

Jefferson Manor Newsletter



MAY/JUNE 2024

JMCA Spring Egg Hunt

This year's neighborhood Spring Egg Hunt was held at Jefferson Manor Park on March 24. Over 275 eggs were stuffed and hidden by community volunteers. There were about 20 participants searching high and low for hidden eggs, especially the Golden Egg! Thank you to all those who helped organize the event and volunteers who stuffed and hid eggs.



JMCA COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The JMCA community yard sale is back! It will take place on Saturday, June 8th from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Communal "Name Your Own Price" Sale: (Location: Corner of Fairhaven/Monticello) Donate new, gently used, and nice things to the "Name Your Own Price" section of the communal yard sale. 100% of the money raised from this section will go to Mount Eagle Elementary. Donations (boxed or bagged) can be dropped off anytime starting on Saturday, June 1. NOTE: The drop off address for items is 2800 Fairhaven Drive (driveway and patio on Fairhaven Ave). Unsold items will not be returned.

Be Your Own Seller at the Communal Location: Bring your items to the communal yard sale location and set up/attend to your own "shop." While not mandatory, we do ask that some portion of your proceeds be donated to Mount Eagle Elementary.

Set Up in Your Own Yard: We'll add you to a map that will be distributed electronically and printed from the communal location. You put up your own signs (7 maximum per county regulations) to direct people to your yard. If you'd like to donate some of your proceeds (10% suggestion) to Mount Eagle, then we will help facilitate that!

Volunteer to Help at the Communal Yard:

We need volunteers to help put the items out, interact with customers, and pack up the remaining items at the end of the day. We'll also have our JMCA Membership table, donuts/snacks, orange juice, and mimosas!



Calendar of Events

Community Meeting

May 14, 7 p.m. @ Mount Eagle ES

Home & Garden Tour

May 18, 1 p.m. @
2803 Fairhaven Ave

Community Yard Sale

June 8, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. @
2800 Fairhaven Ave

Community Meeting

July 25, 7 p.m. @ TBD

National Night Out

August 6, 6 – 7:30 p.m. @
Jefferson Manor Park

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Letter from the President Sharon Evans

Hello everyone! I'm honored to be the JMCA President this year. I've lived in the Manor for the last six years with my husband and somewhat noisy, but very sweet, pup named Archie. This is an incredible neighborhood and I look forward to serving with the rest of the all-volunteer Board to keep the momentum going from the last amazing group of Board members.

To that end, we've already been hard at work planning events for 2024. In addition to the Yard Sale described on the newsletter cover, there are several more upcoming events to highlight.

Join us on May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Eagle Elementary School for our next Community Meeting. We're still working on topics so let us know if there's something you would really like to hear about. (E-mail: President@jeffersonmanor.org).

The annual Al & Sandy Snyder Home & Garden Tour will be on May 18th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can participate by displaying your garden or part of your home. Want to show off a renovation? Did you find a new way to use space in our wonderful townhomes? Have you created a haven for wildlife? Please consider sharing by participating in this event! Or travel the neighborhood and see what everyone has to show. To participate as a display home or garden, please e-mail info@jeffersonmanor.org or respond on the Facebook event page.

I'd like to leave you with a favorite quote. The author is unknown, but the sentiment is perfect. *"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."* Please contact any JMCA Board member to see how you can use your talents and volunteer in the Manor.



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Home and Garden

GARDENING IN THE MANOR

Well as we expected summer is making an early arrival, or at least we are having some hot days. But this is an opportunity to extoll the benefits of clay soil! I know our clay soil gets a very bad rap and if you're new to it, it's really challenging to work with. So let me share what I've learned. First some of the clear benefits. Clay soil is great at holding on to moisture, and from someone who gardened in sandy soils of Florida, the fact that a hot day does not instantly result in dropping plants is very welcomed. The clay also holds on to nutrients quite well which means there's less need to be fertilizing constantly. It's hard to work, but I've realized a pitch fork style tool works quite well to loosen soil and is less affected by the small rocks that are common in the Manor. I also find a narrow cutting style shovel works quite well in clay. Of course, it's also true that heavy clay is not what some plants, and most gardeners, want. To get started on improving the soil, adding organic matter is the way to go. I'm personally a fan of leaf based composts (which don't threaten peat bog habitats) which you can get at box stores or have delivered. You can actually use this as a top dressing if you're patient because our worms will do the work of pulling it deeper into the soil. Organic mulches like pine bark or hardwood mulch will work the same way and I often use a bit of both. I choose smaller sized mulch; this is less likely to run off with rain but also works into the soil more quickly. Apply these top dressings regularly and your soil will get better and better!



