

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



YOU'RE INVITED!

ANNUAL JEFFERSON MANOR BLOCK PARTY 4-7 PM SEPTEMBER 30

We are celebrating the Manor! Get excited for: food trucks, dessert potluck, beer garden, live band, alpaca petting zoo, Kids Zone and MORE! Visit local vendor booths to check out their offerings and **PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS** to win awesome prizes---it's a **JM FESTIVAL OF FUN!** Hosted by our neighborhood's all-volunteer civic association board comprised of neighbors like you, the JMCA has your interests at heart and we have invited favorite Manor contractors and local businesses to participate. **STAY TUNED for live updates** on our [JM Facebook Group](#).



THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS--SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR OPPORTUNITIES!

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

Calendar of Events

September 12, 7 p.m.
Community Meeting

September 30, 4-7 p.m.
Annual Jefferson Manor Block Party

November 4, 1-4 p.m.
Community Meeting and Members-
only Chili Cook-off

December 9
Holiday Extravaganza

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Social Media

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersonmanor

Fairfax County Phone Numbers

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(703) 691-2131

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Assistance
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Letter from the President Derek Cole

As the summer heat begins to fade, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of our favorite season, fall. It's a time of vibrant colors, cooler weather and fun community gatherings. We are excited to announce two events that highlight the spirit of Jefferson Manor.

Mark your calendars for September 30th, as we host our annual Jefferson Manor Block Party. Food trucks, a petting zoo, live band, face painters, local vendors, and chances to meet our local emergency services and elected officials! All is free for everyone to participate!

As a token of our gratitude for your continued support, we're hosting a Membership Appreciation Chili Cook-off on November 4th. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just enjoy a hearty bowl of chili, this event is a great opportunity to showcase your culinary skills and savor delicious homemade creations. If you're not a member yet, there's still time to join and take part.

Thank you for being a part of the Jefferson Manor Civic Association. Your support helps us make our neighborhood the most welcoming and wonderful place to call home.

Cheers.
Derek Cole



A NOTE FROM THE JMCA TREASURER

Neighbors like you make all the difference to what an all-volunteer neighborhood civic association like the JMCA can do for its community! While the JMCA typically takes the lead on larger events, we invite our neighbors to participate as well! Offer to volunteer, take the lead on organizing a food truck or a clean-up effort at JM Park, find speakers to present a topic of interest at our bimonthly meetings or offer ideas to support our community efforts. Voluntary annual household dues are modest – just \$20 per year or \$35 for two – and fund big events and smaller activities, the printed newsletter and expenses like our website and P.O. box. **Neighbors like you** also make up the all-volunteer JMCA Board of Directors who direct these efforts.

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JEFFERSON MANOR ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

September 30, 2023

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ABOUT US First established in 1947 to provide homes to the veterans of World War II, Jefferson Manor is a vibrant neighborhood in Fairfax County, Virginia (Alexandria) with almost 600 side-by-side homes and two large apartment complexes. Our thousands of active neighbors range from lifelong residents to new families and working professionals. We have a 1,200+ member social media presence and the neighborhood has even been featured on the local news for its activities.

JEFFERSON MANOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (JMCA) The JMCA is a robust volunteer organization dedicated to cultivating a sense of community by advocating for the interests of the neighborhood, planning and coordinating social and charitable activities and providing information and services for neighborhood residents.

The **Jefferson Manor Annual Block Party** provides an excellent opportunity for you to support the local community and promote your business! Here's how:

PLATINUM - \$500 (limited to 5)	PLATINUM Sponsorship Includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your name on entrance sign Advance and post-event promo in JM FB group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime location Your own table/canopy Complimentary full-page ad in JM Newsletter (\$210 value) Acknowledgment in JM President's remarks Your name listed <i>at top of</i> Sponsors Recognition in JM Newsletter and Facebook group
GOLD - \$300 (limited to 5)	GOLD Sponsorship Includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your name on entrance sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your own table/canopy Complimentary 1/2-page ad in JM Newsletter (\$110 value) Acknowledgment in JM President's remarks Your name listed on Sponsors Recognition Page of JM Newsletter and Facebook group
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your name on entrance sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your own table/canopy Complimentary 1/4-page ad in JM Newsletter (\$60 value) Acknowledgment in JM President's remarks Your name listed on Sponsors Recognition Page of JM Newsletter and Facebook group
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STAR - Donations	STAR Sponsorship Includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your name on Donor Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in JM Newsletter and Facebook group

