

# Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

## newsletter



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the 232 families who have already sent in their membership dues this year. To highlight only a few tasks, your dues support beautification at the seven entrances to the community, the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and the enforcement of the land covenants,

There are many ways to serve the neighborhood; for example, helping with community clean-ups, attending meetings on community (county, police, traffic, school, and nuisance) issues; distributing the newsletter, and serving on the board of directors. One board member, Ron Weiss, created and maintains our web site and blog, sends email notices to the residents, and chairs our Security Committee.

This spring elections will occur for officers and members of the board of directors, who will serve two-year terms. I will appoint a three-person nominating committee this month, who will present a list of candidates at the April 19th General Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be in order at that time. Members who are current with regard to dues are eligible to vote, and run for office. Elections will be held at the May 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

I hope to see you at the April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> meetings.  
— Carter Ferrington

### FLOWER SHOW

SAVE THE DATE! On Sat., April 22, 2017, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club is presenting a Standard Flower Show called "A-Buzz in the Garden." The emphasis is on celebrating the variety of pollinators found in our surroundings.

The show will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek, Fort Washington, MD, and will be open to the public from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Admission is free. The show will feature horticulture specimens from members' gardens and floral arrangements in a variety of styles and designs.

Any community member who does not belong to Tanta-Cove Garden Club may register to enter an exhibit in the show after April 8th. If interested in registering, please contact Marge Stevens (301-292-1202) for a copy of the rules and types of exhibits.

Come to enjoy the creative expression of your neighbors and to see lovely plants and flowers. --Marge Stevens

### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Please join your fellow neighbors for a community clean-up day on Saturday, March 25, 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 winter.

Please contact Jamie Crist at [703-966-8757](tel:703-966-8757) or [jamiedoc@aol.com](mailto:jamiedoc@aol.com) 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!

### BARKING DOGS

During the past few years, our community has experienced increasing instances of dogs barking, sometimes for hours on end. Many neighbors become very annoyed with the volume and duration of noise, but are uncertain how to deal with this public nuisance.

The County requires that any person disturbed by a noisy animal must first advise the owner. If the nuisance is not abated, the person may then file a complaint with the County Commission for Animal Control (301-883-5875). The Commission convenes twice a month to hear and settle alleged violations of the County's Animal Control Ordinance.

The County also has a noise ordinance which addresses "quiet time" complaints between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. If dogs are barking during those hours, neighbors should call the County Police, describe the situation as a "barking nuisance complaint", provide the relevant address, and insist that the police pay an immediate visit to the residence.

Concerns about any animal's welfare (injury; lack of shelter, water and/or food; improper confinement; possible cruelty, etc.) should be reported immediately to County Click 311 and/or the County's Animal Management Division (301-780-7200).

### TCA Calendar 2016-2017

Mar. 29	Board Meeting
April 19	General Meeting
May 3	Board Meeting
May 24	General Meeting



Winter is almost over as we experience unusually spring-like temperatures in late February. We received the following noteworthy news happening in our community...

Working for USAID, Jeff Drumtra of Castleray Circle spent the fall of 2016 in Ukraine. His work entailed monitoring contractors that provide services to people affected by the ongoing conflict in the east along the border with Russia. That deployment was followed by a shorter stint in Juba, South Sudan, where he assessed human rights protection issues in the world's newest country.

Kerrington Banks, the son of Derris and Tima McGuthry-Banks of Norwood Lane, was recently named Student of the Month by the Prince George's *Sentinel* newspaper. A senior at Friendly High School with a 3.9 GPA, a member of the percussion section of the school band and captain of the swim team, Kerrington plans to attend North Carolina A&T and major in architectural engineering and minor in music.

Thann Bennett of Firth of Tae Dr., is pleased to announce the April 4, 2017 release by Worthy Publishing of his first published book, *In Search of the King*, which explores the universal longing for meaning and association with something or someone greater than ourselves. Thann is the Director of Government Affairs for a non-profit legal organization that specializes in constitutional law and the preservation of individual liberties. You can often find the Bennett family (including Thann's wife, Brooke, their children Jude, Brell and Hope, and Wrigley, the goldendoodle) as they walk or ride bikes around Tantallon.

### **Did you know?**

The Prince George's County has a new government mobile app designed to improve access to information, "*Mobile Prince George's*." This app can be downloaded for free by using the Apple App Store or Google Play sites from your smartphone.

