



Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July–August 2006

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## Next General Meeting

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**  
**at Calvary Presbyterian**  
**Church (6120 N Kings Hwy,**  
**next to Mt Eagle Elementary)**

### Including a Special Presentation!

Amanda Witt, a director and charter member of the Emergency Management Professional Organization for Women's Enrichment, will speak on *"Emergency Preparedness at Home."*

Many thanks to Calvary Presbyterian for graciously allowing us to meet in their basement.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**

**General JMCA Meeting** (Above)  
 Calvary Presbyterian Church  
 (6120 N Kings Hwy)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM-8 PM:**

**National Night Out** (Page 3)  
 5941 Edgehill Drive

**August 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**Last Day for Animal Shelter**  
**Donations** (Page 2)  
 6011 Williamsburg Road

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**

**Board Meeting**  
 Calvary Presbyterian Church

**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 PM-3 PM:**

**Open House for new principal,**  
**Brian Butler** (Page 2)  
 Mount Eagle Elementary School

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**

**General JMCA Meeting**  
 Mount Eagle Elementary School

## President's Message

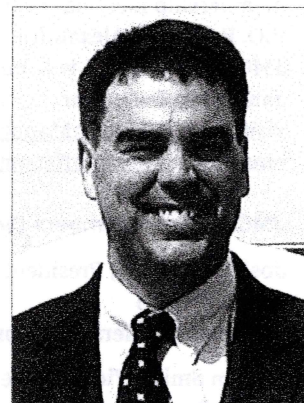
I hope everyone has recovered from the recent record rainfall. Thankfully, our neighborhood was spared major damage. A community on the low-lying north side of the Huntington Metro is dealing with cleaning up severe flood damage. JMCA has reached out to the Huntington Community Association and are waiting to hear where we can help.

The future of our community is tied to the future of our neighboring communities. JMCA has begun to look for opportunities to work with our "next door" neighbors to accomplish common goals. We are going to partner with the Fairhaven Citizens Association on some upcoming social events; we are communicating with Huntington Commons Home Owners Association on Neighborhood Watch issues; and we are a member of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations (LDACO). We are seeking a volunteer to attend the LDACO meetings on behalf of JMCA. If you are interested, contact [president@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:president@JeffersonManor.org) or 703-861-9545.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor of representing Jefferson Manor at the dedication of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Approximately 1400 people attended the ceremony, including Governor Ehrlich, Governor Kaine and Mayor Williams. The original Wilson Bridge was completed in 1961 and was designed to carry 75,000 people a day. Today, the bridge carries almost 200,000 people a day. At an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, it is one of the largest infrastructure projects in the United States. For more information on the Wilson Bridge Project, visit their web site: [www.wilsonbridgeproject.com](http://www.wilsonbridgeproject.com).

Some very exciting things are happening in our community lately. You may have noticed the new "Jefferson Manor" and Neighborhood Watch signs posted at our neighborhood entrances. Jefferson Manor also qualified for a cut-through traffic study (Fort Dr / Edgehill Dr) and a traffic-calming study (Edgehill Dr). *Through Trucks Prohibited* signs will be posted in the next 9 months. Both the Home & Garden Tour and Summer Picnic were huge successes. If you have not yet made it to one of our events, I encourage you to come out and meet your neighbors.

I am amazed by the dedication and commitment of the members of the JMCA Board & committees. They have selflessly given of themselves to better our neighborhood. I thank them all for their service.



Josh Delmonico,  
JMCA President

—Josh Delmonico, JMCA President

¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre JMCA? Llame a Sonia al 703-329-1882 o a Andrés al 703-960-8855



## 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 info, visit: [www.JeffersonManor.org](http://www.JeffersonManor.org) or email us at: [info@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:info@JeffersonManor.org)

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## Neighborhood News Newsletter

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# School Notes

By Andrea Corsillo



## Mount Eagle

Elementary School's principal, Steven Adleberg, retired at the end of June after thirty years in Fairfax County Public Schools. Brian Butler, the newly appointed principal took the reins at Mount Eagle Elementary on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Butler was Assistant Principal at Lemon Road Elementary in Fairfax County. Prior to that, he worked in Arlington County Schools in a variety of positions. The Mount Eagle community is looking forward to collaborating with a new principal. An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Please take this opportunity to come by the school and meet Mr. Butler.

It's time to register your 5-year old for Kindergarten. Please stop by the school for registration information or call 703-721-2100 as soon as possible.

