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# From the Board



Gary Border, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish the residents of the Lake Manassas Residential Community a Happy New Year and hope all of you have had a safe and joyous Holiday Season with family and friends!



Bob Hale, Vice President

As we enter the New Year I would like to once again remind residents that the Board's commitment to you is to work with you to make our Lake Manassas Community safe and one that we can be proud to live in! To that end I want to summarize some of the actions taken in 2015 and identify some projects scheduled for 2016. These are by no means all-inclusive but represent some of the most important efforts. A more detailed summary can be found in our community's quarterly publication of the Lake Manassas Connection. There you can find not only the results from the Board's decisions but the ongoing actions of our excellent volunteer Committees! I would encourage all of you to volunteer for one of our Committees – it is one way to support your Community!

### **Actions in 2015**

- ☑ Finalized pipe stem easements between LMROA and homeowners living on the pipe stems; pipe stems were sealed and coated;
- ☑ Completed Swim and Tennis Center repairs/improvements that included: sidewalks; lighting at tennis and basketball courts; new water heater by the pool; new baby pool pump; parking lot repairs; and repairs to pool deck;
- ☑ Approved new Committee Charters;
- ☑ Installed lighting at Stonewall Gate House;
- ☑ Negotiated new management contract with Community Management Corporation (CMC);
- ☑ Ordered Patriotic decorations for Lake Manassas entrances;
- ☑ Replaced computer equipment at entrances;



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- ☑ Repainted crosswalks and stop bars;
- ☑ Installed new landscape and street sign at Kamehameha Place;
- ☑ Installed new drain on Kamehameha Place to help with drainage issue;
- ☑ Awarded Brothers' Paving the snow removal contract;
- ☑ Installed new barrier arms at Stonewall Gate House; and
- ☑ Elected new Board of Officers for the Community.

### **Scheduled Actions in 2016**

- ✍ Assess Kamehameha Place for repairs/replacement;
- ✍ Re-paint light posts on LMROA property;
- ✍ Straighten and re-paint sign posts on LMROA property;
- ✍ Inspect repair/replace concrete sidewalks/curbs/gutters/aprons;
- ✍ Inspect repair/replace walking/running trails;
- ✍ Inspect/evaluate/replace/repair "tot lot";
- ✍ Inspect/replace/repair retaining walls/guard rails;
- ✍ Assess modifications/improvements to Community Site Office;
- ✍ Decide final action for Stonewall Entrance improvements;
- ✍ Continue issuance of 2016-2018 vehicle decals to residents;
- ✍ Replace HVAC unit at Stonewall Gate House; and
- ✍ Replace concrete pad for barrier arm at Stonewall Gate House.

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## **Stonewall Entrance Improvements**

**A Town Hall meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th at the Stonewall Golf Club. This meeting is to allow the Board to listen to comments from Lake Manassas residents pertaining to the planned improvements to the Stonewall Entrance. The Board will take all comments into consideration and subsequently will make a final decision in the near future.**

**FINANCIALS**

Over the past year the Association has had the good fortune, to fund several needed capital improvement projects, through the use of monies paid to the Association from the Basheer Townhouse project. The October Financial Report indicated that the Association's operating and investment accounts are sound and in good health. The Association does have some delinquent accounts but the percentage is well below the industry standard of 5%. Presently the Repair and Reserve Account is not fully supported but it is projected that the Association will be in a positive position by the end of the fiscal year – June 2016. The Basheer Funds has helped make our improvements without any need for special assessments or large expenditures of our Reserve Funds.



**BALTUSROL REHABILITATION CENTER**

Construction is well underway for a new state of the art medical rehabilitation center on Baltusrol Drive. Although not on LMROA property, the builder has been exceptionally responsive to our input on both the main building facade and the surrounding landscape. The finished product should do nothing to detract from the Baltusrol entrance.

the need to treat them, products containing magnesium chloride like Eco-Mag or CMA (Magnesium Chloride) are acceptable for use.



Construction has begun in earnest to build the new Medical Facilities of America and Retirement Unlimited complex on Baltusrol Boulevard. Residents should be cautious when traveling in that area.

**BASHEER & EDGEMOORE TOWNHOMES**

The quality of the finished townhomes and their planned common areas make those townhomes a continued welcome addition to our community.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**



Please do not use salt products on sidewalks and driveway aprons. Residents may be held liable to repair any damage caused to LMROA property by the use of salt or other unapproved products. If ice becomes an issue on your driveway and walkways and you feel



**The LMROA Board**

At the September 29, 2015 Annual Meeting of the LMROA elections were held. We would like to welcome Joe Greenlee to the LMROA as Board Secretary.

The board would like to thank exiting board member, Ed Orsini for his service on the board. While Ed is no longer a member of the Board of Directors, he will still be involved in the community by joining the Environmental Committee.



Dr. House and family



Dr. Chris House, DMD, PC

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**Visit our website for UP-TO-DATE Lake Manassas Market Activity**

# Management Report

Happy Holidays! I hope those of you who celebrated were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Several residents in Lake Manassas celebrated with some very colorful displays which you can see on pages 14 and 15 of this issue of the Lake Manassas Connection.

