

## TCA History by Ed Carlstead

The Tantallon Citizens Association (TCA) was founded in October, 1965. It was founded as a volunteer community association. As such, it differs from a so-called Homeowners Association with mandatory annual dues from all landowners. The original TCA founders were Judge Sam DeBlasis, Elmo Denton and BGen. William D. Elbert. On October 28, 1965, the Tantallon Citizens Association was incorporated as a non profit organization under the laws of the State of Maryland.

The Tantallon Community was begun in the early 1960s when a group of business men founded the "Isle of Thye Company" to develop the Tantallon Golf and County Club and surrounding areas. It was originally planned to consist of two eighteen hole golf courses and a club house. The areas around the Club and golf course were planned as estate lots. In 1963 the present covenants were recorded on properties within certain Tantallon subdivisions. The subdivisions within Tantallon under the covenants consisted of Tantallon on the Potomac and Tantallon Hills. Covenants were planned for the Bonhill Drive area but were never recorded on these properties.

After the original developers of Tantallon lost a series of court decisions regarding their proposal to build high rise apartments on the Monterey Circle side of Swan Creek, they were forced to sell off parts of their original land holdings. The new owner-developer of the area known as Potomac Landing declined to covenant those properties.

Originally, a Control Committee formed by the developers of Tantallon and the Tantallon Country Club enforced the covenants. As of the year 2004, there are approximately 1000 properties in the whole of Tantallon that are under the covenants. These are the properties whose owners are eligible to be full members of the Tantallon Citizens Association. The areas of Tantallon North, Tantallon South and Tantallon Square were not developed with Tantallon Land Covenants, nor were the developments along Old Fort Road, Canoe Court and Halyard Place. However, the Tantallon Land Covenants were added to all lots along the "new" Monterey Circle and Glasgow Court before they were developed.

In May, 1969 the TCA leadership decided to become more active, prepared a Constitution and By-Laws and established functional committees to present a stronger voice in the community.

In 1970 the Corporation then developing Tantallon and the Tantallon Country Club began the process of divesting themselves of enforcement of the covenants and handing over such enforcement to the TCA. This process was completed in 1972. The function of enforcing the covenants is vested in the Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) of the TCA. Later, an owner of the Tantallon Marina and lots in Tantallon gave title to a parcel of land at the intersection of Fort Washington Road and Swan Creek Road to the TCA. That action made the TCA an owner of land in Tantallon subject to the covenants. This, along with incorporation in, allows the TCA to stand up before the Courts as a land owner and permits it, rather than its officers, to take legal action for enforcement of the covenants and other activities.

## Chronology of Tantallon Citizens Association Events

1. May, 1969

Association Reactivated.

Many residents recall the Association was formed during the winter of 1965-1966 and that its original objectives were oriented toward assuring community interests in the development of the Club and community. These objectives were largely satisfied by the election of a Board of Governors for the Club in Spring 1967. After that, the Association lapsed into a period of inactivity. This continued until the recent move for reactivation.

A general meeting was held February 26, 1969 and the following officers were elected for the current year.

Woodrow W. Niskanen	President
Charles Wall	Vice President
Thomas L. Turner	Treasurer
Jack M. Bachkosky	Recording Secretary
Dorothy Maneri	Corresponding Secretary

Proposed School Construction. This following represents the County's plans for opening schools in the Tantallon area:

### Elementary Schools

Tantallon (Corner Tantallon Dr. and Ft. Washington Rd.) 1973

### Junior High School

Tantallon (east side of Ft. Washington Rd. at Swan Creek Road). 1973

### Senior High School

Tantallon ( south side Swan Creek Rd. at Ft. Washington Rd.). 1974

As of year 2004, only the elementary school had been built and was named Potomac Landing School.

A preliminary list of Committees, Objectives and Activities was presented. These included Public Services (A closer fire station), Dog Control, Planning and Zoning, Taxes, Covenants, Youth Activities, Beautification, Cultural, Membership, Constitution and Bylaws, and Legal Advice.

At this point, we have been unable to gather documentary information on the activities of the TCA from this point until 1980. This is probably because much of the President's files were destroyed in 1998 by a basement flooding at his home. Thanks to Mrs. Irene Robb we have TCA Newsletters starting in September, 1980. Also, we had access to Mrs. Ada Manion's maintenance of TCA Newsletters since 1982. We will continue from September, 1980.

#### 1980-1981 Tantallon Citizens Association Officers:

President	Irene Robb
Vice President	Allen Ritter
Recording Secretary	Eva Hollingsworth
Corresponding Secretary	Helen Aviles
Treasurer	Betty Green

Directors	Virginia Foley
	Dorothy Maneri
	Peter Mitchell
	Walter Odem
	Bob Scheerschmidt

#### Committee Chairmen

Program	Bob Scheerschmidt
Bylaws	Walter Odem
Zoning	Peter Mitchell
Beautification	Veronica Albert
Aircraft Noise	Dorothy Maneri

In June 1980 Dorothy Maneri was appointed by the County Executive as a member of the P.G. County Committee on National Airport. The function of this committee is an effort to reduce aircraft noise that affects Tantallon residents and other residents of southern P.G. County. A limit on the number of passengers using National Airport was set at 18,000,000 per year until 1983.

Members of the Tantallon Control Committee and the TCA Executive Board have been investigating the proper protection of the name Tantallon. One of the early owners of the Club, C.M.I. was found to be the legal owners of the trademark name TANTALLON. CMI officials, now located in Florida, agreed to meet with TCA officers in August, 1980, to discuss the name protection issue. Later, after meeting with TVCA officers, CMI agreed to retain ownership of the trademark name Tantallon but allow the TCA to monitor and control the use of the name and to recommend action by CMI in case of abuse of the name.

Chairman Allen Ritter of the Control Committee listed the functions of the TCC and their philosophy of operation in enforcing the Covenants.

The Control Committee met with P.G. County Licensing and Permits Agency to discuss plans for our enforcement of the Tantallon Land Covenants through County rules, regulations and procedures.

Construction of the MEMCO Shopping Center on Swan Creek Road began in mid October.

Looking back to the early 60s when the development of Tantallon began, Section TWO housed the very first residents The "old timers award" goes to Ed and Joanna Slattery who arrived on Autumnwood Lane in 1963 before Santa on a snowy Christmas Eve.

Henry DiLorenzo gave a presentation in January 1981 on the Establishment of Oxon Hill Manor. In 1976, the Maryland-National Parks and Planning Commission purchased the Manor and 75 acres of land. The manor was built in 1928 as the home of Sumner Welles, who became President Franklin Roosevelt's Under Secretary of State. The Parks Commission is working with the Oxon Hill Manor Foundation to restore this historic site.

In February 1981 Dick Benson was selected as the new Chairman of the TCC. He will be aided by Donald Hollingsworth, Frank Athanson, Ada Manion and past Chairman, Allan Ritter. The TCC recently expanded its membership to ten members. The additional members are John Bollinger, Maureen Nemeck, Rose Dale, Veronica Albert, Joan Pawlowski, Leonard Daniels and David Parsons.

The Newsletter visited Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr. and Mrs. Audrey Cushman. They were one of Tantallon's first residents until he was called away for duty as a senior officer in various capacities. Most import was his final duty as Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. They finally retired to their new home on Firth of Tae Dr. in 1975. They are avid sports fans and never miss a Redskins or Naval Academy game at Annapolis.

The March, 1981, Newsletter listed five proposed changes to the TCA Constitution. Members are asked to vote and mail the completed ballots to the TCA postal address. Or, one may bring the completed ballots to the TCA April, 1981 meeting.

Hospitality Committee has been formed chaired by Ashby Brush. It was announced that if anyone knew of anyone moving into Tantallon in the last six month who might benefit from a visit by a member of the hospitality committee please contact Ms Brush.