Keep your children active this summer by enrolling them in Rec-PAC (held at nearby Cameron Elementary this year). Rec-PAC, operated by Fairfax County Park Authority, is a six-week structured recreation program designed for elementary school children and emphasizing leisure skills. Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of activities such as: indoor & outdoor games, team sports, nature, crafts, talent shows, etc. To register, call 703-222-4664. For more information, visit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recpac/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recpac/)

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Purchase an *Important Numbers* magnet at meetings for just \$2!

## Have you seen the new Jefferson Manor signs?

Thanks to your membership dues and the efforts of the JMCA and Neighborhood Watch program, we now have signs at our neighborhood entrances to demarcate Jefferson Manor as a neighborhood and communicate that we have an active Neighborhood Watch program. We owe many thanks to Officer Kottemann (our Neighborhood Watch liaison) for getting us new Neighborhood Watch signs/poles and taking an afternoon of his time to help us install them.

## JMCA Cares: Animal Shelter



JMCA is collecting clean, washable (1) towels, (2) blankets, (3) dog/cat toys, and (4) empty shoeboxes for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. It's a great place to donate your old towels & blankets! The animals don't care about stains, discoloration or tattered edges—they're just looking for something warm and snuggly. Drop off your donation at 6011 Williamsburg Rd by August 15<sup>th</sup> in bags or boxes marked "Animal Shelter donation."



## National Night Out Cookout August 1<sup>st</sup>

from 7 PM to 8 PM  
at 5941 Edgehill Drive

Jefferson Manor

Neighborhood Watch and

JMCA will be sponsoring a free hot dog grill-out at Matt & Rachel Haws' house at 5941 Edgehill Drive from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Groups of police officers and the county supervisors are planning to stop by. This is a great chance to meet your neighbors and show the police, county supervisors, and local residents that Jefferson Manor is a vibrant community with active neighbors who care.

National Night Out is an annual occasion for neighbors to get together, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and build police-community relationships. Last year, we had a crowd of nearly 100! The event launched our most successful year of Neighborhood Watch yet and helped us build closer relationships with the officers who patrol our area.

Come, meet your neighbors, enjoy free food, and learn how to your participation in Neighborhood Watch can make Jefferson Manor better!



## Picnic in the Park

The weather was outstanding and the company even better for the JMCA Annual Summer Picnic. With barely a cloud in the sky, people gathered at the pavilion in Jefferson Manor Park for an afternoon of burgers, dogs and a little chit-chat. The children were especially excited about the addition of a *Moon Bounce* this year and some adults also got in on the action.



Look for our next Social Event (*Movies in the Park*) sometime in early September. To suggest a movie, email: [social@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:social@jeffersonmanor.org).

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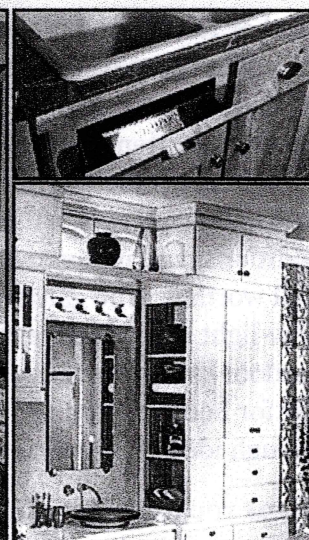
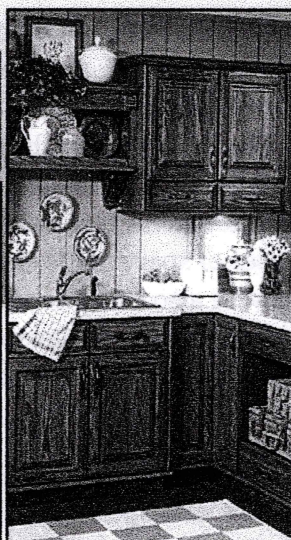
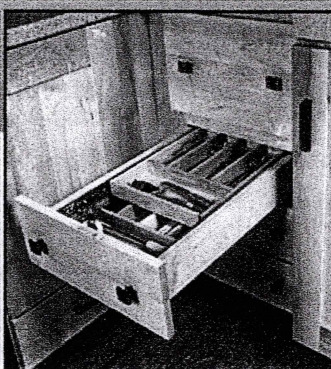
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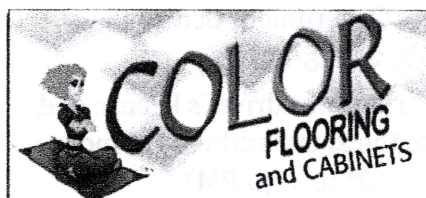
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## In Memory of Bob Lowery

