



Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March–April 2006

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Next General Meeting & Board Elections

Tuesday, March 21st, 7 PM
at the Mount Eagle
Elementary School
Cafeteria

JMCA Board Elections!

See the back page for more
information. Volunteer today!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 16th, 7-10 PM:

Bowling Night (Page 5)

AMF Lanes, 6228A N Kings Hwy

March 21st, 7 PM:

General JMCA Meeting &

Board Elections (Page 6)

Mt Eagle Elem School Cafeteria

March 25th, 6-9 PM:

Gathering & Games (Page 5)

Janet's Java, 5735-A Telegraph Rd

March [Day TBD]:

Block Captain Training (Page 5)

Sign up to attend

April 15th:

Habitat for Humanity (Page 2)

Sign up to attend

April 18th, 7 PM:

Board Meeting

May 1st:

Newsletter Ads/Articles due

May 16th, 7 PM:

at the Mount Eagle
Elementary School Cafeteria

Message from the President

Do you ever wonder what is going on in the area? Do you wonder how you can give back to your community? Do you want to make a difference at the grassroots level? Are you up for a fun challenge? It's hard to believe, but it's already time for JMCA Board elections again. Four current board members will not be seeking reelection. We are actively inviting new people to join the JMCA Board. Being a Board member is a commitment of 6-10 hours per month. If you are interested in running for the Board, please email elections@JeffersonManor.org, call Nancy Leighton at 703-960-0432, or come to the March 21st General Meeting at 7 PM at Mount Eagle Elementary School, where we will be holding elections for the 2006/2007 JMCA Board.

The 2005/2006 term has gone by so fast! The current Board has been exceptional. With their leadership, the JMCA has held numerous social events, established Neighborhood Watch, launched a web site (www.JeffersonManor.org), brought in over \$1500 in advertising and membership dues, produced six newsletters, and advocated on your behalf to have *Through Trucks Prohibited* signs posted at all entrances to the neighborhood. We have also been coordinating our neighborhood's response to the proposed development at Huntington Station. I am amazed by the dedication and commitment of the JMCA Board members and committees. They have selflessly given of themselves to better the neighborhood we call home. Thanks to all for their service.

With leadership from the Board, the newly formed JMCA committees (Newsletter, Neighborhood Watch, Transportation, Social, Web Site, Land Use and Home Improvement) have already taken on many important tasks that are improving the JMCA and Jefferson Manor. If you are interested in working on any of these committees with us, I encourage you to contact me at president@JeffersonManor.org or 703-861-9545.

We are also beginning to assemble a Jefferson Manor 60th Anniversary Committee to organize our 60th anniversary celebration during the summer of 2007. If you are interested in volunteering for the 60th Anniversary Committee, please email anniversary@JeffersonManor.org or contact me for more information.

Thanks for helping to make Jefferson Manor a great place to live.

—Josh Delmonico, JMCA President

at the Mount Eagle
Elementary School Cafeteria

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¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre JMCA? Llame a Sonia Torres, miembro de JMCA, 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 info, visit: www.JeffersonManor.org or email us at: info@JeffersonManor.org

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JMCA Committees

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Land Use Committee
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Social Committee
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Transportation Committee
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Web Site Committee
website@JeffersonManor.org

Neighborhood News Newsletter

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

Dawn Wyse, editor-in-chief
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Road Update: Fort Drive

All homeowners on Fort Drive should have received a packet from Fairfax County informing them of an acquisition, easement or dedication. Fairfax County is asking all Fort Drive residents to respond to these packages *immediately* to keep the project on schedule for the Fall of 2006. If you have any questions about your paperwork from Fairfax County, you may call Michael Coleman, the Right-of-Way Agent for the Fort Drive project, at 703-324-5103.

JMCA Cares: Habitat for Humanity

JMCA will be volunteering with the DC branch of Habitat for Humanity on April 15th. We have room for 15 aspiring home improvement junkies. There are still a few spots open. No skills, no problem. For more details, contact Chris Soule at volunteer@JeffersonManor.org. For more information on Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.org.

Neighborhood Watch Email Alerts

Being on the Neighborhood Watch email list is an excellent way to receive information about suspicious activity in our area. Gathering reports from police and Jefferson Manor residents, Neighborhood Watch uses this email list to disseminate incident information as soon as it reaches Neighborhood Watch. More than 10% of the residents of Jefferson Manor are now on this list. To sign up, email your request to: watch@JeffersonManor.org

Important Numbers...

Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	703-691-2131
(Non-threatening, suspicious activity & graffiti)	
Junk & Unlicensed Cars	703-280-0587
Narcotics	703-249-7831
Bulk Trash Pick-Up	703-802-3322
V-Dot (Potholes)	703-339-5556
Mt. Eagle Elem. School	703-721-2100
Parking Permits	703-324-1100
Zoning Enforcement	703-324-1300
Post Office	703-317-9286
Vep-Co (Street lights)	888-667-3000

Note: Handy *Important Numbers* magnets are available for purchase (\$2/each) at membership meetings.

Yard Debris Collection



The separate collection of yard debris begins Tuesday, April 4th. You may set out your grass clippings and/or leaves at the curb in transparent plastic bags, reusable plastic or metal containers, or kraft paper yard debris bags. Dark plastic bags may *not* be used for yard debris. For more information call the Fairfax County Customer Service Staff at 703-802-3322 or visit the web site: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/coll_service.htm

JeffersonManor.org

Our website launched at the last general meeting in January. Since then, the Web Site Committee has been busy posting new content. Check out the new photo albums, merchandise, restaurant reviews, transportation & parking info, public utilities & county services info, and more! Note: only current JMCA members can access *Members Only* pages. Please renew or join today!

Huntington Station Redevelopment, MetroZone Proposal

By Spencer Brooks, Transportation Committee Chair

In addition to presenting a proposal to redevelop the Huntington Station Shopping Center/Jefferson Gardens Apartments site (see the article below by Darren Smith), AJ Dwoskin and Associates (Dwoskin) and the owner of the Jefferson Gardens Apartments have presented the JMCA with their plan to revamp the character of North Kings Highway between Jefferson Drive and Fort Drive. Even though Dwoskin drafted this plan, they are not proposing to pay for the proposed improvements to North Kings Highway. Instead, Dwoskin would like to join the JMCA in promoting this plan to Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The primary goals of the proposal are to slow the flow of traffic and to make the entire area more pedestrian-friendly. This plan also has benefits for Dwoskin because it combines pedestrian-friendliness with business-friendly, traffic-related measures. Some of the measures are: raised medians on North Kings Highway between Jefferson Drive and Fort Drive; enhanced crosswalks at Jefferson Drive, Huntington Station, and Fort Drive; and a speed reduction from 35 MPH to 25 MPH between Jefferson Drive and Fort Drive. For a full list of recommendations, visit: www.JeffersonManor.org/landuse/huntingtonstation.html and download the North Kings Hwy MetroZone Proposal.

The JMCA supports all the recommendations made by Dwoskin because all the recommendations would make North Kings Highway and the area around the site more attractive and safer for pedestrians. However, the JMCA's support for these recommendations does *not* represent full support for the Huntington Station/Jefferson Gardens redevelopment as proposed at the Dwoskin presentation at Mt. Eagle School on February 7, 2006.

In addition to the recommendations made by Dwoskin, the JMCA has also requested that Dwoskin add three additional measures to its MetroZone proposal. The additions are as follows:

1. Extend the 25 MPH zone from Jefferson Drive to Mount Eagle School, instead of stopping at Fort Drive.
2. Install a crosswalk across Fort Drive at Williamsburg Road.
3. Install traffic calming measures on Fort Drive between Monticello Road and North Kings Highway.

Representatives from JMCA are meeting with Dwoskin and Fairfax County Supervisor Dana Kauffman on March 8th, 2006, to discuss the MetroZone proposal. The outcome of the meeting and future steps to be taken will be discussed at the March 21st, 2006, General Meeting.

Huntington Station Plan Amendment

By Darren Smith, Land Use Committee Chair

The JMCA Board of Directors has approved a position paper developed by the Land Use Committee regarding the redevelopment of the Huntington Station Shopping Center and Jefferson Gardens Apartments. A.J. Dwoskin & Associates (the owner/manager of the shopping center) and the owner/manager of the apartments jointly submitted a proposed amendment to Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan currently recommends and allows for redevelopment of the site with a maximum of 445 residential units, or approximately 45 units per acre, and up to 87,000 square feet of retail space. The site as a whole currently features 48,707 square feet of retail space and 67 apartment units. The proposal is to amend the plan to allow for redevelopment with a maximum of 750 residential units and up to 75,000 square feet of retail space. The maximum height of buildings would remain the same as in the plan, at 150 feet (about 12 stories), but the tiering of maximum heights would change slightly, along with some changes to current plan language about pedestrian and traffic circulation, and requirements for design characteristics that integrate well with the existing neighborhood.