P.G County Police Detectives Crevling and Shapiro briefed the TCA on the recent increase in burglaries in Tantallon. They asked the residents to be specially observant of suspicious persons or cars in the community and call the police. If one sees an actual breaking and entering, immediately call 911 and report it.

The Tantallon Control Committee wishes to remind residents of some items of special interest related to covenant enforcement. These include BOATS which must be kept inside garages and not parked outside. FENCES must be approved by the TCC. In general fences should be lower rather than higher. Open design rather than closed. Wood construction over any other. Tree and shrub borders preferred over fences. And, on-street parking should be minimized. Use of garages and driveways will improve the general appearance of Tantallon.

**1981-1982 Tantallon Citizens Association Officers:**

President

Alan Ritter

Vice President	Betty Green
Treasurer	Pete Mitchell
Recording Secretary	Martin Connolly
Corresponding Secretary	Joelyn Thur

Directors	Virginia Foley
	Dorothy Maneri
	Walter Odom
	William Chute
	Charles Dale

#### TCA Committees

Program	Virginia Foley
Beautification	Veronica Albert
Membership	Pete Mitchell
Newsletter	Irene Robb
Welcoming	Ashby Brush
Golf Club Liaison	Dorothy Maneri
Audit	Walter Odom
Zoning	Charles Dale
Covenants Control	Dr. Richard Benson

Members attending the September 1981 TCA meeting heard a speaker from the Transportation Planning Commission describe transportation plans for this area including the possible extension of Metro to Indian Head Highway corridor.

Dues for TCA members has been raised to \$10 per year per family.

The Cable Television Commission has recommended a company to install cable television wiring in South P.G. County. The franchises will be awarded November 17, 1981 and installation will be completed in three years.

It is reported that burglars are busy in Tantallon again. Entry has been made in home with leaded glass front doors. The P.G. County police say such doors should have double cylinder locks on them.

The TCC asks again for help in keeping Tantallon attractive. Bring your trash cans in as soon as you can. Remember that fixed clotheslines are allowed without TCC approval. . Finally, boats are not allowed to be kept in driveways or yards. They must be contained in your garage.

The new Fort Washington Community Hospital, now under construction next to the shopping center on Livingston Rd. invites the community to attend a briefing on the status of the hospital being constructed and to form a community advisory board.

The "Tantallon Follies" was the 1982 showcase of Tantallon's talented residents under the capable direction of Charla Rowe.

Interesting bit of history of the Tantallon community. The architect of the golf course was Scot. Fresh from a visit to his homeland he had seen the Club and golf course near North Berwick. The ruins of Castle Tantallon are in North Berwick Burgh. He envisioned an equally challenging course on the gently sloping hills bordering the Potomac River. As this dream materialized a liaison was established between the local club and the North Berwick Club. The American Club was granted permission to use the Scottish Clubs coat-of-arms.

A regional waterfront community is proposed for Smoot Bay just south of the point where the Beltway crosses the Potomac River.

### **Tantallon History Quiz**

1. Name four members of the Committee organizing Tantallon Country Club.
2. Who designed the Tantallon Golf Course?
3. Who was the nationally known architect described as "Tantallon's Architect"?
4. What were the original green fees for guests?
5. The Woodrow Wilson Bridge. What was its previous name?
6. Who was the new golf professional in 1963?
7. When was the TCA organized?
8. Who were the incorporators of the TCA?
9. Lt. Gen. Wm D. Eckert, a Tantallon resident, was Commissioner of Baseball. What was his nickname? Whom did he succeed as Base Ball Commissioner?
10. Who were the first officers of the TCA?
11. Where did Tantallon get its name?
12. Who were the original developers of Tantallon?

### **The Answers**

1. Dave Slattery, Fred Wineland, James B. Gillespie and Paul Theis.
2. James R. Thompson.
3. Chloethiel W. Smith.
4. \$2 week days and \$4 on weekends.
5. The Jones Point Bridge.
6. Don Young.
7. October 1965.
8. Messrs. De Blaises, Denton and Gen. Eckert.
9. Nickname was "Spike". He succeeded Ford Frick.
10. President-Sam De Blaisis  
Vice Present- Jim Smith.  
Corr. Secretary- Ron Fickler.  
Rec. Secretary- Don Evans.  
Treasurer- Seymore Farber.
11. Tantallon was named from Scotland's fabled Castle Tantallon which is near the Royal Bough of North Berwick. It was the seat of the Clan Douglas.
12. Ralph Triska, Ed Cook and Jim Thompson.

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**1982-1983 Tantallon Citizens Association Officers:**

President	Alan Ritter
Vice President	Virginia Foley
Treasurer	Barbara Stevens
Recording Secretary	Pam Ghattas
Corresponding Secretary	Ernest Balassa

Directors	Walter Odom
	Dick Krueger
	Leo Gauthier
	Betty Green
	Veronica Albert

Major Committee Chairpersons

Beautification	Veronica Albert
Covenant Control Committee	Dick Benson
	Ada Manion
Newsletter Editor	Irene Robb

Notes for 1982-83:

Dues \$10 per year. TCA organized opposition to town house development near the intersection of Old Fort Road and Fort Washington Road. A proposal on the November ballot called "Trim Plus Four" was discussed. The first of proposals to develop 480 acres on Smoot Bay near the Wilson Bridge named "Bay of the Americas" was presented. The TCA Zoning Committee studied the proposal and approved it in concept but with many reservations.

Aircraft noise from airplanes landing and taking off from National Airport was a subject of hot discussion. Complaints should be directed to a list of political office holders that was printed in the Newsletter. As usual, keeping boats parked in violation of the Covenants is a problem.

**Tatanllon Citizens Association Officers and Events 1983-1984**

President	Virginia Foley
Vice President	Frank Pimentel
Treasurer	Barbara Stevens
Recording Secretary	Veronica Albert

Corresponding Secretary Pam Ritter

**Board of Directors**

Walter Odom  
Dick Krueger  
Pat Hansen  
Marilyn DeYampert  
Frank Athanson

**Major Committees**

Covenants Control	Dick Benson and Ada Manion
Beautification	Frank Pimentel
Newsletter	Irene Robb
Mosquito Control	Barbara Stevens
Zoning Matters	Dick Krueger

Dues are still ten dollars per family per year. The Broad Creek Historic District, an area around St. John's Church and the nearby historic mansions, was proposed by the P.G. County Historical Preservation Commission. Another hot issue was a proposal by the Flaim Brothers to build "Villas" in the tract north of the intersection of West Tantallon Drive and Monterey Circle.

The Harmony Hall elementary school has closed and the County Council has appropriated funds to convert the building into a community center.

In an April meeting of the TCA membership, the members voted to oppose the proposal of the Flaim Brothers to change the zoning in the tract across from Monterey Circle to permit the building and "villas." The villas were to be a type of town house construction.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Events for 1984-1985**

President	Virginia Foley
Vice President	Frank Pimentel
Treasurer	Don Miller
Recording Secretary	Veronica Albert
Corresponding Secretary	Pam Ritter

**Directors:**



Walter Odom  
Dick Krueger  
Al Derecki  
Irene Robb  
Frank Athanson

**Some Major Committees:**

Beautification	Veronica Albert
Covenants Control	Dick Benson
	Ada Manion
Membership Drive	Frank Pimentel
Newsletter	Irene Robb
Zoning Matters	Dick Krueger

Issues existing at the beginning of this fiscal year include low membership numbers resulting in low income. Dues are still only \$10 per year plus beautification contributions. The Flaim Brothers zoning change request was argued before the county Planning Commission. Some changes were made including placing the covenants on any single family house built. Town house proposals remain. The TCA is opposed to this type of construction. Aircraft noise is still an issue. The proposed Neighborhood Watch effort was underway. Dick Benson resigned as the Control Committee Chairman in November.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary 1985-1986**

President	Irene Robb
Vice President	Al Derecki
Recording Secretary	Betty Bauman
Treasurer	Don Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Kitty Cas

**Directors**

Frank Athanason  
Jack Hansen  
Dick Krueger  
Virginia Foley

**Major Committee Chairs**

Beautification	Veronica Albert
Covenants	Ada Manion
Membership	Frank Athanason
Zoning Matters	Dick Krueger

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Summary of events in the 1985-1986 Fiscal Year:

The Fort Washington Marina was transferred from the jurisdiction of the National Park Service to the State of Maryland. The State plans many improvements for the facility. The proposed development of the PortAmerica site was presented to the TCA in October. It would include a marina, hotel, retail and office space and 50 story World Trade Center. Roads: The State proposes to improve traffic flow on Indian Head Highway (210) and to extend highway 228 to connect with Indian Head Hwy. in Accokeek.

