

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter

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<http://www.tantallon.info>



From The President

Growing Green with Pride Save The Date

Dear Neighbors,

I'm happy to announce that, through some proceeds from a lawsuit, and a few key donations from our neighbors, we were able to have the East St Andrews Drive walls repointed, repainted, and landscaped. The left side of the wall was in far better condition than the right side because we had that part of the wall rebuilt about 5 years ago. We were able to do this by convincing the insurance company covering a motorist responsible for the damage to give us the funds to effect repairs. I would encourage you to take a look at both the wall and the landscaping.

Our community of approximately 900 homes, spread over 64 streets, has (according to our security plan) approximately 17 entrances. Seven of those entrances have brick walls as does the part of the Tantallon Circle which belongs to our association. At our urging, the National Golf Club at Tantallon rebuilt the West Saint Andrews wall several years ago. Parts of the Emerald Hill wall and over 20 feet of the wall at the Circle were also rebuilt after we pressured insurance companies to provide us with funds after accidents.

For many years we have explored the possibility of preserving and eventually restoring all of the entrance walls and providing some sort of landscaping for them. A brick mason gave me an estimate for this work which was in excess of \$80,000 seven or eight years ago. Landscaping would bring that number to well over \$100,000. However, if we begin to raise funds now and consider this massive project in increments, we can gradually and with generous donations complete this project in five to ten years. That is why I am creating a separate donation category for entrance improvement this year. I have already donated funds to this effort myself, and encourage you to do the same.

—Carter Ferrington

Volunteers are needed for the 2022 Prince Georges' County "Growing Green with Pride" day, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 -- from 9 AM to 11 AM. We will be planting 10 trees (most likely red bud) and 50 daffodil bulbs.

We need a volunteer with a truck to pick up the trees, mulch, and bulbs, as well as volunteers to 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, or if you would like to volunteer to pick up the trees and other materials, please let me know.

You can reach me by email at jamiedoc@aol.com or by phone/text at 703-966-8757. Hope to see you there! Thank you.

—Jamie Crist

From the Membership/Welcome Committee

Our annual Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA) membership drive began on Sept. 1, 2022. As you know, communities grow stronger with numbers. Your contributions help to cover costs to support a healthy neighborhood and improve our environment.

The two ways to pay your yearly dues of \$75 are as follows: *Electronically* – Go to the TCA webpage: www.tantallon.info and make a payment with your credit or bank card. *Or by check* – Use the form and envelope enclosed in this Newsletter and mail your check.

Block Captains/Neighborhood Watch program 2022-2023. We are looking for former captains and new ones. To indicate your willingness to participate, contact Troy Ford via email at tlford744@gmail.com.

Welcome Packet – We compile folders, distribute to our new neighbors, maintain a spreadsheet and other tasks as needed. If interested, please contact Sharon Mays Jacks, nbmendes@aol.com or Troy Ford. All residents, please let us know of your new neighbors, and tell them to expect delivery of a Welcome Packet.

NOTICE: Our Membership/Welcome Committee follows CDC guidelines and common sense practices in scheduling tentative indoor activities. Outside activities will continue to be scheduled for our community, weather permitting.

—Sharon Mays Jacks and Troy Ford

Future TCA Meetings

September 28 and November 30

Location to be announced via email



During July and August, the flowering crape myrtle bushes and trees add so much color to our drive around the area. Oxon Hill Road by the outlets and Fort Washington Road are lined with beautiful red, lavender and hot pink bushes. Crape myrtle trees in the traffic circle and the entry onto Tantallon Drive welcome us back to our neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have added a splash of color to their yards with several bushes.

Kudos to the TCA Board for upgrading the entrance at Fort Washington Road and E. St. Andrews Drive with paint, solar lights, and landscaping. Neighbors report it makes a big difference in appearance - a true upgrade.

On July 4th, did you see "A Capitol Fourth," the televised concert from the National Mall? Did you know that Patrick Lundy of Tartan Lane is a member of our community, and has been a part of the program for several years? He and his Ministers of Music (the men in white with red neckties; the women in white slacks with red tops) accompanied three soloists: Darren Crise ("All You Need Is Love"); Andy Grammar ("Whoa, Oh, Oh, Oh") and Keb' Mo' ("Lean on Me") near the beginning of the festivities!

