

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

How Much Do You Know About Keeping Your Home Fire Safe?

Join us for the next JMCA Community Meeting on January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Eagle Elementary to learn from the Fairfax County Fire Department how you can help keep your family and home safe from fire. They will provide tips on a wide variety of fire safety topics, including home escape planning and proper smoke alarm placement. Everyone who attends will have the chance to win a FREE home fire safety kit!



Chili Cookoff and Member Appreciation Event

It was spices galore at the annual Chili Cookoff and Member Appreciation Event on November 16. Thirteen chefs provided a wide variety of tasty chilis...made with everything from vegetarian sweet potatoes to turkey to andouille sausage to beef and chicken. And, we welcomed many new members to the JMCA!

Congratulations to the winners!

Best Overall/Grand Champion:

Andrea Tocco with her beef-based chili called "Shredded Gnar"

Most Exotic:

Abbey and Trevor Heath with their chorizo and carnitas-based chili



Thank you to everyone who participated and tasted at this event!

Calendar of Events

Community Meeting

Jan. 14, 7 p.m. @
Mount Eagle ES Cafeteria

Community Meeting and Annual Board Elections

Mar. 25, 7 p.m. @
Mount Eagle ES Cafeteria

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Fairfax County Phone Numbers

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(703) 691-2131

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Calling all JMCA members! We want to know why **YOU** joined the JMCA! In less than 5 sentences, tell us why you became a JMCA member. Send your submissions to newsletter@jeffersonmanor.org

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Letter from the President Sharon Evans

Hello neighbors! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with cheer!

I don't know about you, but it feels like 2024 flew by so quickly. It was a wonderful year for the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association and this neighborhood, thanks in huge part to all of you who contributed, volunteered, and engaged. We learned new things and met our neighbors at the bi-monthly Community Meetings, cleaned up the park for Earth Day, got great ideas from the Home & Garden Tour, raised \$2K for Mount Eagle Elementary from the Community Yard Sale, danced at the Block Party, tasted amazing chilis at the Member Appreciation Event, and welcomed Santa at the Holiday Extravaganza. Several neighbors even jumped in and planned community events including searching for the Golden Egg at the Spring Egg Hunt, engaging with our law enforcement friends at National Night Out, and reading together at a Thriller Book Club. Whew, what a year! Thanks to all.

As we look forward to this winter, let's watch out for our neighbors. Snow and ice can bring real challenges and safety hazards. If you see a neighbor in need, please reach out and help. If you need assistance with shoveling your sidewalks or clearing your car, your JMCA Board stands ready to help...just let us know at board@jeffersonmanor.org.

Thank you again for a wonderful year and I look forward to an amazing 2025!

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Home and Garden

TREE PICKUP

For our neighbors with natural Christmas trees: Natural Christmas trees will be collected from January 6 to 17, 2025 for recycling. Trees should be placed on the curb. Lights, decorations, and stands must be removed to ensure collection. After January 17, please schedule a brush Special Pickup to have the natural Christmas tree removed.

(<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/special-pick-up>)

SNOW REMOVAL

Check out the Fairfax County Guide to Snow: fairfaxcounty.gov/snow/ You'll find the 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. Fairfax County requests the help of residents to clear sidewalks and walkways so that everyone, including school children, people with disabilities, and the elderly may walk safely. Please also consider the use of pet-safe salt or sand to protect dogs' paws on walkways.



JEFFERSON MANOR'S WINTER MARKET SALES REPORT

Status	Address	BR	BA	Listed \$	Sold \$	Close Date
SOLD	5806 Edgehill Dr	2	2.5	\$650,000	\$650,000	11/13/2024
SOLD	6016 Monticello	2	2	\$575,000	\$605,000	11/05/2024
SOLD	6022 Williamsburg	2	2	\$575,000	\$560,000	10/17/2024
SOLD	2728 Fort Drive	2	2	\$597,000	\$600,000	10/01/2024
SOLD	5934 Williamsburg	3	2	\$589,000	\$602,000	08/30/2024
SOLD	5902 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$614,900	\$600,000	08/30/2024
SOLD	2814 Fort Drive	2	1.5	\$545,000	\$551,000	08/21/2024

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Community Awareness

Racially restrictive covenants were clauses in property deeds that limited who could own or use the land based on race, ethnicity, or religion. These covenants were used to exclude people of color from certain neighborhoods and to maintain racial segregation. While the Fair Housing Act of 1968 made racially restrictive covenants illegal, it did not require this discriminatory language to be removed from existing land records.

