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## *From* the Board

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Spring is HERE! This past winter we experienced some extremely cold temperatures and above average snowfall. Here's hoping that you weathered the winter season well and we can all enjoy some mild weather before the heat of summer is upon us.

Despite budget overruns in the area of snow removal (at this writing, snow removal costs for this winter exceed \$70,000), and a slight increase in homeowner delinquencies, the association is in good financial shape. The agenda for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting included the topic of the FY 2015 budget and discussion on the effect that snow removal had on the FY 2014 budget. The Board is currently reviewing the proposed 2015 FY budget with the Budget and Finance Committee and once it has been approved, you will receive notification in the mail pertaining to your assessments for the coming year. We are making every effort to keep assessments at the current level as it is the goal of the Board to approve a no increase budget.

### **Maintenance Assessments**

You may or may not be aware that the assessment you pay each month is made up of two parts: the first being the "regular" assessment which is the same amount paid by each homeowner (currently \$176.84). The second part, or the "maintenance" portion of the assessment, is the amount that was previously determined as the amount of money needed to provide maintenance to the common elements in the particular section you live in. This amount varies greatly between sections. During the next year, the Board will be working with the Budget and Finance Committee to come to a resolution on how to more evenly spread this cost out among all homeowners beginning in **FY 2016**.

### **Road Repairs**

Last year, the Board signed a contract with Brothers Paving for road repairs including crack seal and seal coating. While we originally had planned for this work to be done during the spring months, due to the road/lane closures that will be necessary, it was thought better that the work be done without the added issue of school bus traffic and stops. Therefore, the work will likely not begin until sometime after school goes into summer recess. It is anticipated that road work could last for up to three weeks, depending on weather. A notice will be placed on the LMROA website, a blast email notification will be sent and signs will be placed throughout the community prior to any road work taking place.

### **Pipe Stems/Private Drives**

On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a discussion on pipe stem maintenance was held at the Stonewall Golf Club. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of creating easements with homeowners who live on pipe stems/private drives. The easement would allow the Association to enter onto the pipe stem/private drive to provide snow removal and future maintenance as well as continued trash removal service and postal service. ***The future cost of these services would then be assessed to only those owners who live on a pipe stem/private drive and placed in a Reserve account specifically designated for pipe stem/private drive maintenance.*** In order for the Association to move forward with scheduling needed maintenance/repairs on pipe stems/private drives, we must have a recorded easement with all owners on each individual pipe stem/private drive. So that the Association can take advantage of the discounted pricing offered by Brothers Paving and Asphalt, these repairs must be done in conjunction with the road work the Association has contracted for this summer.

If you live on a pipe stem/private drive, please contact the onsite manager, Michelle Wingo at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com) or at 703.753.7745 if you have any questions or wish to obtain a copy of the petition that requires your signature before an easement can be recorded.

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# From the Board

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## Turtle Point Townhome Update

The first five townhome units are now under construction and the Association has been told by Basheer and Edgemoore that sales will be open to the Basheer and Edgemoore "VIP list" at the end of April with the model home to be completed sometime in May or June (see page 19 of this newsletter).

## Amsterdam Gate

Emerald Iron Works, the contractor chosen to rebuild the Amsterdam Gate, has begun construction on the new gate system. Emerald provided a timeline for construction stating the final installation of the iron gates is to be mid to late April. The gate should be complete and fully functional by the end of April (depending on weather).

## Stonewall Gate

The Stonewall Ad Hoc Committee has been reviewing plans and pricing for improving the appearance and/or the possible creation of a third lane at the entrance to the Western Peninsula. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors who will then make the final decision on whether or not to move forward with the project. Please see the committee report on page 8 for more information.

## Contract Renewals

The Board has a set policy regarding contract renewals, and will begin reviewing existing contracts six months prior to renewal. With the input of the Budget and Finance Committee as well as our legal counsel, the Board will make the decision on whether or not to re-enter into an agreement with a current contractor or ask for bids on a new contract.

One contract that was up for renewal this year was the pool management contract. Upon completion of the contract review policy, the Board voted to retain the services of Clear Blue Pools, and has entered into a new three year pool management agreement.

Another agreement recently approved for renewal was with the Prince William County Policy for off duty patrols. There was a slight increase in the hourly rate, but adjustments have been made to the scheduled patrol hours in order to stay within the current budget. The Board is considering adding an additional patrol service which would be provided by our security contractor, Securitas. Securitas officers would patrol the community in Securitas vehicles and make note of any street parking, noise and other violations during the evening and weekend hours. These violations would be sent to the management office so that the appropriate violation notice could be sent to homeowners. Repeated street parking violations will be reviewed by the Covenants Committee and fines may be assessed to owners who are in violation. Street parking is not permitted in the community without prior authorization from the management office.

## Design Guidelines/Handbook

The Modifications and Construction Committee along with the Covenants Committee recently reviewed the LMROA Design Guidelines/Handbook to which they made several changes and additions. At the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting the guidelines were presented on the agenda for Board approval. Once reviewed and approved by the Board, the Guidelines will be posted on the LMROA website for your viewing. If you desire a printed version of the guidelines, please contact the onsite office and one will be provided to you.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting of the Board of Directors which is tentatively scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stonewall Golf Club. Please watch for community update emails and check the Lake Manassas website ([www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com)) for meeting schedule updates and other news.

*Don, Bob, Peter, Gary and Ed*

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# Management Report

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## POOL REGISTRATION:

Pool registration will begin on Monday, April 28th. The onsite office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

If you registered last year, you do not need to re-register, however, if you were only assigned one electronic key card and wish to obtain a second card, you may do so at no charge. Anyone who has not previously registered and wishes to use the pool, must register and pick up your electronic key card in order to gain entry to the pool.

The pool will open on Saturday, May 24th. A blast email will be sent as the opening date approaches with more information.

## COVENANTS INSPECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS:

As a reminder, ongoing regular inspections are performed to ensure that all properties in the community are in compliance with our LMROA Covenants. Comprehensive Inspections for 2014 are scheduled to begin in April when mailboxes will be inspected followed by a complete inspection of all properties.

The LMROA Community Handbook contains useful information covering Design Guidelines, Use Restrictions, Property Maintenance Standards and Enforcement Procedures. Please be sure to correct any violations that may exist on your property. Following are just a sample of a few important inspection items that need to be continuously maintained:

- **Mailboxes.** Approved box color for the old style mailbox is hunter green and the post color is Duron Latex Oyster White. If you need to replace your mailbox, contact Main Street Mailboxes at 703.753.5521. Please feel free to call the on-site management office with any questions at 703.753.7745.
- **Yards and Lawns.** Lawn maintenance items such as weed/crab grass control, dead trees and shrubs and edging and replenishing the mulch in your beds need to be continued through Fall.
- **Home exteriors.** Please look at your home and inspect for peeling and blistering paint and rotted wood, staining and green algae. Please power wash and repaint all affected surfaces.
- **Play equipment.** Outdoor play equipment must be approved by the Modifications and Construction Committee. Please obtain your approval before making any purchases.

Remember, maintaining your property on a regular basis not only ensures that the standards of the community are preserved, but eliminates the need for violation notices, hearings and possible fines.

## OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS and LOOK OUT for Lake Manassas:

The LMROA Board has asked the Prince William County Police Department to make more frequent random visits within Lake Manassas and to take appropriate action to address speeding, running stop signs, use of unauthorized motorized vehicles and vandalism. To supplement regular police patrols, the Board is utilizing the County's Off Duty Police Patrol Program to patrol our streets, which is a "pay for" service. Please obey the laws of the road. Passing a stopped school bus constitutes reckless driving in Virginia and is punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. We also ask that all residents report any suspicious activity to either the police or the management office depending on the time and nature of said activity. Let's all be on the lookout and keep Lake Manassas safe.

