

# TANYARD TIMES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TANYARD SPRINGS COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Committee Meeting.....8/2  
*Clubhouse at 6:00pm*

HOA Board Meeting.....8/10  
*Via Telecon at 7:00pm*

## COMMUNITY FEATURE



*Pictured above are some cheerful sunflowers growing in Jonathan Trent-Carlson's personal garden.*

## BOARD BROADCAST

Fellow Homeowners,

A lot has happened during July 2021 and the board would like to present a full rundown of everything we have accomplished, is still a work in process, and what to look out for in the future.

What we have accomplished this past month:

- Approved the removal of an overgrown tree\*
- Approved replacement of damaged tree\*
- Approved removal and pruning of reforestation area trees\*
- Approved HVAC maintenance contract renewal
- Approved new committee member
- Assigned committee oversight
- Ironed out working meeting schedule
- Organized vendor meetings and reviews

What we are currently working on:

- Discussing multicourt repurposing
- Dog park shade options

Things to look out for in the future:

- Gathering input on clubhouse updates

\*For a more in-depth breakdown of the above topics, please see the second page section titled Background Breakdown. If you would like additional information or have any questions reach out to us via

[tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com).

-Your Board of Directors (and fellow neighbors)

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## MANAGEMENT MARK-UP

We received a request from a homeowner stating that they would like to hear more about the duties and daily work of our onsite manager, Mark Moorman. Many of you regularly see him buzzing about the community handling tasks that homeowners send his way. If it is not something he can handle himself, he works alongside our many community vendors and handyman. Below is a list pulled from his weekly reports:

- Directed SBC to remove hornet nests reported throughout community
- Oversaw dog park gate repairs and maintenance
- Oversaw BGE electrical work along Heritage and Ellsworth
- Oversaw tree removals and trimmings around community
- Worked with Anne Arundel County to address sink hole issue
- Oversaw lifeguard issues, developed log of issues for board review
- Oversaw card entry system issues, awaiting replacement part
- Reported light post repair request to BGE
- Working with geotechnical study engineers to perform testing on key areas located throughout community in an effort to curb water retention issues
- Oversaw SBC cleaning of stone structures throughout community
- Oversaw water supply line and fountain repairs
- Directed SBC on tree maintenance issues around community pathways
- Oversaw pet station management and trash pick up around community
- Managed clubhouse rentals throughout the month
- Violation letters sent – 55
- Complaints submitted for action – 7

If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting or working with Mark, feel free to drop him a line at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com), by submitting a FrontSteps work order, or by giving him a call at the clubhouse during regular weekday hours at (410) 360-4018.

## COMMITTEE CORNER

**Design Review Committee** – The committee has processed 31 applications over the last month and gained a new committee member. Thank you Patricia Warner for volunteering to help the committee, the board, and saving homeowners on potential application review costs! Daniel Zadra is in place as committee liaison.

**Community Garden Committee** – With the harvest finally kicking off, the committee has managed to gather a total of 75 pounds of produce in just over two weeks for donation to the Community Methodist Church Food Bank on Fort Smallwood Road. On top of that they are successfully managing a flourishing herb garden and have invited all residents to come by and pick their own fresh herbs while checking out the team's hard work. A huge thank you to the committee for donating their time to cleaning up the Community Garden and working to help others in both our community and those nearby. Alyssa Shirk is in place as committee chairperson.

**Social Committee** – There has been little movement in this committee as the board has voted not to move forward with community events due to the pandemic. This will be discussed as the board reviews additional guidance. Rosie Rivera is in place as committee chairperson.

## BACKGROUND BREAKDOWN

- **Tree Management** – A recurring topic for board meeting discussion is tree maintenance throughout the community. Due to the age of the neighborhood and the numerous county-designated reforestation areas interwoven throughout community, many trees close to homeowner and common properties are maturing and creating potential liabilities. Some maturing trees are able to be pruned by our landscaping team to county requirements but once they reach a certain size and endanger others and their property, the management team solicits bids to have them either removed or replaced with flora of a suitable size. As the community continues to age, these tree maintenance requirements will more frequently be on the docket for board discussion and add significant costs to the annual budget. If you have seen any dead, damaged, or others that are risking homeowner and common properties, please reach out to Mark Moorman, our onsite manager, today by submitted a FrontSteps work order or by emailing [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com).



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## OPEN FORUM FOLLOW-UP

Below are a list of questions asked by homeowners throughout July 2021 via the Board Meeting and submitted via FrontSteps.

1. **How did the board come to the decision of replacing the multipurpose court with an outdoor gym?** At this time the board has made no decisions in regard to the repurposing and updating of the multipurpose court located near the community clubhouse. After the removal of the basketball backboard and post the board expressed interest in investigating other ways of using this space including the implementation of another outdoor amenity. During the last board meeting the Abaris team presented the board with quotes for a potential outdoor exercise space as an update. The board, which has three newly elected members, opted not to move forward with making a decision and to continue looking at other options for this space.

With no decisions having been made, all homeowners are welcome to submit their suggestions to the board by emailing our onsite manager, Mark Moorman, at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com). The board will discuss this topic at future board meetings as additional information and quotes are gathered for review.

2. **I'm interested in renting the clubhouse. What are the steps I need to take?** If you are interested in renting out the clubhouse reach out to our onsite manager, Mark Moorman by submitting a FrontSteps work order or by emailing him directly at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com). Mark will be able to work out the available dates and times, the rental rules and regulations, costs, etc.
3. **How can I get my neighbors to put their trash and recycling cans away according to the Rules and Regulations?** While our onsite manager, Mark Moorman, frequently reviews the community for violations, if you believe a neighbor is violating a community rule please reach out to him via a FrontSteps work order or by emailing him directly at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com) with a description of the issue, a location, and any pictures corroborating the concern.
4. **I am interested in joining the Design Review Committee. How often does the group meet and how much time will I have to volunteer each month? Do I need to have any skills in particular to join?** The Design Review Committee typically meets up once a month for about an hour to review applications. No particular skills are required other than a keen eye and critical thinking abilities. You will receive on-the-spot training from current board and committee members and be helping out the community immensely.

This committee is necessary to keep our community running smoothly as the duties must be fulfilled. If a committee is not in place then the duties fall back on the board members who are typically handling other tasks simultaneously. If the board is unable to keep up with this additional workload then the duty must be assigned to an outside review entity, per the governing documents, which will require application fees. If you are interested in helping out and joining this committee please submit a FrontSteps work order or email Mark Moorman at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com).

5. **I was a tenant but I recently purchased a home in the community. How can I have my FrontSteps account updated from a tenant to an owner account?** Congratulations! Our community FrontSteps application is largely managed by the Abaris webmaster, Alex Roberts, who verifies homeownership and ensures accounts are linked properly between Abaris and FrontSteps. If you are moving from a tenant account to an owner account within FrontSteps you can reach out to Alex directly at [website@abarisrealty.com](mailto:website@abarisrealty.com) and he can help you get sorted out.
6. **Has the pool guest policy recently changed?** The pool guest policy has not changed and we are not permitting guests at this time. If you believe residents are breaking this rule or the pool company is not properly adhering to it, please reach out to the management team at [tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com](mailto:tanyardsprings@abarisrealty.com) and let them know immediately.