The *Conservancy of Broad Creek* would like your support in applying for a grant from the County to remove two acres of bamboo (East side of Livingston Rd. near St. John's) on the Conservancy's 72-acre property -- in order to reclaim the woodlands for plants and animals and make that part of Livingston Rd. safer. Send a letter to The Conservancy of Broad Creek, P.O. Box 44167, Ft. Wash., MD 20749.

### **Accokeek Foundation Spring Events...**

*Latte with Lambs*: Join the Foundation and their new baby lambs on April 1 at 10am at the National Colonial Farm. Enjoy live music, coffee, donuts. Admission: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, members, and military personnel.

*Modern Homesteading Workshop*: April 8 – engage in the processes of cow milking, butter churning, yogurt making, cheese aging, and more... with Joe Markley, Accokeek Foundation's Livestock Manager. Tickets at the door: \$30 per person and \$25 for members.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

*Stitch 'n Time*: March 11 – engage in the cultivation of wool, cotton, and colonial textiles at the National Colonial Farm. Volunteers will learn how to rinse, die, spin, and knit sheep's wool. Products produced will be sold to support Accokeek Foundation's Heritage Breed Preservation Program. Contact: Casey Lowe at [volunteers@accokeek.org](mailto:volunteers@accokeek.org) for more information.

### **Potomac River Watershed Cleanup...**

April 8, 10am-1pm: While in the spirit of spring cleaning, help Accokeek Foundation pick up trash and debris from the Potomac River's watershed. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Contact Casey Lowe for more information at [volunteers@accokeek.org](mailto:volunteers@accokeek.org) or to register.

### **Passages:**

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

Edith (Edie) Victoria Schantz, 98, passed away on December 8, 2016, while a resident of Givens Estate Nursing Center in Ashville, NC. Edie and her husband, Joseph, were the original owners of their home on Baleshore Circle where they lived for more than 40 years. A native of Canada, she moved to the U.S. in 1942 to accompany her husband, who served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. In 2015, she moved to the Fort Washington Health Center, and then to Givens Estate in 2016. Four children, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and two sisters survive her.

Charles W. "Bud" Giannetti, 77, a long-time resident of Asbury Drive, died on December 25, 2016. Born in Philadelphia, he graduated from La Salle College and was commissioned a Marine Corps Officer during the Vietnam Era. He had a Master's degree from DePaul University, Chicago, and was a Special Agent with the FBI until he retired after 25 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kathryn Giannetti; four children: Elizabeth Philpott, Pamela G. (Billy) Widener, Peter (Mayumi) Giannetti, and Amy (Pentti) Gillespie; four grandchildren: Heather and Bradley Widener, Shanon Philpott, and Kentaro Nico Giannetti. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Jan. 7, 2017 at St. Mary's Piscataway Catholic Church followed by interment with military honors at a later date.

### **Help Wanted .**

The Newsletter needs assistance :

A writer for "the Toe."

An assistant editor.

A substitute delivery person.

## Current TCA Membership Status

### TANTALLON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### Officers, Board, Committee Members 2015-2017

##### OFFICERS

President	Carter Ferrington	292-5114
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Larry Carbaugh	292-2102
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Ron Weiss	292-8112
Rosemary Weller	292-3088

##### COMMITTEES

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[tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com](mailto:tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com)

#### Auditions for "A Chorus Line" at Harmony Hall March 5-6

Tantallon Community Players, our own acclaimed community theater, will hold auditions on the evenings of March 5 and 6 for *A Chorus Line*, the famed musical about trying out to be a dancer in a Broadway show.

The creative team led by director Christopher Gerken, who has brought so many TCP productions to the stage at Harmony Hall Regional Center right here in Fort Washington, is looking for strong singers and dancers age 17 and up. The show will have eight performances May 26-June 11, and rehearsals will usually be held on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings.

