



NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Telegraph Station; full food and drink menu available

JMCA EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 21:
General Board Meeting**

Open to the Public

Location details will be posted on the JMCA website

Saturday, June 4: Home & Garden Tour (rain date: June 5)

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 JMCA Residents,

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions."

– Teddy Roosevelt

I've been asked a few times since coming back as president of the JMCA what brought me back. The truth is that shortly after leaving the position, I felt like I was missing out on something. I missed being involved in the issues that are going to drive the Jefferson Manor community forward. I wanted to be more involved with the decisions that are going to help our neighborhood reach its fullest potential. I am thrilled to be back in the arena.

A hearty thank you goes out to those who served on last year's Board, especially former president Tim Norris. His steady hand and leadership kept the ship moving straight and true. Another tip of the cap to our new and returning members of the Board. We have an excellent balance of past experience and fresh points of view.

We have several goals for the upcoming year, both big and small. Our Web site redesign has been reenergized, and I am hopeful we will see the fruits of that labor early in the summer. This will coincide with a greater push to use Facebook and Twitter as well as the Yahoo group to keep our residents informed of the latest developments. The North Kings Highway median project continues to move along, slowly and steadily, as does the APR process for the strip mall.

Our largest push this year will be the final balloting for the traffic calming project in late summer or early fall. This will require a high number of volunteers to deliver the ballots and help us check back to ensure we have a high enough return rate. This is one reason why our lack of volunteers for newsletter delivery has been so worrisome. The traffic calming has been a decades-long priority for us, and this particular effort has been in the works since the spring of 2007. It would be a shame to have us fall short because not enough residents from our 500+ households came out to knock on doors.

Outside of our neighborhood, 2011 is a redistricting year in Virginia. As things stand now, Jefferson Manor will no longer be in the 45th District for the House of Delegates. That means that we will be losing Delegate David Englin as our representative in Richmond. David has been an enormous champion for us over the years. After redistricting, we will be in the 43rd district, currently represented by Mark Sickles. On the state senate side, we will be remaining in the 30th district. Senator Patsy Ticer is retiring, and there are currently three candidates in the primary for her seat. We have not received the attention from our state senator that I feel we should.

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Annual Jefferson Manor Home and Garden Tour



We are preparing for the 6th Annual JMCA Annual Home and Garden Tour to be held on Saturday, June 4 from 12–4 p.m. (rain date is Sunday June 5). For six years now neighbors have opened their homes and/or garden for an afternoon to showcase some of the creative improvements and work that have been done. This is a great way to meet neighbors, review and discuss some great design ideas for our houses, and just have some fun. The start point of the tour will be in front 5819 Edgehill Drive and bios of each home on the tour and maps will be provided.

We are also requesting those who would like to include their homes and gardens on the tour contact Brian Allen at ballen@voa.com or call at 703-868-0025. The people on the tour usually come through in groups of 3–5 (so the house doesn't end up getting crowded). You can choose to showcase the entire house or just portions (a kitchen or basement renovation or an addition, or the garden). Please contact Brian if you have any interest in showcasing your home and/or garden or have any questions about the tour.

–Brian Allen

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

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Keep Your Eyes Open for Summertime Suspicious Activity

Summer weather can mean increased suspicious activity, but increased awareness on the part of residents can help keep Jefferson Manor safe!

What is suspicious?

- ▶ A stranger around your neighbor's home while your neighbor is away. Remember burglaries often occur at times when they should be most obvious—in broad daylight, in full view of observers with no effort at subterfuge.
- ▶ The sound of shattering glass.
- ▶ Anyone peering into vehicles while walking down a street.
- ▶ An improperly parked car or an abandoned vehicle, or someone leaving one car and driving away in another—these may be signs of a stolen vehicle.
- ▶ Persons loitering around schools, parks, and isolated areas, or in the neighborhood. Loiterers could be possible sex offenders or burglars.
- ▶ Business transactions conducted from a vehicle and often involving juveniles, a steady flow of strangers to and from a particular house on a regular basis at unusual times or late hours. This could indicate drug sales.
- ▶ All fights, screams, and loud noises (such as explosions) should be reported as possible crimes or life-threatening events could be taking place.
- ▶ Door-to-door solicitors without properly issued licenses. They could be vending illegally or they could be casing houses in your neighborhood.
- ▶ A stranger approaches as you work in your yard and starts a seemingly innocuous conversation with you. This could be a distracter for their partner who is entering your home. (Common ruse used by mobile crime groups)

