



#### NEXT GENERAL MEETING



**Tuesday, November 15,  
7:30 p.m.**

*Location: Telegraph Station,  
5735 Telegraph Road*

*Guest speaker: Todd Minnix, county DOT, will discuss the North Kings Highway median strip design.*

#### JMCA EVENTS

**Tuesday, December 20:  
General Board Meeting**

Open to the Public

*Location details will be posted on the JMCA website*

#### JMCA ON THE WEB

**Website:** <http://www.jeffersonmanor.org>

**Listserv:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jeffersonmanor>

**Parents group:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jeffersonmanorparents>

**Facebook:** Search Facebook groups for Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

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## President's Letter

Dear Jefferson Manor Residents,

All of the traditional signs of autumn are upon us here in Jefferson Manor. The leaves have turned their golden colors, the campaign signs have popped up like wildflowers, and gardens are being trussed up for the winter. Even a little early snow has fallen to help remind us that the end of the year is upon us.

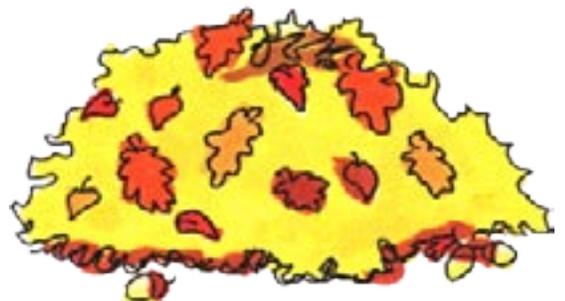
It has been a very busy and very successful year for the community and for the JMCA. Our social events were smashing successes once again. Our candidate night put our best foot forward with our newest elected officials. Most important, our efforts on the traffic calming ballot look to be successful. From the long slog the community task force worked through, to hand delivering over 550 ballots by our army of volunteers, we are on the cusp of completing a longstanding neighborhood goal. As of this writing, we have an unofficial count of returned ballots exceeding 300. This exceeds the minimum required for our efforts to move forward, and exceeds even my wildest hopes. Everyone involved in this effort should take pride in a job well done. It is my hope that the final count of the ballots puts this in the win column.

Another major initiative the JMCA has been working on for over a decade is pedestrian improvements to North Kings Highway. At our November meeting, the current design of a new median strip with a crosswalk at Farmington Drive will be presented by Todd Minnix of the county DOT. Todd is very familiar with the community after overseeing the completion of the Fort Drive rebuild back in 2008. A more detailed description of the project and its history can be found in this issue.

What all of this shows me is that Jefferson Manor is supremely fortunate, and uniquely blessed. We are a vibrant community with a vast array of people living here. We are, in a word, the Haves. Not everyone in Fairfax County is as lucky or privileged as we are. As hard as it is to believe, there are those that go hungry every day in our little slice of Northern Virginia. As we start to look forward to turkey and presents under the tree, I want us to give a little something back. This year the JMCA will be hosting a food drive as part of our holiday party. We are still working out the details, but ideas and volunteers are welcome. Let's end 2011 by doing good for those who most need it.

Have a happy and safe holiday season, a Happy New Year, and thank you for making this a tremendous community to live in.

*Chris Soule  
President, Jefferson Manor Civic Association  
[president@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:president@jeffersonmanor.org)*



*¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre JMCA? Llame a Sonia al 703-329-1882.*

**About JMCA**

JMCA is a volunteer citizens' group devoted to the betterment of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood. Membership is \$20 annually, paid at the membership meetings or to JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303. JMCA membership is annual, from January to December. For more information, visit: *www.JeffersonManor.org* or email us at: *info@JeffersonManor.org*.

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 (4/2010–3/2011)

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Land Use Committee  
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**Neighborhood News Newsletter**

Please direct any requests or questions about Neighborhood News to: *newsletter@JeffersonManor.org*

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Join us on  
**December 10**  
 for our annual  
**holiday pot luck**

Telegraph Station  
 5735 Telegraph Road  
 6–8 p.m.



