

## Between the Boulevards

June 2024

The newsletter of the Boulevard Manor Civic Association

### Ice Cream Social: BMCA's Independence Day Tradition Continues

All neighbors are invited to the Independence Day ice cream social on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 7:30pm at the Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St. Since 2001, BMCA has celebrated the holiday with this free event, offering ice cream, toppings, and water. Neighbors may choose to bring a lawn chair or blanket, soft drinks, snacks, and mosquito repellent. Please do not bring fireworks or alcoholic beverages to the event.

Many neighbors stay after the ice cream social to watch the fireworks above the National Mall, which are scheduled to begin at 9:09pm. If you have any questions or would like to help at the event, please contact Lee Dioso at [LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

BMCA Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, September 15, 2024, 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Bluemont Park picnic shelter

### Spring and Summer Report from The Reevesland Learning Center

Regular classes have ended for Arlington County Public Schools until August 26th. We will keep summer hours in the four gardens we manage and continue our fresh produce deliveries to the food pantry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. We welcome summer help from Scout Troops and neighbors as our volunteers harvest, water and maintain the various gardens. Please contact me, Joan Horwitt [shorwitt@aol.com](mailto:shorwitt@aol.com) if you wish to be added to our weekly garden schedule.

We had an exciting finish to the school year with our June 5 **Fiesta Salad**, where we celebrate growing our own food by making a fabulous salad for the whole school from a variety of red and green lettuces planted by students and neighbors as part of our **LAWNS 2 LETTUCE 4 LUNCH** project. It took about 12 hours over various days to wash, spin dry and bag our crop. The day before we chopped twelve other healthy ingredients to add as salad "toppings" to prepare for the school-wide Salad-bration.

### Join the BMCA Listserv

In the BMCA Google Group, neighbors share information on community news, events, and issues. To join, simply email a request to [LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org). Once subscribed, you can select how often you want the group emails delivered. If you do not post messages, your email address will remain anonymous.

If you have recently joined the mailing list and would like to view previous postings, they are available at [groups.google.com/g/bmca\\_list](https://groups.google.com/g/bmca_list).

### Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting Monday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Annual elections will be held for BMCA officers and for open BMCA Board positions. Also on the agenda:

- Park updates including the planned tennis complex replacement and other improvements that make up the Upper Bluemont Park project
- Update on the planned transfer and renovation of the former Reeves home
- Discussion of Missing Middle/upzoning issues with a guest who is involved in a related matter in the Clarendon neighborhood
- Upcoming BMCA events
- BMCA committee reports

For more information, contact BMCA President Matthew Phillips at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org).

Many thanks to The Church of the Brethren where the use of the kitchen and large refrigerator made the celebration possible. The star of the show is **Ron Battocchi** and his family-recipe vinaigrette salad dressing which he demonstrates to eight (this year) classrooms where they see how the dressing is made, taste and then vote on whether they prefer the "simple" or "fancy" version of the vinaigrette. It was great to see the excitement on Fiesta Salad Day and hear kids boasting about how many servings of salad they had eaten!

Also in June, the four Second-Grade classes made a final visit to the Reevesland Learning Garden to check on The Three Sisters Garden of corn, beans and squash that they planted in April. Each student dug up a garlic bulb to take home. The students had planted an individual clove of garlic around Halloween and watched the garlic plants grow all year.

On Monday, June 10, Ashlawn PTA and the Reevesland Learning Center sponsored a cooking class to learn how to make Salvadoran pupusas from three Ashlawn moms. About ten neighbors had a fun time making the delicious cheese and zucchini cornmeal patties. We would love to sponsor other cooking classes.

And thanks to **Simon Rubinstein** and **Quoc Doan** who helped us in the gardens during the last weeks of their Senior Year at Yorktown.

Hope to see you in the gardens!

Joan Horwitt and the dedicated volunteer Reevesland educators

*The Reevesland Learning Center Board: Sandra Kalscheur, Mary Ann Penning, Judy Norton, Nancy Fitzgerald, Danielle Blanchard, Lauren Walsh, Jon Crepeau, and Jennie Trahan*

### Teen Jobs Board

BMCA encourages entrepreneurship in young neighbors. Please consider these teens for your needs.

Name	Jobs	Contact Information
Lincoln Branch	Mowing/edging/mulching, car washing, pet sitting/walking	Text 703-505-7243
Pippin Blackwell-Curtis	Pet-sitting, house-sitting, babysitting	<a href="mailto:yonderpipstar@gmail.com">yonderpipstar@gmail.com</a>
William Gellenthien	Plant watering, mail/newspaper pick-up, snow shoveling, raking, tutoring	703-395-2031 or <a href="mailto:william.gellenthien@gmail.com">william.gellenthien@gmail.com</a>
Layla Johnson	Hand-lettering (for invitations/cards, addressing envelopes), pet sitting (especially cats), plant care, organizing bookshelves (rainbow effect)	<a href="mailto:laylagrace@gmail.com">laylagrace@gmail.com</a> Instagram <a href="#">@laylagracecreates</a> for examples
Alexander Phillips	Pet sitting and walking, light lifting, gardening	703-940-2792
Meerae Phillips	Pet sitting and walking, gardening	703-940-2792
Charis Piester	Babysitting	Text 703-403-3253
Will Piester	Lawn mowing, raking/leaf blowing, shrub trimming, snow shoveling, and other manual labor	Text 703-215-5870 <a href="mailto:wpiester15@gmail.com">wpiester15@gmail.com</a>
Elizabeth Pilot	Babysitting	<a href="mailto:elizabeth.pilot@icloud.com">elizabeth.pilot@icloud.com</a>

### BMCA is seeking donations to fund neighborhood beautification.

Please help the Civic Association fund the continued beautification of our neighborhood's southern border. In recent years, the BMCA Neighborhood Conservation and Beautification has made immense progress in clearing invasive vegetation and planting natives along the Route 50 shoulder, particularly around the N. Manchester St. intersection. To expand this effort further along the shoulder, we will need to supplement the funding allocated from the BMCA budget.

BMCA is asking neighbors to make donations in support of this fall's plantings. Your contributions will enable our beautification team to purchase a larger supply of plants, seeds, and related supplies. If you would like to donate, please follow the instructions on the form below. If you have not yet paid 2024 BMCA member dues, you can add the payment to your donation.



BMCA volunteers have planted bushes and pollinators to improve our side of Arlington Blvd. Please consider donating to enable us to purchase even more native plants that will continue to beautify the Route 50 shoulder.

### Contribution / Membership Form

Please make out your check to BMCA and, on the memo line, write "Planting" or "Planting + Dues."  
Mail this form and the payment to: BMCA c/o Angela Horton, 545 N. Littleton St., Arlington, VA 22203

Item	Cost
Contribution for neighborhood beautification (Thank you!)	\$ _____
Individual Member	\$10
Couple (Two Adult Members)	\$20
<b>Total Dues and Contribution</b>	\$ _____

For new members:

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Arlington, VA 2220\_\_

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Member E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Add me/us to the Listserv Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_