



Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May–June 2010

JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303 • www.JeffersonManor.org

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 8:00 p.m.



Janet's Java

A special guest from Huntington Club Condominiums will speak on redevelopment plans

JMCA EVENTS

Tuesday, June 15: General Board Meeting

Open to the Public

Location details will be posted on the JMCA website

July 1: Newsletter ads & articles due

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

Dear Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my first President's letter. I am excited for this opportunity to represent the JMCA both within our own neighborhood and to the county and our surrounding communities. I want to take the opportunity this month to highlight a few items that the new board and I will be working on over the upcoming year.

As a group, we are focusing our efforts in three primary areas including: development and traffic, neighborhood/community improvement, and JMCA membership enrichment.

Development & Traffic

In order to preserve the vibrant community we all love and enjoy, we will be diligent in providing a strong voice for the community to county officials and developers regarding the redevelopment planning and activities in the Huntington Metro area—especially the efforts surrounding the Huntington Metro Plaza.

In addition, we will aggressively work with the community and county to make the traffic calming measures in the neighborhood come to fruition.

Neighborhood/Community Improvement

Over the next few months, there will be several initiatives to provide better service to our community and join forces with the communities surrounding Jefferson Manor.

Among several new activities we'll be introducing will be periodic happy hours for our neighbors and other communities in our area. We will also continue the tradition of our successful social events, including the annual Home & Garden Tour, National Night Out, Summer Picnic, JMCA Night at the Nationals, and of course our annual Holiday Party.

In addition, we'll be launching our new website in June which will allow us to easily update information, and will include new features such as a community calendar. We will also work to create opportunities for neighbors to meet other neighbors, such as regular group bike rides.

Membership Enrichment

In order to provide more value for our members, we will be exploring new opportunities to better serve our paying members. Currently we are exploring several group buying opportunities. In addition, by launching the new website we will be able to offer more members-only content, including a resource center for vendors and contractors.

We have a lot of great things ahead of us as well as a lot of work to see the initiatives through to completion that were started by the hard work of the previous board. Being in this position for only a very short time now, I have come to respect even more the efforts put in by my predecessors.

I would love to hear from you all on ideas for the neighborhood as well as your thoughts on the major priorities facing the neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me at any time, whether on the street or via email at president@jeffersonmanor.org. If you are interested in lending a hand please reach out to me or any other member of the board as we *always* need the support and participation from other neighbors in Jefferson Manor.

Thank you and I look forward to serving you and the neighborhood.

Tim Norris, President

*Jefferson Manor Citizens Association
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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Neighborhood News Newsletter

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

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Jefferson Manor Celebrates Earth Day

Nearly 30 neighbors came together on a sunny Saturday morning to plant trees, label storm drains, and pick up trash in the park and around the neighborhood as part of our annual Jefferson Manor celebration of Earth Day. Volunteers were grateful for the ice water and garden gloves donated by our sponsors, Honor Vandevere and Jane Manstof of McEnearny Associates, who also pitched in with the work. Hardy volunteers used pickaxes to dig through rocky soils to plant 18 trees by the stream in the park. Others cemented labels on storm drains throughout the manor to help residents understand that what goes down the drains flows directly into our local streams. Many others cleaned up litter and a couple of intrepid residents were seen sweeping sand and salt from the gutters. Thanks to all who turned out to spruce up our local environment!

—Julie M. Sibbing

Photographs courtesy Julie Sibbing and Clare McDonough

May 2010 JMCA General Membership Meeting

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18 at 8:00 p.m. at Janet's Java.

We hope to see you all there as we have a special guest speaker from the Huntington Club Condominium coming to discuss their proposed redevelopment. While not as far along as the redevelopment planning by Fairfax County on the Huntington Station Plaza parcel, this redevelopment effort will have some impact to our neighborhood with potential traffic increases and higher density surroundings.

The proposed plans for the redevelopment are posted to our website, jeffersonmanor.org. Please come with your questions as this should be an interesting discussion.

In addition, we will be previewing the new JMCA website as well as discussing upcoming social events such as the Home & Garden Tour.

Neighbor News

Keri Lewis(2716 Albemarle) had the mixed pleasure of moving to Jefferson Manor during Snowmageddon in February. She is originally from Peterborough, New Hampshire, but has lived in Montana and Alaska (so she should know from snow, right?). She completed a Ph.D. in history from the University of New Hampshire before moving to the D.C. area for work about four years ago. She is an analyst with the National Security Council, absolutely in love with all outdoor activities, has two cats who pretend to be dogs, and very much wants to be involved in her new community. *Welcome, Keri!*

Send Neighbor News submissions to social@jeffersonmanor.org.