Bring a dish or just join your neighbors for  
**the festivities!**

**North Kings Highway Median Strip**

Over the past decade the JMCA has tried valiantly to get pedestrian improvements to North Kings Highway. In 2008, Supervisor McKay was able to get the county DOT to come out and survey the strip and review possible remedies. They determined that a median between Fort Drive and Jefferson Drive would be an appropriate addition, along with a slight narrowing of the lanes. This would also allow for a new crosswalk at Farmington Drive. The initial proof of concept was published in the neighborhood newsletter and on the website. County staff presented the initial concept at the November 2008 neighborhood meeting, and funding was allocated in December of 2009.

The initial engineering design was completed earlier this year. After feedback from the affected properties on North Kings, the JMCA worked with the county to reduce the impact of the project. The county will be presenting the current design at the November meeting. It is beneficial to the entire community to maximize our input at this phase in the project. The current proposed design, minus potential vegetation, can be found on the JMCA website at <http://jeffersonmanor.org/uploads/median.pdf>.

To help facilitate the meeting, questions can be sent in advance to [president@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:president@jeffersonmanor.org).

**Land Use Task Force Needs Volunteers**

Over the past two years, the JMCA has been working with County land use staff regarding future development of the strip mall on North Kings Highway. In order to maximize community input, the JMCA is looking to expand the number of members on the current task force. We are looking for an additional handful or so individuals with 1) An interest in the project and 2) An ability to meet one evening a month with the group. All residents, renters or owners, are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Chris Soule at [president@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:president@jeffersonmanor.org).

# The Ewells Eat Out

*(If we can do it you can do it!)*

## Thai Herbs Restaurant

8501 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA  
<http://www.thaiherbrestaurant.com/home.html>

After years of driving by, our Thai-food loving family decided to stop and try Thai Herbs, located at 8501 Richmond Highway (next to Holly, Woods, and Vines). Unassuming on the outside, on the inside the restaurant is sumptuously decorated. Customers sit on silk pillows atop dark wood chairs. While at first it did not look kid friendly, the opposite is true! We are always welcomed with our 3 children, ages 5 and 2.

While the restaurant is not often crowded, the food is superb. We love to begin the meal with Satay and their steamed crab and pork dumplings—a double order is needed to leave us any dumplings after our kids get done with them! Portions are generous and both appetizers are delicious. Our kids particularly love dipping in the sauces accompanying both dishes and we often have to request extra toast that comes with the Satay to dip into the sauce. In addition to favorites Pad Thai and Chicken Kapow, which are good, we all like Shrimp with baby corn (a child's heaven—a heaping



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platter of baby corn!), the delicate ginger chicken, and the delicious chicken with pineapple, cashews, and raisins. Adults will enjoy the curries—from the slow burn of the Green curry, with melt-in-your-mouth eggplant, to the rich Masaman curry.

The thing that stands out in all dishes is the flavor of the fresh herbs. You will notice that the flower beds lining the restaurant contain Thai basil, chiles, and other herbs. One night we ran into one of the cooks in their garden and he told us that the chef maintains a large garden behind the restaurant that supplies most of their herbs and chiles.

We highly recommend Thai Herbs!

—Maggie and Richard Ewell



## JEFFERSON MANOR'S REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT FOR THE FALL OF 2011

Status	Address	BR	BA	List\$	Sold\$	Settled
Sold	5900 Monticello	2	2	\$364000	\$355000	10/26/2011
Sold	6025 Monticello	2	1	\$290000	\$270000	10/17/2011
Sold	6004 Monticello	4	2	\$295000	\$290000	7/29/2011
Sold	2728 Farnsworth	2	2	\$249000	\$232000	7/27/2011
Sold*	2802 Albemarle	2	2	\$374900	\$365000*	7/21/2011
Sold*	2809 Albemarle	2	2	\$349500	\$350000*	7/13/2011
Sold	2708 Albemarle	2	2	\$247000	\$242500	7/06/2011
Sold	6102 N Kings Hwy	2	2	\$250000	\$260000	6/27/2011



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## Annual Jefferson Manor Neighborhood Picnic

Despite the cooler weather and overcast skies, more than 70 neighbors came out for the Annual Jefferson Manor Picnic. Held in the Jefferson Manor Park, neighbors enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, potluck sides, and desserts. Even the kids had fun on the soggy grass playing with the ring toss and in the tube tunnels. The balloting process for the neighborhood speed-hump efforts kicked off that afternoon and at print-

time we were mere inches away from meeting our response rate goal. Thank you neighbors!

