



NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.

*Guest speakers: Energy Action
Fairfax (see page 2 for details)*

*Location: Mt Eagle Elementary cafeteria,
6116 N Kings Highway*

JMCA EVENTS

**Saturday, May 22: Jefferson Manor
Spring Clean-up Day**

See page 2 for details.

**Sunday, June 10:
Home & Garden Tour**

See page 2 for details.

**Tuesday, June 19:
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

Twitter: follow us @JMCA22303

President's Letter

You can tell when it's spring in the neighborhood. Baseball starts up, the Caps play the role of heartache kids in the playoffs, and we introduce a new board of directors for the JMCA. Congrats to our two newest members, Amanda Allen and Ashley Davis. Both bring a remarkable set of skills and ideas to the table, and are superb additions to the group. I am very excited to get to work this year.

With the April showers behind us, it's time for the great gardens to spring up around the neighborhood. Whether it's creative floral arrangements, a new Japanese maple, or the annual vegetable garden, I am always amazed at the creativity marshaled into these projects. It is just one of the hundreds of little things that makes Jefferson Manor a little different and a little better place to call home.

Spring also marks the kick-off of the JMCA social calendar. First up is our very popular home and garden tour. Brian Allen will once again be overseeing this event. As always, the stars of the show are your hard work. See further information about this event in this issue, and drop Brian a line to get on the tour. We need you to show off your pride and hard work to make this the great event it always is. For the rest of us, what better way to get new and interesting ideas about our own homes than through the eyes of someone else's finished project?



Another sign of spring is the uptick in For Sale signs. In the last newsletter, I wrote about the Haws' leaving our neighborhood, and what an impact they had. One long-time family that I didn't mention are the Snyders. Al and Sandy bought their home on Monticello back in 1947 when Jefferson Manor was still getting its legs under it. They raised their family here, saw the community through good times, bad times, and back to good times. I first got a chance to meet them at the Jefferson Manor 60th anniversary picnic back in 2007, and was immediately taken by their love of this place. This past winter, Al and Sandy moved to an assisted living facility in Mt. Vernon. I dearly miss seeing Al out on my dog walks and talking about the history of our piece of Fairfax county. Al would always call me "Mr. President," which never ceased to bring a smile to my face even on the worst of days. As a small token of thanks for their years here, I asked our own Jenny Bergei to do a charcoal sketch of their old house. The Snyder's daughter sent us some old black-and-white photos from back in the day, and Jenny was able to produce a stunning and personalized piece of art for their new home. I was thrilled to see their reaction when I brought it down to them.

I look forward to seeing you all at our May meeting at Mt. Eagle Elementary. We will be discussing the new development going on down the street at Penn Daw and the Fast Eddie's site, as well as hearing from the county's energy efficiency program. Since the meeting will be a little longer than usual, the JMCA will be providing pizza and beverages for the evening.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help around the neighborhood, please drop me a line.

Chris Soule

*President, Jefferson Manor Civic Association
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¿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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Annual Jefferson Manor Home and Garden Tour



The JMCA is preparing for our 7th annual Home and Garden Tour to be held on June 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our neighborhood was built almost 65 years ago and at that time all the houses were pretty much the same with few exceptions. Fast forward 6 decades later and families have crafted each of these houses with their own unique custom additions and changes. Join us to explore our neighborhood, get out and see what unique improvements neighbors have done to their houses, get ideas for your own house, see private gardens that are hidden away in backyards, meet your neighbors, and enjoy an afternoon walking through the neighborhood.

We are looking for volunteers as well for the tour to show your homes and/or gardens. Featured homes can be single spaces within the home, the entire home, the exterior, the gardens, etc. Please contact Brian Allen at 703-868-0025 or by email at ballen@voa.com to become part of the tour.

Fairfax County Bringing Energy-Efficiency Program to Jefferson Manor

Did you know that taking steps to make your home more energy efficient could save you up to 40% on your energy bill and improve the comfort of your home? To help Jefferson Manor Citizens Association learn more about how to make low-cost, high-reward energy efficiency upgrades, Jefferson Manor Citizens Association is teaming up with Fairfax County's new Energy Action Fairfax program to host an event on May 22 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Eagle Cafeteria, 6116 North Kings Highway.

