Jefferson Manor Newsletter

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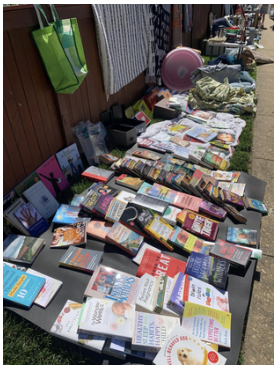
JMCA Community Yard Sale



Under beautiful blue skies, the yard sale was held on June 8th and was a great success! We raised $2,000 for Mount Eagle Elementary School. Shoppers had their selection of books, clothes, furniture, toys, and even a few interesting bobble heads. We'll follow up to let you know the special plan the school develops for the money. Thanks again to all of the amazing volunteers!

Home and Garden Tour

Despite some light rain, more than 60 neighbors came out to enjoy the Al & Sandy Snyder Home & Garden Tour on May 18th. Neighbors were able to tour 9 homes and/or gardens and learn about renovations, landscaping, solar projects, and more. Thank you to those neighbors who opened their unique and amazing homes and gardens to make this event a success.

ALEXANDRIA'S 275TH BIRTHDAY

While we are technically in the County of Fairfax, many of us enjoy the festivities of Alexandria. This year, the City of Alexandria celebrates its 275th anniversary. Founded in 1749 by Scottish merchants and named after John Alexander, Alexandria holds a special place in history as the adopted hometown of President George Washington. Over the past 275 years, the City has played a significant role in our nation's narrative.

The City of Alexandria will celebrate its 275th and the USA's 248th birthday on Saturday, July 13, at Oronoco Bay Park (100 Madison St.). The event includes live music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and ends with the grand finale -- a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Main Location: Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St.
Additional Locations:
Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Pl.
New Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St.
George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr.

The City has a link to the celebrations occurring for this year. You can find it at https://www.alexandriava.gov/ALX275. Likewise, you can enjoy some of the many events that the Office of Historic Alexandria has planned for the year.

Calendar of Events

Community Meeting and Movie Night
July 25, 7:30 p.m. @
outside 2800 Fairhaven Ave.
Movie starts at 8 p.m.

Community Meeting
Sept. 10, 7 p.m. @ Mount Eagle ES

JMCA Block Party
Sept. 28, 2 – 5 p.m. @
Monticello Rd at Fairhaven Ave.

Chili Cookoff
Nov. 16, 1 - 4 p.m. @
2800 Fairhaven Ave.

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Letter from the President
Sharon Evans

Cheers to the start of summer Jefferson Manor! Between school finishing up and the warm temperatures, there's no doubt the season of sun is upon us. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy a fun-filled vacation (or staycation!) this year. No matter what you are doing, please take a moment to look around and take care of each other…keep an eye on each other's homes as people start to travel, watch out for packages left on porches, and keep those car doors locked.

Reminder! Construction at Jefferson Manor Park is set to begin this month and will last through the summer. Learn more about how the improvements will dramatically increase access to the park amenities for all abilities in this issue of the newsletter.

Who loves an outdoor movie night? Join us on Thursday, July 28th for our Community Meeting followed by a fun-for-all ages movie. Bring snacks and a blanket or chairs and enjoy a great evening with neighbors. If you have ideas on which movie to watch, please look out for the voting on the JMCA Facebook page or drop us an email at info@jeffersonmanor.org.

Thank you for the continued support of Jefferson Manor Citizens Association! We have a lot of volunteer opportunities and I hope you can find time this summer to participate. It's incredibly rewarding, I promise!

NEW! BACK PAGE FOR ADVERTISERS!

Coming soon: spotlight your business on the back page of the newsletter! Beginning with September's issue and on a trial basis, you can pay a premium price to ensure your full or half-page ad is placed on the highly-visible back page. For more information, reach out to our advertising coordinator at treasurer@jeffersonmanor.org.