Based on comments by neighborhood residents at the January 24th Land Use Workshop and the presentation by the redevelopment team on February 8th, as well as input received by the Land Use Committee in the last few weeks, there is substantial support for redevelopment of the site. However, many concerns have also been expressed, especially regarding the impact of hundreds of new residential units on our area in terms of cut-through traffic and congestion, public services such as schools, and the local real estate market. As a result, the current JMCA position seeks to further clarify the need for amending the Comprehensive Plan to increase the maximum number of residential units, while at the same time welcoming redevelopment of the site.

The entire position paper can be viewed at www.JeffersonManor.org/landuse/huntingtonstation.html

The Land Use Committee will continue to work with the redevelopment team, and our position may change before Dwoskin et al. present their proposed amendment to the Lee District Area Plan Review Task Force in May.

Delicious Progressive Dinner

By Liz Janes

A good time was had by all at the JCMA Progressive Dinner held on Saturday, January 28th. Two very generous households hosted the dinner, beginning with Josh Delmonico's on Edgell Drive (with help from Elizabeth) and ending at Richard and Maggie Ewell's house on Fort Drive. About 15 neighbors participated, enjoying margaritas, a variety of soups and appetizers and ending the night sampling an array of tantalizing desserts and coffees. As you can imagine, there was a great deal of discussion concerning home improvements (especially ideas on how to maximize space!) as everyone got to know each other better.

Thank you to Christine and Sue for organizing the event, and many thanks to Josh, Elizabeth, Richard and Maggie for their warm hospitality.

Through Trucks Prohibited Signage



At the January 9th, 2006 hearing, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved our proposal to put *Through Trucks Prohibited* signs on Fort Drive and Fairhaven Drive. Before the signs will go up, however, VDOT has to complete a study to verify the necessity of the signs. VDOT is mandated to complete the study within nine months of the approval date, so we expect the signs to go up by late summer. The final locations of the signs have not yet been determined, but Fairfax County has assured the Transportation Committee that standard practice is to put the signs on the affected streets and major cross streets.

A special thanks goes out to Spencer Brooks and Dawn Wyse for testifying and Marty Aversa for attending the hearing. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please contact Spencer Brooks at transportation@JeffersonManor.org if you are interested in helping on any other transportation issue. All ideas are welcome!

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Block Captain Program Launches in March



Jefferson Manor Neighborhood Watch is about to launch its Block Captain Program. After a training event in late March, look for your Block Captain to stop by with resources to help you become more involved in Neighborhood Watch. Specifically, your Block Captain will help you learn more about our new online method for reporting incidents.

We Still Need Block Captains!

We still need block captains for half of Jefferson Manor's 27 blocks: 3, 5-10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, & 26. Please consider volunteering to be a part of Neighborhood Watch's effort to make Jefferson Manor a friendlier and safer community. Block Captains are the core of the Neighborhood Watch network. Being a Block Captain doesn't need to be a burden in terms of time or effort. If you are willing to meet and help your neighbors get information about Neighborhood Watch, you should be a Block Captain.

What are the responsibilities of a Block Captain?

1. Introduce yourself to your neighbors.
2. Help your neighbors learn how to report information about suspicious activity to Neighborhood Watch.
3. Help your neighbors who are not on the email list (see page 2) obtain information about suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Each "block" has between 15 and 25 houses. Block Captains can take any approach that work best for them (co-Block Captains, etc.) and the Neighborhood Watch Committee is here to help.

- To volunteer to be a Block Captain for your block, email: watch@JeffersonManor.org
- To find out more about Neighborhood Watch Blocks, check out the Block Map: <http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/blocks.html>
- To learn more about Jefferson Manor's Neighborhood Watch, visit: <http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/index.html>
- If you have any questions, contact Matt Haws at watch@JeffersonManor.org or 703-960-8611.

