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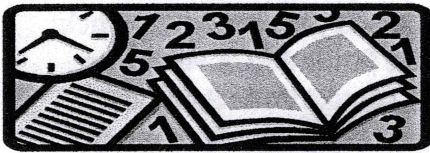
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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th, 7 PM
**at the Mount Eagle
Elementary School
Cafeteria**

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They are waiving their travel fee, but will charge a \$5/seal fee on any documents notarized during this time. Be sure to bring proper identification (e.g. valid driver's license, government issued non-driver's identification or passport). This is a handy service—especially for Fort Drive residents who may need easement paperwork notarized!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 16th, 7 PM:

General JMCA Meeting (Above)
Mt Eagle Elem School Cafeteria

June 20th, 7 PM:

Board Meeting

June 25th, Noon-4 PM:

Home & Garden Tour (Page 3)
Start at Edgehill Dr & Farmington

July 1st:

Newsletter Ads/Articles due

July 2nd, Noon-4 PM:

Summer Picnic (Page 3)
Jefferson Manor Park

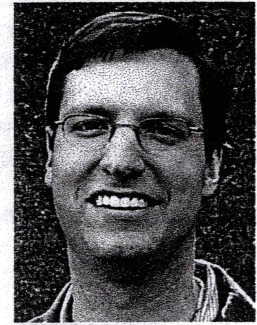
July 18th, 7 PM:

General JMCA Meeting
Location TBD

Special Message:

Huntington Station Shopping Center Redevelopment Update

Over the last seven months, the JMCA Land Use and Transportation Committees have been gathering information and working to build consensus regarding the proposed mixed-use redevelopment at the Huntington Station shopping center. A core working group made up of representatives from both committees and the JMCA Board has been consulting with Fairfax County officials and staff, while continuing to meet regularly with the development team assembled by A.J. Dwoskin & Associates, the owner/manager of the shopping center. As a result of these meetings and concerns raised by county staff, Jefferson Manor residents, and the JMCA working group, the Dwoskin team revised its proposed modifications to the county Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the site. After reviewing the new proposal, the JMCA Land Use Committee has passed on to the JMCA Board its analysis. The Board will vote on a neighborhood position statement prior to the May 22nd Lee District Area Plan Review Task Force meeting when the Dwoskin proposal will be considered. The task force meeting is open to the public, and begins at 7:00 pm at the Franconia Government Center (6121 Franconia Road).



*Darren Smith,
JMCA VP &
Land Use Committee Chair*

The revised proposal and the draft JMCA position are posted at www.JeffersonManor.org in the Land Use Committee section. The actions of the committees and the JMCA Board have been informed by the community input given at various stages of this process, and we thank everyone who has provided us with feedback. Additional comments regarding the revised proposal and the draft position should be directed to Darren Smith (landuse@JeffersonManor.org) by May 14th.

Other Land Use Items

The Land Use Committee is also discussing what, if any, action JMCA should take on two other redevelopment projects in the area: the proposal for mixed-use redevelopment at Kings Highway and Route 1 ("Kings Crossing"), and plans for redevelopment of the Huntington Gardens complex on Fairhaven Drive.

In addition, the committee will soon begin efforts to help neighborhood residents learn about county zoning regulations that apply to residential properties in our neighborhood, especially regarding home additions and renovations. (More news on this in the weeks to come.)

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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Neighborhood News Newsletter

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Road Update: Fort Drive

By Spencer Brooks, JMCA Treasurer & Transportation Committee Chair

Phase II-B (Fort Drive) of the Jefferson Manor Road Improvement Project (there are four phases) is currently in the land acquisition phase. All residents on Fort Drive should have received a notice regarding either the purchase of a small portion of your land or a construction easement for your land. The county's deadline for receiving feedback from all the Fort Drive residents is August 2006, but the sooner we respond, the sooner construction can begin. If you have reservations about signing the agreement, my story may soothe your anxiety. I received my check for the full offer amount from Fairfax County less than 3 weeks after submitting my paperwork. I found Michael Coleman, the County Right-of-Way Agent for the Fort Drive project, very helpful in answering my questions. Feel free to call him (703-324-5103) if you have concerns.

If all Fort Drive residents return their paperwork by August, the project will be put out for bid in the fall and the actual construction will begin in the Spring. However, Fort Drive residents may be able to get the project started a few months early if we can all respond with all our paperwork by June.

Last, if finding a notary is a problem, please come to the next JMCA meeting at 7 PM on May 16th. An inexpensive notary service will be available after the meeting (details on page 1).

Important Numbers...

