



Resident Spotlight Around the World in 161 Days

By: Renee and Dave Capouya



So, how did this crazy idea evolve? A perfect alignment of life's events occurred to create the concept of our trip around the world. First, retirement happened. Second, we had more than enough frequent flier miles. Third, we both had a love of travel. And the fourth major contributor was a sudden plethora of leisure time.

I've been asked many times, "How do you plan such an adventure?" "Well, very carefully", I'd say. We started by thinking of our personal bucket list. We included visits to places that would satisfy our love of nature and photography (i.e. mountain gorillas of Uganda) with other destinations that offered cultural opportunities (ex. China and India). We chose some locations like Mongolia, because its capital, Ulaanbaatar, sounded so exotic. Next, we made our chosen geographical locations into a realistic sequence of destination airports. Then, we decided how long we would need in each location by studying and researching itineraries for those destinations. Finally, 335 days before the last international flight we would take, we made our airline reservations.

Now, it was time to break the journey down into actual segments by location, decide on specifics of what to see and do, determine how long we needed to accomplish our objectives, and book tours, hotels and local airline tickets. Without the internet and PWC library, this would have been 'mission impossible'. Dave took care of booking hotels and airline tickets (for local intra-country travel). Renee worked out the tour itineraries, booked those, and coordinated visas. One restriction we agreed upon up front was "no bus tours". Where a tour was involved, it would include us, a car, driver and guide. One internet site that was particularly helpful to us was tripadvisor.com, a site where reviews are written by people who have actually stayed in the hotels and used the tour operators in each locale. Another helpful site was kayak.com which gave helpful info about which airlines flew to what destinations.

The Trip

Brazil's Pantanal, Our First Destination, July 2011

Being a National Geographic junky, I'd seen two documentaries on an area called the Pantanal, one with a professional nature photographer who toured and photographed the area. The big advantage to the Pantanal was the fact that it contained hundreds of bird species, most if not all of the animals that the Amazon had to offer and enjoyed the advantage of being an immense, open grassy wetland, so the fauna of the region is visible for photography rather than being hidden between and among trees and vegetation, as it is in the rain forest.

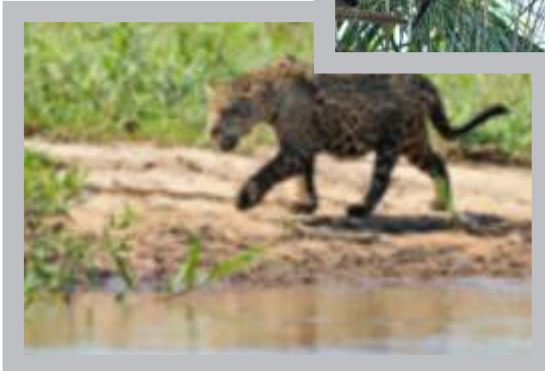
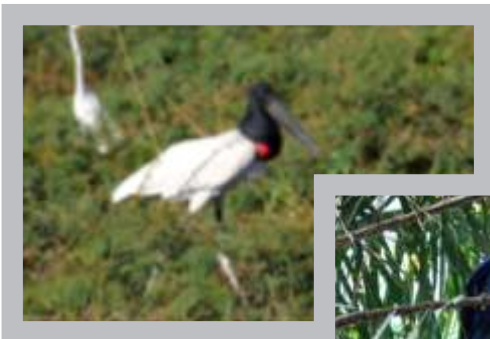
We booked an indigenous Brazilian guide who collected us from the airport in his rather dilapidated Toyota jeep named "Bronco Mule," strapped our bags to the roof of the vehicle, and away we went. We drove the Transpantaneira Highway, an unpaved, bumpy, dusty road that transects the Pantanal. We spent a little more than a week there, stopping and staying at lodges along the road that offered slightly different habitats to maximize bird and other wildlife viewing while hiking and driving.

There are no words to describe the diversity of wildlife in the Pantanal, but I'll try. There are huge numbers and species of birds, water birds and raptors. The rock star of the bird world here is the jabiru stork. It's over 4 feet tall. Birds found nowhere else exist here, such as the beautiful and magnificent hyacinth macaw, purplish-blue like the flower. As we drove the highway, many of the birds and some animals appeared: first, hawks, then herons, egrets, jabirus and caimans, to name a few. On one photo stop, the caimans were so thick; they looked like a caiman carpet. Anteaters, coati mundis, agoutis, tapirs, capybaras, caimans and the elusive jaguar all make this place their home.

