

Between the Boulevards

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Neighborhood Conservation Plan to be Developed

At the last BMCA meeting in February, the Civic Association formed a committee to begin exploring the possibility of installing "Boulevard Manor" signs at the entrances to our neighborhood. We have learned that, to secure County funds for such signage, we must prepare a Neighborhood Conservation Plan that must be approved by the County Board.

In 1964, the County Board created the Neighborhood Conservation Program, which encourages neighborhoods to plan improvements and provides dedicated funding to implement the plans. Since that time, Arlington voters have approved bond sales of more than \$22 million to fund neighborhood conservation projects.

Lyndell Core of N. Longfellow St. has volunteered to serve as BMCA's representative to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, which along with the County Planning Commission, reviews submitted Neighborhood Conservation Plans and makes recommendations to the County Board. Lyn will also spearhead the development of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

The planning effort will require the cooperation of many volunteers from our community. Tasks will include a survey of Boulevard Manor residents to ascertain desired objectives for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Also, we must complete an inventory of existing conditions in the neighborhood. To learn more about the planning process and about how you can help, come to the May 21 BMCA meeting or call Lyn Core at 703-741-3788.

Road Diet Proposed for Wilson Boulevard

Is it possible to improve traffic flow on an arterial road like Wilson Boulevard while making it safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists – without using any additional land? It may sound too good to be true, but several American towns have succeeded in doing just that, according to transportation experts. At our May 21 meeting, guest speaker Charles Denny, a nationally known transportation planner, will speak about the "road diets" program. The Bluemont Civic Association has urged Arlington County officials to improve pedestrian safety and reduce vehicular speeding on Wilson Boulevard and other measures without unduly affecting traffic flow. Ed Finny, President of Bluemont Civic Association, will also participate in the discussion.

Traffic Engineers to Speak at BMCA Meeting

Officials from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Arlington County Traffic Engineering Division will be on hand at our May 21 meeting to discuss traffic issues on the Arlington Blvd. north frontage road. They can also fill us in on the turning movements studies which led to the new pavement markings creating turn lanes on N. Manchester Street on both sides of Route 50.

County Responds to Inquiries about Development

With rumors circulating about possible development interest in the large property at 400 N. Manchester St.,

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

- **Elections** will be held for BMCA officers and open Board positions.
- Development of the Boulevard Manor **Neighborhood Conservation Plan** will be discussed by Lyn Core, our representative to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee.
- The proposed **Road Diet for Wilson Blvd.** will be presented by two members of the Arlington County Transportation Commission: Ed Finny, President of Bluemont Civic Association, and Charles Denny, transportation planning consultant.
- **Traffic on the north frontage road** of Arlington Boulevard will be discussed by Scherrell Crow, a VDOT Senior Traffic Engineer and Terry Bellamy, Arlington County Traffic Engineering Division Chief.
- The **Neighborhood Sign, Traffic Calming and Nominating Committees** will report.

Please come and participate!

BMCA President Paul Svercl communicated with the County Board and the Planning Division to find out what, if anything, is going on. From their responses, we know that:

- The County has received no proposal for subdivision or development of the property.
- An attorney and two different surveyors inquired about guidelines for possible by-right subdivision development of the property. Staff did not know whom the attorney and surveyors represent.
- Any developer wishing to complete a build a through-street on the property connecting the two segments of N. Manchester St. would be required to obtain Board approval through an amendment of the County comprehensive plan.

The County Manager has promised to inform BMCA if any proposal for subdivision is submitted.

Traffic Calming Update

John Bloom of 3rd St. N. continues to work with the County in exploring options to reduce speeding and cut through traffic in Boulevard Manor. Most recently, the Arlington Traffic Calming Commission reviewed the "score" – used for priority-ranking candidate streets for County funded traffic calming measures – for N. Livingston St. Although the Commission increased Livingston Street's score, owing to the presence of the Rainbow Road Preschool, the increase was not sufficient to place N. Livingston among the County's highest-priority streets. The Neighborhood Conservation Program may therefore be a better option for funding traffic calming measures in the near term.

As you may have noticed, the County collected traffic speed and volume data on N. Manchester St. last March, while it was torn up for the water main replacement. The County has assured John that they will not rely on that data and will remeasure N. Manchester and several other streets later on, probably over the summer.

Wanted: Dues-paying Members

At only \$6/couple or \$3/single, annual member dues fund this newsletter (published at least three times a year) and neighborhood events such as the recent Easter Egg Hunt. Please complete the form on the other side of the newsletter and send or give your payment to Membership Chairperson Dori Byron.

