



Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September–October 2006

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**  
in the Mount Eagle  
Elementary School Cafeteria

*Refreshments & community  
information will be served.*

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION REGISTER TO VOTE!

The Fairfax County Office of the Registrar will join us to register voters. They will provide information on the registration process, absentee balloting, and how to become a poll worker in our community.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM:**  
**Anniversary Planning** (Page 2)  
6011 Williamsburg Drive

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**Backyard Film Night** (Page 3)  
5841 Edgehill Drive

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**General JMCA Meeting** (Above)  
Mount Eagle Elementary School

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 AM:**  
**Neighborhood Clean-up** (Pg 3)  
2724 Fort Drive

**September 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Last day to drop off school  
supplies donation** (Page 2)  
6001 Monticello Drive

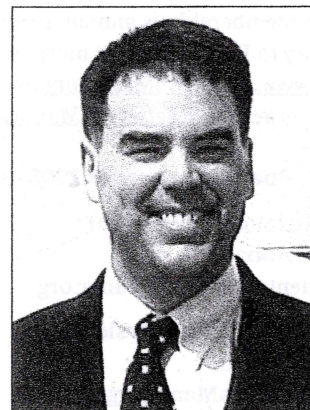
**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**Board Meeting**  
Mount Eagle Elementary School

**October 28<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Halloween Parade** (Page 3)

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM:**  
**General JMCA Meeting**

## President's Message

Some very exciting things are happening in our community. Our Virginia House of Delegates representative David Englin (D-House District 45) has been diligently working on our behalf to obtain funding to complete the roads improvement project on Edgehill Court, Albemarle Drive, part of Edgehill Drive, Part of Fairhaven Avenue, Williamsburg Road, part of Monticello Road, and part of Fairhaven Road. The total cost to complete this project is approximately \$17 million. The letter I received from Del. Englin is re-printed in its entirety in this newsletter (*see back page*).



*Josh Delmonico,  
JMCA President*

Del. Englin also was able to work with VDOT to require Fairfax Water's contractor to resurface Williamsburg Road once the water main work is done. It won't solve all of the problems on Williamsburg Road, but at least we will have a new, uniform road surface. In addition Del. Englin has requested the same be required for Fort Drive and North Kings Highway. We are currently waiting for a response from VDOT.

I really appreciate Del. Englin's hard work on this issue. He has made a real effort to help Jefferson Manor.

It is hard to believe the summer is drawing to a close. Fall will be here before we know it. To help ease the pain of summer ending, the Social Committee is hosting a movie night at 5841 Edgehill Drive on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (*see page 3 for details*). The rain date is the following Saturday—same time, same place.

The Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting is at 7 PM and we are back in the Mount Eagle Elementary School cafeteria for the school year. *Refreshments will be served!* If you are new to the neighborhood and not registered to vote, this meeting is a convenient place to sign up. Fairfax County is sending a representative from the Office of the Registrar with information on the registration process and volunteer opportunities. I hope to see you there. Thanks for helping to make Jefferson Manor a great place to live.

—Josh Delmonico, JMCA President

**Schedule Change:** The November General JMCA Meeting will take place one week ahead of schedule. This meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in consideration of Thanksgiving.



## 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



The Mt. Vernon Evening Lions are collecting school supplies for Mount Eagle Elementary. If you would like to contribute anything, you can drop them off at 6001 Monticello Road during the month of September. Anything is appreciated, but these items are needed the most:

- Glue Sticks
- Scissors (kids')
- #2 pencils
- Pocket Folders
- Composition books (100 or 200 sheets)
- Wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebooks

Also remember to:

1. Sign up at Safeway and Giant for their school receipt program.
2. Save the General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons & drop-off at Mount Eagle Elementary.
3. Volunteer at the school during the day and/or for tutoring one night a week.

*These three things don't cost you anything and the school benefits!*

## Jefferson Manor celebrates it's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be having a planning session on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at 6011 Williamsburg Road. All are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

*Our neighborhood turns 60 next Summer! Plan the birthday bash!*

## Emergency 911

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

## Winter Coats

By Andrea Corsillo

The Mt. Vernon Evening Lions will be having a "clean & usable" winter coats, light jackets and sweaters drive in October. So check your closets. We will be accepting all sizes, especially children items. The clothing will be donated to local schools and shelters. For more information contact Andrea at 703-960-4973.

## Animal Shelter Donations



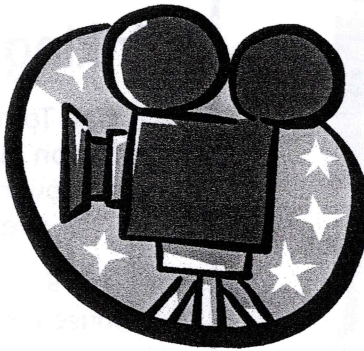
Thank you to all who donated to the animal shelter as a part of our community drive. We collected a sizable amount of goods (towels, blankets, shoe boxes)—including some hand-made boxes and toys! Remember the shelter when you have tattered towels and empty shoe boxes (the shelter uses these as disposable litter boxes).