Our event will feature local area contractors who will lead hands-on demonstrations of low-cost, high-reward energy upgrades for your home. The first 20 people to arrive at the event will receive a free Energy Action Fairfax starter kit to help make your home more energy efficient.

Please check out the Energy Action Fairfax website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energyactionfairfax) for more a concise collection of helpful tips, tools, and do-it-yourself guides for information on how to save energy and make your home more efficient.

We look forward to seeing you on May 22!

—Brian Allen

Time for Spring Cleaning!



Join your friends and neighbors for our Jefferson Manor Spring Clean-up Day. This year's clean-up day will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012, and we will meet at the Jefferson Manor Park at 9:00 a.m. We will spruce up the neighborhood by picking up trash and removing grass from the sidewalks and curbs. Trash bags will be provided. Please bring gloves. Additional tools needed are shovels, brooms, hedge trimmers, weed eaters or edgers and any other tool you feel could be useful. We hope to have enough people to do some bigger clean-up projects so watch the Yahoo group for more details. This is a great family activity, so bring the kids!

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Good morning JMCA neighbors and friends,

I would like to thank everyone for their concern during our crisis, and am happy to report that our dog Riley has been found and is on the road to recovery!

As you may know, our home caught fire on Tuesday, March 27 at approximately 9 a.m. while my husband and I were at work. The official cause has yet to be determined, but the fire inspector's unofficial report is that the oven was faulty and somehow sparked and ignited the gas. (I had heard there was an earlier posting on the JMCA listserv stating that something was left unattended cooking on the stove ... this is not the case.)

Unfortunately, all three of our pets were trapped in the house during the fire. Thanks to our security system detecting the smoke immediately and sending the alert to the fire department, and of course the quick response of the fire department, our pets were saved and the damage to our home was limited. During the fire, our kitty Cali went into hiding under our bed, and our dog Una ran out into the front yard when the fire department broke in. Neither suffered any injuries, and they are both doing well.

Our dog Riley, on the other hand, had quite a different adventure. He was trapped in the kitchen with the flames and took off running up Fairhaven toward North Kings Highway. After a couple of days of searching, we had a Riley sighting. He had apparently crossed North Kings Highway. So we continued our search in that direction.

We also notified Home Again (Riley is microchipped), who promptly sent out lost reports to their nationwide listserv. We worked closely with Fairfax County Animal Control and VDOT ... apparently both agencies pick up dogs that have been hit by cars. We handed out fliers at local schools, churches, and businesses in the immediate area, and visited ALL of the pet hospitals and shelters in the VA/DC/MD area to put up fliers, file lost pet reports, look over the dogs that were being held, and even check the freezers in the shelters for his corpse (heartbreaking) ... thankfully he was not there.

Over the weekend, we received multiple calls from pet rescue volunteers all over the US ... apparently Riley had "gone viral." One volunteer in Virginia saw our flier and posted it up on her Facebook page. It was picked up by multiple dog rescue groups and the word spread quickly. Some organizations saw our posting on Craigslist and reached out to help us check vet offices, shelters, and pet hospitals in their areas. Other volunteers were making copies of our flier and posting them on our behalf, while others helped us go door-to-door to find him. Meanwhile, my husband's coworker paid for a service that autodialed every phone number within a three-mile radius to put out a doggie Amber alert out for Riley. The outreach and support was



simply amazing and touching to say the least.

As we continued our door-to-door search on Sunday, we learned that Riley was seen running down the middle of Richmond Highway near Five Guys. On Monday morning, as we were regrouping for yet another door-to-door search in the direction Riley was last spotted, we received a call from a woman who said that she had found Riley. Apparently, Riley had wandered onto her property that morning and curled up under a tree for some rest. She saw that he had tags and called us right away. We picked him up and brought him to the vet immediately, where he remained well into the evening.