Report suspicious activity: Successful efforts to combat crime require partnership between the police department and the citizens they serve. The police cannot be everywhere. If citizens are alert to suspicious activity and notify the police, criminals will realize that whenever they appear, so do the men or women in blue, and find another place to target.

Don't assume someone else is observing the same event or behavior and is calling the police. Don't wait to talk it over with friends or neighbors. Valuable police response time is lost this way. If something is unusual or gives you a strange feeling that you just can't put your finger on, call the non-emergency number (703-691-2131) and let the police check it out.

—Matthew Haws

PROJECT UPDATES

Median Strip



Fairfax County DOT is working on the designs for the future North Kings Highway median strip. As part of this process, the residents on North Kings between Jefferson Drive and the strip mall will be contacted by the DOT to discuss the impact to them. The community will be given an opportunity to comment on the design options once they are completed.

Water Main Work



Fairfax Water recently began the design work necessary to replace the water mains on Farmington and parts of Edgehill Drives. These streets are on the high priority list due to the frequent breaks. These were not replaced during the road reconstruction last decade. Design work is expected to be completed late in the summer, with construction beginning in the fall.

Affected homeowners will be contacted by Fairfax Water before construction begins. The JMCA is planning on keeping in touch with Fairfax Water to ensure a smooth project with minimal disruption to the community.

Things to Do—Summer Events

Sunset Celebration at Mount Vernon

May 27–29, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Mount Vernon: George Washington’s Estate & Gardens Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon (703) 780-2000

Admission: Adults, \$18; children 6-11, \$12; children under 5 admitted free.

Historic Mount Vernon invites visitors to an unprecedented evening experience! Sunset Celebration at Mount Vernon, a new event over Memorial Day weekend offers a rare opportunity to visit Mount Vernon after the daytime crowds have departed. Visitors may take evening tours of the Mansion, relax and enjoy wine and desserts available for purchase, and delight in 18th-century music, dancing, games, and wagon rides. Stroll the lantern-lit grounds and immerse yourself in the 18th century as the sun sets on the plantation and costumed residents like the charming Lady Washington and her granddaughter Nelly interact with visitors. This family-friendly event celebrates the beginning of summer on the plantation. Daytime general admission tickets are not valid at this event.

34th Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival

May 30, 1 p.m.–7 p.m.

Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site Fort Ward Historic Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria (703)746-5592

Admission: Free!

American music played by jazz ensembles and orchestras performing in a variety of jazz styles. The park features amphitheater and grass seating. Attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets. Food will be available for purchase, and grills are available in the park at the picnic sites. In case of inclement weather, the festival will be relocated to the Lee Center’s Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson Street.

ZepFest

May 27–29

National Harbor Waterfront

Visit <http://www.zepfest2011.com> to purchase tickets and for more information.

The world’s largest Led Zeppelin tribute festival is coming to National Harbor on Memorial Day Weekend 2011. You’ll enjoy 50+ bands on 5 different stages, an interactive festival area, guest DJs, authors, the largest collection of Zeppelin memorabilia ever assembled and much more.



Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair

June 18: noon–6 p.m.; June 19: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

City of Alexandria Market Square in front of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, (703) 836-2176

Admission: Free!

Artists, musicians, and food vendors will be at this year’s Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair. Check it out to find creative hostess gifts for your summer travels, end-of-school teacher gifts, last-minute Father’s Day gifts plus new and inspiring places to volunteer your time—or just stop by to enjoy the musical entertainment!

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival

June 17: 6–10 p.m., June 18: 2-6 p.m.

