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# Community Safety & Visitor Access Report

The committee has drafted and recommended to the Board the Request for Proposal (RFP) and conceptual plan for a new unmanned Amsterdam Gate system to include an automated gate and barrier system including single leaf swing gates and barrier arms, four masonry brick columns with the quality and stylish design found at the Lake Manassas Baltusrol Main Gate Entrance. The committee agreed that the gate system would be for resident transponder access only in order to reduce maintenance and use problems.

The committee has under review two proposals for IP video camera coverage at the Swim and Tennis Club and will be recommending that the Board move ahead with one of the proposals immediately.

The committee has recommended that the Board issue an RFP for a gate guard service to improve our guard service for the best price possible in today's market. A draft RFP has been provided to the Board.

The committee recommended the Board approve a request for increased random patrolling of the

neighborhoods by the PWC Police Department during the daytime to identify and stop speeding vehicles, vehicles that are not obeying stop signs and stopping and warning unlicensed and unauthorized motorized vehicles (e.g. golf carts). The committee also recommended that "off duty" police patrols be instituted during evening and late night hours as a deterrent to vandalism and theft.

The committee is asking that all resident vehicles display the new decal. As of October 30, all vehicles that still display the old decal may have its transponder turned off until the new 2012 decal is displayed.

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# Covenants Report

The school buses on the roads, the need for a light jacket in the evening air and the arrival of pumpkin stands and fresh pressed cider all signal the change in seasons again. Fall in Virginia is one of those spectacular sights of nature. Fall is also the perfect time to get on top of all sorts of yard projects before the weather gets too cold and sun sets early.

- Pull out the summer annuals that cannot stand the frosty weather and replace with winter pansies, cabbages and kale for a showy display in the dreary winter months
- De-thatch and over-seed the lawn so you can fix up those bald patches from summer wear and tear and give next year's lawn a head start. Seed germinates best in fall weather but remember to use a starter fertilizer only later in the fall or you will kill the new growth.
- Replace plants that did not survive the summer heat, insects or our friendly wildlife.
- Touch up mulch in planting beds if it has washed away during summer storms. Exposed dirt only encourages the growth of grass and weeds.
- Touch up the base of mailboxes that have been subject to the fury of the trimmer all summer.
- Fix peeling paint around windows and doors to eliminate wood rot over the damp winter months.

As we get ready to mark the change in seasons please remember to update your home's exterior decorations also. Seasonal decorations must reflect the present season.

Winter Holidays - decorations may be up from Thanksgiving through January 31st. With removal of any live vegetation that dies prior to January 31st.

All other holidays - decorations may be up 2 weeks before the holiday and must be removed within 2 weeks after the holiday.

Thanks for taking a vested interest in the appearance of our community.

*Cara*

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# *E*nvironmental Report

Two of the irrigation projects, Overlook Ridge and Spyglass Hill Circle have been completed. The irrigation system has been installed on Bonnie Briar Circle, but due to complications with getting service from Service Authority, the supply meter has not been installed. Also the costs are more than anticipated. This is being resolved as quickly as possible.

The dead trees on Turtle Point are scheduled to be replaced in late September. Also the two trees behind the Turtle Point gate house are to be replaced with three Crape Myrtle Trees in the same time frame.

We are working with our grounds maintenance company, KCS Landscape Management, Inc., to improve maintenance of the lot on Tuxedo Lane and the cemetery area.

A bid is being obtained for repairing the trails. Exactly when the work will be done will depend on the weather.

*Allan*

## Contacts for Specific EC Issues

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Linda Malami and Kathy Rogers

**Streets and Sidewalks**

Harry Jenkins and Allan Thomas

**Community Areas -Landscaping (West Side)**

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**Swimming Pool/Tennis Court Area**

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**Graveyard**

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**Community Trails**

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# Modifications & Construction Report

The Modifications Committee has been renamed Modifications and Construction (or, MCC) as a result of a Board vote a few months back. The MCC assumes the duties of the former residential New Construction Committee, which oversaw new residential construction. As part of its new duties, the MCC is monitoring the initial phase of the townhome construction project off the Amsterdam gate. The MCC has had an initial meeting with the developer. Groundbreaking for that project is estimated to be the winter of 2013.