JEFFERSON MANOR ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

September 30, 2023

OTHER SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Fund an opportunity and a **thank-you sign with your information is posted with it**. Partial and co-sponsorships welcome. Sponsorships/Donations acknowledged in JM Newsletter and Facebook group. Contact Treasurer@JeffersonManor.org

OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL BENEFITS	PRICE
Food Truck (2)	Food trucks serve two varieties food for up to 150 meals each. \$1,500 ea. co-sponsorships available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-page JM Newsletter ad • Entrance/truck signs • President's remarks • Event table space 	\$3,000
Face-Painting (Co-sponsorship)	Face painters (2) for children, adjacent to Kids. *(1) \$375 co-sponsorship available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$750*
Beer Garden	Private residence with beer and adult beverages, light snacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$600
Petting Zoo -SPONSORED!-	Private residence with (2) alpacas, goat rental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$600
Music Package -SPONSORED!-	The Vandelay's cover band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$600
Restroom Package	Portable restroom (1) rental and supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$375
Beverage Package -SPONSORED!-	Bottled water and soda assortment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$300
Swag Bag (10)	Bag with JM t-shirt and your promo products, labeled with your info.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$250
Dessert Potluck	JM neighbors provide heat-stable desserts. Sponsor supplies: plates/utensils/napkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$200
Kids Zone -SPONSORED!-	(80) grab bags of small toys, treats; play area with activities adjacent to face painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$200
Puppy Zone -SPONSORED!-	Dog friendly area at end of site with water/treats/poo bags and receptacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event table space 	\$200
Water Stations (2)	Water coolers for refillable bottles, cups		\$50
Other	Donate your custom cups, swag, etc.		VARIES
DONATIONS	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL BENEFITS	VALUE
Donor Board STAR Level	Sign with list of donors	Announced in JM Newsletter and Facebook Group	VARIES
Gift Items	Prize-drawing/raffle: e.g. gift cards, memberships, tech, home goods, gift baskets		VARIES

*Jefferson Manor
Civic Association
Members Only,
Appreciation Event!!*

Chili

**COOK OFF
AND BEER TASTING!**

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH**

1-4 PM- 2800 FAIRHAVEN AVENUE

Prizes awarded to "Grand Champion" and
"Most Exotic" chili entries.

Featuring beer tasting selections from our friends at
Heavy Seas Brewery!

See Facebook event page for rules
and additional details!

Email president@jeffersonmanor.org
to enter!

**FREE WITH CURRENT
JMCA MEMBERSHIP!
YOU CAN RENEW / JOIN
AT THE EVENT!**



Community Awareness

UPDATE FROM THE MOUNT EAGLE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION BY ANDY FRASSETTO ON BEHALF OF THE MOUNT EAGLE PTO OFFICERS

The Mount Eagle Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization (<https://mteaglepto.com/>) was reinvigorated last fall after a pandemic hiatus, and it has been working with Principal Jean Consolla and the team at Mount Eagle to support the staff and students of our neighborhood school.

Highlights from last year include Bingo and Multicultural nights for students and their families, an Earth Day planting in the garden, and appreciation events for teachers and staff throughout the year, including a visit from the neighborhood alumnus Captain Cookie truck.

During the 2023-2024 school year, we are focused on three main goals:

- **Fundraising to support class field trips** - Each grade at Mount Eagle is planning to take at least one field trip during this school year. These cannot be supported with public funds through Fairfax County Schools. Our goal is to raise \$7,000 so that each student can have equal access to these memorable forms of enrichment.
- **Staff appreciation** - The last few years have been challenging for educators as well as students, and we support events (at least one per quarter) that break up the routine and thank the teachers and support staff at Mount Eagle for their exceptional work.
- **Building extra student resources** - The PTO is looking for volunteers to help Mount Eagle's community garden, and we will be collaborating with the school and other community groups to add potential extracurricular activities or resources that would enhance the learning environment of the school.

You can reach out to the PTO at mteaglepto@gmail.com or find one of us in person at the upcoming JMCA Block Party if you have feedback relating to these topics or more, and especially regarding potential fundraising sources or partnerships. Any and all ideas about how to build the most positive and impactful community at Mount Eagle are welcome!

The Mount Eagle PTO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible. Any donations from the Jefferson Manor community are greatly appreciated!