National Harbor Waterfront

For event details and ticket pricing visit: <http://www.beerandbourbon.com/national-harbor/show-info>

Join the festival for a great day of beer sippin’, bourbon tastin’, music listenin’, cigar smokin’, and barbeque eatin’. Admission buys a sampling glass to enjoy an all-you-care-to-taste sampling of beer and bourbon. Some of the best local barbeque vendors are on-site. Includes enjoying seminars and live music.

Father’s Day Open House at Friendship Firehouse

June 19, 1–4 p.m.

Friendship Firehouse Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria (703) 746-3891
Admission: Free for Dads and Grandpas!

Friendship Firehouse is offering special tours for fathers on Father’s Day. On this special day, Friendship Firehouse makes every father an honorary chief of the Friendship Fire Company Bucket Brigade. Every dad, with his children, will receive a certificate, ring the fire bell, and have his picture taken with the Friendship fire engine.

Looking Ahead: USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration

July 9, 6–10 p.m.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Oronoco Bay Park, (703) 746-3301

Admission: Free!

Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food, and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” Concert starts at 6 and fireworks at 9:30.

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SUMMER FARMERS' MARKETS

Old Town Farmers Market

Recurring weekly on Saturday,
5–10 a.m.
Market Square, 301 King Street,
Alexandria
Admission: Free!

The nation's oldest farmers market offers a variety of vendors, including baked goods, cut flowers, live plants, and crafts.

American Market

Saturdays, May 28–October 29,
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
National Harbor, American Way
Details: <http://americanmarketnh.com>

Every Saturday through October National Harbor hosts the American Market. Stroll along the outdoor promenade and choose from a vast offering of producer-only merchandise

including farm fresh produce and meats, specialty foods, handmade crafts, jewelry, and more.



SUMMER MOVIES ON THE POTOMAC

is National Harbor's weekly outdoor movie series. Beginning at Sunset next to National Harbor's marina free outdoor movies will be showing on the big screen. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. No coolers with food or alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Fridays are *Date Night Movies* and Sundays are *Family Movie Nights*.

DATE NIGHT FRIDAYS

Divas of Song & Screen

June 10–Burlesque (8:33 p.m.)
June 17–Selena (8:36 p.m.)
June 24–Dreamgirls (8:37 p.m.)

The Perfect Date

July 1–(no movie due to Uncle Sam Jam)
July 8–Ghost of Girlfriends Past (8:36 p.m.)
July 15–The Back-Up Plan (8:33 p.m.)
July 22–The Switch (8:28 p.m.)
July 29–He's Just Not That Into You (8:22 p.m.)

Sports Movies

August 5–Field of Dreams (8:15 p.m.)
August 12–Friday Night Lights (8:07 p.m.)
August 19–The Cutting Edge (7:58 p.m.)
August 26–A League of Their Own (7:48 p.m.)
September 2–Seabiscuit (7:37 p.m.)

Oscar Nominated Films

September 9–The Social Network (7:26 p.m.)
September 16–The Blind Side (7:15 p.m.)
September 23–Inception (6:56 p.m.)
September 30–Titanic (6:53 p.m.)

FAMILY MOVIES SUNDAYS

Tribute To Date

June 12–Big Daddy (8:34 p.m.)
June 19–Daddy Day Camp (8:36 p.m.)
June 26–Grown Ups (8:37 p.m.)

Independence Day Celebration

July 3–Apollo 13 (8:37 p.m.)

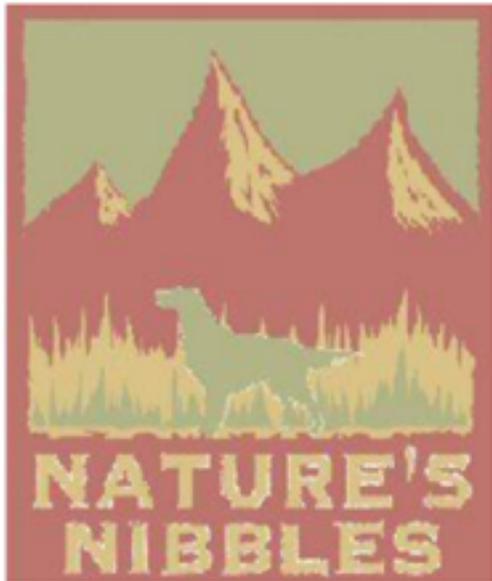
Animated

July 10–Mega Mind (8:35 p.m.)
July 17–Despicable Me (8:32 p.m.)
July 24–Shrek Forever After (8:27 p.m.)
July 31–How to Train Your Dragon (8:21 p.m.)

