

November–December 2006

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

**in the Mount Eagle  
Elementary School Cafeteria**

*Refreshments & community  
information will be served.*

## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES!

Del. David Englin and Supervisor  
Dana Kauffman will speak on  
transportation and land use  
issues. They will be available to  
answer your questions!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**General JMCA Meeting** (Above)  
Mount Eagle Elementary School

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5–9 PM:**  
**Holiday Party** (Page 3)  
Janet's Java, 5735-A Telegraph Rd

**December 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Last Yard Debris collection**  
**for the season** (Page 5)

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**Board Meeting**  
Mount Eagle Elementary School

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
**Newsletter ads & articles due**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Absentee T-shirt Contest**  
**entries due** (Page 6)

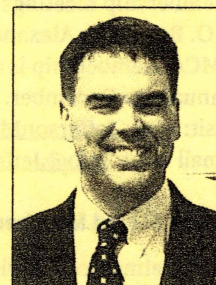
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**General JMCA Meeting**  
Mount Eagle Elementary School

## President's Message

Delegate David Englin (45<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia House of Delegates) and Supervisor Dana Kauffman (Lee District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors) will attend our next general meeting. They will be speaking on transportation issues and land use issues. They will be available to answer your questions. *We need you to attend and show our politicians that we are paying attention.*

The JMCA Board is the community's voice with our local politicians. I can't express how valuable it is to have a citizens association to represent our neighborhood's priorities to our politicians. We bring focus and attention to areas that are important to the neighborhood. Instead of one citizen speaking, we speak for over 550 households! Politicians listen and things get done. Unfortunately, this March at least four Board seats will be vacated due largely to personal circumstances. *We need your help.* We need dedicated individuals who are willing to give 6 to 10 hours a month to help Jefferson Manor. Now is the time to volunteer your time. If we don't get enough dedicated individuals to participate as JMCA Board members and Committee members, we will have to re-examine what is possible for us to achieve in 2007. I encourage you to contact anyone on the Board to see how you can help today.

JMCA has accomplished a lot this year. We worked with the community to develop a neighborhood position on the proposed redevelopment of Huntington Station. We developed a vision for pedestrian access to the metro on North Kings Highway and worked with County staff to get a traffic study of the neighborhood to determine the feasibility of adding traffic calming measures to Edgehill Drive and Fort Drive. The JMCA worked with Del. Englin and Supervisor Kauffman to obtain funding for the road improvement project on Fort Drive. We recruited block captains for neighborhood watch, held numerous social events, launched and continually update the website, published six newsletters, and worked tirelessly on behalf of the neighborhood. I hope you attended our most recent event: the Halloween Parade & Costume Contest. We had a great turn out and wide array of costumes (see page 4).



*Josh Delmonico,  
JMCA President*



Please join us December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Janet's Java from 5 to 9 PM for our Annual Holiday Party (see page 3). Happy Holidays! I encourage you to also participate in the Jefferson Manor T-shirt contest (page 6) and to join the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (page 2). Thank you for helping to make Jefferson Manor a great place to live.

—Josh Delmonico, JMCA President



### 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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Land Use Committee  
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Social Committee  
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Transportation Committee  
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Web Site Committee  
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### Neighborhood News Newsletter

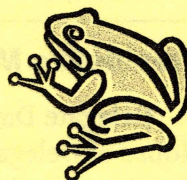
Please direct any requests or questions about *Neighborhood News* to:  
[newsletter@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:newsletter@JeffersonManor.org)

Dawn Wyse, editor-in-chief  
Kelly Marshall, distribution

## Nature Lovers: A Walk in the Park

By Ruth Mara

Upcoming activities at  
Huntley Meadows  
Park:



**Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4 - 5:30 PM  
Fall Evening Walk**

"Families will visit the wetland in search of Huntley's nocturnal residents and, if we're lucky, catch a glimpse of beavers. Children must be accompanied by adults."  
Age 6 and up / \$2 fee / Reservations  
Required / Call 703-768-2525

**Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 - 11 AM  
Birding for Beginners**

"Observe the transition of our bird community as the summer breeding population moves south and winter residents arrive. A park naturalist will help you sharpen your bird identification skills. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot."  
Adults only / \$2 fee / Reservations  
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**Huntley Meadows Park  
3701 Lockheed Blvd.  
Alexandria, VA 22306**

