



Spring 2025 Edition

# NEWSLETTER

We're passing the baton soon. We'd like to hear from those who are committed to continuing the work in our community.

**TCA Elections are Thursday, May 15th.** You must be a current 2024-25 Member to be nominated and/or to Vote



# Note from the President & Vice President

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## **A Heartfelt Thank You from the President and Vice President of the Tantallon Citizens Association**

Members of the Tantallon Community:

As we reflect on the past two years, we are filled with gratitude and appreciation for the incredible privilege it has been to serve as your President and Vice President of the Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA). Our journey together has been marked by collaboration, engagement, and a shared commitment to enhancing our vibrant community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication.

During our tenure, we have witnessed the strength of our community firsthand. Whether it was coming together for local events, addressing community concerns, or finding innovative solutions to improve our surroundings, your involvement has made a profound difference.

We recognize that the TCA is more than just an organization; it is a collective voice that reflects the hopes and aspirations of our residents. It is this spirit of unity that inspires us to continue fostering a thriving environment for all.

It is also very important that we thank the TCA Board of Directors, and each and every committee member from the communications committee to welcoming, to beautification, to our Cats committee, to our Safety committee, membership committee, engagement committee, and our newly formed block ambassador committee.

As we move into an important election year for new officers and our Board of Directors, we wish to emphasize how vital your ongoing support and participation are to the future of the TCA. Leadership opportunities abound, and we strongly encourage each member of our community to consider stepping forward into a leadership position, a committee role, or finding other ways to support our association.

Your involvement not only enriches our discussions and decisions but is also the lifeblood of our community. The contributions of dedicated volunteers have always been what drives the success of the TCA, and your unique talents and perspectives are essential as we look to build upon our achievements and tackle new challenges.

If you have ever thought about making a more significant impact, now is the time! Whether you're interested in leading the association, joining the board, joining a committee, participating in projects, or helping with events, your contribution

is invaluable. We believe that every individual has something special to offer, and together, we can continue to create a brighter future for Tantallon.

As we engage in this election cycle, we are excited about the potential that new leadership can bring. Change catalyzes growth, and we are optimistic about the fresh ideas and perspectives that new members will introduce. Our hope is that each member feels empowered to share their vision for our community. We look forward to witnessing the innovative approaches that will enhance the TCA and our collective experience.

In closing, we thank you once again for the honor of serving you over the last two years. Together, as a community, we have accomplished so much, and we look forward to what lies ahead. Let us continue to build on our successes and forge an even stronger, more united Tantallon. Your involvement is essential, and we wholeheartedly invite you to join us in this journey.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,

Warmest Regards,



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Vice President

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## TCA EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-27 TERM

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- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Three Board Members
- Board of Directors



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## TCA EXECUTIVE BOARD



### Eligibility Requirements

- One must reside within the Covenant area of Tantallon. Scan QR code for more information.



- You must be a current TCA Member (active TCA Member Sept. 1, 2024-August 31. 2025)

TCA Officers  
and Board Of  
Directors shall  
serve for two  
consecutive  
years - twenty  
four months

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TCA PRESIDENT

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# School Corner

**Dear Tantallon Community,**

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and commitment to our students and school community. Your partnership plays a vital role in ensuring the success and safety of our scholars each day.

We recognize that some families have been parking along Fort Washington Road during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. While we understand the need for convenient access, this presents a safety concern for our student walkers and crossing guards. We truly appreciate your support in our request for *No Parking* signs to help maintain a safe environment for all.

As we move into the second half of the school year, we are excited to continue providing enriching learning experiences for our students. Upcoming events include:

**Spring Assessments** – Supporting student growth and achievement

**Autism Awareness Week** – Celebrating inclusivity and understanding

**Earth Day Fun** – Encouraging environmental responsibility

**Field Trips** – Expanding learning beyond the classroom

**Promotional Exercises** – Honoring our students' hard work and milestones

We also want to remind you that **volunteers are always welcome at Colin Powell Academy!** If you are interested in supporting our school through volunteering, please ensure you complete the required **background check and fingerprinting** through Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Your involvement makes a difference!

Thank you for being a vital part of our school family. We look forward to a fantastic second half of the school year filled with learning, growth, and community engagement.

