



Jefferson Manor
Citizens Association
JMCA
P.O. Box 4104
Alexandria VA 22303

JMCA is a
volunteer citizens
group devoted to the
betterment of the
Jefferson Manor
neighborhood.
Membership is only
\$5 annually; paid at
the membership
meetings or to the
above P.O. Box.
JMCA membership is
annual, from January
to December.

Please join now to help
keep our neighborhood
informed!

The JMCA July
General membership
meeting is being held
September 22, 2004
at Mt. Eagle School in
the cafeteria starting
at 7:30 PM.
Our speaker will be
the Morgan Group,
talking about their
proposed, nearby,
development.

Neighborhood News

September 2004 President's Report to Jefferson Manor

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly...

The **good news** is that the County *MAY* have found the money to fix Fort Drive. **WAHOO!** This is a direct result of having Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Kauffmann visit Jefferson Manor and seeing for themselves how **VALID** our need for road improvements really is.

I want to thank everybody that faxed or emailed the County in preparation for the "Carryover" Budget hearings that were held on September 13th. I attended and testified on behalf of neighborhood and we should know the results of our efforts soon. Keep your fingers crossed.

The **bad news** is that we still are in limbo about funding for the remaining parts of Monticello, Williamsburg, Fairhaven, Albemarle, and parts of Edgehill. We are still told that these funds *MAY* be part of a County Bond floated in the next year or two. Oh well, keep the faith and your JMCA will continue to keep you informed on the progress in respect to this issue.

The **ugly part** is that many of us will have to continue living with the streets and sidewalks around our homes in deplorable shape. The JMCA will continue to beat the drum with the County, but what we need you to do is write letters, email statements, and fax requests to the County Board of Supervisors in regards to the Jefferson Manor Improvements Project.

Please consider joining the Neighborhood watch program, they will be having a meeting on September 28th at Mt Eagle School from 7 till 9 in the cafeteria. The general membership meeting on the 22nd will have representatives from The Morgan Group addressing us with their plans for developing the parcels of land on the west side of N. Kings Highway, south of School Street and north of Poag Street. The Morgan Group is proposing to build a 300 unit multifamily project with 12,000 sq.ft. of commercial space. Come out and learn about development, being considered for approval by the County, near our neighborhood.

Tom Rickert for JMCA

Important Telephone Numbers...

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Non-Emergency	703-691-2131
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Mt. Eagle School	703-721-2100
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Zoning Enforcement	703-324-1300
Post Office	703-960-4440
Vep-Co (Street lights)	1-888-667-3000

Block Captains needed for Neighborhood Watch...

I am working to re-establish a Neighborhood Watch Program in Jefferson Manor. Neighborhood Watch is a network of citizens through which the Police Department can collect and disseminate information about crime. The goals of the program are to serve as a warning to criminals, enhance reporting of suspicious activities, promote neighborliness, provide access to crime data and increase arrests and convictions. The success of Neighborhood Watch depends on the participation of the people that live in Jefferson Manor.

Neighborhood Watch programs can involve several different levels – passive observation, window watch, walking patrols and mobile patrols. The initial program in Jefferson Manor will involve passive observation and window watching.

In order to implement Neighborhood Watch it is necessary to establish block captains for each block in the neighborhood. The block captains are the most crucial positions in a Watch Program. They coordinate the Neighborhood Watch on their block, maintain a contact information list of block members, notify residents of meetings and training sessions, and designate work assignments as needed.

If you are interested in becoming a block captain please come to the meeting with Officer Greg Kottelman 28 September from 7:00 - 9:00pm at MT Eagle Elementary School in the Cafeteria and/or contact Josh Delmonico, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, 703-317-0020 or email at Joshua.Delmonico@verizon.net. The program can be as much or as little as we make it. It's up to us.

Picnic in the Park

It was a hot July day, but no one seemed to mind as we gathered in the shade of the pavilion to meet new neighbors and visit with old friends. Long time residents of Jefferson Manor (15, 20, 40+ years) shared memories with new owners. There was much talk about home renovations and changes in the neighborhood. Thank you to all who participated. We look forward to seeing you at future events. If you have ideas for neighborhood get togethers or would like to help, contact a board member.

JMCA Board Members

The following people have been elected to hold office for the **Jefferson Manor Civic Association:**

Officers

Tom Rickert President 703-329-9128
Dana Clabbers Treasurer 703-960-5170
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General Board Members

SueGass -Burson 703-960-1017
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Mount Eagle School News

Cynthia Buck, principal of Mount Eagle ES retired in August from the Fairfax County School System, but has become an ES principal in Prince George's County. Mrs. Buck was a great asset for 12 years and we will all miss her. The selection of a new principal has begun.

Here are a few ways you can help your local school:

1. Volunteer, either during the day or in the evenings
2. Donate school supplies
3. Save General Mills coupons
4. Sign up at Giant and Safeway for the educational receipt program

If you have questions, please call Andrea at 703-960-4973.

Other notes:

Soon it will be getting dark, so remember to come to a COMPLETE stop at all stop signs, and watch out for our neighborhood children who are walking or waiting for the bus.

Bond Issues for human services, libraries, parks and park facilities, and transportation will be on the November 2, 2004 ballot. Information on these issues will be available soon. Take the time to read up on these four bonds and remember to vote.

Jeff and Lulu Wheeler will be having our JMCA Halloween House. So, bring your little ones to be treated at 6017 Monticello Road on Sunday, October 31, 2004.

Message from Supervisor Kauffman

Over the last three years, Fairfax County has responded to several emergency events requiring us to think comprehensively about our preparedness and ability to respond to local, regional, and national emergencies. Some events, such as Hurricane Isabel, are nothing new for us. Some, since 9/11, are brand new. Because of our proximity to the nation's capital, we can't ignore terrorist threats and we would certainly be expected to assist neighboring jurisdictions in the event of an attack, as we did with the Pentagon.. You may be wondering what Fairfax County has done to improve its emergency management capabilities.

The list is long, so I will mention only a few of the County's initiatives. This spring, the County's emergency management efforts, previously based in the Fairfax County Police Department, transitioned to the new County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). OEM's key roles include working with County and citizen groups to strengthen emergency management partnerships and preparedness.

In addition to the new Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center scheduled for completion in October 2007, the OEM is building a back up emergency operations center on the first floor of the main County government center. The 4,000 square foot center will be completed in August and almost 80 percent of its costs have been paid for with Homeland Security-related grants.

We have also established a Watch Center that will provide vigilance 24/7 and improve our emergency notification and alerts. Fairfax County is the first local jurisdiction to create a watch center that during a major emergency will notify public safety responders, emergency partners, the general public, and other key groups such as community organizations, private schools, and shopping malls. Fairfax County Public Schools have made their emergency plans in concert with the County's preparedness plans and school representatives are part of the County's planning and emergency management teams. Please refer to the FCPS web site for specific school information: <http://www.fcps.edu/DOC/support/index.htm>.

You may have heard about the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Program—a part of the national USA Freedom Corps offering opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Citizen Corps offers programs for anyone who is interested in supporting local law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire departments, disaster relief efforts, and community health programs. Fairfax County's Citizen Corps program is being used as a model program throughout the state. For more information, you can contact the Citizen Corps through the County's Emergency Management Division at 703-324-2362 or check out their web page at <http://www.fairfaxcountycitizen corps.org/DesktopDefault.aspx>. More information about the County's emergency preparedness and what you can do to prepare for emergencies is available from the County's web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/es/hazards.htm

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