The MCC is also serving as the community representative for the medical building project proposed for Baltusrol Blvd., adjacent to the day care center. Before the project can move forward, the state must determine whether there is a need for the facility. At the same time, the developer (Medical Facilities of America, or MFA) is working directly with the commercial New Construction Committee (i.e., South Star, the developer of Lake Manassas) to develop architectural and landscaping plans that are satisfactory to all. The MCC is communicating directly with that committee and the developer, MFA. Of interest are such issues as visibility of the proposed structure from Baltusrol, and from the tennis court and pool area. The MCC is encouraging adoption of a landscaping and berm buffer plan that will adequately screen the facility.

The MCC is working with Covenants to correct some oversights in the handbook of guidelines and rules that is given to each resident. The MCC is also continuing its usual work of reviewing applications, which are running at the rate of about ten a month this year. There have been some really nice looking projects completed by the residents in the last few months.

Trampolines are too dangerous for children to use, the American Academy of Pediatrics said Monday. Citing nearly 100,000 injuries in 2009, the academy issued the warning in a statement published in Pediatrics and noted that the safety nets added in recent years don't make much of a difference. For more information see [http://vitals.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/09/24/14018773-trampolines-are-no-place-for-kids-docs-warn?lite](http://vitals.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/09/24/14018773-trampolines-are-no-place-for-kids-docs-warn?lite)

The link to the Pediatrics journal article that formed the basis for the news story is <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2012/09/19/peds.2012-2082.full.pdf+html>

Peter





# New Development Committee Report



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The New Development Committee did not conduct any new business during this past quarter. This committee is an outgrowth of the Ad Hoc Committee that was independently formed to improve the Town Home rezoning proposal. The new committee will represent the Association in initial negotiations and/or discussions with adjacent property owners and/or developers regarding proposed development of the adjacent property and its impact on the Association. The committee will meet on an "as needed" basis. Anyone interested in joining the committee, please contact Marc Schlather at 703.753.6887, [marc@theschlathers.com](mailto:marc@theschlathers.com) or Rowland Bowers at 703.732.2471, [rthbowers@comcast.net](mailto:rthbowers@comcast.net).



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# wim and Tennis Center Report

The Swim and Tennis Committee (STC) are hoping to repair and resurface the tennis and basketball courts before next spring. We have received bids and a review process is on-going.

The painting of lines and repairing of cracks of the basketball court will await the resurfacing and repairing of other tennis courts.

The STC is looking into converting court 5 to a multi-use court.

Material has been requested from contractor for review for possible dog park – likely location at basketball court behind Swim and Tennis Center Parking lot.

There have been a number of improvements to the Swim & Tennis facilities including:

- Bike rack painted and moved to rear of building
- Picnic table and basketball court power washed and re-painted (metal parts only painted)
- Benches at tot lot power washed and repainted (metal parts only painted)

*Grete*

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8215 Sneed Loop	\$549,900	\$549,990	9	7
8011 Amsterdam Court	\$525,000	\$549,900	20	12
8052 Arcadian Shore Court	\$550,000	\$574,900	0	15
8242 Sneed Loop	\$599,000	\$599,900	5	6
8425 Link Hills Loop	\$600,000	\$619,000	421	7
7950 Bonnie Briar Loop	\$600,000	\$619,900	85	11
8350 Pedigree Court	\$625,000	\$619,900	3	8
8272 Roxborough Loop	\$620,000	\$620,000	86	9
15510 Tuxedo Lane	\$610,000	\$628,000	78	7
14891 Alpine Bay Loop	\$635,000	\$639,900	58	20
8412 Link Hills Loop	\$600,000	\$649,900	91	7
8090 Amsterdam Court	\$650,000	\$659,000	133	14
8495 Link Hills Loop	\$654,500	\$675,000	13	7
8317 Hancock Court	\$735,000	\$749,000	47	6
14915 Alpine Bay Loop	\$750,000	\$775,000	30	14
8023 Bonnie Briar Loop	\$785,000	\$799,900	136	8
15846 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$950,000	\$999,900	89	10

\*DOMM means "Number of days on Market"

## Lake Manassas Activities

When you log on to our web site at [www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com), click on **Our Community > Committees & Groups**. You will find information about our community clubs and activities. If you would like to add another Lake Manassas group or activity on our web site, please contact Kristin Knodt at [kristink096@gmail.com](mailto:kristink096@gmail.com).

Or, if you would like to publish information about another group or activity in future issues of this newsletter, please send your information to [newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com](mailto:newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com).

### Activity: Mah Jongg

Contact: Suzanne at 703.727.5775 or [swbrooks@comast.net](mailto:swbrooks@comast.net). Time and Date: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Thursdays

Location: Rotated among players homes voluntarily in Lake Manassas and other communities. Note: The hostess provides bottled water for the players.

