

Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association

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



JMCA is a volunteer citizens group devoted to the betterment of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood. Membership is only \$5 annually—paid at the membership meetings or to the above P.O. Box. JMCA membership is annual, from January to December.

May 2005 Neighborhood News (Distributed Bi-monthly)

Message from the Outgoing President

It is good to see so many of you out and about now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warming up. For those that have recently moved to Jefferson Manor, I wish to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the JMCA Board and residents of the neighborhood. Jefferson Manor is a great place to live—with community involvement making it even better each day. Our location speaks for itself and people have been doing great things to their houses. The formation of Neighborhood Watch is an important ingredient in this recipe for greatness; I encourage everybody to participate.

This year the JMCA Board will also be forming committees so that people can contribute to our community in the way that suits them best. We will be forming:

- **Social committee** to organize fun things for us to do and meet our neighbors (e.g. 2 pool tables at Fast Eddies on June 7th from 8 till 10 PM)
- **Road Warriors committee** to continue pressing the "authorities that be" to complete the renovation of ALL our roads
- **Traffic committee** to help us cope with the rising tide of traffic in our area
- **Web Site committee** to design and launch a neighborhood web site
- **Newsletter committee** to organize and distribute our bi-monthly newsletter
- **Home Improvement committee** to help provide us with tips and resources for the improvement of our houses
- **Land-Use committee** to monitor and report to us local construction developments

Please consider signing up for one or more of these committees at the meeting Tuesday, May 24th. If you have additional ideas please tell one of the Board Members and we will do our best to incorporate your suggestions.

I want to publicly thank all the members of the JMCA Board for their contribution to our neighborhood. I especially want to thank Sonia Torres, Christian & Yulia Hanson, and Jeff & Christine Cridland for volunteering their time this past year. Also, thanks are in order to Ron & Dana Clabbers for their continued help this year. *Thanks for all your help; we are a better community through your work.* I have enjoyed serving as your President and hope to continue to serve our community on a variety of committees.

—Tom Rickert, JMCA President

The JMCA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2005 in the Mount Eagle Elementary School cafeteria at 7:30 PM.

We will be holding elections for the officers and board members of the JMCA, as well as discussing other neighborhood news.

Social Event:
Meet other Jefferson Manor residents while playing pool!
Tuesday, June 7th from 8 till 10 PM
at Fast Eddies Billiards
6220 Richmond Hwy

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JMCA Board Members

Please contact any of the JMCA Board Members below to make suggestions or find out how you can become more involved.

Officers

Tom Rickert, President _____ 703-329-9128
Josh Delmonico, VP _____ 703-317-0020
Dana Clabbers, Treasurer _____ 703-960-5170
Sonia Torres, Secretary _____ 703-329-1882

General Board Members

Sue Gass-Burson _____ 703-960-1017
Andrea Corsillo _____ 703-960-4973
Christian & Yulia Hanson _____ 703-329-9560
John Luddy _____ 703-960-3915
Christine & Jeff Cridland _____ 703-329-1052

Newsletter

Dawn Wyse, typesetting _____ 703-765-1767
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Sue Gass-Burson, distribution _____ 703-960-1017



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¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre JMCA?

Llame a Sonia Torres,
miembro de la junta de JMCA,
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Neighborhood Awareness

By Josh Delmonico



Last month there were a rash of car vandalisms and break-ins in the neighborhood. There were at least seven separate incidents reported over a one-week period in late March and early April. Car windows were smashed and in some cases items were stolen from the cars. The crimes remain unsolved. Several of these incidents were reported to the police and were not reported to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. It is essential that after you have called the Police and the incident is over, you report the incident to our Neighborhood Watch. Contact me at 703-317-0020 or Joshua.Delmonico@verizon.net to report an incident. This allows me to notify residents throughout the neighborhood of potential problems and I can work with the Police Department to identify crime trends, increase patrols in the neighborhood and help to deter crime in our neighborhood.

All criminal activity in the neighborhood should be reported to the Police. **If property is at risk or someone is at risk of injury or death, immediately call 911. Do not under any circumstances approach suspicious individuals or attempt to apprehend any criminals.** If you see a suspicious individual or vehicle or any non-emergency call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number: 703-691-2131.