If you have articles or ideas for the spring issue of the *Lake Manassas Connection* please feel free to submit them to me or the Communications Committee no later than March 1. The next issue of the Connection will be delivered in early April. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy your copy of the Winter issue.

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016!

*Michelle*



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## SNOW REMOVAL:

Winter is finally here but hopefully Mother Nature will take pity on us with much less snow fall than last year. Please see page 8 for information on the Snow Removal protocol for the community. Remember, all roads in Lake Manassas are private and snow removal is provided by the contractor to the Association as well as the contractor to the Master Association, the LMA. Clearing sidewalks, driveway aprons and mailbox areas is the responsibility of homeowners. Unfortunately, snow plows push snow from the street toward the aprons and sidewalks and at the back of cul-de-sacs. Please do the best you can in clearing the sidewalks in front of your home so that those who must use them can do so as safely as possible.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Please drive slowly and use caution as you drive through the community keeping an eye out for pedestrians and children. Observe yield, stop and speed limit signs; remind your children about the dangers of running and playing in the street and ask them to move out of the way of approaching vehicles.

Prince William County Police are making more frequent random visits within Lake Manassas and will take appropriate action to address speeding, running stop signs, use of unauthorized motorized vehicles and vandalism. Please obey stop signs and yield signs while driving in the community. There have been reports of near misses at the Spyglass Hill Loop circle due to driver's inattention to signs and approaching vehicles as well as damage to the common area due to speed and inattentive driving. 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 first to the police and then to the management office. Let's all be on the lookout and keep Lake Manassas safe. Please contact gate attendants prior your guests

arrival. To secure a temporary parking pass contact the on-site manager. If you or your guests park a vehicle in the street without notice having been given to the onsite manager, the vehicle will likely be issued a warning notice on the windshield. The vehicle information is then forwarded to the onsite office and a violation letter is issued to the owner or owner sponsoring the guest vehicle in question. Violations may result in fines of \$50 for each occurrence. For more specific information regarding parking, please visit the Lake Manassas website at [www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com) and review the Parking Resolution.

## SECURITY PATROLS:

Off duty patrols were increased during the holiday season. There have been reports of children running on the golf course, knocking on windows and ringing doorbells of our residents. This is upsetting and disturbing to our residents. The authorities have been notified of these incidents and PWC police and our off duty patrols will keep a watchful eye out for any suspicious persons and activity and necessary action against trespassing will be taken.

## STREET PARKING:

We understand that over the holidays, or when you are receiving guests, parking in the street may be necessary. It seems, however, that the issue of vehicles parked in the street on a regular basis is occurring more frequently. When you moved to the community you were provided with documents containing the covenants, conditions and restrictions for the LMROA. The guidelines state that there is no street parking permitted without prior authorization of management. If you have room in your driveway then you should not have cars parked in the street. Understandably, for those who have multiple vehicles, rearranging cars to accommodate those who live in your home can be a nuisance, however, the parking rule was put in place to keep as many vehicles as possible off the roads for the safety and aesthetics of the community. If you or your guests require temporary street parking, please contact the site office for an approved parking pass. If you continually disregard the parking regulations, you may be called to a hearing before the Covenants Committee and fined for each infraction.

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## COVENANTS INSPECTIONS:

There are some aspects of property maintenance, that cannot be attended to during certain times of the year, and in certain weather conditions. Please do your best to keep your property maintained according to LMROA guidelines. If you are issued a violation notice and need an extension of time to complete repairs, please contact the Covenants Administrator, Shelly Friend at the onsite office by calling 703.753.7745 or by email at [sfriend@cmc-management.com](mailto:sfriend@cmc-management.com).

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. If you need a copy of the most current Lake Manassas Handbook, please let us know and we will provide a copy to you at your request. 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 on color formulas.

**Yards and Lawns.** Lawn maintenance items such as weed/crab grass control, dead trees and shrubs and edging as well as replenishing the mulch in your beds need to be continued throughout the year. Please do not leave grass clippings on the sidewalk and/or street.

**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.

**Fireworks.** There have been recent reports of fireworks being set off in the area particularly on the eastern side of the community near the Lake. This is not only against the law but can be dangerous to surrounding homes. Please do not set off fireworks in the community. PWC police or Fire Marshal will be called to investigate any incidents that occur.

## LEASING A COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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 however, you as the owner, are still responsible for your property. LMROA will contact you as the homeowner for any reconciliation, as needed.

## 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 (at dusk or after 6 pm); 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 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. Trash cans may not be stored on the side of homes or in view of other properties.

## 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. Golfers retrieving golf balls are allowed to walk in the resident's yards that back up on the golf course. 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 your empty driveway spaces first.

**Wildlife.** A resident who was recently walking his dog on the path through the woods came upon a deer. The deer did not approach the resident, however it did not seem intimidated or afraid either. Remember, wildlife should not be approached at any time. Parents please remind you children of this as well.

**Pets.** There have been various reports of pets that are allowed to roam without a leash, urinate and defecate on private property and been aggressive toward people and other residents pets. If you experience difficulty with a neighbors pet, you should speak to the neighbor about your concerns. If you feel you need to contact the authorities you can call Prince William County Animal Control. After those options have been exhausted you may contact the onsite office and we will send a reminder of the Prince William County leash law and community guidelines for pets. Pets (dogs and cats) should not be allowed outside a confined area on your property unless out walking on a leash.