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue. For more info, call 703-838-4774 or visit: [www.AlexandriaAnimals.org](http://www.AlexandriaAnimals.org)



## Backyard Film Night

**Date:** Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
*(Rain date is Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>)*  
**Time:** 7 PM (Movie starts at dark)  
**Location:** 5841 Edgehill Drive  
**Movie:** *Pirates of the Caribbean*



Come watch *Pirates of the Caribbean* with your neighbors in this backyard film event! Bring something to sit on and a nominal amount of cash for popcorn and soda. Please leave pets at home (this is a NO PETS event). Arrive at 7 PM to select your "seat"—the movie will start at dark. Come and enjoy the company and the flick!



## Halloween Parade

**Date:** Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Time & Parade Route:** TBD

Put on your costume, dress up your kids and pets (*this is a PET FRIENDLY event!*) and join your neighbors for a Halloween Parade. Bring a flashlight, as we engage upon a spooky neighborhood walk. Free candy for the kids. More information to follow in October.

## Neighborhood Clean-up Day

**Date:** Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Meeting Location:** 2724 Fort Drive

Time to get our streets and sidewalks ready for Autumn. Meet at 9:30 AM at 2724 Fort Drive (home of the Ewells) where food, supplies, and street assignments will be provided. *Rain date is the following Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.* If you have questions or would like to make special arrangements, contact Richard Ewell at [rewell@yahoo.com](mailto:rewell@yahoo.com) or 703-317-9447.

## Local Happy Hours!

Janet's Java will be opening Thursday and Friday from 4–8 PM for beer & wine Happy Hours. Janet's Java is at 5735 Telegraph Rd / 703-960-2900.

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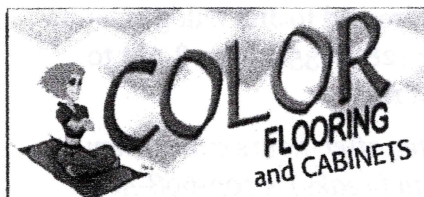
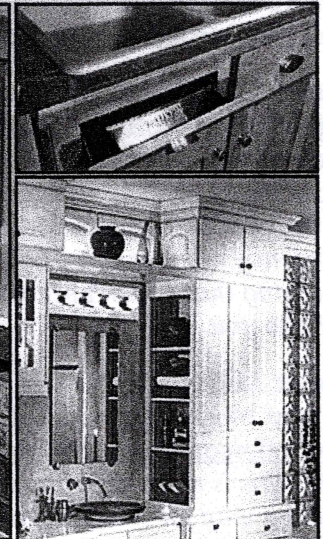
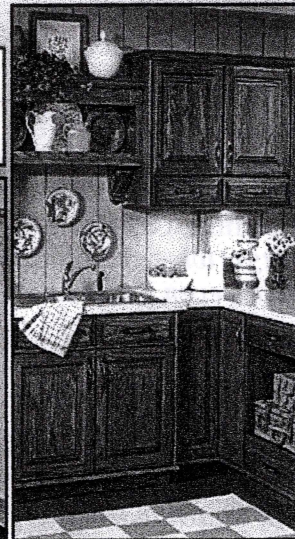
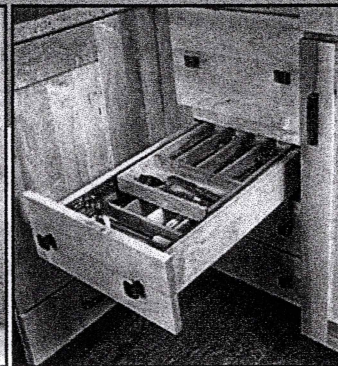
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## National Night Out, Turnout

Despite the heat, we had a great turnout for this year's National Night Out Cookout. In addition to well over 100 Jefferson Manor residents, our event was visited by the Commander and Asst. Commander of the Mount Vernon police district, Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland, numerous officers and the *Mount Vernon Voice* paper. We even had a flyover by the Fairfax County police helicopter! Thanks to all who came out to show that Jefferson Manor is a vibrant and caring community.

## Top Tips from Neighborhood Watch

By Matt Haws

### Connect with your Block Captain

Or volunteer to be a Block Captain! We have specifically designed our Block Captain program so that it doesn't burden your schedule and allows you to focus on getting to know your neighbors.

### Sign up for Neighborhood Watch Email

Email [watch@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:watch@JeffersonManor.org) to sign up.

### Report Suspicious Activity to the Police

Neighborhood Watch has worked with the police to increase patrolling in our neighborhood, but the police cannot be everywhere. Resident reporting is still the best tool for preventing crime. *Call the non-emergency number (703-691-2131) whenever you see something that doesn't seem right, even if it seems minor to you.*

### Report Activity to Neighborhood Watch

Tell your block captain or submit a report at: [www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/add\\_incident.php](http://www.JeffersonManor.org/watch/add_incident.php) (Note: this is not a substitute for calling the police; merely a way for Neighborhood Watch to track possible trends and follow up with police.)

