



Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May-June 2008

JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303 • www.JeffersonManor.org

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Eagle Elementary

*Guest speaker from the Southeast
Fairfax Development Corp.*

- *Developments on the metro land on
North Kings Highway*

JMCA EVENTS

May 20, 7:30 p.m.

General JMCA Meeting (above)
Mount Eagle Elementary School

June 8, 1-3 p.m.

Jefferson Manor Home and
Garden Tour

June 17, 7 p.m.

JMCA Board Meeting
Mount Eagle Elementary School
Open to the Public

July 1: Newsletter ads & articles due

President's Letter

Jefferson Manor,

As spring blooms around us, it is easy to see the transition the neighborhood has made. Not just the shift from winter doldrums, but the overall community around us. For many residents, it was only yesterday when the Pagan Motorcycle gang held court on Jefferson Drive. At our recent happy hour, several of you were sharing your favorite stories of ne'er-do-well neighbors from not so long ago. Now, we eagerly look forward to our annual home and garden tour. Your neighbors are proud to show off the results of their many hours of hard work on renovations and landscaping. In August, we will again participate in the National Night Out celebration and expect to maintain our neighborhoods' record turnout. We have come a long way, and I firmly believe our best days are still in front of us.



The community around us is also undergoing vital transformations. On May 15, I will be representing our neighborhood

at the opening of the new span of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The renovation of the Huntington Gardens apartments is proceeding quickly and efficiently, thanks to the help of several Jefferson Manor residents. The new residential, office and retail development on the Metro parking lot will begin in earnest this summer. At our upcoming meeting we will be hosting members of Home Properties, Holland and Knight, and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corp. to tell us about these local projects, what the schedules are, and what sort of impact we will see in our neighborhood.

Along with these positive things in our community, we have had some negatives. This spring there were several robberies in the neighborhood. We have also seen an increase in possible boarding houses in Jefferson Manor. Fairfax County and Supervisor McKay in particular, have made this a top priority. The new strike force on illegal boarding houses is a great tool for us to use, but I need your help. Too often, neighbors do not want to be a bother to those around them and do not tell others about activities in the neighborhood that trouble them. However, without your observations, we cannot maximize our efforts to move the neighborhood forward. If you see signs of illegal boarding houses in the neighborhood (described on next page), or other things in the neighborhood that don't seem quite right, let someone know. You are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. With your assistance we will continue to improve Jefferson Manor and make it a better place to live.

Have a safe and happy kickoff to the summer season.

Chris Soule, President

Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

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 information, visit: www.JeffersonManor.org or email us at: info@JeffersonManor.org.

JMCA Board Members

(4/2008–3/2009)

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JMCA Activities

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Land Use Committee
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Neighborhood News Newsletter

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

Kristina Mann, Editor-in-chief
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Baby (Girl) Boom!

Have you noticed lots of little girls out and about in the neighborhood? Lots of parents have been wondering if it's just a fluke, so Rachel Haws of Edgehill Drive, a Ph.D. student in maternal and child health at Johns Hopkins, is assembling a list of our little ones born in Jefferson Manor. So far, 20 of 28 babies and pregnancies on the list are girls! She needs your help to make sure the list is complete. If you have a child under age 2 as of April 15, 2008 or you are pregnant now (or if you have any neighbors who fit this description), please contact Rachel at rachel_a_haws@yahoo.com.



Love Birds? Help with Nestwatch

Last summer, a program officer from the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center helped me net birds in my backyard to study migratory songbirds in our area.



We weighed and tagged the birds and now I am watching to see if the birds returned to nest again this year. I keep a log and later this summer we will try to renet the birds to track their health and vitals. So far, of the six birds we tagged, I have only spotted one—a mockingbird.

You can help by noticing if you see any birds in your yard with two brightly colored bands on their legs. If you spot one, please email me at cgrenewald@yahoo.com. Let me know what it was (or what it looked like) and where you saw it.

To find out more about Nestwatch, visit http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/Research/Neighborhood_Nestwatch/Newsletter/about_nn.cfm.

