

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



A JEFFERSON MANOR BLOCK PARTY TO REMEMBER!

The September 30 annual JM Block Party was **our BEST ever** with an estimated 400 attendees and 17 sponsors/booths/activities that provided something for everyone! **Your neighborhood civic association, the JMCA, hosted this community-gathering event** that was paid for with your **JMCA dues**, generous **donations from Manorites** and **sponsorships** from local businesses and neighbors doing business in the Manor. **Thanks to all of them and you**, the \$6,000 event costs were 80% covered, with the balance paid for with JMCA funds. This was an amazing feat considering we typically average \$3,000 in available funds throughout the year for the many events and activities our community looks forward to. **AND ALL AT NO COST TO ATTENDEES**, how about that!

BLOCK PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vandelay's cover band was funded by **PLATINUM Sponsor and Donor Derek Cole Properties** provided the background sound energy to keep us tapping our toes and feeling the mood. Hear them in the background of an **awesome video** (<https://rb.gy/rna2r>) by **Derek Cole Properties** taken from atop a county ladder firetruck!

Alpacas Petting Zoo was a super soft snuggling opportunity (say that ten times fast!) was sponsored by **PLATINUM Sponsor Ashley Davis Homes**.

Food Trucks - Burgorilla and Miso Honey provided **300 meals** to attendees **paid for by the JMCA** with support from **PLATINUM Sponsor First Savings Mortgage Corporation** and other sponsors.

Kids Zone - An area next to the Face Painters with 80 goodie bags funded by **GOLD Sponsor Schuler Insurance Agency/StateFarm**. They are located at the corner of Farmington Dr and Telegraph Rd. Swing by their bright offices to see what they have to offer us Manorites.

Face Painters - always a hit with our kiddos, co-funded by **GOLD Sponsor Tom Rickert Homes and the JMCA**. Over 70 kids (and some adults) enjoyed being festively decorated.

Beer Garden - hosted by **GOLD Sponsor Heavy Seas Beer** and always a gathering spot for Manorites to meet-n-greet.

Dessert Potluck - Manorites showcased their dessert skills with sweets and treats.



BUT WAIT, YOUR JMCA PROVIDED EVEN MORE!

A portable restroom ("Port-a-Potty"), signs and our new JMCA booth banner, trash supplies, paper goods for the Dessert Potluck, LOTS of ice and beverages in coolers loaned by Manorites—thank you, volunteers and donors! **VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU** provided the muscle to move this machine! From the JMCA Board of Directors to neighbors who like to "give back," we pulled off setting up this event and taking it down (in the dark, no less) and cleaning up in no time. This event was a great example of ways you can contribute to our community events.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Calendar of Events

Community Meeting and Members-only Chili Cook-off

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

Holiday Extravaganza

December 9, 2-5 p.m.

Light Up the Manor Decorating Contest

December 11

Community Meeting

January 9, 7 p.m. @ Mount Eagle ES

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www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersonmanor

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OTHER GOLD SPONSORS

Manorite and owner of **Metropolitan Dental Centre**, **Caitlin Hulver DDS** showcased a great business booth and opportunity to meet her young family.

LR Landscaping owner Luis Rodriguez (also a Manorite), who services many Manor homes, shared yummy dipped pretzel sticks at their booth and we got to meet his young family.

Telegraph BP (gas/service station) provided last-minute generous funds for the Block Party; they wanted to support the neighborhood that contributes to their business.



OTHER SILVER SPONSORS

Fur Parents know **Pampered Pet Boutique & Barkery** is the place to spoil your fur babies! They are located at the Belle View shopping center.

Our Neighborhood Bank, **Burke & Herbert**, located at Telegraph Corner, also offers general services like a coin-sorting machine, notary, safe deposit box, etc.—check them out.

Jewelry store **Petunia Studios** displayed bright and festive earrings and other items hand made by **JM resident Heather Steffen** that gave us a head start on holiday shopping!

Single Origin Teas owner and **Manor neighbor James Orrock** shared exotic tea samples—order teas now for holiday gifts.

Leading Tone Music Studio owner and **Manorite Rachel Ackerman Bowe** provided great youngster activities at her booth and has classes for all age groups.

Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk sponsored a re-election campaign booth to meet-and-greet Manor constituents.

~ S P O N S O R S ~

Jefferson Manor Block Party

PLATINUM \$500+





GOLD \$300+









SILVER \$200









BLOCK PARTY GUESTS

Mount Eagle Elementary School and its **PTO** are part of our neighborhood and provided an opportunity for parents to meet **Principal Jean Consolla** and see how they can support the PTO.

League of Women Voters provided convenient onsite voter registration for November elections.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue made a bigger-than-expected appearance with THREE trucks for our youngest (and older) Manorites to explore!

King Street Cats rescue facility was represented by some cute kittens looking for fur-ever homes and had hand-made cat beds for sale to help fund its mission.

Letter from the President Derek Cole

At year's end, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contributions and volunteer efforts in making this year of JMCA events an outstanding success. Our block party drew over 400 guests, and it was wonderful to see residents of all ages come together, enjoy the festivities and strengthen the bonds that make our neighborhood so special. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan, organize and execute the event. Your time, energy and commitment were truly remarkable, and your hard work did not go unnoticed. We look forward to our next event – the JMCA Membership Appreciation Chili Cookoff! Not a JMCA member? You can renew your membership or sign up at the event!

As we head into a new year, we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead for the JMCA. We are actively seeking new board members to serve and continue the mission of enhancing our community. If you are interested in taking a more active role in shaping our neighborhood and would like to be considered, please let us know at info@jeffersonmanor.org. Annual elections for the JMCA board positions will be at the March community meeting.

On behalf of the JMCA board, I wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. May it be filled with health, happiness and success.

Cheers!
Derek Cole

JMCA Board of Directors

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Join the JMCA nominating committee

As the year winds down, it's time to start thinking about next year's JMCA Board. How can you help? If you're interested in serving on the Board, stay tuned! During December, we'd like to convene a nominating committee to identify vacancies and recruit a slate of candidates to run for next year's board. Committee members will identify, recruit, screen, and interview candidates for the board. If you have a vision for the future of JMCA, but not the bandwidth for a year-round leadership role, this is the committee for you! The nominating committee will develop next year's slate during January and February, with the election scheduled for March, after which the committee will dissolve. Just a few hours of volunteering to get you through the dark winter months and set JMCA on the right course for 2024. If you'd like to help, email vicepres@jeffersonmanor.org

Jefferson Manor Citizens Assn
Members-Only Appreciation Event!!



Chili



COOK-OFF AND BEER-TASTING!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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 JM Facebook Group 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 OR WEBSITE!



Recent and Upcoming Events

HAUNT YOUR MANOR CONTEST

- 1st Place: 5812 Edgehill Drive
- 2nd Place: 2617 Jefferson Drive
- 3rd Place: 5844 Edgehill Drive



5812 Edgehill Drive



2617 Jefferson Drive



5844 Edgehill Drive

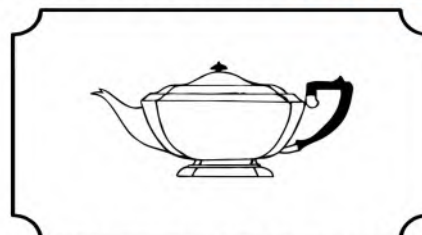


LIGHT UP THE MANOR

Details on Light Up the Manor decorating contest will be shared on the Jefferson Manor Facebook page. Last year one street had eight houses in a row, bright and twinkly. Which street will have the most this year?



SILVER Sponsor of the JM Block Party
Order now for holiday gifts! Visit SingleOriginTeas.com



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Home & Garden

GARDENING IN THE MANOR

Fall is a busy time in the garden! I'm putting together my To Do list and almost feel overwhelmed. At the top of the list is planting any new plants into the garden. Trees and shrubs in particular, but also many perennials do best planted in fall. Their roots get settled giving them a boost when spring arrives. You can continue planting as long as you can work the soil. That said, not all species appreciate this so a quick google is worth it! Next on my list is to deadhead those plants I don't want to reseed in my yard. For these I'm following the new conventional wisdom for providing pollinator habitat and cutting the stems off between 12-18" from the ground and just leaving those for native bee habitat. I'm also moving fallen leaves into my garden beds where they provide additional key wildlife habitat. In my case, I have few deciduous trees, so I will likely supplement my garden beds with some organic mulch, such as small pine nuggets. This protects the tops of plants but also enriches the soil over the winter. Beyond these things I intend to leave much of my garden just as it is. The standing plant "skeletons" provide some interest and serve as habitat and food for birds!

