

# Between the Boulevards

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## N. Manchester Street: The Next Thoroughfare?

The Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan includes a proposal for constructing an interchange carrying North Manchester Street over Arlington Boulevard (Route 50). Last November, Arlington County staff recommended the proposed project to the County Board, asserting "the construction of an interchange and removal of the traffic signal on Route 50 will create a more efficient flow of traffic on Route 50 and help to reduce the amount of cut-through traffic on Manchester Street."

The staff, however, provided **no evidence that the proposed project would not create a dramatic increase in traffic through our neighborhood** as drivers take advantage of the new interchange to bypass Seven Corners. The BMCA is concerned that we might see Manchester Street transformed into a thoroughfare connecting Wilson Blvd. with the Bailey's Crossroads area.

Do you have an opinion on these proposed changes? The BMCA is considering forming an ad hoc Transportation Committee to take up this issue. But we can only begin to take action if neighbors, particularly residents of Manchester St., are willing to serve on the committee. To participate, call Paul Svercl at 243-8693 or come to the Association Meeting on February 28.

## Shovel Those Sidewalks!

After the recent snows, the Civic Association was contacted by the Police Department. The police reported that children walking to and from Ashlawn Elementary School were endangered because many neighbors had not yet cleared the sidewalks in front of their homes. Some children were avoiding the icy hazards by **walking in the middle of the streets**, where auto traffic creates an even greater peril.

Please help keep the neighborhood safe by clearing a path in front of your home as soon as possible after any heavy snowfall. If you would prefer to pay for someone to shovel or if you are young neighbor who would like to earn money shoveling, call Dori Byron at 243-4025 to get connected.

Our Community is noted for its friendly, caring neighbors. But communication is sometimes a problem.

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Garnett Harvey	4th St.
Ethel Collins	Madison St.
Merwyn Liss	Livingston St.
Clark George	Madison St.
Phyllis Boden	Livingston St.
Sheila Norman	Nottingham St.
Virginia McGinn	Madison St.

WELCOME Caroline Dioso, born August 28, 1999, to Lee and Meilin Dioso, Livingston St.

Please notify your Hospitality Committee of life's changes in our neighborhood. It is regrettable that news of serious illness and death often escape even the closest neighbors. We would rejoice with news of new arrivals! Be a caring neighbor! Call Dori Byron at 243-4025, or e-mail [dbbyron@erols.com](mailto:dbbyron@erols.com).

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Monday, February 28, 7:15 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

- We are working to get representatives of the Arlington County Board and the Virginia Dept. of Transportation to answer questions and listen to concerns about such neighborhood issues as cut-through traffic, congested parking on N. Manchester St., the proposed interchange of Manchester St. and Route 50, redevelopment of the Seven Corners - Bailey's Crossroads corridor, and future plans for Bluemont Park.
- Mark Silverwood will discuss his company's planned rehabilitation of the Patrick Henry Apartments.

Also: Updates on the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority bike trail bypass and the future "Powhatan Springs" Park along Wilson Blvd.

**New neighbors welcome!**

## Sale of Patrick Henry Apartments

Silverwood Associates, Inc., of Leesburg plans to purchase the Patrick Henry Apartments at 6122 Wilson Boulevard and will begin rehabilitating the entire complex. The property consists 4.63 acres with 110 units in 11 buildings built in 1958. Arlington County has made the property eligible for funding through the Housing Fund Contingent and it will be maintained as affordable housing.

## Spring Cleaning

This spring, crews from the County Dept. of Environmental Services will make special trips through neighborhoods to collect yard waste for recycling. Call 228-6570 for more information.

Are you interested in a neighborhood cleanup day? Come to the BMCA meeting on February 28. If there is sufficient interest, the Association will arrange with the County for scheduled bulk trash pickups in the neighborhood. Here's a perfect opportunity to clean out your attic or basement, get rid of old furniture, etc.

## Announcing the BMCA Web Site

Your Civic Association has joined the digital age with a home page at <http://furthr.com/bmca>. Much thanks to Scott Allard of Lombardy Street for his work on the web site. At our site, you can find updates on Association activities, an electronic version of *Between the Boulevards*, and other helpful information. It's a fledgling site, hungry for more content. If you're interested in assisting with development of the BMCA web site, call Phil Klingelhofer at 524-5438.

## Neighborhood Watch

The Arlington Police recently contacted the Civic Association asking for a list of our Neighborhood Watch block captains. The police would use this list to quickly communicate information across the neighborhood in an emergency. Since we don't have any block captains assigned, we were unable to provide a list to the police. If you're interested in helping to establish an active Neighborhood Watch in Boulevard Manor, please come to the BMCA meeting on February 28.