One of Tantallon's first and most distinguished residents, GEN Robert E. Cushman USMC, passed away suddenly January 2, 1986. He was the Commandant of the Marine Corps 1972-1975. He is sorely missed by those in the community who knew him.

An important case was argued before the Maryland Court of Appeals in April. The case involved whether Community Associations can enforce the legal covenants on behalf of their members. After 60 days, the Court reversed the ruling of the circuit court and ruled the TCA can enforce covenants on behalf of the membership. This ruling was of great importance to the TCA. It also meant the Flaim Brothers proposal to build town houses in the Monterey Circle extended area moot.

#### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1986-1987:**

President	Irene Robb
Vice President	Robert J. Hanson
Recording Secretary	Jean Rositol
Corresponding Secretary	Joseph Hager

#### **Directors:**

Virginia Foley  
Owen M. Griffin  
Dick Krueger  
Lin Marcellous

#### **Major Committee Chairs**

**Information not available.**

#### **Summary of Events for 1986-1887**

Dues are still only \$10 per year plus voluntary contributions for beautification. Flaim Brothers, having failed to get Tantallon Section 11 (Monterey Circle extended) zoned for town houses, sold their interest

in Section 11 and Section 12 (by the Fort Washington Park gate) to Swan Creek Enterprises. In February 1987 Swan Creek Enterprises briefed the TCA at a meeting in February on their development plans. The development will be in the form of building lots for sale. Houses built will be approved by the TCC and be under the covenants. Highway 210 (Indian Head Highway) will undergo an extensive upgrade study including grade separation exchange design for each intersection. No dates for completion were given.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1987-1988**

President	Jack Bachkowsky
Vice President	Thomas Taylor
Recording Secretary	Jean Rositol
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Hall
Treasurer	Gerald Witt

### **Directors**

Dick Krueger  
Owen Griffin  
Betty Green  
Dorothy Maneri  
Irene Robb

Newsletter Editor	Irene Robb
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### **Summary of Events for 1987-1988**

Dues were increased to \$25.00 per year. The Harmony Hall Regional Center has opened and was highlighted at the September meeting. Dick Krueger was appointed Chairman of the TCA Control Committee. The Greater Southeast Healthcare System proposed to build a community hospital at the Fort Washington Ambulatory Facility on Livingston Road. They would create a local community hospital by shifting an allotment of 33 beds from the Oakwood facility in Clinton that is presently underused. The Retired Air Force Officers Association proposed building a continuing care facility on River View Road. This 88 acre facility runs from River View Road down to the water edge on the Potomac. The facility would be operated by Marriott Corp. Boats parked in Tantallon in violation of the covenants continue to be a problem. The Board voted to retain a lawyer to assist in enforcement of this provision of the covenants.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1988-1990 Officers:**

President	Pat Kaufman
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Vice President	Mike Pulscak
Recording Secretary	Jean Rositol
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Taylor
Treasurer	Frank Erwetowski

**Directors:**

James Cloney  
Charles Gittens  
Richard Krueger  
Dorothy Maneri  
Irene Robb (Also Newsletter Editor)

**Event Summary for 1988-1990:**

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the President invited members to comment on pending issues including the elections in November, the extension of Route 228 to Route 210, The Marriott proposal to build a life care campus off Riverview Road and status and plans for the Tantallon Marina were discussed. Ground breaking took place in October for the expansion of the Ft. Washington Community Hospital to include 33 beds. The expansion of the hospital was completed and opened for patients February 26, 1991. In December, the Senior Tour Players, Inc., purchased the Tantallon Country Club effective April 1989. They plan to convert the Club to an equity member owned facility. The new owners sponsored a Sam Snead "Legends of Golf" Tournament on May 1st.

Port America developer, Jim Lewis, presented plans for the huge development to a record 175 members in March 1990. The TCA filled a suit in Circuit Court for an injunction against a homeowner who was storing a boat in his driveway. An automobile knocked down the brick wall behind the entrance planter at the southwest corner of Swan Creek Road and Ft. Washington Road. Later, the wall was rebuilt using payment of damages by the automobile owner's insurance company. A brass "Tantallon" sign and lighting were added.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1990-1991**

**Officers:**

President	Pam Oetgen
Vice President	Joan Taylor
Recording Secretary	Peggy Jones

Corresponding Secretary      Terry Berkovsky

Treasurer                      Jean Rositol

**Directors:**

James Cloney  
Carolyn Jackson  
J. David Wylie  
Dorothy Maneri  
Irene Robb (Also Newsletter Editor)

**Event Summary for 1990-1991:**

The John Addison Concert Hall at Harmony Hall Regional Center celebrated its first anniversary. The second year will be celebrated by first-class program of music performances, stage plays, children's programs and art exhibits. In mid 1990, Judge Femia made a judgment in favor of the TCA to enforce the covenant against storage of a boat in a residential driveway. Further suits are being prepared to enforce the covenant against storage of boats and trailers from external storage with our community. President Pam Oetgen invited all families receiving the Newsletter make a commitment to join the Neighborhood Watch. The developer of the new properties along Monterey Circle and adjacent streets recorded the covenants onto the property deeds in the development. Enforcement of these covenants was done by an entity named "Swan Creek Control Committee." In May 1990 the covenant enforcement was transferred to the TCA. County Executive Parris Glendening addressed the April 1991, meeting of the TCA. He discussed a possible property tax increase, transportation problems and the proposed Port America Development. A workshop was held in April 1991 to present the several alternatives to the proposed Wilson Bridge Corridor. The least expensive option was to construct two parallel bridges alongside the present bridge. Ed note: This option was chosen and is well under construction at this time in 2005.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1991-1992**

**Officers:**

President                      Pam Oetgen

Vice President              Rosemary Weller

Recording Secretary      Peggy Jones

Corresponding Secretary   Terry Berkovsky

Treasurer                      Ed Carlstead

**Directors:**

James Cloney  
Carolyn Jackson  
J. David Wylie  
Dorothy Maneri  
Irene Robb (Also Newsletter Editor)

### **Event Summary for 1991-1992:**

The application of the small Masonic Lodge on Livingston Road across from Harmony Hall Regional Center was approved by the Planning board to allow up to 72 commercial events per year. This property is located in the Broad Creek Historic District is zoned residential. The BCHD is appealing the decision to the Circuit Court. The BCHD appeal was heard in January 1992 by Judge Johnson who remanded the decision to the County Council for further consideration. In essence, the Lodge has not been allowed to change the special exemption they had.

Congressman Tom McMillen was featured speaker at the October 1991 TCA general meeting. He discussed effort to relieve traffic conditions in the Wilson Bridge vicinity.

In January 1992, St. John's Church on Livingston Road celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of its founding. The first three churches burned or were torn down in the early 1700s. The present church was built in 1765-1766. It has been modified from time to time, but still maintains its original design.

On April 7, 1992, the Fort Washington Medical Center opened its Emergency Room. The new bridge over Swan Creek on Swan Creek Road has been under construction since 1991. Completion has been delayed by problems with wet land permits but it is hoped it will finally be opened to traffic this summer.

