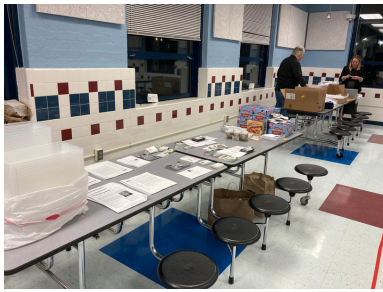


# Jefferson Manor Newsletter



## Welcome Wagon

Welcome Wagon baskets for our newest neighbors were assembled at the January JMCA Community Meeting. Baskets included a welcome letter, information about our neighborhood, promotional items from local businesses, seeds to start their own Manor gardens and treats to enjoy while perusing all the included goodies---we appreciate all who provided items! It's community-gathering events like this that make the Manor such a special place to live.



## JMCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

**JMCA MEMBERSHIP DUES GO A LONG WAY FOR JEFFERSON MANOR!** Join or renew NOW before a possible dues increase this year. Dues are only \$20/year, \$35/2 years and \$10/year senior (age 55+) per household. **Funds support Jefferson Manor's various events and activities** and so many other things for our wonderful neighborhood---check out the list of our popular annual events and other activities below. Our low dues are maximized thanks to JM neighbor volunteers who give generously of their time, resources and donations! Pay online on our website, **JeffersonManor.org**, by mail (form is in newsletter) or in person at JMCA events---next one is the March 12 Community Meeting/JMCA Board election at Mount Eagle Elementary School. Email Treasurer [Treasurer@JeffersonManor.org](mailto:Treasurer@JeffersonManor.org) to check your membership status or if you have questions.

**JMCA Annual Events:** January Welcome Wagon baskets for new Manorites, April JM Park clean-up/Earth Day, May/June Community Yard Sale and Mount Eagle Elementary School fundraiser, July Home and Garden tour, August National Night Out, September Block Party (a JM highlight!), October Haunt Your Manor decorating contest, November Chili Cook-off and, December Holiday Extravaganza and Light up the Manor decorating contest.

**Other JMCA Activities:** JM News newsletter bi-monthly production (delivered to almost 600 JM Homes by volunteers), bi-monthly Community Meetings, landscaping fees for the JM sign "island" at Fort-Monticello, membership stickers and mailing materials, website fees for JeffersonManor.org, financial apps fees, state registration fee, PO box rental, event signs, office supplies and other administrative support.

MARCH/APRIL 2024

## Calendar of Events

### Community Meeting and Elections

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

### Earth Day Clean-Up

Date TBD

### Home and Garden Tour

Date TBD

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## Farewell Letter from the President Derek Cole

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the JMCA President for the past two years. Thanks to our amazing board volunteers and vibrant community members, we have achieved some major milestones for which I am very proud to have been a part. We've had record membership levels, significant attendance numbers for meetings and events, earned the prestigious Elly Doyle Park Service Award, spearheaded major fundraising and donations for schools and other organizations, and much more. We are blessed to live in a community surrounded by amazing volunteers. I look forward to continuing to serve the community and volunteering after stepping away from the board, and I look forward to seeing the fresh ideas and initiatives of the new board members. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all officers, directors, and volunteers of the JMCA, you do so much for so many, I am humbly grateful!

Cheers!  
Derek Cole

## Thank you to our amazing Treasurer

A very special thank you to our outgoing Treasurer, Diana Stanley. Diana has served in a variety of capacities in her 7 years of service to the JMCA, not just the financials! Diana has helped the JMCA achieve a rare goal for a civic association, over 40% membership among the 591 houses in Jefferson Manor. This has helped to fuel the many events you have come to love. She brings her passion for the community to each event and meeting and has been instrumental in most administrative efforts within the JMCA board, with her exceptional organizational and communication skills and long-term planning for the betterment of Jefferson Manor. You might have met her at one of her wonderful membership and merchandise booths, which she sets up for EVERY event! Diana brought energy and enthusiasm any chance she could get! Diana has gone above and beyond for the community she loves, and we are eternally grateful for all her hard work and perseverance. Thank you so much, Diana!