Fantasy

August 7–Tron Legacy (8:13 p.m.)
August 14–Jumanji (8:04 p.m.)
August 21–Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch & Wardrobe (7:55 p.m.)
August 28–Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (7:45 p.m.)
September 4–Wizard of Oz (7:34 p.m.)

–submitted by Julie Upham



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Neighbor News

Justin and Tara Arras welcomed their second daughter, Kelly Jane, on April 22. Kelly joins big sister Molly and “brother” Pedro.



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I am pushing to rectify that by having these candidates visit Jefferson Manor this summer. The JMCA does not endorse candidates, but we will do whatever we can to raise awareness of Jefferson Manor and its issues. I strongly recommend getting to know the various candidates for state and local offices. They have a real impact on our quality of life here.

Add to all of this our usual social calendar and, as you can see, 2011 will be a full year for the association and our little piece of Fairfax county.

It is a pleasure to be back as the head of your civic association. I look forward to meeting you all on my strolls around the neighborhood.

Chris Soule

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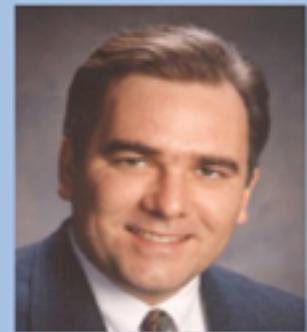


Join other Jefferson Manor parents and kids at Telegraph Station every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for a drop-in playdate!



JEFFERSON MANOR'S REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT — WINTER OF 2011

Status	Address	BR	BA	List\$	Sold\$	Settled
Sold	5836 Edgehill Dr	3	2	\$350000	\$350000	1/24/11
Sold	5900 Monticello	2	2	\$230000	\$232000	1/19/11
Sold	2809 Jefferson Dr	2	2	\$379000	\$379000	1/14/11
Sold	2614 Farmington	2	2	\$285000	\$250000	12/21/10
Sold	5940 N Kings Hwy	2	2	\$289000	\$289000	12/16/10
Sold	2809 Jefferson Dr	2	1	\$239000	\$235000	11/8/10
Sold	2805 Farmington	2	2	\$324900	\$315000	10/27/10
Sold*	2612 Farmington	3	2	\$319000	\$320000	10/4/10



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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

Visit the JMCA website at
<http://www.jeffersonmanor.org>
for a color version of this newsletter.

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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:

- JMCA Website Social Committee Home Improvement Committee
- Green Committee Transportation issues Land Use issues
- Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Other notes:

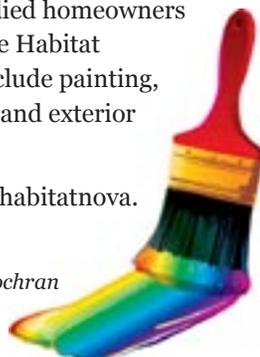
A Brush with Kindness

Know a Jefferson Manor neighbor that could use some help with basic home repairs and maintenance? Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia recently introduced its participation in A Brush with Kindness, a nationwide effort that serves low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. While Habitat's traditional effort has been on new homeownership, A Brush with Kindness focuses on existing homeowners and also helps a neighborhood's appearance.

Participating homeowners with A Brush with Kindness follow Habitat's basic tenets for eligibility: need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. A Brush with Kindness uses volunteers, donated materials, and no interest loans to make repairs affordable. Able-bodied homeowners are encouraged to work alongside the Habitat volunteers. Common repairs may include painting, minor exterior repairs, landscaping, and exterior clean-up.