BMCA Elections to be Held at May Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, comprised of Phil Klingelhofer, Dori Byron, and Rich Massabny, presents the following slate of candidates for the May 21 election:

Candidates for 2001-2002 Officer Positions

- President: Lee Dioso, 555 N. Livingston St.
- Vice President: Phil Klingelhofer, 5851 1st St. N.
- Secretary: Claudia Maloney, 5951 8th Rd. N.
- Treasurer: Rich Massabny, 5904 4th Rd. N.

Candidates for open Board Positions

- Paul Svercl, 5900 3rd St. N. (past President)
- Scott Allard, 518 N. Lombardy St.
- Lyn & Margaret Core, 500 N. Longfellow St.
- Matthew Doyle, 202 N. Montague St.
- John Pomeranz, 5927 3rd St. N.
- Diane Asuncion & Lee White, 511 N. Madison St.
- Board Members serving 2nd Year of 2000-2002 Term
- John Bloom, 225 N. Manchester St.
- Larry Goldschmidt, 407 N. Livingston St.
- Jim Landrum, 5919 4th St. N.
- Alex Sens, 6063 6th St. N.

The Bylaws also allow nominations from the floor. Voting privileges are extended to all BMCA members who have paid dues for the current calendar year.

Dog Control Problems Reported

In the last few months, several dogs have been seen running loose in the neighborhood and leaving their wastes in neighbors' yards. The Arlington Code (Chapter 2, Article II, Animals, Sections 2.5 & 2.6) states: "It is unlawful for the owner to permit his dog to run at large in the county. All dogs are to be kept secured by a leash or lead under the control of the owner or other responsible person . . . The owner of a dog shall be responsible for the removal of the dog's excretion from any property other than the dog owner's property and between the edges or curbs of public streets." Neighbors having problems with uncontrolled dogs should call the police non-emergency line at 703-228-2222.

Name Proposed for New Park

At the February BMCA meeting, the membership voted to recommend that the planned new park on Wilson Blvd. be named "Powhatan Springs Park" after the historic name for the source of the stream that runs through the parkland. Members also approved a suggested name for the stream: "Reeves Run" in honor of the Reeves family, whose farm formerly encompassed much of Boulevard Manor.

Playground Upgrades Planned for Bluemont Park

The Bluemont Park playground will undergo safety upgrades in the coming months. The Parks Department will complete repairs and improvements to address worn equipment, surfaces and landscaping. Due to the pending master

BMCA welcomes new neighbors

Joining our neighborhood since last October's meeting are the new residents of:

Boulevard Manor	
5943 3 rd St. N.	329 N. Madison St.
5905 4 th Rd. N.	5920 5 th Rd. N.
520 N. Livingston St.	6019 5 th Rd. N.
324 N. Madison St.	6031 5 th Rd. N.
Spy Hill	
108 N. Liberty St.	6028 1 st St. N.
Stone Ridge	
408 N. Lombardy St.	300 N. Nottingham St.

The Membership/Hospitality Committee hopes to personally greet all new neighbors and urges them to join our efforts to build a better community for all. We look forward to seeing you at the BMCA meeting on May 21.

plan process for Bluemont Park, full renovation of the playground is being delayed until fiscal year 2004. By that time, the master plan process should be complete and the new playground can be constructed in the location determined by the master plan. Re-master planning of Bluemont and Bon Air is planned to start Spring 2002.

Easter Egg Hunt a Smash

The 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt drew a crowd of about 70 children and adults on a gorgeous Spring morning last month. Co-sponsored by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren, the event offered fun, games, and treats to neighborhood kids. Our thanks to Claudia Maloney and Dori Byron of BMCA, who Co-Chaired the festivities with Alma Gallego of the Church of the Brethren.

Additional Photo Enforcement of Signals Sought

Last year, when the County began using automated cameras to help catch red light runners, BMCA requested installation of cameras to monitor traffic on Route 50 in both directions at N. Manchester St. Recently, the County proposed to purchase camera systems for three new locations, including westbound Arlington Blvd. at N. Manchester St.

New Cables to be Installed on Wilson Blvd.

In March, BMCA received a letter from Worldcom announcing their plans to construct telecommunication conduits along Wilson Blvd. The scope of the work includes the placement of twelve 1.5-inch conduits and associated hand holes near or under the sidewalks on the South side. Permits must be obtained from the County prior to construction. A 72-hour notification will be given to affected homeowners. For further information, call 703-995-1650.

Help improve your community

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association needs your support. Try to attend at least one of the three meetings we hold each year at the conveniently located Church of the Brethren. Help us in funding this newsletter which is distributed to more than 500 homes, and other activities intended to benefit the whole community. Please use this form to **join us**: annual dues are only \$6.00/couple and \$3.00/single.

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 | |

Name(s): _____ Telephone _____ Home: _____
 Work: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail address: _____

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