## LEASING A PROPERTY IN LAKE MANASSAS:

All leases must be minimally 12 months in duration. A copy of the lease must be submitted to the management office before the tenant moves in. Without a copy of the lease, your tenants will not be issued vehicle decals, transponders or pool passes. Please have your tenants stop by the onsite office to pick up a copy of the Lake Manassas Homeowners Handbook and Welcome Package. Remember, tenants are subject to the same residential requirements as all homeowners. LMROA will contact you as the homeowner for any reconciliation, as needed.

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## TRASH REMOVAL:

Our trash removal service is provided by American Disposal. Trash is collected weekly on Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling on Mondays and yard debris removal on Thursdays. A special pick up service is available for a fee (white goods, construction debris, etc.), but must be scheduled in advance. Please call American Disposal 703.368.0500 for details and scheduling.

**Reminder:** Please be sure not to set your trash out any sooner than the evening before collection and the trash cans and containers must be stored out of sight prior to sunrise the day after collection. This includes trash left by a landscaping company. When trash is put out a day or two before pick-up, the overall effect of this is that it presents an unsightly appearance in our lovely neighborhood. On windy days, trash is easily blown down the street making the street and the community a mess. Be a good neighbor and tie it down and please be sure to cover all trash.

**COURTEOUS NEIGHBORS:** Please do not walk on private property which includes residents' lawns and the golf course. Please keep children and animals off the golf course as this is a safety concern. Golfers retrieving golf balls are allowed to walk in the resident's yards that back up on the golf course.

- **On Street Parking:** Although on street parking is not permitted in Lake Manassas, we do understand there are occasions when temporary parking on the street may be necessary, for example, children's birthday parties and holiday dinners. Please make every effort to have your guests park in empty driveway spaces first. Please contact the Management office to ensure the onsite manager is aware prior to your event. If you or your guest park a vehicle in the street without notice having been given to the onsite manager, you will receive a violation letter. Violations may result in fines of \$50 for each occurrence. For more specific information regarding on street parking, please see the Parking section of the Use Restrictions of our Lake Manassas Handbook for Residents. Additionally, if you see a car parked on the street after hours, please call Michelle Wingo at 703.753.7745 and leave a voice message at the on site cmc-management office. Or, send an email to [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com). In your message, please include the time of day, location and identifying vehicle information. If possible please send a photo of the vehicle in question.

- **Pets:** During the early morning and late evening hours, please try to reduce the length of time of your dog's barking. Always have your dogs leashed and do not let your cats roam the community...and always be sure to clean up after your pet wherever you are in the community, including grassy areas. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

- **Noise Ordinance Times:** The Prince William County noise ordinance is Monday through Friday from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. and on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from 10 p.m. until 9 a.m. If you were to contact the police regarding what you consider to be an inappropriate time for unusually loud noises, they will come out and investigate. But first, speak to your neighbors to explain that the noise is disturbing to you and ask if they would consider doing the work at another time of day.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of your neighbors.

## VISITOR INFORMATION:

**Q:** How do I expedite guests and vendors through our two manned gates? Can I get a Visitor Pass?

**A:** For long term visitors (guests who will be staying at your home for an extended period of time), please contact the onsite manager at 703.753.7745 or by email at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com) to request a vehicle guest registration form. Upon returning the form to the onsite manager, your guest will be provided with a temporary visitor pass which will allow them to enter at ease into the community throughout the duration of their visit. For daily visitors, residents may notify the gate house of all visitors and vendors coming to Lake Manassas prior to their arrival by calling the Baltusrol Gatehouse at 703.745.9465 or the Stonewall Gatehouse at 703.754.9951. Give the guard the name of you visitor and your name and address. There is no visitor access through the Amsterdam Gate.



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# Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Lake Manassas Residential Owners Association Board recently established the Ad Hoc Committee whose purpose is to address the concerns expressed by many residents of the Western Peninsula regarding the Stonewall Gate Entrance.

The Committee's objective is to enhance the appearance of the Gate Entrance and improve the access to be more consistent with the other community's entrances – Baltrusol and new Amsterdam entrances.

The Ad Hoc Committee has noted concerns from residents about the appearance of the Gate Entrance and the extended wait times by residents attempting to enter the Western Peninsula community.

The Committee is working with an initial budget proposal which will not include any homeowner assessments. The Committee's intended timeline is to present its initial options to the LMROA Board by late spring. The Committee believes that its effort is an essential part of improving the appearance and functionality of the Stonewall Gate Entrance and the Lake Manassas Community.

*Joe*

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# Budget & Finance Report

The Committee continues to review the monthly financial statements provided by CMC, and we have also been able to make our recommendations on several contracts presented before the Board. The committee will recommend to the board at their next meeting to adopt a flat HOA assessment fee. Currently, homeowners are charged a base assessment of 176.84 plus a service fee that is determined by the section your property is located in. We will recommend that the service fee be incorporated into a new flat fee. This change will simplify the budget process going forward.

The next Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the on-site management office. Residents are welcome to attend and voice any concerns or suggestions. Or you may contact me directly at [edms047@msn.com](mailto:edms047@msn.com).

Thank You,  
*John*

# Communications Report

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## *The Communications Committee is in need of volunteers!*

Committee members work to produce the Lake Manassas Connection quarterly news magazine. The level of time commitment for members on this committee is roughly an hour or less each month. If you are interested in being a contributing member of this committee and are a homeowner in good standing with the Association, please contact Michelle Wingo at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com) or call the onsite office at 703.753.7745.



## Lake Manassas Community Website

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# Covenants Report

With spring bulbs making their way up through the snow and milder temperatures coming, spring cleaning and yard maintenance pop into my thoughts. In the spring comprehensive inspections begin of all properties to insure they are in accordance with the standards of the community. Notices will be sent if violations are found. Notices will provide a time frame to correct the concerns and an opportunity to request a hearing if you think the notice is in error.

As no one wants to send or receive a violation notice, below are reminders from the LMROA Property Maintenance Standards. Details can be found in the handbook.

## **Yard Maintenance**

Turf and plantings are expected to be kept in accordance with the community’s property maintenance standards. Grass must be no higher than 6 inches, turf and vegetation should be watered during dry periods, turf should not have weeds in excess of 25% of the turfed area. Hedges, shrubs and trees should be pruned and trimmed. Planted beds should be mulched and have a clearly defined edge. Beds are to be weeded regularly and dead plants should be removed and replaced.

## **Exterior Maintenance**

Exteriors of residences are to be maintained on an ongoing basis. Exterior building components such as gutters, shingles, and doors should be replaced as quickly as possible. Blistering, peeling or discoloration of painted trim and windows should be repainted to maintain an attractive manner.

## **Mailboxes**

Mailboxes need to be kept in a good state or repair. Repaint as frequently as needed and replace rotten wood immediately. Consider upgrading your mailbox to the new aluminum approved box.

## **Modifications**

Modifications to the exterior of properties must be approved in advance by the Modifications Committee. Examples include but are not limited to decks, patios, playground equipment, pools, hot tubs, fire pits, fences, changes to paint colors, and landscaping projects. Specific details of modification needing approval and the process can be found in the handbook. Do not purchase items without prior approval.

## **Helpful Hints for the Lawn**

Spring is a season of preparation for the longest growing period of your lawn during the year. Although many homeowners may not realize it, this pre-emergent preparation time is critical to the look and feel of a weed free lawn you can realize through the summer well into the fall. A well applied spring pre-emergent weed treatment will greatly reduce weed problems and the work associated with removal for the remainder of the summer season.