In the veg patch

Unlike in your flower beds, where the less you disturb in fall the better, your Veg patch needs attention. As I've admitted before, I'm quite new to vegetable gardening. So I've been madly reading. What I've gleaned is that winter is a good time to nurture your veg patch soil. You will want to remove all old crop material (with the exception of your perennial veg). Then you would like to either mulch or plant a cover crop. Either will protect and enrich your soil over the winter. There are many cover crops to consider with different benefits but fundamentally all of them add nutrients and also protect your beds from erosion. If you mulch you can plant right in when spring arrives. If you choose a cover crop, which can do more for your soil than mulch, you can just cut it and turn the material into the top few inches of the soil about 2-3 weeks ahead of planting.

Happy Growing!
Colette St. Mary
local mad gardener



Yard Waste Collection

Fairfax County collects yard waste (grass, leaves, and trimmings) at the curb March 1 through Dec. 24. Here are some tips for yard waste collection:

- Use rigid containers designated for yard waste or compostable paper yard waste bags; any kind of rigid container can be used
- Do NOT place yard waste in plastic bags; they are not accepted.
- Small quantities of yard waste can be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and no more than 50 pounds in weight.
- Branches must not exceed 6 inches in diameter.
- Yard waste does not include soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches or limbs.
- No more than 10 bags, please.
- Schedule a special pickup if you have more than four bundles of tied yard waste.
- Place yard waste (and other recyclables and trash) on the street; do not block sidewalks, curb ramps or driveways.

More information is available on the county website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/curbside-yard-waste>

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.

JMCA-2023-MEMBER



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

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
PO Box 4104
Alexandria, VA 22303-0104

JMCA Membership Form

Name(s): _____

JM Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewing Member

Choose One:

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

Total \$ _____

- ☐ Cash
☐ Charge
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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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JEFFERSON MANOR FALL 2023 REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT

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SOLD	2708 Farnsworth	2	2	\$557,000	\$590,000	10/17/2023
SOLD	5836 Edgehill Dr	3	2.5	\$689,000	\$701,000	10/16/2023
SOLD	5933 Monticello Rd	3	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	09/25/2023
SOLD	5915 Monticello Rd	2	1	\$510,000	\$470,000	09/15/2023
SOLD	2805 Fairhaven	3	2.5	\$689,000	\$695,000	09/08/2023
SOLD	6018 Williamsburg	2	2	\$589,000	\$626,245	08/15/2023
SOLD	6021 Williamsburg	2	2	\$579,000	\$597,500	08/11/2023

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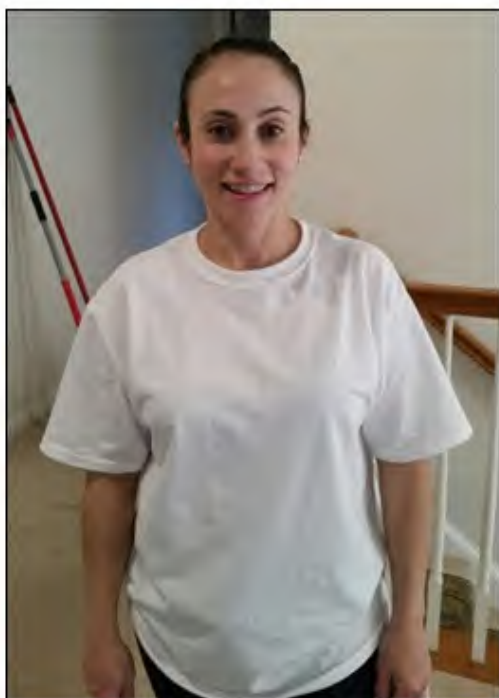
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