**With appreciation,**

Nina Lattimore

Principal, Colin Powell Academy

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School Principal, Colin Powell Academy

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# Important Dates

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025** - General Membership Meeting - the nominating committee will present the nomination and election process.

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025** - Special Meeting - the nominating committee will present the slate of candidates and hold candidate speeches.

**Thursday, May 15, 2025** - Voting Day - Elect the Executive Team who will continue the legacy of Tantallon and bring forth innovative ideas.

The election and meetings will take place at the National Golf Club.

**For more information, contact: [thetcavp@gmail.com](mailto:thetcavp@gmail.com)**

Submitted respectfully,

Judy, Carter, and Tracey  
Nominating Committee,  
Tantallon Citizens Association





What do you get when you mix 6 inches of snow, 7 children, 14 hands and lots of excess energy? A snow fort, of course!



The last time the D.C. area had a big snowfall was 2022 with almost 7 inches of snow. Depending on your location, that's about how much snow fell in early January. Schools were ready to open after their long winter break when the snow kept them closed for an additional 3 days. As we looked out our windows, the blanket of snow was beautiful. Most of the neighborhood enjoyed the quiet streets and their cozy homes as the government and many other workplaces closed for two days. However, the beauty began to fade when time came to shovel the driveway, clear a space for the postal carrier to get to the mailbox and carve a lane for the dogs to run in the backyard. Plus, other feelings began to surface when we looked

at the icy conditions on our streets and wondered when we would see a plow!

The temperature finally warmed to 40 degrees and the walkers emerged from their homes. Their dogs trotted along on their leashes, happy to stretch their legs. Zeke, a beautiful Dalmatian, led Johnetta Boone through the neighborhood. Zeke proudly sported a warm coat and stylish boots on his paws. Luckily, Zeke didn't walk past Snoop, Piper or Noel as they probably would have been jealous.

**Lots of action took place at National Golf Club during the 2024 holiday season.** Golfers were treated to pleasant weather on December 14 when they gathered for the Ugly Sweater Tournament. Pairings decorated their carts to showcase their theme. The Country Club hosted a special Holiday Brunch and the dining room was decorated with colorful poinsettias. Sharon & Tony Jacks, Johnetta & Patrick Boone, Patti Holcomb, Joann Gauzza, Dilara El-Assaad, Jamie Crist and Carter Ferrington joined many other guests to celebrate the season. Dilara was introduced to a guest chef from Lebanon and said the food was delicious. Santa surprised everyone but didn't have time to hear their wish lists! A grand celebration took place on New Year's Eve with a special dinner and dance. The chef treated guests to two cuisines, Ethiopian and American fare. The ballroom was highly decorated and the guests rang in the New Year in style. Finally, cold weather golfers braved the brisk wind for the New Year's Day Tournament. Breakfast burritos warmed their bellies but the wind chill froze their toes and fingertips. However, the weather provided the golfers with lots of reasons why their drives went far left and far right.



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Michael and Ariel Darbouze are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Deran. Deran was born on February 5; two weeks earlier than expected. Big brother, Michael, is staying busy with his high school studies to make sure he won't be asked to take care of the 2:00 a.m. feeding.

**The Women's Golf Association (TWGA) is gearing up for another year of fun.** There are lots of lady golfers playing at National Golf Course; however, the TWGA membership doesn't reflect that count. TWGA realized that most of the women are working on Tuesday morning, which is their typical day to play. So, the new and exciting plan for the 2025 season invites lady golfers to join the TWGA and play on Tuesday morning or Saturday. There will be an exciting game posted for Saturday and Tuesday play. Tournaments will also be included for both days. Maureen Brady, Meredith McGehee and Johnetta Boone are thrilled with the idea that women can join the group and compete on either day. Women are encouraged to contact the ProShop, leave their contact information and a TWGA member will contact them with more information.

### Greetings Fellow Golfers!

Ready for golf? It's been a pretty cold winter and most of us can't wait for spring so we can play golf. We're already looking ahead!

To jump start the season, here's some good news from the National Golf Club at Tantallon! Our Women's League is now open to non-members, and we are inviting you and your friends to play the National Golf Club with us. Take a look at the attachments to get all the details and mark your calendars for Monday, April 7th, 2025. Come out to play, work on your swing and visit with your golf buds!