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## Home and Garden

### GARDENING IN THE MANOR

The gardening season is almost upon us. I'm in the last stages of planning; if you are too here's some food for thought. If you're as keen to attract a diversity of pollinators and birds to your garden as you are to have beautiful plants then be thinking about how you can lengthen the season of nectar and pollen availability and offer up those resources to beneficial insects with a diversity of mouth parts. Perhaps first, be aware that some cultivars that focus on extra-large, densely petalled flowers have bred out or made inaccessible nectar or pollen resources. If your goal is to offer those resources, do a bit of reading about any cultivars you're considering. Extending the season of flowering in your yard is a simple matter of considering when things are likely to bloom. We are lucky that our abundant maples bloom so early. Flower shape is another indicator of who can access floral resources, open flowers like coneflowers; sneezeweed (which does not cause sneezes), goldenrods, and asters provide widely accessible resources while those with more tubular flowers, such as coral honeysuckle, the beebalms, and lobelias, attract pollinators with longer tongues, including hummingbirds!

### IN THE VEG PATCH

In the context of growing food, we are all limited by the small size of our yards. I've found the approach called "square-foot gardening" intriguing. This is an approach that focuses on each square foot of your garden bed and how to distribute bigger plants across square-foot plots and underplant with smaller plants or plants with earlier timing. In principle the formula is 1 extra large plant, 4 large plants, 9 medium plants and 16 small plants ALL in each square-foot plot. I'm going to give this one a try! If your curiosity is peaked, a quick internet search will bring up several introductions for beginners.

Happy Growing!  
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## Community Awareness

### Meet Your Neighbors

#### THE RISKOS

**Household Members:** Stephen, Charity, Oliver, Brewster

**Road Name:** Monticello Road

**Favorite Thing about Jefferson Manor:** Community Newsletter, Yard Space

**Favorite Nearby Attractions:** Old Town Alexandria, East Potomac Golf Links, Westgrove Dog Park

**Hobbies/Interests:** Board Games, Reading, Camping, Gardening, DC United

**Lasting Thoughts:** You can find most of your JM related questions on the JM Facebook Group.



#### MATT, ALEXIS, & REMY

**Road Name:** Edgehill

**Favorite Thing about Jefferson Manor:** Sense of Community, Homes that remind Matt of Pittsburgh (where he's from lol) & plenty of dogs

**Favorite Nearby Attractions:** Belle Haven Marina, Prince William Forest Park, Port City, Del Ray Flea Market

**Hobbies/Interests:** Hiking, Vinyl Collecting, Thrifting, Concerts, Making Sourdough Pizza

**Lasting Thoughts:** Matt DJs vinyl a few times a month in DC if anyone's ever looking for a night out listening to good tunes. Feel free to reach out!



## Amanda's Cleaning

I am Amanda Florian and my business is your neighborhood maid service.

We continue to support your cleaning needs during the shutdown for COVID-19. My team and I wear masks and gloves in your home and my cleaning service includes disinfection.

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## Mid-Year Update and Call for Donations from the Mount Eagle Elementary PTO

Despite a few snow days and late starts this year, Mount Eagle Elementary School is more than halfway through the 2023-2024 academic calendar, and its families and staff are looking forward to a warm spring at our neighborhood school! The Parent-Teacher Organization (<https://mteaglepto.com/>) continues to work closely with Principal Jean Consolla to organize evening activities for Mount Eagle's families as well as many staff appreciation events to let the hardworking teachers, specialists, and administrative staff know they are deeply appreciated. Since August, the PTO has organized a Puzzles and Pizza, Trunk-R-Treat, BINGO Night, and several "thank you!" deliveries of baked goods, coffee, seltzers, and other snacks to the staff lounge.

With regular school field trips in full swing after a multi-year hiatus, the **PTO is supporting the full cost of every class trip** to ensure that these enrichment activities place no financial burden on families. Public appropriated funds to Fairfax County Public Schools cannot be used to fund these events. So far this year, the PTO has covered the costs of trips to Shlagel Farms, Huntley Meadows, and the Air & Space Museum. Future trips are being planned to visit the National Zoo (1st), Mt. Vernon (2nd), Green Spring Gardens (3rd), Science Museum of Virginia (4th & 5th) and Hemlock Overlook Park (6th).

For the first time in four years, the PTO is **organizing after-school clubs**. We are especially committed to offering need-based financial assistance for any activities that come at cost to families. Beginning in early March, Kids Spanish will offer after-school instruction for Kindergarteners and First Graders. In the 2024-2025 school year, the PTO hopes to expand and offer activities like Legos, art, and sports. Leads on other programs and volunteers are welcome!

