Tantallon Citizens Association, Inc. newsletter



WINTER 2022

http://www.tantallon.info

From The President

Dear Neighbors:

I hope you're managing the challenges posed by snow and ice this year, and have been able to enjoy the beauty of snow and winter activities.

Many of us have had other water-related challenges this year. There have been at least five water main breaks in the neighborhood in the past month, and dozens of homes have been without water for a day or longer. I have found WSSC to be very responsive to reports of water main breaks, and very diligent in providing updates every few hours until a problem is resolved. WSSC has already begun a process of replacing pipes and other infrastructure in the neighborhood, and we have asked for more information about how WSSC might better prospectively address the issue of aging and failing pipes in our neighborhood.

Work has begun on the golf course and elsewhere to address existing flooding issues in our neighborhood. I understand that not all of the funds necessary to address current flooding, and those which may arise from current and future construction, have yet to be appropriated. Therefore, I urge you to tell both current elected leaders and candidates for office how important this work is to our quality of life in Tantallon.

A flood survey is included with this issue of the newsletter which should help us all better understand both the nature and extent of flooding issues in our community. I hope you will respond to this survey if you're having you're having flooding issues.

Best wishes for a safe, happy, and warmer spring.

—CarterFerrington

Next TCA General Membership Meeting Feb 23, 2022 — 7:00 PM Check email for zoom information

Spring Clean-Up

Given the snow damage to our trees, we will do two clean up days this spring. We will meet at 9 AM on Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, April 2. We'll meet at Potomac Landing Elementary School to clean along Fort Washington Road. As part of our clean up, we will also do some tree trimming, so feel free to bring tools for that.

I will provide trash bags, lawn bags, twine to bundle twigs, gloves, and water bottles. Please call or text Jamie Crist at 703-966-8757 or email at jamiedoc@aol.com if you are interested, or just show up.

Also, I may try to prune some of the damaged branches prior to March. If you would like to assist, contact me as well. Hope to see you there!

-- Jamie Crist

Control Committee Approval

Dear Homeowners:

Many homeowners in our community experienced major and/or minor damage to their homes and yards as a result of the recent storms. Remember that any improvements outside the house need TCC approval.

You may submit your request by email at <u>tantalloncontrol@gmail.com</u> or by U.S. mail at <u>Tantallon Control Committee</u>, P.O. Box 44069, Fort Washington, MD 20749. We will contact you to schedule a convenient time to discuss your concerns.

—Edward Akselrad, Chair TCC

A Friendly Reminder
You can review the Tantallon Land Covenants
on the TCA website



It was beautiful to see the snow fall in mid-January and watch it accumulate inch after inch. We had close to one foot of snow, which many of our trees and branches did not appreciate. Once the snow cleared, the sounds of wood chippers and chain saws filled the air.

January finished with a bang for many neighbors on Surrey Circle Drive and Prestwick Drive. Water main breaks turned both streets into raging rivers. Surrey Circle Drive was repaired in one day which included repaving the damaged part. The excitement on Prestwick Drive continued according to Mary Alice Bonomo. As the water main break was being repaired, the gas line to her house ruptured. The next morning, another section of the same water pipe broke and a second river was released!

Other water main breaks occurred more than once on Tartan Lane, Castleray Circle, Monterey Circle, West Saint Andrews Drive, and Inverness Lane.

Suzanne and John Ruehe of Muirfield Circle spent Thanksgiving in Puerto Rico escaping the chilly weather here. They stayed at the Caribe Hilton Resort in San Juan where the pina colada was created in 1954. The weather was a balmy 75° with a constant breeze and sunshine. They explored the entire island from El Yunque, the only rain forest in the United States, to the western coastline which has world class surfing. Their island retreat was followed by a family gathering for Christmas in Houston.

John Dullahan of Firth of Lorne Circle flew to Fort Lewis, WA in order to pin staff sergeant (E-6) stripes on Erin, his daughter, during the January 3 promotion ceremony. Erin heads a small military police investigation team. Her first sergeant had positive comments about her professionalism and how well she takes care of her team. Erin, on leave until January 19, enjoyed the family time.

Stacy Spier and Jeff Snyder of Tartan Lane just returned from an amazing trip to Iceland. They went to see the Northern Lights so they stayed at the Hotel Ranga which is very isolated. After days of clouds, rain, snow, sleet and 80 mpg winds, the weather cleared but the Northern Lights did not cooperate. Instead they saw a volcanic crater (Kerio), a Geysir (which is apparently an Icelandic word), and multiple waterfalls (Gullfoss). Reykjavik had nice galleries and so many wool sweaters and hats for sale! Their last stop was the Blue Lagoon. They enjoyed the beauty of the Lagoon but chose not to relax in the warm water as they have done on a previous trip. However, there is always next time!

Jamie Crist of Inverness Lane will present two workshops this winter. The first presentation, *Anxiety in Children*, will take place at the annual Parents as Partners event at Colgan High School in Prince William County, VA on Feb 26, 2022. His talk will be based on his book, <u>What To Do When You're Scared & Worried</u>, a self-help guide for kids published

by Free Spirit Publishing. He will also present a virtual workshop for the ARC of Greater Prince William County on "Parenting Kids and Teens with ADHD" on Feb. 18 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM. Jamie's first book, <u>ADHD--A Teenager's Guide</u>, was published by Childswork/Childsplay in 1996. For more information on Jamie and his books, visit his website, www.jamesjcrist.com.

