

Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc.

newsletter

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From The President

Dear Neighbors.

The proposed construction of a kindergarten through 8th grade school at the corner of Fort Washington and Swan Creek Roads is an issue of considerable concern to our community. Most of us agree that the general need for a better education for our students, and the specific need for better buildings in which to educate them are important ones. However, at this time many of us are concerned that decisions concerning the location, siting, design, flood control, traffic, and pedestrian safety are being made without substantive and material input from the community. The process for this effort has been far less transparent and friendly to neighborhood input than when the County proposed building a high school at the same site some years ago.

A few of us have joined the leaders of adjoining communities including Tantallon North, Tantallon Square, and Tantallon South in an effort to make our voices heard with regard to school construction, and to influence the siting and development of any school, so that the results best serve the students and the neighborhood. Council Member Monique Anderson Walker shares our concerns and has met with us and the group planning the new school to express these concerns. Our group has now been meeting regularly for several months. I'm particularly grateful for the efforts of Mr. Ron Weiss, who has been an active and effective advocate in this effort.

Flood-control issues remain at the top of our agenda as we negotiate our way through this process. Ironically, in order to address existing and significant flooding issues at the very intersection where they propose building a school, the County has asked our association to allow them to use a large part of our land at the Circle to build a flood-mitigation system to address existing problems at this location.

We are reviewing various options, including the hiring of technical experts and legal representation to address this very important issue. I welcome your thoughts as well.

Sincerely,
Carter Ferrington

Spring 2021 TCA General Meetings

Wednesdays at 7 pm Via Zoom

Feb. 24

April 21

May 26

Spring Clean-Up

Sat., April 10

Please feel free to join us for our spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 10, from 9 to 11 AM. Bags, gloves, and water will be provided. We will be picking up trash, bundling branches, and doing some light pruning of trees along Fort Washington Road and West Tantallon Drive.

If you have pruners, please bring them if you would like to help with pruning. We will meet at Potomac Landing Elementary School as usual. If you have questions, please call or text Jamie Crist at 703-966-8757. You can also email him at jamedoc@aol.com.
— Jamie Crist

URGENT: We Need Volunteers!

Troy Ford and Sharon Mays Jacks, the TCA Membership Committee Chairs, are looking for volunteers in the following two areas:

1) We are resurrecting the *Block Captains / Neighborhood Watch* program in the community in 2021. We are looking for former captains and new ones to join. Please contact Troy Ford via email at t1ford744@gmail.com to indicate your willingness to join.

2) We are revising the *New Neighbor Welcome Packet* and need your help with clerical tasks: typing, editing and other related jobs. Please contact Sharon Mays Jacks via email at nbmendes@aol.com to express your interest in helping.

Also, see the list on p. 4 of the 20 new households who have paid TCA membership dues since the *Fall TCA Newsletter*.

Join Your Neighbors

Thank you to all who have sent in their 2020-2021 dues. Are you aware that there are more than 950 households in Tantallon on the Potomac and Tantallon Hills?

We still need your support. There are important issues facing the residents of our community; e.g. flood control and water drainage on private property lots.

Use the form on page 4 OR the link on the website to pay your dues.

— Troy Ford and Sharon MaysJacks



Think back to 1980 when a huge fan base of millions of people hovered about their television sets on Sunday nights to watch the next episode of Dallas! The *question of the season* and topic of much discussion was "Who shot JR?" Now fast forward to February 2021 where the COVID pandemic continues to restrict our typical routines and causes us much concern and worry. The *current question* asked of friends, neighbors and relatives, is "Did you get your shot yet?" Many of us are still waiting. In the meantime, our neighbors continue to follow guidelines by wearing masks and keeping an appropriate social distance to stay healthy.