Please try to keep your dog from barking excessively outside -- especially during the early morning and late evening hours. The onsite office regularly receives complaints regarding pets on private property.

**Noise Ordinance Times:** The Prince William County noise ordinance is Monday through Friday from 10 pm until 6 am and on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from 10 pm until 9 am. 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.

**Complaints:** The onsite office regularly receives complaints on a variety of topics that most recently include:

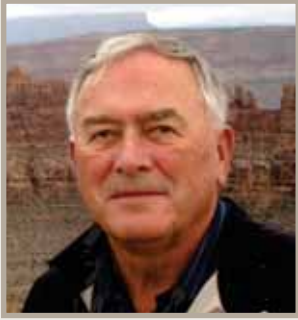
- Cigarette butts disposed of improperly on the street and/or on private property;
- Dogs barking and being aggressive, off leash and/or roaming and defecating on private property;
- Neighbor's lawns not mowed or weeded properly; and leaves not raked;
- Speeding;
- Vehicles running stop signs;
- RV's and/or boats brought into the community and left overnight and/or parked in dangerously in the street.

Management will address these issues as they arise, however we thank you in advance for following the County laws as well as the community rules and being a considerate neighbor.

# Budget & Finance Report

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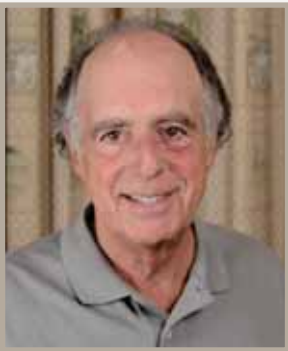


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Our current focus is on upcoming contracts that are due for renewal or re-competition, most notably the landscaping contract which is in its last option year. Also we will be looking at the Reserve Study to ensure the community is properly capitalized for future maintenance and repair needs.

If you are interested in joining our committee please contact Michelle Wingo ([mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com)). Meetings as required will generally be held on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month at 5PM at the on-site management office. Meeting scheduling will be flexible to accommodate maximum member attendance. I promise to keep all meetings to no more than one hour in length.

## Communications Report



Ed Davidson, Chair  
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Unfortunately, The Holiday Season will have ended before this issue of the *Lake Manassas Connection* is published. Once again, our community looked great with many residents being very creative with their decorated homes.

Since our last report, we have continued to work on items such as building an improved Web Site, working closer with the Stonewall Golf Club and the Brass Cannon Restaurant and various other efforts to enhance life at Lake Manassas.

A proposal to hire a Web Site Master was to be presented to the Board at the December meeting, to hire a local company, Scherer Media to assist in obtaining a new Domain name, maintain the new site and add features to ensure the Web Site is user friendly. By way of explanation the current web site does not belong to Lake Manassas and therefore we have no control of its structure and software. Initially Scherer Media will work with us in transferring information from the existing Web Site. We will keep you apprised of the status of this proposed new website in an email blast.

The Senior Golf League will be held again at the Stonewall Golf Club under the direction of Joe Greenlee and Errol Unikel. Joe has promised to try and extend the Golf League season and asked that we reach out to fellow golfers who were not with us during 2015 season. Anyone interested in joining the League next season please contact Joe Greenlee at [jgreenlee21@comcast.net](mailto:jgreenlee21@comcast.net) or call at 703.597.9524.

The Communications Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at the On-Site office next to the Swim Club. Anyone is welcome to join if they are available from 11am-12 Noon. We are looking for additional members to join our Committee as two of our team mates resigned. Feel free to send me your name, email or phone number if you are interested.

Ron Allen  
Jane Houston  
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## SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow removal begins once the depth of snow reaches two inches on the roads (as reported at Dulles Airport). While the Association does not begin plowing until the two inch mark is reached, our contractor is prepared to be onsite to handle any potential large snow storms.

- ↪ Salt and sand is applied on an as needed basis.
- ↪ Main roads are plowed first followed by secondary roads, cul-de-sacs and pipe stems.
- ↪ It is recommended that you shovel your driveway after a plow comes through. If you

must shovel before a plow comes through always shovel to the right, facing the street.

- ↪ Skating or playing on any frozen pond or lake area is dangerous and prohibited!
- ↪ Weather can change throughout the day. Always use caution when walking on sidewalks.
- ↪ Please do not approach any vendors.

Contact the LMROA Onsite Manager, Michelle Wingo with any questions or concerns at 703.753.7745 or by email at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com)



# Community Security & Visitor Access Report



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## COMMITTEE ROSTER

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### **VEHICLE DECALS**

LMROA (blue) vehicle decals expired at the end of 2015. A copy of the 2016-2017 registration form was included in the fall issue of the Lake Manassas Connection and is available at the management office where you may also pick up your new decals. Decals should be displayed on the top or bottom left corner of the interior driver's side windshield. In order to avoid any delays at the gates upon entering the community the new decals should be displayed by January 1, 2016.