President Pam Oetgen reported that the lot owned by the TCA at the corner of Swan Creek and Ft. Washington Road had been reassessed by the State as having a value of \$95,800. The lot, which permits the TCA to stand before the courts as a land owner, is a small lot that is mostly unbuildable as it also contains the brick entrance planter. The remainder of the lot is less than half the size of a smaller lot in Tantallon. President Oetgen and Pat Kaufmann filed a protest and requested a designation other than a building lot. Later, the Department approved this and the new designation reduced the value of the property to near zero. This saves the TCA from paying taxes on the property that had been increasing steadily every year.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1992-1993**

#### **Officers:**

President	Frank Bausch
Vice President	Rosemary Weller
Recording Secretary	Jane Antonovich

Corresponding Secretary      Terry Berkovsky

Treasurer                      Ed Carlstead

**Directors:**

James Cloney  
Carolyn Jackson  
Jean Taylor  
Dorothy Maneri  
Irene Robb (Also Newsletter Editor)

**Event Summary for 1992-1993:**

President Bausch and Dorothy Maneri met with County Executive Parris Glendening to discuss accelerating the construction of the bridge over Swan Creek on Swan Creek Road. Improving traffic control at Livingston Square, Fort Washington Road and Indian Head Highway were also discussed.

The Tanta-Cove Garden Club has published the second edition of their history book about this area titled "Along the Potomac Shore in Prince George's County."

In October, President Frank Bausch and Recording Secretary Jane Antonovich resigned from their offices. Vice President Rosemary Weller will Act until new officers are elected. Frank Bausch will continue his activities as Membership Chairman.

A new Telephone Directory is in progress and will be distributed to TCA members free of charge with the February Newsletter. It will contain listings of all 900 residents under the Tantallon covenants.

County Executive Parris Glendening addressed the December meeting of the TCA presenting a detailed explanation of County budget problems and took many questions from the audience.

The following TCA Officers were elected at the December meeting. President Rosemary Weller, Vice President Peggy Jones, Recording Secretary Terry Berkovsky and Corresponding Secretary Jane Williams.

Late last year, the County declared the eleven acre site across Fort Washington Road and Glasgow Way to be surplus and put it up for sale at auction. First Capital Real Estate, Camp Springs, was the successful bidder. The Control Committee undertook discussions with the developer to place the Tantallon Covenants on the subdivided lots prior to their sale. The developer agreed. The committee worked with the developer for the design of the houses and lay out of the community.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1993-1994**

**Officers:**

President	Rosemary Weller
Vice President	Terry Berkovsky
Recording Secretary	Kathie Thompson
Corresponding Secretary	Harold Caison
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

**Directors:**

Travis Gafford  
Dorothy Maneri  
Joan Taylor  
Lou Tippet  
Irene Robb (Also Newsletter Editor)

**Event Summary for 1993-1994:**

The former ABC Drive In Theater on Indian Head Highway was the subject of considerable controversy. The property is covenanted to allow theater, restaurants and an office building. Converting to a shopping center is proscribed. In 1987 the County purchased the property and traded it to developer Robert Douglas, Jr., for a property in the divided section of U.S. 301 near Bowie, MD. The developer pressured two civic associations adjacent to the property to amend the covenants to permit a shopping center. He then sued the associations burdening them with legal costs. The associations appealed to County Executive Glendening to find an acceptable way out of the impasse since he was the one who initiated the land swap. Ed note: As of the year 2005 the property is yet to be developed. One problem, direct access to the property from Indian Head Highway, is not permitted by the State.

An entrepreneur, Sy Smith, Jr., proposes to establish a night club in the former Safeway store in the Forest Plaza Shopping Center. This proposal is being opposed by adjacent civic associations as it would likely introduce loud and boisterous behavior in a small shopping center in a residential area. The application was turned down by the Liquor Board. An appeal to the Circuit Court reversed the Board ruling and returned the case to the Board for granting of the license with a number of restrictions. Ed Note: The club never materialized.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1994-1995**

**Officers:**

President:	Judy Meade
Vice President:	Steve Pyles



Treasurer: Ed Carlstead  
Recording Secretary: Rosslyn Murphy  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lou Bach

### **Directors**

Travis Gafford  
Dorothy Maneri  
Joan Taylor  
Lou Tippet  
Kathie Thompson

### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Rosemary Weller
Newsletter Editor	Diedre Miller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney
Membership	Frank Bausch
Beautification	Don LeCrone

### **Event Summary for 1994-1995**

The September meeting of the TCA featured a presentation of plans for the proposed replacement of the Wilson Bridge over the Potomac River just south of Alexandria, VA. The budget for 1994-1995 was presented and approved. Within the budget was support for a major beautification effort for the community headed by Don LeCrone. The TCA effort is aided by financial support by the County Government. Major features are landscaping of three of the four street islands within the community and a major landscaping along Fort Washington Road.

Leading up to the November, 1994 election a number of candidates for State and local offices presented their views on a number of concerns and what they propose to do about the, They also took questions from the floor. Activist Helen O'Leary, President of the Indian Head Highway Area Council, asked a number of candidates "Would you support legislation granting County residents to referendum master plan and zoning changes that affect local residents"? Such legislation was introduced in the Maryland General Assembly last year but failed to pass.

The TCA paid Denison's Nursery 90% of the bill for the Fort Washington Road planting project. Partial reimbursement is expected from the County.

The so called "School Site" area just off Fort Washington Road is being cleared for the construction of sixteen two story homes. These homes will also be under the Tantallon Land Covenants that are in affect for the rest of our community.

Louise Brotzman, wife of former Congressman Don Brotzman, passed away January 18, 1995 and a long battle with emphysema. She had lived in the community many years was an avid golfer and bridge player at the PortAmerica Country Club. She also was active in many community based charity organizations.

The County has proposed construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of Swan Creek Road and Fort Washington Road . A single lane roundabout is proposed in place of traffic lights. This is brought about by the construction of the missing segment of Swan Creek Road just east of Fort Washington Road. A County engineer discussed details of this proposal at the April, 1995, TCA meeting.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1995-1996**

#### **Officers:**

President	Mary Downs
Vice President	Steve Pyles
Recording Secretary	Mary Lou Bach
Corresponding Secretary	Roslyn Murphy
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

#### **Directors:**

Travis Gafford  
Dorothy Maneri  
Donna Lee  
Lou Tippet  
Rosemary Weller

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney

#### **Event Summary for 1995-1996:**

The low maintenance planting of shrubs and evergreen trees along the fences on Fort Washington Road was completed last Spring under the supervision of Don LeCrone. The results are very good and we hope to keep it looking good.

The Port America Country Club (formerly the Tantallon Country Club) was sold

Because of the sale of the Club, it is not available for TCA meetings. Beginning with the November meeting, the TCA will meet at the Harmony Hall Regional Center on Livingston Road.

A heavy snow fell January 7-8 totaling 15 inches. This was followed by 6 more inches three days later. Many residents congratulated the County Public Works on a good job of snow removal during this time. Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and long time resident of Tantallon, Fred McIntyre, passed away in early 1996.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1996-1997**

#### **Officers:**

President	Mary Downs
Vice President	Mary Lou Bach
Recording Secretary	Betsy Smith
Corresponding Secretary	John Dullahan
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

#### **Directors:**

Walter Odom  
Dorothy Maneri  
Judy Meade  
Lou Tippet  
Rosemary Weller

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney
Beautification	Charles Walton

#### **Event Summary for 1996-1997:**

After discussions with the Country Club concerning partial payment for repairs to the St. Andrews Drive entrance wall and about using Club space for TCA meetings, payment was finally made and the TCA will continue to meet at Harmony Hall. Marcy Canavan will be our first speaker of the year. She is

giving up her School Board seat.

It was with sadness that the Exxon Station at the corner of Fort Washington Road and Indian Head Highway closed. Tantallonites will miss the outstanding repair service supervised by Dick Ruane. The Exxon Company plans to raze the station and build a larger station with a food mart.

Owner of three illegally parked boats finally moved them after court action was initiated.

