

# Jefferson Manor Newsletter



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## Nearby Development

Your input is needed! Fairfax County recently held a workshop regarding two properties nominated for redevelopment: The Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments and a combined nomination that includes the Days Inn hotel and Hawaiian Pool and Spa. You can watch the meeting recording and submit your comments online. Turn to page 4 for more details.

## March Board Elections

The JMCA Board elections will take place at the Community Meeting on March 14 at 7pm. You must be present to vote, so mark your calendar! Check out page 8 for more information.

## Elecciones de la Junta Directiva

Las elecciones de la Junta Directiva de la JMCA se llevarán a cabo durante la Reunión Comunitaria el 14 de marzo a las 7pm. Se requiere estar presente para votar, así que marque su calendario. Consulte la página 8 para obtener más información.



*Spring is coming to the Manor!  
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## Desarrollo Cercano

El condado de Fairfax realizó recientemente un taller sobre dos propiedades nominadas para remodelación: Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments y una nominación combinada que incluye el hotel Days Inn y Hawaiian Pool and Spa. Puede presenciar la reunión en línea y entregar sus comentarios. Consulte la página 4 para más información.

MARCH/APRIL 2023

## Calendar of Events

March 14, 7 p.m.  
Community Meeting

April 22  
Earth Day Park Clean Up

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## Community Meetings

March 14, 7 p.m.  
Mount Eagle Cafeteria

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# Jefferson Manor Newsletter

MARCH/APRIL

## Letter from the President

### Derek Cole

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and looking forward to Spring as much as I am! With so many green thumbs in Jefferson Manor, I am excited to see what's in store as the first blooms take hold. I'm pleased that Mother Nature took it easy on us when it comes to difficult weather over the winter (knock on wood), and I look forward to seeing many of you out and about in the warmer weather. The JMCA is busy preparing for another year of great activities and events, stay tuned!

I'd love to see you at our upcoming community meeting and annual election, at 7 pm on March 14th @ Mount Eagle Elementary. A reminder to exercise your vote, as we usher in another great group of volunteer leadership! As always, feel free to send any ideas or feedback to [president@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:president@jeffersonmanor.org). See you soon!

## Carta del Presidente

### Derek Cole

¡Espero que este boletín los encuentre bien y añoranza para la primavera venidera! Con tantos jardineros en Jefferson Manor, estoy emocionado de ver lo que saldrá cuando florezcan las primeras flores. Me complace que la Madre Naturaleza haya tomado las cosas con calma cuando se trata de un clima difícil durante el invierno, y espero ver a muchos de ustedes el clima mejor. La JMCA está ocupada preparándose para otro año de grandes actividades y eventos, ¡estén atentos!

Me encantaría verlos en nuestra próxima reunión comunitaria y elección anual, a las 7 pm el 14 de marzo en la escuela primaria Mt Eagle. ¡Un recordatorio para ejercer su voto, ya que estamos a punto de elegir a otro gran grupo de líderes voluntarios! Como siempre, no dude en enviar sus ideas o comentarios a [president@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:president@jeffersonmanor.org). ¡Nos vemos pronto!

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## Home & Garden

### GARDENING IN THE MANOR

by Colette St. Mary

The dreary winter weather is on the way out and lots of plants are starting to bud, poke their heads above the soil, or even bloom. The latest conventional wisdom is that we should try to wait until temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees to really clean out last year's foliage from our garden beds, this gives overwintering pollinators time to move out.

If you are looking to bring earlier blooms to your own yard, there are several early blooming native trees you might consider. The flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) is well known but serviceberry species are another early bloomer with white flowers (e.g., *Alamanchier laevis*, *canadensis*, or *arborea*) or for winter bloomers consider native witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana* or *vernalis*). Our native holly (*Ilex opaca*) also provides great winter color as the berries on the females are red all winter long and will bring the birds in. You can safely plant just a female as we clearly have males in the Manor.

### IN THE VEG PATCH

Believe it or not our official last frost date is April 16, and the last date for likely frost is March 26. But if you're eager to get planting there are several veg that are happy to go in the ground early. Perennial crops like asparagus and rhubarb can be put in the ground early. Likewise, root crops, which prefer to grow from seed in situ can go in, i.e., beets, rutabaga and turnips. If you prefer to start them inside, you might wait to plant seedlings until past the likely frost date or cover them if any cold actually materializes. I am also putting board bean seeds (aka fava beans). Cool weather growers like lettuce and spinach can also be started; starting those indoors will give them a head start.