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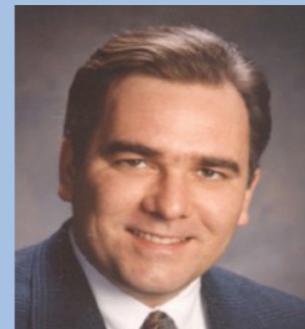
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Sold*	2851 Fairhaven	2	1	\$349900	\$340000	4/20/10
Sold*	5931 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$299000	\$290000	3/17/10
Sold	6000 N Kings Hwy	2	2	\$299000	\$299000	3/31/10
Sold	2803 Albemarle	2	1	\$341000	\$325000	2/23/10
Sold*	2721 Albemarle	2	1	\$335000	\$335000	2/06/10
Sold	2610 Farmington	2	1	\$345000	\$340000	1/29/10
Sold	2707 Fort Dr	3	2	\$290000	\$285000	1/29/10
Sold*	5943 Monticello	3	2	\$365000	\$350000	1/09/10



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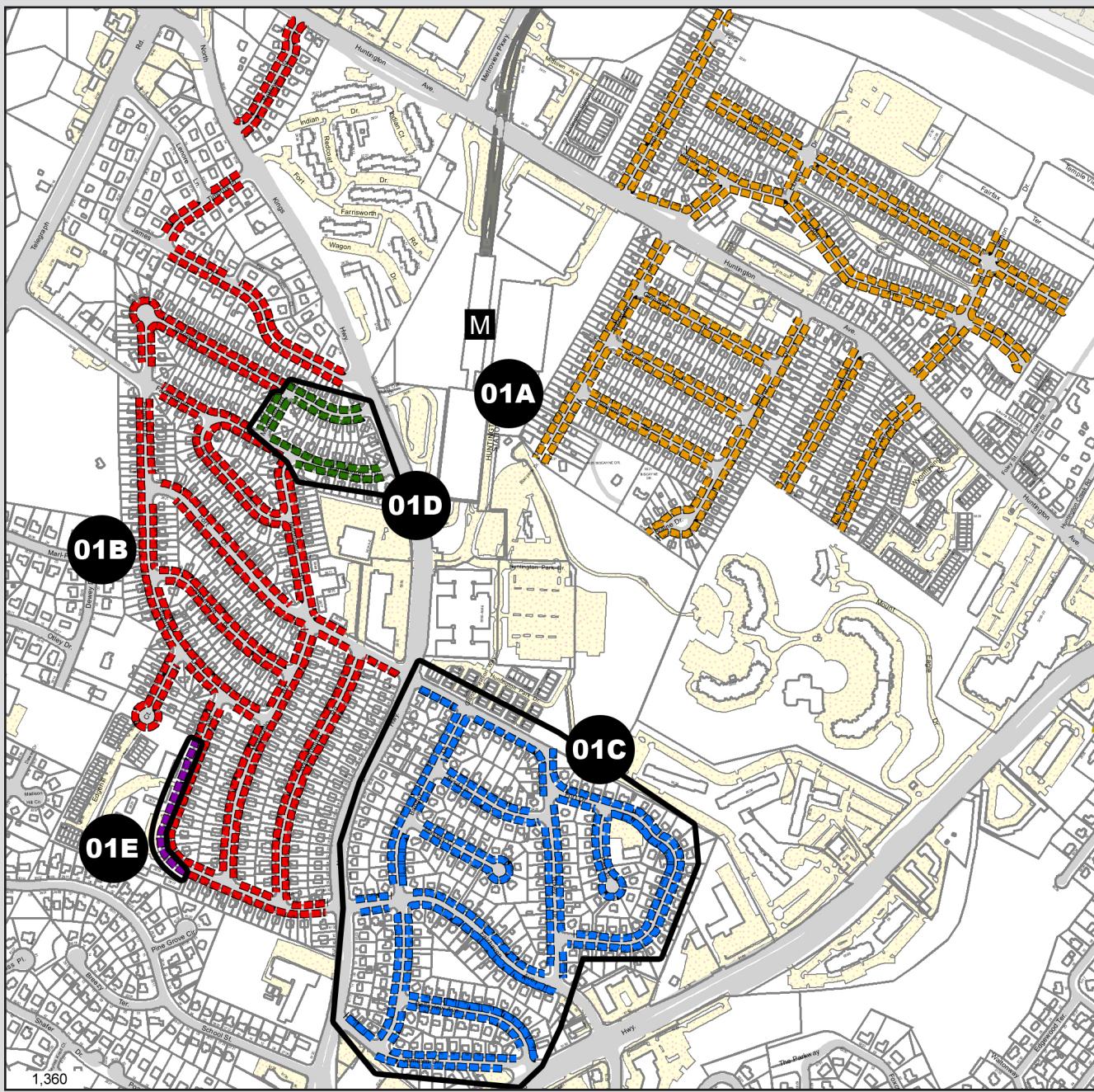
Parking in Jefferson Manor

As we all know, parking in Jefferson Manor can at times be a challenge, especially with our many newcomers to the neighborhood. This is a reminder of a few parking regulations for individuals living in the neighborhood.