*Directions: South on Richmond Highway (Route 1), left on Lockheed Boulevard. Approximately 2.5 miles from Mt. Eagle Elementary School.*

## Jefferson Manor Turns 60

The 60th Anniversary Committee held a brief planning meeting to brainstorm goals and events. The *tentative* date for the big celebration is Saturday, September 8, 2007. All Jefferson Manor residents are encouraged to contribute thoughts and effort. Send comments, ideas and questions to:  
[anniversary@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:anniversary@JeffersonManor.org)

Notes from our meeting can be found on the web site at:  
[www.JeffersonManor.org/60thanniversary/](http://www.JeffersonManor.org/60thanniversary/)

### Emergency 911

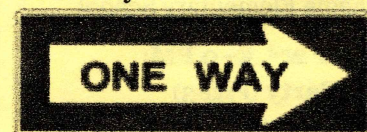
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Parking Permits	703-324-1100
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Post Office	703-317-9286
Vep-Co (Street lights)	888-667-3000

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

## Wrong Way!

Our one-way streets apply to us as well as our visitors. Ignoring the rules creates a dangerous situation for drivers as well as pedestrians in our neighborhood. The police will ticket you for going the wrong way whether you are a resident or not.



## Neighbors Clean-up

Andrea Corsillo, Don Becker, Kate Henze, and Matt & Rachel Haws joined organizers Richard & Maggie Ewell for the annual neighborhood clean up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Although turnout was lower than last year, the group managed to pick up street litter from almost all of the streets in the neighborhood. They even found a set of keys and returned them to their owner! We hope that people will be more conscious of litter in our neighborhood. We encourage all residents to keep our neighborhood clean by carrying a small bag and picking up trash when you are walking dogs, walking to work, or just strolling along.





## Attn: Parents Connect with other Jefferson Manor Parents!

By Maggie Ewell

The number of babies and small children living in Jefferson Manor has grown in the last few years. As a new first-time parent, I am taking the lead in starting a Parents Group for Jefferson Manor. This group can be as much or as little as we make of it and will offer moms and dads in Jefferson Manor the opportunity to connect with other parents for support, advice, play dates, walks, etc.

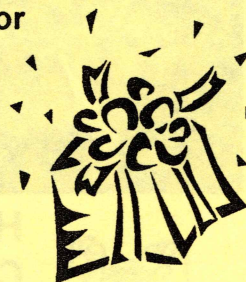
To facilitate, I have set up a yahoo group: JeffersonManorMoms. To join the group, email: [JeffersonManorMoms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:JeffersonManorMoms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Please include your name(s) and your children's names and ages. Registration will be limited to Jefferson Manor families and the sign-up process is restricted. This is to protect our information (including email addresses) from commercial and other interests and to build our neighborhood community. You must include your street address with the subscription request so I may confirm your residency; your address will not be shared with anyone else without your permission. For more information, contact Maggie Ewell at [parents@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:parents@JeffersonManor.org).

Jefferson Manor

## Holiday Party

Saturday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5 – 9 PM

at Janet's Java



Join your neighbors at Janet's Java (5735-A Telegraph Rd) on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5–9 PM for the Jefferson Manor Holiday Party.

This is a potluck event; please bring a dish for four to share. Soda will be provided, and a cash bar is available for those who prefer beer or wine. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information, call Sue Gass-Burson at 703-329-4857.