...to be continued

In future articles, we'll take you with us as we travel to the African continent, to Asia, down under in Australia and New Zealand, and we'll find paradise in the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

To view additional photos of our amazing journey, please visit our website at <http://reneecapouya.zenfolio.com>. For more details on each destination, our blog has been published at <http://renee-dave.blogspot.com>.





Resident Spotlight

Summer Pittman

Summer Pittman has lived in Lake Manassas since 1999. She sings, plays guitar, and piano.

She has enjoyed performing at Deja Brew, DVCC, and Piedmont Country Club, Haymarket day and Centreville day, with various Contemporary Music Center bands.

She also enjoys musical theater, and played the role of Alice in the Gainesville middle school production of Alice and Wonderland.

Her favorite artists are Taylor Swift and Hunter Hayes.



In 2011 Summer also had the honor of meeting Secretary of Education Richard Riley with neighbor and friend Jessie Shalvey at the Department of Education.



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T wo Wine Trails

North and West of Gainesville, VA



There are quite a few wineries within driving distance in Northern Virginia. You may wish to create your own list by searching the Internet for Northern Virginia wineries. You can also find a winery map at www.virginiawine.org/wineries which identifies the specific location of all the wineries listed below plus many more. Click on the circle on the right 'Download Winery Guide' which is a .pdf file that can be printed out. LMROA has no affiliation with and has not been compensated for listing any of these wineries. Without any endorsement or recommendations, here are a few random picks which have a wine shop, a tasting room, a picnic area and light fare. Check each winery's web site to see individual specific events and if entertainment is offered.

The average distance and traveling time is approximately 2 1/2 miles and 5 minutes between each winery North of Gainesville listed below. This list starts at the furthest point North and travels back towards Gainesville:

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Lost Creek Winery 43277 Spinks Ferry Road Leesburg, VA 20176 www.lostcreekwinery.com	Thurs-Mon: 11-5	\$ 7.00
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YOU CAN REPLACE THEM YOURSELF - Replacing washing machine hoses is as easy as hooking up a water hose to a water spigot. And a new set of hoses costs between \$10 and \$20 at most home repair, hardware and plumbing supply outlets.

To install new hoses, first shut off the water supply to your washing machine. Close the main shutoff valve in your house if a valve closer to your washing machine is not available. Unscrew the old hoses one at a time, draining any water into the washing machine.

Carefully line up the threads and screw the hoses on tightly. Once you've installed the new hoses, open the shutoff valves slowly. Run the machine through a cycle and check carefully for leaks.

Carefully move the washer back toward the wall, keeping the hose free from kinks or tight bends. Allow at least four inches or 11 centimeters between the water connection and the back of your washer.



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The Power of Paint

Paint is one of the easiest and most cost effective changes you can make to improve the look and feel as well as value of your home. It is a great way to simply spruce up or even develop a new look without spending a lot of money. Painting with carefully selected colors will change a room. Fresh paint will enhance your furnishings, change lighting, compliment artwork and most likely lift your mood. Color sets tone. Paint colors can make a space feel larger and more airy, even cheerful. Paint colors can also make a space feel more intimate and cozy encouraging you to relax. Color can change your mood. It is very important for the mood you create in your space to elicit feelings of enjoyment, relaxation or whatever other feeling best relates to the room you are decorating. Color impact is huge and fortunately is achievable by one of the least expensive decorating projects around. Painting is quick, very affordable and a relatively unobtrusive home improvement.

You can paint in a standard way with rollers and brushes but you may also want to consider something more creative. Go to the craft store and select some stencils for trim, or perhaps sponges for a textured effect. Or go to Lowe's or Home Depot and ask about their classes. They offer a variety on "do it yourself" training.

When you are selecting a paint color don't just go with what you love but rather consider the following:

- How you want the space to feel?
- What mood do you want the room to convey?
- How do you want to feel when you spend time there?
- Are you looking for the space to provide inspiration or relaxation?
- Do you lean towards warmer colors like chocolate and caramels or do you prefer cooler colors like blues, grays and greens.

Restaurants often use red in their decor because it is said to entice appetite while day care center will bring in yellow because it is known to brighten spirits. These are all factors to consider.



