

Form a Lake Manassas Social Activities Committee. Would you like to organize neighborhood seasonal events like a July 4th picnic, a Halloween parade and other holiday gatherings? If this sounds like something you would like to organize and manage, please contact Michelle Wingo at mwingo@cmc-management.com.

Create and manage a Lake Manassas Commuter Connection. With the cost of gas, this is an attractive idea and coupled with the use of the HOV lane could save commuters considerable time and expense. If you would like to accept the challenge of managing this project, please send a message to newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com.

As always, your assistance with the preparation of this newsmagazine would also be appreciated. Researchers, photographers, writers and editors are more than welcome to join us. Please contact me at annejeffery27@hotmail.com.

Please know the intent of this publication is to improve communications among residents, our committees and the board. Please let us know what other topics you would like to see in this newsmagazine. This is your Lake Manassas Connection. You can easily contribute information by submitting articles and photographs that you would like to share with the community to newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com.

Residents are always welcome to attend our committee meetings. The communications committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the on-site management office. If you are also interested in becoming a committee member, please contact Michelle Wingo at mwingo@cmc-management.com.

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Trespassing Through Private Property Report

Recently it has been brought to the Attention of the Committee and Board of Directors that teenagers from the community are cutting through private residential property, the Stonewall Golf Club's ninth fairway, and fenced property, to access the Shops at Stonewall, particularly Wegmans. We strongly encourage parents to talk with their children and stress the importance of respecting the private property rights of each homeowner and the fact that using side yards as a path is a violation of these property rights and does cause damage to the yards. Steps have been taken to secure access points along the ninth fairway fence line and post No Trespassing Signs. Parents are requested to communicate the importance of respecting private property.

Rowland



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Covenants Report

Thanks to all those residents who did such a great job sprucing up their yards this spring by weeding, trimming, adding bedding plants and applying a fresh layer of mulch. Also appreciation goes out to all those who took the time to take on power washing and painting projects to smarten up appearances.

Summer is a great time to gather quotes for fall projects such as painting windows and trim and aeration and over seeding of the lawn. It is also a perfect time to meet with landscaping experts to come up with plans that can be implemented once the weather cools.

In the last quarter the Covenants Committee has worked with the Board and Community Management Corporation (CMC) to refine the inspection and violation process within the community in accordance with Residential Owners Association (ROA) bylaws and guidelines.

Three types of inspections occur in the community – weekly inspections, annual comprehensive inspections and follow up inspections. Weekly inspections focus mainly on aesthetic issues (grass and mulch beds, trash cans, mailboxes) and parking issues. Annual inspections are comprehensive inspections of the entire property. This type of inspection looks at all aspects of the property including aesthetics and determines if modifications to the property have been completed in accordance with an approved application. Follow up inspections are conducted in response to complaints raised by residents or to follow up on violations notice.

If violations are found on during an inspection a notice citing the violation, informing residents of their right to request a hearing and providing a cure period are mailed to the homeowner. If residents are unsure of what the letter is requesting please contact the CMC representative noted on the letter for assistance. The purpose of the notice is to inform residents of the violation and provide them the opportunity to correct the issue. Written requests for extensions to the cure period will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Properties are inspected again after at the end of the cure period. Violations are closed for those residents who resolve the issue. For those residents who fail to cure the violation their file is referred to the Covenants Committee or the Board for review.

Several remedies are available to the ROA in handling non cured violations. These include suspension of residents' access to community property such as the pool, suspension of residents voting rights, monetary penalties, placement of a lien against a property or seeking injunctive relief through the court systems.

The intent of the covenants process is to maintain the standards of the community so residents can enjoy its beauty and benefit from improved property values. This process is agreed to by each resident prior to purchasing a home. CMC representatives assist the ROA with the violations process. As with any process that involves humans on occasion there may be errors or oversights but please let the CMC representatives know your concerns in a courteous manner.

Please be a good neighbor to all those in Lake Manassas by following the Covenants!

Cara

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nvironmental Report

The next committee meeting will be held on October 6, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the management site office.