Local author Jamie Crist of Inverness Lane has had his 8th book published. Titled *What's the Big Deal About Addictions?*, this book provides teens with lecture-free, reliable, and factual information about a range of addictions, from drugs and alcohol to electronic devices, social media, and other addictive activities, such as pornography, eating, gambling, and sex. From drugs and alcohol to pervasive use of electronic devices, more teens are exhibiting addictive behaviors. A practicing psychologist and a certified substance abuse counselor, Dr. Crist shares advice for teens who are having serious troubles with addiction, and for teens with casual levels of use who may be concerned about their use. Additional resources for help and information are provided at the back of the book.

You can order the book from Free Spirit Publishing, <https://www.freespirit.com/social-and-emotional-learning-for-kids-and-teens/whats-the-big-deal-about-addictions-james-crist-addictive-behaviors>. It is also available on Amazon. Visit his website, <http://jamesjcris.com>, if you would like more information about his other books and related activities.

Lance Corporal Renee Michelle Banks, daughter of Tima and Derris Banks of Norwood Lane and granddaughter of Ms. Mildred McGuthry of Monterey Circle, and Corporal Naqueel Javion Jackson, son of Juanita Jackson of Texas, were married on December 31, 2020, in a civil ceremony in Dallas, Texas. The bride graduated from the University of Lynchburg with a Bachelor's degree in music education with an instrumental emphasis. She serves in the Quantico Marine Corps Band at Marine Corps Base Quantico. The groom graduated from Dr. John D. Horn High School. He serves in the Security Battalion at Marine Corps Base Quantico. The couple resides in Stafford, VA.

Michael DiLorenzo, son of Henry and the late Marian DiLorenzo of Swan Harbour Circle, finished his position as Director of Counterterrorism for the National Security Council in December 2020. In 2018 during his tenure, Michael received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for leading the successful prosecution of Ahmed Abu Khatallah for the terrorist attack on the U.S. Special Mission and Annex in Benghazi, Libya, which resulted in the death of four Americans, including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya.

The Women's Golf Association, TWGA, at National Golf Club, is sponsoring three free clinics. These clinics are open to all ladies who are members of the National Golf Club, whether they are beginners or experts! Participants will get advice from the pro and practice time with the Short Game (March 9 at 11:00 a.m.), Long Game (March 16 at 11:00 a.m.), and Indoor/Outdoor Rules Session (March 23 at 11:00 a.m.). To participate, NGC members must call the pro shop (301-292-1100). Bring your clubs and get warmed up for the upcoming golf season.

Ed and Jacquie Akselrad of Castleray Circle enjoy a daily walk throughout the neighborhood. They are always on the lookout for litter which they pick up along their way. Thank you for helping us keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Pool? Is it time to start thinking about summer, warm weather, sunglasses and sitting beside a pool? The Fort Washington Pool Association has begun thinking about swimming and boating. Visit their website to find prices for pool membership and boat storage fees. Membership forms have been posted on the pool's website at www.fwpool.com.

If you have news to share, please send your information to www.tantallontoe@gmail.com

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

Timothy Gipe, 60, of Gleneagles Drive, passed away on December 6, 2020. He is survived by his mother and three children: Andrew, Anthony and Rebecca. His funeral was held in Mercersburg, PA.

Dr. Joseph B. Aviles, Jr., 93, of W Tantallon Dr., passed away on December 18, 2020. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Helen. He is also survived by his son, Joseph III and his wife Wilda, his daughter Karen and her husband Tom, and three grandchildren. After serving in the Army in Okinawa, he pursued his studies in Nuclear Physics. He obtained a BS at Rutgers, his Master's at the University of New Hampshire, and his PhD from Johns Hopkins. Dr. Aviles retired from NRL as a Research Nuclear Physicist and Senior Staff Scientist. After retiring, he became Chief Scientist at Urie Systems, as well as a consultant for many other companies and with scientists at various universities.