You've Got A  
**DEAL**

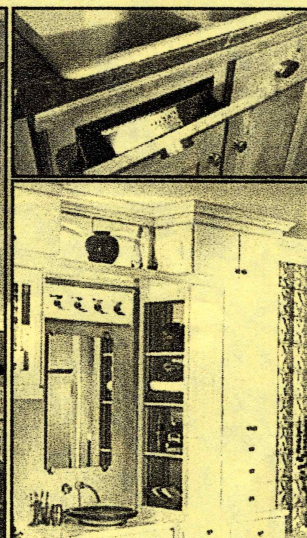
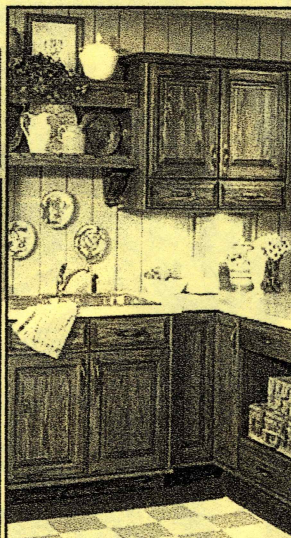
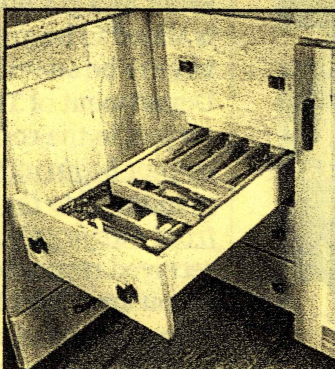
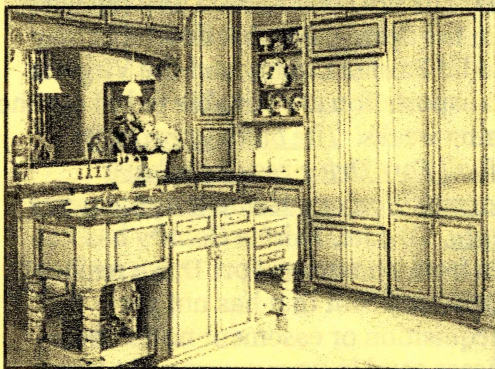
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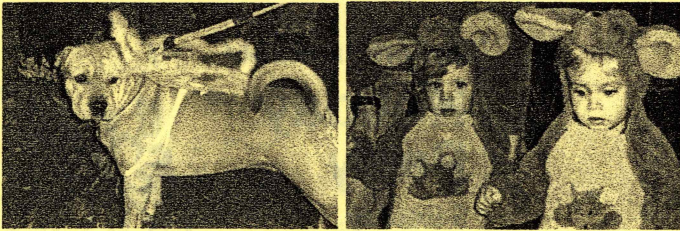


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## Halloween Parade & Costume Contest



Jefferson Manor had a ghoulishly good time during the annual Halloween celebration. Dogs, pirates, and bowling pins were on display as the wind howled through the streets. Along with getting a head start on the seasonal candy consumption, several awards were bestowed on the best costumes. A cute lobster in the Baby Category; a betrothed bride and groom in the Pet Category; and a Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale family (complete with Big Bad Wolf and Grandma!) in the family category. *A spook-tacular time!*



For more photos, visit:  
[www.JeffersonManor.org/living/photos/](http://www.JeffersonManor.org/living/photos/)  
 and click on the Halloween Costume Contest album.  
 You will need the JMCA member username and password. This is one of your benefits when you join!  
 (See page 5 for membership information)

## Thinking of Buying or Selling?

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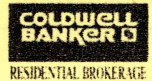
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## Roads Update

By Spencer Brooks, Transportation Committee Chair

As everyone is probably aware, the replacement of the gas lines on Fort Drive is underway. This is one of many steps in the renovation process that will eventually produce a smooth Fort Drive, new sidewalks, and new water and gas lines. The full construction and repaving is slated to begin in the Spring, *but* this timetable may have to be amended if Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation are not able to bid out the project in the coming weeks. The bidding process cannot begin until all Fort Drive residents have responded to the acquisition or easement agreements from Fairfax County. To date, Fairfax County has not received responses from numerous Fort Drive residents. If you are a Fort Drive resident that has not yet responded to an acquisition or easement notice from Fairfax County, please send in your paperwork! If you recently purchased a home on Fort Drive and are unaware if your acquisition or easement is still pending, please contact Fairfax County at 703-324-1100.

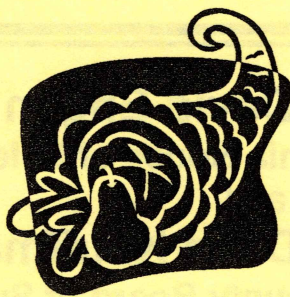
Visit the Transportation Committee's webpage at [www.JeffersonManor.org/transportation](http://www.JeffersonManor.org/transportation) to find documentation showing some of the JMCA's efforts to secure funding to repair our roads. If you are interested in joining the road improvements effort, please email [transportation@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:transportation@JeffersonManor.org).



