



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FALL 2012



CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN AT OLD MJH

OTHER THAN THE CHEERFUL holiday graffiti on the signs in front of Martha Jefferson's old campus, we haven't seen much activity since the hospital relocated to Pantops last fall. But in late September, we got a new neighbor! The CFA Institute, an organization that runs training and continuing education programs for investment professionals, finalized its purchase of slightly more than half of the former Hospital property. CFA now owns the historic Patterson building and the South Wing, and has already started renovating its part of the property.

Construction should be finished in Fall 2013. At that point, the 350 employees working in Fontaine Research Park will start spending their days in our neck of the woods. CFA leadership has expressed enthusiasm about becoming part of our community and indicated its commitment to engaging with Martha Jefferson neighbors. Octagon Partners, the real estate investment company that bought the property last year, owns the remaining portion and is presently working on development plans with potential tenants.

Things will probably look a little different over the next few months as the two owners work to develop their properties. Taylor Walk remains open but may need to be closed intermittently as construction progresses. Anyone with concerns or questions relating to the property is urged to speak with the Neighborhood Association. We have been delighted by the responsiveness of both Octagon and CFA and look forward to working with them throughout this next phase of our neighborhood's history.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL PICNIC Sunday, October 21 4 to 6 PM

in the backyard of 843 Locust Avenue

Please join us in our annual Fall Celebration. There will be activities for the children and new neighbors to meet. Please bring your favorite fall dish to share and a chair to sit on. Pizza and drinks will be provided by MJNA. Bring a little cash to renew your membership and if you would like something more than cider, a donation for wine and beer.

THE 18TH ANNUAL SPIRIT WALK Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21 6-9:15 PM

Sponsored by the Albemarle
Charlottesville Historical Society

This is a fun warm-up to Halloween and sells out every year. You can be spooked in the evenings during the 90-minute guided moonlight tour of Maplewood Cemetery. Tours leave every 15 minutes from the Maple Street entrance. \$12 for adults, \$8 for children. For more information go to the website: albemarlehistory.org.

HOLIDAY PARTY Sunday, December 16 7 to 9:30 PM

508 Lexington Avenue

Our Winter Solstice Party at Kate's has become a tradition. We're celebrating a little early this year! Please bring a savory or sweet treat to share.

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CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The MJNA Board is always looking for new members. We will elect a new Board at our upcoming spring picnic. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your community at a very local level, email us at info@mjna.org or talk with any current Board member.

SAVE THE DATES

Buford Middle School Venable Elementary School Clark Elementary School
October 17 - 6-8 pm October 25 - 6-8pm November 1 - 7-9pm

* All the meetings will have the same content. Choose the location and date most convenient for you.

We want **YOUR** feedback on the City's Comprehensive Plan Goals and Future Land Use Plan



CHARLOTTESVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE CITY HAS SCHEDULED THREE MEETINGS (listed above) for Charlottesvilleans to help plan the look and feel of the City in the future. It is a good opportunity to express your interests: pocket parks, neighborhood businesses, more sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. We likely all have good ideas to help make our city and neighborhood a better place.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

SINCE THE SPRING PICNIC MANY HOUSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE been sold. On Locust Avenue we sadly say farewell to long-time neighbors Carolyn and Sean Graves and to Craig Barton and Marthe Rowen; and welcome to Bridget Hamre, Demian Jackson, and their family; and to Chad and Rebecca Morgan. Hazel Street neighbors Jasmine, Austen, Celeste, and Felicity have moved back to England; and we welcome Lisa, Jonah, Eula, and Lila Tobias. There are many more of you that we don't know about so please fill out the membership form and come to the picnic!

JOIN US!

If you want to join MJNA or if your dues are due, please fill in this form.

Name _____

Street Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I'm not ready to join, but add the email address I've given to MJNA's list.
Dues are \$10 every 2 years per household. Please make check out to MJNA.
Bring to the membership table at the picnic or mail to Mary Odell, 878 Locust Avenue.