



NEXT GENERAL MEETING



**Tuesday, September 17,
7:30 p.m.**

Mount Eagle Elementary

Topic: A speaker from the county park authority will present on the Huntley Meadows project and answer park-related questions

JMCA EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 15:
General Board Meeting**

Open to the Public

Location details will be posted on the JMCA website

**Sunday, October 27:
JMCA Halloween Party**

JMCA ON THE WEB

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President's Letter

September has always been a season of transition for me. The end of summer vacation, the lingering of New England indian summers, and earlier sunsets were all signs that the seasons were in motion. A decade ago, that was true for me on a very personal level. While watching hurricane Isabel churn up the coast, I was signing my closing papers on my house here in Jefferson Manor. Both myself and the community have grown in the years since, and I'd like to think both for the better.

One obvious difference around our streets are the number of children playing in the yards. We are becoming known as a good community to raise our families in. This can be seen very clearly in the renovated Mt. Eagle elementary school up the street. It is becoming apparent to those involved in the school that its former reputation is no longer deserved. The PTO president for Mt. Eagle is Jefferson Manor's own Michelle Dyro. Since the strength of our community comes from the strength of our families, the JMCA has reached out to provide any help we can to the PTO. We can do more together than apart.

Fall also brings our last sprint of social events for the year. We kicked off a new event this season, hosting an after school cookie social to welcome the kids back to school. Our annual Halloween parade will be down at the park again in October, and we will wrap up the year with a joint holiday pot luck with our friends over in Fair Haven. Throw in events from our new beer club and a doggie yappie hour or two, and it's a busy end of the year for us. These events rise and fall on the quality of our volunteers. So far, we have exceeded all expectations. I have faith that we will finish up strong.

After ten years in the Manor, and eight involved in the civic association, I consider myself very lucky to call this place home. It is rewarding to talk with you all while out on my dog walks, to learn about your views of the area, to hear your concerns and visions for the neighborhood. I thank you all for your continued kindness, energy and friendship. There have been big changes in the past ten years. We have even more on deck. I can't wait.

Best wishes,

Chris Soule

*President, Jefferson Manor Citizens 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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VDOT Right of Way Permitting

It has been brought to my attention by our friends in both VDOT and the Supervisor's office that there has been an increase in new construction in the VDOT rights of way in our community. These include, but are not limited to, parking pads, mailboxes, and driveways. Due to complaints from our neighbors on James Drive, multiple addresses on Jefferson Drive have been reported.

VDOT has reviewed multiple addresses in Jefferson Manor for which they have received complaints. They have no record of permits being pulled for the work they discovered. Our VDOT rep has mentioned that to undo them would require extensive work and a significant financial charge. Their primary concerns are twofold—safety and drainage.

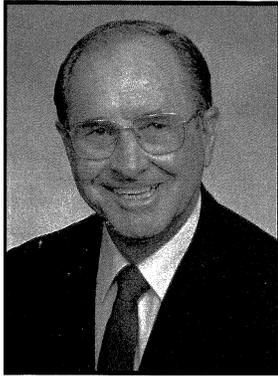
At this time, VDOT does not have the resources to pursue this. However, it is also likely some of the work may violate County zoning ordinances. I can assure you that the County is more likely to engage on this if complaints are filed.

The verdict at this time is simply to remind everyone that if you are doing a new curb cut, or driveway, or any work that is in the VDOT right of way (roughly a 25-foot wide area that begins in the center of the roadway), you need a permit. The permit costs money and paperwork, both of which will pale in comparison if VDOT has to contract the work out to undo illegal work.

—Chris Soule, JMCA President

JMCA Dedicates Annual Home and Garden Tour

At this year's National Night Out event, JMCA president Chris Soule announced that the annual home and garden tour will be renamed in honor of Al and Sandy Snyder. The Snyders moved in at the neighborhood's inception, and resided in the same house on Monticello Road until 2011. While Al passed away this spring, Sandy and her daughters were able to join us for the cookout. Given their decades-long commitment to Jefferson Manor, the JMCA Board felt that an event focused on the work and pride residents take in their homes to be an appropriate way to honor the Snyder's legacy in the community.



Albert Snyder
June 21, 1921–May 8, 2013

Albert Snyder was born in Washington, DC (Northeast) on June 21, 1921. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers.