Work is currently progressing for the following projects:

- Completing Irrigation for the Overlook Circle
- Installing irrigation for the small circle on Spyglass Hill Loop
- Adding irrigation for the circle on Bonnie Briar Loop

Our goal is to complete these projects this Summer.

We are also working on getting proposals for repairs to the trails.

Work is continuing on the five-year plan and priorities have been established for each area of the community that is within our responsibility. Proposals will be obtained for additional landscaping projects that can be accomplished within our budget in the areas of primary concern.

Our committee welcomes ideas and concerns from all of our residents that will help keep Lake Manassas the premiere community in the area.

We can use more volunteers for the Committee from all residents who are interested and can take time to participate.

Allan

odifications & Construction Report

The former Modifications Committee has taken on some added responsibility and gets a name change to reflect that. The new MCC is adding to its agenda the work of the residential part of the former New Construction Committee. The chair and members remain the same as the old Modifications Committee, and it will meet at the same times. This was done to smooth the transition to the new board governance, which will have all residents as members. Previously, the developer oversaw new construction, and that will continue for any remaining commercial properties. This means that the new MCC will oversee development of the handful of remaining lots in the single family homes area, as well as the proposed new townhomes (if they are approved). The MCC has added an architect member and regularly consults with a Landscape and Design firm.

The existing Modifications Committee had a busy few months. In the last two months it handled 30 applications. Of special note, it approved a combined application to alter landscaping by multiple lot owners on Cancun Court, which had a problem with trees that were getting too large for their lots and damaging lawns. This is something to consider for other neighborhoods that face some sort of common problem. Such coordinated action can save money where one contractor is chosen to take on a multiple lot project.

During the last several months we have been receiving modification applications dropped off the day of our meeting, and on some occasions right before the meeting. When we get a late application, it makes scheduling inspections of the property beforehand problematic, and even impossible. It also makes it difficult for the members to properly analyze the application. For these reasons the Board has adopted a new rule: Modification applications must be filed at least 4 business days before a scheduled meeting in order to ensure the committee has time to examine them and schedule any needed property inspections. Currently, meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month. That means that completed applications must be at CMC management the Wednesday before that second Monday.

Please note that the installation of radon remediation systems after final construction does not require approval. However, screening of exterior equipment is required.

Also, the committee can no longer accept applications for trampolines. Residents who filed trampoline applications prior to May 14, 2012 all should have received letters indicating the committee's decision.

Finally, the MCC will be looking at the design guidelines for possible changes. If you have any ideas for improvements, let the committee know.

Peter



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New Development Committee Report



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The Board of Directors has created a new committee called the "New Development Committee." This committee is an outgrowth of the Ad Hoc Committee that was independently formed to improve the Town Home rezoning proposal (See President's Report). 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 703.753.688, marc@theschlathers.com or Rowland Bowers at 703.732.2471, rthbowers@comcast.net.



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The pool opened Memorial Day Weekend and we celebrated that with a pool party for the whole community with music, games and pot luck foods. It was great to see everyone again after a long fall and winter.

The swim team has started up again and is as always a great community event with kids of all ages participating.

This spring we had one tennis court taken down and replaced with a full-size basketball court. We are anticipating that lines for the basketball court will be painted this summer.

Tennis classes are being offered and we plan to have Round Robin style socials throughout the summer.

Several repairs and improvements have been performed:

- Straightened or replaced the tennis nets. (Please remind everyone to treat the tennis nets kindly - no sitting or hanging on the nets).
- Power washed the pool deck and furniture and repainted the trash receptacles.
- Replaced the screening on the exterior restroom doors and installed new interior handles to the doors.
- Placed several additional rubber mats on the floors in the restrooms at the pool to prevent slipping.
- Replaced a broken light fixture in the men's room.
- Replaced shower curtains.
- Re-grouted broken/cracked tiles in the men's room.
- Repaired leaking sinks in the men's room.
- Repaired air conditioning at the lifeguard office.
- Filled the crack on the new basketball court and replaced the net at the basketball court in front of the parking lot.
- Repaired the timers for the tennis and basketball courts.
- Scheduled cleaning the pool restrooms every Monday morning and right after home swim meets.

