

# Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association

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## FALL PICNIC THIS SUNDAY Oct 12, 5-7 pm

### Susanna & John William's backyard

737 Locust Avenue, intersection of Hazel Street

The Neighborhood will provide some soft drinks and pizzas

Please bring a dish to share and any other beverages you desire

Lawn chairs and outdoor games are a good idea

We will have information regarding the proposed HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT as this will be an important issue for us all to discuss in the coming months.

Rain date is Sunday October 19th.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER AND REQUESTS:

- **October 14th at 7:00 pm Planning Commission Public Hearing for Historic Conservation Overlay Districts.**
- **November 3rd City Council Meeting where Conservation Districts will be on the agenda.**
- *Please join the MJNA. To do so, contact Mary Odell, info on back.*
- *Winter Solstice Party at Kate Berman's home on December 22nd, 7 pm.*
- *Need donations for historic survey work.*
- *Burnley Moran is looking for help with Walk-to-School days, which are the first Friday each month. It only takes a few hours a month. Please contact Cindy Cartwright 295-6327 or cindycartwright@gmail.com.*

## Update on Martha Jefferson Hospital

Martha Jefferson Hospital is moving forward in the process to select a development partner. RFQ's were received and narrowed down to three companies. A fourth company has put forward a proposal to simply buy the property.

Last week, the hospital submitted RFP's to the remaining companies, which are due back in six weeks. A finalist will be announced December 8th.

Steve Bowers, Hospital Spokesperson has been regularly meeting with Maria Chapel, Buddy Weber, and Melanie Miller, who are acting

as representatives from the neighborhood.

Steve Bowers stated, "We are very fortunate that even in the harshest economic times, some of the leading redevelopment companies in the region have not only expressed deep interest in investing in the future of downtown Charlottesville and the Martha Jefferson neighborhood, but are committing significant resources just to compete for the right to do so.

We stated at the outset that character, proven track record, and long-term financial strength

were imperative, and all the finalists now preparing proposals fit the bill. Similarly, based on our regular communications with neighborhood and city representatives, we are confident that each is approaching the opportunity in a way that will respect the existing neighborhood while offering an inspirational (and market-viable) vision for the site. It's exciting, and as we promised, it's our intention to select and introduce a redevelopment partner by year's end."

## Meet Your Neighbor



*Kristin and Andres have recently moved to Lexington Avenue.*

Kristin and Andres-Clarens came to Charlottesville in early 2008 in search of a great place to live and a yard for their dogs, Stella and Bean. They have not been

disappointed! Originally from Birmingham, Michigan, Kristin works in Washington DC as an international lawyer focusing on anti-corruption work. She splits her time be-

tween Washington and Charlottesville. Andres had been splitting his time between DC and Ann Arbor Michigan where he was completing graduate work in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan. He's now working as an Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia. Andres and Kristin are excited to explore Charlottesville and

the surrounding mountains and to get to know their community and their neighbors. Kristin and Andres like to spend time outdoors and love to travel—in the past year, they've backpacked through Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego and explored Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand. Please stop by and say hi sometime soon!

## New Logo for Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Be on the lookout for the inclusion of our new identity on all future publications and on our website.

Many thanks to Laura Roseberry and Patrick Schoonover of Roseberries Graphic Design Studio for creating this great new logo for us.

## Martha Jefferson to Have New Website

Did you know you can keep abreast of MJNA news on our city-sponsored website? Just go to [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org), click on "Community," choose "Neighborhood Connection," then "Martha Jefferson,"

This site will include a history and description of the Martha Jefferson neighborhood, plus MJNA board contact information, information on meetings and gatherings, and updates on issues concerning our neighborhood.

Mary Odell is leading this effort. If you can assist, please contact her. All contact information is on the back page.



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the DT Office of Real Estate  
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*The Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association was founded as a response to the growth of Martha Jefferson Hospital in the 1980's. With the announcement of the hospital's departure to a new facility at Peter Jefferson Place on Pantops, we once again need strong voices and leadership to ensure our neighborhood remains the friendly, beautiful, and comforting place that drew us all here initially. Any help you can provide during this crucial time is needed and appreciated.*

**The next MJNA Monthly Meeting is on November 3rd at 5:00 pm at  
the Chapel's home at 1029 Hazel Street.**

Can you guess who are the oldest residents of the Martha Jefferson Area Neighborhood? Would you be surprised to learn that many of these residents are over 100 years of age? It's true – but these residents are the massive trees that dot the neighborhood, casting their shade in the summer, and filling the sky with beautiful fall foliage in the fall. Our neighborhood would look very different without their presence. Unfortunately, these trees don't live forever. As they fall prey to age or disease, the character of our neighborhood will change unless we begin to replant these large canopy trees now.

Fall is the perfect time for planting. Please consider planting a hardwood tree and leave a legacy to be enjoyed for the next one-hundred years in the neighborhood.