Finally, bird migration will be getting underway before we know it. Douse the outside lights overnight to avoid confusing them! And don't forget to check who's flying overhead with the Cornell Migration Dashboard.

Happy Growing!

## The JMCA Welcome Wagon Rolls Again



Welcome Wagon (our gift to new renters and owners) returned last month for the first time since January 2020 since most households are now fully vaccinated! Over 150 welcome wagon gifts were delivered to our beloved neighbors. This program started in 2015 as a way to tell our newest residents how very welcome and appreciated they are.

We thank this year's delivery runners and sponsors: Animal Welfare League of Alexandria; Ashley V. Davis Realtor - Pearson Smith Realty; Balkan Grill; BP Auto Care - Telegraph Road; Chili's Restaurant; Cindy Chin Massage Services; Derek M. Cole Properties; Fit One Gym; Leading Tone Music Studio; My Guys Moving; New China Taste Restaurant; State Farm Insurance and local agent Yvette Schuler; Tom Rickert Homes; and Volunteer Alexandria.

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## Community Awareness

### TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE

The Fairfax County Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process is underway. Now is the time for your input!

The SSPA process is the County's review of proposed land use changes at individual properties. Called "nominations," properties that go through the SSPA process seek to amend the land use recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan. If approved, nominated sites can submit a detailed development concept that goes through a separate County planning and zoning process that includes studies of impacts on everything from the environment, schools, and transportation.

County staff reviews SSPA nominations, and you can weigh in on them, too. Ultimately, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will vote to adopt or reject amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Two properties close to Jefferson Manor are SSPA nominees: The Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments and a combined nomination that includes the Days Inn hotel and Hawaiian Pool and Spa.

The Cityside nomination seeks to redevelop surface parking areas near Richmond Highway to add two new residential apartment buildings and a parking structure. The Days Inn nomination seeks to add an apartment building, a parking structure and a dog park.

The Planning Commission held a public workshop on these nominations on Thursday, March 2. Go to [FairfaxCounty.gov](http://FairfaxCounty.gov) and search "SSPA" to view more background on the nominations, watch the meeting recording, and submit your comments.

Other SSPA nominations near Jefferson Manor include:

- The Rose Hill Shopping Center property
- Properties near Telegraph Road and South Kings Highway
- Properties on Vine Street near the Van Dorn Metro Station
- Properties on Beulah Street near Franconia Road

### TRANSPORTE Y USO DE SUELO

El proceso de Enmienda del Plan Específico de Sitio (SSPA) del Condado de Fairfax está en marcha. ¡Ahora es el momento de entregar sus comentarios!

El proceso SSPA es la revisión del condado de los cambios de uso de suelo propuestos en propiedades individuales. Llamadas "nominaciones", las propiedades que pasan por el proceso SSPA buscan modificar las recomendaciones de uso de suelo en el Plan Integral. Si se aprueban, los sitios nominados pueden presentar un concepto de desarrollo detallado que pasa por un proceso separado de planificación y zonificación del condado que incluye estudios de impactos en todo, desde el medioambiente, las escuelas y el transporte.

Los oficiales del condado revisa las nominaciones de SSPA y usted también puede opinar sobre ellas. En última instancia, la Comisión de Planificación y la Junta de Supervisores votarán para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas al Plan Integral.

Dos propiedades cercanas a Jefferson Manor están nominadas a SSPA: Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments y una nominación combinada que incluye el hotel Days Inn y Hawaiian Pool and Spa.

La nominación de Cityside busca alterar áreas de estacionamiento en la superficie cerca de Richmond Highway para agregar dos nuevos edificios de apartamentos residenciales y una estructura de estacionamiento. La nominación de Days Inn busca agregar un edificio de apartamentos, una estructura de estacionamiento y un parque para perros.

La Comisión de Planificación realizó un taller público sobre estas nominaciones el jueves 2 de marzo de 2023 a las 7:30 p. m. Vaya a [FairfaxCounty.gov](http://FairfaxCounty.gov) y busque "SSPA" para obtener más información sobre las nominaciones, ver la grabación de la reunión y enviar sus comentarios.