### **Application Timeframe:**

- Initial treatment March 1st - 30th (before the ambient temperature is consistently 70 degrees)
- Follow-up treatment June 1st - 15th

### **Materials Needed:**

Turf builder fertilizer with pre-emergent additives

**Application** - Purchase at a hardware store or gardening center a turf builder fertilizer with a pre-emergent additive. Be sure to apply the fertilizer before the outside temperature is a consistent 70 degrees and weed germination begins to occur. Apply the treatment to a dry lawn, but within 2-3 days of rain or watering. Apply the fertilizer consistently and evenly with a broadcast type spreader being careful not to get it into flower beds or anywhere that emerging bulbs and other plants may be – the pre-emergent will prevent these from blooming!

If you are not comfortable performing this or are short on time, you can hire a landscape maintenance company to do it for you.

## **Volunteering Anyone?**

The Covenants Committee is looking for additional members to help out. The Committee meets monthly and then as needed to conduct hearings. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the onsite management office at 7 p.m.



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# Community Safety & Visitor Access Report

By the time of newsletter publication, construction work on the unmanned gate entrance to the eastern peninsula (Amsterdam Gate) will be well underway with four stone columns, lighting, iron gates, new mechanical arms, a new transponder reader, and surveillance cameras. For more information about the gate design please refer to the last edition of this newsletter. The key pad entry function for this gate was disabled for resident use last year. The new gate will not have a key pad and will be used by residents, police, fire and rescue only. Residents who wish to use this gate and who don't already have a transponder will have to acquire one from the Management Office. In the past some residents have caused damage to the gate through misuse or vandalism. Please note that upon completion of construction all such unauthorized activity will be recorded by the new video surveillance system.

In addition to construction of the new gate, our committee has successfully completed the installation of a video surveillance system at all gates and the Swim and Tennis Center. We have also implemented a new visitor pass system, continued and increased the community patrol program, received approval for new lighting at the Baltusrol and Stonewall gates, and continued working with Securitas to improve guard performance.

During the year priority will be given to updating the Post Orders for our manned entrance gates, finding ways to improve visitor access control while not inconveniencing residents, assessing actions that can be recommended to the Board for improving community safety, improving community patrol by our off-duty officer program, and working with Securitas to improve guard performance and service. Please contact us at the Management Office or at [rthbowers@comcast.net](mailto:rthbowers@comcast.net) with your recommendations.

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# Environmental Report

The next committee meeting will be held on April 5, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the site office at the pool.

None of the landscaping projects planned for the Fall were approved by the Board, therefore, we could not complete the projects. The Board has delayed approval of any landscaping projects until the Board meeting on March 20, 2014 when we hope to get approvals for the Spring plantings

Our Committee is working with the various committees involved in the the new townhomes, the new Amsterdam gate design and the Stonewall Gatehouse study group to coordinate plans for the landscaping in these areas to be consistent with the overall landscaping designs for the community.

## A TIME FOR THE AGES



The cedar of Lebanon (Cedar Libani) is a tall, evergreen tree which has been prized for thousands of years for its high quality timber, oils, pleasant scent and resins. The national tree of Lebanon, it can be found in mountainous regions at altitudes 3,300 – 6,000 feet in Lebanon, south central Turkey and Cyprus.

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One of Israel's best known shipwrecks also bears evidence of ancient woodworking with cedar timbers. The so-called "Jesus Boat", dated to the first century and recovered from the Sea of Galilee, was built mostly of reused timbers, some of which was made from Lebanese cedar. While the "Jesus Boat" cannot be linked to the life of Jesus, scholars believe it was the type of boat used by Jesus and his disciples in his many travels upon the Sea of Galilee.

That brings us to the present. A recent television documentary featured the cedar of Lebanon tree. It was reported that there is a cedar of Lebanon tree right here in our community. It was also reported that it is the only such tree in all of Northern Virginia and, quite possibly, in all of Virginia. Julia Flanigan, Prince William County Arborist says "it is a truly historic tree". I located and photographed that special tree. It is on the fairway of the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. You can't miss its majestic size and beauty. Look for it and, as you do, think of the history associated with such magnificent specie.

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# Modifications & Construction Report (MCC)

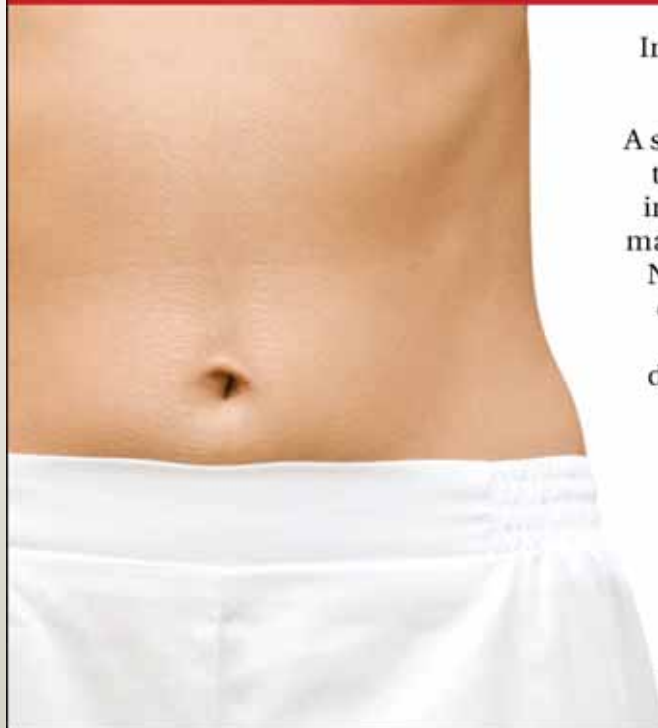
The MCC has been very involved the past few months with the Turtle Point townhome project. We have met numerous times with the builder's representatives from Basheer & Edgemore to review various aspects of the project to include but not limited to architectural details, color schemes, landscaping, lighting and signage. Site work has commenced as evident by the extensive clearing which has taken place. There are county proffers in place which will require a significant amount of landscaping to be completed along Turtle Point Drive. Look for this to happen sometime in the Spring. We are also working with the Environmental Committee to ensure that the supplemental landscaping (within the project) is up to the Lake Manassas standards. We are very excited to see the end result of all this work when the model opens this May.

If you are considering any alteration or improvement to the exterior of your home, you must first gain approval from the MCC. Modification applications must be filed at least four business days prior to a scheduled meeting in order to ensure the committee has time to examine them and schedule any needed property inspections. Currently the meetings are the second Monday of the month. That means that completed applications must be at CMC management by the close of business on the Tuesday before the meeting. The application is available at the community website as well as at the onsite office. Michelle can assist you with any questions you may have with the process.

The design guidelines revision has been completed and forwarded to the Board for their approval. When approved, a copy will be made available to all.

Currently there are five members on the committee but we are always looking for additional members. Please contact Michelle Wingo if you are interested. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm at the onsite office located at the pool.

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# Swim & Tennis Center Report

Winter is finally over and with spring upon us, we anticipate that the tennis and basketball courts as well as the tot lot will soon be seeing a lot more activity.

There have been a few additions to the facilities since last season, one being a new family style restroom that will be available for use throughout the day. The new restroom is located at the corner of the office building adjacent to Tennis Court Number 1 and will be open weekdays until 5 p.m., however, special arrangements to use the facility after hours can be made by contacting the onsite manager.

A new video surveillance system has been installed at the Swim and Tennis Center. In addition to the building and parking lot, this system monitors and records activity at the tennis and basketball courts and pool area, 24 hours a day.

There are plans to do some updating in the men's and women's locker rooms which we hope will be complete prior to the pool opening this season. In any event, these improvements would not affect the opening of the pool.

