

## **Tantallon North Area Civic Association**

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#### Community Pride and Civic Engagement

Our Tantallon North Development is home to nearly 500 beautiful residences, a source of pride for all who live here. The Tantallon North Area Civic Association (TNACA) is dedicated to advocating for the interests of our families and ensuring our neighborhood remains a premier community.

To achieve this vision, we encourage every member to contribute their unique talents and ideas. Active participation and continued financial support are vital for preserving the attractive and appealing character of Tantallon North.

### Property Maintenance and County Requirements

Recently, we have observed a significant increase in clutter and debris in yards—both front and back—throughout our area. It is important to note that the Prince George's County Housing Code mandates all property owners to keep their premises free from excessive rubbish, garbage, and debris.

Neglecting these standards can result in serious consequences, including a Notice of Violation, citations from the County, possible abatement actions, and even a lien being placed on the property. We urge all residents to maintain their yards and help uphold the standards that make our community a great place to live.



# Listed below is an excerpt from the Prince George's County Single-Family & Multifamily Housing Enforcement

- Exterior properties and premises should be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
- Exterior properties should be free from weeds and grass in excess of 12 inches.
- Plant growth must not obstruct walkways, sidewalks, streets, adjoining driveways and/or the house numbers identifying the address of the dwelling.
- Exterior walls should be free of holes, breaks and loose or rotting materials.
- Exterior wood surfaces should be painted or covered with a protective treatment.
- Peeling, flaking or chipped paint should be removed and surfaces repainted.
- Wooden surfaces should be free of loose and flaking paint.
- Metal surfaces with rust or corrosion should be coated with a protective treatment.
- Structures and exterior properties should be free from rodent infestation.
- Open storage of any household appliance, motor vehicle parts, building materials, furniture, dead trees, garbage or similar items is prohibited.
- Walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept free of unsafe and hazardous conditions, and sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice.
- Not more than one motor vehicle that is wrecked, dismantled, inoperable or unlicensed is allowed on a property; and the one vehicle that is allowed must be inside a closed garage.
- Properties must be maintained free of graffiti.
- Gutters and downspouts must be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions.
- Firewood stored on a property must be neatly stacked and a minimum of 18" above the ground or 6" above an approved weed-free surface.
- Swimming pools on a property must be maintained in good working order.
- Fences must be maintained in good condition, and fence gates must be operational.
- Yards must be stabilized (grass or other approved cover) and graded to prevent accumulation of water or erosion.
- Stairways, decks and balconies must be maintained in a safe condition.
- Glass windows and doors must be free of cracks or voids.
- Windows designed to be opened must be operable and able to remain open by the window hardware.

### Tantallon North Area Civic Association Pridelines

The officers of TNACA encourage every resident of Tantallon North to understand and embrace its Pridelines. If you have questions or suggestions for improving or strengthening the Pridelines, please contact any Association officer.

- Posted speed limits should be observed at all times; attention should be paid to children playing in yards and pedestrians on sidewalks.
- Each living unit shall be used as a residence for a single-family household.
- No school or daycare facility, except for a licensed in-home provider, is to be operated or maintained on the property.
- No business should be maintained on properties.
- No pets should be allowed to run free through the neighborhood. Pets should be restricted by a short leash. All pets should be registered and inoculated.
- Pets should not be allowed to disrupt the tranquility of the neighborhood.
- Lawns are to be kept mowed; grass should not be allowed to grow to a height of more than eight inches.
- No trash, garbage, or other refuse is to be dumped or stored or allowed to accumulate on neighborhood property. All trash should be placed in covered containers and should only be visible for a period not to exceed 24 hours prior to the day of trash pickup.
- A single motor vehicle which is wrecked, dismantled, or not currently licensed may be kept in a wholly enclosed garage. The storage of any other wrecked, dismantled, or not currently licensed motor vehicle on the premises is prohibited.
- Riding dirt bikes on a public road is illegal.
- Except for household pets, no animals, poultry, or reptiles should be maintained, kept, boarded, or raised on neighborhood property.
- Satellite receiving systems should be installed outside the public view.
- Obnoxious or offensive activity should not take place on any property.
- The exteriors of all structures on neighborhood properties should be maintained in good order and repair.
- Any unusual or suspicious activity or the sound of an alarm should be noted and reported immediately to the police.
- Residents should make every effort to maintain mature trees.
- No boats or recreational vehicles should be maintained on the front of any property.