

# Between the Boulevards

Special Notice - March 2000

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## **SPECIAL UPDATE: Identifying Key Issues**

During the past two weeks, the BMCA has held three house meetings on transportation, with about 30 neighbors participating. Based on ideas from these discussions, we have scheduled a Neighborhood Meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, at the Church of the Brethren. All adult residents of Boulevard Manor are encouraged to come and help identify important neighborhood issues/concerns.

Some directions for discussion will be given to the attendees and breakout groups will be formed to discuss selected issues in detail. Each group will help decide how to resolve issues and describe steps how to accomplish the group's named goals or objectives. Facilitators will be assigned to keep things moving. After a pre-determined time, each group will select some volunteers to present their views, pro and con, to all groups.

The outcome of this neighborhood meeting should be to clarify our identification of major neighborhood issues and strengthen our approach to resolving these issues. Some issues that have already been suggested are:

- Future **transportation needs**, especially the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan and proposals for development of Arlington Blvd. as limited access freeway, an interchange at N. Manchester St. and Arlington Blvd., and a pedestrian overpass over Arlington Blvd. at N. Montague St.
- The potential **N. Manchester St. Connector** between Arlington & Wilson Blvds.
- **Bluemont and Bon Air Parks** usage impacts, including parking congestion, park overcrowding, desired changes that our neighborhood wants, and stream cleanup
- Plans for the new 5-acre **"Powhatan Springs" park** along Wilson Blvd.
- Realignment of the **Ashlawn Elementary School** boundaries and overcrowding
- Security and other **quality of life** issues

Interested in any of these? Want to add something to the list? Come to the meeting on March 28, share your views, have some fun, and meet more of your neighbors!

**Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 22, 10am-Noon, Church of the Brethren:** This event, sponsored by the BMCA and the Church of the Brethren, is for children up to age 10. Bring a basket and join us for fun, games, and treats!

## **Neighborhood Meeting**

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Purpose: To clarify major neighborhood issues and to strengthen our approach to resolving them. See **SPECIAL UPDATE** for details.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale May 13-14:** To help with Spring Cleaning, the Civic Association is coordinating a community-wide event for individual households to host simultaneous private yard sales. Plan to make up some large "Yard Sale" signs. In addition, we will also be scheduling bulk pickups with Arlington County of unwanted materials the following week. More details to come in the May BMCA Newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help with details. Please call Paul Svercl at 243-8693.

**Arlington's Fourth Annual Neighborhood Day** is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. More details to come.

**The next BMCA general meeting** will be held on Monday, May 15 at 7:15 p.m. The membership will elect Officers and four Board members. Highlights of the March 28 meeting findings will be presented, along with the updates and invited speakers. Plan to attend.

**Historic Ball-Sellers House Set to Open:** The oldest Arlington Historical Society dwelling opens for the season on Saturday, April 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility will be open every Saturday through October 28. Admission is free. The historic house is located at 5620 3rd Street S. John Ball's home, which he built after obtaining a 1742 land grant from Lord Fairfax, is one of a few authentic examples lived in by ordinary Virginia families during the 18th century.

**Census 2000:** You've completed and returned your Census form, haven't you?

**Our Membership Drive is On!** Your elected BMCA Officers and Board members are working hard in the best interest of the whole community. Even if you are not able to participate in Civic Association activities, we need your financial support. Annual dues are \$6 per couple and \$3 for singles. Please send a check made out to BMCA to Dori Byron, 524 N. Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203. We appreciate your support.