## Swimming Pool

The committee is happy to report that the Board renewed the contract with Clear Blue Pools for three years. Clear Blue has provided excellent service and we are happy to have them back again this year. Clear Blue has provided job opportunities for many of the children in our community over the last few years and they are currently looking for guards for our pool as well as other pools in the area. If your child is interested in guarding, please contact Steve Graham at [clearbluepools@verizon.net](mailto:clearbluepools@verizon.net).

## Pool Passes

If you are in need of a pool pass, you must register at the onsite office in order to receive your electronic access card for the pool gate. You must have a pool pass to gain access to the pool. The guards will not allow anyone to enter without a pass.

We look forward to seeing you at the opening of the pool over Memorial Day weekend. The pool will open on Saturday, May 24 at 11 am.

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## Please Help

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# Spring Cleaning Time In Lake Manassas

## Cleaning the Mold Off Brick and Siding

Driving through Lake Manassas you will see many homes as well as chimneys, walls and patios covered with mold. Home exteriors are just so susceptible to mold and mildew, particularly in shaded areas and in humid conditions. In some cases the mold is black and in others almost green. And neither the cold of winter or nor rain will wash it away.



### Cleaning the Bricks

**Bleach Mixture.** When using chlorine bleach, start with a ratio of one part bleach to three parts water. Use about 1 to 2 teaspoons of detergent (powder or liquid laundry detergent, or grease-cutting liquid dish detergent like Dawn) to each gallon of water/bleach. If using an oxygen bleach product, follow the instructions on the container.

It absolutely has to be removed and you have a choice - call someone who specializes in power washing. They should know how to deal with it's removal. Or you can do it yourself. If you decide to take this chore on we hope the following information will be helpful.

### What You Will Need to Clean Mold and Mildew from Brick Surfaces

**Cleaning Agent.** The best cleaner for mold and mildew is household bleach. A safer and green alternative is an "oxygen bleach." Oxygen bleach is a fume-free powder that is mixed with water. Chlorine bleach works faster than oxygen bleach, but oxygen bleach is safer when used near vegetation. Bleach will be mixed with water so an outdoor spigot and garden hose are needed. Powder or liquid laundry detergent, or grease-cutting liquid dish detergent used when hand washing dishes will lessen the fumes of bleach while adding cleaning potential to the mixture.

**Tools.** Cleaning bricks on a flat surface, like a patio, can be accomplished with a stiff broom, bucket, and garden hose. If you are working with a large area you may want to consider renting or buying a pressure washer. Keeping on top of mold and mildew is an on-going process that could make purchasing a pressure washer worthwhile. Stubborn build-up will require a utility brush with wire bristles. Tackling mold or mildew on tall, vertical surfaces, like the side of a house or a chimney, will require a ladder. If using bleach, a plastic tarp like that used to cover floors and furniture when painting will be needed to protect vegetation.

### Before You Start

**Dress appropriately.** If working with bleach, be sure the clothes you choose to wear are some that you will not mind getting bleach stains (color fades). Working with a power washer creates a spray and you will most likely get wet so wear water proof boots or old shoes, like tennis shoes. For safety, wear goggles, rubber gloves and a hat.

**Protect Landscaping.** Whether using chlorine bleach or oxygen bleach, wet the ground around the area where you will be working before covering the vegetation. The wet ground will help to dilute any runoff from the cleaning process.

### Small or Low-Level Cleaning.

When cleaning a flat surface or short vertical surface (like a brick wall), use the broom or wire brush and a bucket of water with bleach. Begin by spraying the surface to dampen the bricks. Dip the broom or brush into the bucket and apply light pressure as you scrub the bricks. Let the mixture remain on the bricks for at least 10 minutes and then rinse off with the garden hose. Some areas may need a second treatment. For intense build-up of mold or mildew, increase the ratio of bleach to water to 50:50.

**Large or High-Level Cleaning.** Add the bleach/detergent mixture and water to the pressure wash reservoir. Follow the manufacturer's directions for the angle to hold the spraying wand. For areas of build-up, adjust the wand to concentrate pressure; otherwise, a wider spray pattern can be used. Rinse the surface with water.

**Remember the Landscape.** Carefully fold the plastic used to cover foliage to contain the bleach solution. Carry the plastic to an area where you can unfold the plastic to allow it to evaporate, like on a driveway. Spray the foliage with water again to ensure no bleach solution is lingering and to further dilute solution that made it to the ground.

### Control Mold and Mildew on Bricks

Keeping brick surfaces mold and mildew-free is an ongoing process. When the first signs of mold or mildew appear, use the same process to clear it away. After the initially cleanup, following application should require less effort and less bleach.

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# Circuit Breakers -

Most of us have experienced a flipped circuit breaker at some point, in our homes, yet instead of asking ourselves, "Why Do Breakers Trip?", we reset the breaker without much thought. Before flipping the switch back over to the "ON" position, however, it's important to understand why the breaker tripped in the first place, and what can be done to keep it from happening again.

A flipped circuit is a **warning sign** that you must pay attention to. Ignoring the warning signs of a tripped circuit breaker could cause great damage to your home and even a fire. But first, you need to know what a breaker does and how it works.

**The Job of the Circuit Breaker** - Simply put, a home or business circuit breaker is a safety device that monitors the amount of electrical current going through the electrical wires in your home and shuts off the circuit if too much electricity is being pulled through it, or if there is any disturbance in the current that could result in a fire.

Whereas a fuse performs the same task but can only be used once, a circuit breaker can perform over and over with the use of a switch that trips to indicate when it has effectively cut off current to a particular area.

So, what kind of things could cause a circuit breaker to trip?

## Some of the most common causes of a tripped breaker include:

**Overloaded circuits:** Often times, when there are too many appliances plugged into an electrical circuit, the wiring reaches unsafe heat levels due to pulling more electricity through the circuit than it is designed to accommodate, and puts your home at a risk for a fire. That's when the circuit breaker trips, shutting off everything that is plugged in to that circuit, preventing overheating, reducing the risk of fire. This happens often in older homes, where the wiring was not designed to withstand the power of modern appliances.

For example, in some homes, running a microwave, a toaster oven and a refrigerator all on the same circuit may cause your wires to over-heat, tripping the breaker. In this instance, making the load a little lighter, or splitting the circuit, may do the trick in keeping it from tripping the breaker.

**Electrical shorts:** Other times, a tripped breaker can happen as a result of an electrical short, due to old and worn out appliances, with damaged wiring in your home. Common causes of electrical shorts in the home include faulty wiring, rodents or other animals chewing through your wires or aging wiring in older homes. Because of the large range of possible culprits, diagnosing an electrical short can be more difficult and therefore should not be ignored. Determining whether a short is in an appliance may be as simple as disconnecting your appliance and resetting the breaker, if it continues to trip, definitely call an electrician. Often times, it's when an appliance is not being used and the electrical short is happening, that it is much more complex and requires professional help.

# Why They Flip and What To Do...



Because there are many reasons why your circuit breaker could be tripping, and because of the purpose of the circuit breaker, you should never take a tripped breaker lightly. It's important to understand that the circuit breaker is a safety device; simply switching the circuit back

on without investigating the culprit can become costly in the long run and, in many cases, extremely dangerous.

If your breaker trips consistently, chances are there is a potentially dangerous electrical issue that needs to be looked at.

A local electrician suggested that the reason for a breaker flip could be a ground flat. He explained it's best to unplug everything on that circuit and reset the breaker. Then plug things in one at a time, and test. In my case I had a water cooler that was just tripping the circuit but once moved to another room all worked well again, including the cooler. When you work with a reputable electrician there are a few different things they can advise before visiting, so don't panic.