Best regards.

**National Golf Club Golf Operations**

Donnie Gray

Tiffany Powell

Meilani Tom



**NEW TN 2025**

**WOMEN'S 18-Hole Monthly Golf League**  
@ THE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB at Tantallon  
300 St. Andrews Dr, Fort Washington, MD 20744  
(301) 292-1100

Hosted by: the Women's Golf Association  
at National Golf Club  
Open to ALL women amateur golfers with an established USGA handicap.

Play Dates: first Monday of each month,  
beginning on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. \*  
(may require alternate Mondays in the event of rain and special events)

Opening Day:  
Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.  
Check-in at 8:00 a.m. Range opens at 7:30 a.m.  
**(Signup to play no later than April 2nd, 2025)**

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Costs:  
**League Registration Fee: \$35 for the year**

Green Fees: \$55 including carts; \$30 for walkers.  
NGC Members pay cart fees if applicable.  
**(30% Off First Purchase in the Pro Shop when you join the league)**

To register and to sign up to play,  
please contact Meilani Tom at [meilani.tom65@gmail.com](mailto:meilani.tom65@gmail.com) or 301-704-0505  
We look forward to seeing you on course soon!

If you have news to share, kindly send it to:  
Carol Pica at [tantallontoe@gmail.com](mailto:tantallontoe@gmail.com)

In the recent January 6th, 2025 snowstorm, our neighborhood came together in a heartwarming display of solidarity. Many of us pitched in to help shovel



snow for neighbors who needed a little extra support. It was a truly uplifting experience, reminding us of the strength of our community spirit and the joy that comes



from lending a helping hand. Thank you to everyone who participated in making our neighborhood a warmer place, both literally and figuratively, during the winter chill.

-Tracey Simon

Welcome  
Committee  
Chairperson



# *In Remembrance*

## **Quincy Austin Benbow**

affectionately known as Austin to his family and friends was born in Washington DC on July 10, 1991 to his loving parents Quincy Dondi Benbow and Stephanie Simone Benbow. He grew up in Prince George County, attending St. Columba school in Oxon Hill and Bishop McNamara high school in Forestville Md. Austin was a consistent honor roll achiever particularly gifted in math and science with aspirations of becoming an engineer. Beyond academics, Austin was a well-rounded individual who embraced extracurricular activities including basketball, soccer, football, and golf. In addition, he was involved in the pep band, Jazz Lab, and WMAC



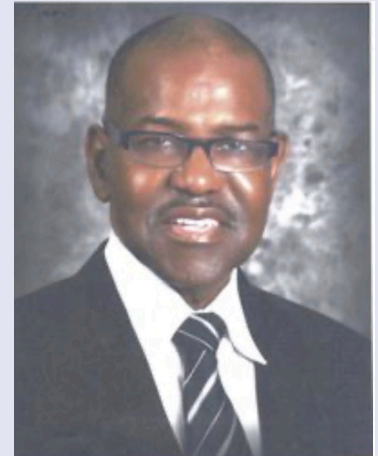
He was also a proud member of the Prince George's County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. After graduating from Bishop McNamara in 2009, he attended Penn State University graduating in 2014 with a degree in Nuclear Engineer. While attending Penn State, Austin was a member of NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) serving as their Corporate Liaison. Austin went on to launch his professional career in Nuclear Power with Constellation Energy in the Operations Department at the LaSalle Nuclear Power Plant in Marseilles, IL. Dedicated and highly skilled, he thrived in his field and recently completed an intensive 18-month certification program and earned a Nuclear Reactor Operator licensed from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commissions. He was also a member of the Fire Brigade and Confined Space Rescue team at the plant. Austin was engaged to the love and life soulmate Caitlin Bryers and was preparing for their wedding set for June 22, 2025.

On February 5, 2025, Austin received his wings after an unfortunate car accident. He is survived by his parents, Stephanie Benbow, and Quincy Benbow and his sisters Victoria Benbow and Meisha Yates, his fiancée Caitlin Bryers, his faithful dog Big Joe and a host of supportive family and friends. Austin was truly one of a kind - a unicorn in this world. His memory lives on in the countless lives he touched and his legacy will continue to inspire those who knew and loved him.

