

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

As the Association begins its new fiscal year, I encourage you and your neighbors to remain members of our voluntary association. Only members may vote both on the key issues affecting our community and how we allocate our resources. Those who volunteer their time also get to vote, in a sense, by deciding how they will direct their hours of community service. The best way to encourage participation, may very well be neighbors encouraging neighbors, and we would appreciate your help in getting your immediate neighbors to join and participate. Membership is only \$75 dollars a year per family. Non-voluntary associations usually charge far more per month.

We also show our priorities with our additional donations to Beautification and the Preservation Fund. These two funds are inextricably linked. Beautification dollars give us the money to provide flowers and plants in key areas. The Preservation Fund keeps our covenants current and allows covenant enforcement, which also leads to community beautification. Depending upon the outcome of the sale of the country club, Preservation Fund dollars might become more important than ever. I would encourage you to donate generously to both,

I hope to see you at our first meeting of the 2019-20 fiscal year on 7 PM, Wednesday, September 25th, at the District VII Police Station on Fort Washington Road. At that meeting, we will vote on our budget and other key issues.

—Carter Ferrington

Clean-Up Green-Up Has a New Name

Volunteers are needed for the 2019 Prince Georges' County clean up and planting day, which is now called "Growing Clean with Pride." While the official date is October 19, I won't be here that day, so we'll do it on Saturday, October 26 from 9 AM to 11 AM (unless someone wants to take the lead and do it earlier).

No word yet as to whether the county will be providing trees again this year. Assuming they do, we'll need volunteers to help pick up the trees, mulch, and bulbs, dig holes and plant them, and to clean up trash and other debris along Fort Washington Road.

We will meet at Potomac Landing Elementary School. If you are interested in participating, please let me know – by email at jamedoc@aol.com or by phone/text at 703-966-8757.

– Jamie Crist

Community Residential Landscape Award Summer 2019

The Summer Landscape Award goes to the home of Karima St. Clair at 12525 Monterey Circle. The lovely house sits above the street and is enhanced by a beautiful terraced front yard.

The grounds are made visually stimulating and attractive by an assortment of evergreen and deciduous shrubs, flowers, and small trees.

Three unique and whimsical planters are placed at the intersection of the driveway and walk leading to the entrance. Vibrant large red planters greet you at the front door and bid you welcome.

These grounds are definitely planned with an eye to looking aesthetically pleasing for all seasons.

--Helen Aviles and Jo Ann Davis

TCA Membership 2019–2020

The dues year of the Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA) begins in August. Some of the TCA financial priorities are:

- **Enforcement of land covenants;** e.g. boats, sheds, fences.
- **Beautification** of the seven entrances; plants, mowing, seasonal decorations.
- **Communication with property owners and residents;** e.g. website, blog, newsletter.
- **Regular contact with elected officials;** e.g. traffic, vacant houses; County code violations.
- **Community safety;** e.g. police response; animal control.
- **Mosquito control;** e.g. County spraying.

We need the commitment of all residents to keep TCA viable and to fund the necessary items to keep the community beautiful and safe. We have included a membership form and return envelope for your use. We have made it easier to pay your dues by offering the use of PayPal or credit cards on our website www.tantallon.info.

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 Tantallon and southern Prince George's County. We look forward to your support.

--Larry Carbaugh, Membership Chair

Next TCA General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 25th 7:00 PM

District VII Police Station

11108 Fort Washington Road



It's been a summer of enchantment and exploration at the Accokeek Foundation in Piscataway Park, National Colonial Farm. On June 22, the Foundation opened its new Fairy Trail. Lots of children, including George and Emily, grandchildren of Carol and Rick Pica of Surrey Circle Drive, led their parents/grandparents through the forest in search of the Fairy houses. The Fairy Trail is open Tues.-Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. Each of the eight special houses offer an opportunity to explore the forest ecosystem and the ways in which we are all connected through a series of quests designed by the fairies themselves. Those explorers who complete all the fairy quests will earn the coveted title of "Official Fairyologist," complete with badge and certificate. You can pick up a Fairy Trail guide in the Visitor Center for \$5, proceeds from which support environmental education and trail maintenance in Piscataway Park.