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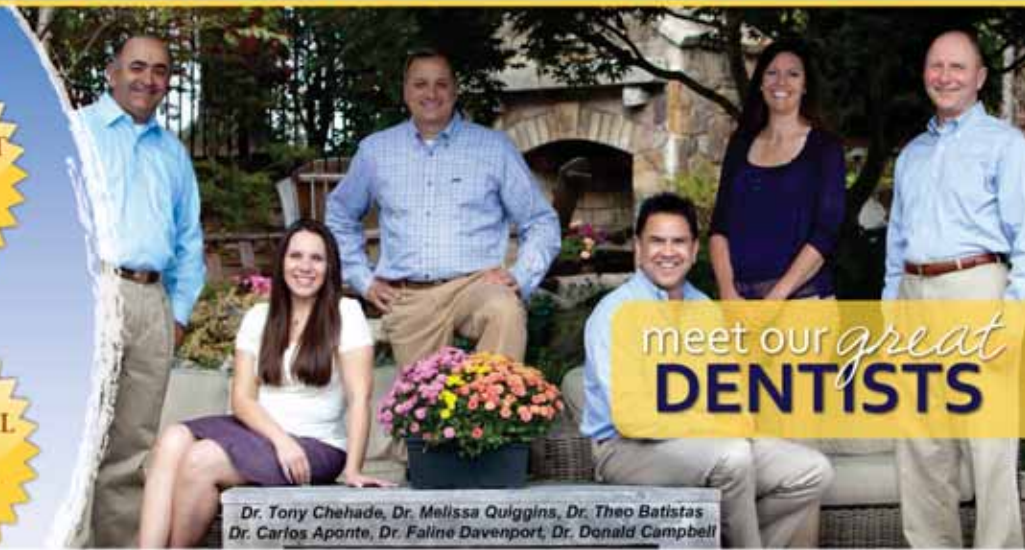
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# Spring Landscaping Tips

## Steps for a Healthy & Luxurious Landscaping



Now that this long, snowy winter has come to an end - there is a lot you need to do to prepare your lawn and garden for a healthy spring bloom. We hope the following steps will be of assistance.

1- First up - **clean up**. Remove all debris and dead branches.

2- **Cut an edge on your beds**. This will provide a crisp clean appearance. But be careful not to cut into roots or underground sprinklers and lighting. If the tree or plants in your garden have grown consider enlarging the bed. Ideally, your bed should extend to the drip line of your plants.

3- Add **Mulch**. Mixtures of mulch types are not allowed. Hardwood shredded mulch in its natural state or dyed black or brown is the only type of mulch permitted for use on residential lots in Lake Manassas.

You should mulch at a depth of two to three inches but keep in mind that the depth should include any mulch left over from last year. You do not need to put three inches of new mulch on top of three inches of old mulch. Be careful not to over mulch and smother your trees. The root crown of your trees should be visible once complete.

Do not install new plants until the heavy winds and cold have passed. Instead you should first trim up everything. Prune tall shrubs and trees.

4- Next up **fertilize**. Consider slow release fertilizer with pre-emergent crabgrass control. But do not over-fertilize. Follow the directions on the bag carefully because over-fertilization only weakens your lawn. It promotes top and not root growth.

5- Apply **herbicide**. As your lawn comes to life you will likely see dandelions popping up. You will need to do an application of broadleaf herbicide to get them under control.

6- **Prepare equipment**. Next consider sharpening the blades on your mower or contacting a contractor for summer lawn services. And if you have a sprinkler system, get it serviced and turned on in this month of April, so you will be ready when Mother Nature turns up the heat.

7- **Install Blooms**. By the middle to end of April your yard should be ready for the blooming plants. Consider perennial and annual flowers for summer color and consider the long-term implications of every plant selection. Shop around for your best choices, nurseries usually have the best quality and widest selection but remember the cheapest plants, in many cases, are not the best. One common mistake is to select trees and shrubs with a small root ball because these plants are less expensive and easier to move and plant. Unfortunately, they are also less likely to survive.

And vital in making your selection is consideration of the location of your plants and flowers. Be sure that they are suited to the planting area. The amount of sun they need is obviously important and you don't want to plant something that will outgrow its space. Do some research on the plant species you plan to buy and confirm that the information on the tag at your nursery, is correct. Consider the distance of the plant from your hose bib and make a watering plan ahead of time. And remember to water appropriately.

Finally once you start to mow take into account the clippings on top after you mow. If at all possible, double-cut in an effort to mulch those clippings back into your lawn rather than removing them. Bagging grass clippings fills the landfill and robs your lawn of a valuable source of nitrogen.

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# The Cherry Blossom Festival



Have you ever been to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC? It is just amazing. Over 3,000 cherry trees transform the Tidal Basin, and surrounding area, into a breathtaking site. It is the Nation's greatest annual springtime celebration commemorating the gift of cherry blossoms and their symbol of enduring friendship between the citizens of Japan and the United States.

The popular cherry Blossom Festival and events associated with the blooms occur between mid March and mid April, about the time you will be receiving this issue.

So often we take for granted some of the most magnificent sites around us. For instance the cherry trees. Have you ever considered their history?

In 1912, with the encouragement of First Lady Helen Taft, Toyko presented the United States with 3,020 cherry trees, of 12 different varieties. This was in honor of the friendship shared between the U.S. and Japan. The trees were initially planted in two parks: the Tidal Basin (West Potomac Park), Hains Point (East Potomac Park). Later another gift enabled more trees to be planted, of four additional varieties - on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Today the total number of trees exceeds 3750.

There are a few different varieties but the most common is the white flowering Yoshimo which is found primarily around the Tidal Basin and on the grounds of the Washington Monument. There is also the Kwanzan cherry tree, which produces double pink blossoms and blooms usually about two weeks after the Yoshimo trees. You can find this variety primarily in East Potomac Park (Hains Point).



Only about 100 of the original trees remain today. What is amazing is that the two trees planted by First Lady Taft and the wife of the Japanese Ambassador, a hundred years ago are still blooming and they are located near the John Paul Jones statue at the southern end of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. This fact is certainly noteworthy because most cherry trees last only about 40 - 50 years.

The peak bloom period can never be determined in advance because the weather is so unpredictable at this time of year. But most consider we are starting peak when about 20% of the cherry blossoms are open — a few days prior to the actual peak bloom date. This period lasts about two weeks until all the petals fall. Again weather plays a huge part in how long the blooms last.

The National Park Service's professional arborists are responsible for the welfare of the trees. As trees die out, the Park Services replaces them with seeds/growth from the original trees.



Among the most popular signature events are the following, occurring on consecutive Saturdays during the Festival:

- Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival, April 5
- National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, April 12, 10 am - noon along Constitution Avenue, N.W.

For more details about each of these (and for a more extensive list of Festival events), check the Festival's website or send your request, with a self-addressed /stamped envelop, to The National Cherry Blossom Festival, 1250 H. Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005.



## The Cherry Blossom Festival *(Continued)*

Photo by Shashi Mehta

Over 1.5 million people are expected to attend the Cherry Blossom Festival this year. Be sure you are prepared before you get overwhelmed by the crowds and options! Consider the following before you go:

- Know where you want to go and what your transportation options are for getting there. Driving a car may not be a wise move. However if you want to than night is the best time and the blossoms are well lit.
- Plan what you want to see and do before you get there
- Know what you need (and don't need) to take with you
- Know where the information centers and guest facilities are located

For a day tour, the National Park Service recommends using public transportation to get to the Tidal Basin. The metro is ideal and the Smithsonian Station (Blue/Orange lines) is the closest metro/subway stop. A number of Metrobuses also stop within a half mile of the Tidal Basin.