For more information, visit www.habitatnova.org or call 703-521-9890.

—Shane Cochran



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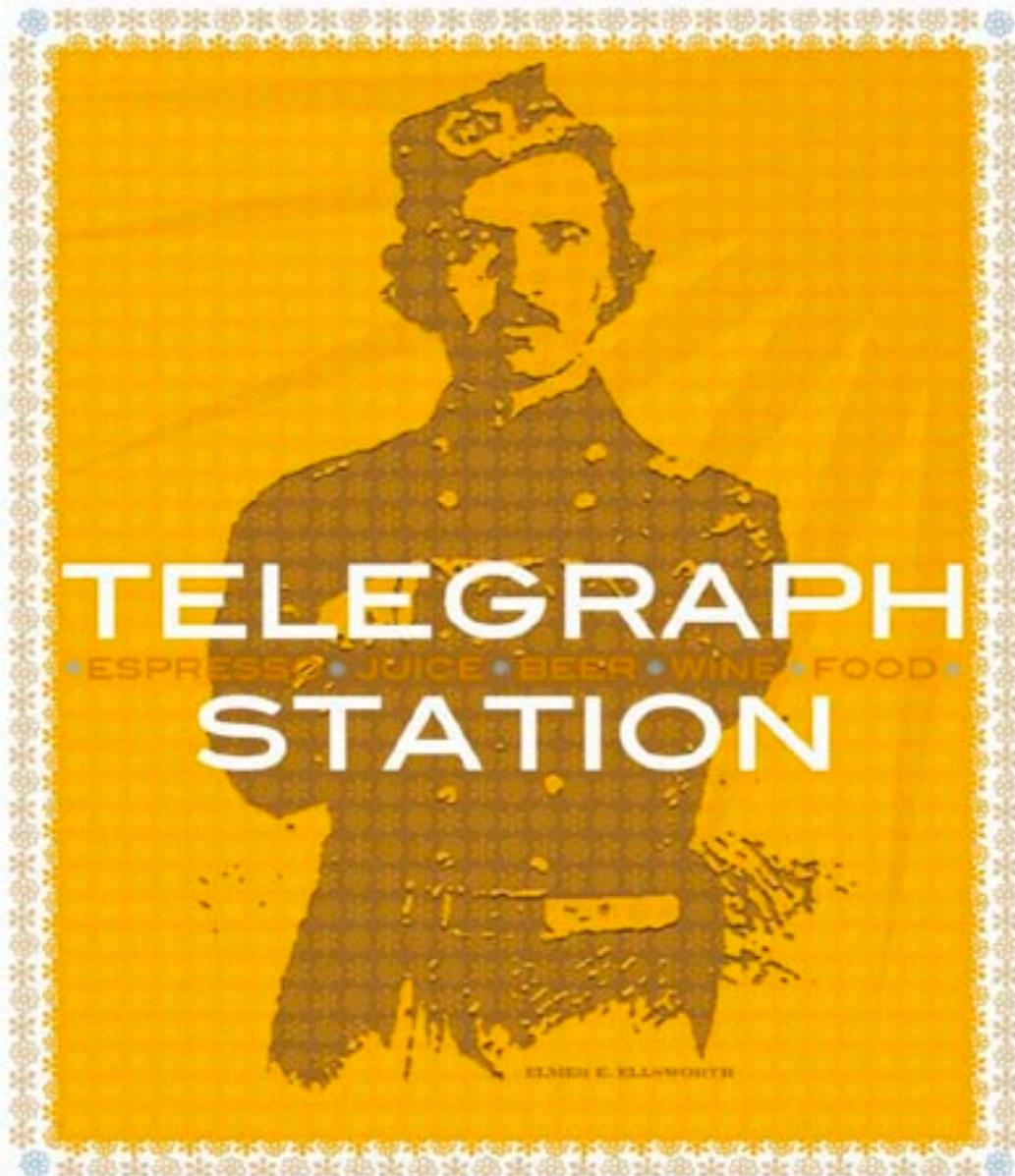
We have done many work for residential owners in the Jefferson Manor community.

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