It was announced that the Peterson Companies have changed the PortAmerica name for the huge development to "National Harbor." Representatives of the Peterson Group spoke of their development plans at the TCA May meeting.

In March, 1997, TCA meetings resumed at the Club with a TCA sponsored wine and cheese party attended by more than 50 members.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1997-1998**

#### **Officers:**

President	Charles Walton
Vice President	John Syzmanski
Recording Secretary	Jeanette Vaughan
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

#### **Directors:**

Walter Odom  
Dorothy Maneri  
Judy Meade  
Lou Tippet  
Rosemary Weller

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney
Beautification	Frank and Mary King
Directory	Mary Downs

### **Event Summary for 1997-1998:**

The first meeting of the fiscal year in September featured the Fort Washington Post Office Postmaster, Jacob Thompson who described the plans to expand the post office in Livingston Road and the use of space in a nearby shopping center for a temporary facility. Also, the administrator of the Fort Washington Hospital described the services available at the hospital and mentioned the desire to expand the facility in the future. The hospital has 37 beds at present and would like to have 20 more.

The Maryland Department of Transportation is asking for citizen input into ways to alleviate traffic congestion on Indian Head Highway, MD 210.

On January 8, 1998, the National Capital Planning Commission voted to remove several mandates placed on the water front when the project, now National Harbor, was named Port America. Speakers representing several civic associations spoke about fears of affecting the Potomac River and the need for citizen participation in the planning process.

In the early 1980s the TCA and the Tantacove Garden Club along with residents of the Broad Creek Historic Area sought recognition of the Broad Creek Historic District under the County's Historical Preservation Act. In 1985 the County Council and the County Executive approved the designation of the hortic area. For the TCA, Dick Krueger and Irene Robb were major contributors to effort to establish the historic district.

There is a new mail box located in the Olde Fort Shopping Center in front of Blockbuster. Papa John's Pizza has opened a store in the Tantallon Shopping Center. Jim Cayce presented a proposal at the February meeting to set aside the first Saturday of each month for interested citizens to meet at 9:A.M. to pick up trash along Fort Washington Road between Swan Creek Road and the south entrance of West Tantallon Drive. The proposal was accepted.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1998-1999**

#### **Officers:**

President	Charles Walton
Vice President	Bonnie Gill
Recording Secretary	Jeanette Vaughn
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

#### **Directors:**

Mary Downs  
Dorothy Maneri

Judy Meade  
Donna Stevenson  
Walter Odom

**Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney
Beautification	Jim Cayce
Directory	Mary Downs
Welcoming	Roslyn Hoover
Membership	Anita Rivera

**Event Summary for 1998-1999:**

A special zoning exception was requested by the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Fort Washington Road to build a multi housing complex behind the church for the elderly. The consensus of the membership was to oppose the project.

Treasurer Ed Carlstead made an appeal for more beautification contributions noting the annual amount of giving has decreased in recent years while our expenses maintaining the entrances and the 1.1 miles of roadside along Fort Washington Road have increased considerably.

Four Realtors, Valerie Green of ReMax, Virginia Foley of Coldwell-Banker, Jerry Mathas of Mathas Realty and Kathy McCarrigan of Long and Foster Discussed "Trends in Southern Prince George's County" with emphasis on property values at the April, 1999 meeting.

Work on the new Tantallon Directory took a "leap forward" when 25 Newsletter distributors went door to door of homes on their routes to verify names, address and phone numbers planned for publication in the new Directory.

Also at the April general meeting, the membership approved the amount of \$6000 to repair the brick entrance wall at the intersection of Swan Creek and Fort Washington Road including lighting of the wall and placing a new bronze "Tantallon" sign thereon. \$5000 of these moneys came from the insurance settlement for damage to wall by an automobile.

The TCA noted that a "conceptual plan" was in the offing to build a new Wal-Mart on the Kaydot property between Indian Head Highway and Fort Washington Road fronting on Old Fort Road. A number of problems with this plan were noted including intrusion into the Broad Creek Historic District and traffic handling problems.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 1999-2000**

**Officers:**

President	Charles Walton
Vice President	Jeff Meshinsky
Recording Secretary	Judy Adams
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Ed Carlstead

**Directors:**

Mary Downs  
Rosemary Weller  
Judy Meade  
Donna Stevenson  
Walter Odom

**Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Jim Cloney
Beautification	Jim Cayce
Directory	Mary Downs
Welcoming	Roslyn Hoover
Membership	Anita Rivera

**Event Summary for 1999-2000:**

In Spring, 2000, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission started a project to line water mains with a corrosion resistance substance. Streets affected were Arrow Park Dr., Holly Bank Dr., Candle Light Cir., Harbour Cir. and Braeburn Dr. Water main installed before 1965 were cast iron. These pipes have suffered corrosion inside. The treatment should prevent further corrosion. Water service was provided by a temporary surface system of water mains with hose connection to each residence along the way.

The National Harbor Project announced that a hotel firm in Nashville, TN, plans to build a five hundred million dollar hotel and convention center in the proposed project. Ed. note: Construction of the convention center/hotel began in late 2004.

**Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2000-2001**

**Officers:**

President	Jim Cayce
Vice President	Richard Murphy
Recording Secretary	Judy Adams
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Richard Pica

**Directors:**

Mary Downs  
Ed Carlstead  
Judy Meade  
Valerie Green  
Walter Odom

**Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Bonnie Gill
Beautification	Jim Cayce
Directory	Mary Downs
Welcoming	Ernest Adams

**Event Summary for 2000-2001:**

This summer has seen an increase in car thefts, car jackings, vandalism in the community especially in the Asbury Drive/Rhame Drive area. Also purse snatchings have occurred in the vicinity of the Safeway Store in Old Fort Village Shopping Center. Two thieves were captured by the police.

Unleashed dogs running loose in community have caused problems. Mary Downs daughter's cat was killed by a couple of loose dogs.

The U.S. Senate approved a Bill to spend \$1.5 million to refurbish the old fort and other improvements in the park.

Test loadings have been completed and initial construction of the Wilson Bridge Project will begin with dredging this summer.



The Town Hall meeting of TCA September 21, 2000 was held. During the forum, residents brought up many topics including speeding cars, home sale price and "flipping," litter and trash, water hazards, sea walls, dogs running loose, the Tantallon Yacht Club and feral cats.

The Olde Fort Shopping Center on Swan Creek Road East has been purchased by Safeway Corp. Safeway plans a new and larger store on the site of the old Hechingers building.

Board member Valerie Green authored an article about why Tantallon is the "Best Kept Secret" in Prince George's County. It was published in the March-April 2001 Newsletter and is an excellent presentation of reasons why Tantallon is such a great place to live.

The Asian tiger mosquito has established itself in the area. It differs from native mosquitoes as it is a day time biter. It can reproduce in as little a thimble full of water. Home owners are asked to help control the pest by eliminating as much as possible open containers of water, changing bird bath water frequently, etc.

In response to increased crime occurring around local shopping centers and businesses, a Town Hall meeting with the Prince George's County Police was held at the Harmony Hall Regional Center the evening of August 16, 2001.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2001-2002**

#### **Officers:**

President	Jim Cayce
Vice President	Richard Murphy
Recording Secretary	Judy Adams
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Richard Pica

#### **Directors:**

Mary Downs  
Ed Carlstead  
Judy Meade  
Valerie Green  
Walter Odom

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Membership	Carol A. White
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Bonnie Gill
Beautification	Jim Cayce
Welcoming	Ernest Adams

### **Event Summary for 2001-2002:**

The August 16, 2001 Town Hall meeting with County Officials at Harmony Hall was attended by an overflow crowd of 350. There were good questions and a lot of talk. Police announced the arrest of two multiple arrests of culprits responsible for recent carjackings and armed robberies. Safeway Stores offered the use a vacant store in the Olde Fort Shopping Center as a temporary "store front" for police.