Have a great summer!

Grete

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8052 Arcadian Shore Court	\$550,000	\$574,900	0	15
8242 Sneed Loop	\$590,000	\$599,900	5	6
8425 Link Hills Loop	\$600,000	\$619,000	42	1
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
8090 Amsterdam Court	\$650,000	\$659,000	133	14
8495 Link Hills Loop	\$654,500	\$675,000	13	7
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	\$999,000	89	10

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- "The \$11.5 million T. Nelson Elliot Spillway Improvement Project off of Glenkirk Road will cost the city roughly \$3.75 million. Another \$2.7 million will be paid by the city's wholesale water customers and the state will pay the remainder..." "The 790-acre Lake Manassas reservoir has the capacity to hold 5.3 billion gallons of water. The city's water treatment plant produces up to 14 million gallons of water a day, according to a City of Manassas public works and utilities department press release." Work on strengthening the T. Nelson Elliot Dam in Lake Manassas is continuing. Source: Excerpt from www2.insidenova.com/news/2011/jul/31/5/lakemanassas-dam-getting-stronger-ar-1209270/.

No Boats on Lake Manassas - According to an article in the Bull Run Observer, from staff reports, dated April 20, 2012, the "Manassas City Police Department has issued a reminder that no boats are permitted on Lake Manassas. Fishing is permitted off the banks of private property with the permission of the property owner. The 770-acre body of water just south of Gainesville, is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Manassas as well as surrounding jurisdictions. The City of Manassas closed the lake entirely to the public in 2004 following concerns that surfaced about homeland security and an influx of invasive species, according to a news release. The city plans to post additional "No Trespassing" signs around the lake to increase awareness about the law. The Police Department noted that it has a "zero tolerance" policy in place for intruders caught on the lake and will have increased patrols on and around the water at varying times. Any person found trespassing could be found guilty of a Class 1 Misdemeanor, according to the news release." For current information, go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/waterbodies/display.asp?id=82

Route 29 South and I-66 West Interchange

- Current plans for the Route 29 South and I-66 West Interchange are available at the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) building on Linton Hall Road. An aerial view is also available at www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/gainesville_improvements.asp. Scroll to the middle of the page and click on 'What's Being Done' or 'Video Rendering'. On this website you can also enter 'Route 29 Schedule' as the search criteria. When the results appear, click on Route 29 and Linton Hall Road to see a pdf file of the planned construction schedule with current progress photos. Currently, detours are open to traffic (Stage 1). We can expect road closures during the summer of 2013 (Stage 2) when Route 29 is shifted over the railroad. The projected completion date (Stage 5) is in the Spring of 2015.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) - The following excerpt is from a Washington Post article, published on February 6, 2012: "Prince William Board of County Supervisor W.S. "Wally" Covington III (R-Brentsville) was recently named chairman of the Virginia Railway Express, which has six stations in the county. Covington has long had plans for the rail line, which has seen increased ridership and improved on-time performance in the past couple of years. A member of the rail line's board since 2004, Covington, 49, has pushed for more rail expansion in Prince William, where residents have long endured one of the worst commutes in the Washington area." To see the entire article, go to www.Washingtonpost.com/local/new-vre-chairman-discusses-railway/2012/02/02/gIQAiXuxtQ_story.html. For more information about the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Gainesville-Haymarket Extension, go to www.vre.org/about/G-H/whats-new.html

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**Great Grandmom
Rolande Summers**

Great Grandmom Rolande Summers, who was raised in France, completed a 30 year career in the US Government ending at the Administrative Office of the US Courts. After retirement, over the last six years, she has been president of a cultural group, the Club d'Amitie Franco-International in Washington, D.C.

**Here is
Koby
after
Lacrosse
practice**



This is a close-up of my newest great grandson Grayson with his mom my granddaughter Crystal Soskin.



These are my very special five Great Grandchildren. I was fortunate to catch them all together in a photograph in my backyard at Eastertime.

From left to right are my son's grandsons: Koby (15) who is entering 9th grade and plays Lacrosse, and Leeland (5) who attends preschool;

Kaitlyn (8), who is entering 3rd grade, Grayson (1) and Dyland (12), who is entering 7th grade, are my daughter's grandchildren.