I also wanted to make you aware of an effort being initiated by the Mount Vernon District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department to enforce highway pedestrian violations. In the past two months there have been three pedestrians struck within the Mount Vernon District boundaries. Unlike previous enforcement efforts, this initiative will include actual citations, rather than just warning tickets. In cases where minor children are stopped, where applicable, Child Protective Services will also be notified. The intent of this initiative is to correct dangerous behavior, which frankly can many times be attributed to something as simple as walking to a crosswalk or intersection. I have included several of the laws the Police will be strictly enforcing during this campaign and urge each of you to familiarize yourself and your children with them.

- § 46.2-923. *How/where pedestrians to cross highways.*
- § 46.2-925. *Pedestrian control signals.*
- § 46.2-926. *Pedestrians stepping into highway where they cannot be seen.*
- § 46.2-928. *Pedestrians not to use roadway except when necessary; keeping to left.*

Drivers need to be alert for pedestrians who cross lawfully and unlawfully. The following code section explains where the driver has the duty to yield to the pedestrian:

- § 46.2-924. *Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty.*

I have the complete text of these laws if you are interested. Call me at: 703-317-0020.

You may also find the full text for Virginia Motor Vehicle laws in the Code of Virginia at:
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC>
Click "Title 46.2" MOTOR VEHICLES. >> Click "Chapter 8" Regulation of Traffic (46.2-800 thru 46.2-947)

Pedestrian Safety Notes

Young children cannot judge the speed, distance, and size of vehicles. The National Safe Kids Campaign (NSKC) suggests that parents:

- Never allow children under age 10 to cross streets alone.
- Always model and teach correct pedestrian behavior. Cross streets at the corner. Use traffic signals and crosswalks when possible.
- Instruct children to look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT when crossing a street and to continue looking as they cross. Tell children they should never run into the street.

- Require children to wear reflective materials and carry a flashlight at dawn and dusk.
- Teach children to walk facing traffic, as far to the left as possible, where sidewalks are not available.
- Prohibit play in driveways, and in streets or parking lots.
- Advocate for the implementation of traffic-calming measures in your community (e.g. walkways that separate pedestrians from traffic, limited curbside parking, reduced traffic in residential neighborhoods, and lower speed limits).

***** IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT *****

I-95 / Telegraph Road Interchange Update

by Tom Rickert

A Construction Information Workshop is scheduled for **June 15th, 2005 at Cameron Elementary School**. The Workshop and displays will be available between 5:30PM and 9:00PM. Station topics will include:

- Telegraph Road/Huntington Avenue and Telegraph Road/N. Kings Highway grade separation.
- Community Issues: Pedestrian Connections and Proposed Detours.

There will be citizen input cards to fill out with concerns. VDOT pays a lot of attention to the comments turned in at these workshops. To receive funding, WE NEED TO ALL COMMENT:

1. that the GRADE SEPERATION AT TELEGRAPH & N KINGS HWY MUST BE DONE and
2. NOT HAVING THE FLYOVER FOR N KINGS HWY WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT TRAFFIC in Jefferson Manor.

This is the only Citizen workshop scheduled. Please attend.

Fairfax County's Noise Ordinance

Specific Prohibitions:

11 PM – 7 AM

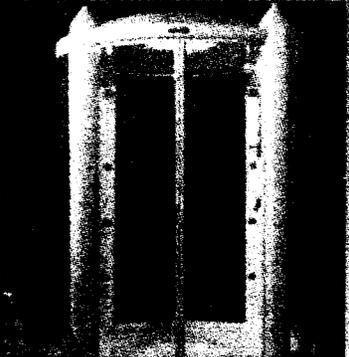
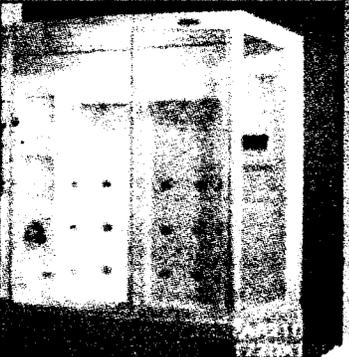
- Operating loud speakers & amplifiers (exterior)

9 PM – 7 AM

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

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VOTING FOR THE JMCA BOARD

Voting will occur at the JMCA general membership meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Mount Eagle Elementary School cafeteria. To vote or run for office you must be a member in good standing for the current year. If you have not yet paid your 2005 membership fee of \$5, you may do so at the beginning of the meeting on May 24 prior to voting. 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. We will be taking nominations from the floor, however to have your name printed on the ballot you must contact Nancy Leighton at 703-960-0432 or <nleighton@toast.net> by Friday, May 21, 2005. Nancy will be running the election proceedings at the meeting on May 24.