These efforts carry a considerable cost, one that far exceeds the dues paid by students' families. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 from community members and local businesses for the 2023-2024 academic year. **Please contact the PTO** ([mteaglepto@gmail.com](mailto:mteaglepto@gmail.com)) **if you would like to sponsor an upcoming event or can offer other forms of support**. The Mount Eagle PTO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made online at: <https://mteaglepto.com/donations/>

Upcoming events also present opportunities for donations or in-kind support. On March 7, Mount Eagle will celebrate its annual Multicultural Night where school families have the chance to see and taste the diversity that makes up our community. Also, the annual Mount Eagle **Earth Day clean-up** is slated for **Saturday, April 27 from 9-11am**, and any neighborhood volunteers are welcome to help spruce up the school garden along North Kings Highway.

Finally, did you know that Mount Eagle is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year (1949-2024)?! Please mark your calendars for the **Diamond Jubilee Celebration** on **Saturday, September 14** from 12-3pm. If you are a local business owner, please consider **sponsoring** what is certain to be a well-attended, exciting celebration and the opportunity to publicly demonstrate your support for elementary education and our local community!

We want to close by thanking Manorites, whether they are Mount Eagle alumni, parents of current students, or voters who use the gym, who have participated for generations to build and sustain a positive community around Mount Eagle Elementary. Please join us in making 2024 an especially memorable one for our neighborhood school!



### In Home Massage Therapy by Cindy

Dear Neighbors, I am Cindy with dual massage therapist licenses in Virginia and New York. I have over 13 years of massage experience. I specialize in Pain and stress relief. My treatments combine variety of massage techniques, which are customized and tailored for individual's need. My treatments focus in pain, stress, anxiety relief, relaxation, wellbeing maintenance and energy boost. My goal is to provide you personalized and effective massage service in your comfortable home.

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## 2023 JMCA TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 was finally a “normal” year for Manorites post-COVID pandemic. We delighted in being with each other at our trademark community events: Spring JM Park Clean-up, Community Yard Sale, Block Party, Chili Cook-off, Holiday Extravaganza and other activities like community meetings, holiday decorating contests and food trucks.

While we didn’t meet our record-breaking membership of 235 in 2022, we came close with 221 out of 593 Manor households---37% of the neighborhood---a great membership rate for a civic association!

Funds for these events, activities and administrative costs come from our modest dues, newsletter advertising and additional generous donations from neighbors---Manorites donated over \$1,500 for the Block Party alone! Funds also support JMCA outreach---we donated all Community Yard Sale proceeds plus a matching \$300 from the JMCA for a total of \$1,530 to our neighborhood school, Mount Eagle Elementary!

The JMCA had a break-even 2023 financially thanks to support from Manorites, local business sponsors and other contributions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Stanley  
JMCA Treasurer

2023 BANK REGISTER <sup>1</sup>	
Beginning Balance	\$3,337
Ending Balance	\$3,684
Total Receipts	\$14,561
Total Expenditures	\$14,253

<sup>1</sup>Not inclusive

JMCA MEMBERSHIP		
	2013	83
	2014	89
	2015	74
	2016	59
	2017	74
	2018	156
	2019	207
	2020	120
	2021	184
<b>All-time Record!</b>	2022	235
	2023	221
<b>(As of 2/20/24)</b>	2024	153

2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS <sup>2</sup>	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Dues/Donations/Merchandise	\$3,987
Newsletter Advertising	\$2,653
Block Party - Sponsorship/Donation	\$5,355
Misc Donations (Community Yard Sale)	\$1,622
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,617</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Block Party	\$6,011
Newsletter Production <sup>1</sup>	\$3,738
Mt. Eagle School Donation	\$1,530
Administration/Website/Misc	\$921
Chili Cook-off	\$478
Welcome Wagon	\$404
National Night Out	\$309
JM Sign Landscaping	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,591</b>

<sup>2</sup>Reflects higher-dollar items, some funds deferred



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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
1/2 page	\$110
1/4 page	\$60
1/8 page	\$35

For advertising information, contact the JMCA Treasurer at [treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org).

Jefferson Manor Citizens Association  
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## 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]  
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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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<b>SOLD</b>	5848 Monticello Rd	2	2	\$549,999	\$575,000	02/14/2024
<b>SOLD</b>	5915 Monticello Rd	3	2	\$615,000	\$623,000	01/12/2024
<b>SOLD</b>	5845 Monticello Rd	2	2	\$550,000	\$532,000	01/11/2024
<b>SOLD</b>	2718 Fort Drive	2	2	\$599,900	\$600,000	12/27/2023
<b>SOLD</b>	2720 Jefferson Dr	3	2	\$580,000	\$575,000	11/27/2023
<b>SOLD</b>	5933 Monticello Rd	3	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	09/25/2023

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