

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



JMCA Community Meeting

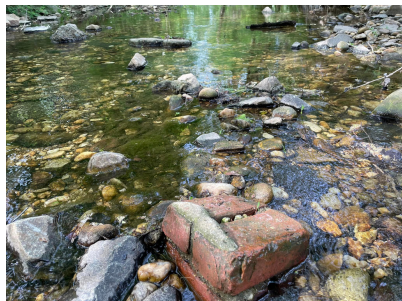
Join your neighbors and bring your green thumbs for a discussion on gardening in the Manor, presented to you by Greenstreet Gardens and Tim Williams, a friend of the neighborhood. Free seedlings/samples will be available while supplies last. Meet some new neighbors and leave with some free plants!

Jake Hendee, Manor resident and arborist at the Smithsonian Institution, will be joining us. Jake will cover "All Things Trees," giving helpful tips on managing your trees as a homeowner.

We will also be discussing community topics like road repaving and upcoming events. As always, membership renewal will be available!

A Prettier Park Post Cleanup

Manorites came together April 22 to celebrate Earth Day with a Jefferson Manor Park clean-up. About 20 volunteers had some amazing weather to spur us along, and we were finished in shortly over an hour. That's our fastest time yet and a testament to the existing condition of the park. The highlight among the trash was finding a bullet-riddled hubcap in the creek—there's sure to be a story behind that! We collected a dozen bags of trash made easier thanks to the Fairfax County Park Authority loaning us work gloves and "grabbers" and providing trash bags; JMCA provided refreshments.



*Earth Day Park Clean Up
Photos from Derek Cole*

MAY/JUNE 2023

Calendar of Events

May 16, 7 p.m.

Community Meeting

June 1, 4:30 p.m.

Summer Food Truck Kickoff

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Community Meetings

May 16, 7 p.m.

Mount Eagle Cafeteria

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MAY/JUNE

Letter from the President

Derek Cole

Hello Jefferson Manor residents! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and thinking warm thoughts to match our warmer weather. It's great to see so many people connecting outdoors as we work in our gardens, exercise and spend more time outside. Summer is almost here, and so is the busy season for the JMCA! We have a variety of great events planned, be sure to stay tuned! Our neighborhood meeting, the popular Home and Garden Tour, food trucks, our community yard sale, and more!

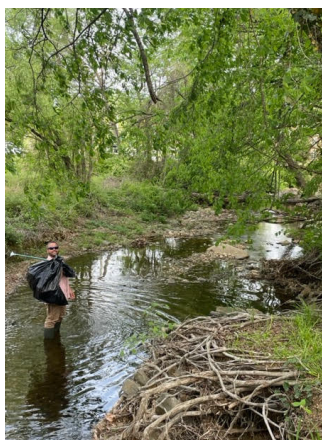
The newly elected members of the JMCA board have some exciting ideas and are working in earnest, planning fun events for JM. Our community meeting on May 16 will be centered on gardening, a very popular topic with the many green thumbs in the Manor! Join in the discussion and leave with something for your garden! We encourage you to come and meet your neighbors, and bring any questions or feedback. We want to hear from you!

Carta del Presidente

Derek Cole

¡Estimado residente de Jefferson Manor! Espero que este boletín lo encuentre bien y que esté gozando de este clima más cálido. Es genial ver a tantas personas forjando relaciones con sus vecinos mientras trabajamos en nuestros jardines, hacemos ejercicio y pasamos más tiempo al aire libre. El verano ya casi está aquí, al igual que la temporada alta para la JMCA. Tenemos una variedad de grandes eventos planeados, ¡asegúrese de estar atento! ¡Nuestra reunión vecinal, el popular recorrido por la casa y el jardín, camiones de comida, nuestra venta de garaje comunitaria y más!

Los directores recién elegidos de la junta de la JMCA tienen algunas ideas excitantes y están trabajando seriamente en la planificación de eventos divertidos para JM. ¡Nuestra reunión comunitaria del 16 de mayo se centrará en la jardinería, un tema muy popular entre los muchos aficionados a la jardinería en el Manor! ¡Únase a la conversación y salga con algo para su jardín! Lo alentamos a que venga y conozca a sus vecinos y traiga cualquier duda o comentario. ¡Queremos que todos participen!