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Home and Garden

GARDENING IN THE MANOR

I'm disappointed to share that our Governor has chosen not to assist buyers in avoiding invasive plants at garden centers. Instead, we continue, despite our Legislators' attempts, to have to do our own checking as we shop. You may be wondering if this is a problem, whether many plants invasive in VA are actually sold and I'm sorry to share that yes, it is and they are. Indeed, our own neighborhood, due to its age, is heavily planted in species that are invasive in VA, such as the various hedge plants known as privet, English ivy, the non-native honeysuckles, the various shrubs, vines, and hedge plants in the genus Euonymous, and tree of heaven. These plants cost the state thousands of dollars per year and yet there is no restriction on the sale of these plants and many are very common in garden centers.

What can we do to reduce this problem? At the very least we can avoid purchasing and planting these invasive species. Sadly, that means you need to do some quick checking before you purchase that beautiful plant in the garden center. If you already have some of these species on your property you can help reduce their potential harm by keeping them from growing up into trees (especially English ivy which only produces fruit when it is growing up) and by removing the fruit of these plants before the birds spread them.

If you're feeling ambitious, removing these invasive species is always a good thing. Learn more about this, including the full list of VA invasives, at https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/document/nh-invasive-plant-list-2023.pdf and join in an invasives removal day at our own JM park!

IN THE VEG PATCH

I know you're experiencing lots of vegetables bolting to seed this year and may be wondering why and what you can do. First the primary cause of this behavior is stress. Heat stress, water stress, even root disturbances can cause plants to bolt. You can remove the flowering stalks as they grow but the taste of your leafy vegetables may be affected. To reduce the likelihood of bolt, try to keep plants evenly moist despite the extreme temperature fluctuations and for next year think about starting to grow cooler season veg even earlier or in more shade.
Happy Growing or removing, as the case may be!

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Community Awareness

CHANGES TO OUR PARK

As you may have heard from a neighbor or seen on a bright green postcard, construction will soon be happening in our park. This project, carried out by Fairfax County Park Authority, is meant to bring our park into ADA compliance, in alignment with a 2010 Department of Justice mandate requiring public facilities be ADA accessible. So what exactly does this project entail? The most significant change will be the addition of asphalt trails. These trails will connect the parking lot, current service road/shelter area, rear park entrance (on Dewey Drive), basketball court, playground, and picnic area to a main loop around the baseball field. The main loop will be 8 feet wide, the side paths will be 6 feet wide, and the vehicle service road extending to the shelter will be 10 feet wide—all of these widths set to ensure compliance with ADA guidelines and prevent erosion at the edges of the path. In addition, one 8 foot wide path will be added between the baseball field and the shelter to give easy access to the restroom. This path will not be ADA accessible as it will be too steep, but it is instead being added in an effort to prevent continued erosion in this area and will more or less follow the existing dirt path.

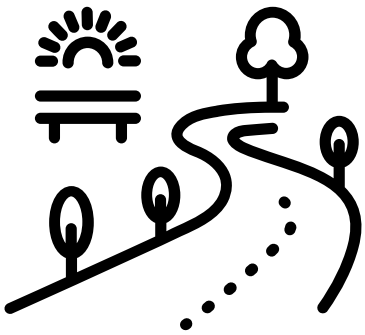
While no amenities will be added or removed in the course of this project, we will see some notable improvements by the time it is finished: our basketball court is set to be resurfaced and repainted (through an existing maintenance plan, separate from this project), a bike rack will be added to the shelter area, all existing grills will be replaced, and the parking lot will be striped, with one space designated as an accessible parking spot. As for trees and the natural amenities in our park, every effort is being made to disturb as little as possible. For example: the ADA accessible parking space will be located on the leftmost side of the parking lot, and the added path will run parallel to the parking lot's driveway until it meets up with the service road. Why is this being done? In order to preserve the natural wetlands that exist under and around the wooden boardwalk that currently provides a path from the parking lot—this area will not change. In all, we will lose three trees to the project, one of which is already unhealthy enough to require removal for safety reasons. As for adding trees to shade the asphalt once it's laid, unfortunately, that will have to be a separate task as this project and its $1.3 million budget is solely for the ADA compliance update.