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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

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Parking Permits _____ 703-324-1100

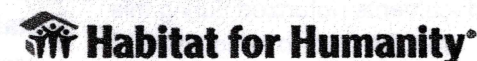
Zoning Enforcement _____ 703-324-1300

Post Office _____ 703-317-9286

Vep-Co (Street lights) _____ 888-667-3000

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JMCA Cares:



Hammers were swung, wood was cut and walls were built as JMCA joined up with Habitat for Humanity on April 15th. A good time was had by all, and we have started what should be a fruitful relationship with the local Habitat branches. If you would like to help organize future JMCA volunteer efforts, contact Chris Soule at volunteer@JeffersonManor.org. For more info on Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.org.

School Corner

By Andrea Corsillo

- Mount Eagle Elementary School Principal Steven Adleberg is retiring the end of June. The selection process has begun and the new principal will be announced in mid-June.
- See wonderful High School plays and concerts for under \$10! *The Jungle Book* will be performed at Edison High School (5810 Franconia Road) on May 19th at 7 PM and May 20th at noon & 7 PM (Adult \$4, Child \$2). Info: www.fcps.edu/bulletin/netcal.htm

Jefferson Manor Home & Garden Tour

June 25th from noon to 4 PM
\$5/person for 4 hours of fun!

Admit it – you're curious. Although our whole neighborhood began with just one basic floorplan, residents over the last 60 years have introduced many different styles of interior and exterior decorating, innovative additions, and diverse landscaping plans that have made our houses homes. Indulge your curiosity!

The tour will showcase different homes in two shifts (Noon–2 PM and 2 PM–4 PM). If you volunteer to show your home, you will be able to view homes in the other shift for free. We are currently looking for more homes and gardens to showcase. Your home does not have to be perfect! Please contact Sue to participate.

To attend the tour, space is limited. Reserve your spot by purchasing tickets in advance through Sue. The tour will start at the corner of Edgehill Drive and Farmington Drive at noon on June 25th.

Contact Sue at 703-329-4857 or social@JeffersonManor.org.



Summer Picnic

July 2nd from noon to 4 PM
At Jefferson Manor Park

Join your neighbors for family-friendly fun at the summer picnic! There will even be a *Moon Bounce* for the kids!

The afternoon will be spent catching up with friends, meeting new people and enjoying a tasty potluck lunch.

JMCA will provide burgers, hot dogs, rolls and soda. Please bring a side dish for four to share.

Questions? Volunteers? Contact social@JeffersonManor.org

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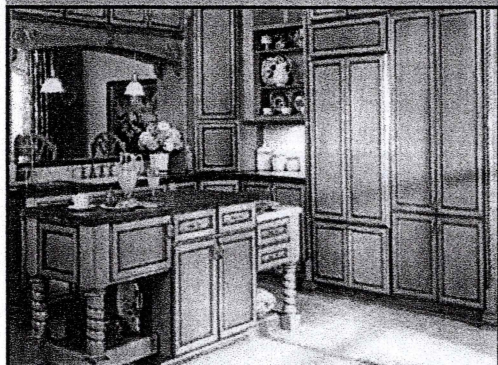
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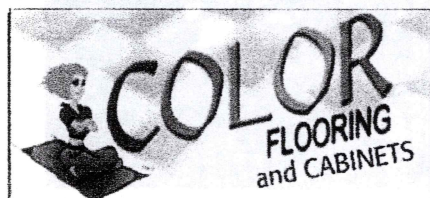
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Cut-through Traffic

By Spencer Brooks, JMCA Treasurer & Transportation Committee Chair

In February 2006, the JMCA Board requested official studies regarding cut-through traffic and traffic calming in Jefferson Manor. In April, the JMCA learned that the Virginia Department of Transportation was beginning a 90-day preliminary study to determine if our roads are eligible for cut-through restrictions and/or traffic calming measures. Once this preliminary study is complete, the JMCA will be notified that either (1) our roads are not eligible for cut-through restrictions and/or traffic calming measures, or (2) our roads are eligible for such measures, in which case we must submit a petition with signatures from 75% of the affected residents to further official studies. Assuming our roads are deemed eligible, the JMCA Transportation Committee will organize a signature-gathering effort this summer. Contact Spencer Brooks at 703-517-5795 or transportation@JeffersonManor.org to help.

Neighbors Turn Out for "Gathering & Games"

By Tania Basom, Social Committee

The clatter of poker chips and shuffling of cards could be heard on the evening of Saturday March 25th at Janet's Java. Many Jefferson Manor neighbors came for "Gathering & Games" to play a wide array of board games, savor potluck dining and win prizes. Organized by the JMCA Social Committee, the event included a meal of foods brought by neighbors, 15 different board games and a multi-prize raffle.