### **LONG TERM VISITOR PASSES**

2016 Long Term Visitor Passes are now available at the management office. These passes are intended to be used by guests who are staying with you for more than two days. Each year upon expiration, the color of the pass changes. If the correct color pass with a current date is not displayed by your guest they will be required to stop and be logged in at the entrance gates.

### **VISITOR ACCESS LISTS**

Residents may have the names of guests placed on a list that will be available to our gate attendants. If the name of a guest or vendor is on the list, the gate attendant will allow the guest or vendor access without requiring that they be logged in. This will help expedite traffic flow at our gates and provide your visitors access without having to wait to be logged in. There are two types of lists, a Standing Visitor Access List and a Daily List.

### **STANDING VISITOR ACCESS LIST**

Residents may, at their option, establish a Standing Visitor Access List by submitting to the Lake Manassas management office, the names of individuals and service providers that are to be allowed access to the Lake Manassas community. The list must include the Resident's name, address, and a telephone number. Guests of residents who have been registered in this manner will be allowed access (without being logged in) after the gate attendant has verified the name of the visitor against the list.

Standing Visitor Lists or updates may be submitted by email or dropped off at the management office. The email address is [lmroaconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:lmroaconcerns@gmail.com). The management office will update the complete list weekly. The form is available at the onsite office and does not have to be used as long as you communicate the required information to the onsite manager.

### **DAILY LIST**

Residents may submit the name(s) of one time visitor or vendors either in writing or by phone to the gate attendant. *Daily Lists* are typically used for parties and functions where it is not necessary to have the guest on the Standing List or for one time service calls or guest visitors. The Daily List will be maintained by the gate attendant on duty. Please provide the gate attendant your name, address, telephone number, the guests name and approximate arrival time. Guests will be allowed access after the gate attendant has verified the name of the visitor against the list. Daily Lists are good only for the day of the visit and will be discarded at the end of that day.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact the onsite management office by calling 703.753.7745 or send me an email at [lmroaconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:lmroaconcerns@gmail.com)

*Rowland*

# Covenants Report



Ron Allen, Chair  
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## COMMITTEE ROSTER

Rowland Bowers  
Kathy Cumber  
Tom Cumber

Ten months out of the year, you work hard on your yard. There's a constant demand to keep up with the maintenance and when December and January roll around you're ready to take a break. Don't panic this isn't a guilt trip, it's just to provide you a mental checklist that will not only allow you to rest easy knowing your landscape will be prepped for spring, but also help bolster your maintenance next fall to improve your yard's ability to bounce back in the spring.


### Did you ...

- **Pick up your yard?** It's very important to not leave leaves, toys, or other debris on the lawn all winter. Not only does random debris smother the grass, it can create conditions that allow damaging insects, mice, and mold to thrive.
- **Lower your mower deck?** The last few times you mow your lawn before the winter, try and trim you lawn closer. Long grass can cause disease, smother itself, and is at risk of damage from freezing and thawing conditions. That being said, be careful not to cut the grass too short as this leaves the crown of the plant exposed to extreme condition all winter long while the turf is dormant.
- **Fertilize?** The final application of the year has a lower level of nitrogen so as to not promote much growth, and a greater amount of potassium to help the roots get ready to survive the harsh winter weather.
- **Apply perennial weed control?** Fall is the single best time to control perennial weeds that just like desirable plants take all the sunlight, water, and nutrients they gather and convert them into energy that they then store to help them survive the winter season. Taking advantage of this natural system and applying weed killing compound lets the weeds do the heavy lifting and transport the weed killer to the growing part of the plant, thereby providing effective weed control.
- **Account for foot traffic?** Under snow cover, heavily trafficked areas of your lawn, such as a shortcut to the garage or front door, will recover more slowly than areas without compaction. While dormant grass can withstand a reasonable amount of foot traffic, continual compaction causes brown patches in the spring that may require some care and reseeding.
- **Prune?** Pruning or cutting back the dead growth on perennials will allow for regrowth in the spring. If your yard has any annuals, go ahead and yank them out once they die.

Below is an overview of the guidelines for exterior seasonal and holiday decorating. More specific details can be found in the LMROA Handbook:

- Seasonal decorations (wreaths, flags, etc.) must reflect the present season.
- Winter Holiday decorations may be up from Thanksgiving through January 31st. If live decorations are used, ensure that all dead vegetation is removed promptly.
- All other holiday decorations may be up two weeks before the holiday and taken down within two weeks after the holiday.

*Ron*

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# Environmental Report

By: *Rose Mary Orsini*

The Environmental Committee wrapped up the 2015 program with the completion of the landscape upgrade at the Kamehameha Place townhouse entrance.

The committee also wishes to take this opportunity to extend a special appreciation to Mr. Allan Thomas for his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the Environmental Committee over the past several years. We are happy to report that he is recovering from his extended illness, and we look forward to having him back in action in the Spring of 2016.

*Rose Mary*



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## Modifications & Construction Report (MCC)

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. 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 MCC meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 PM at the pool office. Occasionally the meeting date is rescheduled due to members' availability, so check with Michelle.