## Did you know...

By Andrea Corsillo

Soon Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us. These two local social agencies have wonderful programs for those who need a helping hand: United Community Ministries (UCM) and New Hope Housing. Both agencies work with people in this part of Fairfax County.



► UCM ([www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org)) will be accepting food for Thanksgiving through Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. For Christmas, their "Share the Joy" program provides toys and other gifts to over 770 kids. These unwrapped items can be donated until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Betsy Damitz at 703-768-7106 x328 or [volunteer@ucmagency.org](mailto:volunteer@ucmagency.org).

► New Hope Housing ([www.newhopehousing.org](http://www.newhopehousing.org)) provides housing for men, women and families. Contact Chris Bramante at 703-799-2293 x22 for their holiday needs.

Both agencies are within ten minutes from Jefferson Manor and are always looking for volunteers.

### The Weekend Saver

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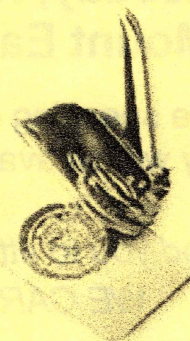
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The members and board of the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association want to welcome and encourage all residents and non-resident owners of property in the neighborhood to join **your** citizens association. Your active membership gives you a voice in issues that affect everyone in our community and makes our neighborhood a better place to live.

### Why join?

Participation gives you a great way to meet your neighbors through meetings and social events. JMCA allows you to influence issues that affect all of us. The Association actively works with larger district organizations and elected officials to address our neighborhood concerns such as the ongoing roadwork and property development. Active membership helps you stay informed about those issues and lets the board represent you. Finally, caring is contagious – your involvement in our neighborhood encourages others to do the same, making this a great place to live for everyone.

### Where does my money go?

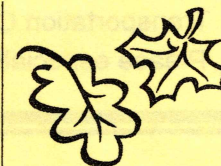
JMCA organizes social events like National Night Out, picnics in the park, the recent Halloween parade, and upcoming events celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our neighborhood. Membership dues pay for newsletter costs, keeping everyone informed of what's going on in the community, and support all of the Association activities.

### How do I sign up?

Annual dues (based on the calendar year) are \$20 and may be paid at any general meeting (the next one is November 14) or mailed to:

JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303

Membership entitles you to vote at general meetings on specific issues, participation in JMCA Officer and Board elections every March, and provides access to the Members Only portions of the JMCA web site ([www.JeffersonManor.org](http://www.JeffersonManor.org)). Most importantly, your membership helps make Jefferson Manor even better!



## Recycling Guidelines



The separate collection of yard debris ends for the season on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Our last yard debris pick up will be on our regular trash day: Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>). Remove all decorations first!



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**WE CARE ABOUT OUR ROADS!**

For more information on current transportation and land use issues effecting our community, visit the Transportation Committee and Land Use Committee sections of our web site: [www.JeffersonManor.org](http://www.JeffersonManor.org). Please especially note the Road Improvements page at: [www.JeffersonManor.org/transportation/roads/](http://www.JeffersonManor.org/transportation/roads/)



## **Jefferson Manor T-shirt Contest**

Put your mark on Jefferson Manor and design our t-shirt. Come up with a nifty black & white design for our neighborhood shirts.

Bring your design to the January general meeting (Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Mount Eagle Elementary School) or drop off with Dawn Wyse (703-765-1767) by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Some notes: Make it "Jefferson Manor" neighborhood specific, without a date and in black & white. The final printing will be no larger than an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper. Other than that, it's up to you!

## **Visita el sitio web**

Visita el sitio web de Jefferson Manor ([www.JeffersonManor.org](http://www.JeffersonManor.org)) y haga click en el botón marcado "Español" que está ubicado en la esquina superior derecha de la pantalla. Ud. podrá encontrar información del programa "Neighborhood Watch" e información acerca de como ser un miembro de JMCA, adicionalmente encontrará links a los servicios del condado de Fairfax. También, hay un link que se conecta al servicio automatico "Translator" de la compañía AltaVista; aunque tenga cuidado porque todos las traducciones de este servicio no son necesariamente perfectas. Si tiene preguntas sobre JMCA o sobre los desarrollos del barrio en general, contacte a Andrés Martínez (703-960-8855) o a Sonia Torres (703-329-1882).