A permit was issued to allow the destruction of the old Silesia school house on Fort Washington Road unless it can be moved to another site. The old building is in very poor condition.

The Tantallon area has been shifted from County District 9 to County District 8. The change is effective with the primary election in September, 2002.

The Tanta-Cove Garden club has been asked by the TCA to giving awards each month to a residence in the Tantallon area based on a garden club category that will change each month. The first property selected was the McGurthy home at 12539 Monterey Circle, Betty Wiley, Tanta-Cove Chairman announced.

April 2002 saw a destructive tornado hit the La Plata area in Charles county. Offices of two Tantallon Residents, Dr. Henry DiLorenzo and Tom Murphy were badly damaged. They plan to rebuild and return to La Plata.

The late Spring and Summer of 2002 saw the passing of three long time and well known Tantallonites, Mary Krueger, wife of Dick Krueger, Mike Licitra, husband of Mae Licitra and Jack Jensen, husband of Sandy Jensen.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2002-2003**

#### **Officers:**

President	Jim Cayce
Vice President	Judy Adams
Recording Secretary	Kim Bessler
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart

Treasurer                                 Richard Pica

**Directors:**

Mary Downs  
Ed Carlstead  
Judy Meade  
Michelle Holland  
Hugh Romney

**Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Judy Meade
Membership	Souzan Druy
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Bonnie Gill
Beautification	Jim Cayce
Welcoming	Ernest Adams

**Event Summary for 2002-2003:**

Construction of the new expanded Safeway grocery store in the Olde Forte Shopping Center is underway. The expanded facilities, which also include a pharmacy, dry cleaners and a Starbucks coffee shop, will be much appreciated by our residents. The new store opened for business March 26, 2003.

The Tantallon Tailgate affair was held in the Club parking lot on October 12, 2002. It was a very pleasant as well as successful event. The food and soft drinks were provided by Safeway. A good number of new members signed up for the TCA.

The Officers and Board of the TCA agreed to update the TCA Constitution and By-Laws and submit them to the general membership at the February, 2003 general meeting.

Lauren Abigail Holland was born December 4, 2002. The proud parents are Shannon and Mark Holland of Hollybank Drive. Michelle is a board member of the TCA.

The update of our Constitution and By-Laws was approved by the general membership at the March 20, 2003 meeting.

At the same meeting, a representative of the Fort Washington Hospital present plans for future expansion of the hospital. The expansion will include doubling the number of beds, expanding supporting facilities and a new Physicians Office Building.

A problem is occurring with the parking of commercial vehicles on the streets of Tantallon. County regulations prohibit such parking on streets or private property from 6:00 PM to 6 AM during weekdays

and from 6:00 AM Saturday to 6:00 AM the following Monday.

President James Cayce testified before to County Council at the Budget Hearing April 28, 2003. He urged provision of funds to construct the new District VII Police Station nearby. At present, the funds of the project are delayed until the 2007 Budget. Cayce said this was unacceptable and urged moving funding to the present year. Note: As of September, 2005 no construction had taken place.

Judy Meade, who heads of mosquito control effort, briefed the TCA on new mosquito problems caused by the recent invasion of the area by the Asian Tiger Mosquito that is a daytime biter. It can breed rapidly in as little as a bottle cap full of water. Coupled with the older night biters, approximately one third of such mosquitoes can carry the West Nile Virus. The tiger mosquito has a range of about 200 yards from the point of it's hatching. Residents should empty outside water containers every two to three days.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2003-2005**

#### **Officers:**

President	Judy Adams
Vice President	Mary Downs
Recording Secretary	Marian DiLorenzo
Corresponding Secretary	Emmy Stuart
Treasurer	Richard Pica

#### **Directors:**

Shannon Allen  
Ed Carlstead  
Michelle Holland  
Quincy Benbow  
Betty Ruthe

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Mary Downs
Membership	Betty Ruthe
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Bonnie Gill
Beautification	Charles Walton
Welcoming	Earnest Adams

### **Event Summary for 2003-2004:**

The second Tantallon Tailgate Party was held October 18, 2003 from 2-6 PM in the Tantallon Country Club parking lot. Food was provided by Safeway, cooked by the Smoke Shack, coffee provided by Sipps, flowers on the tables by Dennison, a Moon Bounce for the kiddies provided by Ron Beardon of Glasgow Way and raffle prizes emceed by Jacqui Allen from Smooth Jazz 105.9 FM. Weather was excellent and good time was had by all.

Hurricane Isobel paid an unwelcome visit to the area September 18-19, 2003. A number of trees were down and some fell on houses. Power was out from between 36 hours to five days in various areas of Tantallon. Most yards were filled with small branches and leaves from the high winds.

Two very long time Tantallonites passed away this Fall. Joseph Smialek and Barbara Denton. Both lived on Emerald Hill Circle and were original "settlers" in Tantallon. They will be missed.

Residents were also saddened by the sudden death of Terry Berkovsky of Tartan Lane in January, 2004. Terry was an avid golfer, cat lover and had served in a number of positions in the TCA.

### **Events for 2004-2005**

The community was also saddened by the passing of former resident, Donald Brotzman. He was one of the first residents of Tantallon. He was Congressman representing the Boulder CO area in the 1960's and remained living in Tantallon engaged in an active retirement playing golf and lobbying in Washington.

A great amount of interest and concern by local residents was shown by the County proposal to build a new High School on County owned property southeast of the intersection of Fort Washington Rd.. and Swan Creek Rd.. The position of TCA is that a new high school is needed in South County. However, the property above near Tantallon is only 30 acres of which only a portion of it is buildable. Further, there would be a considerable increase in traffic of busses and cars going to and from the new school daily.

The construction of the new Wilson Bridge is well underway. Michelle Holland, a member of the TCA Board, is deeply involved in publicity for the huge project. She has briefed the community a number of times on the progress of the new bridge and interchanges. The first of the two new bridges will open in early 2006 and the second bridge in 2008.

We note with sadness the passing of David Wylie of Monterey Circle. Dave was always busy with community affairs. Amongst his community services, he was once the TCA's business manager. He will be missed by all who knew him.

P.G. County Chief of Police, Melvin High, has divided the county into Community Service Areas for policing. . Tantallon is in the CSA #44 in District IV. Our "go to guy" is Lt. John Ritch. Residents are encouraged to contact him at District IV Headquarters with any concerns.

We are saddened by the passing of another pioneer resident of Tantallon, Dr. Fred. Shuman of Inverness Lane. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three children and many other relatives.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2005-2007**

#### **Officers:**

President	Judy Adams
Vice President	Michelle Holland
Recording Secretary	Anita Byrd
Corresponding Secretary	Rebecca Collier
Treasurer	Richard Pica

#### **Directors:**

Earnest Adams  
Mary Downs  
Major Lewis  
Rosemary Weller  
Betty Ruthe

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Mary Downs
Membership	Betty Ruthe
Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
Business Manager	Emma Stuart
Beautification	Charles Walton
Historian	Ed Carlstead

#### **Event Summary for 2005-2007:**

The very wonderful Cherry Hill Farm is doing very well selling a large number of varieties of fruits and vegetables as well as the famous bakery goods of fresh doughnuts, cakes, breads and ice cream. Sadly, the farm will close after this year and will be developed. Note: In 2006, the fruit stand is closed but the bakery is open six days a week.

On October 5, 2005, seventy members and former members of the Tanta-Cove Garden Club gathered to celebrate forty years of gardening, community service and friendship. All agreed that the party committee consisting of Judy Meade, Shirley Nicolai, Poss Tarpley, Kim Bessler and Carolyn LeCrone did a wonderful job.

TCA VP, Michelle Holland, discussed expected congestion and delays due to construction of the interchange of Highway 210 and the Beltway. Construction is part of the new Wilson Bridge Project.