On August 1 a catalytic converter was stolen off a Prius on MacDuff Drive. Street value: \$800. Washington Post columnist Courtland Milloy had written prior to this that there were roaming gangs wearing ski masks scoping the neighborhood.

Kevin Williams, of Emerald Hill Drive, loves to take a walk with "man's best friend." Kevin is a dog walker and is often seen on our streets with as many as four dogs. Kevin and the dogs respect each other. If one dog has a misstep, Kevin stoops down, has a brief conversation in a soft voice and the problem is solved. Kevin and a partner work together at their company, Doggy Days, which also offers training and grooming.

After 44 years in the classroom, Marty Stewart, of Kilburnie Circle, retired on June 30. Forty-two of those years were spent at Fort Washington Forest Elementary School teaching fourth or fifth grade. Because of her longevity at one school, Marty recounted that she had taught the children, their mothers and grandmothers in some families. Her daughter, Lauren, contacted NBC Channel 4 to share this news breaking information. One can imagine Marty's surprise when

she watched the Morning Segment and saw herself on the screen. Thank you for your service to our children.

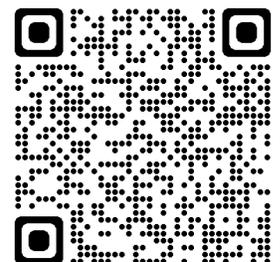
Dressed in a poodle skirt, cardigan sweater, bobby socks and saddle oxfords, Roslyn Patty Murphy, of Surrey Circle Drive, brought down the house when she walked onto the stage as the Mistress of Ceremonies, at the All School Reunion of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lynchburg, VA. In August, two hundred fifty grads celebrated their school and friendships on site and even enjoyed a festive meal in the school cafeteria. Dunbar High School welcomed students for 70 years. Middle school students now grace the halls of Dunbar High.

Rick and Carol Pica, of Surrey Circle Drive, enjoyed a trip to Alaska, starting their adventure by driving the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler, Vancouver. They boarded a Viking Ocean liner on June 12 and sailed the inner passage, stopping at seven ports. The ship cruised slowly toward the gigantic Hubbard Glacier, which is more than six miles wide where it meets the ocean, observed it calving in one part and could hear it moaning. The scenery was spectacular, snowcapped mountains, tremendous waterfalls and deep green foliage. After disembarking in Seward, they traveled by train to Denali Park. The sun was shining brightly when they saw Mt. Denali. They saw caribou, Dall sheep and a moose, but no bears in Denali. Their final stop was Anchorage where beautiful flowers beds paralleled the city sidewalks and parks. The long daylight, sunset was 11:00 pm and sunrise 3:30 am, did wonders for the beautiful plants.

Fred and Mary Downs, of Arrow Park Drive, attended Fred's 60th high school reunion in Indiana in July and returned home on a circuitous route. They saw the Kentucky Horse Farm Museum and stayed at Boone's tavern in Berea, Kentucky. Then they headed to the Cumberland Gap, which Mary thought was similar to the Loveland Pass in Colorado, a drive to the top that offers a vista of trees and mountains. To her surprise, the Cumberland Gap is a tunnel that connects Virginia and Kentucky. Along the way, they saw horse country, Black Angus country, banjo country and lots of curvy roads, hairpin turns and wonderful old houses. Another beautiful drive across America.

TCA Website Access

Visit our website at www.tantallon.info or scan the QR Code on the right with your smartphone.



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

Dr. Vincent D. Palumbo, local oral/maxillofacial surgeon, passed away on June 29, after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife, Anne, of 64 years, his sons, V. Daniel (Maria), Andrew (Kristen), and J. Wessinger (Cheryl), eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on July 7 and he was interred in Salisbury, MD. Dr. Palumbo was a Golden Gloves champion boxer in high school. At the University of MD he was on the boxing team, twice winning the national lightweight title and elected to the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame. He earned his DDS degree from Georgetown University Dental School and became a Fellow of the Association of Oral/Maxillofacial surgery. He operated offices in Prince George's and Charles counties where he practiced for 40 years.