Otras nominaciones a la SSPA cercanas a Jefferson Manor incluyen:

- La propiedad del centro comercial Rose Hill
- Propiedades cercanas a Telegraph Road y South Kings Highway
- Propiedades en Vine Street cerca de la estación de metro Van Dorn
- Propiedades en Beulah Street cerca de Franconia Road

## Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

### FIRST BLOOMS AT THE SIGN

Spring is nigh and the JMCA sign island is sporting its first crocus, snowdrop, hen bit and deadnettle blossoms. These early flowers feed honeybees and native bees during this period of scarce nectar and pollen sources. Check for them in your yards.

New blooms will grace the island this year through Jake Hendee's efforts: Rattlesnake Master, Asters and Sundrops. Thank you, Jake!

With sustainability in mind, we're keeping the naturally accumulated leaf mulch that fell from the Manor's trees last fall. This will help keep weeds down and retain soil moisture as well as promote fireflies and help fertilize the island's soil.



Crocus Flowers



Hen Bit Flowers

Photos: Nate Erwin

## Upcoming Events

Here's what to put on your calendar for March and April.

### Community Meeting & Board Election

March 14, 7pm @ Mount Eagle Elementary Cafeteria  
Join your neighbors for the annual election of the all-volunteer JMCA Board.

### Earth Day & Park Cleanup

April 22, Details to follow on Facebook  
JMCA cleans up the Jefferson Manor Park every year for Earth Day.

## Upcoming Events

Agregue estos eventos a su calendario para marzo y abril:

Reunión comunitaria y elección a la junta directiva  
14 de marzo a las 7pm en la cafetería de Mount Eagle Elementary. Júntese con sus vecinos para la elección anual para la Junta Directiva de la JMCA.

Día de la tierra y limpieza del parque  
22 de abril, detalles estarán disponibles en Facebook. La JMCA limpia el Parque Jefferson Manor cada año durante el Día de la tierra.



### New Body Balance In-Home Massage Therapy

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## Art in the Manor

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## Treasurer's Report

## Informe del Tesorero

The Jefferson Manor community emerged from the shadows of the COVID pandemic and our renewed optimism resulted in an all-time record-breaking JMCA membership and event attendance! Manorites (and JM fans) generously supported the year's activities with their membership dues and funds, in-kind donations and volunteerism, resulting in a fairly level budget year although we spent more for events and an overall inflation-related rise in costs.

JMCA MEMBERSHIP	
2013	83
2014	89
2015	74
2016	59
2017	74
2018	156
2019	207
2020	120
2021	184
<b>All-time Record! 2022</b>	<b>235</b>
2023 <sup>2</sup>	151

<sup>1</sup>Paper/printing costs soared 70% in 2022, average cost is \$1 per JM address

<sup>2</sup>As of 2/27/23

La comunidad de Jefferson Manor surgió de las sombras de la pandemia y nuestro optimismo renovado dio como resultado niveles inéditos de membresía y asistencia a eventos de la JMCA! Vecinos (y fanáticos de JM) generosamente apoyaron las actividades del año con sus cuotas y fondos de membresía, donaciones en especie y voluntariado, lo cual resultó en un año presupuestario bastante nivelado, aunque gastamos más en eventos debido a aumentos en precios en general por la inflación actual.

Under the leadership of JMCA President Derek Cole, we enjoyed an emphasis on community-gathering events, something Manorites value. We reimagined the bimonthly Community Meetings to include events like a Greenstreet Gardens presentation and plant-giveaway, JMCA members-only Chili Cook-off and beer garden, and a Movie Night with popcorn and goodie bags. Other favorite annual events had high participation as well: JM Park Spring Clean-up, Community Yard Sale, 75th Anniversary Block Party (400 attendees in spite of a storm!), and Holiday Extravaganza. We continue to recognize Manorites with fun contests such as Haunt Your Manor and Light Up the Manor holiday décor showmanship opportunities.

Bajo el liderazgo de Derek Cole, presidente de la JMCA, disfrutamos de un énfasis en los eventos de reunión comunitaria, algo que valoramos. Reinventamos las reuniones comunitarias bimensuales para incluir eventos solo para miembros de la JMCA como una presentación de la empresa local Greenstreet Gardens y un obsequio de plantas, Chili Cook-off y cervecería al aire libre y una noche de cine con palomitas de maíz y bolsas de dulces. Otros eventos anuales favoritos también tuvieron una alta participación: la limpieza del Parque Jefferson Manor, la venta de garaje comunitaria, la fiesta del barrio ("block party", con ¡400 asistentes a pesar de un tormenta!) y la Holiday Extravaganza. Continuamos reconociendo a los vecinos con divertidos concursos como Haunt Your Manor y Light Up the Manor, oportunidades de exhibición de decoración festiva.