Judy Meade wrote about the State of Maryland Highway Department proposal to convert 9.2 miles of Indian Head Highway (Rt. 210) to a freeway by constructing interchanges at present intersections from the Beltway to the southern crossing of Old Fort Road. One crossing at Wilson Bridge Drive would be eliminated and the median closed. The design concept for the project has been accepted by the Federal Highway Administration. As of August 2006, funding for the project has not yet been identified.

The PG County Board of Education announced that a planned new High School will not be constructed on the plot of land along Swan Creek Road. Rather, a new school will be built on the present Oxon Hill High School property. The present school there will be renovated.

The Membership/Activities Committee announced the launching of the "TANTALLON U(niversity)" Project that will sponsor a number of small informative events. One such event will be a walking tour of the Broad Creek Historic District lead by Dick Krueger. Major Lewis, Carter Farrington, Donna Lewis, Sheryl Dove and Michelle Holland are scheduled to lead events this year 2006.

We regret to announce the passage of three of our neighbors recently. They are Charles Maneri (formerly of Braemer Circle), Dr. Frank Trotto Jr., and Samuel Burton.

The new owners of the Tantallon Country Club have undertaken an extensive renovation of the Club House and Golf Course. These renovations are expected to be completed by Spring, 2006.

Long term resident and founder of the Kalas Funeral Home, George P. Kalas passed away March 20, 2006 in Fort Washington Hospital from the effects of prostate cancer. He was a much decorated veteran of WWII flying in B-24s over Europe.

The month of June, 2006 was one of the wettest months on record. The area received 11.77 inches of rain. During the night of June 25th and 26th, 5.35 inches of rain fell.

The TCA and a local property owner settled a long standing dispute over covenant violation wherein the owner converted the home's garage into living space. Further, he had not built new garage space in a timely manner. The Judge confirmed the validity of the Covenants and the TCA's authority to enforce them and awarded the TCA a more than \$1000 as a penalty.

Each time the Control Committee has been forced to seek court enforcement of the Covenants, the courts have ruled in favor the TCC request and required the violator to conform to the required compliance.

Bernice Triska, formerly of Shore Drive, died in Lafayette, IN, at age 90. She and her husband Ralph were among a group of businessmen and women who started the Tantallon Country Club in the 1960s.

Our vice president, Michelle Holland, is seen these days often on TV news and the Washington Post as the spokesperson for Wilson Bridge Project. The first of the six lane spans was opened to two way traffic this summer. The second span is due to be opened in 2008. The old Wilson Bridge is being torn

down to make way for the second span.

Congratulations to the intrepid crew that assembles the Newsletter every two months. After sorting, assembling, and packaging the publication, they are delivered to thirty stalwart distributors who deliver the Newsletter to each of 1050 homes in Tantallon.

Lillie Mae Hood of Gleneagles Dr., passed away August 10, 2006. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, James and their three children as well as their extended family and friends.

The late Summer landscape of the month was awarded to Caroline and Bob Jones of 248 Inverness Lane. The plantings, maintenance, and design are top notch and appreciated by all who view it.

Street lights are to be installed on South Old Fort Road (also called "Snake Road"). The work will be completed in early 2007.

Tantallon U has been set up by Carter Ferrington of Inverness Lane. Events like Italian Potluck and Sprucing up for Spring have been scheduled. More events are in the offing.

### **More events for Year 2007**

Fort Washington Hospital has major plans for expansion in 2007. The number of beds will be increased from 37 to 51. Emergency Room bays will be increased and the surgery and cafeteria expended.

The Department of Agriculture has reported an invasion of a pest, the emerald ash borer, which feeds on ash trees. It is active in the Clinton and Brandywine areas. Residents are asked to not plant ash trees, obtain firewood from infected areas and report any infestation found here.

Prince George's County parking regulations are being enforced by the Police Department. These include:

No vehicle can be parked at the curb in a residential neighborhood for more than 72 hours without having been moved at least once.

No vehicle can be parked in an unpaved area such as lawn or bare area.

No inoperable vehicle parked outside. One such vehicle may be stored in a garage.

No commercial vehicle can be parked overnight at the curb or driveway in a residential area.

No commercial vehicle can be parked in a residential area on Saturdays and Sundays.



Fences make good neighbors. The fences along Fort Washington Road belong to the property owners, not the community or County. The TCC has surveyed the condition of these fences and written letters to certain owners that the Covenants require that these owners to maintain these fences in good order.

Problems with the Broad Creek Sewage Pumping Plant near Harmony Hall has been experiencing problems with raw sewerage overflow into the Potomac whenever there are heavy rains that exceed the plants pumping capacity. The WSSC is seeking to add emergency pumping capacity expected to be installed by 2008. At this time no similar problems have been experienced at the Swan Creek Pumping Station on West Tantallon Dr.

John and Ruth Melcher, long residents on Arrow Park Drive while John served in Congress as a Representative and Senator from Montana, report they are enjoying being back in Montana living near Missoula and enjoying members of their family.

Another long time Tantallon residents, Leola and Lloyd Richards report they are doing well living in Auckland, New Zealand.

On July 19, 2007, District 8 Councilman, Tony Knotts, hosted a meeting at Harmony Hall Regional Center. The County Department of Environmental Resources new Director, Charles Wilson, presented a new program to establish a local office to serve our area. In August, 2007, an office was established in the Harmony Hall Center where the DER will conduct efforts to enforce the county code in areas of zoning, housing code, property standards, residential restriction on commercial vehicles parking, abandoned vehicles, etc. They asked that each community association designate liaison officers to present problems requiring DER action and be informed about the actions DER is taking. Because of the interaction between the Tantallon Land Covenants enforcement and the DER code enforcements, the TCA's Control Committee (TCC) will act in the liaison capacity, at least initially.

### **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summary for 2007-2009**

#### **Officers:**

President	Mary Downs
Vice President	Carter Ferrington
Recording Secretary	Rebecca Collier
Corresponding Secretary	Michelle Holland
Treasurer	Jeanette Vaughan

#### **Directors:**

Sheryl Dove  
Major Lewis

Jean Rositol  
Rosemary Weller  
Constance Taylor

**Committee Chairs:**

Control	Dick Krueger
Mosquito Control	Mary Downs
Membership	Jean Rositol
Activities	Judy Henry
Beautification	Constance Taylor
Historian	Ed Carlstead

**Newsletter:**

Newsletter Editor	Rosemary Weller
As'st Editor	Marian DeLorenzo
Business Manager	Emma Stuart
Distribution	Donna Lee
Layout	Joe Weller

In June, 2007, County School Superintendent John Deasy made a surprise visit to Fort Washington Forest School to honor Marty Stewart of Kilburnie Circle , a teacher there for 25 years, after she wrote him a letter for "upholding the high standards for the county".

Hats off and applause to the faithful band of volunteers who see that residents of Tantallon receive the TCA Newsletter and flyers. The process starts six times a years with counting, folding and inserting flyers in bundles of 15 to 60. These volunteers included Marie Vaillant, Jan Kohout, Joe Weller, Mary Downs, Bob Berkovsky, Donna Lee, Janet Crews, Betsy Daine and Rosemary Weller.

Donna Lee and her grandson then deliver the bundles of newsletters to the follow volunteers who deliver them to every resident of Tantallon. These volunteers are Cristl Shemler, Walter Odom, Rosemary Snowling, John and Joan Dullahan, Howard Nelson, Bill Walton, Doug and Emmy Stuart, Edie Shantz, Carolyn LeCrone, Loreta and Sig Leimonas, Ed Carlstead, Paula Ready, Ester Mulheron, Mary Lynn Brownell, Marty Stewart, Joan Pawlowski, Ayssa Turner, Olivia Powell, Jean Rositol, Fred Saunders, Maria and Roger Liggins, Calvin Martin, Keith West, Dwight and Jan Short, Betsy Daine, Peggy Hibler and Rosemary Weller.