James Robert "Bob" Lowery died Tuesday, June 27, 2006. He was 86 years old. Bob was the second President of Jefferson Manor Civic Association, taking office in the 1960s and serving until the late 1990s. He fought for one-way streets to make space for street parking, and kept an eye on our small shopping center. He was a salesman for Mueller's Food, now called Best Foods, and retired in 1984. He was Chairman and co-founder of the Fairfax County Police Citizen's Advisory Committee. He also served on the Transportation & Safety Commission, the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Watch, Inc., and the Lee District Land Advisory Committee. Bob was a devoted husband to his wife Ethel, visiting her daily at her nursing home for eight years.

As someone who knew him commented, Bob was from the old breed, volunteering his time to make life better for others. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Fairfax County Police Association (5625 Revercomb Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030) or the Alzheimer's Association (225 N. Michigan Ave, Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601).

## Neighbors Turn Out for the Home & Garden Tour

By Kelly Marshall, JMCA Board / Social Committee

Mother Nature didn't exactly cooperate, but a little rain didn't stop us from touring the 12 homes and gardens in the inaugural Home & Garden Tour. Those that attended were able to walk through quite a few homes that had been renovated. Unique bathroom concepts, enlarged kitchens, interesting additions, and innovative uses of space made the tour well worth it. The gardens were also exceptional. Low-light executions, recycled motifs, and several outdoor living solutions, including a grotto, raised the bar for homeowners and gave all who attended enough ideas for several seasons to come.

Thank you to all the volunteers who opened their homes and gardens for this event. You made the event a success. We're looking forward to the 2007 Home & Garden Tour already!

If you are interested in having fun, join the Social Committee! Contact: [social@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:social@JeffersonManor.org)

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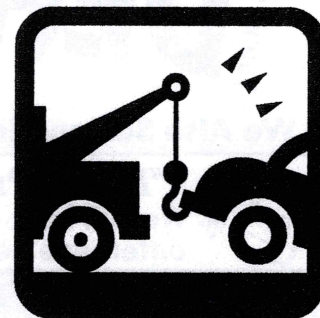


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## Parking Permits for 2006-2008

Old permits/decals expired on June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an automatic renewal form, you must renew by telephone, mail or in person. Your vehicle must be registered with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at a Jefferson Manor street address to receive a parking decal.



- To renew by telephone, call 703-324-1100 (between 8 AM and 4:30 PM) and have your SSN or Driver's License Number handy.
- To renew by mail, send a COPY of your driver's license and vehicle registration to Department of Transportation, 12055 Government Center Pkwy, 10th Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035-5511.
- To renew in person, bring your driver's license and vehicle registration to the above address (Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM).



## Did you know...

By Andrea Corsillo

### We have several public parks & recreation centers near us.

► If you want to play miniature golf, practice hitting some baseballs or swim in a large wave pool, try Cameron Run Regional Park (4001 Eisenhower Ave, 703-960-0767).

► If you would rather go camping, use the marina or enjoy the paddleboats or play at the par-72 golf course, you might want to check out Pohick Bay Regional Park, approximately 30 minutes from Jefferson Manor. Travel south on Route 1 just a short distance past Fort Belvoir, make a left onto Gunston Road, then left onto Pohick Bay Drive (6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton/Mason Neck, 703-339-6104).

► Just want to golf? Check out Greendale Golf Course (6700 Telegraph Rd, 703-971-6170), run by the Fairfax County Park Authority and about 3.5 miles from Jefferson Manor.

### There are two Fairfax County Recreation Centers nearby.

► Lee District Park & RECenter (6601 Telegraph Rd, 703-922-9841) is 2.5 miles from Jefferson Manor. It has baseball fields, a large indoor pool for all ages, plus diving boards, horseshoe pits, tennis courts, picnic areas and, during the summer, concerts every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 PM.

► Mount Vernon RECenter (2017 Belle View Blvd, 703-768-3224) is about 2 miles from us. Here you can exercise, swim indoors and if you want to really cool off on a hot day, there's an ice skating rink.

