

# Jefferson Manor Newsletter



## JMCA Annual Block Party

Join us for the annual JMCA Block Party on **Saturday, September 28th from 2 - 5 p.m.** at Monticello Road near Fairhaven Ave. It's an event for all ages!



**Food:** We'll have both sweet and savory options! (Each person receives a voucher to use at the Food Trucks.)

**Live Music:** The Vandelay's will have us rocking out again this year.

**Alpacas:** Visit the "petting zoo" with mini alpacas.



**Face Painters:** Two painters available to create your best design. (Free for all!)

**Beer Garden:** Free for the adults!



**Raffle:** Amazing gift packages being raffled off (each package worth at least \$100)! Buy 1 ticket for \$3 or 3 tickets for \$5. All proceeds go back to you as they benefit JMCA activities.

## Movie Night

On a beautiful evening at the end of July, more than 40 Manorites (adults and kids!) came out for the combined Community Meeting and Movie Night. We discussed several neighborhood updates, including the status of the park construction project and waste/recycling reminders.



Amir Makieli-Yoeli's daughter won the drawing for the adorable Aldi cart toy, graciously donated by Diana and George Stanley. After the drawing, we settled in and watched "The Princess Bride" together. A wonderful night...thanks for all who attended!



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

## Calendar of Events

### Community Meeting

Sept. 26, 7 p.m. @ TBD

\*Special Election for Vacant Board Position

**RESCHEDULED**  
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

### 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.

### Haunt the Manor

October 22 - 29

Interested in organizing or being a judge? Let us know at

[info@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:info@jeffersonmanor.org).

### Holiday Extravaganza

Dec. 14, 2 - 5 p.m. @

2803 Fairhaven Ave.

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## Social Media

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[www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersonmanor](https://www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersonmanor)

## Fairfax County

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Animal Welfare & Pet Assistance  
(703) 830-1100

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## Letter from the President Sharon Evans

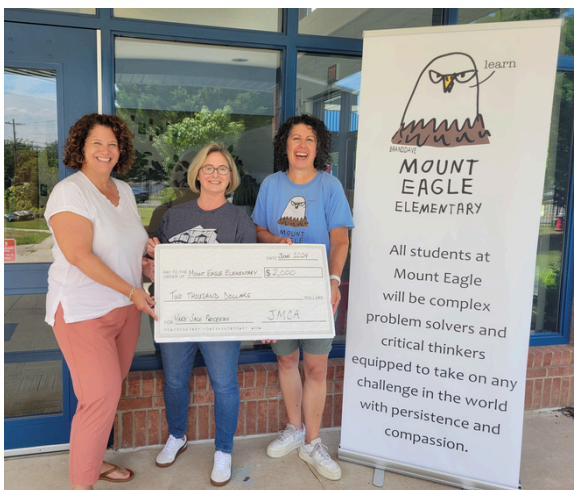
Welcome to Fall, Manorites! I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to cooler weather and autumn colors. Summer certainly flew by! We had a blast at the JMCA Yard Sale in June and our Movie Night/Community Meeting in July. Thanks to everyone who volunteered or attended.

There's no better way to welcome the season than at our annual JMCA Block Party, from 2-5 p.m. on September 28th! We'll have live music, food, beverages of all kinds (including a beer garden for the adults), face painters, petting zoo, community info tables, and much more. Major events like this don't happen without volunteers! If you are interested, please respond to upcoming Facebook posts or email [info@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:info@jeffersonmanor.org).

Let's get ready to decorate for Halloween! The décor is already on sale in all the stores, and I can't wait to see the creativity again this year. Watch for information soon on Facebook and the website about the annual "Haunt the Manor" yard decorating contest.

Interested in joining the JMCA Board? Now is your chance! We have a Director position open. Being a part of the Board is a great way to contribute to our incredible neighborhood. Contact any Board member if interested or e-mail direct to [info@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:info@jeffersonmanor.org).

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all out and about in the neighborhood!



JMCA donated \$2,000 from the annual Community Yard Sale to Mount Eagle Elementary School. Outgoing principal Jean Colsolla and incoming principal Kate Kirkland accepted the donation and said it will be used to provide enriching field trip experiences for the students.

## JMCA Board of Directors

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Home and Garden

## GARDENING IN THE MANOR

Planting season is upon us, woot woot! Fall is a fabulous time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. They may not be in bloom or even in leaf but putting them in the ground in fall will give them time to really settle into the soil and expand their root system before the growing season. You might not expect it, especially if the plant appears entirely dormant, but it's not a bad idea to keep the soil moist much as you would if you planted any other time of year. Remember they are growing underground. The box stores tend to focus on plants that are looking good at the moment, so if you're looking for something specific you may not find it there. Dedicated nurseries will have a larger selection so going out of your way can pay off.