Dr. Joseph Forrest Weller, 81, of Tartan Lane died on December 30, 2020. Joe is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rosemary Doheny Weller, their son Michael, daughter-in-law Sara Levin Weller, granddaughter Ilana, two brothers-in-law, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. His younger brother, William predeceased him. Dr. Weller earned a B.S. degree from Xavier University, and a Master's degree and Ph.D. from American University. His professional career spanned nearly 40 years at the US Naval Research Lab where he was a Supervisory Research Physicist. In retirement, Joe was active in the TCA, the Ft. Washington Community Chorus, and tutored math to middle school students at the Washington Jesuit Academy in DC.

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TCA Home Page-

<http://tantallon.info/>

Tantallon Blog-

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

District VII Citizens Council (CAC) Blog

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

Did You Know?

Our advertisers include longtime favorites and new ads.

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

Coming soon: a KIDS' PAGE

Check Your Trees

Spring is just around the corner! With the promise of buds and the new flush of green, now is a good time to inspect the trees on your property for health and safety. Particularly in Tantallon, where old-growth trees bring so much beauty and character to our neighborhood, it can be hard to even think about removing them – and rightly so! Tree removal is a last resort, when no other safe management options, like pruning or treatment, are enough.

Sometimes, however, tree removal is a necessity. Here are some red flags to look for which indicate your tree should be inspected by a professional and possibly be removed:

- **Signs of infection and stress.** Crown dieback, cracks, misshapen or discolored leaves, soft crumbly wood, the appearance of fungi, and heavy feeding by woodpeckers can be evidence of illness. Sprouts at the base of the tree also they indicate that the tree is severely stressed.
- **Large, dead branches in the tree's crown.** Dead branches should be cut back to prevent them from falling. If 50 percent or more of the tree is dead or damaged, it may need to be removed for safety reasons.
- **Compromised Trunk.** Cracks or splits, large wounds, hollowness, sudden leaning, and dead branch stubs on the tree's trunk all indicate internal decay. Trees can live for years with some internal decay, but should be watched closely for further decline.
- **Too close to the home.** Trees hanging over the roof or too close to your foundation might need to be removed – or at least regularly pruned.

If any of these signs or others appear in your yard, have your trees evaluated by an arborist. Many will provide an initial evaluation for free, and advise further action, sometimes including removal. **But remember:** Permission must be obtained from the Tantallon Control Committee prior to removing any trees greater than eight inches in diameter. However, trees posing imminent danger to life or property may be cut without prior approval. For all other circumstances, please contact the Control Committee at tantalloncontrol@gmail.com, and we would be happy to advise you.

--Henrieta Dzurikanova

Do You Recognize These Expressions?

-- some we still use --

What the heck is a jalopy ?

Everything is hunky-dory.

Don't touch that dial!

What is a carbon copy?

You sound like a broken record.

Hung out to dry.

He had a lot of moxie.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee Willikers.

Jumping Jehosafats!

Holy Moley!

We're in like Flynn!

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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
Councilmember 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 Adventist 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

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2020—Aug. 2021.....	\$75.00
Optional Beautification Contribution.....	\$_____
Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution	\$_____

(Please print all information.)

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More Dues-Paying Households since 9/21

Amey	John E & Ellen B
Billings	Dr. David
Cacic	Michael & Christine
Castillo	Danilo & Nancy
Coady	Walter
Denison	Donna
DiLorenzo	Henry
Ghattas	Richard & Joyce
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Hager	Jeannie
Isaacson	Jason & Emma
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Jones	Kenneth J & Belinda C
King	Thumond & Alice
Lucas/Hannon	Edward/Allette
McKinney	Robert
Odoms	Gloria & Nelson
Simon	Dameon & Tracey
Straughter	Robert & Cassandra
Sutton	Duane & Loretta
<i>241 members as of January 27, 2021</i>	

Expressions (cont'd)

Living the life of Riley...!
 Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!
 This is a fine kettle of fish,
 The milkman did it.
 It's your nickel.
 Knee-high to a grasshopper.
 I'll see you in the funny papers.
 Wake up and smell the coffee.
 Okey-dokey.
 Wow! That's a doozey.

--Edward Akselrad