It is important to note if you are in the process of selling your residence, homeowners association resale documents involve an inspection of your property to inform the buyer that all exterior modifications have been approved and conform to the design guidelines. It is in your best interest to submit an application for those changes which you have completed without the Modifications Committee approval. Otherwise this will be cited as a violation and may possibly delay your sale.

The design guidelines revision has been completed and is available on the website. If you would like a hard copy, it is available from Michelle.

*Diane*

### *Your Community Publication*

Do you have any ideas for this publication? Photos or a story to share ... This is YOUR COMMUNITY PUBLICATION and we welcome your input. Write to us at [newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com](mailto:newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com).

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**The Next deadline, for the Spring 2016 issue is MARCH 1.**

# Swim & Tennis Center Report

## COMMITTEE ROSTER

Grete Bravo  
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The fall was a busy time at the Swim and Tennis Center! After the pool closed for the season a general cleanup of the guard office, inventory of supplies and winterization of the facility took place. We then moved forward with making some necessary repairs and routine maintenance at the facility in preparation for winter and the next pool season.

## **WATER LINE RELOCATION**

The water line that runs from the pool area to the site office and provides water to both the office and the year round public restroom has been relocated underground. This should alleviate any problems with frozen and broken water pipes during the winter months.

## **YEAR ROUND PUBLIC RESTROOM**

After the water line relocation was completed, the year round public restroom was in need of some floor and drywall repairs. All repairs should be complete and the restroom back in service by the first of the year. You need a code to access the public restroom so please contact the onsite office and one of the ladies in the office will be happy to assist you.

## **POOL LIGHTS**

Our electrical contractor, Power Systems Electric, did some troubleshooting and has made preliminary repairs to the wiring for the pool lights and completed repairs on the pool deck lights. Next summer some new pool lights will be installed prior to the opening of the pool.

Winter is typically quiet at the Swim and Tennis Center, however the tot lot, basketball courts and tennis courts are available on those days when we get a reprieve from ice and snow. To avoid injury, please do not walk on or use courts until snow and ice have melted. Our snow contractor clears some of the sidewalks at the Swim and Tennis Center, however, please use caution when you are at the facility and avoid areas that are covered with ice.

If you have any comments or suggestions for committee consideration, please feel free to let us know, however, we would love to have a few more resident volunteers for the Swim and Tennis Committee. Send your email of interest to Michelle at the site office at [mwingo@cmc-management.com](mailto:mwingo@cmc-management.com)

Happy New Year from the Swim and Tennis Committee,

*Grete, Dave and Jill*

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live for today,  
hope for tomorrow."  
- Albert Einstein*

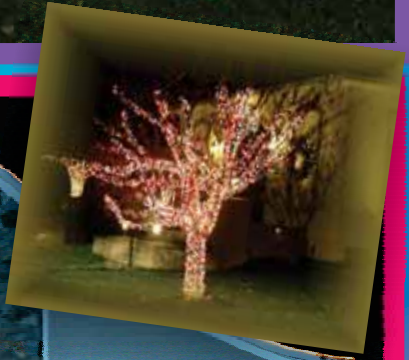
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(June 1 2015-December 1, 2015)

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ADDRESS	SOLD PRICE	LIST PRICE	DOM*	AGE
15144 Windy Hollow Circle	\$470,000	\$475,000	260	17
8000 Kamehameha Place	\$485,000	\$485,000	10	14
8020 Kamehameha Place	\$480,000	\$489,500	25	19
15764 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$545,000	\$535,000	65	10
8429 Link Hills Loop	\$557,618	\$579,000	177	10
8211 Snead Loop	\$590,000	\$599,000	98	11
8207 Snead Loop	\$644,189	\$629,500	477	12
16001 Tryon Way	\$640,000	\$649,900	124	13
8353 Roxborough Loop	\$638,000	\$659,900	19	14
15735 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$660,000	\$674,900	48	10
15663 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$650,000	\$675,000	0	10
8228 Roxborough Loop	\$690,000	\$699,900	5	13
7964 Valderrama Court	\$860,000	\$899,900	98	15
15698 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$880,000	\$999,000	220	12

## *Current Listings & Properties Under Contract*

ADDRESS	LIST PRICE	STATUS	AGE
15794 Spyglass Hill Loop	\$525,000	Active	10
15513 Tuxedo Lane	\$545,000	Active	10
15184 Windy Hollow Circle	\$549,900	Active	15
8000 Amsterdam Court	\$559,900	Active	14
8318 Hancock Court	\$575,000	Active	11
7958 Bonnie Briar Loop	\$575,000	Active	21
7990 Amsterdam Court	\$584,900	Active	16
8116 Willingboro Court	\$593,900	Active	16
8067 Horseshoe Bay Court	\$619,500	Active	21
8147 Cancun Court	\$624,900	Active	18
8053 Crooked Oaks Court	\$639,777	Active	19
8225 Roxborough Loop	\$649,900	Active	12
8306 Roxborough Loop	\$829,900	Active	13
8280 Roxborough Loop	\$949,000	Active	14
8286 Roxborough Loop	\$1,250,000	Active	11

\*DOM means "Number of days on Market"