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. All board members must be active members of JMCA [see "JMCA MEMBERSHIP" section below]. Board members meet at a minimum of once every other month, in between general membership meetings.

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: Erica Carrado

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/Stephen Marshall

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: Dana Clabbers

Directors: Also know 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. There are a maximum of five (5) directors on the Board.

Candidates:

***Maury Audet, Andrea Corsillo,
Sue Gass-Burson, Kate Henze,
~~Tommy~~ and Darren Smith***

JMCA MEMBERSHIP

Residents over 18 years of age of the Jefferson Manor Subdivision and non-resident owners of property in the Jefferson Manor Subdivision are entitled to membership in the Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association, upon paying the membership dues of \$5 annually, January to December.

Complete the 2005 JMCA Membership Application included in this newsletter. You have the choice of: (1) mailing the application and \$5 fee to "JMCA, P.O. Box 4104, Alexandria, VA 22303" or (2) handing the application and fee to the Treasurer at the next membership meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEMBERSHIP FEE?

Your investment of \$5 to the Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association helps preserve the quality of our neighborhood. Your annual contribution helps pay for this bi-monthly newsletter, community activities [such as the summer picnic and neighborhood clean up day], and occasional community donations to the fire and police departments. The fee also helps pay for our post office box, limited postage, and meeting signs.

Make Jefferson Manor an even better place to live!





Through Trucks Prohibited

Dear Jefferson Manor Residents,

I just wanted to follow-up with you concerning an issue discussed at the last general meeting. The "Through Trucks Prohibited" sign at the top of Fort Drive is an important issue concerning Jefferson Manor residents.

Although at first glance, a sign may not seem like an important consideration of your time, but hear me out.

When Jefferson Manor was first introduced to the "one-way" traffic flow system, after the introduction of the Huntington Metro Station, it was understood by the residents that the main one way street, Fort Drive, would be an access point for residents of Jefferson Manor to get around, get in and out, and alleviate some of the "driving around in circles" that other one way traffic systems afford. However, as you may know, Fort Drive has now become a convenient cut-through for rush hour travelers who feel this is an easy fix to sitting in traffic on the Beltway, Route 1, Telegraph Road, or North Kings Highway. This cut-through traffic will be address later this summer, when FCDOT will consider a "Through Trucks Prohibited" sign at both access points to the road, but until then, we, as a community, must address the other pressing concern—the increase of commercial and construction trucks on Fort Drive.

There are two major construction projects underway near our neighborhood. The first is at the top of Fort Drive, on the land that used to be parkland owned by Metro. Stoute & Teage construction has purchased the land and is beginning construction on mixed commercial, town homes, and single-family units on that property. Also, the Morgan Group has purchased the property where the smoke shop and tattoo parlor is on North Kings Highway next to the Baptist Church and is planning to also build a mixed single family and condo-type complex. This infusion of construction and commercial vehicles will continue to access Fort Drive, unless this "Through Trucks Prohibited" sign is put in place at the corner of Fort Drive and North Kings Highway, to prevent commercial and construction vehicles from accessing our road, and causing further damage to the already crumbling pavement.

And remember, Fort Drive is almost ready for its refurbishment, so we don't want our brand new street littered with new potholes—cracking and buckling from overweight commercial trucks and being littered with fallout from construction vehicles.

Therefore, the Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association has attached a petition here for you to sign and return to the general membership meeting on May 24 (7:30 PM in the Mount Eagle Elementary School cafeteria). The petition also explains in further detail what we, as a community, are requesting, and I hope that you will take a minute, review and sign it. If you cannot make the meeting, you can drop the petition off to me at 2722 Fort Drive, or give it to any one of the board members listed in this newsletter.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Erica Carrado.