Boarding Houses

The number of suspected boarding houses has increased in Jefferson Manor. Fairfax County has a task force in place to help address the issue, but they need our assistance to be most effective. Fairfax County defines a boarding house as a residence with four or more unrelated people living together in one house. What makes this an issue to the residents of our neighborhood is that in many cases boarding houses are over-occupied, don't provide adequate fire and life safety protection to the residents of those houses, and endanger neighboring houses.

If you suspect a property is a boarding house, please use the online form provided through the JMCA website and our Neighborhood Watch to report a suspected property (http://www.jeffersonmanor.org/watch/add_incident.php). Please also provide license plate numbers of the cars present, as it will better assist the county.

For more information on Fairfax County's Enhanced Code Enforcement Strike Teams, visit their website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/striketeam/>.

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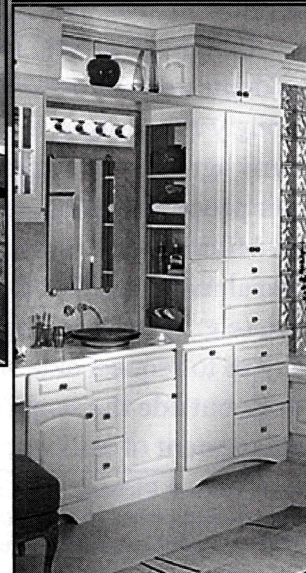
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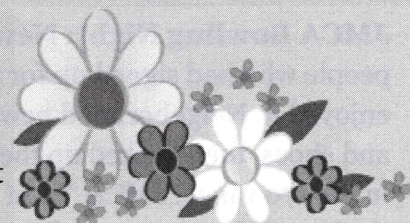
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Jefferson Manor Home and Garden Tour

Yes, it's that time of year again. The neighborhood looks its best covered with spring flowers, and our annual Home and Garden Tour, scheduled for Sunday, June 8, from 1-3 PM, will provide those of you who have done great things with your residences to show them off to your neighbors, and those who are thinking of doing something new or different to see what others have done.



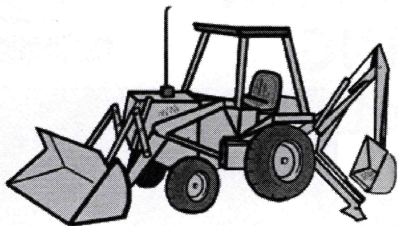
This tour has been very popular in the past, and is a useful way for residents to get new ideas on home and garden remodeling. We are looking forward to having a great event, but we're a few houses short of what we had last year, and we'd like to get it back up to that level.

If you are proud of the things you've done with your house, and would be willing to share it with your neighbors for part of one afternoon, please email Sue Guss-Berson, organizer of the tour, at susegb@netscape.net. We need to have all the houses finalized within the next week or so in order to get everything organized and the brochures printed in time.

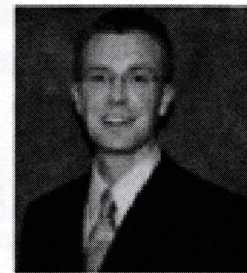
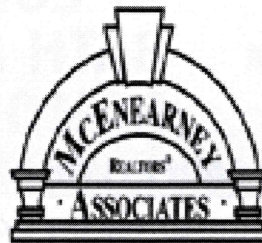
If you are not prepared to participate as a home "showcaser" this year, I encourage you to join the tour as a home "tourist"—you'll get lots of food for thought, and we might even have some more material refreshments! Tickets for the tour are \$5 each, and can be purchased from Social Committee Chairman Jim Martin (social@jeffersonmanor.org, 5922 Williamsburg) or Tour Organizer Sue Guss-Berson (susegb@netscape.net, 5825 Edgehill) starting May 20 through the day of the event. Tickets will also be available at the JMCA General Meeting on May 20.

Fort Drive Update

The end is near! The Fort Drive construction project is still on schedule to be completed by July or early August. Residents with questions or concerns should contact Todd Minnix of Fairfax County at 703-324-5116 or wesley.minnix@fairfaxcounty.gov. In light of several recent disputes between residents and county officials, residents are strongly encouraged to obtain written confirmation of any agreements regarding work to be done on their properties. Also, residents should contact Mr. Minnix ASAP with any requests for the use of special materials that deviate from the standard plan (e.g., special railings). Residents have until May 16 to request side work from the contractor (work outside the scope of the plan, such as replacement of walkway areas).



