 2012, for the annual Champagne Gala following the 3 pm Tantallon Community Players (TCP) performance of *Guys and Dolls*. The Gala will be hosted by Cathy McGarrigan, 12300 Hatton Point Road, Fort Washington, MD. The catering will be provided by Susan Gage Caterers, and the champagne is courtesy of Silesia Liquors.

The total cost per person will be \$75. Make checks payable to TCP and mail to Cathy by **May 25th**. If you have further questions, e-mail her at cathy.mcgarigan@longandfoster.com or call her at 301-292-9250. We look forward to seeing you there. —Ann Farson

Major Streets without Block Captains —

Asbury Dr., Bonhill Dr., Emerald Hill Dr., Hatton Point Rd., Rhame Dr., MacDuff Dr., Norwood Lane, Prestwick Dr., St. Andrews Dr., Swan Creek Rd., Surrey Circle Dr. S., and more to help, contact *Lanard Geddings* at lgeddings@yahoo.com or 301.455.3181.

New TCA Members as of 4/26/12

Amey	John E & Ellen	
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Woolfolk	Brian	
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It's not too late to join. Your support is needed. Complete the form in the left column and send it in.— Larry Carbaugh, Membership Chair