Larry Bessler, 92, a resident of Deal, who formerly lived on Carnoustie Lane, passed away on July 10. Larry served in the U.S. Army for more than 22 years, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War, and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He had a second career teaching math in the Prince George's County School System and at Cardinal Hickey Academy. Larry enjoyed golf, tennis, skiing, yachting and traveling. He was a member of the Tantallon County Club and Macho-HeMan Ski Club. Larry is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kim, two sons, Mark and Larry II (Lisa), and two grandsons. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on July 18 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway. Larry was buried in the church cemetery next to his first wife, Mary, who died in 1989.

Longtime Tantallon resident, Betty Jane Holcomb, of Surrey Circle Drive, passed away at home on Sunday, August 21, at the age of 84. The cause was breast cancer. Survivors include her children, Patti and Patrick, and her grandson, J. P. Holcomb. A celebration of her life was held at her home on August 27,

If you have news to share, kindly send it to www.tantallontoe@gmail.com .

Informational Websites

TCA Home Page-

<http://tantallon.info/>

Tantallon Blog-

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

District VII Citizens Council (CAC) Blog

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

Stay safe, dog walkers and joggers.

Use flashlights and reflective vests in the evening and in the dark. Dawn and dusk are tough hours to see people along the sides of the streets.

Many neighbors have their dogs on long leashes, let them walk in the road, and do not pull them in when cars are passing.

Frequently Called Numbers

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| 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 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 |

Restaurant Corner

Announcing a fairly new eatery in close-by Waldorf: *Momi's Kitchen*, a Mediterranean restaurant focused on simple, beautifully displayed and healthy meals, without msg or additives. The meals are made fresh upon your arrival. Ingredients are high quality, fresh and certified "Halal." The concept is similar to the chain restaurant, Chipotle. However, Momi's Kitchen is not a chain, and unlike Chipotle your protein of choice (beef, lamb, chicken or falafel) is cooked to order. When almost done, you then may choose from an array of beautiful fresh accompaniments.

The restaurant is spacious and light and meticulously clean. The staff is warmly welcoming and eager to help with your unlimited choices to accompany your protein. As of now, no hot beverages are served, so feel free to bring your own favorite hot beverage in a keep-hot cup or insulated container.

11075 Mall Circle, Waldorf, MD 20603 Hours:
Mon.-Sat. 11 am--9pm; Sun. 11am – 7pm.

Website is www.MomisKitchen.com. Bon Appetit.

– Jacque and Ed Akselrad

Did You Know?

On June 30, 2022, the National Park Trust announced the acquisition and transfer of the last privately owned land within the legislative boundary of Fort Washington Park to the National Park Service. The fort overlooks the Potomac River and was the only defensive fort protecting the nation's capital until the Civil War. The 4-acre property, the only non-federal land inside the park since 1914, was owned by the Ray Tilch family of Silesia, MD, and had been in the family since the 1960s. The Tilch family felt the best use for the property was to donate it to the National Park Service to become part of Fort Washington Park.

The undeveloped 4-acre lot is at the mouth of Swan Creek, where it joins the Potomac River and is surrounded by parkland. With this addition to the park, the shoreline will remain natural in appearance, especially as viewed from the Virginia side of the Potomac, and will forestall any potential development that could affect the appearance or impact the operation of Fort Washington Park.

The Tilch family came to Silesia hamlet, now part of Fort Washington in the late 1800s from Silesia in Prussia, so they have a deep connection to and interest in the well-being of the community and land around Fort Washington. National Park Trust Executive Director Grace Lee said they are very grateful to the Ray Tilch family for their generous gift to Fort Washington, which will be enjoyed by the community in perpetuity.

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

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<http://princegeorges-csprodcdwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index>

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

*Piscataway Park Hours – Updated

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.

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

Farmers' Market at Potomac Landing Elementary School

September 10 and October 8, 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

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