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Home and Garden

IN THE VEG PATCH

I'm guessing many of you have opted for raised beds for vegetable gardening, and so have I. One cost of that is the moisture clay holds is pretty far down. In hot weather you will need to water to keep those veggies happy. Given we've jumped into summer I've started to put in the warm weather crops and even seeds seem to be happily germinating so long as I keep up with the watering. Warm weather veggies include favorites like tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, as well as numerous herbs, especially basil! My biggest issue these days is that squirrels love to dig in that lovely raised-bed soil, so I'm thinking I may try a cover. I prefer finer mesh screening to the loose mesh monofilament cloth (i.e., with mesh on the order of 1/2 inch); that monofilament "cloth" traps birds and snakes and is really a nuisance to free them from.

Happy Growing!
Colette St. Mary
local mad gardener



The Al & Sandy Snyder Home and Garden Tour is May 18th!
This a great opportunity to see some of the interior renovations, remodels or additions that have been done in the neighborhood over the years. It is also an opportunity to learn about the gardens and outdoor living spaces our neighbors have created.



Amanda's Cleaning

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Community Awareness

NEW JMCA DUES

Following a debate at the March Annual Meeting, JMCA members voted to increase dues to better support the vigorous schedule of activities we host throughout the year. Your dues -- now \$25 per year or \$45 for two years -- continue to support Jefferson Manor's various events like the festive Holiday Extravaganza, the amazing Block Party, the spirited Chili Cook-off and Members Reception, etc. Plus, they cover supplies for community service opportunities like the recent Spring Park Cleanup and Welcome Wagon baskets, and provide for the JM sign maintenance at Fort-Monticello Road — and so many other things for our neighborhood! Your generous support keeps all this possible! To join or renew your membership, pay online via PayPal at JeffersonManor.org, use the mail-in form on Page 7, or pay in person at any JMCA event.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The JMCA Block Party will be September 28 on Monticello Road at Fairhaven Avenue. Last year's block party had an estimated 400 attendees and 17 sponsors/booths/activities that provided something for everyone! Your neighborhood civic association, the JMCA, hosted this community-gathering event that was paid for with your JMCA dues, generous donations from Manorites and sponsorships from local businesses and neighbors doing business in the Manor. Stay tuned for more info on sponsoring this amazing event!



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Community Awareness

MARTHA WASHINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Did you know that the closest library to Jefferson Manor is less than a 10 minute drive? The Martha Washington Library has upcoming events for all ages. You can view and register for events online. Here are a few of the upcoming events. View more events on the library's website (<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/>).

Kids

- Storytime
- Yoga
- Book Club
- Read to Therapy Dogs
- Escape Room

Teens

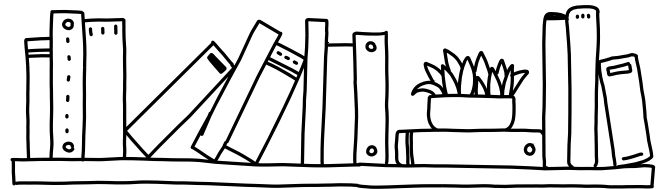
- Game Night
- Cooking Workshop
- Laser Tag

Adults

- Beginner Spanish
- Crafting
- Poetry Group

All Ages

- Outside Family Storytime
- Book Sale
- Petting Zoo



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PROGRAMS

Summer Camp Registration began April 23. View the online Parktakes Magazine (<http://fxparks.org/e-parktakes.html>) to see summer classes and activities throughout Fairfax County. You can find activities for all age levels in aquatics, gardening, sports, music, crafts, and nature. Below are some activities that might be of interest. You can also sign up for programs with Alexandria's Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (<https://vaalexandriaweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/>) as a non-resident starting May 17.

Aquatics

- Swim Classes
- Water Aerobics
- Water Walking

Camps for Kids

- Ballet
- Engineering
- Total Sports
- Drones
- Pokémon Masters

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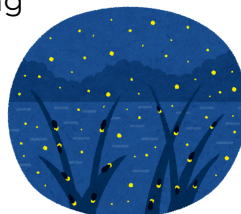
- Line dancing
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Golfing
- Flag Football

Arts and Crafts

- Drawing
- Watercolors
- Floral Design

Nature

- Firefly Walk
- Bat Night
- Water Sketch Hike
- Birding



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 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.

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]

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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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SOLD	2806 Albemarle Dr	2	2	\$570,000	\$616,000	04/12/2024
SOLD	5913 Edgehill Dr	3	2	\$648,000	\$645,000	04/08/2024
SOLD	2725 Farnsworth	3	2	\$590,000	\$606,000	04/02/2024
SOLD	2836 Fairhaven	2	2	\$590,000	\$590,000	03/27/2024
SOLD	6023 Monticello Rd	3	2	\$595,000	\$625,000	03/21/2024
SOLD	5940 Edgehill Dr	2	1	\$379,900	\$451,000	03/12/2024
SOLD	5921 Edgehill Dr	2	2	\$665,000	\$680,000	03/06/2024

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Tom's JM Track Record:

JM assisted Sellers	157
JM assisted Buyers	52
JM assisted Landlords	76
JM assisted Renters	+ 60
Successful JM Transactions	345

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