### Leave your porch light on all night, every night

Leaving your porch light on will help light up Jefferson Manor—increasing visibility for residents and patrolling officers—making our neighborhood less inviting to criminals, more inviting for residents.

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## Water Main Replacement

By Dawn Wyse

If you live on Williamsburg Road, you received a letter from Fairfax Water regarding the water main replacement. I called Fairfax Water on August 17<sup>th</sup> for more info on our neighborhood work. My notes:

- The North Kings Hwy water main replacement, a 12" artery line, is considered complete by Fairfax Water.
- The "work" on Fort Drive was done by the gas company. Fairfax County (not Fairfax Water) is scheduled to replace the water main on Fort Drive as a part of the neighborhood improvement project.
- No other water mains are scheduled to be replaced.
- In "a couple of years" Fairfax Water will probably replace the water main on Fairhaven Avenue and the water main on the stretch of Monticello Road that is north of Fort Drive.

Further inquiries can be addressed to Jim Balog or Anita Miller at Fairfax Water (703-289-6351) from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

*Side note: The Fairfax Water after-hours emergency number (e.g. for water main breaks) is 703-698-5613.*



## Did you know...

By Andrea Corsillo

Jefferson Manor is very fortunate to have three nearby libraries. Besides having books, you will discover Fairfax County libraries have all kinds of fun activities for all ages. You can join a book group, learn computer skills, see films and maybe even a puppet show at any one of these libraries.

► **John Marshall Library**, 6209 Rose Hill Drive (703-971-0010), has story-time for children ages infant to 5 years old with an adult during the daytime.

► **Martha Washington Library**, 6614 Fort Hunt Road (703-768-6700), has a dim-view support group.

► **Sherwood Regional Library**, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane (703-765-3645), is open even on Sunday.

Visit [www.FairfaxCounty.gov/library](http://www.FairfaxCounty.gov/library) or pick up a copy of the monthly calendar at any of the libraries to find out details on the events. You will also find event information in our local newspapers: the *Mount Vernon Voice* and *Mount Vernon Gazette*. Plus the price (FREE) is right!

### The Weekend Saver

Taking care of you while you work

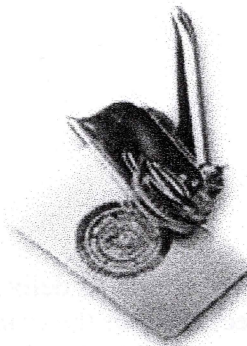
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**Save The Date:** The Jefferson Manor Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6–9 PM. More information coming in the November newsletter!

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In the three weeks since that meeting, Fairfax County staff has provided a detailed breakdown of the remaining work so we can begin to develop sub-phases. We still await the results of VDOT's pavement index survey, but I expect that data very soon. Once we have all of the necessary information, we hope to be able to present more concrete options that will result in more streets being completed more quickly.

Many thanks to Tom Rickert and others from the community who initially brought this to my attention and who correctly refuse to let the issue die. I am acutely aware of how long it is taking to deliver necessary improvements that are literally decades overdue, and I will continue to push for progress.

As always, please contact me at 703-549-3203 or [DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us](mailto:DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us) anytime on any issue.

Sincerely,

David Englin

*PB - Please share this with your members. Thanks!*



Letter below from Virginia House of Delegates David Englin (*continued on page 5*); Reprinted with permission



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
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FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

July 24, 2006

Mr. Josh Delmonico  
President, JMCA  
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Dear Mr. Delmonico, *Josh*

This letter is to update you on my efforts to deliver on the remaining phases of the Jefferson Manor Public Improvement Project to repair the crumbling streets and sidewalks that continue to plague much of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood.

As you know, Phase I (Farmington Drive, Farnsworth Drive, and part of Edgehill Drive) and Phase II-A (Jefferson Drive and part of Monticello Road) of the project were completed some time ago. However, the fact that some Jefferson Manor residents have benefited from new sidewalks and streets and others continue to live with dilapidated curbs and roads only highlights the unfair disparity among neighbors who pay the same taxes and deserve the same service from their government.

The good news is that Phase II-B, which covers improvements to Fort Drive, is fully funded, and you can expect to see that work begin in 2007.

Unfortunately, Phase III (Edgehill Court, Albermarle Drive, part of Edgehill Drive, and part of Fairhaven Avenue) and Phase IV (Williamsburg Road, part of Monticello Road, and part of Fairhaven Avenue) have been on hold for some time because of the estimated \$17 million cost.

After meeting with Supervisor Dana Kauffman and Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer individually to discuss this issue, it became clear that the three of us would need to meet together to work out a solution. That meeting finally happened on July 5. Given the \$17 million price tag and the General Assembly's continued failure to address Virginia's statewide transportation funding crisis, the three of us decided that we would make progress more quickly by breaking down Phases III and Phase IV into sub-phases that would be easier to fund. (This approach has already worked for Phase II of the project.) Additionally, Secretary Homer agreed to have the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) use their "pavement index" to rate the streets and therefore give us the empirical data necessary to compete for state money. Following the meeting, I personally drove Secretary Homer through Jefferson Manor so he could see the disrepair firsthand.

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