## **Deacon Emeritus Donald Ray Gibson**

"Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of those who have passed on".

Tantallon Friends and Families mourn the loss of Deacon Emeritus Donald Ray Gibson of Arrow Park Drive and a longtime Shiloh Baptist Church member in Alexandria Virginia. Donald was a proud resident of over 25 years of Tantallon on the Potomac. He was "Called Home to Glory and Received His Wings from God Almighty" on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 with his loving family at his side.



Donald, the son of the late Londell and Lucille Gibson of Texarkana Arkansas was born on September 16, 1944. He was the youngest son of five children born to the Gibsons. Donald enjoyed achieving victories and goals throughout his magnificent lifetime of service and achievement in the community.

A proud alumnus and a graduate of Tuskegee University and Howard University where he received a golf and an academic scholarship, Donald earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He also earned a Master's degree, (MBA and MPA) from Howard University with additional postgraduate work completed at the University of Maryland in College Park Maryland.

Donald's career included serving as a Budget Analyst and City Manager in Alexandria Virginia and Montgomery County Maryland governments before retiring from the D.C. Government's Office of Administrative Services after a productive career of over 35 years.

A community activist at heart some of Donald's affiliations included that of being a proud husband to wife of over 36 years to Sharon Kay and a proud father to son, Donald Ray II. Some of his many affiliations included that of being a proud "Connecting Link" with the Mount Rose Chapter of The Links, Inc., and a 57-year member, (Golden Heritage) of the Alexandria Fairfax Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He also served as the President of the "Le Jacques," the Father's auxiliary for the Prince George's County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and the chartering organizer of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of The Booker T. Washington High School Alumni as well as a Charter Organizer and Member of the National Forum of The Black City Public Administrators and Mayors" (NFBPA).

An avid golfer and active neighborhood member before his health intervened. Some of Donald's greatest memories include the "Prayer and Praise Spiritual Training and Camaraderie" as well as the great golf outings and tournaments with his fellow Deacons, families, and friends among others that he entertained at Tantallon Country Club.

Donald joined Shiloh Baptist Church in 1988, an occasion that he personally declared as "Historic," and he was also ordained as a Shiloh Baptist Church Deacon in 2000. A talented vocalist he could often be seen singing his favorite song on Sunday mornings which was entitled "I Am Free."

Donald is survived by his wife of 36 plus years, Sharon Kay; children, Donald Ray Gibson II, Kenya Gibson Brown, and Laya Gibson Williams; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Helen DuPree; Sister-In-Law and Brother-In law, Mr. and Mrs. Carla and Leon Miller, Sister and Brother -In Law, Mrs. Charlotte and Bishop David Wilson, nephew, Bishop Keith and Sudena Huggins and a host of family and friends.

In closing Donald's favorite quote says "To God be the Glory for The Things that He Has Done."

### **Martin James Connolly,**

79, died from a brain hemorrhage on January 15, 2025, at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He was born May 25, 1945, in Rutland, Vermont, the son of James and Elizabeth Sheridan Connolly.

He graduated from Bryant College in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force that same year. While stationed at CCK Air Base in Taichung, Taiwan, during the Vietnam War, he met and married Ada Su. They celebrated 52 years of marriage last September. Marty served for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force handling procurement matters before he was honorably discharged in 1987. He then went on to have a rewarding private sector career until 2004. His favorite pastimes were reading, traveling, reading about traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Marty was predeceased by a brother, Robert Connolly, and a sister, Mary Connolly McGinnis. Surviving, in addition to his wife, Ada (Su) Connolly, are his daughter, Anne (Connolly) Walther and her husband, Hank Walther of Arlington, Virginia;



his two grandchildren, Tyson and Rio Walther; his sister, Kathleen (Connolly) MacDonald and her husband, Matthew MacDonald of Conway, New Hampshire; his nephew, Matthew MacDonald and his wife, Rita MacDonald, and daughter, Isla MacDonald, of Manchester, New Hampshire; nieces Kathryn McGinnis of Brooklyn, New York, and Kristen (McGinnis) Cohen of Derry, New Hampshire and her two daughters, Madison and Cameron Cohen.

Marty will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date. Those who wish to may make gifts in his memory to the Walter Reed Murtha Cancer Center.