### Need Help? Rent-A-Rower!

How would you like to get strong, reliable students to help with your chores while supporting Arlington's oldest high school rowing program at the same time? Call the Washington-Lee HS Rent-A-Rower hotline at 534-3074.

Rent-a-Rower is a Washington-Lee Crew Boosters program created to enable W-L crew members to raise funds for new shells (boats) and equipment. Unlike many other sports, crew is **not** funded with tax money. W-L rowers need to raise \$50,000 this year. So call Rent-A-Rower to take care of your shoveling, heavy lifting, cleaning, and other hard work, and help to maintain Washington-Lee's winning crew tradition.

### Parking Congestion at Bluemont Park

The County has been consulted about excessive street parking by Bluemont Park users and its effect on nearby residents. A shortage of street parking is evident during the evening rush hours and weekends and holidays during the warmer months in the 300 and 500 blocks of N. Manchester St. and adjacent streets. Talks with the County about gaining relief for our neighbors have so far been unproductive. If you can help us, please join our newly formed Parking Committee by calling chairman Bill Johnson at 243-5683.

### Redevelopment and Enlargement of Seven Corners - Baileys Crossroads Corridor Proposed

Fairfax County has advised the BMCA of a proposal to revitalize the Seven Corners - Baileys Crossroads Corridor. Plans include modifying existing land use, adding urban design guidelines, and changing recommendations related to the transportation network. With insufficient advance notice, we were invited to attend a Fairfax County Planning Commission public hearing on the proposal. The Civic Association has sent a strongly worded letter to the Arlington County Board, stating our concerns about the lack of county involvement and the failure to provide our community with timely information on the proposed changes.

### Washington-Lee High School Anniversary Dance

The W-L 75th Anniversary celebrations will include a Swing Dance. Invited are W-L alumni, current students, and all others who would like to have one hour of Swing Dance instruction followed by three more hours of dancing. The dance will be held on the evening of Saturday, March 18 from 8:00-12:00 at Washington-Lee High School. Admission is \$10.00 per person. For additional information, call Cindy Cruse at 532-2247.

### Neighborhood Day 2000

Arlington's fourth annual Neighborhood Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. Watch the BMCA web site at <http://furthr.com/bmca> for announcements about how we plan to celebrate in Boulevard Manor.

### IN MEMORIAM

George Verville Jr., former longtime resident of Livingston Street, died January 27. The retired U.S. Air Force sergeant moved to Virginia Beach in 1996. Mr. Verville is survived by wife Margaret (Peggy), stepchildren Valerie M. Hoey and Glenn F. Massey, sister, and a grandchild.

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Leonard Daniel Dry Sr., a longtime Arlington resident and father of 3rd Street resident Mary Alice Svercl, died January 5. A Master Sergeant in the Army, Mr. Dry served as Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal driver for 20 years, beginning in the Second World War and extending through the end of President Eisenhower's administration.

### VOLUNTEER! Be Part of the Solution

At the February 28 BMCA meeting, members will vote on a three-member nominating committee to list candidates for the four Officer positions and replacements for four Board Members who are completing two-year terms. Please call Paul Svercl at 243-8693 or Dori Byron at 243-4025 with suggested nominees for any of these positions.

The elections for these Officers and Board Members will be held at the May BMCA meeting.

### Your Community Needs You!

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association provides many opportunities to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Please join us! Call a BMCA officer or board member (see list) or just fill in the form below and return it to Dori Byron.

#### 1999-2000 BMCA Officers:

President	Paul Svercl	243-8693
Vice President	Jim Landrum	525-6980
Treasurer	Rich Massabny	527-2549
Secretary	Carol McGinnis	351-5195

#### BMCA Board Members:

Dori Byron	243-4025
Lee Dioso	351-9645
Larry Goldschmidt	527-7447
Joan, Sandy, Dusty Horwitt	528-2646
Phil Klingelhofer	524-5438
Merwin Liss	524-1040
Claudia Maloney	237-8721
Laurie Robertson	522-9628
Tony Russo	527-8597
Larry Taft	312-7479
Mary Weber	243-4607

### 2000 Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership

Please join us if you are not currently a member. Members, please update your dues and contact information. Annual dues are \$6.00/couple and \$3.00/single.

I am interested in the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Committee          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Cleanup            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation and Beautification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> BMCA Web Page development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Committee                          |  |

Name(s): Telephone Home:

Work:

Address: E-Mail Address:

Return to Dori Byron (243-4025), 524 N Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203