If you are not sure what colors you like enough to commit them to your walls then neutral tones such as taupes, tans and grays may be the best choices. Neutrals are safe yet still add a lot of impact. And the beauty of these colors is that they lend completely to accessories which can be easily switched out with the seasons. Metallics and neons are "in" again as well as honeysuckle, a shade of orange. So if you are someone who loves change and gets tired of a color or feel of a room after a short time - neutral is your palette.

If you like drama and want to add color that you can live with for a while but are unsure of how to go about color selection then consider that inspiration for color can come from many sources. Think about when

you are most moved. Does your eye gravitate towards fresh spring blossoms or colors displayed across a vivid spring sky, then you will naturally lean towards colors that make you feel good. When carefully coordinated, those colors used in harmony will transform your house into your haven.

Getting started ... Take a good look at your space. Look at your furnishings. If you have a lot of pattern in your furniture, drapes or rugs then choose a secondary color found in one of those to enhance your walls. If your furnishings are mono-chromatic then you can introduce a brand new color to the room. A new wall color will dramatically change its look. Be creative and take a chance because it's easy and cost effective to switch up again! Then complete your room with some finishing touches. Bring in some toss pillows or a new throw to tie it all together. You will see how just these few changes make your furniture and room take on a new look. Spring is here so open your windows and start painting! It's an easy way to re-energize your existing décor and lift you of your tired interior design.

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Spring and Summer bring with bright colors to our environment. Leaves and blooming flowers wash Lake Manassas in an array of pretty colors. Color brings emotion and how we wear and use colors says a lot about us. Check out this list of the most popular apparel colors and learn what each one says about us.

BLACK/GRAY: These are two of the most common and essential fashion colors, and they're ideal for people who want to keep a low profile. These colors are subtle and also often selected by people who want to hide weight issues. They can also be quite elegant when accessorized well.

BLUE: Wearing this color helps create a sense of calm and serenity. Indigo and dark blues are especially comforting as they invoke a sense of relaxing in warm water.

GREEN: Choose this color if you want to send a nurturing, earthy message. Because trees and grass are green, this color helps wearers feel more in tune with nature. It represents the summer season and new growth, and it's a good choice when you want to turn over a new leaf, so to speak.

ORANGE: This color is all about creative, high-energy? It is intense, fun and playful. It encourages wearers to get out into the world and create something amazing.

PINK: This color conveys compassion and kindness. When people wear pink, they appear approachable and capable of caring about others. When you want to feel and give the impression of being heart-connected, any shade of pink will do. And yes, it is certainly for men too.

PURPLE: This color will get noticed. Because purple is seldom worn as a neutral color, it makes a bold statement.

RED: This color sends a message of power and confidence. Put on that powerful red

shade and you will awake a perhaps dormant confidence in your being.

WHITE: This is a color for new beginnings. It gives wearers a fresh outlook and reminds them that each day is a clean slate. Plus, wearing white can help reduce nagging feelings of disappointment.

YELLOW: Definitely an ideal color for spring and summer. Yellow carries the same healing qualities associated with the sun. It offers warmth, optimism and light. If you want to make an affirming statement choose cheerful, peppy yellow shades.



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In spring we are all chomping at the bit to getting our yards in shape for the coming growing season. The usual areas are raking the leaves, cleaning out the flower beds, mulching, pruning the shrubs, trees and roses, planting flowers, etc.. There are also some additional things you can do to get a running start.

LAWN CARE:

Prior to going out and purchasing fertilizer and lime, it is highly recommended that a soil sample be taken to see what nutrients are needed. Just applying fertilizers without diagnosing the need for them can be a waste of money, could cause damage and the worse case pollute the water supply by adding unnecessary nutrients that can run off into the storm sewer and pollute our watersheds. Soil sample kits can be obtained at the Prince William County Virginia Cooperative extension office. The office is located at 8033 Ashton Ave., Suite 105, Manassas, VA. The phone number is 703.792.4630.

For those who do not plan to seed this spring but would like to get ahead of the weeds including crab grass, it is recommended that a pre-emergent be applied to the lawn. This will inhibit weed growth by halting germination.

Another application is one that kills grubs, ensuring they do not eat your grass roots. A good grub control applied in early spring will benefit your lawn and

will keep down the Japanese beetles. Grub control products are available at Lowe's, Merrifield Garden Center, Southern States and Meadows Farms.