Description: Mah Jongg, which originated in China, is played by four players using a set of 136 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. Each player begins by receiving thirteen tiles. In turn players draw and discard tiles until they complete a legal hand. It is a game of skill, strategy and calculation and involves a certain degree of chance. We play according to the National Mah Jongg League rules.

### Activity: Hand & Foot Card Game

Contact: Suzanne at 703.727.5775 or [swbrooks@comast.net](mailto:swbrooks@comast.net) Time and Date: TBD - call Suzanne.

Location: Rotated among players homes voluntarily. Note: The hostess provides bottled water for the players.

Description: Hand and Foot is similar to the Canasta card game. It is a card game of the rummy family of games believed to be a variant of a card game called 500 Rum. It can be played by 2, 3, 5 or 6 players, or played by four in two partnerships. Players attempt to make melds of 7 cards of the same rank. When they play all the cards in their hand, they continue on to play all the cards in their foot and then be the first to "go out," which ends the game. The highest score after four plays wins the game.



# Headhunters, Hornbills and Orangutans

By Renee and Dave Capouya

After our African adventure, we spent almost 2 months traveling in Asia. We enjoyed tours of India, Nepal, Singapore, Borneo, Mongolia and China. These visits were unique, scenic and cultural. But writing about them all would be beyond the scope of this article. So, I've chosen the destination that I had most wanted to visit in Asia—Borneo!

For 42 years, I wanted to visit the island of Borneo. Why? In September of 1969, I flew over Borneo enroute to Australia. As the plane traversed this mysterious island at over 30,000 ft., I gazed down upon a land that was heavily forested with misty smoke coming from the mountains. It appeared to be a primeval wilderness, (probably complete with head hunters), that was begging to be explored by an adventurous traveler.

After a two night stay at a beautiful resort in Kota Kinabalu, we were met by our guide, Chris, who would accompany us to rainforest destinations to view and photograph indigenous wildlife that is diminishing from the island. Our first destination was the Danum Valley Conservation area. Though our first activity after checking into the lodge was cancelled due to an impending thunderstorm, our lodge guide indicated that we should follow him right away for a special treat. There at the end of the boardwalk in a tall tree was a huge male orangutan eating the leaves and fruits of the ficus tree. In addition to the orangutan, there was a family of rhinoceros hornbills eating the fruits, too. We didn't know for sure if we would even be so lucky to see an orangutan in the wild. This one was a frequent visitor and had been nicknamed "Abu". On a night walk, we were fortunate to see and photograph a Western tarsier, a tiny, cuddly looking nocturnal primate.



Tarsier Nocturnal Primate 2

If you've ever envisioned what a gremlin would look like, this was it! It had huge brown eyes, long fingers and sat clinging to the tree.

The day hikes in the rainforest were a bit difficult. First, the heat and humidity were at the ultimate level of discomfort. Second, we were dreading an encounter with the leeches that inhabit the rain forests of Southeast Asia. In Borneo, there are 2 types: the ground leech senses body heat, gets

excited when you walk in the forest and leap-frogs onto your legs. There is also the tiger leech which has stripes. This bloodsucker hangs from leaves and latches onto you as you approach. We bought

leech socks, which are covers that fit over your socks and reach just under your knees, where you tie them, hoping to deny the leech a way to get onto your legs. Consider that you already have hiking socks and long pants on; now you're adding another layer of clothing in this already extreme heat. Next, you wear long sleeves and a hat for protection from the other leeches. When we finished our walks, we couldn't wait to return to the bungalow and take off our layers. On one occasion, Renee felt something on her thumb. A big leech must have been on the sock and catapulted onto her hand. She flicked it off fast and screamed for Dave. By the time he got there, it was dancing across the balcony settee. Their means of locomotion is by somersaulting head to tail, and they move fast. Yuck, yuck, yuck! The lodge info states that if you get "leeches", you are entitled to a blood donor certificate. We really didn't want to earn one of those; luckily, we didn't.

NOTE: "Everybody has a story."

We were talking with our guide, Chris, at dinner. Dave asked him about his family. His father's parents came to Malaysia when China expelled the Christians. When his dad was old enough to marry, he wanted to marry a girl from a local tribe. The tribal chief wouldn't allow it, because his dad wasn't a member. So, another member of the tribe adopted him, making him eligible to marry his sweetheart. At that time, the tribe engaged in head hunting. (I knew the head hunters would somehow be a part of the Borneo experience!)

