

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



2024 JMCA Membership Drive

Make your New Year's resolution a JMCA membership! Modest dues are currently only \$20/year, \$35/2 years and \$10/year for seniors 55 and older. Funds support Jefferson Manor's various events and activities like our recent festive Holiday Extravaganza, the amazing annual Block Party, Chili Cook-off and Members Reception, etc.

Plus they cover supplies for our Spring Cleanup and the JM sign maintenance at Fort-Monticello Road — and so many other things for our neighborhood! Our low dues go a long way thanks to Manor neighbors who generously volunteer their time, resources and donations!

Last year's JMCA membership was 221 of 593 JM homes, a robust 37% compared to our all-time 2022 record of 235. 2024 is starting with almost 100 in hand and a lofty goal of 236+ memberships — thank you JMCA members!

Join/renew NOW to get your 2024 off to a great start supporting our neighborhood! Pay online via PayPal at JeffersonManor.org, use the mail-in form on Page 6, or pay in person at any JMCA event/meeting.



CHILI COOKOFF

The JMCA membership Chili Cookoff drew a dozen entries and scores of neighbors! Here's to the winners:

Grand Champion

First Place - Derek Oberg
Second Place - Heather Steffen
Third Place- Lauren Akin Gillett

Most Exotic

First Place - Caroline Tucker
Second Place - Ryan Hoelsing
Third Place - Donna S. Jones

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

Calendar of Events

Community Meeting

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

JMCA Board Position and Q&A

Feb. 12, 7 p.m. @ Zoom

<http://tinyurl.com/2s452tk9>

Meeting ID: 839 9926 8846

Passcode: 964308

Community Meeting and Elections

Mar. 12, 7 p.m. @ Mount Eagle ES

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Letter from the President Derek Cole

Cheers to a happy and healthy 2024! The JMCA is already hard at work planning another fun-filled year of community strengthening events, and we would love to see your name added to our roster!

By joining the board or volunteering your time, you will play a vital role in shaping the future of Jefferson Manor. Your unique skills and perspectives will help us create an even stronger sense of community and foster the spirit of togetherness that sets Jefferson Manor apart from other neighborhoods.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteering for specific events, please reach out to us at info@jeffersonmanor.org. We will be hosting an informational meeting on February 12th 7 p.m. via Zoom, where you can learn more about the available board positions, volunteer opportunities, and meet current board members.

Informational Meeting
February 12th 7 p.m.
Zoom: <http://tinyurl.com/2s452tk9>
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Let's make 2024 a year to remember in Jefferson Manor. Together, we can create a community that thrives on unity, collaboration and shared success.

Cheers!
Derek Cole



IN MEMORIAM

Katsuji "Kat" Sumida of Monticello Road was a JMCA director for several terms and notable for spearheading funding of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood sign at the Fort Drive and Monticello Road intersection in addition to "bringing us into the future" with an online PayPal account.

Andrea Corsillo of Monticello Road was a longtime resident who, along with her husband, Paul Corsillo, raised her family in the Manor, held several JMCA board terms, acted as Mount Eagle school liaison and participated in community activities like the JM Park cleanup.

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JMCA Wants You!



Are you a fundraising phenom? A grants guru? An event-planner extraordinaire? A consummate communicator? Your neighborhood needs your help!

JMCA board elections are coming up in March, and you have several opportunities to serve your community in 2024. The nominating committee is seeking volunteers for multiple board roles, including president, treasurer and director. Additionally, we could use help with communications: both this newsletter and the jeffersonmanor.org website.

The role of president is, well, exactly what you think it is. The president presides over all meetings of the JMCA membership (six per year) and manages the association business. The president leads volunteers -- on and off the Board -- in advancing the interests of the neighborhood, planning and coordinating social and charitable activities, and providing information and services for neighborhood residents.

The treasurer's role is twofold: memberships and money. The treasurer has custody of all JMCA funds and keeps full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. She or he prepares an annual report of the cash receipts and disbursements for the prior calendar year (available at the annual March membership meeting). Included in those receipts is JMCA merchandise: The treasurer stores, maintains and sells shirts, annual membership stickers and the like at community events. The treasurer is also responsible for keeping a current list of the voting membership of the JMCA.

A director is elected to oversee, advise and direct the policies and procedures of the JMCA Board. In recent years, each Board member has led (with help!) planning and execution of one of our signature JMCA events -- the Al & Sandy Snyder Home and Garden Tour, the Holiday Extravaganza, and others -- and they pick up a newsletter delivery route six times a year.

If any of these positions piques your interest, please join us: Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.
Zoom <http://tinyurl.com/2s452tk9>

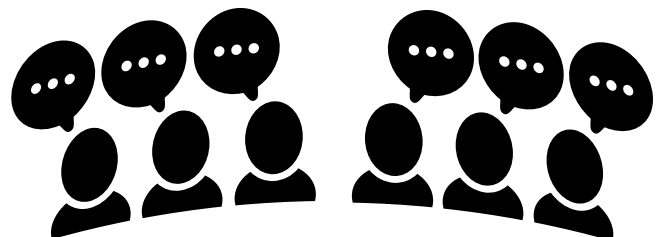
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Talk with the nominating committee and current and past Board members to learn about all the ways you can give back to your community as a JMCA volunteer!

