



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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*Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.*

## Fireworks were a success

Our follow up meeting was Monday July 8, by Zoom. We could not have done it without Carroll Manor Rec Council. We exchanged data and finalized our 46th year. All agreed to “do it again next year!” Suggestions were to enlarge the children’s area and increase the operation team. Both areas needed more volunteers.

## Happy June, July & August Birthdays!

<b>Maria Barata</b>	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Terri Parrish</b>	<b>7/2</b>
<b>Bob Cook</b>	<b>7/28</b>
<b>Carol Porcher</b>	<b>8/28</b>



## Raffle

**Mike Borowitz**, thank you and sellers for a great year. The raffle was drawn for \$500 at band intermission before the fireworks started. Winner is **Ms. Kathy Dengler** of Baldwin. She is a retired Carroll Manor Elementary teacher and taught for 25 years. “The community is a great place to raise a family, attend a top-rated school, and participate in a variety of CMRC programs. I can’t say enough about adult fitness classes and instructors!”

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

7/26—Hereford & Timonium Optimist Golf, Pleasant Valley Golf, PA. \$90.

Pat Applegate is going! [kenfern@comcast.net](mailto:kenfern@comcast.net)

8/17—MDSO Optimist meeting in Lancaster, PA

8/31—Zone 5 meeting 11 AM Hereford Optimists

September—GJOC recognition of elementary school teachers

October 1—new Optimist year begins...and dues are due

October 14—Jacksonville Senior Center Golf Tournament

**October 17— GJOC 40th Anniversary Dinner**

November 2—MDSO Optimist meeting Gettysburg



## May 2024 Donation \$300

“I wanted to personally thank you regarding your very generous donation to the Carroll Manor Elementary School Golf Tournament fundraiser. We are so very appreciative of your helping in our efforts to fund a new playground. A formal letter will be coming from our PTA. Thank you for your kindness! Sincerely, Kelly Beninghove.”

## Next Zoom Meeting Thursday August 1, 7PM

<https://jhjhm.zoom.us/j/93293894407?pwd=U2FubVlldHE5ZmNkbnR6Tk96b3FOZz09>

No meeting in September (Carol A away)

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### **CLUB MEETINGS**

First Thursday  
of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Call to confirm.

**Meeting Site**  
**St. John's**  
**Evangelical**  
**Lutheran**  
**Church**  
**3911 Sweet**  
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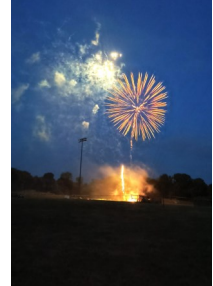
**CELEBRATE**  
*Independence Day*  
**JACKSONVILLE, MD**  
*Sat., June 29, 2024*  
**JACKSONVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- FESTIVITIES BEGIN @ 6PM •
- FOOD VENDORS • KID'S GAMES •
- MUSIC BY THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID 6:15PM •
- FIREWORKS AT DUSK •

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:



RAIN DATE:  
**SAT., JULY 6**

**Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club** and the **Carroll Manor Recreation Council** joined to present the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Jacksonville Fireworks June 29, 2024. I want to thank our committee and their recruited team members for their excellent work. After a false start with being denied by the county “powers to be”, we increased the children’s area, will give donations to Police, Jacksonville Volunteer Fire, and Boy Scouts. We paid the bills and have next year’s down payment for fireworks. Doug Menapace was our MC. We liked the band *That’s What She Said* so much we booked them for next year already. Donna from Fantastic Fireworks did a great job for us. If you have any comments, suggestions, or want to volunteer for next year, please contact me [cappleg1@retiree.jh.edu](mailto:cappleg1@retiree.jh.edu).

Chair: Carol Applegate  
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Raffle: Mike Borowitz  
Field Operations: Doug Menapace, Adam Drescher, Keith Martin  
Social Media/Printing: Kelly Beninghove  
Children’s Games: Karin Bright  
Classic Car Show: Jack Underwood



Thank you to Baltimore County Police Precinct 7 for traffic control and Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company and Fire Marshall for fireworks certification and fire suppression on site.

Thank you to the 9 volunteers who took the crowd control online course that was required for Baltimore County.

#### **Optimist Club Donation to Senior Center**

We donated \$250 to the Jacksonville Senior Center Council for their Golf Tournament fundraiser. Join them at the Hillendale Country Club on October 14.

\*Thank you to Terri Parrish who always reads the newsletter and comments. Then I know the effort is worth my time.

# Thank You Sponsors!



## Platinum Level

Thank you Klein's ShopRite for donating \$5,000 for the fireworks. Carol A stopped to shop and personally thank the manager last week.

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