For lawn care equipment it is a good time to make sure your lawnmower is in good working order. Replacing worn out blades or sharpening the ones on the mower is essential for good lawn care.

PRUNING:

A good time to prune your roses is usually after the fifteenth of March. When you complete the pruning it is recommended that at the site of the cuttings you coat the cut with Elmer's wood glue. This is an added protection against borer infecting your rose bushes. Also fertilizing your roses with a specific rose fertilizer will get them off to a great start.

Other pruning chores can be started now especially for sculpting those Crepe Myrtle trees. Some of you who have Hydrangeas should wait until after they bloom to prune since flowering will occur on last year's old wood growth. Cutting them back now could impact flowering this growing season.

The last tip is for those who have an annual problem with bag worms on their trees especially the Leland Cypress and the Arborvitae. Spraying them with an insecticide in early May will definitely stop them from damaging your trees. Simply mist the trees with a chemical name Asephate and reapply in about 15

days. This is best done in the May timeframe. This should do the trick. Once the bag worms are established in late summer spraying will have little effect; at this point the best thing to do is remove the bagworms by hand. Remember, whenever using chemicals read the directions and avoid spraying any insecticide around flower trees or plants since they could harm pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

Lastly, if you have any questions concerning your plants you can contact the Prince William County Master Gardener Horticultural Help Desk which is available five days a week. The number for the Help Desk is 703.792.7747.

Have a wonderful spring and happy gardening.

Spring Is Here and the Garden Beckons

*Who Loves A Garden
Who loves a garden
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While ingrates toil;
And sees beyond his little sphere
The waving fronds of heaven clear.*

~LOUISE SYMOUR JONES

Ground Hogs

... the frustration and potential solution

Bring up pesty neighbors in Lake Manassas and undoubtedly you will hear stories about groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, as well as deer and rabbits.

Are you having an issue with one/some? My own personal groundhog has a personality much like the little guy featured in the movie "Caddy Shack." He seems to anticipate my every move and knows how to get around my actions.

I'm told there is no foolproof way to rid yourself of these pest but the following may prove to be helpful:

- Search for an organic, anti-groundhog product created for plants - on sale on the internet and at local nurseries. (The products are also available for rabbits and deer). I purchased one for under \$20. Mist your flowers and saturate the surrounding earth and rocks. Each application is supposed to last about one month.

- Try to plan around these pests. Each one has his own personality and taste buds but the groundhogs in particular haven't seemed too interested in my ground covers, large shrubs (forsythia, beauty bush, nandina, spirea), ornamental grasses, dusty miller, small trees (such as dwarf Japanese maple), daylilies, and even daisies.

- They seem to love impatiens, coleus, pansies, and small roses are apparently very attractive to them.

- A lot of trouble but something you may want to consider is putting your annuals in pots or planters, even window boxes - that are either out of reach or can be moved to a deck or garage at night for protection.

- If you don't have people walking your garden (up too close), want low maintenance, and a long beautiful season of color - there is always the craft store in the Wegman's shopping center. They have a gorgeous array of silk and plastic that will carry you through a season or two.

- Some various home remedies include mothballs, Epsom salts, and ammonia-soaked rags. Each of these fades with time, so repeated application is required. We hear that snakes don't like the moth balls either.

- Groundhogs are basically timid creatures and they don't like motion. Pinwheels can scare them away, or anything that flaps and moves. Low-wattage flashing lights or a motion-activated (timed) sprinkler could work.

- Wire mesh fencing is a consideration but you need to



insure compliance with community regulations and follow specific directions available online, as groundhogs can burrow under or climb over regular fence installations.

- Naturally nature will take its course. There are predators in Lake Manassas and groundhogs also can fall prey to our pets. I have a pug who seems to dare "our" groundhog. My pug will stand with his front paws on the windowsill locking eyes with the groundhog and they will stay like that for several minutes.

It's rather funny when we are all inside but I would not want to see what would happen if there was a confrontation.