While not board positions, JMCA is also recruiting help managing its communications. We are without a webmaster to keep jeffersonmanor.org (currently a WordPress site) up to date and full of valuable information. We're also in need of a translator to provide this bimonthly newsletter for our Spanish-preferring neighbors. Finally, we're always seeking fresh ideas for newsletter content -- if you have ideas for recurring or one-time articles, please reach out to newsletter@jeffersonmanor.org.

If a year's commitment is too much to take on right now, how about a few weeks? Members of the Nominating Committee 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 committee will develop the slate of candidates 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 be considered for any of these roles, please email vicepres@jeffersonmanor.org.



Community Awareness

JMCA Dues Increase Proposal

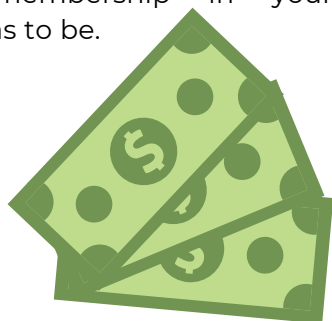
At its December meeting, the board agreed to propose an annual dues change from \$20 per year to \$25 per year starting in 2024. Here are arguments for and against the plan, which will be voted on by members in the next meeting.

MISGUIDED PLAN

The proposal to raise JMCA dues is misguided. Increasing the cost of membership makes our organization less accessible to the full range of households in our community. In our nearby neighborhoods, both the Huntington Community Association and Fair Haven Citizens Association have significantly lower annual dues -- \$12 and \$5 respectively.

If the proposed dues increase were to pass, the additional funds won't even cover the cost of one newsletter print run. JMCA should be exploring other revenue streams -- such as raising advertising rates -- to cover the cost of publishing this newsletter before we go about seeking that money from our neighbors.

JMCA has room to cut event costs and should be pursuing those before inflating membership dues. Would our Chili Cook-Off competition be any less fierce if the winner got bragging rights instead of a swanky apron? Doubtful. The Holiday Extravaganza recently featured a smorgasbord of potluck-style sweets instead of hundreds of dollars' worth of cookies from a commercial bakery. We should try more of that -- replacing cash expenses with community spirit -- before we squeeze a few more dollars from our neighbors. Just because everything else is more expensive now doesn't mean membership in your community association has to be.



NEEDED FOR SUPPORT

Do you enjoy attending JMCA events? Have you gotten valuable information from the newsletter? Do you enjoy being a part of a vibrant active neighborhood? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you understand the value you get from your membership to the JMCA.

Over the last 10 years, the JMCA has vastly increased the number of events it holds, the size of those events and the amount of food and beverages provided. We have been lucky to have great neighbors, friends and sponsors who have supported us with food and beer -- not to mention hours and hours of volunteer labor and materials. Despite these donations, costs have gone up. JMCA dues have not changed in the 12 years I have lived in the neighborhood, but the number of activities and level of engagement has increased significantly. As we all know, costs have risen for most things, including printing the newsletter. In order to continue to support this level of engagement within the community, the JMCA needs to raise more funds.

While we will continue to work with sponsors and advertisers to generate revenue, a modest dues increase is necessary. We will continue to reduce dues for seniors and offer multiyear discounts. The additional money will not cover our increased costs, but it will be a helpful source of revenue as we continue to leverage our local partners to provide great events for all, at no cost to participants.

Home and Garden

BE SALT SMART

Salting roads and sidewalks keeps us safe in winter weather, but it also leads to higher salt levels in the region's drinking water. Here's how some advice from Fairfax Water to help:

- Shovel early. Remove snow from pavements before it turns to ice. Use salt only after snow has been cleared and only in areas needed for safety.
- Use less. More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for a 20-foot driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- Spread it evenly.
- Watch the temps. When it is colder than 15°F, do not apply winter salt – it will not work. In those cases, consider alternatives like sand or native bird seed.
- Look for leftovers. If you see salt remaining after the ice melts, sweep it into safe storage to keep out of our rivers and streams.
- Divert downspouts. If possible, channel downspout spillage to drain onto lawn areas rather than walks and driveways.

SNOW REMOVAL

Check out the Fairfax County Guide to Snow: fairfaxcounty.gov/snow/

You'll find Virginia Department of Transportation Plow Tracker (vdotplows.org), a map that shows which streets get plowed, and a map showing who is responsible for walkways and sidewalks.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Fairfax County haulers will collect natural Christmas trees from January 2 to 15, 2024, for recycling. Lights, decorations, and stands must be removed to ensure collection. After January 15, please schedule a brush Special Pickup to have the natural Christmas tree removed.

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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.



2024 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
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1/4 page	\$60
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For advertising information, contact the JMCA Treasurer at treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org.

Jefferson Manor Citizens Association
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JMCA Membership Form

Name(s): _____

JM Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

- ☐ New Member
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Choose One:

- ☐ One year Household [\$20]
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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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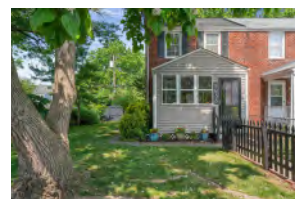
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RENTED	5948 Williamsburg	2	2	\$2,795	\$2,795	12/13/2023
RENTED	6102 N Kings Hwy	3	2	\$2,400	\$2,400	11/07/2023
RENTED	2846 Fairhaven	2	1	\$2,400	\$2,400	10/27/2023
RENTED	2848 Fairhaven	3	2	\$3,230	\$3,230	09/23/2023
RENTED	2843 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$2,190	\$2,190	09/06/2023
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