The best way to experience the blossoms is by walking the Tidal Basin on a self-guided tour. Biking is another great way. And especially fun is the tour by River. The options are plentiful.

The shuttle service (Martz Gray Line) operated during the Festival, between Hains Point and The Jefferson Memorial daily, 10:00 am -7:00 pm is especially convenient for visitors.

Self-guided tours are available on-site via a series of 12 interpretive "Wayside Signs," providing background and history of the trees and information about their care and cultural significance. The National Park Service and Cherry Blossom Festival also provide pamphlets for self-guided tours (available at Information Stations located around the Tidal Basin).



National Park Service Rangers are also on-site to give free Cherry Tree Walks daily during the three weeks of the Festival.

But timing is everything - choosing the peak days is difficult. But you also want to plan around the crowds. Weekdays are recommended because they are typically less busy than weekends. And early morning and late afternoon (or evening) are preferred times of day, as the parks tend to be less congested then.

It seems that we often take for granted what is most amazing and the things people travel long and far to experience. The Cherry Blossoms are just amazing and a short trip from Lake Manassas. It's a must be residents and visitors alike.

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# Area Activities & Events



## Pysanky: Ukrainian Hand-Decorated Eggs

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**Saturday, April 12**

2:00pm to 4:30pm

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9419 Battle St - Manassas, Virginia 20110  
Contact Phone: 703-330-2787

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**Details:** In historic Ukraine, real egg shells were decorated and given as gifts to signify important experiences and events in a person's life. This process is still used today to create these keepsake eggs. Through this class, you will discover the process of dye and beeswax layering to create intricate designs. No experience necessary and all supplies will be provided; you will finish between one and two eggs during the class. This is a delicate process but anyone can do it; join class with family and friends, and discover a new tradition together!

Ages 7 and up; under 12 accompanied by adult. Cost \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required. Morning session 11am-1:30pm.

Afternoon session 2pm- 4:30pm.

## EVENTS IN HISTORIC MANASSAS



### Spring Gallery Walk

**Friday, May 2**

6:00pm to 9:30pm

Old Town Manassas - Manassas, VA 20110  
Contact Phone: 703-361-6599

Email: [ablewett@historicmanassasinc.org](mailto:ablewett@historicmanassasinc.org)

**Details:** Come out and enjoy this FREE annual event! The merchants of Old Town will be displaying artwork by local, featured artists. Follow the balloons to each destination!



## Farmer's Market

**Opens for Season - April 10**

10:00am – 2:00pm

Prince William Street & West Street  
[Ablewett@historicmanassasinc.org](mailto:Ablewett@historicmanassasinc.org)

We have three markets- Thursday and Saturday from 7:30am to 1pm, and Tuesday from 5-8pm in the Harris Pavilion. The Tuesday market is only during June, July, and August. There are a lot of great vendors- local meats, milk, produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, handmade soaps, kettle corn, locally roasted coffee, and more!

Harris Pavilion -Thursdays, 7:00am-1:00pm  
Train Depot Lot B -Saturdays, 7:30am-1:00pm  
Manassas, Virginia 20110 (703) 361-6599

Email: [rgoodwin@historicmanassasinc.org](mailto:rgoodwin@historicmanassasinc.org)

**Details:** Find fresh produce, meats, beverages, baked goods, artisan crafts, and more from vendors within a 150-mile radius at the City of Manassas Farmer's Market. Enjoy quality, fresh, homemade finds from local area vendors! We love them too, but no pets are allowed at the market. Free parking is available in the Old Town parking garage. SNAP proudly accepted.

## Tao: Phoenix Rising

**April 12, 2014**

8:00pm – 10:00pm

Hylton Performing Arts Center  
10960 George Mason Circle  
Cost: \$30.00-\$46.00

**Details:** This explosive ensemble has brought its mind-blowing taiko drumming to more than five million spectators worldwide in the last decade, and now it makes its Hylton Center debut with Phoenix Rising. In this electrifying new production, athletic bodies, innovative choreography, and traditional Japanese drumming combine to create an experience that will take your breath away. The performers of TAO undergo rigorous training in drumming, exercise, and meditation at a Japanese mountain compound to reach the highest level of virtuosity. These drummers, both male and female, draw upon their diverse backgrounds as rock musicians, gymnasts, and composers to create a fresh, new interpretation of this ancient art form. "Extraordinarily talented incomparable muscular zeal." (Chicago Tribune)

Pre-Performance Discussion: Member of the Company \$46, \$38, \$30. | Free Student Ticket Available with Mason ID on April 1, 2014. Tickets: 888.945.2468 [www.HyltonCenter.org](http://www.HyltonCenter.org). Ticket Office: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Thurs. 10am-8pm.

## Live Green Festival: Spring Cleaning Day April 19

10:00am – 3:00pm

Loy E. Harris Pavilion - 9201 Center Street  
Free to attend

It's that time of year to let the fresh air in and clean those closets out! In honor of Earth Day, Historic Downtown Manassas announces the 7th Annual Spring Cleaning Day to be held on Saturday, April 19th at the Harris Pavilion. James Parker will showcase his amazing veggie art! See his work here. Free fitness classes will be held on the Manassas Museum lawn beginning at 10 a.m. Save lives, donate blood! Recycle those gently used household items or clothes to a worthy cause, visit with the recycling and environmental exhibitors, and help the kids make earth friendly art projects! The day includes exhibitors from non-profit and civic organizations providing recycling and environmental information.

## Community Shred

**April 19 - 10am -2:30pm**

The Shredding Truck will be located on West Street (between Center and Church Street). Attendees are asked to park in the back of the BB&T parking lot and form a line along West Street to drop off their documents to be shredded.

## 2014 Lecture Series: The 1846 War with Mexico

**May 8, 2014**

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Old Manassas Courthouse - 9248 Lee Avenue  
[historicpreservation@pwcgov.org](mailto:historicpreservation@pwcgov.org)  
[www.pwcv.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.pwcv.gov/historicpreservation)

The Mexican-American War (1846-1848) marked the first U.S. armed conflict chiefly fought on foreign soil. It pitted a politically divided and militarily unprepared Mexico against the expansionist-minded United States. A border skirmish along the Rio Grande started the fighting and it was followed by a series of U.S. victories. Young officers like U.S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jackson, and others who would later lead armies against one another in the Civil War had their first combat experience in Mexico. Join historian Ron Mayer for an overview of this historic period using maps, illustrations, and pictures to help explain the who, what, when, and why of the conflict.

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**20th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival**  
**June 7, 2014**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Old Town Manassas - Free to attend Experience Manassas at its best this June and come out to the 20th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival. This family celebration of rich railroad history features train memorabilia, specialty vendors, and live performances. Country and Blue Grass music will transport you, as you watch miniature trains come to life. These elaborate train displays are created by a number of local model train groups. Located under the Harris Pavilion and in the Manassas Train Depot lot, these displays are a must see. Take your love of trains to a new level by boarding one of our four train excursions to Clifton and back. Times include: 10am/11am/12pm/1pm Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Manassas Train Station (9431 West Street), starting May 1st, from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Tickets for the excursions train will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Please arrive with enough time to purchase your tickets and board the train!



**10th Annual Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival**  
**June 15, 2014**

12:00pm – 7:00pm  
Manassas Museum Lawn  
9101 Prince William Street

Now in its 10th year, the Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival is held on Father's Day and located on The Manassas Museum lawn. Featuring headline jazz artists, this event is an intimate and relaxing afternoon of tasting and purchasing wines from award-winning Virginia wine artisans.

**TICKETS:** Taster ticket: \$30.00 + \$3.90 convenience fee, when purchasing online. Tasters will receive a wine sampling glass for all day sampling. Non-taster ticket: \$20.00 + \$3.30 convenience fee, when purchasing online. Children 12 and under get in free.