Please contact Richard Ewell at transportation@jeffersonmanor.org or 703-408-0812 with questions or concerns about the Fort Drive project.



Happy 60th Anniversary, Jefferson Manor!
I am a Jefferson Manor resident who cares about our community. We can discuss your real estate needs while you are walking the dog, enjoying a cup of coffee at Janet's Java, or just working in the garden.

Keep Jefferson Manor a beautiful place to call home!

Your Neighbor,
Tim Royster

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703-609-1463 cell
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The JMCA Social Whirl

- **JMCA Bowling Night: Newcomer Shawn Dominates, JMCA Prez Masticates:** Most of the 10–12 people who had signed up for the March 25 event at Alexandria lanes were no-shows, but those who came enjoyed it. Neighborhood newcomer Shawn Ulrick (Monticello Rd.) showed up with his own bowling ball and shoes, then backed up the hype by bowling strikes or spares in his first four frames, en route to a score in the 170 range. JMCA “First Lady” Marissa Soule and Social Committee Chair Jim Martin fought it out for the lesser places, eventually coming within 10–20 pins of Shawn (that’s COMBINED, folks). JMCA Prez Chris Soule showed up for the second game and did his best to make his wife’s game look good. Shawn left after two games to take care of his dog, no doubt on the (probably correct) assumption that the three-legged pooch could provide more competition. Marissa also sat out the last game to laugh. Pressure off, the two remaining gladiators finally started to flirt with respectability (i.e., triple digits). Jim started fast and held on. Chris, after having over the course of the first two games developed an intimate relationship with the gutter that should have made his wife suspicious, went strike, spare, strike on his last four balls to fall just short of taking the “W”.
- **JMCA Happy Hour:** Again in response to your requests, this event at Janet’s Java on May 3 drew 15–20 neighbors and netted several new 2008 JMCA memberships. All enjoyed the company and Janet’s libations and munchies.
- **Looking Ahead:** June 8 is the JMCA Home and Garden Tour (see p. 3). We still would like to organize a trip to see the Nationals play in their new stadium, perhaps in late June—stay tuned. Our July general meeting typically doubles as a Happy Hour at Janet’s Java. National Night out (August) and the JMCA annual picnic (September) will follow. Some of you expressed interest in a weekend bowling event, so maybe we will try that in the fall. If you have ideas for future events, feel free to contact me at social@jeffersonmanor.org.

—Jim Martin

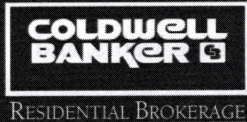
Neighbor News

- Tim and Yee Peng Royster of Farnsworth Drive welcomed Emelyn Li Sien Royster on April 16. She is their first child.
- Todd Holmes and Stefanie Lockwood moved to Fairhaven Avenue earlier this year. They originally moved east from Los Angeles for grad school and then decided to settle in the area. Todd is a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, and Stefanie is a community-based therapist working with at-risk kids in DC.
- There is a happy ending to the story of “metro dog,” a stray that was first spotted living around the Huntington metro last September (he had probably been living in the woods for months before that). After eluding numerous attempts at capture and a lengthy adoption process, “Shadow” is now living happily with Julie Sibbing of Edgehill Drive. Julie asks for patience from other dog owners as she continues her efforts to socialize him to other dogs.

Linda McKethan
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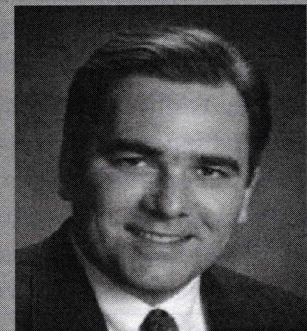
- JMCA Treasurer Richard Ewell left the Federal Election Commission to work in the Department of Labor’s Solicitor’s Office attached to OSHA. He will work in the same building as his wife Maggie, who works in DOL’s Employment & Training Administration, and their daughter Sarah (in DOL daycare).
- Shannon Lindauer of Fort Drive has accepted a new job with LexisNexis as the Federal Proposal Manager.

Please send Neighbor News submissions to Richard Ewell at treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org.



