



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.

November 2005 Neighborhood News (Distributed Bi-monthly)

Message from the President

We have had two house fires in Jefferson Manor in as many months. Fortunately, no one was hurt in either incident. Please take a moment to check the batteries in your smoke detectors, put fire stickers on your kids' windows and make sure you have an evacuation plan in case there is a fire. CPT Garcia from our fire station (Penn Daw, Station 11) will be joining us at the General Meeting to discuss fire prevention and preparedness.

Your JMCA committees have been very busy the last few months. I would like to thank the members of the Social Committee for an outstanding job. We have had several successful events recently including a Halloween parade and two JMCA Bowling nights. I encourage you to attend our holiday celebration at Janet's Java on Saturday, December 3rd.

The "Through Trucks Prohibited" hearing has been postponed. Upon review of the planned locations for the signs, we realized we were missing one critical sign at the junction of North Kings Highway and Fairhaven Drive (leaving one entrance to the neighborhood open for through trucks). Adding the missing sign requires a new hearing in December or January (read more inside!).

At the request of the JMCA Traffic Committee, Fairfax County installed "stealth pads" to monitor the speed, size and quantity of vehicles down Fort Drive in 15-minute intervals over 48 hours. The stealth pads recorded nearly 7,000 cars and a number of excessive speeding incidents. The results of this study and what we can do about the heavy traffic and speeding will be discussed at the next General Meeting.

We need your help with fundraising and advertising. We have reached a critical time in the JMCA. We have been funding our activities and newsletter largely on advertising and funds collected during our 50-year anniversary celebration in 1997! If you have any ideas for fundraising, are interested in advertising in the newsletter, or are interested in helping scout for newsletter advertisers and event sponsors, please contact me (703-317-0020, president@JeffersonManor.org).

The JMCA Land Use Committee will be working with you to develop neighborhood positions on proposed development affecting our community over the next several years. The JMCA is the mechanism for developers to approach the neighborhood and get support for out-of-cycle plan amendments required for most of the proposed construction in our area.

I encourage everyone to participate in the JMCA. Thank you for your support and dedication to making our neighborhood a great place to live. Happy Holidays,

—Josh Delmonico, JMCA President

General Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov 15th, 7PM

**at the Mount Eagle
Elementary School
Cafeteria**

General meetings are held the third Tuesday of every other month.

Special Speaker!

CPT Garcia from
our fire station:
Penn Daw, Station 11

Holiday Party!



Saturday,
December 3rd
from 7 pm till 10 pm at
Janet's Java
5735-A Telegraph Road

¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre JMCA? Llame a Sonia Torres, miembro de JMCA, 703-329-1882

**Important Telephone Numbers...**

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Police Non-Emergency _____ **703-691-2131**
 (For non-threatening, suspicious activity & graffiti)

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 Post Office _____ 703-317-9286
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***Join the JMCA and help
make Jefferson Manor an
even better place to live!***

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JMCA Board Members

Please contact any of the JMCA Board Members below to make suggestions or find out how you can become more involved.

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JMCA Committees

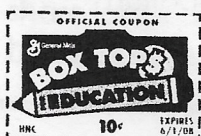
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**“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”
—Booker T. Washington**

The Eagle's Wings tutoring program is seeking volunteer tutors and substitute tutors. The program is a joint effort by neighborhood participants, local churches and Mount Eagle Elementary School, and provides general tutoring for Mount Eagle second through sixth grade students. Tutors are assigned a student to work with on homework and basic skills improvement throughout the school year. Substitute tutors are called upon as needed. No prior experience is necessary; elementary level basic reading, writing and math skills are required. Tutoring times are Wednesday evenings from 7 pm–8 pm and 7:30 pm–8:30 pm. If you would like to help tutor, please contact either Dot Heil (703-780-6658) or Nancy Leighton (703-960-0432).

Mount Eagle Elementary School is also looking for volunteers during school hours. If you have time to give, please contact the school at 703-721-2100.



Please continue to collect General Mills Box Tops coupons. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ for Mount Eagle Elementary School. Turn the coupons into the front office at the school. If you have any questions, call Andrea at 703-960-4973.



JMCA & HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

In response to Hurricane Katrina, Erica Carrado Morrison arranged to collect donations on behalf of the American Red Cross from our community. We are directly sponsoring 30 Gulf Coast residents. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The final group contributions will be sent on November 15th. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to "American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief" (in the memo put "JMCA CARES"). Drop off your donation by November 12th to 2722 Fort Drive.