"This event was a lot of fun," said Dana Clabbers, Jefferson Manor resident. "My husband and I won a free meal coupon for two to Chipotle restaurant. We can't wait to try it out!" Over \$250 worth of donated prizes from local businesses such as Krispy Kreme, Generous George's Pizza, Subway, and C&K Cleaners were given out during the raffle. Thanks to Janet's Java, all of the community vendors, our Social Committee, and of course, thanks to all of the fun neighbors who attended!

If you are interested in becoming getting to know your neighbors and having fun, join the Social Committee. Contact: social@JeffersonManor.org

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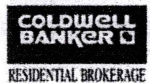
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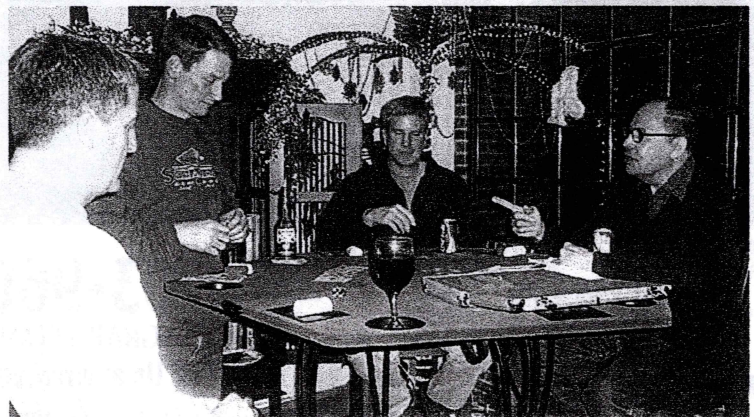
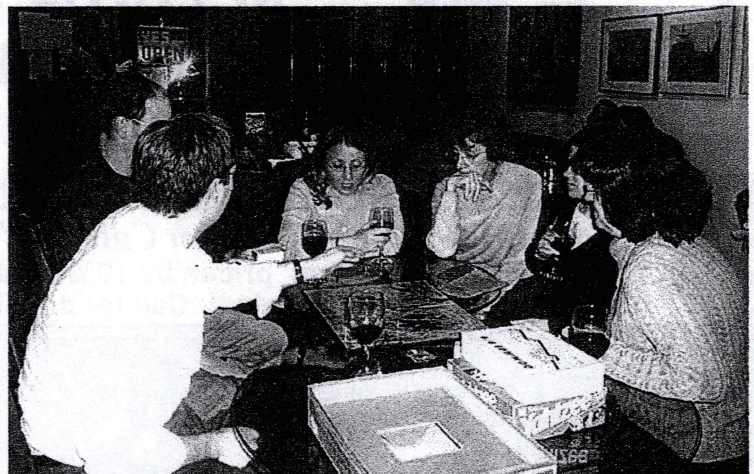


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Did you know...

By Andrea Corsillo & Dawn Wyse

We have three Farmers' Markets nearby.

Farmers' markets offer a great opportunity to buy fresh seasonal fruit, vegetables, baked goods, flowers, and more from local growers and vendors. Rather than heading to the grocery, try one of these:

- **Mt Vernon Farmers' Market** in the Sherwood Regional Library parking lot (2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, near Mt Vernon Hospital) beginning May 2nd–Nov 21st on Tuesdays from 8 AM to noon.
- **Kingstowne Farmers' Market** in Kingstowne Town Center (Kingstowne Boulevard, near Chicago Pizzeria Uno) beginning May 12th–Oct 27th on Fridays from 4 PM to 7 PM.
- **Old Town Alexandria Farmers' Market** at 301 King Street (Market Square) is the oldest continuously operating farmers market in America (since 1752). Open year-round on Saturdays from 5:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

2.5" to 4" is the best height for most grass.

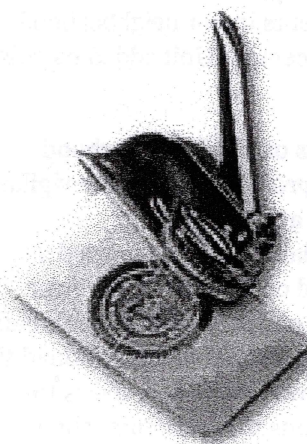
As recently presented at the last Lee District Association of Civic Organizations meeting, we have a variety of gardening resources available to us:

- The **Virginia Cooperative Extension** provides information on agriculture, lawns and trees, soil testing, and pest control and also administers the 4-H Youth Program and the Americorps Program. They have given the JMCA soil-testing packets that you can get at the next JMCA meeting (see page 1). For more information on VCE call 703-324-5369 or visit <http://www.ext.vt.edu>
- **Fairfax County Master Gardeners** is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing research-based horticultural information, techniques and advice to the community. Visit them at the county's Farmers' Markets or during scheduled events at libraries. Bring them plant and insect samples! Call the Master Gardener Help Line at 703-324-8556 or visit <http://www.fairfaxmastergardeners.com>