Earth Day Park Clean Up
Photo from Derek Cole

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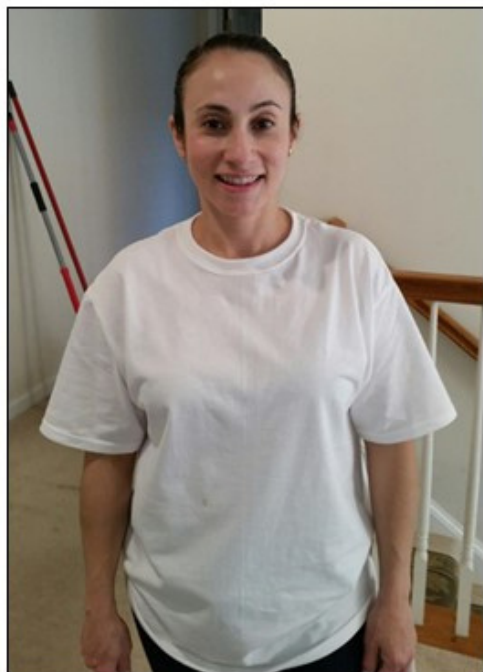
GARDENING IN THE MANOR

As expected summer is making an early arrival, or at least we are having some hot days. But this is an opportunity to extoll the benefits of clay soil! I know our clay soil gets a very bad rap – and if you're new to it, it's really challenging to work with. So let me share what I've learned. First some of the clear benefits. Clay soil is great at holding on to moisture, so a hot day does not instantly result in drooping plants. The clay also holds on to nutrients quite well, which means there's less need to be fertilizing constantly. It's hard to work, but I've realized a pitch fork style tool works quite well to loosen soil and is less affected by the small rocks that are common in the Manor. I also find a narrow cutting style shovel works quite well in clay. Of course, it's also true that heavy clay is not what some plants, and most gardeners, want. To get started on improving the soil, adding organic matter is the way to go. I'm personally a fan of leaf based composts (which don't threaten peat bog habitats), which you can get at box stores or have delivered. You can actually use this as a top dressing if you're patient because our worms will do the work of pulling it deeper into the soil. Organic mulches like pine bark or hardwood mulch will work the same way, and I often use a bit of both. I choose smaller sized mulch; this is less likely to run off with rain but also works into the soil faster. Apply these top dressings regularly and your soil will get better and better!

IN THE VEGETABLE PATCH

I'm guessing many of you have opted for raised beds for vegetable gardening, and so have I. One cost of that is the moisture-holding clay is pretty far down. In hot weather you will need to water to keep those veggies happy. Given we've jumped into summer, I've started to put in the warm-weather crops, and even seeds seem to be happily germinating so long as I keep up with the watering. Warm weather veggies include favorites like tomatoes, eggplant and peppers as well as numerous herbs, especially basil! My biggest issue these days is that squirrels love to dig in that lovely raised-bed soil, so I'm thinking I may try a cover. I prefer finer mesh screening to the loose mesh monofilament cloth (i.e., with mesh on the order of ½ inch); that monofilament "cloth" traps birds and snakes and is really a nuisance to free them from.

Happy Growing!
Colette St. Mary
local mad gardener



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Community Awareness

ROAD WORK AHEAD

It is repaving and restriping season again in the Manor, with many roads in and around our community set to be under construction in the coming months.

Spring is the beginning of the annual process that ends with hundreds of miles of roadways across the county being fixed up by the Virginia Department of Transportation. This work can also lead to new bike lanes, shoulders, crosswalks, signage and street markings.

Construction can start as early as April and will wrap up by November.

Most of the roads in the Manor are scheduled to be repaved this year, including Fairhaven Avenue, Monticello Road, Fort Drive, and nearby Bangor Drive.

The exact work dates for which roads will be repaved and when will be available about 10 days before the work begins, the county says. "No parking" signs will be posted at least three business days ahead.

The county asks that motorists be aware of temporary traffic pattern changes and that all parked cars, basketball hoops and garbage cans be removed from the street.

Work will usually be limited to outside rush hours, with crews planning to repave neighborhood streets on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/2023-paving-and-restriping-program

NEXT STOP: METRO SERVICE AND FARE CHANGES

If you like to use Metro to commute to the office or take a quick trip to the museums with the kids, there is some good news and some (not) so good news.

The Yellow Line is back!

Starting Sunday, May 7th, the Yellow Line will once again pull into the Huntington Metro Station, following many months of repairs.

Here is what's new:

- Weekdays: Trains will run every 8 minutes.
- After 9:30 p.m. and on weekends: Trains will run every 12 minutes.
- Service will run between Huntington and Mount Vernon Square.
- Customers will have to switch to Green Line service after Mount Vernon Square to reach Greenbelt. (This is what speeds up service times on the Yellow Line.)
- Blue+ service between Huntington and New Carrollton will end.