Damon and Stacey Redfield of Tartan Lane and big sister, Prima (age 3) are delighted to announce the arrival of Dax Alexander on June 28, who weighed in at more than 8 lbs.

Did you happen to catch "A Capital Fourth," a PBS production on July 4? Patrick Lundy of Tartan Lane and the Ministers of Music were featured again this year.

Ariel Laguilles, youngest son of Ammie and Jerry Laguilles of Norwood Lane, became the first person to run the Camino Ignaciano (Ignatian Way). Ariel covered 408 miles in 8 days from Loyola to Manresa, Spain, by finishing his run on June 4, 2019. This is the same route walked by St. Ignatius de Loyola in 1522. A graduate of Gonzaga college High School ('96), Ariel attended Boston College ('00), served in Nicaragua with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and now teaches at Gonzaga.

Frank and Connie Taylor, formerly of Firth of Tae Drive, traveled to four countries and seven cities in 21 days. They started in Hanoi, Vietnam, visited Ha Long Bay and Saigon, and then on to Cambodia, Thailand, and Singapore. One other note: Connie badly injured her foot the night before departure, so the hospital fitted her with a boot. They rented a wheelchair in Vietnam, and Frank and their tour guides pushed her around all the countries they visited!

More travel news: Carrol and Mary Beth Dority of Swan Creek Road, cruised the Upper Mississippi River, from St. Louis to Minneapolis, on the American Queen steamboat. Because of all the flooding this summer, they were on the first excursion for this itinerary.

Marty Stewart of Kilburnie Circle and her family celebrated her granddaughter's first birthday in Alisa Viejo, CA, where her son Bryson and his wife, Rockcee, live. On her way home, Marty visited her sister in Denver.

After reading David McCullough's The Pioneers, Fred and Mary Downs of Arrow Park Drive made a point of visiting Marietta, OH, William Henry Harrison's house in Vincennes, IN, and in West Baden, IN, the second largest domed building in the U.S. (after the Astrodome).

In June, John and JoAnn Dullahan of Firth of Lorne Circle, and John and Bonnie Szymanski of Willow Wind Circle, joined four friends for a fabulous self-guided 10-day ad-

venture in Ireland. Months of dreaming and planning resulted in a wonderful trip they will remember—and laugh about—for years!

More news from the Dullahan family: their daughter, Corporal Erin, serves as an Army military police officer at Joint Base Lewis-McChord outside Seattle and was selected for promotion as a non-commissioned officer. Her sister, Laura, graduated with honors from Prince George's Community College in May and will continue her studies in Art History this fall at the University of Maryland.

Roslyn Patti Murphy of Surrey Circle Drive, was honored to emcee an *All-High School Reunion* program at Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Lynchburg, VA. They have celebrated class reunions since the first class graduated in 1927, but added the *All-School* concept in 1989. The *All-School* reunion takes place every three to five years, and classmates return from across the country. The grads looked at old year books, comparing the then and now. Lots of memories and good reminders of their history and heritage made this reunion a special event.

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

James Dewey O'Brien, 102, of Braeburn Drive died on June 18, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Neoma, four children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A veteran of WWI, he had a law degree from Louisiana State U, prosecuted criminal tax cases at the Department of Justice, and was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division during the Ford Administration. Upon retirement, Mr. O'Brien gave pro bono legal assistance to many genealogical, patriotic, and hereditary organizations. He is the author of Our Colonial Ancestors, a genealogical study, and An American Experience, The First Ninety-Three Years, an autobiography.

Frederick McGrath, 94, of Swan Creek Road, died, at home on July 6, 2019. A native Washingtonian and World War II veteran, he was hired, after the war, as a grade 1 money counter at the U.S. Treasury Department and retired in 1980 as the Director of Internal Audit. He also had many business ventures including Jaymac Properties. Fred coached his sons' football teams and enjoyed attending events that featured his children and grandchildren. Survivors include Dorothy, his wife of 72 years; his son Frederick, two grandsons and his daughter-in-law.