Murtha Cancer Center donations may be sent to:

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To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

A memorial celebration of life service for **Amanda Ramsey** was held at National Country Club in December 2024. Her husband, Joseph, greeted family and friends as they gathered to pray and share

memories. Their son Joey died in 2013 from an aortic aneurism. Amanda graduated from Arkansas AM&N and taught high school and junior high for several years. In 1966, she married Joseph, an Air Force Officer, and their bond would last for 58 years. They were stationed in 14 different assignments throughout the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. She continued to teach high school in several of the locations. Amanda was active in the activities of the Air Force officers' wives, often first to volunteer for activities that involved supporting the troops. In 1991, the family returned to Fort Washington and Amanda resumed her passion for high-fashion modeling. She taught and performed runway modeling for the Barbizon agency in the 1970s. She and Joseph traveled internationally to many places, the most memorable to Dakar Senegal and Johannesburg where they dined with Nelson Mandela and his family.





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# In Remembrance

## Olivia Eve Ter

was a 12-year-old figure skater from Fort Washington. Several figure skaters along with their coaches and family members had traveled to Wichita, Kansas, for the national championships. Ter, who often skated at Tucker Road Ice Rink in Prince George's County, was in Kansas for the U.S. Figure Skating National Development Camp.



Olivia will be remembered as always being cheerful with an infectious laugh and being a talented figure skater. She earned silver and gold at her two NQS events this season before finishing fourth in the juvenile girls division at the 2025 Eastern Sectional Singles Final to receive an invitation to National Development Camp. Within the last season, her coaches noticed that she was making significant progress. Other than skating, she enjoyed playing pranks, ballet and music.

"The impact of Olivia's life will continue to resonate in our youth sports community, and she will be sorely missed," Bill Tyler, director of the Prince George's County parks and recreation department, said in a statement.

Olivia's mother, **Olesya Taylor**, also died in the crash.

"Olesya was super dedicated [to her daughter]," she says. "She was [always] looking for the best coaches she could find in any country... And if there is a rink she needed to drive to, she would drive no matter how early she needed to get up, how long the drive was, how bad she felt.



Olivia, who had Olympic dreams, was equally dedicated to her sport, so much so that Konopelko remembers a moment when Olivia was sick — and still delivered a flawless turn on the ice. But more than that, Olivia was a role model for other young skaters, including Konopelko's daughter.

"When Olivia was on the ice, everyone knew what they had to look up to, adds the mom. She was training, she was pushing

herself to the limits and beyond, and everybody saw that.

Now, without them, the local ice rink feels empty.

My daughter is absolutely devastated, Konopelko says. Right now the rink is so empty in an emotional [and physical] way because they're not there.

Source: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/news/article/remembering-lives-we-lost-ion-figure-skating-club>

**Mikey Stovall**, 40 was "the life of the party," someone who "saw good in everybody, almost to a fault," his mother, Christina Stovall, said Stovall had gone to Kansas on an annual trip with friends to hunt pheasant and duck, Christina said in an interview with TV station WINK News.

Stovall's mother described her son as "an amazing father, friend and son," adding "Mikey did not have one enemy."

A steamfitter by trade, Stovall was also an "outdoorsman, hunter, and skier at heart," according to an online obituary. His social media posts often featured photos of his outings with his friends, wife and son.

Stovall was a member of the Steamfitters Local 602 union in Maryland and coached his son's baseball team.

The United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters said Stovall was one of five union members among the passengers aboard the American Airlines flight.

Reported by Dana Hedgpeth

Washington Post





# Tantallon Control Committee | The TCC

The Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) was formed to administer the Tantallon Land Covenants, subject to the review of the Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA).

## COMPLAINTS

The TCC is a Committee comprised of TCA Homeowners and current TCA Members who reside on Tantallon Covenant Property. Our role is to investigate formal complaints which are submitted to the Committee by neighbors who reside on TCA Covenant Property. These homes are outlined in the TCA Covenant which is governed by Prince Georges County and may be found on our website <https://www.tantalloncitizensassociation.com/more-for-committees>

When submitting a complaint to the TCC, please include the address of the complaint, a description of the complaint, the section of the covenants that are being violated, and what a successful resolution would entail. It is also helpful to include sketches or photos to clearly identify the complaint.

