



Between the Boulevards

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Boulevard Manor Hosts Walking Town Meeting

On April 27, the Arlington County Board, County Manager, and representatives of major County Government agencies joined neighbors for a walk around the community. The Walking Town Meeting provided BMCA an opportunity to show off our neighborhood and to share with our guests neighbors' concerns and ideas about improving the quality of life in Boulevard Manor. Highlights of the event included:

- A reception at **Arlington Community Church**. In addition to hosting the start of the tour and providing guest parking, members of the Church held a free car wash, offering to clean guests' cars while they walked! BMCA is most grateful to Pastor Lithgow and Arlington Community Church for their hospitality.
- Remarks on **traffic hazards** and the need for increased resources for traffic calming measures.
- Summary of BMCA's ongoing participation in the planning process for **Powhatan Springs Park**, soon to be constructed on Wilson Blvd.
- A rousing show of support by neighbors for **preservation of the Reeves property** in its historic state. We thank Reeves family members Cheryl Scannell, Marcia Rogers, and AnnaBelle Lane, who helped to share with guests the history and beauty of Reevesland.
- Presentation of unresolved issues related to **Bluemont Park** and park users, and the need to address ongoing problems in the upcoming new park master plan.
- Notice of neighbors' concerns related to the construction and future operation of the new **Target** store.
- A **picnic lunch** at the home of Byron and Dori Byron.

Most importantly, neighbors who participated in the meeting were able to converse individually with the five County Board members and senior County staff. The guests complimented our neighborhood and noted our neighbors' clear devotion to improving the community.

As part of the preparations for the Walking Town Meeting, the BMCA Board submitted a list of questions and issues that neighbors have raised, and County staff provided written responses. The resulting document was distributed at the event and will be available at the BMCA web site (<http://www.furthr.com/bmca>). County staff are scheduled to complete by the end of May a follow-up report on the Walking Town Meeting.

Burglaries in Nearby Neighborhoods

The Police Department has notified BMCA of a trend of burglaries, including crimes in the 5900 block of Wilson Blvd., 800 block of N. Frederick St., 1000 block of N. Liberty St. and 1400 block of N. Ohio St. All the burglaries have taken place in the late morning or early afternoon.

The suspect enters the home or garage and removes power tools and jewelry. In one instance, the suspect

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our Spring meeting will feature:

- ✓ Elections for BMCA officers and open Board seats
- ✓ Tom Tyler, Unit Coordinator for the Arlington office of Virginia Cooperative Extension, will speak on issues related to garden and landscape management
- ✓ Updates on park and Reeves property issues

For additional information, please contact BMCA president Lee Dioso at 703-351-9645 or DiosoLT@cdm.com. Please come and participate!

entered a home while the resident was doing yard work. These suspect enters through an open or unlocked door.

The police have urged us to keep our doors, windows and garages secured, and to report suspicious persons. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Paul Larson, First District Commander, by e-mail at 703-228-4062 or plarson@co.arlington.va.us.

Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, comprised of Phil Klingelhofer, Kathi Overton, and Alex Sens, presents the following slate of candidates for the May 20 election:

Nominees for one-year terms as officers of BMCA:

President	Lee Dioso	555 N Livingston St.
Vice President	Matt Doyle	202 N Montague St.
Secretary	Claudia Maloney	5951 8th Rd. N.
Treasurer	Rich Massabny	5904 4th Rd. N.

Nominees for new two-year terms on the BMCA Board of Directors:

Brian Feingold	113 N. Liberty St.
Larry Goldschmidt	407 N. Livingston St.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1st St. N.
Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.
Chris Schneck	329 N. Madison St.
Paul Svercl	5900 3rd St. N.

Nominee to serve out second year of vacated Board seat:

Dori Byron	524 N. Madison St.
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The following currently serve on the BMCA Board and will be completing the 2nd Year of their term:

Scott Allard	518 N Lombardy St.
Diane Ascuncion & Lee White	511 N Madison St.
Lyndell & Margaret Core	500 N Longfellow St.
John Pomeranz	5927 3rd Rd. N.

Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting. Please remember that there are numerous opportunities to participate in committees and projects of the Civic Association involving safety, parks, neighborhood conservation, social events, and other community priorities. Contact BMCA president Lee Dioso to find out more.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday March 30, dozens of neighborhood children and their families converged on the Church of the Brethren for the Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted again by the Church and BMCA. The event featured separate hunts for preschoolers and older kids, door prizes, games, and refreshments. Our thanks to Dori Byron, Claudia Maloney, and Matt Doyle, who led

Welcome to New Arrivals

- ◆ Nicholas Asuncion, born April 20, to Diane Asuncion and Lee White
- ◆ Ryan Lansing Bloom, also born April 20, to parents Gloria and John Bloom and big sister Amanda
- ◆ Giovanni Paola, born April 23 to Jill and Frank Congelio

BMCA's efforts for the event, and to Alma Gallego of the Church of the Brethren.

Arlington Seniors in Action

The County Parks Department's Office of Senior Adult Programs (OSAP) coordinates activities at centers throughout Arlington. Hundreds of seniors (55+) participate daily or weekly in activities which include travel, fitness, sports, creative arts and cultural events. For information on how to join, call the OSAP office at 703-228-4744. Activities recently announced include:

- Walking Clubs that travel weekly to area destinations to walk for an hour or more. Call OSAP for details.
- Overnight excursions to Branson, MO; Boston/Cape Cod; and San Antonio, TX. Costs, itineraries and other details may be obtained by calling Mimi Fitzgerald, Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749.

Retirement Celebration for Ashlawn Principal

Neighbors are invited to join the Ashlawn Elementary School PTA at a retirement party for Bob Mennonna, Principal of Ashlawn for eight years with 30 total years of service in Arlington Public Schools. The party will be at the Dominion Hills Area Recreation Association, 6000 Wilson Blvd., on Wednesday, June 12, beginning at 4:00

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth "Betty" Duda - December 23, 2001
 Nancy O. Vail - April 6, 2002
 Carmen D. "Jonsie" Jones - April 9, 2002

p.m. and concluding around 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Ashlawn at 703-228-5270.

Other Business

Among other items of interest in BMCA's recent and future activities:

- BMCA has joined a group of Arlington civic associations that represents local residents in ongoing efforts to address noise issues at Reagan National Airport.
- Representatives of the Civic Association will participate in a June 1 forum on improving the function, appearance and safety of Arlington Boulevard.

Stay Connected

The BMCA internet mailing list provides an effortless way to keep with community issues and news between meetings. To join, simply send an e-mail to BMCA-subscribe@topica.com or point your web browser to <http://www.topica.com/lists/bmca>.



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April 29, 2002



Mr. Lee Dioso, President
 Boulevard Manor Civic Association
 555 North Livingston Street
 Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Mr. Dioso:

Thank you and the Boulevard manor community for hosting the first of the 2002 Walking Town Meetings. The weather was great and the company outstanding. The Board can tell the pride that the residents take in their neighborhood through the manicured lawns and friendly faces we saw along the way. Also, the lunch was very much appreciated.

County staff has begun to work on the issues reported by residents during the tour. It will take approximately six weeks for a final report to be prepared and submitted to the Board. As soon as I receive the report, I will forward a copy to you to share with residents. I would appreciate hearing back from you after the Association has had time to review the information.

Again, please thank each member of the Boulevard manor Civic Association for hosting the Walking Tour and for coming out in numbers in support of their community.

Sincerely,

Christopher Zimmerman
 Christopher Zimmerman
 Chairman



support.

BMCA invites your active participation in Civic Association activities. Also we ask for help in funding this newsletter 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/individual (cash or check payable to BMCA).

Name(s): _____ Telephone _____ Home: _____
 Address: _____ Work: _____
 E-Mail address: _____

Neighborhood issues that interest me:

- Traffic safety & parking
- Hospitality/social events
- Zoning
- Parks
- Conservation & beautification
- Other:

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