## IN THE VEG PATCH

Winter veg gardening is also an opportunity. Many crops that wilt under summer heat can be grown in fall, many of these even tolerate light frosts. Some candidates include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, spinach, and turnips. There are also longer growing options that can be sown in fall for spring harvest, including daikon radish and Fava beans!



Colette St. Mary  
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## Community Awareness



### UPDATE FROM THE MOUNT EAGLE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

It's a time of change! The Mount Eagle community said goodbye to Principal Jean Consolla this summer, and we wish her success as the new Principal of Fort Hunt Elementary School. We congratulate former Assistant Principal, Kate Kirkland, as the new proud principal of Mount Eagle.

The PTO is planning for a full slate of events during the 2024-2025 school year. To meet these goals, we have set a fundraising target of \$10,000 to support:

- **Field trips** - FCPS budgets cannot be used for off-campus excursions, so we completely defray these costs to ensure that they place no financial burden on families.
- **Staff recognition** - We organize events to regularly thank the teachers and staff for their dedicated work.
- **Extracurricular activities** - Last year, the PTO organized and helped to sponsor a weekly after-school Spanish class for K and 1st grade students. We are hoping to add more clubs (e.g. chess, art, Legos, sports) in the future.
- **Community events** - Although these evening or weekend events serve as fundraisers using volunteers and in-kind contributions, our general funds ensure that Bingo, Multicultural Night, Puzzles and Pizza, Earth Day, and the community garden are properly resourced.

Individual donations can be made on Paypal ([mteaglepto@gmail.com](mailto:mteaglepto@gmail.com)) and Venmo (@mteaglepto). **Please contact the PTO if you are interested in a business sponsorship.** The Mount Eagle PTO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible.

We continue to value the support of Manorites who have participated for generations to maintain a positive community around our neighborhood school. Please join us in making this a memorable year at Mount Eagle Elementary School.

### Mount Eagle ES' 75th Anniversary

Join Mount Eagle ES for a 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 14th from 12:00-3:00 pm in the school parking lot. There will be activities for all ages, food, a "walk down memory lane" and more.

More information will be available through the Mount Eagle Elementary and PTO websites and the JMCA and Mount Eagle PTO Facebook pages.

Questions? Please contact Debbie Schuman at Mount Eagle [dsschuman@fcps.edu](mailto:dsschuman@fcps.edu)



**Mark Twain Middle School PTA**

The primary goal of the PTA is to support the students and staff at Twain MS.

We do this in a variety of ways. We hold student events like **Tiger Night** and the **8th Grade Dance**.

We host appreciation events and sponsor the Twain **Staff Member of the Month** to recognize our fantastic staff here at Twain! We award **mini-grants** to support special programs offered by teachers and clubs. We provide **Twain Spirit Wear** for students, staff, and parents to show off their Tiger Pride.

We also love volunteers. Contact [mtmspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mtmspresident@gmail.com), if you'd like to get involved in the PTA. There are many opportunities to support the PTA and we'd love to hear from you!

Please consider joining the PTA. By simply joining the PTA, you are adding valuable resources to help us achieve our goal.



## Community Awareness



### **JM RECYCLING AND TRASH SERVICES BASICS**

Recycling and Trash technicians are appreciated for working in all kinds of weather and the Manor never missed a waste pickup during the pandemic. Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program recently sent its annual brochure outlining our county-provided recycling and trash services and guidelines for what is accepted. The standard weekly home service also includes five annual “Special Pick-ups” and is paid from our real estate taxes; other waste pick-up needs are fee-based or you can drop off materials at the two county recycling and disposal centers (fees may apply depending upon material/items).

The county allots each residence a 90-gallon gray waste cart and a 60-gallon blue recycling cart. Yard Waste can be set out in your own container labeled “Yard Waste” or in up to TEN compostable/paper bags. Years ago, the county also provided a limited amount of 60-gallon green Yard Waste carts (since discontinued) but you may still spot a few in the Manor. County guidelines state that waste materials need to be ready curbside for pick-up by 6:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Manor. Occasionally, a pick-up may be missed but is usually picked up the next day; contact them if isn't.

Waste and Recycling carts allotted to county residences are considered county property; however, the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the carts (e.g., using them appropriately and replacing damaged ones).

The Manor is famous for being dog-friendly and we definitely noticed a puppers increase during the pandemic! Thank you for “scooping the poop” and it should be deposited into your own waste receptacle AND be DOUBLE-bagged, whether one inside the other or one inside an overall trash bag.