## A Winter Wonderland of Arts at the Hylton Center!

**Saturday, January 23 at 5 pm**

### Scotch Whiskey Tasting

Sample Scotch whisky from the Lowlands to the Highlands and from the islands to the small distilleries on the mainland with native Scot and internationally renowned whisky connoisseur, Dougie Wylie. \$50 per person. Must be 21 years of age or older to participate. (Adult Language)



**Sunday, January 24 at 4 pm**

### The Band of the Royal Marines

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**Sunday, January 24 at 6:30 pm**

### Burns Night Supper

Join us for the Hylton Center's famous Burns Night Supper. This formal dinner will include all the pomp and pageantry fit to celebrate the life and works of Scotland's national bard, poet, and lyricist Robert Burns. \$125 per person. Presenting Sponsors: Bill and Candice Reeder Sponsors: Bill and Leah Brogdon; Rick Davis and Julie Thompson; Evergreen Janitorial Services, Inc.; Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Leet; Marda Robillard and Patrick Tribe



**Saturday, February 13 at 8 pm**  
**American Festival Pops Orchestra Valentine's Day Pops**

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**Saturday, February 27 at 8 pm**

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**Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm**

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### Hylton Center EXTRA!

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#### Tickets and Information:

- Hylton Center Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am-6 pm and Thurs 10 am-8 pm
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- Visit HyltonCenter.org

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

## For 2016

**Don't wait until next year - do it now.**



### LOSE WEIGHT

The number one listed resolution historically has been to lose weight. However we need to be realistic here. Designers are referring to "plus" size as "curvy" now. And did you know that the average size for a woman, in America, is 14? So maybe it is not the scale we should be so concerned with but rather what we are consuming.

The most important thing is to be healthy. Start off 2016 by making a sincere effort to fill your kitchen with healthy foods. Incorporate high fiber, vegetables, fruit into your diet. You will be surprised how quickly your taste buds get used to these new flavors and textures. If you don't like the flavors you can always mix them up with your cereal or create a smoothie. And if you want to try something simple in the way of a new diet - consider eliminating all white products such as sugar, flour and such.



### EXERCISE

This is also a popular item on every list of resolutions. More gym memberships are purchased in January than at any other time of the year. However instead of jumping in full speed ahead - why not consider something different and incorporating that into your day. Purchase one of those new magical "sophisticated pedometers." If you wear it for a week and you average 2,000 steps a day - make it your goal to increase that in small increments and mark that goal on your calendar. A sound goal would be to work up to 10,000 steps a day - but of course this is a recommendation that must be considered on an individual basis. But make sure to switch up your routine. If you work out on an elliptical 3 days a week - consider a long walk for one more. And don't neglect strength training. Because muscle helps to burn fat faster. You may want to start with simple household items like water jugs and work up to stacks of books. Or purchase some weights. But make sure it is something you can do regularly. You will see a difference and feel it too.



### TAKE UP A HOBBY -

If you have always wanted to paint, write, get creative with your crafts, bake ... do it this year. Sign up for a course at a local hobby store or community center, purchase a book on it, even consider teaching a course on something you know a lot about. It's amazing what you may learn from your students and how they may inspire you. Consider an article in this publication about your interest and build a club around it. How about creating a cooking club or neighborhood dinner event where neighbors meet monthly for a dinner party with each contributing a dish from an agreed upon culture. Invite a local chef to speak and provide tips. Or develop your photography skills. Lake Manassas is ripe with amazing landscapes and people. Shoot them and send your masterpieces to [newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com](mailto:newsletter@lakemanassasroa.com) for potential publication in this magazine.



### ORGANIZE

Do you find that you are routinely looking for things? It has been said that we spend half our lives acquiring things and the other half getting rid of them. Life can be so complicated and simplification can significantly reduce stress and eliminate lost time trying to locate lost items. Get rid of what you are not using. Go through your closet - toss all the big sizes or you may have a tendency to grow back into them. Perhaps even turn all your hangers in one direction - when you wear clothes hang them back in the other direction. At this time next year - go through your closet and anything left hanging the old way - wasn't worn and therefore could be donated to people who will enjoy them as much as you once did. Also don't open mail or packages and put all in a pile to be processed later. Toss or organize what you can on the spot. Why double your efforts?



### BREAK YOUR NASTY HABITS

Many in the clergy have preached that people should speak with them the way they would everyone else. *Of course there are exceptions to this rule* but generally if you would not do it in front of your children, neighbors, boss, clergy - than should you be doing it? Consider your language, drinking, and smoking. These are the obvious ones. But what about how you treat people who serve you? It may be your daughter, son, spouse or retired parent on the other side of the phone, table or desk. Gossip. Once again what if it is someone you love who is the victim of it? And grudges. They hurt you more than the person you feel hurt you. Because you are likely off their radar but they stay keenly on yours and that only compounds the hurt.

(Continued)

## SAVE MONEY -

A penny saved is a penny earned. Consider treating a savings account as another household bill. When paying your monthly bills include your savings account in the process. You may find your funds tight at the time but at the end of the year, when you realize what you have saved, the peace you gain will be more soothing than that long forgotten potential dinner out or new outfit.