\* Tickets may be purchased at the Train Depot after May 1st.



**Celebrate America**  
**July 4, 2014**

4:00pm – 10:00pm

Old Town Manassas - Free to attend Celebrate America this Independence Day with one of the largest fireworks displays in Northern Virginia! It's an all-American party in Old Town

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If you love baking and think you have what it takes to bake the best pie in Manassas, Virginia, this is the competition for you! Judging will take place on July 4th from 4 pm to 6 pm. Winners will be announced at the Harris Pavilion at 6 p.m. Parking: The Manassas Old Town Parking Garage will not be available for parking for safety reasons. Parking will be available in all street parking outside of the footprint (see map above) and the Commuter Parking lot, located on Prince William Street. This is a public, outdoor event. o alcohol or open grills. Though we love pets, with thousands of people expected to attend and the loud noise from the fireworks, it is best to leave your pets at home.





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**Beaverdam - April 12** - Beaverdam Wine Festival - from 11am till 5pm at the John Lewis Thompson Learning Center

**Clarksville - April 12** - Clarksville Lake Country Wine Festival - The Clarksville Lake Country Wine Festival on the lawns of beautiful, historic downtown.

**Smithfield - April 12** - Smithfield Wine & Brew Fest - The excitement of using the enchanting riverside Windsor Castle Park as the festival location.

**Waynesboro - April 12 & 13** - Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival - The Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is held outside each spring on the banks of the South River.

**Heathsville - April 19** - Northern Neck Wine Tasting Festival - Savor the flavor of the wines of Virginia's "Northern Neck", all in one afternoon, 11 am to 4pm.

*May*

**Norfolk - May 3 & 4** - Annual AT&T Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival - Experience the 8th Annual AT&T Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival with flavor and flair.

**Montpelier Station - May 3 and 4** - Montpelier Spring Wine Festival - Gather round friends and the whole family for this premier spring event held annually.

**New Kent - May 10** - A Taste of New Kent Wine Festival - Spend the day tasting from Virginia wineries on the beautiful New Kent Winery grounds.

**Woodstock - May 10** - Wine and Trotter Festival - Come and Celebrate! Sample wines from 8 -10 wineries of the Shenandoah Valley Wine Trail.

**Mount Vernon - May 16 - 18** - Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour - Mount Vernon's Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia.

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**Williamsburg - May 23 - 25** and additional dates - Busch Gardens - Food & Wine Festival - Take a delicious tour of the world's most beautiful theme park at the Busch Gardens.

**Buena Vista - May 24** - Cork & Blues Fest - Wine and Music Festival - Come out for a great event offering festival-goers a unique and relaxing combination of blues.

**Massanutten - May 24** - ValleyFest - Shenandoah Valley Beer & Wine Festival.

*June*

**Centreville - May 31 - June 1** - Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival - Vintage Virginia, featuring the Commonwealth's best wine, food and music each year.

**Columbia - June 7 & 8** - Rassawek Spring Jubilee Wine & Heritage Festival - Visitors will enjoy a blend of two exceptional festival experiences on one amazing property.

**Manassas - June 15** - Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival - Now in its 10th year, the Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival is held on Father's Day.



## Apple Blossom Festival

### United Bank: Bloomin' Wine Fest

April 25 - 3:00 pm - April 26 - 6:00 pm  
Old Town Winchester, Old Town, Winchester

**"Uncork the Bloom"** at the official kick-off of the **87th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival - Friday, April 25**, from 3 to 10 p.m. (*tasting will end at 9:30 p.m.*) in historic Old Town Winchester. Sales of unopened bottles and cases will be available until close each day.

### Apple Blossom Carnival / Powers Great American Midways

April 29 @ 5:00 pm - May 4 @ 9:00 pm  
Carnival, 2214 Valley Ave, Winchester  
Fun for the entire family, the Apple Blossom Carnival rides offer a variety of activities. The rides open on **Tuesday, April 29 - 5pm** and continue through **Sunday, May 4 - 9pm**.

### Chevrolet: Old Town Midway

May 2 - 10:00 am - May 3 - 9:00 pm.  
Bank of Clarke County, 202 North Loudoun Street, Winchester.

The Midway, which opens at 10 a.m., features vendors from over twenty states, the Midway is full of carnival games, novelty items, and food, such as cotton candy, caramel apples, funnel cakes, and corn dogs, along with a variety of international foods. New on the Old Town Midway this year is Oakcrest Music on the Midway, including The Robbie Limon Band, Lawrence McKenna's U2/Shag Band, the U.S. Navy Band, and at least eight other bands will provide eleven hours of music!



## Food for Thought

### Reflecting On Our Lives



Spring is a time of new beginnings. When nature starts to come alive again and with it a time to reflect on our lives. Following is the Prologue from the book "Indiscretion" by Charles Dubow. It's quite an interesting perspective.

"The Poet A. E. Housman wrote of the "Land of Lost content," and how he can never return to the place where he had once been so happy.

Charles Dubow states "When I was younger, I greatly admired the poem's sentiment because I was not old enough to realize how banal it was. The young invariably cherish their youth, incapable of imagining life past thirty. The notion that the past is more idyllic is absurd, however. What we remember is our innocence, strong limbs, physical desire. Many people are shackled by their past and are unable to look ahead with any degree of confidence because they not only don't believe in the future, they don't really believe in themselves.

But that doesn't prevent us from casting a roseate glow over our memories. Some memories burn brighter, whether because they meant more or because they have assumed greater importance in our minds. Holidays blur together, snowstorms, swimming in the ocean, acts of love, holding our parents' hands when we are very small, great sadnesses. But there is much we forget too. I have forgotten so much - names, faces, brilliant conversation, days and weeks and months, things I vowed never to forget, and to fill in the gaps, I conflate the past or make it up entirely. Did that happen to me or to someone else? Was that me who broke his leg skiing in Lech? Did I run from the carabinieri after a drunken night in Venice? Places and actions that seem so real can be entirely false, based purely on impressions of a story told at the time and then somehow subconsciously woven into the fabric of our lives.

After a while it becomes real.



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## Hylton Performing Arts Spring 2014 Schedule

### Moscow Festival Ballet: Swan Lake April 4, 2014 at 8:00pm - Merchant Hall

This enchanting fantasy ballet is one of the most magical and deeply emotional works in the classical ballet canon and a must-see for lovers of great ballet in the grand Russian tradition. In a tragic tale inspired by the ancient German legend of Odette, a princess is turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. With its melodramatic plot twists, Petipa's gorgeous choreography, Tchaikovsky's incomparable score, and resplendent costumes and sets, this timeless classic has been enjoyed by ballet enthusiasts and newcomers for generations. The Moscow Festival Ballet, founded in 1989 by legendary Bolshoi Ballet principal dancer Sergei Radchenko, is lauded as offering "Classical ballet, energized with dramatic expression and sensational steps." (The Chronicle, Durham, N.C.)

### Vision Series Prince William: Nanotechnology in Biomedicine: Better Diagnosis, Better Treatment in the Era of Personalized Medicine

April 7, 2014 at 7:30 pm - Gregory Family Theater

Alessandra Luchini, Assistant Professor, Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, School of Systems Biology. Early diagnosis of cancer and infectious disease is one of the most exciting but challenging areas of biomedical research. Although it is widely appreciated that... Read more here. Free and open to the public. The 2013-2014 Vision Series consists of 13 lectures spread across the Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William campuses.