**Grandmom Zanna
(Suzanne Brooks)**



**Grandma Zanna mellowing
and tickling on the sofa with
Ryan, age 4 and JJ, age 2**

Suzanne is enjoying her retirement and spending time with her grandchildren in Charlotte, North Carolina. In addition, she enjoys being a good, supportive neighbor, and meeting lots of our new neighbors. She's active in bunco in the neighborhood, and started the first Lake Manassas Mah-Jongg group, which has grown to 12 members. Being a game enthusiast, she'd love to start a neighborhood hand-and-foot group as well. She was recently named Volunteer of the Month for her work on the Program Committee at the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) Manassas, coordinating various classes and theater activities.



Ryan, age 4 and JJ, age 2

Ryan and Grandma Zanna feeding the giraffe's the lettuce we bought which is sold specifically for visitors to give to these very gentle and interesting animals. I can't say enough great things about the Columbia, South Carolina Zoo!

**Grandma Zanna
and JJ playing
in our
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playground**



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Jim and Dawn Gaskill

One of the true goals of this Lake Manassas Connection is to unite the community. Would you help us by sending a photo of you and your pet for the next issue. Please email your photo along with info about your pet to newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com. The next deadline is September 15

Our Chocolate Cocker Spaniels are 7 years old. Our little boy is Charlie and our little girl is Casey. We moved here last August from northern California and we all love Lake Manassas.



"Wally" is the 3 year old gray & white shih-tzu mix on the left and "Zena" is the little monster (ha!) on the right. She is also 3 years old & a shih-tzu. They are both adopted....I am a big proponent of that. There are too many dogs in shelters!!!



Malcolm & Harley's Mistress
is Lori Chait

These are our Havanese pups. Malcolm has a brown and white coat and is 8 years old. Harlequin (known as "Harley") who earned his name because of his silliness, is black and white and is 5 years old. These playful pups fill our home with much love and joy. We have been residing in Lake Manassas for several years. I am an avid animal lover and have been a dog owner my entire life. We are often out walking in the neighborhood. So, look out for us and say hello. Sometimes the pups are walking with my husband or my 17 year old daughter who is a rising senior at Highland School.

This is Trotskii.

His owner is Evan Brooks

Breed: Samoyed (mother was an American champion; father was a Canadian champion)

Date of Birth: 4 October 2003 (will be 9 years old), in Suffolk, VA. He weighs 64 pounds (the rest is fur)

Name: Trotskii (as a Russian breed, he was named after the Russian revolutionary Leon Trotskii (1879-1940)). But his name was a play on words – the breed description notes that the Samoyed “should trot and not prance”. He is one of the three sled breeds (Husky, Malamute and Samoyed); hence, the “Trot-sled” was adapted to Trotskii.



Molly's Mistress
is Linda Hendrickson

Molly is already nearly 10 years old. She is a border terrier...James Herriot's favorite breed. She is quite a smart dog, taking me on 3 or more walks per day. I consider her my fitness program except for the skiing I enjoy in the winter. Molly has helped me meet a good number of my neighbors. When she was a puppy we used to see the kids off at the bus stop nearly every morning. She would love to help diminish the rabbit, squirrel and chipmunk population...but she has me to drag along which inhibits the hunting. Wishing you many happy trails!

Hi, My name is Josie and this is my little sister Bella. We are Great Danes. We have the same parents one litter apart. Although we may look scary because of our size we are known as 'gentle giants'. We lay down for babies and love the smallest puppies. We have excellent manners and would never even think of jumping up on you as many rude little dogs like to do. We do like to smell you though this is our way of meeting you and our canine friends. You may have seen us around the neighborhood since our master and mistress walk us everyday. We don't need much food or much exercise. We make good apartment dogs too! if you watch Caesar Melan you will know that most dogs are gentle until someone teaches us to be otherwise. We love to meet and greet our neighbors so come on over and say hello when you see us walking.