## VOLUNTEER -

It has been said that helping someone or gifting them brings more pleasure to the person doing it than the recipient. Consider doing more of that this year. Perhaps even by volunteering on a Lake Manassas community committee. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors better and to make a difference in Lake Manassas. And it can only help to maintain and perhaps even grow the investment we all have in this community.



## STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

Have you ever had a first encounter with someone and worried you made a bad impression only to discover months later that they either don't remember you at all or their impression was favorable? We can't possibly know what others are thinking, yet we worry about it. And you are never going to please everyone. Spending all your time and energy trying to make everyone happy is just going to stress you out and lead to your own unhappiness. In 2016 don't be afraid to voice your opinions, say no when you don't want to do something, and put more value in your own judgment.



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# Are You Getting Enough Sleep?

**DO YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP?** Are you one of those people who run all week and then try to catch up on the weekend?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than a quarter of the population don't get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation is associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions, including; diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression—which threaten our nation's health. When we are tired - we try to medicate with food, drink, and medication but they are often just quick fixes and sometimes don't offer any relief at all. The insurance industry claims lack of sleep to be a major factor in car crashes ... in fact, drowsy driving can be as dangerous, and as preventable, as driving under the influence.

We all have our own personal internal clocks which control a natural cycle of sleeping and waking. Your body clock determines, to a certain degree, how much of the hormone melatonin your body makes. Melatonin secretion is part of what causes drowsiness – levels rise in the evening, remain high for most of the night, and then begin to fall in the early morning. Light also affects how much melatonin your body produces. Light inhibits the release of melatonin. So during the long winter nights, more melatonin is produced and we tend to sleep a little longer and in summer when the days are longer, we tend to sleep a little less. But artificial light, coming from the television and electronic devices can also suppress melatonin secretion which contributes to making it more difficult to fall asleep.

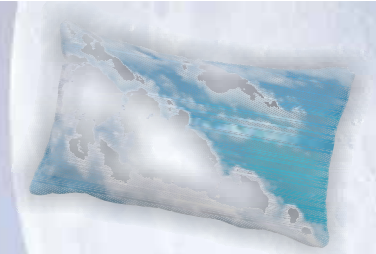
A lack of sleep affects our mood, memory and behavior. Following are a number of tips from the National Sleep Foundation to help you improve your sleeping habits. We understand

that it may be impossible to implement all in your life but they are goals to strive for.

- Go to bed at the same time each night and rise at the same time each morning.
- Make sure your bedroom is a quiet, dark, and relaxing environment, which is neither too hot or too cold.
- Make sure your bed is comfortable and use it only for sleeping and not for other activities, such as reading, watching TV, or listening to music. Remove all TVs, computers, and other “gadgets” from the bedroom.
- Physical activity may help promote sleep, but not within a few hours of bedtime.
- Avoid large meals before bedtime.

Most of these changes are relatively easy to implement, number three maybe not so much. But do consider that changes in your life which contribute to better and more sound sleep patterns - have the potential to allow you to increase the productivity in your life by perhaps 20% and promote better health.

Experts advise that seven - nine hours of sleep is preferred for the average person, but your personal needs can vary. Also know that oversleeping is not a good plan. It often is reflective of stress, anxiety and depression. If you have a loved one who seems to be sleeping too much please encourage them to speak with their Doctor.



## Some local locations to check off on your 2016 Leisure List

### Burnside Farms

**4905 James Madison Highway, Haymarket**

This local farm has been growing flowers, plants and vegetables in the area for three generations. Burnside Farms prides itself on its chemical-free farming practices that follow guidelines for organic, sustainable production. Burnside is a great place to visit year round. Pick your own bouquets of Daffodils, Tulips and Dutch Iris during the Festival of Spring, and over 25 varieties of Sunflowers in the Summer. Next Fall think of Burnside Farms for your pumpkins, fall plants, apples, cider and corn stalks for your fresh-cut, Virginia-grown Christmas tree and other fresh pine greenery.



### Winery at La Grange

**4970 Antioch Road, Haymarket**

The Winery at La Grange is offers spectacular mountain views, a tasting room, a wine production facility, gourmet snacks and open space for picnics by an outdoor firepit. La Grange is open year round for tastings and events, and during the warmer months, you can catch live performances out on the patio. Become a “wine club” member and enjoy VIP events and discounts on wines and tastings. La Grange a great way to spend a weekend afternoon with friends and family.



# Winter Gardening Projects

The weather has been really odd this year. It was predicted it would be a really heavy snow year yet as we go to press we have still not seen any indication of it. Therefore we thought we would offer these few ideas:

## Expand the mulch rings around your trees.

As your trees grow and expand the mulch rings around them should grow too. The larger more mature trees need more water and nutrients than they did when they were planted and expanding the mulch ring will help reduce competition from turf. If it is possible you should extend the mulch ring to the drip line of the tree.