Neighborhood Watch

If you already know (or are interested in knowing) your nearest neighbors, consider being a Neighborhood Watch block captain. For more information, contact Matt Haws (703-960-8611) or watch@JeffersonManor.org.

Jefferson Manor Holiday Party

Join the JMCA at Janet's Java (5735-A Telegraph Rd) on Saturday, December 3rd from 7-10 pm.



At the next general meeting, please RSVP for the Holiday Party and let us know if you can contribute a potluck dish to this event. The Social Committee may also sponsor a "cookie swap" this evening. Details will follow via flyers later this month.

If you miss the general meeting and would like to attend the Holiday Party, RSVP to Sue Gass-Burson (703-909-9972, social@JeffersonManor.org). Please notify Sue before Thanksgiving.

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Important Upcoming Votes for JMCA Members!

Dues-paying JMCA members who attend the November JMCA meeting will be asked to vote on two issues:

1. To fill a vacancy on the JMCA Board of Directors. The new board member will serve until the end of the current term (May 2006).

2. To set membership dues for next year.

Current JMCA dues are not sufficient to fund neighborhood events and the bi-monthly newsletter. Additional monies are needed to fund the recent, expanded range of activities and resources JMCA is supporting, including the JMCA website (now in development), monthly social events, and committee initiatives. Current member benefits include the right to vote for the JMCA Board and on JMCA issues; 2006 member benefits will also include a handy magnet listing important community telephone numbers, as well as login access to special sections of the new website. The Board recognizes that higher fees may discourage residents from joining. Please consider what you feel is the appropriate level for member dues and come to the next meeting prepared to indicate that amount on your ballot; the results of the vote will help the Board set dues for 2006.

This Thanksgiving Remember Our Local Food Pantry

On Saturday, November 12th, Boy Scouts throughout the area collect food for UCM's food pantry. Please support UCM if the Boy Scouts knock on your door. UCM also needs volunteers on that day to help sort and box the food as it arrives.

For information or to help, please contact Cecelia Vergaretti at 703-768-7106 ext.326 or volunteer@ucmagency.org.

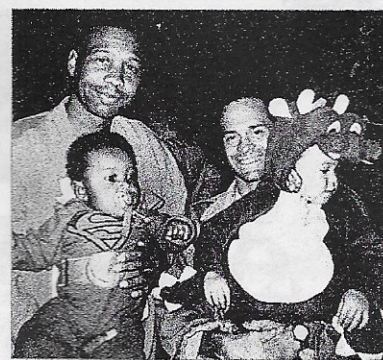
United Community Ministries
7511 Fordson Rd, Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 768-7106; www.ucmagency.org



"Through Trucks Prohibited" Hearing Postponed

The planned hearing regarding "Through Trucks Prohibited" signs in Jefferson Manor was postponed from October 17th until a future Fairfax Board of Supervisors meeting because of concern that one entrance to Jefferson Manor was not included among the list of planned sign locations. At its October 3rd meeting, the JMCA Traffic Committee identified that the intersection of Fairhaven Drive and North Kings Highway was not on the list to be labeled with a sign. The Traffic Committee contacted Fairfax County to request the additional sign and was informed that a new hearing would have to be scheduled. As a result, JMCA requested the October 17th hearing be postponed. The exact date of the new public hearing has not been established but we were given assurance that this can be addressed in December or January. Because the study and approval process takes about one year, the rescheduling of the hearing should not have a major impact on when the signs are installed. In addition, the County has assured us that signs will be placed at the immediate entrances of the neighborhood regardless of the location of the yellow hearing notice signs you may have seen. Any questions related to the signs can be sent to Spencer Brooks at transportation@JeffersonManor.org.





Best in Show by Christine Cridland

Quite a crowd turned out on Halloween night to Sue and Tom's house on Edgehill Drive for the Jefferson Manor neighborhood costume party. The event was wonderfully organized, advertised, and decorated by the Social Committee! At least 60 contestants competed in the costume contest, including babies (did you meet the two peas in a pod?), children, adults, and quite a few four-legged friends (even a 3-headed dog!). There were so many cool costumes! Special thanks to event coordinator Tania Basom for arranging wonderful prizes donated by sponsors:

Chipotle.



Networking Event Update

The November 10th Networking event at Cosmopolitan Café has been cancelled.

If you would like to plan (or assist in planning) a networking event, contact Kenneth Flowe at 571-722-6659.