Riley was extremely exhausted, dehydrated, and emaciated ... he lost 10 pounds in the week he was on the run, and had been eating rocks among other things. He was traumatized for certain ... his paw pads were raw, torn, and bloody, and he suffered some minor abrasions to his body, but otherwise appeared to be in good health. Shortly after picking Riley up from the vet, he lost consciousness and fell over onto his back. He continued to exhibit labored breathing and recurring panting spells that evening, so we rushed him back to the emergency pet hospital. Thankfully, the vet did not find anything wrong and chalked it up to sheer exhaustion and dehydration. I am happy to report that he is doing much better after a good night's rest, some food, fluids, and a lot of love from his family.

So our little family is reunited again, which makes everything else bearable ... the rest is just "stuff" that can be replaced, and the minor inconvenience of being temporarily displaced from our home to live in a hotel for the next 2–3 months. I will say that it is definitely interesting adjusting to living in a hotel room with two dogs and a cat ...

Again, we would like to thank you all for your support, prayers, thoughts, and efforts in helping us find our little guy. I would also like to give a special thank you to our neighbors and friends Greg and Michael for looking after our dog Una, and to Chris and Kelly for all they have done (and continue to do) to help us through this crisis.

Sincerely,
Stefanie, Todd, Cali, Una, and Riley Holmes
Your neighbors at 2848 Fairhaven Avenue



JEFFERSON MANOR'S REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT FOR THE SPRING OF 2012

Status	Address	BR	BA	List\$	Sold\$	Settled
Sold	5947 Monticello	3	2	\$364900	\$362500	4/27/2012
Sold	5825 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$274900	\$253000	4/26/2012
Sold	5941 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$345000	\$350000	4/25/2012
Sold	2705 Farnsworth	2	2	\$365000	\$347000	4/12/2012
Sold	2621 Farmington	2	1	\$349900	\$335500	1/13/2012
Sold	5939 Monticello	2	1	\$349000	\$349000	12/19/2011
Sold	5931 Edgehill Dr	3	2	\$325000	\$321000	12/02/2011
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Beware of Ticks This Summer!

We enjoyed the mild and dry winter, but that also means ticks will be out even earlier this year as compared to last year. Tick bites can transmit Lyme disease, which is a bacterial illness. The blacklegged tick, also known as a deer tick, can transmit Lyme disease to humans in the northeast. A telltale sign of a bite by an infected tick is a bulls-eye rash, which can appear between 3-30 days after a bite; however, the rash only occurs in 70-80% of cases. Other symptoms can include fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes. If untreated, the infection may spread to other parts of the body and cause loss of muscle tone in the face, severe headaches, neck stiffness, shooting pains, heart palpitations, dizziness, pain in the joints, and neurological complications.

Last year, there were 146 cases of reported Lyme disease in Fairfax County. Health officials expect this year will be as bad as last year, or worse.

You can help to prevent tick bites by taking certain precautions:

- ▶ Wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks
- ▶ Wear light-colored clothing to spot ticks easier
- ▶ Use repellents: DEET for skin and permethrin for clothing. Use repellents specifically made for ticks as mosquito repellents might not be effective.
- ▶ Check for ticks after outdoor activity—and don't forget about your pets
- ▶ Keep your yard tick-free. Trim the brush, leaves, and tall grass.

Remember, less than half of all Lyme disease patients recall a tick bite or recognizing a rash. For more information on ticks in our area, check out the Fairfax County website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/>

—Roberta Zimmerman



Local Events: June/July

A Night at the Theatre to Benefit the Friends of Carlyle House: Performance of *All the King's Women*

June 12, 7 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception, 8 p.m. Performance, The Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, www.carlylehouse.org. Admission: \$30

Enjoy a night at the theatre and help support Carlyle House Historic Park. The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception. Guests will have a chance to win unique raffle prizes. At 8 p.m. the curtains will rise to a private performance of "All the King's Women," a comedy about Elvis Presley, as told by 17 obsessed women. Tickets can be purchased from Carlyle House Historic Park. All proceeds from the performance will go to support education, preservation, and collections care at the museum. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Carlyle House (address above) or by calling 703-549-2997.

Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival

June 16, 12–6 p.m.; June 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Admission: Free

Volunteer Alexandria sponsors this fair, featuring handmade items from local artists, live music, and food vendors.