### Intersections of Art and Life by William Woodward & Becky Parrish April 15, 2014 - May 24, 2014

William Woodward and Becky Parrish bring to light Intersections of Art and Life through their artistry depicting both visual and emotional compositions including some of Woodward's "Seven Deadly Sins Series". Parrish counteracts Woodward's boldness with her works of serene beauty and layers of grace. Artist/Organization: Arts Consulting International, LLC

### Intersections of Art and Life Gallery Reception April 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery - Join us for a reception with the artists, William Woodward and Becky Parrish. Enjoy light refreshments by Wegmans including featured wines by DuCard Vineyards. Gallery Receptions are free and open to the public. To attend, RSVP to Hylton@gmu.edu. The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10 am-6 pm, Thur., 10 am-8 pm and two hours before performances. Check performance schedule at [HyltonCenter.org](http://HyltonCenter.org).

### Mason's School of Music: Chorale Broadway Showcase April 26, 2014 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Gregory Family Theater. Enjoy the ever-popular Annual Broadway Showcase with Mason's University Chorale. This event sold out last year so be sure to get your tickets fast! Come to the 3 p.m. or the 7 p.m. performance, or both in the intimate setting of the Gregory Family Theater. \$10: Adults. \$5: Senior Citizens, students & faculty. 1 Free Student Ticket Available with Mason ID on April 15.

### Mason's School of Music: Symphonic Band Concert April 26, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Merchant Hall. Come see Prof. Jenny Lapple in action as she conducts the Mason Symphonic Band in a lively concert that is sure to please. \$10: Adults, \$5: Senior Citizens, students & faculty. Free Student Ticket Available with Mason ID on April 15.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY				1 7pm Communications	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12 5pm Modifications & Construction	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 7pm Covenants	20	21	22 7:00 pm Budget & Finance	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31

# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 7pm Communications	6	7
8	9 5pm Modifications & Construction	10 7pm Swim & Tennis Center	11	12	13	14 
15 	16 7pm Covenants	17	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25	26 6pm LMROA Board Meeting	27	28
29	30					



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	10	12 10am Environmental Committee
13	14 5pm Modifications & Construction	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 7pm Covenants	22	23	24 7:00 pm Budget & Finance	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Community Committee Meeting Information

**All committee meetings are held at the onsite management office. Board meetings are held at the Stonewall Golf Club.**

**Budget and Finance:**

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 7 p.m.

**Communications Committee:**

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Community Safety/Visitor Access Committee:**

Tentatively, meetings will be held on the third Wednesday, every other month at 7 p.m. Please check [www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com) for meeting dates.

**Covenants Committee:**

Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Environmental Committee:**

Quarterly Saturday meetings are held quarterly at 10 a.m. Please check [www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com) for meeting dates.

**Modifications Committee:**

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 5 p.m.

**Swim and Tennis Center:**

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# COMMUNITY CLUBS



## 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 only needs to provide 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.

## Mah Jongg

**Contact:** Suzanne at 703-727-5775 or [swbrooks@comast.net](mailto:swbrooks@comast.net)

**Time and Date:** 10:30am-12:30pm on Thursdays

**Location:** Rotated among players homes voluntarily in Lake Manassas and other communities. Note: The hostess only needs to provide 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.



## Photo Fun

**Contact:** Helen Watt at 703.743.5499 or [hwattmemories@gmail.com](mailto:hwattmemories@gmail.com)

**Time and Date:** 10am-2pm &/or 7pm-11pm on the 2nd Friday of each month

**Location:** Helen's home. Feel free to bring a snack or drink to share.

**Description:** Ready to have fun with your photos? Join us once a month to honor and celebrate those we love with all the great photos we're taking. Bring

your piles of printed pictures to get organized, photo album project to work on or your laptop for all those jpg files. There's lots of great table space to spread out. I'm a busy mom of 3 and know, for me, working with pictures is not overwhelming when I focus on simple solutions and lots of great friend time together sharing our stories. Hope you can join us or stop by to check it out. *Please RSVP.*



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## 2014 POOL REGISTRATION

All residents who wish to use the pool must register. Registration begins on April 29th, when pool passes will be available for pickup at the onsite management office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you previously registered and already have electronic key entry cards for the pool, there is no need to re-register this year.

Two electronic entry key cards will be issued to each home at no charge; a key card is required to enter through the pool gate. If you arrive at the pool and have forgotten your card, please see the community manager, Michelle Wingo, for assistance. If you require additional cards, or if you have lost your card, the cost is \$50 per card. Note that for delinquent accounts, pool passes will not be issued. If you are a tenant, a pool pass will not be issued to you unless a copy of your lease is provided to the management office.

# Important Numbers

## LAKE MANASSAS COMMUNITY

On-site management office	703.753.7745
CMC Corporate / Emergencies	703.631.7200
Gatehouses	703.754.9465
Baltrusol gatehouse	703.754.9951
Stonewall gatehouse	
Stonewall Golf Club Pro Shop	703.753.5101
Brass Cannon Restaurant	703.753.6140
Cable (Comcast) 24-Hour Repair	703.670.3500
Electric NOVEC (Cooperative)	888.335.0500
Gas Columbia of Virginia	800.543.8911
24-Hour Emergency	800.544.5606
Main Street Mailboxes	703.753.5521
Mental Health Emergency Services	703.792.7800
Trash (American Disposal)	703.368.0500
Water/Sewer (PW County)	703.335.7900

## EMERGENCIES

Fire or Police (Emergency Only)	911
VA State Police	800.572.2260
Prince William County (PWC) Police	703.792.6500
PWC Alleged Crime or Incident Report	703.792.5123
Fire Dept - Gainesville Volunteer	703.754.1112
Novant Health Haymarket Medical Center	571.261.3250
Novant Health Prince William Medical Center	703.369.8000
Emergency Room Manassas	703.369.8337
Emergency Services (Haymarket)	571.261.3400
POISON National Capital Poison Center	800.222.1222

## PRINCEWILLIAM COUNTY

Area Agency on Aging	703.792.6400
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	
Emergency Services Program	703.792.7800
Animal Control - Shelter/Dog Tags	703.792.6465
Evenings/Weekends	703.792.6500
Assessments Property/Tax Payments	703.792.6710
Real Estate Assessments	703.792.6780
Adult or Child Abuse & Neglect	703.792.4200
after 5 p.m. & on Weekends	703.792.6500
Prince William County Govt Information	703.792.6000
Substance Abuse	703.792.7800
Election & Voter Information	703.792.6470
Department of Parks & Recreation	703.792.7060
Park Authority	703.792.7275
Recycling	703.792.4670
Gas - Columbia	800.543.8911
Library Administration	703.792.6100
Licenses / Auto/Business	703.792.6710
Miss Utility	800.552.7001
Power - Virginia Dominion	888.667.3000
Sanitation - Sewer	703.335.7900
Schools Prince William Public	703.791.7200
Sheriff Non-Emergency & Info	703.792.6070
Social Services	703.792.7500
Tourism & Visitors Bureau	703.396.7130
Transportation Department	703.792.6825
Metro Customer Info	202.637.7000
OmniRide commuter bus/ride	703.730.6664
Virginia Railway Express (VRE)	703.684.1001
Virginia Dept of Transportation	703.366.1900
Verizon	800.483.3000
Zoning Administration	703.792.6830

# Lake Manassas Connection

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While Prince William County Schools are in Session:

Monday-Friday: 3pm until 8pm

After Prince William County Schools Close for Summer:

JUNE AND JULY: Monday-Thursday: 11 am until 8 pm

Friday and Saturday: 11 am until 9 pm

AUGUST: Daily from 11 am until 8 pm

Pool closes for the season on Monday, September 1 at 8 pm

*If you are interested in organizing or planning events related to activities at the Swim and Tennis Center, or would like to volunteer to be a member of our Committee, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the onsite manager, Michelle Wingo at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com) to express your interest.*