Also, we wanted to send a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to clean/set up the pavilion, grill the burgers and dogs, and a special thank you to Jonathan for all of his unloading efforts and the use of his wagon and camp chairs. See you all next year!

—Julie Upham



### Neighborhood Open Homes Tour

November 13 from 1–4 p.m.

Many houses, One neighborhood,  
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### Neighbor News

Dana Partos and Stan Beach of Edgehill Court had a baby girl, Marisa Louise Beach, on September 29. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz and was 20" long. Both parents, their dog Glory, and baby Marisa are all doing well.



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## A Jefferson Manor Halloween



After a one-day delay to let that early rain/snow storm pass, the annual Jefferson Manor Halloween Parade and Costume Contest was held on the sunny Sunday afternoon of October 30. Over 50 children and their families met on Jefferson Drive and paraded down to the park. The costumes were creative and colorful and several families came dressed in theme. After a group picture, children showed off their costumes, collected treat bags, and then went off to mold scary creations in Play-Doh, color, and make Jack O'Lantern faces. Then they went to the haunted box table for the sensory experience of feeling mystery substances representing the brains, heart, eyes, nose, and other body parts of the recently departed Hal O. Ween. Rounding out the party, kids "bobbed" for marshmallows hung from string and danced to the Monster Mash. A great time was had by all.



Big thanks to all the Jefferson Manor families and residents for coming out and making this event so special! Special thanks to Peter Dyro for emceeding the costume pageant; Shaanon Lindauer, Jennifer Duncan Lindauer and Ginny Kinsey for volunteering as judges; and the planning committee: Claire Boswell, Lauren Fischer, Kellie Sansone, Michelle Dyro, Alison Heuer, Melanie Froemke, Maeve Ulrich and Maggie Ewell, for prepping decorations and activities and for setting up and cleaning up!

*—Maggie Ewell*



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**Jefferson Manor  
Citizens Association**

Any residents of the Jefferson Manor subdivision over the age of 18 and non-resident owners of property in the Jefferson Manor subdivision are entitled to membership in the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association. Membership dues are \$20 per household (\$10 for seniors) per calendar year. Complete this application & mail with a check or money order to:

JMCA  
P.O. Box 4104  
Alexandria, VA 22303

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**2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Renewal (\$20)    New Member (\$20)    Senior (\$10)

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I have included an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to JMCA to help with the publication cost of Neighborhood News.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_  Check/money order  Cash

I am willing to help deliver newsletters (once every other month).

*I am interested in the following:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> JMCA Website       | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Committee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use issues            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter            |   |

*Other notes:*

**Stay Up to Date with JMCA**

Want to keep up to date with the latest JMCA news and goings' on? Join us on both Facebook and Twitter.

JMCA has had a Facebook group for a while now; however, we are changing. We have migrated to a new Facebook Fan page. This will make it easier for Jefferson Manor residents to find us on Facebook. Join us today by searching Facebook groups for Jefferson Manor Citizens Association.

Also, JMCA is on Twitter. If you are a Twitter user follow us @JMCA22303.

As always we will post information to the listserv and within our bi-monthly newsletters. These additional avenues allow our neighbors to connect with the community through a variety of different venues.


**Weekday Playgroup for  
Jefferson Manor Tots**


Join other Jefferson Manor parents and kids at Telegraph Station every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for a drop-in playdate!

**Buy a Jefferson Manor T-Shirt!**

Want to show your pride in your community? Own your very own Jefferson Manor T-Shirt. Contact [president@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:president@JeffersonManor.org), or purchase as the next JMCA event. Shirts are \$15 each.





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