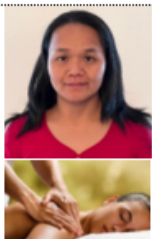
Now to the (not) so great news: Metro fares will increase starting July 1.

This is the first rate increase in five years for WMATA, and it was approved in mid-April.

Gone are the peak and off-peak pricing on weekdays before 9:30 p.m., but fares are higher for riders the farther they travel beyond the base of three miles. Maximum Metro fares are capped at \$6.

For Jefferson Manor residents, here is a breakdown:

- For example, if you plan to take a trip from Huntington to Metro Center on a weekday, it currently costs \$3.40 (off-peak) and \$4.10 (peak).
- With the increase starting July 1, that same trip will cost \$4.40 anytime from 5 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- But on weekends and weekdays after 9:30 p.m., Metro will charge a flat \$2.
- Senior/disabled rates will remain at 50% of the new pricing.
- Metro is adding a low-income program that SNAP recipients can sign up for to get reduced fares.



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A FOND FAREWELL

Nate Erwin, Jefferson Manor's resident celebrity entomologist and longtime Manorite since 1998, will be relocating to West Virginia this month—we wish him all the BEST!

Nate formerly was the director of the Smithsonian Institution's Insect Zoo and Butterfly Pavilion. He earned his "celebrity" status with a delightfully informative appearance on the David Letterman TV show discussing cicadas (<https://bit.ly/3UTARbv>). He has been our neighborhood's expert regarding insects and pollinator flowers and wrote several articles for our newsletter, highlighted with a cicada-hatching article for the July-August 2021 issue (<https://bit.ly/3N7jEsZ>).

Nate is all about giving back to his community and has been a prolific volunteer, even stepping up to provide landscaping services to our Jefferson Manor entrance sign at the Fort-Monticello intersection the past three years, literally making it blossom with flowers and plantings! He even provided a map in the July-August 2021 newsletter to inform our residents and for the youngest Manorites to explore.

Those of us who engaged with Nate regularly enjoyed his wonderful sense of humor and how he'd end conversations with an eye-rolling joke or pun. His scientific and nature expertise has served us all well and we may find the Manor a bit less colorful with his departure. We send our appreciation and a fond fare-thee-well to Nate!



Photos from Nate Erwin

Upcoming Events

Here's what to put on your calendar for May and June.

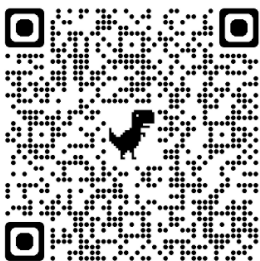
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About the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

Mission of JMCA

JMCA is a volunteer organization dedicated to the betterment of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood. JMCA advocates for the interests of the neighborhood, plans and coordinates social and charitable activities, and provides information and services for neighborhood residents.

La meta de la JMCA

La JMCA es una organización de voluntarios dedicados al mejoramiento de la vecindad de Jefferson Manor. La JMCA aboga por los intereses de la comunidad tanto como planear y coordinar actividades sociales y caritativas y proveer información y servicios para los residentes de la vecindad.

Connect with Your Neighbors

Visit the JMCA website (jeffersonmanor.org) to see the neighborhood events calendar, answers to FAQs, neighborhood history, and our newsletter archive.

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www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersonmanor

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- Neighborhood Watch
- Transportation and Land Use Committee
- Parents Group
- Social Committee
- Welcome Wagon
- Newsletter distribution

Email newsletter@jeffersonmanor.org if you'd like to contribute articles to the newsletter.

2023 JMCA Membership

Who should join the JMCA?

- All residents of Jefferson Manor over the age of 18, renters and owners
- All non-resident owners of property in Jefferson Manor

How are dues spent by the JMCA?

- Organization of community events that bring residents of Jefferson Manor together
- Publishing this bi-monthly newsletter
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SOLD	2801 Fairhaven	2	2	\$560,000	\$565,000	04/21/2023
SOLD	2700 Fairhaven	2	1	\$420,000	\$466,000	04/17/2023
SOLD	2715 Albemarle	3	3	\$589,900	\$610,000	04/17/2023
SOLD	2719 Jefferson	2	2	\$594,999	\$600,000	04/11/2023
SOLD	5865 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$575,900	\$600,000	04/06/2023

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