Ronald Haney, 69, of Arrow Park Drive died on July 8, 2019 from injuries sustained in a fall while repairing the roof of his home. A native of Michigan, he served in "The President's Own" United States Marine Band for thirty years in the tuba section. Ron was a well-established freelance tubist in the DC area, who played in every type of ensemble from Oktoberfest and Dixieland combos to classical orchestras and chamber ensembles. An active member of the Oxon Hill Bicycle and Trail Club, Ron was a frequent and willing volunteer, always available to help in any capacity. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Barbara; they met/married while both were serving in "The President's Own."

There was a celebration of *Life Lived* for Norma C. Merritt (July 4, 1926—July 27, 2018), a longtime resident of Riverview Rd., with a funeral service at Ft. Myer Chapel followed by burial at Arlington National Cemetery on July 10, 2019, (which would have been the 73rd wedding anniversary for Norma and Bill, her husband).

The Toe cont'd

Voron Xarya (45) of W. Tantallon Drive, loving husband of Tauna Sahve Xarya nee Smith, and father of Xerxes Israel Orion Sebastian died on July 16th. He attended the Air Force Academy and went on to work in litigation support. Voron was a member of the Ordo Templi Orientis and practiced Thelema. He attended mass of the Gnostic Catholic Church at William Blake Lodge in Baltimore MD. Voron had many passions, and he touched many lives.

If you have news to share with your neighbors, don't forget to send it to tantallontoe@gmail.com.

Looking for a volunteer job ??? The newsletter needs a co-editor, a layout editor, and substitute newsletter delivery persons.

Smart shopping tips? Check our advertisements.

Local Soft Ice Cream Review

Hope everyone has been enjoying the long, hot summer. Since August is usually the hottest month of the year, we are reminded that fall is not too far away. One of the great joys of summer for many is going for ice cream, especially the soft custard type. Just a reminder that we in this area are fortunate to have three wonderful, privately owned, long standing places to get soft ice cream.

Hovermale's Taste Best, 9801 Livingston Rd., has been in business since 1954 and is the only frozen custard stand that offers "dip top" cones in addition to several flavors of milk shakes. Lime has always been my family's favorite. Those who have lived in the Ft. Wash area since the early 70's can remember when a small cone at *Hovermale's* cost twenty-five cents. Summer hours are normally every day except Monday until 8PM.

Miller Farms, 10205 Piscataway Rd., in nearby Clinton was established in 1840. They also serve soft ice cream as part of their full produce market and bakery. In addition to vanilla and chocolate, Miller's offers peach and raspberry. Their portions are unusually generous, including their "kiddie cup" which we think equals more than a small size at *Hovermale's* or *B & J's* in Accokeek. The backroads route to Miller Farms from Ft. Washington is a lovely ride in the country.

Lastly, *B & J Carryout*, 15805 Livingston Rd in Accokeek, serves delicious soft serve ice cream in addition to their famous pulled pork sandwich in the carry-out food portion of the establishment. A visit to *B & J's* Carryout is akin to going back to the 1950's. *B & J's* is very customer friendly, offering picnic benches with umbrellas in a nicely landscaped sitting & eating area outside. The ice cream window is open in the summer until 8 PM daily, and ice cream is available until the end of October. Homemade soups usually resume in the fall.

So there you have three choices for delicious soft serve ice cream within a reasonable driving distance from our community. Hope to see you at one of them soon -- before the leaves fall. By the way, our personal favorite is *B & J's* because their soft ice cream is the perfect temperature (not too cold) and the smoothest consistency.

HAPPY REST OF SUMMER!

— Jacque and Ed Akselrad

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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 2018-2019 were your neighbors: Jan Kohout, Joe Weller, Judith Henry, Jo Ann Davis, Helen Aviles, Lynne Barden, Sylvia Turner, Janet Crews, Carolyn LeCrone, and Rosemary Weller. Then Keith West delivered packets of 15 to 60 newsletters to the homes of the 33 neighborhood distributors who in turn brought them to your door.