Complaints may be submitted to the TCC by emailing [TCC.TCA@gmail.com](mailto:TCC.TCA@gmail.com) or by sending mail to P.O. Box 44069, Fort Washington, MD. 20749

Prince Georges County (PGC) is responsible for enforcing violations of County Code. Report code violations and safety concerns by downloading the PGC311 Mobile App, or Web Portal (<https://pgc311.com/customer/servicetypes>) to request County response. You can also call 311 if within the County or (301) 883-4748 if outside the County.

The types of violations that PGC covers is:

- Street and Sidewalk conditions, potholes etc.
- Abandoned vehicles
- Graffiti Removal
- Tall Grass (over 12")
- Dangerous Trees
- Storm Drains
- Sink Holes
- Commercial vehicles, Boats, Campers, etc. parked on the Street.
- Illegal dumping
- Poorly maintained property, broken windows, gutters falling off the dwelling, excessive junk, fence, roof, shed, swimming pool, porch, or steps in disrepair

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## HOMEOWNER REQUESTS

Homeowners who wish to modify the outside appearance of their home or alter the site are required to submit plans, drawings, specifications, color samples, material data sheets, photos, etc. to the TCC for review. The following information offers guidance for common home projects.

### Fence Standards

- Fences must be approved by the TCC prior to any construction
- Fences should be no farther forward than the back (rear) corners of the



house

- Fence should be open weave design and shall be no higher than 6'.
- Fences should be erected with good (finished) side facing out.
- The large stockade fences visible from the street should be stained (color approved by TCC)
- Portions of the fence visible from the street should be landscaped with evergreen trees and shrubs.
- Stockade Style Fences along Fort Washington Road must be uniform in appearance and supporting brick pillars must be maintained /rebuilt in the style as originally constructed
- Fencing materials shall be rot resistant wood such as pressure treated lumber or Cedar or ornamental metal. Chain link fencing and vinyl fencing are generally disapproved.

#### **Tree Removal Guidelines**

- TCC approval must be obtained prior to removal of any trees greater than 8" in diameter measured 2' above the ground.
- Trees posing an imminent danger to life or property may be removed without prior TCC approval but the TCC must be notified immediately after the tree is removed.
- If one or two trees are removed due to disease or are a possible risk to the house, then no replacement trees are required to be planted.
- If more than 3 trees are being removed and the TCC approved the removal, then one new tree must be planted for every

three trees removed.

- If any number of trees are removed without TCC approval and the TCC determines that the removal was not justifiable, then one new tree must be planted for every tree removed.
- Replacement trees shall be native species to the Chesapeake Bay region and be no smaller than 5' tall when planted. Trees shall be planted in the most suitable location on the property based on soil conditions and available sun exposure.

#### **Outbuildings**

- Outbuildings to include sheds, gazebos, etc. should be limited to 10'x10' in size.
- Outbuildings shall never be used for human habitation.
- Outbuildings shall be built with proper weather resistant siding and roof.
- Landscaping shall be planted around outbuilding

#### **Children's Play Area**

- Children's play sets, swings, play house, tree house, etc, shall be limited to the back yard and shall not be visible from the street.

#### **Hardscape**

- All hardscape shall be natural stone, synthetic stone, brick, concrete pavers, or poured concrete.

#### **Solar Panels**

- Panels shall be mounted on the roof of the home and conform to the roof slope.



### **Welcoming Committee**

Greetings! I'm Tracey Simon, serving as the chair of the Welcome Committee for the TCA. Our goal is to be one of the first people who connect with new neighbors and to provide a warm and friendly welcome along with a welcome packet and modest gift bundle. We also aspire to set a positive tone for our community and serve as a valuable resource for information and tips on getting involved with the TCA and participating in community events

Email me, Tracey Simon at [Welcome.TCA@gmail.com](mailto:Welcome.TCA@gmail.com) to join our committee.

### **Membership Committee**

Dear Tantallon Community Members, Thank you for your support and participation with TCA activities--we appreciate you!

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the following Membership Committee tasks: recruiting new/returning community members, planning membership drives and community activities and gatherings.

If you are interested, please email Membership Chair Lisa Henry at [TCAMemberships@gmail.com](mailto:TCAMemberships@gmail.com).