2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS*	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Dues/Donations/Merchandise	\$3,614
Newsletter Advertising	\$2,909
75th Anniversary Block Party	\$3,231
Misc. Donations (Annual Yard Sale)	\$1,381
	<b>\$11,135</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Newsletter Production <sup>1</sup>	\$3,388
Events/Activities	\$1,402
Mt. Eagle School Donation	\$1,530
JM Sign Landscaping	\$255
Administration/Website/Misc	\$1,287
75th Anniversary Block Party	\$5,958
	<b>\$13,820</b>

\*Reflects higher-dollar items, some funds deferred

La JMCA también coordinó otras actividades del vecindario: vinieron camiones de comida y hubo venta de bolsas de desechos de jardín al costo. Además se usaron las ganancias de la venta de garaje comunitaria anual (con una donación equivalente) para hacer una donación considerable a la escuela primaria Mount Eagle. ¡Incluso varios voluntarios regaron las nuevas plantaciones en el letrero del Jefferson Manor en Fort con Monticello la primavera pasada!

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## Treasurer's Report Continued

JMCA also coordinated other neighborhood activities: inviting food trucks, selling yard waste bags at cost, and using proceeds with matching funds from the annual Community Yard Sale to make a sizeable donation to Mount Eagle Elementary School. We even put out a call for a "bucket brigade" to water new plantings at the Fort-Monticello JM neighborhood sign last spring!

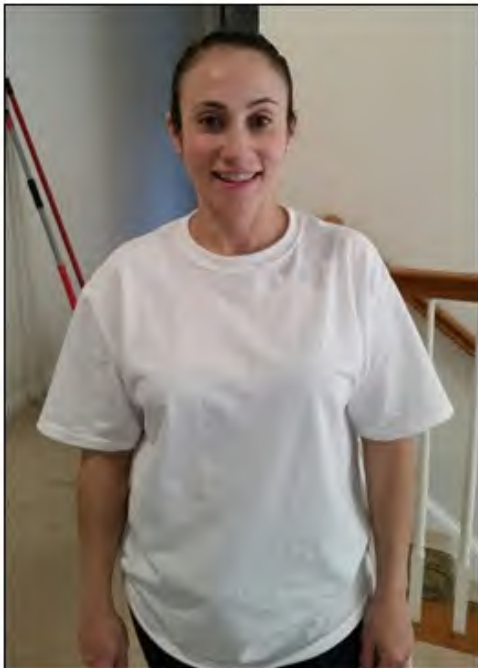
2022 BANK REGISTER*	
Beginning Balance	\$5,331
Ending Balance	\$3,337
Total Receipts	\$12,094
Total Expenditures	\$14,088

## Notice on Elections

JMCA will be voting on the 2023-24 board seats at the March 14th Community meeting at Mount Eagle at 7 p.m. Per the JMCA Bylaws, all board seats, including officers, are open for candidates for the March 2023 board election. The JMCA board organizes annual events, maintains a robust group of volunteers and brings neighbors together to commemorate milestones. The JMCA board also advocates on behalf of the neighborhood with our local government.

Stay tuned to social media for announcements on the full proposed slate for this year's elections.

**Vote on  
March  
14**



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HAS OFFER	5840 Monticello	2	2	\$569,900	TBD	TBD
CONTRACT	2621 Farmington	3	2	\$560,000	TBD	03/21/2023
CONTRACT	5921 Monticello	2	2	\$597,000	TBD	03/15/2023
CONTRACT	5919 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$570,000	TBD	03/10/2023
SOLD	2818 Fort Dr	3	2.5	\$575,000	\$570,000	11/30/2022

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**Tom's JM Track Record:**

JM assisted Sellers	156
JM assisted Buyers	52
JM assisted Landlords	72
JM assisted Renters	+ 57
<b>Successful JM Transactions</b>	<b>337</b>

The Spring market came early with many offerings that have gone under contract quickly. Even though we had a mild winter, the FED's interest rate hikes had a chilling effect on Jefferson Manor's real estate market, with no closed sales since the end of November! Price points seem to be holding. For more information on the Under Contracts just contact Tom.



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