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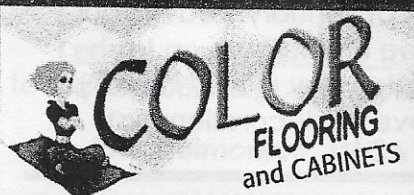
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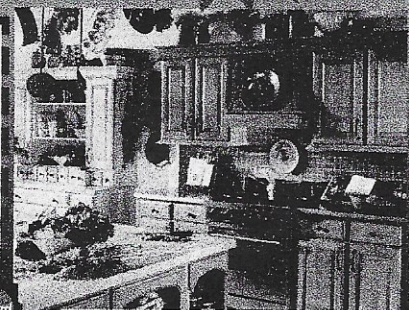


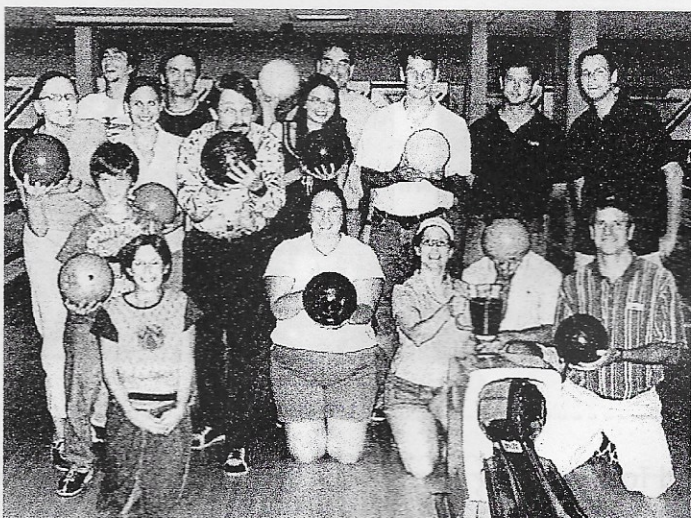
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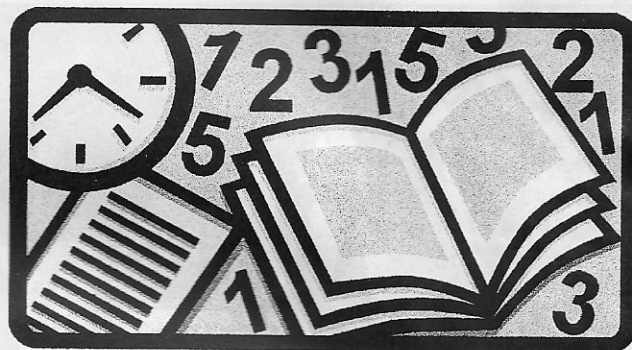


Thank you for a striking bowling night!

Future Events!

The Social Committee would like to have a Progressive or "Meet & Eat" dinner on Saturday, January 7th. If you are interested, contact Christine & Jeff (703-329-1052, dinner@JeffersonManor.org).

We are also considering a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, February 4th. We need your ideas and assistance! JMCA counts on your feedback & support for these events so let us know what appeals to you. B-I-N-G-O-? Contact Sue at the Nov 15th meeting or social@JeffersonManor.org.



Mark Your Calendar

November 10th: Networking [EVENT CANCELLED]

**November 12th: Last day to drop off
"JMCA Cares" American Red Cross donations**

November 15th, 7PM: General JMCA Meeting
Mount Eagle Elementary School cafeteria

December 3rd, 7-10PM: JMCA Holiday Party
Janet's Java, 5735-A Telegraph Road

December 13th, 7PM: Board Meeting

January 1st: Newsletter Ads/Articles due
January 7th: Newsletters Published

January 7th: Progressive Dinner
Social Committee; Details TBD

February 4th: Monte Carlo Night
Social Committee; Details TBD



Web Site Update

by Dawn Wyse, Web Site Committee Co-chair

We have purchased a domain name (www.JeffersonManor.org), set up email accounts for JMCA officers & committee chairs, and are currently working on the web site for our community. Our goals for this site are

challenging, so we may roll out the site in phases. Some of our projects include a contractor list, crime reports archive, incident report form, newsletter archive, community resources guide, photo galleries, etc. Some areas of the site will be restricted to JMCA members only. More information will be available in January. If you are interested in joining the Web Site Committee, please contact: website@JeffersonManor.org.

I encourage you to join the Jefferson Manor Yahoo Group to share ideas and neighborhood information. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and search for "jeffersonmanor".

Recycling Guidelines

The separate collection of yard debris ends for the season on Dec 24th. Our last yard debris pick up will be on our regular trash day: Tuesday, Dec 20th.



For our neighbors with natural/live Christmas trees: You do not need to call for a special collection during the first two weeks of January. Leave your live tree on the curb on trash collection day (Jan 3rd & 10th). Remove all decorations first!

Please Drive Considerately!