When he was a youngster, his Grandmother Snyder gave him a toy clarinet for a Christmas present. He loved it and took to it like a duck takes to water. Al took lessons and became a member of the Elks Boys Marching Band. He enjoyed playing—it was the love of his life.

Al was a member for the National Guard, on the way to Texas for training, when World War II broke out—he was immediately inducted into the U.S. Army. He spent time in Texas and Washington State and, most of the time, in the Aleutian Islands. When in the Aleutians, he had his name pulled out of a hat to come back to the U.S. and was shipped to Accotink, Virginia. He wondered where in the world was Accotink! Then he came to Fort Belvoir—and that's where he met Sandy—in an alley—a bowling alley, that is! They have been married 66 years and lived in the same house on Monticello Road all that time.

Be A Good Neighbor

Jefferson Manor is a close-knit neighborhood in more ways than one. With our houses densely packed onto small lots, our impact to our neighbors can be greater than anticipated. On-street parking is limited, sidewalks get blocked by trash cans, and sound carries more than one would think. Please consider the following:

- ▶ Contractors and guests should be reminded not to block driveways and obey the one-way street signs.
- ▶ Continuously barking dogs, regardless of the hour, goes against the county noise ordinance and could result in a fine.
- ▶ Yard debris blocking the storm runoff can cause problems upstream.

When in doubt, be neighborly!

Al was the father of three beautiful children: Bruce Snyder, Christine Huff and Debbie Barker. And seven grandchildren: Aaron and Kelly Huff; Benjamin Snyder; Johanna Dryden; Sam, Chip and Leah Barker. And one great granddaughter: Emma Huff.

Al was employed at Washington Gaslight Company for 37-plus years, retiring in 1983. In the early years at Calvary Church, he served as a deacon and an elder. He was a member of the Men's Group, played baseball and was on a church bowling team. He cut the grass almost weekly with Larry Ross and Frank Waidvogel. And he loved playing his clarinet with the Groveton Groovers. They played at the Government Center and Paul Spring for over 10 years, and in 2011, he moved into Paul Spring Retirement Community. Al enjoyed playing for the residents and they loved his music. He was always singing—they called him The Music Man. One day a resident asked him what Big Band he played with and Al replied, "The Army band ... is that big enough?" Residents would request songs and he would just play them—without any sheet music—they were all in his brain—a God-given talent.



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**Save the Date
JMCA Halloween Party**

Join JMCA for our annual Halloween Party. There will be treats for the kids, costume contests, and fun for everyone

When: Sunday, October 27

Where: Jefferson Manor Park Pavilion

More details to follow.

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JMCA's annual Halloween Party is coming up on Sunday, October 27, and JMCA needs your help to put this event together!

Are you willing to be a judge or an MC for the costume contests?

Do you have a few minutes to assemble treat bags before the party?

Have a great idea for some fun decorations or activities?

If you have some time to spare before, during, or after the event, please email maevézana@yahoo.com.



JEFFERSON MANOR'S REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT FOR THE FALL OF 2013

Status	Address	BR	BA	List\$	Sold\$	Settled
Sold	2714 Jefferson	2	2	\$375000	\$359000	8/29/2013
Sold	2813 Albemarle	2	1	\$389000	\$394500	8/23/2013
Sold	5868 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$360000	\$362200	8/23/2013
Sold	2801 Fairhaven	2	2	\$375000	\$377500	8/16/2013
Sold	5806 N Kings Hwy	2	1	\$299000	\$312500	8/14/2013
Sold	5900 Monticello	2	2	\$389900	\$392000	7/24/2013
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Beautify Your Yard and Jefferson Manor— With Nearly Free Trees!

We still have available funding from the county to plant trees in Jefferson Manor. Sign up for our tree planting project and you can receive \$70 for a tree worth at least \$100.00. All you have to do is fund \$30 and select and plant your tree!

Not only do trees beautify our neighborhood with greenery, but they also provide a habitat for birds and animals and improve our air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Tree varieties include: Maple, Dogwood, Magnolia, Plum, Birch, Crape Myrtle, Cherry, Japanese Maples and Rose of Sharon, but other varieties are also available. Trees can provide shade for your yard, but since our lots are rather small, you can choose a smaller tree to plant to really enhance the curb-appeal and landscape and of your house.