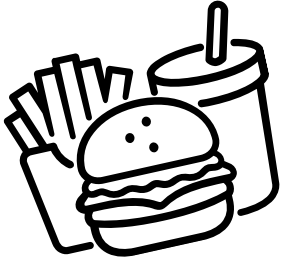
VIRGINIA ELECTIONS ARE NOVEMBER 7

Don't wait for the last minute -- make a plan now! Register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot online using Virginia's Citizen Portal at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal>.

- What's on the ballot: House of Delegates, State Senate, Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, School Board, Sheriff, Soil & Water Conservation Directors. See sample ballots at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/sample-ballots>
- First day of in-person early voting at Government Center: Friday, September 22
 - Watch <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/early-voting> for information on satellite early voting schedules and locations (Franconia and Mt. Vernon Government Centers are usually available)
- Deadline to register online or by mail to vote, or to update an existing registration: October 16
 - Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot
- Deadline to apply for a ballot to be mailed to you: October 27 by 5:00 p.m.
- The last day of in-person early voting: Saturday, November 4
- Last chance to vote: Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mount Eagle Elementary School.



Recent and Upcoming Events



FOOD TRUCKS JULY 5 AND 26

Neighbors like you can organize events that benefit our JM community! Food trucks are one example of how Manorites can set up activities for us all to enjoy. One neighbor invited two trucks to our neighborhood for some ready-made dinners during the hot summer nights: A Toda Madre Mexican and Empanadas de Mendoza Argentinian style visited us in July and August.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1

More than 100 Manorites supported **National Night Out on August 1 at Jefferson Manor Park!** This annual event recognizes our neighborhood's police-community partnership. Manorites were able to meet Mount Vernon District Police* representatives, local firefighters and Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk. We even had a kids area with hula hoops, games and balloons. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs and snacks with root beer floats. Even JM doggos had ice cream and treats! Leftover root beer float supplies were shared with teachers and staff preparing for students at Mount Eagle Elementary School.

**Mount Vernon District Police serve Jefferson Manor although we are in the Franconia District governance area.*



HAUNT YOUR MANOR CONTEST

Get ready to Haunt Your Manor!

Here's how the Haunt Your Manor contest works:

- Stay tuned in the JM Facebook Group for how to sign up online
- Gather your ghouls, pull the skeletons out of the closet and decorate your home by the end of the day October 22
- A panel of judges (to be announced) will Zombie Walk around Jefferson Manor to view displays starting October 22
- Only decorations that are viewable from the street will be subject to judging. The judging panel will not Monster Mash inside homes or yards
- The judges will grade the displays on the following three criteria
 - Originality - unique design and creative use of decorations
 - Arrangement - display and placement of decorations
 - Presentation - overall "wow factor" and curb appeal
- First, Second and Third place winners will be selected.
- Be creative, be spooky and have fun!



If you have any questions about the contest or if you'd like to be a judge, contact the JMCA at info@jeffersomanor.org.

Home & Garden

GARDENING IN THE MANOR

After the couple of months we've had, we must all be in a love-hate relationship with trees. But as I see so many trees coming down, I must extoll their benefits to urban settings like ours – and I'm not just talking about compact trees "suited" to our small yards but substantial, shade-providing trees of 30 to 50 feet.

Such trees are keystone members of our ecosystem. But equally important is what large shade trees do for our neighborhood environment. Large canopy trees can reduce the radiant heat at sidewalk level dramatically – 20 to 40 °C! (Reach out if you'd like the reference.) In the face of climate change, urban settings will be even more reliant on trees to reduce the heat effects of our built environment. And it is not just our comfort that improves, tree cover reduces the heat accumulation of our homes, naturally cutting cooling costs.

At the same time, no one wants to fear a storm bringing a limb or an entire tree into their home. How can we reduce that risk? The solution is not to remove large trees; instead, a certified arborist can make a professional assessment. Arborists can advise you on how to maintain the health of your trees, and alert you if a tree or limb is beyond saving.

It's important to recognize that some established trees will be nearing the end of their life span in a neighborhood as old as ours. And just as we age, trees near the end of their life span are weakened, cannot repair damage, and will even start to fail.

Once you've lost a tree, how to replace it is a big decision. I encourage you to do a bit of research – consider a tree's mature size, how rapidly it will grow, its life span, the moisture level it prefers and what wildlife it might attract. There are lots of resources on the web, but one place I will point you to is plantnovanatives.org; they have nicely organized information about trees for our area.