Father's Day at the Firehouse

June 17, 1–4 p.m., Friendship Firehouse Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, www.friendshipfirehouse.net. Admission: Free

Friendship Firehouse is offering special tours for fathers on Father's Day. On this important day, Friendship Firehouse will make every father an honorary chief of the Friendship Fire Company Bucket Brigade.

Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival

June 23, noon–5 p.m., John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria, www.alexandriafoodandwine.com. Admission: free; tasting tickets \$20 for 25 tickets

The first annual Alexandria's Food and Wine festival focuses on showcasing the numerous diverse restaurants of Alexandria as well as Virginia's wineries, combined with the opportunity to give back to the community through local non-profit organizations. This exciting event will transform John Carlyle Square into a lively festival complete with live entertainments, children's activities and a food showcase tent. It is easily accessible by car, Metrorail or Dash Bus, and conveniently located just three blocks from the King Street Metro Station and four blocks from the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station on Metrorail's Yellow and Blue Lines. Win FREE Tasting tickets, become a fan on Facebook!

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration

July 7, 4–10 p.m., Oronoco Bay Park. Admission: Free!

Program includes children's activities and pre-show entertainment, exhibits by community groups, and food sales; followed by awards presentation, birthday cake distribution, musical performances, and concludes with fireworks.



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On-going summer activities

FREE Sunset Yoga on the Pier

Starts: June 5, East Pier, National Harbor. Admission: Free
Sun & Moon Yoga Studio will have guest instructors each Tuesday and Thursday night this summer (7–8 p.m.) for a free outdoor yoga class on the Pier. Featuring live musical accompaniment and unbeatable views. All are welcome!

Movies on the Potomac

Every Friday and Sunday night throughout the summer starting at sunset. For the full summer calendar visit www.nationalharbor.com, National Harbor Plaza. Admission: Free

Friday Date Night movies:

May/June: Hollywood meets the Potomac

May 25: Legally Blonde 2
June 1: National Treasure
June 8: The Sum of All Fears
June 15: Pelican Brief
June 22: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Sunday Family Night movies:

May/June: Animation Fun

May 27: Kung Fu Panda 2
June 3: Cars 2
June 10: The Muppets
June 17: Smurfs
June 24: Puss in Boots

Pops on the Potomac

Saturdays, June 16 through August, 7 p.m., National Harbor Waterfront stage

Chesapeake Orchestra presents Pops on the Potomac, a new series of summertime concerts at National Harbor. For more info visit: www.chesapeakeorchestra.org.

June 16: Summer Dreams, music by Mendelssohn and Stravinsky
June 23: Bernstein's Broadway
July 4: That Independent Feeling!!, music from patriotic movies, Copeland and John Phillip Sousa
July 7: U.S. Army Band, hosted by the Chesapeake Orchestra
July 14: O'Malley's March and the 1812 Overture
July 21: Mozart: A Little Night Music
July 28: West of the National Harbor!, Music by Copeland

—submitted by Julie Upham

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Blankets for Homeless Animals

In past issues of the newsletter, we had asked JMCA neighbors to drop off any unwanted blankets and towels so we could bring them to the animal shelter.

The response was amazing. We brought about 5 bags of blankets and towels to the Washington Animal Rescue League. Thank you neighbors! The homeless doggies and kitties surely appreciate having a soft place to sleep.

Feel free to keep blankets and towels coming—small holes and stains are fine! Drop donations off on our porch any time.

—Shawn and Maeve Ulrick,
5938 Monticello
(treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org)



Tree Pruning Work: Note from VA Dominion Power

Dominion Virginia Power will be performing routine tree trimming maintenance along the overhead power lines in the right-of-way located in the rear properties of the Jefferson Manor subdivision. The work will be conducted by ABC Tree Service which specializes in utility line clearance. The crews will prune trees and cut vines growing on utility poles.

Our vegetation management program includes pruning trees along our rights-of-way on a scheduled cycle. Trees and tree limbs that come in contact with electric lines are a leading cause of power outages, especially during storms. Pruning trees is a necessary practice that increases electric service reliability and prevents public safety hazards.