After 3 days, we left this area and traveled to the Kinabatangan River. On the way, we made a stop at the Gomantong Cave near sunset. As we parked the vehicle, we saw millions of bats flying out of the cave. (This feature is the main attraction of the cave.) At the cave approach, the small bats thickly filled the air as many more kept flying out to feed on fruit and insects. We entered the cave, overpowered by the smell of bat guano, which thickly and slickly coated every cave surface. This was also one of the caves where birds' nests (from swifts) are collected from high up on the walls and sold for bird nest soup. The harvesting was finished; in season, flimsy bamboo ladders are climbed and so are ropes hanging from upon high to gather nests.

The interior of the cave was straight out of a horror movie. The first thing we saw were millipedes over a foot long and bright red with a myriad of undulating legs carrying them swiftly along the walkway we were on. Next, our eyes alighted on cockroaches, millions of them everywhere. There were little crabs in the water and a long legged species of millipede on the walls. We carefully made our way on the slippery, bat guano covered boardwalk around the cave, observing an interesting phenomenon but glad to leave.

Our new lodge featured morning and afternoon boating trips on the Kinabatangan River to watch wildlife. There were birds and an abundance of monkeys, but most were high in the tree canopy, difficult to see and photograph. The monkey that really caught our attention was the proboscis monkey. Males have a really long nose, ala Jimmy Durante, and look oddly human. On our last afternoon, we spotted a herd of Borneo pygmy elephants grazing in the grass. Although called 'pygmy', they are still sizable, about 8 feet tall.

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Orphaned Baby Orangutan



Mother and Baby Orangutan 5 Sepilok Rehab Centre

We visited the Sepilok Orangutan Rehab Centre for orphaned and abused orangutans, viewing 2 feeding sessions of the animals that have been released into the centre's wildlife preserve. When they are first released into this halfway house type of environment, they are still semi dependent on humans and fed by the staff. As they become more independent, they fend for themselves and eat wild berries and leaves in the forest's trees. The highlight of this visit was watching a mother interacting with her baby. The baby clung to mom as she swung from tree to tree and on the wire set up to facilitate feeding on the platform.

The most touching part of the experience was watching the tender love and care that mom had for baby. She shared baby with a couple of the other orangutans who handled him with tenderness. At one point, another orangutan showed up that mom must not have liked or felt some uncertainty about. She took baby away to a safe distance, bared her teeth and screamed at the newcomer.

We finally found paradise! Our last destination was a 1 ½ hour boat ride to a beautiful small island called Lankayan, complete with white sand beaches and a coral reef right outside our chalet. We snorkeled among the colorful reef fish, swam, and just enjoyed the water and relaxation that this type of environment fosters.

One of the nights we stayed here, there was a knock at our door about 9:30 at night to inform us that a green sea turtle had dug a nest and was laying eggs. We watched as the female turtle dug a huge hole in the sand with her flippers and laid her eggs in a mesmerized state. After she covered the hole, the exhausted turtle lumbered back to the sea. Sea turtles lay up to about 100 eggs at a time. Only about 1 in 2,000 hatchlings will actually survive to adulthood. This island is a protected wildlife area so the eggs will be protected and the hatchlings will be assisted in making their way back to the ocean.

Our Borneo experience was varied, exciting and offered us adventures that were unique. In our next and last article, we'll be down-under in Australia and New Zealand.

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# In Celebration of Our Veterans

## Veterans Day November 11 (celebrated 11/12)

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin announced the Veterans Day National Committee recently designated Charleston, W. Va. as a regional site for the observance of Veterans Day 2012. The Capital City is among 62 designated sites nationwide that serve as model community events to honor and celebrate our nation's veterans.

This designation by the Veterans Day National Committee is truly an honor for our Capital City," said Gov. Tomblin. "Throughout our state's history, our armed forces have been comprised of hard working, loyal and

exceptional West Virginians. While words cannot fully express the magnitude of our appreciation or the depth of our admiration, we are humbled and grateful for their selfless service."

"My sincerest congratulations to the City of Charleston, the American Legion, who sponsors a great parade each year, and to the West Virginia veterans whose service and sacrifice have made celebrations like this possible," said Department of Veterans Assistance Cabinet Secretary Keith Gwinn. "Veterans of our Armed Forces deserve our

utmost appreciation, and I'm proud that the City of Charleston has been recognized as a leader in displaying our state and nation's gratitude."

