

Johnson Village Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2011

JPA Bridge Project

As we're sure you've noticed, the JPA bridge has officially closed. It will remain closed until completion of the project. As this issue of the newsletter went to press, utility work on Shamrock Road was ongoing. Residents are advised to avoid Shamrock to the extent possible until that work is completed. Emergency routes have been coordinated with the police and fire departments, as well as with EMS, but no public detour route has been established.

Frequently asked questions regarding the JPA Bridge Project:

Q. Has a detailed construction schedule been submitted and approved yet?

A. Yes.

Q. Will a temporary pedestrian bridge be built for use during the construction phase? If so, why couldn't the existing bridge remain open to vehicular traffic until the pedestrian bridge is finished?

A. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be constructed. For now, the sidewalk on one side of the existing bridge remains open. Heavy equipment, including cranes, will be staged (and may already be staged) in

JVNA Goes Paperless!

This is our final hard-copy newsletter. From now on, all information will be on our Web site or distributed through e-mail.

Our new Web site can be found at <http://jvna.weebly.com>. Special thanks to Andrew Bessell for setting it up and agreeing to be our Webmaster. As before, all e-mail should be directed to jvna@live.com.

the roadway in preparation for construction of the pedestrian bridge. There is no room for this equipment outside of the roadway, which explains why the road must be closed even during this preliminary stage. In addition, a water line relocation will require an open cut across the entire width of the roadway, making it impassable.

Q. When is demolition of the existing bridge actually going to begin?

A. According to the schedule, half of the bridge will be demolished sometime in May. Once the temporary pedestrian bridge has been completed, the remaining half of the bridge—the half that currently has an open sidewalk—will be removed.

JVNA President Candace Carey will be acting as a liaison with the City on the JPA Bridge Project. If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Candace at jvna@live.com or 977-1365. She will pass them along to the construction team.

Spring Has Sprung . . . and there's work to be done.

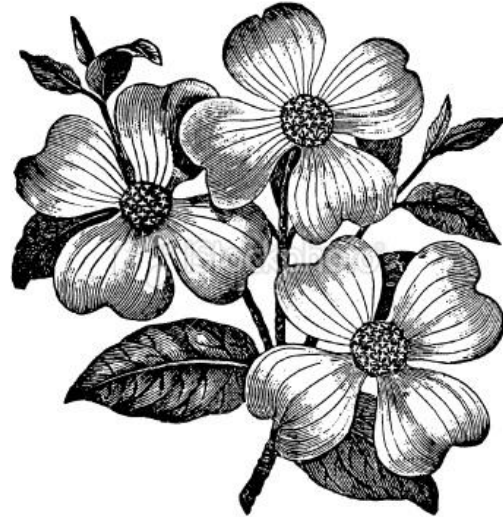
As we hope you've noticed, the entrance to Johnson Village has blooming daffodils, new signs, grass, and pedestrian-crossing lights. That's a good start, and we think it's looking better. But the fences are beginning to rot, and several rails have already broken. If you'd like to help replace the rails and otherwise improve the fence, please contact Beth DeBow, our treasurer, at beth4mark@embarqmail.com.

Community Town Hall Meeting May 12

The Community Town Hall meeting will be held on May 12th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Johnson Elementary School. Residents in Johnson Village and the Fry's Spring neighborhood are invited to attend this casual community gathering, which is intended to facilitate discussions with City Council and city staff about issues that most affect their quality of life. Dinner will be provided, along with activities for children of all ages. The idea of these and comparable meetings are to provide residents with better avenues of communication and opportunities for

engagement with their neighborhoods and the City of Charlottesville.

Maurice Jones, our new city manager, city council members, and the heads of various city departments will be there to answer questions and hear concerns.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JVNA Egg Hunt

The Johnson Village Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 11 a.m. on the grounds of Johnson Elementary School.

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Spring Yard Sale

JVNA's Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7th, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Annual Potluck

Due to the Community Town Hall meeting on May 12, JVNA's annual potluck will be held sometime in late summer.