### The Weekend Saver

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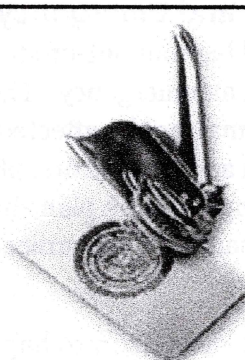
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The key to getting rid of mosquitoes is to **eliminate standing water**. Mosquitoes don't need more than a cap full of water [or a constantly soggy or wet area] to lay their eggs, so getting rid of these areas is a priority. (1) Clean your gutters, (2) overturn buckets and watering cans when not in use, and (3) spray out your birdbath once a week. Anything that can hold water can breed mosquitoes.

Still have mosquitoes? Mosquitoes are notoriously bad fliers — so, if you don't have standing water on your property, ask your neighbors to check theirs. Use insect repellent and/or citronella candles for temporary relief.

## Huntington Station Shopping Center Update

Thank you to everyone who has provided input and followed developments regarding this issue. At its May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Lee District Area Plan Review Task Force voted to recommend that the Fairfax County Commission not amend the Comprehensive Plan as it applies to the Huntington Station shopping center site. A.J. Dwoskin & Associates, owner of the shopping center, along with the owner of the Jefferson Gardens apartment complex, had hoped to get the plan amended to facilitate their plans for redevelopment of the site.

The JMCA Board of Directors supported the plan amendment proposal for various reasons detailed in position statements circulated previously. However, Fairfax County planning staff found several aspects of the proposed amendment to be problematic, and the Task Force viewed it unfavorably. For more info, visit [www.jeffersonmanor.org/landuse/huntingtonstation.html](http://www.jeffersonmanor.org/landuse/huntingtonstation.html).

At this time, the JMCA Board of Directors and the Land Use and Transportation Committees are developing a strategy to continue to advocate for neighborhood improvements following this setback.



## Emergency Preparedness Begins at Home

By Amanda Witt, JMCA Secretary

Recent world events such have shown us that emergencies can strike anywhere, occurring quickly and without warning. We must all be prepared for emergencies ranging from house fires and blackouts to hurricanes. Advance preparation will allow for quick reaction, better safeguarding our families and protecting our property. There are a few simple actions you can take to help your family better prepare.

### Make a Family Communication and Emergency Plan

It is essential that each family should have an out-of-state contact that family members can call if separated during an emergency. The out-of-state contact should be far enough away that they may not be affected by the emergency. List important contact numbers such as your doctors, pharmacist, schools, daycare facilities, workplaces, etc. Copies of the plan should be kept at home, work, and your children's school. A sample communication plan can be found online at [www.fema.gov/areyouready/](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/)

Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Choose places to meet if you need to evacuate from your home. One meeting site should be just outside your home and the other should be outside the neighborhood. Each family member should know the address and phone number of the secondary evacuation site. You should also:

- ✓ Make sure you have adequate insurance.
- ✓ Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches. (*Do not turn gas off unless advised by local officials.*)
- ✓ Find out about the emergency plans at your workplace and your children's school or daycare.

### Build an Emergency Supply Kit

An emergency supply kit should provide you with supplies to sustain yourself for 3-5 days and be mobile to expedite an evacuation or shelter-in-place.

### Practice your plans

Every 6 months test your plans, contact numbers and conduct a practice drill.

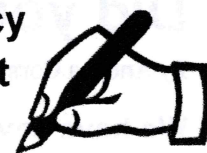
### Evacuation

Listen to radios or the TV during inclement weather or conditions that could potentially threaten the area. **Follow the directions of the local authorities.** If you are told to evacuate, take your prescriptions, emergency supply kit and pets. Be sure to lock your door. **Always follow all travel routes and advisories recommended by local officials.**

Specific information can be obtained during an emergency from Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line at 703-817-7771. You can sign up for alert notifications from Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/>

More info can be found at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and [www.fema.gov/areyouready/](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/)

## Emergency Supply Kit Checklist



- ☐ Water (approx. 1 gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Food (non-perishable, high-energy food)
- ☐ First aid kit and supplies
- ☐ Battery operated NOAA radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Cash or travelers checks
- ☐ Toilet paper and other sanitation supplies
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Signal flare
- ☐ Plastic sheeting
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Extra set of clothes
- ☐ Sleeping bag and pillow (1 per person)
- ☐ Local map
- and
- ☐ Copies of important family documents or papers in air tight plastic bags, including:
  - ☐ Identification
  - ☐ Social Security Card
  - ☐ Proof of residence (deed or lease)
  - ☐ Bank account & credit card numbers
  - ☐ Insurance policies
  - ☐ Birth and marriage certificates
  - ☐ Stocks and bonds
  - ☐ Wills
  - ☐ Recent tax returns
  - ☐ Inventory of valuable household items