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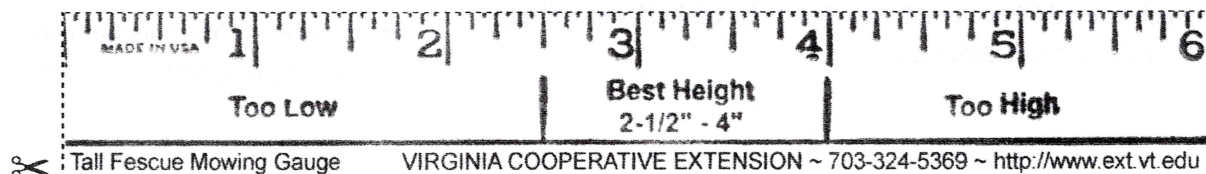
11 PM – 7 AM

- Operating loud speakers & amplifiers (outdoors)

9 PM – 7 AM

- Operating construction equipment (outdoors)
- Repairing Vehicles or equipment (outdoors)
- Operating powered model vehicles (outdoors)

Frequent or habitual TV/radio, musical instrument playing, or howling animals are declared a noise disturbance **at any time of day**. It is neighborly to first ask the noise-maker to stop. If this is not effective, register a complaint by contacting Zoning Enforcement at 703-324-1300. During non-business hours, call Public Safety at 703-691-2131.



Neighborhood Watch Update

By Matt Haws, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

While we've had an unusual amount of suspicious and criminal activity in our neighborhood over the last few weeks, increased resident vigilance and communication through Neighborhood Watch has paid off:

- Following two robberies in the neighborhood, Neighborhood Watch worked with police to ensure that all patrolling officers were aware of recent incidents and that additional patrols occurred in Jefferson Manor. Our police contact, Officer Kottemann, prepared a special briefing for all Mt. Vernon District officers on the recent incidents in our neighborhood and, as a result, the Selective Enforcement Unit added patrols in Jefferson Manor.
- Following these robberies, residents on the Neighborhood Watch email list used information provided to be more vigilant and help police monitor suspicious activity in our neighborhood. For example, a vigilant resident reported a group of suspicious people gathered on a street corner near where the robberies occurred. The police responded with patrol cars, K9 units, and a helicopter, and located and questioned the group. Although no illegal activity was identified, this is the type of response to suspicious persons that prevents crime.
- Several nights after the robberies, a vigilant resident reported a person looking into the window of a house. Police responded, got a description of the suspect from the resident, and after searching the area, found someone matching the description nearby, in Fairhaven neighborhood. The police arrested and charged the suspect with peeping. Because another resident had submitted a Neighborhood Watch Incident Report regarding peeping several nights before (unfortunately, this incident was not initially reported to police), Neighborhood Watch was able to help police connect the cases.

As these incidents reflect:

- The police are prepared to respond with all necessary resources to suspicious/illegal activity in our neighborhood. But they need **us** to report that activity. **Call 911 or 703-691-2131 (non-emergency) whenever you see any suspicious activity or persons.**
- Report suspicious activity to Neighborhood Watch at: http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/add_incident.php

Neighborhood Watch works. Receive information about incidents in our neighborhood by signing up for the Neighborhood Watch email list. Ask to be added by emailing: watch@JeffersonManor.org

DON'T HESITATE TO CALL THE POLICE

Neighborhood Watch has worked with police to increase both uniformed and plainclothes patrolling in our neighborhood. But the police can't be everywhere. *Resident reporting is still the best tool for preventing crime.* When criminals realize that a police car comes along within 10 minutes every time they drink beer in their car on one of our streets, wait to do a drug deal on one of our corners, or trespass into one of our backyards they are going to find another neighborhood.

The police are very concerned that residents are not calling the police when they see suspicious persons or activity. Please call the non-emergency number (703.691.2131) **whenever** you see something that doesn't seem right, even if it seems minor to you. It isn't hard, it doesn't take long, and the police are more than happy to check it out.

Also, please submit incident information to Neighborhood Watch using our online form: <http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/> (click on "Report Suspicious Activity" in the left column). This allows us to track trends, provide additional info to police and insist on more patrols.



Have you seen your Block Captain?

If you haven't met your Block Captain, your block probably doesn't have one. We still need block captains for *half* of Jefferson Manor's 27 blocks. Consider stepping forward today. We have specifically designed our Block Captain program so it won't burden your schedule, yet allows you to get to know your immediate neighbors and build a sense of community.

- ➡ To volunteer to be a Block Captain for your block, email: watch@JeffersonManor.org
- ➡ To learn more about Jefferson Manor Neighborhood Watch, including blocks, visit: <http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/>
- ➡ Questions? Contact Matt Haws at watch@JeffersonManor.org or 703-960-8611.