Aligning with the national “America Recycles Day,” Fairfax Recycles Day has been recognized by the Board of Supervisors on November 15 for several years. The County’s Solid Waste Management Program traditionally celebrates November 15 with various events, contests and giveaways.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/america-recycles-day>



### **LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Telephone: 703-802-3322 Email: [DPWESSWMPTrashCS@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:DPWESSWMPTrashCS@FairfaxCounty.gov)

Recycling and Trash Main Website: [FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/recycle](https://FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/recycle)

Recycling Brochure: [FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/sites/publicworks/files/Assets/documents/trash-and-recycling-guidelines.pdf](https://FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/sites/publicworks/files/Assets/documents/trash-and-recycling-guidelines.pdf)

Glass Bottles/Jars “Purple Can Club” Recycling:

[FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass](https://FairfaxCounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass)

Waste and Recycling Workers Week: [WasteRecyclingWorkersWeek.org](https://WasteRecyclingWorkersWeek.org)

## Community Awareness

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Byline: Susan Bowyer, CEM

Most of you know me as your friendly neighborhood election officer or JMCA treasurer, but today I'm wearing a different hat: I'm also a Certified Emergency Manager®. FEMA has designated September (the peak of Atlantic hurricane season) as National Preparedness Month.

Our community is vulnerable to several natural hazards, including:

- Severe storms with heavy winds and rain (up to and including hurricanes and tornadoes)
- Winter storms
- Extreme heat
- Disease outbreaks



We should also be prepared to deal with manmade disasters like acts of violence or a cyberattack. Finally, we should all be ready to face those calamities that can happen anytime and anywhere, like a house fire, medical emergency, or vehicle crash. Regardless of what happens, there are three big things you can do to keep you and your family safe when disaster strikes: make a plan, be equipped, and stay informed. (We call this all-hazards preparedness.)

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## YOUR JEFFERSON MANOR RENTAL MARKET REPORT



Status	Address	BR	BA	Listed \$	Rented \$	Close Date
RENTED	* 5826 Edgehill	2	2.5	\$3,000	\$3,000	09/01/2024
RENTED	* 2709 Albemarle	2	2	\$3,000	\$3,000	08/30/2024
RENTED	* 2622 Jefferson	2	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	08/15/2024
RENTED	* 5825 Edgehill	2	2	\$2,800	\$2,800	08/06/2023
RENTED	2705 Fort Drive	2	2	\$2,925	\$2,925	07/30/2024
RENTED	5922 Williamsburg	3	2	\$2,700	\$2,700	07/17/2024
RENTED	* 2815 Jefferson	2	2	\$2,350	\$2,350	07/13/2024

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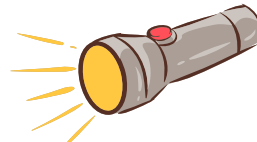
## Community Awareness



### **SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH...CONTINUED**

#### **Make a plan**

When time is of the essence, you don't want to be fumbling around to find the dosage of your family member's daily medication or the phone number for your homeowners insurance. Taking the time to write down the essentials ahead of time will ensure that you can find the information you need when you need it. ReadyNOVA has a multilingual, 5-step tool that builds your emergency plan for you: <https://en.readynova.org/family>. When everything is documented, make physical and digital copies of it so you can access it easily when the time comes. Download a copy to your phone (and your spouse's). Save it on your preferred cloud storage site. Print it out and put a copy in the glove box. Store another hard copy with your will/insurance paperwork/etc. Once you've done the work to assemble this information, make sure it's easy to find when you need it.



#### **Organize your supplies**

In the event of a widespread disaster, we can expect help to arrive pretty quickly, but not immediately. (Several of us were without power for over a day after that bad thunderstorm last July.) The bigger the incident, the longer it will take for help to arrive, so it's a good guideline to be self-sufficient for 3-5 days. You want to be able to meet all your baseline survival needs including food, water, and shelter. FEMA's list is a good starting point, but be sure to customize it to your family's needs (do you need dog food? feminine supplies?): <https://www.ready.gov/kit>. You likely already have most of the necessary items, but maybe not all together.

In our tiny houses, where should you keep all this stuff? Like your plan, it's best to have everything together where it's easy to access. Personally, I have shelves in the basement that always hold bottled water and canned food (plus, coincidentally, first aid supplies and a weather radio) -- when there's not an emergency it's just overflow pantry space, but when there's a problem, I am ready.



#### **Stay informed**

How will you find out that something is happening? Fairfax County will text you if there's an emergency in the area: <https://tinyurl.com/FFXalerts>. They use an integrated alerting system, so you can also sign up to receive traffic information, a reminder to pay your car tax or dog tag, etc. Don't forget to also sign up for alerts in other places you frequent, like an office or family home.

Take some time this Preparedness Month to get yourself and your family organized, no matter what Mother Nature (or anyone else) throws at us. Ready neighbors make for a resilient neighborhood!



### **Board Opportunity!**



Join us for our Community Meeting on Thursday, September 26. There will be info about Emergency Preparedness and a special election for an open director position on the Board. If you love our little community and have a desire to make it even better, this role might be for you! Reach out to [info@jeffersonmanor.org](mailto:info@jeffersonmanor.org) to learn more about the position and ask any questions.

## 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.



### 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 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  
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 [\$25]  
 Two year Household [\$45]  
 One year Senior 55+ [\$10]

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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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