

Between the Boulevards

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Traffic Calming Efforts Continue

The BMCA sponsored a Traffic Calming Workshop on September 11 at the Church of the Brethren. Neighbors interested in reducing the speed and volume of cars passing through Boulevard Manor shared information gathered this year and agreed on plans for continuing efforts. Based on data collected by the County it appears that, at a minimum, several streets within Boulevard Manor should qualify for traffic calming measures.

Participants in the workshop agreed that the Civic Association should formally ask the County for traffic calming assistance with a goal of having measures included in the next traffic calming funding cycle in 2001. BMCA President Paul Svercl will send a letter to County officials and arrange a meeting with County staff.

Prospects for success next year are enhanced substantially by support from the Ashlawn PTA (thanks to Phil Klingelhofer) and by the active involvement of residents affected by traffic. Anyone who would like to become involved in traffic calming efforts should contact Steve Stewart (703-276-0030) or John Bloom (703-276-0517).

Water Main Construction Begins

Washington Gas Company has begun work to replace some lines and connections along N. Manchester St. in association with the construction of the new 16-inch water main. The County will begin construction in our neighborhood in November. Disruptions to gas and water services, and to street traffic, may occur. County staff will provide a briefing on the project plans at the BMCA meeting on October 16. The County also plans to notify affected residents with additional details.

Civic Association Supports Bike Bypass

The proposed construction of a bypass to take bicycle traffic around Bluemont Park appears to be near approval. In September, BMCA President Paul Svercl sent a letter to the County Board supporting the proposed project. Paul cited safety concerns about the existing trails through the park, which are currently shared by pedestrians and high-speed cyclists.

To date, the Arlington County Environment and Energy Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission have both given their approval to the proposed bypass.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

The final BMCA meeting of 2000 will feature:

- ✓ A briefing by County staff on the ongoing installation of 16-inch water main in our neighborhood
- ✓ An update on construction of the NVRPA bike bypass through Bluemont Park
- ✓ An update on the addition of new classrooms at Ashlawn Elementary School

The featured topic is local history since the Civil War. Join us for this opportunity to learn about how our neighborhood's past. 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.

All neighbors are welcome!

Paul attended the Parks meeting and BMCA Board member Jim Landrum attended both meetings.

The County Board will take up the proposal at their October 7 meeting, which begins at 8:30 a.m. in #1 Courthouse Plaza, Suite 307, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

GET WELL WISHES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nadene Forsythe of the 5900 block of Wilson Boulevard, recovering from surgery at Fairfax Hospital.

This newsletter is produced at least three times a year and distributed to 500 families in our neighborhood. Please help us to cover the costs of production by paying your annual dues. See the form on page 2.

New Neighbors Organize Block Party

Longfellow Street was blocked off on Saturday Sept. 30 for a gathering of about 50 neighbors mostly from Longfellow and Madison streets. Skies were a bit gray, but a spirited crowd enjoyed a variety of tasty ethnic dishes.

Jon Komski displayed several of his beautiful paintings. Also, cultural artifacts and examples of hobbies were exhibited. Children enjoyed games, sidewalk drawings and treats throughout the afternoon. An open house tour allowed neighbors to inspect several new additions and renovations.

Co-Chairing the event were Margaret and Lin Core, and Susan and Jim Freericks. Photos from the party will be posted on the BMCA Web Site, <http://furthr.com/bmca>.

Annual Soup & Pie Bazaar

This year's Homemade Soup & Pie Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Arlington Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague Street. Phone 703-524-4100 for information.

A Note Of Appreciation

From Cheryl Reeves Scannell

Dear Boulevard Manor Civic Association:

We appreciate your contribution to the Dulin Methodist Church Fund and especially for your prayers and thoughts during our Dad's passing. I think he got just as much joy from all his neighbors as he did farming. I am convinced he lived a long life so he could enjoy his neighbors and serve them when he could. Many thanks to all of you for enriching our Dad's life.

Our Love,
Marcia, Ron and Cheryl

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"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation & beautification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | |

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