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- Central Community Library 703.361.8211 - April 22 at 2:00 p.m. A Percussion Ensemble
- Chinn Park Regional Library 703.792.4800 - April 29 at 2:00 p.m.: A Strings Ensemble

<http://host.evanced.info/pwcc/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Prince William County Historic Properties - Easter Egg Hunt: Rippon Lodge Historic Site, 15520 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge VA. The parking lot is located at the intersection of Blackburn Road and Admiral Black Drive. April 23 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket and help find all the eggs. <http://www.pwccgov.org>

The Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center Street, Manassas VA - April 28 at 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.: Retro 60s, 70s, 80s Party Casa Retro Dance to benefit abused and neglected children in our community. Entertainment: 3 live bands, karaoke contest, costume contest <http://harrisapavilion.com/index.php>

Fauquier Community Theatre "White Building" 4260 Sigler Road, Vint Hill Farms, VA, 20187 813.484.6171. May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20: Into the Woods (Musical) "This Grim fairytale story can be just that – grim." Performances: Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m. <http://fctstage.org/current-season/>

The Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, VA 20110, is located on George Mason University's Prince William campus which is 4 miles south of I-66 via exit 44. At the following locations, Hylton Presents: Hylton Center - May 6 at 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Arts Alive! 2012 (Free)

Buchanan Partners Arts Gallery - May 6 - June 12, 2012: Pastel Society of Virginia Fine Art Exhibit - May 12 at 6:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk

Merchant Hall- May 10 at 7:30 p.m.: Woodbridge Senior High School Center for Fine and Performing Arts 10th Anniversary Gala. "... a performance of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" by the music and dance departments, with well over 200 student performers onstage!

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May 12 at 7:30 p.m. Manassas Symphony May-toberfest. "... festival with fun music from and about Germany, Austria, and Bavaria." (children/students through college - Free)

May 19 at 7:30 p.m. & May 20 at 3:00 p.m. Manassas Ballet Theatre: Swan Lake. "... the timeless, gothic tale of true love and tragedy. <http://hyltoncenter.org/calendar/list/2012/5/>

The Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center Street, Manassas VA- Adult Evening Dances (Free) <http://harrisapavilion.com/index.php>

- June 11: Beatlemania Again
- June 18: Groove Train
- July 2: Southern Persuasion
- July 16: The Sock Monkeys

The Hylton Performing Arts Center - Merchant Hall

- June 1 at 7:30 p.m.: Manassas Chorale: Mozaert and More
- June 3 at 6:00 p.m.: Boyle School of Irish Dance
- June 9 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 pm.: South Riding Dance: A Mid Summer's Night

Gregory Family Theater - June 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17: Prince William Little Theatre: Red Scare on Sunset. Performances: Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m. <http://hyltoncenter.org/calendar/list/2012/5/>

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- May 18 at 7:00 p.m.: REO Speedwagon, STYX and Ted Nugent
- June 3 at 7:00 p.m.: Miranda Lambert
- June 16 at 7:00 p.m.: Dave Matthews Band
- June 23 at 7:00 p.m.: Rascal Flatts
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 7pm Communications	6	7 * 10am Environmental Committee
8	9 Tennis Starts	10 7pm Swim & Tennis Committee	11	12	13	14
15	16 *7pm Covenants	17	18	19	20	21
22 29	23 30	24	25 Pool registration 5:00 to 7:00 pm	26	27	28

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* These dates are tentative All meeting in the Management Office Conference Room unless otherwise noted.		1	2	3 7pm Communications	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16 7pm Community Safety/Visitor Access Committee	17	18	19 Pool registration 10 am until 2 pm
20	21 *7pm Covenants	22	23	24 7pm Budget \$ Finance	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31		

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 7pm Communications	8	9
10	11	12 *7pm Swim & Tennis Committee	13	14	15	16 Swim Meet Ben Lomand (Home)
17	18 *7pm Covenants	19	20	21	22	23 Swim Meet Southbridge (Home)
24	25	26 6:30pm Board mtg Open session 6:30pm Stonewall Clubhouse	27	28	29	30 Swim Meet Westridge (Away)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 7pm Communications	6	7 Swim Meet Urbanna (Home)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Swim Meet Veterans Park (Away) * 10am Environmental Committee
15	16 *7pm Covenants	17	18 7pm Community Safety/Visitor Access Committee	19	20	21 Swim Meet Stonewall (Away)
22	23	24	25	26 7pm Budget \$ Finance	27	28 Swim Meet Purple Divisional at Southbridge
29	30	31				

Community Management & Committee Meetings

All meetings will be held at the on-site management office conference room.