### **Block Ambassador Committee**

Hello Tantallon Family, My name is Patrick Boone. Jacquelyne Ivery and I are Co-Chairs.

This community relies on homeowners to be responsible in keeping our community clean, neighborhood friendly and safe. Being involved in the TCA is an incredible way to support our community. Becoming a Block Ambassador

sends it up even one more notch. This is also where we may address our concerns, share things like happening in our neighborhood, our community and any issues you may have as a homeowner.

As the Block Ambassadors, we bring our neighborhood together promoting community by simply just communicating. We would like to maintain a current contact list of our neighbors for many reasons, with safety at the top of the list. We are also looking to be the first go to for any thoughts that concern you.

We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer. We are a role model community. We are proud to live here! Let's invest in our neighborhood which is investing in our homes and our home value!

Feel free to contact us by email: Patrick Boone and Jacquelyne Ivery at [TCA.Block.Ambassador.Chair@gmail.com](mailto:TCA.Block.Ambassador.Chair@gmail.com).

### **Security Committee**

We regularly publish announcements in the Bulletin, Our goal is to keep everyone informed of the community news.

Police are emphasizing:

- Package theft now at the start of holiday shopping.
- Not leaving packages visible in your car.
- Porch pirates.
- Pedestrians being visible now that it's darker earlier.
- NO warming your car without an occupant. Thieves are looking for "smokers", vehicles with water vapor from the exhaust while they are warming.

Police need and want our tips!

We need to report crime and suspicious activity as it is happening to 911.

Feel free to contact me, Ron Weiss if you have questions or concerns: [tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com](mailto:tantalloncitizensassociation@gmail.com)

## Hospitality Committee

The TCA Hospitality Committee is beginning to plan events for the community and would like to hear from members about activities that they would like TCA to organize. Possible activities include potlucks, poolside socials, game nights, and holiday celebrations—all right here in our backyard.

Feel free to contact: Eric Woods | Hospitality Chair, [Hospitality.TCA@gmail.com](mailto:Hospitality.TCA@gmail.com).

## Communications Committee

We are have having a great time sharing content with the residents of Tantallon. Communication is key. We look forward to sharing: family news, safety tips, info regarding upcoming events, celebrations and a host of other news. We spread the news via our regularly emailed Bulletins, our Newsletter and our Blog located on our TCA website.

Thank you so much in advance for your contributions to keeping Tantallon a great place to live.

Sometime in the new year look forward to receiving a Survey. You can reach us at [The.TCA.Communications@gmail.com](mailto:The.TCA.Communications@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Family Engagement Committee

We look forward to engaging our amazing families in activities that brings us closer together. With focus on the elderly, kids, parents, singles and our animal babies, we want to create enriching experiences with our friends and neighbors.

Through these activities we create lifelong bonds that continue to promote a long standing legacy of Tantallon.

We are currently seeking volunteers who can be called upon to lend a helping hand for our exciting experiences. Whether it set-up, breakdown, errand crew or sending emails, we would love to have you on-call to work with us. It's never a dull moment on the Family Engagement Committee!

Please email us at: [TCA.Family.Engagement@gmail.com](mailto:TCA.Family.Engagement@gmail.com).

## Beautification Committee

We are committed to enhancing our community's visual appearance with flowers and landscaping. We also support the maintaining of a vibrant litter free community—a wonderful place to live, walk and engage with our neighbors.

We are looking forward to you joining us as we gather to oversee the areas which welcome us all into our community. We promise it won't take up too much of your time.

Feel free to reach out to the Beautification Chair. Deatta Perkins at [Beautification.TCA@gmail.com](mailto:Beautification.TCA@gmail.com).

## Distribution Committee

Hello, my name is Keith West and I coordinate the distribution for the TCA Newsletter. We currently have a couple of vacant routes and are looking for distributors for those routes. Routes are usually between 25 to 35 homes. We distribute four times a year, beginning in September and approximately every 3 months thereafter. It's not a time intensive effort at all—it usually takes about 30 to 45 minutes. It entails placing a newsletter near the front door of each residence on your assigned route. In addition to providing a service to the community, it's a great way to get some exercise and possibly meet new neighbors.