For most residents, the current parking district decals will expire June 30. You will need to adhere new decals to your vehicles in order to avoid receiving tickets. For new residents or those looking for more information, please visit <http://www.jefferson-manor.org/resources/parking.html> for additional details on the Fairfax County Residential Permit Parking District. Below is a map that shows the parking districts in our neighborhood.

For residents who live around the Huntington Gardens apartments, I have been asked by the management team to reiterate that the apartment parking lot is for Huntington Gardens residents only. There have been a number of incidents where Jefferson Manor residents and/or their guests have been seen parking in the lot. As the apartments fill up this causes problems, as their residents do not have adequate parking in their designated areas. Please do not park in the apartment complex lot or allow your visitors to park there.

—Tim Norris, JMCA President



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DIY—Jefferson Manor Style

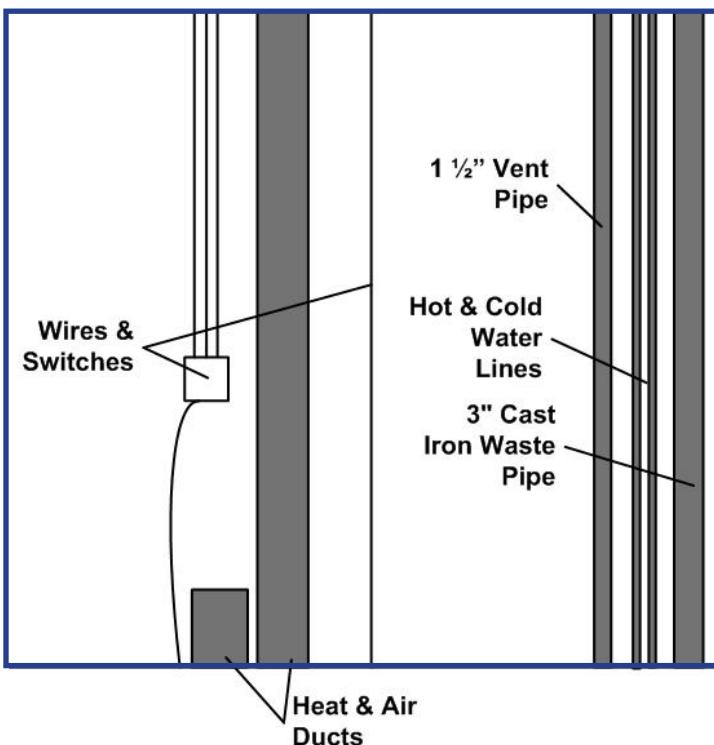
This is the first edition of a new column for the Jefferson Manor newsletter that deals with DIY projects that are unique to the duplexes in our development. I would like to encourage other contractors, tradesmen and homeowners to submit similar articles for this column.

The topic for this edition is kitchen remodels. According to Remodeling Magazine a major kitchen remodel provides a return on investment of 92.9% at resale. The original kitchens were probably fine in the forties when these houses were built but they do not lend themselves to today's lifestyles.

One of the secrets of these houses is that there are no bearing walls on the first floor since there is a steel beam (similar to the one in the basement) that supports the structure. Most homeowners remove the wall between the kitchen and the dining room, however you could remove all of the interior walls on the first floor. What is inside these walls is another matter.

For the sake of simplicity we will deal with just the wall between the kitchen and the dining room. The diagram at right illustrates what is inside this wall.

The demo portion of this project is a DIY activity. Before starting, prepare the area. You can buy a roll of heavy paper at home improvement stores. You should roll out two layers of this paper on the floor surfaces and tape it down with blue tape. Tape plastic over the opening between the dining room and living room. Turn off the electricity to the kitchen and dining room. Wear safety goggles, gloves and a dust mask. You will need a heavy duty hammer, pry bar, and utility knife. Start by removing the sink by disconnecting the supply lines and the trap (it is a good idea to turn the water off at the main shutoff valve). Remove the sink and the counter top. Remove the cabinets. Next, score the seams of the sheet rock with the utility knife and remove the sheet rock on both sides



of the wall. Hammer the studs loose at the bottom and pry them loose at the top. Get out the broom and clean up because this is as far as you can go.

Now is the time to bring in the pros. You will need a plumber, an electrician, and an HVAC contractor. They should be able to consolidate all of the mechanicals into a small box to the right.

Now you can come back in and build the half-wall between the two rooms. Standard counter height is 36" and standard bar height is 42". You can now install new sheet rock. After applying tape and two coats of plaster, sand the surface smooth and paint one coat of primer and two coats of latex paint. Install new cabinets (maybe a dishwasher), new counter, and sink and enjoy your new kitchen.