Budget & Finance Committee: Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 7 pm. The dates will be May 24 and July 26

Communications Committee: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. The dates will be April 5, May 3, June 7 and July 5.

Community Safety/Visitor Access Committee: Tentatively, meetings will be held on the third Wednesday, every other month at 7 pm. The dates will be May 16 and July 18,

Covenants Committee: Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7 pm. The dates will be *April 16, *May 21, *June 18 and *July 16.

Environmental Committee: Meetings are held once a quarter at 10:00 am. The dates will be April 7 and July 14.

Modifications Committee: Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 5 pm. The dates will be April 9, May 14, June 11 and July 9.

Swim & Tennis Center Committee: Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7 pm. The dates will be April 10 and *June 12

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Lake Manassas Activities

All residents are welcome to participate in these activities. Come out and enjoy the fun with us. All activities are free unless otherwise noted.

Activity: Mah Jongg



Contact: Suzanne at 703.727.5775 or 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

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.

Pool opens: May 26
Pool closes: September 3rd
Tennis program starts: April 9th
The pool party: Sunday May 27th

Activity: Tennis

Contact: Grete Bravo at Cell 703.395.8508 or gstrombravo@gmail.com

Time and Date: Tennis activities will start the week of April 9
Round Robin doubles (mixed or regular): Friday 6-8 pm
Kids match play: Saturday 3-5 pm

Tennis classes:

- Kids beginners: Monday and/or Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm
- Kids intermediate: Monday and/or Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm
- Adult beginners: Monday and/or Wednesday 9.30-10.30am
- Adult intermediate: Monday and/or Wednesday 10.30-11.30am
- Cardio tennis and clinics for advanced levels to be determined.
- Fees for kid's classes: \$60 for a 5 week session based on once a week. \$100 for a 5 week session based on twice a week.
- Fees for adult's classes: \$70 for a 5 week session based on once a week. \$120 for a 5 week session based on twice a week.
- There are no fees for the Round Robin Doubles and kids match play.

Location: Lake Manassas Tennis Courts

Description: Please call or email Grete Bravo to sign up and/or inquire about tennis classes and activities.

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others will know that someone is "watching" the community. The Police would like to encourage active participation in helping keep Lake Manassas safe by calling 911 at the first sign of suspicious activity and by being a good witness.

A good witness is someone who can remember the details, such as:

- Height and Weight,
- Hair Color and Style
- and clothing of a suspect.

If a vehicle is involved, a good witness would remember:

- A license plate
- Color, Make and Model,
- Any identifying marks, and
- Direction of travel.

A good witness would probably carry a pen and some paper so that as something happens they could write it down. The longer that you wait the more information you may forget. Most importantly, a good witness is a safe witness.

If a crime does occur please do not try to get involved. Call 911, and write down what you observed as soon as possible. Even if you suspect something is going on, CALL.

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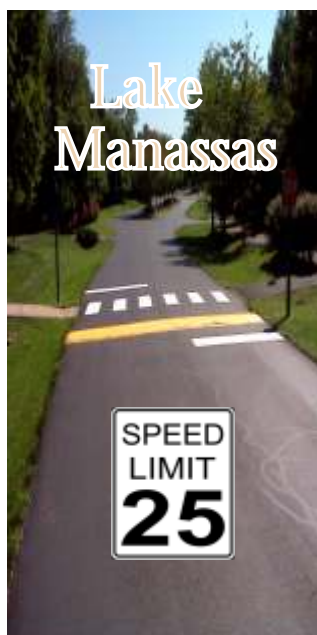
The Sheriff reports a number of incidents where thieves are simply entering open garages and stealing items from vehicles and homes. Open garage doors are a nightly occurrence for the Sheriff's Office. The patrol deputies routinely see open garages and in many cases attempt to contact the homeowner to make them aware of the situation. This behavior puts both property and family at risk since many

residents do not lock the interior door to the garage since they assume the garage door is closed. In some cases thieves have entered homes and stolen items right from the kitchen counter as residents watched TV or slept inside the home. Citizens sometimes do not take expensive items out of, or even lock their vehicles if the vehicles are parked in a garage. This places both the contents and the vehicle at risk. Kids are also entering garages for the sole purpose of stealing alcohol from refrigerators in

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