Last summer many signs were posted in our neighborhood asking for help finding the service dog, Justice. Justice has not yet been found. Any suggestions or leads are appreciated as well as any ideas of how else the owner can get the word out about Justice: Microchip ID # 941000014490776. The owner writes, "If you've seen this dog, if you have this dog... NO questions asked, please just help by calling 1-407-922-9551."

After a long spell, the National Golf Club has reopened. The restaurant, featuring Executive Chef Lois Spencer, is open for lunch and dinner on Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out orders are also available. The menu is available on the Club website. There have been times when the club has closed due to inclement weather so it is wise to call ahead, 301-292-1100.

The Women's Golf Association, TWGA, is gearing up for the 2022 season. If you are a member of National Golf Club and an expert player or a beginner and interested in learning more about the club and the game, take advantage of the upcoming clinics: Tues, March 8- Short Game Clinic, Tues, March 15- Long Game Clinic, and Tues, March 22- Indoor/ Outdoor Rules Clinic. The rain date for each event is Mar. 29. To participate, NGC members must call the pro shop (301-292-1100). Bring your clubs and get warmed up for the upcoming golf season.

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

John (Jack) R. Harrison, 92, one of the original homeowners and builders on Norwood Lane, died on Dec. 10 in Bradenton, FL. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, their five children, and four grandchildren. A graduate of the U. of Detroit, his career included assignments with the Federal Aviation Agency and the Department of Justice as well as private practice. Jack loved sailing and traveling. For example, he and his wife visited Alvin and Janet Crews of Willow Wind Circle while they were stationed in Italy and in South Africa. He drove back and forth from their summer home in New England to Florida up until this year.

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

Informational Websites

TCA Home Page-

http://www.tantallon.info/

Tantallon Blog-

 $\underline{https://tantalloncitizens association.blogspot.com/}$

District VII Citizens Council (CAC) Blog

https://dviicac.blogspot.com/

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Restaurant Corner

Follow-up to Previous Review

Here is what's happening at *Via Roma Restaurant* in Camp Springs. Another pizza-making class for kids at the end of January. Go to www.viaromaMd.com. The cost is \$35. for an afternoon of fun.

Also, *Via Roma* has a bookshelf with a varied selection of books for borrowing. Feel free to leave books you have already read so others may enjoy them, too.

Don't forget to stop in for a delicious lunch or dinner. Take advantage of the fabulous LaVazza coffee bar where you can get a delicious cappuchino or latte made to order. Definitely a "must" during the recent North Pole-like weather.

Location: Apollo Center, 4531 Telfair Blvd, #110; Camp Springs, MD 20746. Phone: 301-444-9038

-- Jacque Akselrad

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. 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 during 2020-2021 were your neighbors: Jan Kohout, Judith Henry, Jo Ann Davis, Helen Aviles, Carolyn LeCrone, Jacque Akselrad, and Rosemary Weller. Then Keith West and Judith Henry delivered packets of 15 to 60 newsletters to the homes of the 35 neighborhood distributors who in turn brought them to your door.

The neighborhood distributors were: Jacque and Ed Akselrad, Juan and Jenny Aleman, Barbara "BJ" Yentzer, Ari Belmonte, Marybeth Dority, Bernard Robinson, Christine Cacic, John and JoAnn Dullahan, Howard Nelson, Charles Walton, Jo Ann Davis, Diane Miceli, Troy Ford, Roz Murphy, Carol Pica, Judith Henry, Ammie Laguilles, Maureen Brady, Sylvia Turner, Pam Ritter, Barbara Brooks, Ruth Williams, Olivia Powell, Allette Hannon, Trish Gallahan, Maria Liggins, Calvin Martin, Jacqueline Webb, Suzanne Callahan, Vivian & Bill Bell, and Ron Weiss.

The TCA thanks each of you for your important service to the community. Well-done!

Did You Know?

Discount grocer Aldi has signed a lease for a 22,000-square-foot store at the Tantallon Shopping Center, located at the corner of Fort Washington Rd and Indian Head Highway. No announcement of an opening date.

Prince George's County is now offering a Food Scraps Composting Program with curbside pickup service on Mondays. To sign up, go to their website at www.toter.com/princegeorgescounty.

Visit <u>arts.pgparks.com</u> to see what's coming up at Harmony Hall Arts Center.

Go to <u>covidtests.gov</u> to sign up for four free at home covid-19 test kits per household.

Smart shopping tips? Need Assistance? Check our advertisements.

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

Frequently Called Numbers

Abandoned vehicles	301-952-1873
Adventist HealthCare Fort Wash. Medical Center.	301-292-7000
Animal Management	301-780-7200
Bulky trash collection	301-952-7600
Community/property standards	301-883-6100
Congressman Steny Hoyer	301-474-0119
County Click Services	
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
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
Washington Gas Light	703-750-1400
Wash. Post: Start/Stop/Missed Delivery	202-334-6100

TCA General Membership Dues:

Sept. 2021—Aug. 2022	\$75.00
Optional Beautification Contribution	\$
Optional Tantallon Preservation Contribution	\$
(Please print all information.)	
Name(s):	
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Murphy	Tomeka
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40 New (listed above) Total Households Paid: 184