The work in your subdivision is scheduled for the last week of May 2012. If you have any specific concerns, please contact Hunter Woods, Dominion Forestry Coordinator, at 703-490-2805.



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:

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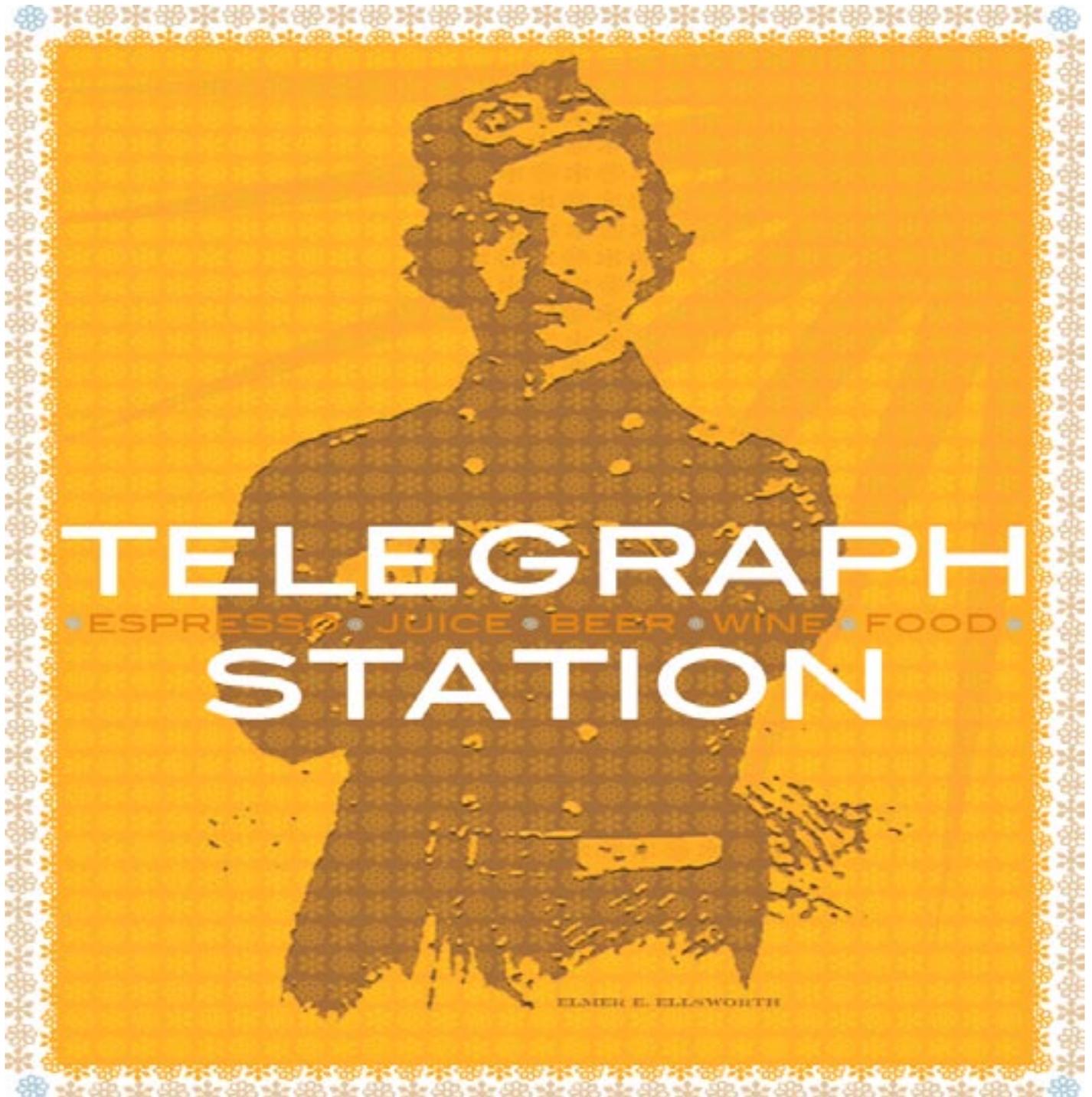
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