The neighborhood distributors were: Jacque and Ed Akselrad, Juan and Jenny Aleman, Barbara Yentzer, Ari Belmonte, 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, Sylvia Turner, Pam Ritter, Barbara Brooks, Kathy Giannetti, Charles Walton, Ruth Williams, Olivia Powell, Jean Rositol, Trish Gallahan, Maria Liggins, Calvin Martin, Lynn and Lynne Barden, Jacqueline Webb, Judy Meade, Suzanne Callahan, John Ruehe, Peggy Hibler, Ron Weiss, Deborah Raw, and Rosemary Weller.

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Bulky trash collection.....	301-952-7600
Comcast customer service	301-499-1980
Community/property standards	301-883-6100
Congressman Steny Hoyer.....	301-474-0119
County Council: 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 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, 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
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Washington Gas Light.....	703-750-1400
Wash. Post: Start/Stop/Missed Delivery	202-334-6100
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.....	301-206-4002

MORE RESTAURANT CORNER ADVENTURES

As many of you know, back in March, George's Smoked Ribs & BBQ restaurant on Indian Head Highway closed down due to unsavory circumstances. Here is good news for all you smoke house BBQ fans.

We recently discovered *Dale's Smoke House* at 4645 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD, roughly 15 miles from Tantallon and not far from the old George's. The atmosphere is classic 1950's, and the smoky aroma greets you as soon as you enter the restaurant.

The menu, though somewhat limited, is top notch BBQ. Almost everything is homemade including yummy desserts. Owners, since 2002, are Pam and husband Dale. Days of operation are Wed. - Sun. Hours are 11 AM to 6 PM.

The place is usually crowded with regulars, and one bite of the food tells you the reason why. We highly recommend you try the sliced pork BBQ sandwich, each bite a heavenly delight.
—Jacque & Ed Aksehrad

Did you know?

Monday is lawn and leaf pickup day. Residents are not permitted to toss yard waste, twigs, or branches into storm drains.

For more information: Call CountyClick at 311 or visit

<https://princegeorges-csrprodawi.motorolasolutios.com/Home.mvc/Index>

Tanta-Cove Garden Club – Over 50 Years of Community Service

Have you ever wondered about the gardens that beautify the roundabout at the intersection of Fort Washington and Swan Creek Roads? They were designed and planted over twenty years ago by members of our local Tanta-Cove Garden Club to welcome drivers as they enter our community.

Well known throughout gardening circles in the greater Washington area, Tanta-Cove Garden Club derives its name from the combination of Tantallon and Captains Cove. It was established in 1965, two years after the Tantallon Citizens Association was formed. The club is a civic-minded group, united by the common purpose of encouraging interest in all phases of home gardening, promoting better horticultural practices, and promoting conservation of natural and wildlife resources so that our community and surrounding areas may be preserved and protected for the enjoyment of all.

Over the years, Tanta-Cove has played an active role in creating and maintaining gardens in the local area for the pleasure and enjoyment of the community. In addition to the roundabout, club members maintain the Blue Star Memorial Garden at the historic St. John's Episcopal Church of Broad Creek. They established this special garden to pay tribute to all men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

An interest in gardening and environmental stewardship are just two of the reasons that residents join the club. Members are also known for their masterful floral arrangements. Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday morning of each month, from September through June. Guests are welcome with advance notice.

The September 4th meeting will feature a presentation on native plants by naturalist Kim Young who will show the evolution of her own yard, from a typical suburban new house landscape to a native plant wildlife habitat. The following month, on October 2nd, Tanta-Cove has organized a field trip to the Franciscan Monastery for a guided tour of its century old gardens, followed by lunch in Washington Harbour. On November 6th, there will be a make-and-take botanical arts workshop, and the club will hold its annual plant exchange.

Log onto www.Tanta-Cove.org for more information. You can use the contact form to request to attend a meeting.

—Lorene Joosten

Tantallon Community Players

Present

Into the Woods

At Harmony Hall Center

Sept. 13 & 14, 21 & 22 8:00 P.M.

Sept. 15 & 23 3:00 PM

Tickets: \$15—\$20