A sign of the times. The subprime mortgage problem has escalated in late 2007 to where there are a number of vacant or appear to be vacant houses in the community. Some of these are noted by overgrown yards, papers in the driveways and Realtor locks on the doors. Residents are requested to report such houses to the TCA so that we work to maintain the integrity of our community .

Two unleashed vicious dogs attacked a resident on Prestwick Dr. while he walked two of his dogs. The resident received serious injuries, one on his dogs was killed and the other hospitalized. The County has leash laws. Loose dogs like these are not legal. Animal Control should be notified the unleashed

itinerant dogs are observed for the safety of the community.

David Micheal "Mike" Tilch who co-owned the Sileasia Liquors passed away in September 2007. He was a long time resident of the area and was active in many county affairs as well as a recognized wine expert. He had a strong role in building the new library branch in Accokeek.

Board member Connie Taylor has received a bid for the contract to maintain the landscaping along Fort Washington Rd.. It is higher this year than before but bidders have been difficult to find. One other bidder was three times higher than last year. We are also looking into a better watering system for the landscaped areas and also into lighting the entrance areas along Ft. Washington Rd.

The TCA board has a new email address. It is:

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

Elmo Denton, one of the early Tantallonites, passed away at age 85 in a residential home in Ellicott City, MD. He spearheaded a committee interested in building a medical facility in the nearby area. That facility is the Fort Washington Hospital.

On October 6, 2007, in honor of Gorgeous Prince Georges Day, a group including Helen and George Woideck, J.P. Holcomb, Carter Farrington Gary and Ahmed Dove and Charles Walton planted 24 crape myrtle trees along Fort Washington Road and West Tantallon Drive. They planted daffodils for blooming next year.

On May 6, 2008, a lawsuit by the TCA against a property owner went to trial. The owner was charged with removing a number of trees greater than eight inches in diameter and pouring a concrete driveway extension without approval of the control committee. The judge ruled in favor of the TCA and ordered removal of the driveway extension. The judge further ordered all that the defendant pay all TCA attorney fees and court costs, almost \$6000. In her closing comments, the judge entered a statement that into the trial record warning future violators of the Tantallon Land Covenants without prior approval of the TCA should not expect court approval.

Former TCA president, John (Jack) Bachkovsky, passed away March 28th, 2008. He was a former resident on Loch Ness Circle and lived in Port Tobacco, MD

More good news, the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee presented its 2007 bronze award to the TCA for "enthusiasm and hard work in planting and caring for local community forests".

During the period of years 2005 through 2007 the WSSC has dumped eleven million gallons of untreated sewerage into the Potomac River from the Broad Creek pumping . This was caused by power failures and storm water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. WSSC promises deliver of emergency generators but procurement is going very slowly, if at all. Any assistance by Tantallon residents to speed to get WSSC to move faster on the problem will be appreciated.

As of August, 2008, a number of vacant houses with uncared for lawns have appeared in Tantallon. Neighbors of such properties are asked to call the residential property inspectors at the county's

Department of Environmental Resources/Community Standards Division at (301) 883--6100.

In April, 2009, President Mary Downs reports that according to the police, crime is not up and there is no serious gang activity in the neighborhood. The police ask that to help keep it that way, please report any activity that could escalate to something more serious. Again, as part of the Community Beautiful commitment, we must be viewed as a safe place to live and raise children.

Jeff Kinney, 38, who grew up on Glasgow Way, was featured in a front page article in the Style section of the Washington Post. His "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series has sold 11 million copies and will soon be a movie. Careful reading by longtime Tantallon residents might result in seeing familiar names, places, and events from the 1980s that occurred right here in Tantallon.

President Mary Downs thanked a number a residents who helped during her term that ends this summer 2009. These included Rosemary Weller who produces the TCA Newsletter, Vice President Carter Farrington, Treasurer Jeanette Vaughan, Dick Krueger and the control committee who successfully kept standards of the community up giving visitors a good impression toward our neighborhood.

Carol Pica of Surrey Circle Dr. was honored by receiving one of the Distinguished Education Leadership Awards for Principals of Excellence by the Washington Post. Carol has been a county educator for 32 years and has been principal of Marlton school for the past 12 years.

Longtime resident James J.M. Vaughan of Gleneagles Dr. passed away suddenly March 29, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette and three children .

## **Tantallon Citizens Association Officers and Event Summery 2009-2011**

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The new President, Carter Ferrington has listed several priority he wishes to emphasize during his term of office. These include:

1. A More Secure Community
2. A More Livable Community
3. A More Welcoming Community
4. A More Neighborly Community.

Prince George's County officials have dropped plans for a new District 7 police station at the corner of Fort Washington Rd. and Livingston Rd. This is due to budget cuts. This action is to the dismay of many of our citizens.

Other budget cuts will result is cancellation of leaf collection beginning in late 2009. Residents will need to bag their leaves for pickup by county trash pickup.

Bulky trash may be scheduled using email addressed to [BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us](mailto:BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us) or by phone at 301-952-7600. The bulky trash is to be placed along the curb to be ready for the scheduled day of pick up.

On October 4, 2009, the Tantallon Community Players celebrated their 25th anniversary by putting a special show at the Harmony Hall Regional Center. The show presented beloved songs from 22 fabulous musicals.

Passages. Alvin M. Crews , an original resident of Willow Wind Circle and retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force, died July 17, 2009, of cancer. A Command Pilot, he had many hours of combat duty including 225 combat missions in Korea and Vietnam. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Janet, and four children. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

At a July 15 meeting at the Broad Creek Historic Association, representatives of the WSSC announced that the extensive improvement of the Broad Creek Water Pumping Station may not be completed for another seven years to the dismay of nearby residents.

Despite one of the lowest turn out for tree planting day, Oct. 19, 2009, and enduring the rain, volunteers successfully planted 20 trees and 150 daffodils.

In September, 2009, the 13 mile long Indian Head Rail Trail to White Planes, MD, opened to cyclist and walkers.

Although the TCA website is still being developed we do have a g-mail account. which can used for notifying members of community for such purposes as meetings, crime information, utilities, etc. To add your email address to this website send your name and email address to Jaime Crist at jamiedoc@aol.com.

## **Begin Year 2010**

Remember, to vote at a community meeting you must be a current member. As of January, we now have 240 paid up members. More residents are encouraged to join the TCA to affirm their commitment to our quality of life in Tantallon.

Tantallon has long been synonymous with "beautiful, upscale community". Recent changes in County statues double the fines which property inspectors can levy on non-responsive property owners for standards violations.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project has been honored by the American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Achievement Award. The new bridge has reduced the average commute time by 40 minutes which can equate to saving up to \$4600 per year.

Edwin J. Istvan of Swan Harbor Circle passed away suddenly in February 2010. Mr Istvan and his late wife, Barbara, were one of the "longest time" residents of Tantallon having purchased the third lot sold here in 1963. Interment in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors was in June, 2010.

Effective January 1, 2010 yard waste collection will be offered all year long. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches and Christmas trees. Limbs must not exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and must be tied in bundles not to exceed 60 lbs. in weight. Leaves must be in plastic or heavy paper bags or heavy duty cans with secure lids not to exceed 25 lbs. in weight.

Year 2010 Clean Up Day. Pur community clean up day , May 1, was very successful. Ten of us spent two hours cleaning up trash and leaves along Fort Washington Road and West Tantallon Drive. The clean up on West Tantallon Dr. result in filling of 35 bag with leaves. We expe t to schedule another clean drive this fall.

Long time resident, nurse Betty Wylie of West Tantallon Dr., passed away in April. 2010, of complications from Alzheimers. Her husband of 46 years passed away in 2005.

Tantallon Land Covenants state that a fence cannot be constructed or maintained on a building site without consent of the Control Committee. Such fences cannot be higher than six feet and it is preferred that it is preferred that they be of natural materials or in earth tones. Fences along Fort Washington Road were constructed by the developer but are the responsibility of the land owner to maintain. The severe winter we experienced this year took their toll on some of these fences.

