

Between the Boulevards

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No Funds for Traffic Calming This Year

We have learned that Boulevard Manor's streets were not selected by County staff to be among the five traffic calming projects in this year's funding cycle. Concerned members of our community applied to the County for traffic calming assistance on nine of our neighborhood streets.

As you may remember, the County collected traffic data on these streets last Spring. In considering the applications, County staff "rated" the streets according to a fairly complex formula used to set priorities. Because most streets included in Boulevard Manor's proposal did not rank highly, based on this formula, the County chose to fund other projects.

While the County's decision is disappointing, staff have pointed out that the data suggest that some streets in Boulevard Manor have a ranking high enough to make them good candidates to be funded next year. The most highly ranked streets in our neighborhood were:

- N. Manchester Street north 8th St. (Score of 80)
- N. Manchester Street south of 8th St. and north of 4th Rd. (Score of 66)
- The Route 50 Service Road between N. Manchester and Nottingham Streets. (Score of 64)
- North Livingston St. north of 6th St. (Score of 56)
- 4th Road east of Montague. (Score of 52)
- N. Montague St. south of 4th St. (Score of 51)
- N. Livingston St. south of 6th St. (Score of 50)

The projects funded by the County this year all ranked above 60.

If you are interested in these matters, please come to the Neighborhood Traffic Workshop on September 11 (see notice). At the meeting, you can view the traffic data and other related information, and join in discussing immediate and future opportunities to institute traffic calming in our

Nelson E. Reeves, 1900-2000

The community of Boulevard Manor lost its best friend, and one of its oldest, when Nelson Reeves died on July 20. Mr. Reeves would have celebrated his 100th birthday on August 29.

News of Mr. Reeves' death spread quickly through Boulevard Manor, bringing sadness to our community. The old yet majestic farm house on the hill between 4th Street N, and 4th Road N. would never be the same in our eyes.

At one time, Mr. Reeves' family owned all the land our homes now occupy. The stories he told about his family's 160-acre dairy farm and the awakening of Arlington were legendary. Mr. Reeves himself was a legend – kind and generous of heart, a good friend, a good neighbor, a good husband, and a good father. He and his wife, Louise, who passed away last year, touched many lives. They leave behind decades of unforgettable memories and a longing for an era now lost to us.

To the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nelson Reeves, the Boulevard Manor Civic Association wants you to know how important your dad and mom were in our lives. They were admired, respected, and appreciated.

Neighborhood Traffic Workshop

Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Discussion and effort to deal with traffic problems in our neighborhood continue with a workshop that is open to all. At the workshop, we will discuss speeding and related issues affecting Boulevard Manor. We will share traffic and speed data collected by the County on our neighborhood streets and review County traffic calming policies. Neighbors who are already working together on these issues will share lessons they have learned.

New ideas are welcome! Remember, neighborhoods that demonstrate a willingness to work together on solving traffic problems are eligible for funding to implement traffic calming plans. Please help address these issues. For more information please call: Steve Stewart (703-276-0030), John Bloom (703-276-6710), or Paul Svercl (703-243-8693).

Welcome to all new neighbors!

Please come to this special meeting to learn about and discuss how we are addressing traffic problems in Boulevard Manor.

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County Board Responds to BMCA

In late July, the Arlington County Board addressed some of the concerns that the BMCA had communicated:

Red light runners: the Board noted that the Arlington County Police Department is in the process of studying locations throughout the County where the red-light enforcement cameras would be most effective. The study includes the intersection of N. Manchester Street and Arlington Boulevard.

More parking for the soccer field at Bluemont Park: the Board stated a willingness to revisit the issue of an additional parking lot off N. Manchester Street if demand for parking indicates such a need.

Proposed Manchester interchange: the Board defended their position favoring development of an overpass to carry N. Manchester St. over Arlington Blvd. The Board's position is based on forecasts of 2020 traffic that were part of a 1986 plan. The Board admits that the county's street plan needs to be updated. They also allow that "Staff turnover and the continued emergence of localized issues have stymied plans to move ahead quickly . . ." The Board has assured BMCA of opportunities to participate in public meetings regarding re-master planning processes for transportation and parks of concern to our neighborhood.