At November's community meeting, Dr. Krystyn Moon of the University of Mary Washington spoke about her work documenting and mapping the remaining racial covenants in Fairfax and surrounding counties, including most properties here in Jefferson Manor. While an individual home's chain of title may appear clean, the deeds of dedication that govern nearly every lot in the Manor included this language:

"No part of the land contained in this Subdivision shall ever be used, or occupied by, or sold, demised, transferred, conveyed unto, or in trust for, leased, or rented, or given to any person or persons not of the Caucasian Race, except that this covenant shall not be held to exclude partial occupancy of the premises by domestic servants of the occupants thereof."

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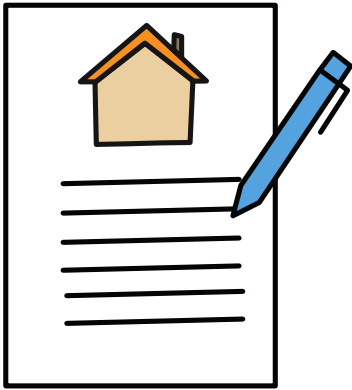
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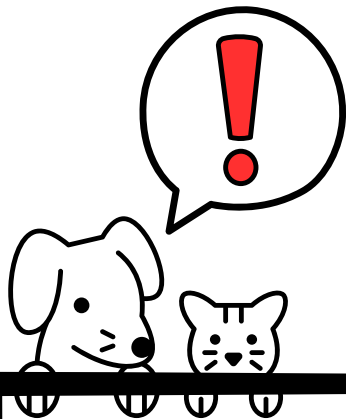
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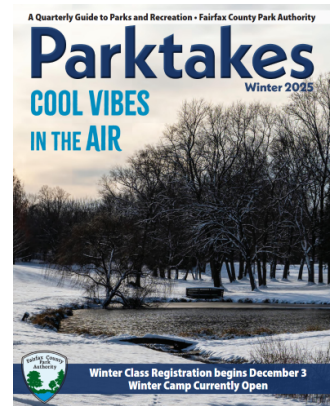
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In 2020, Virginia streamlined the process for property owners to release particular unconstitutional and discriminatory covenants from their property. JMCA is working to organize instructions that will help interested homeowners file the appropriate paperwork with the county to update their land records. Please keep an eye on this newsletter and JeffersonManor.org as we plan to make these forms accessible in the near future. Learn more about the history of these covenants, their impact on housing segregation, and the efforts to end them and find an interactive map at DocumentingExclusion.org.



Don't forget to sign up for Winter Classes with the Fairfax Park Authority. Winter Classes begin January 4, 2025. Registration for Spring Classes begin February 4. View all classes on the Parktakes Online website (<https://fxparks.org/e-parktakes.html>)



JMCA Pets of the Month

Does your pet have what it takes to be JMCA's Pet of the Month? All pets are welcome, not just cats and dogs! Please send a high resolution photo and answer the questions below about your pet. Submissions should be e-mailed to newsletter@jeffersonmanor.org.

Pet Name:

Birthday:

Likes:

Dislikes:

About Pet (A few sentences about your pet, when they moved to Jefferson Manor, favorite things to do, etc.)



Work with an agent who lives and gives in Jefferson Manor!

In 2024, Darcey:

- Contributed over \$1,500 to the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association
- Volunteered more than 20 hours of their time through their work on the JMCA Board of Directors
- Hosted 3 neighborhood events that had over 80 Manor residents and friends in attendance!

I am proud to be a part of this community and will be honored to continue to serve it as a Realtor® and a neighbor in 2025!



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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.



2025 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.

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]
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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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