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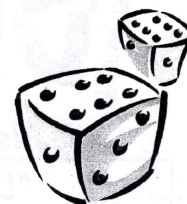
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Gathering & Games

March 25th from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
at Janet's Java, 5735-A Telegraph Road



All are welcome to come, play games, hang out and dine à la potluck. Please bring a dish or snack to share and, if you wish, a board or card game to play. There is a \$5.00 per adult contribution fee toward the space. Each person contributing will receive a raffle ticket for door prizes. Please contact the Social Committee at social@JeffersonManor.org or Sue Gass-Burson at 703-329-4857 to express your interest. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting—please let us know you're coming!

Bowling Night

Bowl with your neighbors, friends and family on **Thursday, March 16th from 7–10 PM at AMF Alexandria Lanes** (next to Shoppers Foods), 6228A North Kings Hwy. Costs are \$10/person + \$4.46/shoe rental = \$14.46 total/person for **3 hours of unlimited bowling!**

VOTING FOR THE JMCA BOARD

Voting will occur at the March 21st, 2006 membership meeting. To vote or run for office, you must be a member in good standing for the current year. If you have not paid your 2006 membership fee of \$20, you may do so at the beginning of the March 21st meeting. Each JMCA member household is entitled to one vote, to be cast in person, at a membership meeting. Any disputes regarding membership or voting status will be resolved by the [sitting] Treasurer.

A list of candidates for the JMCA Board is included below. Nancy Leighton will be running the election proceedings at the meeting. If you wish to run for office or to nominate a consenting individual, contact Nancy at 703-960-0432 or elections@JeffersonManor.org. She will also be taking nominations from the floor.

There are a maximum of nine members of the JMCA Board, consisting of four officers [President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer] and five directors [General Board Members]. Officers are elected annually. All board members serve without compensation. All board members must reside in Jefferson Manor, with the possible exception of one of the directors. Board members meet a minimum of once every other month, in between general membership meetings, six times per year.

POSITIONS

President: The President presides over all meetings of the membership. He/she exercises general active management of the business of the JMCA and directs the execution of all policies and resolutions of the Board. The President may assign duties subject to the approval of the Board. The President may serve as a member of any committee.

Candidate: Joshua Delmonico

Vice President: The Vice President performs the duties and exercises the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Candidate: Darren Smith

Secretary: The Secretary attends all Board and membership meetings and keeps minutes of all meetings, including, on request, a record of the calling of a vote. Minutes may be taken by an alternate designated by the Secretary.

Candidate: Amanda Witt

Treasurer: The Treasurer has custody of all JMCA funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report of the cash receipts and disbursements for the prior calendar year. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping a current list of the voting membership of the JMCA.

Candidate: Spencer Brooks

Directors: Also known as General Board Members. Directors support the officers; and may chair a committee upon appointment by the President and recommendation and approval of the Board. According to the JMCA bylaws, Directors are elected every two years in rotating groups of two or three. To get us back on schedule, we will elect Directors to serve for either 1 or 2-year terms.

2-Year Term Candidate: Matt Haws

2-Year Term Candidate: Chris Soule

2-Year Term Candidate: Dawn Wyse

1-Year Term Candidate: [Your Name Here]

1-Year Term Candidate: [Open Position]

JMCA MEMBERSHIP

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, upon paying membership dues of \$20 annually (valid January to December of each year). To join, complete the 2006 JMCA Membership Application included in this newsletter. You may either mail the application and \$20 fee (check payable to "JMCA") to "JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303" or deliver the application and fee to the Treasurer at the membership meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEMBERSHIP FEE?

Your contribution of \$20 to the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association each year helps preserve the quality of our neighborhood. Your annual contribution helps pay for this bi-monthly newsletter, community activities [such as the Summer Picnic, Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, and Holiday Party], and occasional community donations to our local fire and police departments. The fee also helps pay for our post office box, limited postage, web site, flyers and meeting signs.

Make Jefferson Manor an even better place to live!



It's YOUR Neighborhood! Get Involved! Join JMCA Today!

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2006 JMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership dues for JMCA are \$20 per year. Complete this application, fold, seal and mail with a check or money order payable to "JMCA" or hand-deliver to the next JMCA meeting.

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I have included \$ _____ as a donation to JMCA to help with the publication cost of *Neighborhood News*.