One way to do this is to remove the grass in the area of expansion using a shovel. This will insure sharp

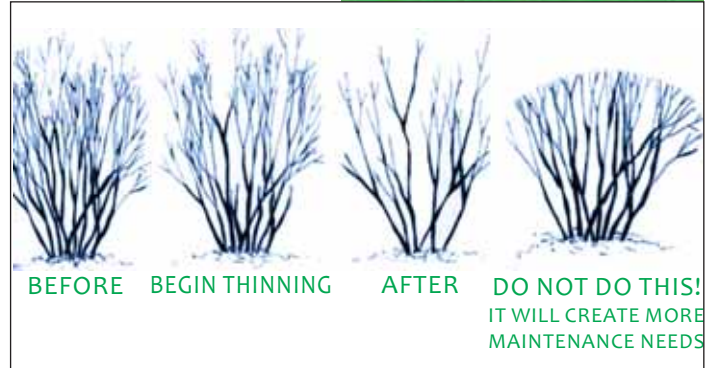
looking results right away, but it is a lot of hard work and risks damaging the trees roots. An easier approach is to cut the grass in the expansion area down to the dirt using a string trimmer and then simply mulching over the top of it. The only drawback to doing it this way is that the grass will come back up in the spring and you will need to spray it with Roundup as soon as it does.

**Did you know that you should winterize your lawn mower?** Run it until it is out of gas, change the oil, sharpen the blades, grease any fittings and store the machine in a dry place. Doing all of this now will help protect your mower through the winter months and save you time and effort when the grass starts growing in the spring. Take similar steps with any other gasoline-powered equipment you may use.

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**Proper Pruning.** In February your perennials and ornamental grasses should be cut back, and it is the best time to prune many trees and woody shrubs. Some of the best plants to prune in winter include but are not limited to: Boxwood, Crape Myrtle, Euonymous, Nandina and Summer Blooming Spirea.

Be sure to make proper pruning cuts and to research each plant's individual needs before getting started. A general rule is to prune the plant from the inside to open holes for light and promote new growth and a fuller shrub. Opening the plant up will also allow better airflow, speeding up drying time after rain and making the plant less prone to disease.



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## Hand & Foot Card Game

**Contact:** Suzanne at 703-727-5775 or swbrooks@comcast.net



Hand and Foot meets regularly once a month, but, not necessarily the same day of the week of every month. We meet in the evening at 7 pm and rotate homes if

desired, but hosting is not a requirement to participate. Refreshments are very low key. Hostesses provide water. So far, all members live in Lake Manassas. Any number of people can play. The more the merrier and the goal is FUN!!!

**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.

## Lake Manassas Running Club

**Contact:** Email Jill Rumble at jrump14@aol.com or Grete Bravo gstrombravo@gmail.com

**Time and Date:** every Monday 9.30am starting January 12th

**Location:** The Swim & Tennis facility.

**Description:** We can break into groups depending upon preferred pace/ and or distance. This will be a great time to meet neighbors, built friendships while pounding the pavement! Stay tuned for kids' running/activity club in the spring.



## Mah Jongg

**Contact:** Suzanne at 703-727-5775 or swbrooks@comcast.net

**Time and Date:** Mah Jongg meets weekly every Thursday morning from 10:30 am-12:30 pm, refreshments are minimal and stressfree-water is a main staple and grapes have been an easy offering for most of us, we have approximately 12 members so far and we rotate homes. Not all of us live in Lake Manassas but all of us live within a 4 mile radius. We are open for new players and to teach people who are interested in the game; the goal is FUN!!!

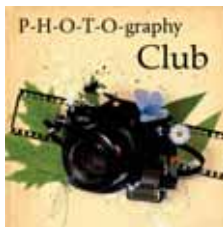
**Description:** Mah Jongg, which originated in China, is played by four players using a set of 136 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. Each player begins by receiving thirteen tiles. In turn players draw and discard tiles until they complete a legal hand. It is a game of skill, strategy and 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

**Time and Date:** 10am-2pm and/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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3	4 Trash & Recycling pick up	5	6	7 Trash & Yard/ Lawn Debris pick up	8	9
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17	18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day Trash & Recycling pick up	19	20	21 Trash & Yard/ Lawn Debris pick up 5:00pm Budget & Finance	22	23
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## Community Committee Meeting Info

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

Please watch the website calendar at [www.lakemanassasroa.com](http://www.lakemanassasroa.com) and the bulletin boards at the entrance gates for the latest information.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The LMROA Board of Directors will hold a Townhall Meeting to discuss Stonewall Entrance Improvements on the evening of Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m, at the Stonewall Golf Club.

All residents are welcome to attend.

## LMROA CALENDAR

### January

- 1 Office Closed New Years Day
- 11 MCC 5pm
- 12 Townhall Meeting 6pm
- 13 CSVAC 6pm
- 21 Budget & Finance 5pm
- 25 Covenants 7pm

### February

- 8 MCC 5pm
- 9 STC 7pm
- 15 Office Closed - Presidents Day
- 18 Budget & Finance 6pm
- 22 Covenants 7pm

### March

- 5 Environmental 10am
- 14 MCC 5pm
- 17 Budget & Finance 5pm
- 21 Covenants 7pm
- 23 CSVAC 6pm
- 24 LMROA Board (tentative) 5:30 Closed Session/6:00 Open Session

### April

- 11 MCC 5pm
- 12 STC 7pm
- 18 Covenants 7pm
- 21 Budget & Finance 6pm

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