JEFFERSON MANOR REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT — SPRING 2008

Status	Address	BR	BA	List\$	Sold\$	Settled
Sold	6000 Williamsburg	2	2	\$339000	\$325000	4/23/08
Sold*	2609 Farmington	2	1	\$334900	\$335000	3/28/08
Sold*	5935 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$364900	\$364000	3/28/08
Sold	2706 Albemarle	3	2	\$424900	\$420000	3/20/08
Sold*	5906 Edgehill Dr	3	2	\$430000	\$420000	2/26/08
Sold	6018 Williamsburg	2	2	\$389000	\$374000	2/25/08
Sold	5938 Monticello Rd	2	2	\$354900	\$345000	12/27/07
Sold	2811 Fort Drive	3	2	\$374900	\$373950	12/07/07
Sold	5810 Edgehill Dr	3	2	\$386900	\$390000	12/07/07



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Neighborhood Watch Works to Increase Traffic Enforcement

Our Neighborhood Watch officer, Robbie Clift, and Mt. Vernon Traffic Officer, Stephen Cicinato, have worked in the last few weeks to increase enforcement of speed limits and traffic signs in our neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch will continue to work with the police to ensure that traffic laws are enforced in our neighborhood. Here's what you can do to help:

Support JMCA's efforts to get traffic calming.

The police can't do anything to reduce the high numbers of "cut through" drivers who use our streets. That will require restrictions by VDOT. JMCA is working on these issues and can use your help. If you are interested, email: transportation@JeffersonManor.org.

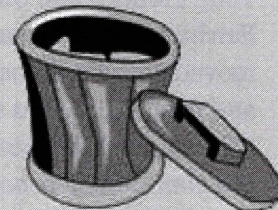
Be a pace car. You can make our neighborhood roads safer each time you drive. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association and D.C. Government recently launched a "pace car" program, in which drivers pledge to drive at or below the speed limit (<http://www.waba.org/pacecar/>). We don't have an official program here, but the same principle applies—if you stop fully at each stop sign and proceed at (or below) the speed limit, everyone behind you will automatically slow down.

Report bad drivers. Record license plate information and a description of drivers violating traffic laws in our neighborhood. Serious incidents should be reported to the police (non-emergency 703-691-2131 or 911). To get the attention of bad drivers you might not call the police about, Fairfax County Traffic Safety Watch now allows you to submit information about obvious violations of traffic laws online. The owner of the car will then be sent a letter from the county asking them to obey traffic safety laws. This is a great tool for Jefferson Manor residents to let bad drivers know that our neighborhood is watching them.

Information regarding the program can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/trafficwatch.htm>. The reporting form is at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/traf_sfty_report.htm.

Thank You, Neighborhood Cleaners!

On Saturday, April 19, more than 25 Jefferson Manor residents took to our streets and park to remove the trash that accumulated during the winter. Dozens of bags of litter and gutter-clogging debris were collected. Thank you to Julie Sibbing for organizing the event this year, to Supervisor McKay's office for providing a county dumpster for the day, and thank you to everyone who participated!



National Night Out Cookout

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5, when Jefferson Manor will be participating in its fourth annual National Night Out.

Jefferson Manor Neighborhood Watch and the JMCA will be sponsoring a free hot dog and hamburger grill-out at Matt & Rachel Haws' house at 5941 Edgehill Dr. starting at 7:00 pm. Ice cream is served at 8 pm!

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. This the 25th year National Night Out has been held nationally, and the fourth year that JMCA has participated. Last year, we had a crowd of well over 100!

Building community is at the heart of Jefferson Manor's Neighborhood Watch program. So come out on August 5 to meet your neighbors, enjoy free food, and learn how your participation in Neighborhood Watch can make Jefferson Manor better.

2007 JMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHECK ONE: ☐ RENEWAL ☐ NEW MEMBER

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



**Jefferson Manor
Citizens Association**



Any 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. Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year. Complete this application & mail with a check of money order to:

JMCA
P.O. Box 4104
Alexandria, VA 22303

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1/2 hr dog walk	\$18.00

House Sitting

& Other services

Hourly Rate

\$36.00

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The

Weekend

Dinner

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