See details about the various roles in the show at [TantallonPlayers.org/auditions](http://TantallonPlayers.org/auditions). Tickets for the show will go on sale in the spring.  
—Pat Myers

Thank you to all who have sent in their 2016-17 Tantallon Citizens Association dues. **Total: 232 Members.**

If you haven't yet paid your dues, a dues form is on page 4 or see the TCA website at <http://www.tantallon.info> for a link to PayPal.  
-- Larry Carbaugh

#### New TCA Members Since Nov. 21, 2016

Amey	John E. & Ellen B.
Aviles	Helen & Joseph
Cacic	Michael & Christine
Chadwick	Henry & Colette
Cheng	Stephen *
Connolly	Ada & Martin
Dunning Sr./Rodrigues	David W./Eileen
Geddings	Lanard & Edith
Jones	Kenneth & Belinda
Miles-St. Clair	Sherry
Moody	Lee & Anne-Marie
Mosby	Melvin & Delores*
Mosley	Taryn & Brian
Murphy	Roslyn
Newby/Johnson	LaKisha/Jason
Robinson	Bernard E.
Scott	James & Ola
Steward	Len & Phillippa
Sutton	Duane & Loretta
Wigglesworth	Leonard & Dorothy*
Williams	Howard C. & Blanche
Wilson/Bellew	Thomas R./Kenion
Yates	Anthony & Nicole
Zachary	Chris & Ivette

\* New members WELCOME!

#### Questions:

Have you checked our ads recently?

Did you spot the four new ones?

**Editor's note:** Thank you for sending us news about special events, good deeds, awards, family milestones, safety alerts, graduations, passages, and the like. In between publication dates, check the TCA website: <http://www.tantallon.info>

**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

**TCA General Membership Dues:**

Sept. 2016—Aug. 2017..... \$ 75.00

Optional Beautification Contribution..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Tanttallon Preservation Contribution ... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print all information.)

Name(s): .....

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Address: .....

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Phone .....

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E-mail .....

Send to: TCA Membership Chair, PO Box 44069,  
Fort Washington, MD 20749

**FERAL CATS**

Over the years, complaints about the feral cat population in the Tanttallon neighborhood have appeared. These cats are not wild cats like bobcats, cougars and panthers, but are domesticated cats either released into the wild because they are unwanted or domesticated breeds born into the wild.

What can we do about the existing feral cat population? My wife and I purchased two Havahart Large Animal Traps Model #1079 from Home Depot at a cost of \$52.47. They currently stock them at all locations and qualify for free shipping. We use scraps from the supper table or cat food and place the traps in our own yard.

Once safely caught without harm, we transport the cat to one of two locations. Last Chance Animal Rescue is located at the Waldorf Animal Wellness Clinic, 8500 Bensville Rd, Waldorf, MD 20603. Phone: 301/885-0263. They receive feral cats on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am and pick up is by 3:00pm. The other location is the Spay Spot located in the Prince Georges Animal Shelter, 3750 Brown Station Road Upper Marlboro, MD. Phone: 301/254-8151. Drop off time: 6:30 to 8:30am. The cost is \$30 per spay/neuter at either location and includes the rabies shot and ear clipping (the left ear tip is clipped to identify it as having been spayed or neutered).

After we receive the cats back from the clinic, we release them where we caught them. At this point they live out their lives humanely without the risk of breeding. Kittens caught by eight weeks can be taken to Last Chance Animal Rescue and added to their adoption program. My wife and I have caught an average of eight cats a year for some time.

Be a part of the solution. Purchase a trap and catch the ones that go through your yard; then take them to one of the clinics mentioned. If many Tanttallon residents actively catch and release, the population will recede quickly. Also, we can ask the Tanttallon Citizens Association (TCA) to share the expense by purchasing several traps, making them available to residents, and providing a refundable deposit of \$25 until they are returned. Finally, we may ask the TCA to offset the \$30 fee with a rebate of \$10 to \$15 with proof of payment when a feral cat is caught and released. —Ron Taylor

**LAND COVENANTS TO REMEMBER**

--Dick Krueger

The Tanttallon Land Covenants require that all external improvements on private property in our community must be approved in writing by the Tanttallon Control Committee (TCC).

Included are all new homes, additions, pools, decks, patios, walls, fences, sheds, etc., as well as changes to the exterior of such existing items (including siding, shutters, doors, deck and fence colors).

Written TCC approval must be obtained prior to the removal of any trees greater than eight (8) inches in diameter. Verbal approval can be obtained from the TCC Chairman for the removal of dead or damaged trees which prevent an immediate safety concern for life or property.

Finally, the Covenants absolutely prohibit the external storage of boats on any Tanttallon property.

For details on how to apply for TCC approval of proposed external changes, contact the TCC Chair, Hezekiah Braxton III at 301-203-8681 or [tanttalloncontrol@gmail.com](mailto:tanttalloncontrol@gmail.com)