Finally, a fall seed swap is planned! Our President and Secretary will host us at 2800 Fairhaven on Sunday Oct 15, 2023 from 9:30-12:30. More details to come via a Facebook and Jefferson Manor event.

Happy gardening!
Colette, your local mad gardener

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Seed Swap
October 15
9:30am-12:30pm



Upcoming JMCA Events

Here's what to put on your calendar for September-October.

Community Meeting

September 12, 7 p.m. @ Mt. Eagle Cafeteria

Annual Jefferson Manor Block Party

September 30, 4-7 p.m.

Haunt Your Manor Decorating Contest

October 22

Community Meeting and Members-only

Chili Cook-off

November 4, 1-4 p.m. @ 2800 Fairhaven Ave

Holiday Extravaganza

December 9

Light Up the Manor Decorating Contest

December 12

Fire Truck Santa

Mid December (TBD)



Advertise in the Newsletter

Ad Size	Price per issue
Full page	\$210
1/2 page	\$110
1/4 page	\$60
1/8 page	\$35

For advertising information, contact the JMCA Treasurer at treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org.

Jefferson Manor Citizens Association

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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.



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
- Engagement in regional initiatives that improve the quality of life in the Neighborhood, like National Night Out and the Park Clean-up Day

JMCA Membership Form

Name(s): _____

JM Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

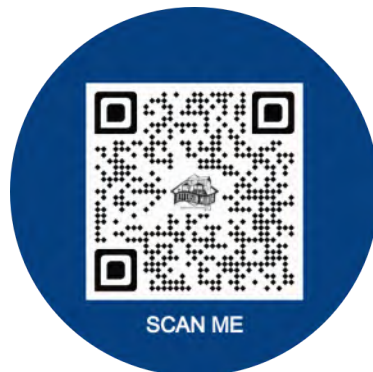
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☐ Renewing Member

Choose One:

- ☐ One year Household [\$20]
☐ Two year Household [\$35]
☐ One year Senior 55+ [\$10]

Total \$ _____

- ☐ Cash
☐ Charge
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☐ Paypal
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JMCA accepts additional funds outside of dues to bolster financial support for community activities and events. If you would like to make a donation, include the additional amount here \$ _____

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Management.

Status	Address	BR	BA	Listed \$	Rented \$	Close Date
RENTED	2802 Jefferson Dr	2	1	\$2,800	\$2,800	08/16/2023
RENTED	2614 Jefferson Dr	2	2	\$2,700	\$2,700	08/10/2023
RENTED	5825 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$2,700	\$2,700	07/13/2023
RENTED	5922 Williamsburg	3	2	\$2,600	\$2,600	07/12/2023
RENTED	2607 Farmington	2	2	\$2,800	\$2,800	07/03/2023
RENTED	5951 Williamsburg	3	2.5	\$2,950	\$3,100	06/25/2023
RENTED	2727 Fort Drive	2	1	\$1,995	\$1,995	06/09/2023

Moving, but want to keep your property in Jefferson Manor?
Tom can help you get your property ready, get it rented, and
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Contact Tom for a list of JM Management client references.

Tom Rickert / Realtor
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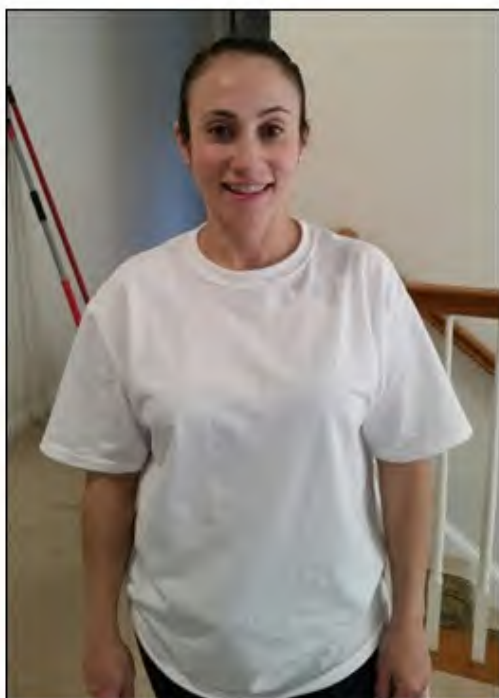
Tom's Jeff Manor Record:
JM assisted Sellers 156
JM assisted Buyers 52
JM assisted Landlords 74
JM assisted Renters + 59
Successful JM Transactions 341



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