Sign up by September 30 by contacting Kat Sumida at 703-625-2010, ksumida1@gmail.com or 5848 Monticello Road. We will guide you in ordering and selecting your tree and assist you with transportation of the tree to your house if needed. Our tree planting dates are set for October 12 or October 19.



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Take Time to Meditate

As the kids head back to school and the levity in the office during the summer months subsides, we may find stress creeping in to our lives. A meditation practice can help us to reduce stress, maintain focus, and may assist us living in the present. Taking a few minutes each day to meditate may sound daunting but there are such a variety of meditations that you may be surprised with how easy it can be to work this powerful practice into your daily life. One of my favorite meditations from the Kundalini Yoga tradition is called “Meditation for a Calm Heart.” This meditation can help clarify one’s perception which can be extremely useful in choosing a response to someone or something which has upset us. Physically this meditation works on the heart center by strengthening our lungs and heart. To practice this meditation simply:

- sit comfortably with a straight back, crossed legged on the floor or in a hardback chair with your feet firmly planted on the floor
- close your eyes bringing the focus inward to the place where your eyebrows would meet

- raise your right arm as if taking an oath
- bring your right thumb and index finger together
- place your left hand on your heart center as if saying the Pledge of Allegiance
- inhale slowly through your nose
- hold your breath, raising your chest as you bring your breath in
- exhale smoothly, slowly, and completely
- suspend the breath out
- repeat.

Begin with 3 minutes and work up to a 31 minute practice by adding 30 seconds or 1 minute each week. Try practicing for 40 days and see how you feel after incorporating this meditation into your daily routine.

From *The Aquarian Teacher Level One Instructor Yoga Manual*

—Natalie Arbuckle, www.novayogi.com

National Night Out

Despite the chance of rain, we still had an amazing turnout at the Jefferson Manor annual National Night Out. It was so nice to see the community utilize our neighborhood park which provided a spacious area to come together and for the kids to run and play. It is exciting to see both new and long-



term families of Jefferson Manor participating in strengthening our community.

This great event is organized by our dedicated Neighborhood Watch committee members: Jeff Brady, Becky Primeaux, Retha Sherrod, and Derek and Michelle Oberg.

Additionally, we have many neighbors who volunteered and without them, our event would not be possible. Thank you to all of you!

Our neighborhood Target store did an outstanding job in providing schools supplies for the kids, drinks, and snacks. Fairfax County officials continue to show their support to



Photograph courtesy Julie Upham.

our community and showed up in full force. A special thank you goes to Officer Kottemann, Mt. Vernon District Crime Prevention Officer, for his continued support and work to ensure our neighborhood is a safe place to live.

—Jeff Brady, Chairman
Jefferson Manor Neighborhood Watch



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- Overseed bare patches in your lawn. Your grass will be more lush, and moss and weeds won't have as much room to take over.
- Slugs lay new eggs this time of year, which can kill your lawn and plants. Beer traps and Diatomaceous earth (DE) are two organic methods of eliminating them.

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Brewing Club Meetings

The Jefferson Manor Brewing Club held a group event in early August to demonstrate brewing techniques for a clone recipe of the popular Sierra Nevada Pale Ale. The group brewed 1 all-grain batch of pale ale and 1 extract based batch. The beers are currently fermenting and the next Brew Club event will be announced to gather to demonstrate bottling vs. kegging techniques and taste the differences between the 2 home-brewed batches as well as compare to the store bought version.



Other upcoming events are group tours of local breweries and a trip to a hop farm to see how hops are grown. Contact jmbrewclub@gmail.com if you would like to be included on the email list for events.

State Election Coming Soon

2013 is an election year for the state executive as well as our state delegates. While the focus and energy is usually found during presidential elections, these offices have a much more direct impact on the needs of our community. Over 20% of the Fairfax County budget is made up of mandated spending that comes from the state and federal level. Decisions are made by those who show up.

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- Absentee voting information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>
- Rules for voting in person: <http://sbe.virginia.gov/votinginperson.html>

Community Metro Survey

Given the major redevelopments currently under way in the area, the JMCA is looking to learn more about how the community uses various transportation options. To that end, we have constructed a brief survey to help inform us moving forward. We are running this survey jointly with the communities immediately surrounding the Huntington metro. The survey is confidential, and is available in both English and Spanish.

The survey will be open until the end of October. The more households participate, the more useful the information will be for all parties involved.

To take the survey, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/Huntington-MetroSurvey>.



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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