If you're interested in joining our distribution team, please call or text me at (301) 643-5452 or you can send me an email at [TheTCATreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:TheTCATreasurer@gmail.com).


You can contact Committee Chair Keith West if you have questions or concerns: 301-292-6561

## Newsletter Editor

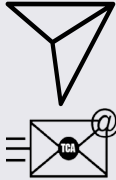

We look forward to receiving your stories, celebrations and memories.

Email Jamie at:

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### NEWSLETTER



Here are the details we are looking to print:

- Fun Times
- Memories
- Celebrations
- Community News and Updates
- Outcomes From Our Meetings
- The Tie
- New to Fort Washington
- Restaurant Corner
- New Members
- New Advertisers
- Community Forum Updates
- Who were our Guest Speakers
- Principal's Corner
- National Golf Club News
- Fort Washington Road Update

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## Tantallon CATS Committee

TCA, Tantallon Cat Committee conducted a very successful TNVR activity. TNVR stands for "trap-neuter-vaccinate-return." This activity is conducted to make sure community cats in our neighborhood are safe (by vaccination) and to reduce the cat population (by neutering.) Community cats are free roaming. A free roaming cat is not an owned animal but may be fed or sheltered by residents. Free roaming cats are legal in Prince George's County.

The Tantallon Cat Committee was formed in the spring of 2024. A survey was conducted through the TCA email Bulletins. Sadly, only twenty surveys were returned but they represented all corners of Tantallon and confirmed that the issue is widespread.

We ask Tantallon residents to consider adding a donation when paying TCA dues. Please also respond to the cat population survey in the TCA email Bulletin to provide a more complete picture of the location of these free-roaming community cats.

And here is a bonus. There are two kittens, friendly and huggable, who have already been neutered and vaccinated and who are looking for a welcoming "forever home." If interested call Joan Piermarini at 301-292-6111.

To contact the committee, you may send an email to Barbara Yentzer at [TheTantallonCats@gmail.com](mailto:TheTantallonCats@gmail.com).

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Now that Bangkok Golden is in full operation, they have made some menu enhancements, and are doing their best to maintain moderate prices along with more than adequate portions. We are lucky to have Bangkok Golden here, so we encourage your patronage so they may serve Fort Washington for many years to come. They are located at 9503 Livingston Road, across from the new Giant. x

Bon Apetit

Jacqueline & Edward Akselrad

# TANTALLON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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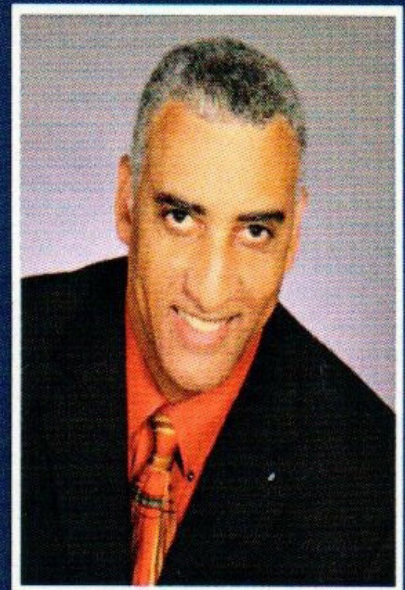
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**\$75.00**

Please indicate below where you wish your additional contribution to be applied. Thank you so much.

Optional Contribution: Beautification	\$
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Optional Contribution: Family Engagement	\$
Optional Contribution: Hospitality	\$
Optional Contribution: Cats	\$
Optional Contribution: Other Committees (please specify)	\$

Below, I have checked Committees in which I am interested in participating:

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# COMMUNITY LET'S CLEAN THE ENVIRONMENT!

Volunteers are needed for our first spring clean-up day, which will be held on **Saturday, March 22 from 9 AM to 11 AM.**

We will be picking up trash and pruning bushes along Fort Washington Road. We will meet at Potomac Landing Elementary School. Bags, safety vests, gloves, and water will be provided. Please bring gloves and pruning equipment if you have them. The countywide community clean up, Growing Green With Pride, will likely be held later in April and we'll do another clean up day then. If you are interested in participating, please let Jamie Crist know.

**You can reach him by email at [jamedoc@aol.com](mailto:jamedoc@aol.com) or by phone/text at 703-966-8757. Hope to see you there!**