This project does require a building permit from Fairfax County and inspections. The contractors will pull their permits as needed. I suggest that you visit the building department at the County and discuss your project with them as they can be very helpful.

There are many variations on this type of remodel. If you are interested send me an e-mail and I will forward some common floor plans. If you have questions or if you get into trouble, call or e-mail me (703-907-9138; pbrentwood@yahoo.com). There is never a charge to Jefferson Manor homeowners for advice.

—Phil Brentwood

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Fresh Produce Lovers: Buy Local

One of the great benefits of spring and summer is the large amounts of delicious fresh produce grown in the region. Here is brief guide on how to buy local.

Visit a Farmers' Market

Stopping by an open-air farmers' market or green market can be a literal breath of fresh air, offering seasonal food, often picked that morning, and a chance for consumers to interact directly with the farmers. Typically, established farmers' markets take place on a once-weekly basis, often on weekends, in places such as parks, town squares, or parking lots. Here are a few close to Jefferson Manor:

- Alexandria Farmers Market (301 King Street, a.k.a. "Market Square"): 5:30–11 a.m. Saturdays, year-round
- Del Ray Farmers Market (East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues): 8 a.m.–noon Saturdays, year-round
- Upper King Street Fresh Farmers Market (King Street Gardens Park, 1806 King St.): 3 p.m.–7 p.m. Wednesdays, May–October
- Kingstowne Farmers Market (Kingstowne Town Center, Kingstowne Boulevard near Giant Food): 4–7 p.m. Fridays, May 7–Oct. 29
- Mount Vernon Farmers Market (2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, library parking lot): 8 a.m.–noon Tuesdays, May 4–Nov. 23

(More information on all of the Fairfax County markets: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm>)

Home Delivery

Don't have time to go to the market? Try one of these delivery services to get your local produce delivered to your doorstep.

Washington's Green Grocer: <http://www.washingtonsgreengrocer.com> (a Jefferson Manor favorite). On Wednesday (the Virginia delivery day) they bring a selection of 12 to 14 different types of fruits and vegetables to your doorstep. The Friday before your scheduled delivery they will email you a tentative list for the following week (helpful if you do your shopping on the weekends) and then a final list on Mondays. Unlike a traditional CSA, you can log on to their website to make any changes/additions. You can order small or large boxes and even ones that are completely organic. Small non-organic boxes start at \$30 (includes delivery fees).

Arganica Farm Club: <http://arganica.com>. This club isn't exactly a CSA. It sources from a number of farms and allows members to purchase a number of items a la carte from the website, once they've paid a membership fee. The membership fees are \$80 for three months, \$140 for six months and \$250 for one year.

CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture)

There are so many to choose from in the area, so please feel free to share your recommendations with your neighbors on our community listserv. Remember: Buying local produce helps you go green because...

- Choosing produce grown close to home diminishes the eco-perils associated with long-distance transportation.
- Many smaller local growers use fewer pesticides and practice sustainable farming methods.
- Buying produce from a farmers' market or from a farm itself often involves less packaging.

(Source: greenyour.com)



—Julie Upham

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National Night Out

Mark those calendars for **Tuesday, August 3** for our annual National Night Out celebration! Originally started as a crime awareness and prevention event, it has also grown in Jefferson Manor to be one of the best ways to meet your neighbors.

We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and of course since it is hot in August, we will have ice cream as well.

And of course, we are always looking for volunteers to grill, or just bring a cooler or table to the event. This will also be a great opportunity to meet Greg Kottemann, our new crime prevention contact with Fairfax County.

—Kathleen Atkinson, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Community-Wide Yard Sale
Saturday May 22*
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
(longer if you choose)

Remember the old saying;
 One man's trash is another man's treasure. Here's
 your opportunity to test your salesmanship and turn
 your trash into cash!

On Saturday, May 22, 2010 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., neighborhood residents are encouraged to have individual sales in their front yards throughout the community. Finish your spring cleaning and see if you can sell your extra stuff before donating it to Goodwill. JMCA will post large signs at neighborhood entrances, and individuals should create their own directional signs to direct folks to their sales. Get out and meet the neighbors, have some fun, and see if you can make some money.

—Tom Rickert, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

*Rain date Saturday June 5, 2010



Old Blanket Drive

Shawn and Maeve Ulrick are collecting old blankets and towels to donate to a local animal shelter. The only requirement is that they are machine washable—stains, small holes, etc.—are fine! Clean out your linen closet and help homeless animals at the same time. Drop blankets off at 5938 Monticello Road (just put them on the porch), or email maevezana@yahoo.com and we'll swing by and pick up!

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.



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
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2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

I am interested in the following:

JMCA Website Social Committee Home Improvement Committee

Green Committee Transportation issues Land Use issues

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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