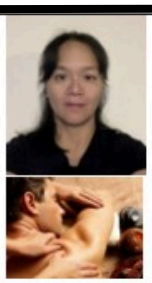
Construction is expected to begin in mid-July and run for about four months. In that time, no construction vehicles will be allowed farther into the neighborhood than is necessary to enter the park from Telegraph Road, and only a few smaller vehicles (e.g. pickup trucks, vans) may park near the Dewey Drive entrance. As for noise, no construction will happen before 7am on weekdays or 9am on weekends. And importantly, the park will remain open during this time. Any further questions can be sent to the Fairfax County Park Authority project manager overseeing our project, Sayonara Aguilera, at Sayonara.Aguilera@fairfaxcounty.gov

More information, including an image of the layout of the trails can also be found at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/jefferson-manor-park-project

Submit general questions to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov (for example, fallen trees, trash can issue, maintenance requests, etc.). Include the park name in the subject to direct the message to the correct team.

Written by Darcey Pancoast





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Community Awareness

MARK TWAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

8th Grade Students at Mark Twain Middle School recently enjoyed their capstone event as they transitioned to high school. The PTA hosted an 8th Grade Dance where nearly 300 students attended. Students enjoyed dancing, refreshments, board games, and a 360 photo booth as they socialized with their classmates at this spectacularly decorated event. The PTA would like to thank the donations from local businesses that supported this dance. Costco and Wegmans donated gift cards for the purchase of refreshments and Carpet Binding and Fringing in Lorton donated the empty carpet rolls for the palm trees.

This is just one of the many events hosted this year by the Mark Twain Middle School PTA. The support for these events come mainly from our parents who volunteer their time and talents. If you have a student attending Twain MS in the Fall, please consider getting involved in the PTA. Email mtmspresident@gmail.com for more details.

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JEFF MANOR SUMMER 2024 REAL ESTATE SALES UPDATE

Status	Address	BR	BA	Listed $	Sold $	Close Date
SOLD	2707 Fort Drive	3	2	$689,000	$690,000	06/13/2024
SOLD	2600 Farmington	2	2	$575,000	$570,000	05/31/2024
SOLD	5847 Monticello Rd	2	2	$600,000	$600,000	05/31/2024
SOLD	2716 Farmington	3	2	$575,000	$635,000	05/31/2024
SOLD	6002 N Kings Hwy	3	2	$620,000	$620,000	05/24/2024
SOLD	6008 Monticello Rd	2	2	$579,000	$579,000	05/20/2024
SOLD	6024 N Kings Hwy	2	2	$574,900	$580,000	05/07/2024

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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

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Ad Size	Price per issue
Full page	$210
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1/8 page	$35

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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 [$25]
- ☐ Two year Household [$45]
- ☐ One year Senior 55+ [$10]

Total $_____

- ☐ Cash
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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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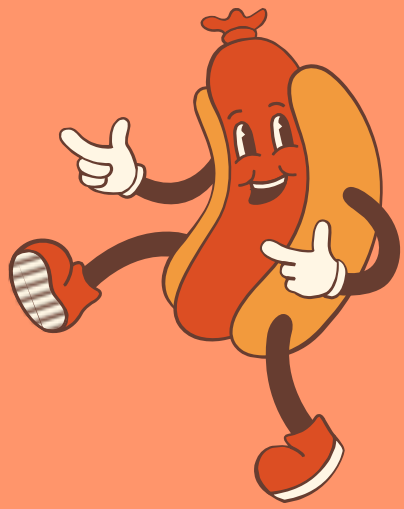

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