Playgroup Forming

Parents of children up to 12 months old who are interested in forming an informal playgroup, please call Gloria Simpson Bloom at 703-276-0517 or e-mail gloriasimpson@mindspring.com.

Have you paid your 2000 BMCA dues? See form on page 2.

Plans for Water Main Construction Modified

Construction of the replacement 16-inch water main serving our area will begin this month. The initial work will be at N. Larrimore St. to enable Washington Gas to upgrade its gas line. The new schedule means that work in our neighborhood (8th Rd., Manchester St., and 5th St.) will not occur until this coming winter.

The project is expected to last six months, with the water main replacement proceeding at 100 to 200 feet per day. One lane of traffic is expected to be maintained with no parking allowed on streets during actual construction. We can also expect some gas and water interruptions. This situation will have a major impact on traffic at Ashlawn Elementary School as well as some of our neighborhood streets. The County plans to notify residents with additional details.

Garnett Harvey – Home at Last!

Garnett Harvey returned home at the end of July and is making a remarkable recovery after a long and serious illness. Gerry and Garnett thank everyone for all the prayers and kindnesses. They welcome friends and neighbors to stop by their home on 4th Street.

Ashlawn Boundary Changes Under Consideration

A new elementary school, now under construction on the site next to Kenmore Middle School, is scheduled for occupancy in Fall 2001. Arlington Public Schools is therefore reviewing the Ashlawn Elementary School boundaries. Look for more discussions this fall. In addition, the County will be considering possible names for the new school. If you have an idea for a name, please share your suggestion with Phil Klingelhofer (703-524-5438) or Paul Svercl (703-243-8603).

Neighbors Respond to Call for Sidewalk Clearing

Many thanks to our neighbors who have trimmed trees and shrubs overhanging the sidewalks along their property. This summer's rains have contributed to rapid growth, so that extra attention is needed to keep the sidewalks clear. Please be sure to trim any branches currently obstructing the sidewalks by your home.

One Bid Received for Bluemont Park Bypass Trail

In June, the County received only one bid for construction of the proposed new section of the bike trail around Bluemont Park. The bid exceeded the engineer's estimate for the project. Permits and final approvals for the project are pending.

History Lessons at Next Civic Association Meeting

The next BMCA general meeting will be on Monday, October 16. *Note that this meeting is separate from the neighborhood traffic workshop announced in this newsletter.* The featured topic is our neighborhood's history. Guest speakers will include:

- Annabell Lane and Cheryl Scannell will discuss the Reeves and Lane properties.
- BMCA Member Jane P. Casey will talk about the Ball-Sellers house in Glen Carlyn/Carlin Springs.
- John Huennekens, a noted historian from Bluemont, will share some notes about Powhatan Springs and the area around the new proposed park.

If you have any questions about the meeting, call Paul Svercl at 703-243-8693.

BMCA Board Members Elected

At the BMCA meeting in May, members elected the four Association officers and filled open seats on the Board. The 2000-2001 Board is:

President: Paul Svercl, 3rd St. N.
Vice President: Lee Dioso, N. Livingston St.
Secretary: Carol McGinnis, N. Livingston St.
Treasurer: Rich Massabny, 4th Rd. N

Dori Byron, N. Madison St.
Larry Goldschmidt, N. Livingston St.
Phil Klingelhofer, 1st St. N.
Jim Landrum, 4th Street N.
Merwin Liss, N. Livingston St.
Claudia Maloney, 5951 8th Rd. N.
Alex Sens, 6th St. N.
Steve Stewart, 3rd St. N.
Larry Taft, 1st St. N.

Please support your Civic Association

We need your participation and your support. There are ample opportunities to get involved. Please join us by filling out this form. Annual dues are only \$6.00/couple and \$3.00/single. Association dues fund this newsletter, distributed to 500 homes, and other activities intended to benefit the whole community.

Neighborhood issues that interest me:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & traffic safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/social events | Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation & beautification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | |

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