Josie & Bella's Master & Mistress
are Doug & Maureen Brady





Resident Spotlight

Tell us what's happening with you, your family and neighbors. Send your photos and information to newsletter@lakemanassas.com and imageryads@aol.com.

Around the World in 161 Days - Part 2

Adventures in Africa

After a fun and productive visit to South America, we boarded our flight to South Africa. First on our itinerary was a visit to Dave's cousins in Cape Town. We visited them twice previously enroute to safaris in Botswana. This time, after seeing our relatives, we planned to visit Madagascar for its unique flora and fauna, especially the lemurs. And, even higher on our list of priorities was a gorilla trek in Uganda, hopefully to see a family of mountain gorillas, a highly endangered species. There are only about 800 left in the wild.

Madagascar

Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world. Over many years, the beautiful primary forests of the country containing rich endemic plant and animal life have been decimated. The trees have been harvested for fuel and building materials. Then, the cleared slopes of the hills and mountains have been cultivated for crops to feed a burgeoning population which has now reached more than 20 million. The result is that the very unique populations of animals and plants that evolved after Madagascar separated from mainland Africa are now threatened and endangered, living on small "islands" of forest, surrounded by farms. We were anxious to see and photograph the lemurs, chameleons and other fantastic wildlife still hanging on.

We arrived in the capital, Antananarivo, changed money (we thought we'd need a wheelbarrow to carry it all because the exchange rate was 2000 ariary to 1 US dollar), and headed out in a Toyota Land Cruiser with our driver. As we drove through the capital city, our senses were quickly overwhelmed with the scenes before us: so much so, that we were at a loss to even pick up a camera and take photos. People and more people: cramming 30 to a taxi van meant to hold 12 (there are no buses or trains), washing babies in plastic tubs in a canal that looked like a sewer, setting out massive amounts of laundry everywhere that fabric could be draped, hung or laid out, and folks lining the sides

of the roads shopping in little kiosks and markets.

We stayed in very comfortable lodges in various parts of the countryside adjacent to rainforests and hiked the lemurs' habitat searching for them. We ended up seeing many different species in various parts of southern Madagascar: the Indri Indri, gray bamboo lemur, black and white ruffed lemur, diademed sifaka, Milne Edwards Sifaka, mouse lemur, red bellied lemur, ring tailed lemur, common brown lemur, and red fronted brown lemur. It wasn't easy finding them. We hiked in dense rain forest, sometimes on trails and sometimes off the trails. We walked and climbed, traveling through dense thickets of vegetation, stumbling over tree roots and sliding down slippery slopes of wet leaves and mud, following the lemurs as they gracefully glided through the tree tops.

We also saw many colorful and interesting chameleons. Most were tiny and nocturnal. Guides at the lodges took us out for evening hikes and illuminated many of them on leaves by flashlight. The most impressive was the Parson's chameleon, a huge (about 2 feet long) multi-colored fellow with rotating eyes.



Uganda

After a wonderful adventure in Madagascar, we boarded our flight back to the African mainland, spent the night in

Johannesburg, and then flew to Entebbe, Uganda, to begin our next adventure. While in flight, we recalled an incident in Entebbe from 1976 when an Air France plane was hijacked by a Palestinian group, and the Israeli passengers being held hostage were subsequently rescued by Israeli commandos.

Entebbe is an attractive city on the banks of Lake Victoria. We spent a day there so that we could visit the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, partially funded by the Jane Goodall Foundation. Chimps have an endangered status due to several reasons: being hunted for bush meat and for the pet trade, getting caught in snares set for other animals, and losing habitat due to deforestation. The sanctuary provides forested space for the chimps that have been rescued and are living there. We heard their raucous calls as they all came out of the forest to be fed at 11:00AM. We watched them from a viewing platform as they caught vegetables tossed to them, and we took lots of photos. One of the chimps used a stick as a tool to reach a carrot that had landed under the fence. Others hoarded the food. Hands and mouths full, they returned to the forest with their booty. We were told that the chimps know they are stronger than humans, and care must be taken when dealing with them because they can overpower and injure the caregivers. The island is also home to a variety of birds, and Renee found a monitor lizard about 4 feet long while walking around taking photos.