The Veterans Day National Committee recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country representative of fitting tributes to America's heroes. Here is a link to the US Department of Veterans Affairs which contains a Veterans Day Poster Gallery from 1978 - 2012. [www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery).



## Art Heals

By Resident, Diana Cery

The blank canvases, the paints, the safe environment, the healing.

In July, I completed the Art4Healing Certification program in California, through Brandman University and Art & Creativity for Healing, Inc., and am now certified to use the Art4Healing method in workshops that I will be offering in the community.

The Art4Healing method uses the language of color to allow participants to express and explore feelings which can assist in a participant's healing.

I entered the Art4Healing program wanting to incorporate it in my work with children and teens, and I still do; but my experience of volunteering at a workshop at Camp Pendleton has me looking into working with the Wounded Warriors in the D.C. area. I watched young military men and women turning their pain; their fears; their issues with anger /alcohol/suicide attempts into beauty and healing through painting.

I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting for a new non-profit in our area to talk about Art4Healing. The non-profit, Serve Our Wounded Warriors (SOWW), has a wonderful vision of connecting with Wounded Warriors to assist them in their healing journey in so many different ways, including connecting them to resources available to assist them in all areas of their life.

Currently, I am designing a logo for the group, and as we move forward, will offer art workshops to the Wounded Warriors and their families to assist them on their healing journey.

*"Art is our one true global language. It knows no nation, it favors no race, and it acknowledges no class. It speaks to our need to reveal, heal and transform. It transcends our ordinary lives and lets us imagine what is possible."*

-Richard Kamler

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## Project Healing Waters



Marty Laksbergs, PHW Lead Quantico, presents Todd Harman with a PHW support award at the 2012 PHW 2 Fly competition, Culpeper, VA.

*Project Healing Waters* is located in Ft. Belvoir, Quantico and Bethesda and is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. [www.Projecthealingwaters.org/](http://www.Projecthealingwaters.org/).

Trout Unlimited Veterans Service Program is a Veterans Service Program that will serve U.S. veterans throughout the country, through conservation projects and fly fishing instruction. [www.tu.org/about-us/special-projects/veterans-service-program](http://www.tu.org/about-us/special-projects/veterans-service-program)

With 140,000 members and 400 chapters throughout the country, TU will engage its extensive network of volunteers to

introduce wounded and returning veterans to TU's conservation work through fly fishing. The project will work with veteran rehabilitation groups across the country.

Harman's Luxury Log Cabins, West Virginia was the location where Trout Unlimited filmed their feature video "Imagine" for Veterans Service Program. Trout Unlimited's **Bryan Moore**, Vice President and Alan Folger, Head of Veterans Service Program, along with Ed Nicholson, Founder of Project Healing Waters and Curtis Fleming of Fly Rod Chronicles TV shot the video over multiple days of fishing. The finished product will be distributed to the general public by Trout Unlimited over 400 chapters country wide.



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# Resident Spotlight



## Julie Elaine Gross & Josh Breen

Phil and Terry Gross are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Julie Elaine to Josh Breen on August 11, 2012. They were married at Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville, Maryland. Julie is a graduate of James Madison University and works for the federal government as a public health analyst. Josh graduated from Virginia Tech and works in finance. They honeymooned in Aruba and reside in Arlington, VA.

## Gainesville Ballet School's 8<sup>th</sup> Nutcracker Production



Resident Abigail Mumma

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Gainesville Ballet School will stage its production of "A Children's Nutcracker" again this year at Battlefield High School. The full-length ballet is choreographed, staged and directed by and features performances by Maria-Monica Koo, founder and artistic director for the school. A former professional ballet dancer, Miss Koo stresses technique in teaching the Vaganova method which emphasizes a continual flow of the body with coordinated positions of the head and arms.

Gainesville Ballet School was recently awarded the 2012 Seefeldt Award from Prince William County Arts Council for Outstanding Arts Organization. We are so lucky to have such a great organization in our community. You really should make this local ballet part of your holiday tradition for the whole family as many of our local Lake Manassas residents are participants in it.

Check back with [www.gainesvilleballetschool.org](http://www.gainesvilleballetschool.org) for performance information and advance tickets. The Gainesville Ballet School is located at 7522 Old Linton Hall Road in Gainesville. 703.753.5005. The performances are tentatively scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at Battlefield High School, 15000 Graduation Drive in Haymarket.