



Between the Boulevards

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Dues Increase Proposed to Fund a More Active BMCA

The Board of Directors of the Boulevard Manor Civic Association has voted to put before the membership a proposal to raise annual dues to \$5 per individual and \$10 per couple beginning calendar year 2003. BMCA's current dues of \$3/individual and \$6/couple are among the lowest within the County's civic associations.

The BMCA Board voted unanimously to recommend a dues increase so that the association can continue to finance an expanding variety of neighborhood events while maintaining a healthy reserve to meet emergency needs. In the past year, activities funded by dues and additional contributions from members have included:

- The holiday home decorating contest in December
- The Easter egg hunt in April, co-sponsored with the Church of the Brethren
- Hospitality for April's Walking Town Meeting with the County Board and senior County staff
- The July 4 ice cream social
- The annual neighborhood picnic last month

The Board hopes to continue all these neighborhood events, and to consider additional activities suggested by neighbors. At the same time, BMCA funds the publication of this newsletter distributed to all homes within the civic association boundaries up to four times a year.

A motion to increase annual dues will be proposed at the BMCA general meeting on October 21.

Planning for Traffic Calming on Manchester Proceeds

For the past three years BMCA has been working to apply Arlington's Neighborhood Traffic Calming (NTC) process to reduce speeds on the streets of Boulevard Manor. Last summer, the County Department of Public Works (DPW) determined that N. Manchester Street between Wilson Blvd. and 4th Road N. is eligible for traffic calming funds. This determination was based on a priority scoring system that compares neighborhood streets across the county, taking into account measurements of volume and average speeds, along with other factors such as the presence of schools.

In accordance with the established NTC process, a working group was formed to develop plans for traffic calming measures. The working group includes representatives of the residents living on the affected segment of N. Manchester, BMCA, DPW, and the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Commission. The group will be meeting to consider alternative measures to decrease the average speed of vehicles traveling on Manchester St. Possible measures include speed humps, speed cushions, raised walk-

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting
Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Note the later starting time, which we hope will be more convenient for more neighbors. Our Fall meeting will feature:

- ✓ Consideration of a proposal to raise member dues from \$3/\$6 to \$5/\$10 beginning next year
- ✓ New Ashlawn Principal Douglas Bullock
- ✓ A panel discussion of child care, with representatives from the Arlington County Office of Child Care, Rainbow Road Preschool, and another child care provider to be determined
- ✓ Updates on traffic calming, 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!

ways, nubs, and other alternatives.

Residents of this segment of N. Manchester St. have already indicated their support for traffic calming measures. In the next step of the process, the County will ascertain the support of residents of the entire affected area, which will be defined by the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Commission. Residents of streets intersecting the subject portion of N. Manchester, and perhaps other neighborhood streets should expect to receive information from DPW in the coming weeks.

If you want to know more about BMCA's participation in the traffic calming working group, please contact Lee Dioso at 703-351-9645 or DiosoLT@cdm.com. For more detailed information about the NTC process, call Betty Diggs of the Arlington County DPW at 703-228-3202.

Halloween Home Decorating Contest to Begin

BMCA invites all neighbors to compete in the new Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Prizes and recognition will be awarded to the homes whose decorations are determined to be funniest, scariest, or otherwise most notable by our "panel of experts."

WANTED: A PANEL OF EXPERTS. We need volunteers between the ages of 6 and 16 to serve as judges in the BMCA Halloween Home Decorating Contest. To sign up, please contact Claudia Maloney (703-237-8721 or claudia.maloney@earthlink.net) or Matt Doyle (703-234-4922 or k.a.doyle@aol.com).

BMCA Officers will lead the judges on a tour of decorated houses. Afterward, the judges will vote on their favorites. The residents of houses earning the most votes will receive gift certificates and official acknowledgment of their lofty status. Judging will take place between October 25 and 28, with winners announced before Halloween. All decorated homes are eligible for the contest.

Halloween Kids' Parade and Party, October 27, 3-5 pm, N. Longfellow Street

The residents of N. Longfellow & N. Madison Streets will host a costume parade and party for children on the afternoon of Sunday, October 27. Kids who just can't wait for the 31st can get a head start on Halloween games and treats. The event will be held at the end of N. Longfellow St. For more information, e-mail mecore@aol.com.

Calendar of Neighborhood Events (see articles for descriptions)

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| Oct. 21 | BMCA general meeting |
| Oct. 25-28 | Judging for Halloween Home Decorating Contest |
| Oct. 27 | Halloween Kids' Parade and Party, N. Longfellow Street |
| Nov. 2 | Soup 'n' Pie Bazaar, Church of the Brethren |
| Nov. 9 | Life Line Screening, Arlington Community Church |
| Nov. 11 | Red Cross Blood Drive, Arlington Community Church |

Health Screening Services Available

Life Line Screening will provide vascular screening services at Arlington Community Church (corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston St.) on Saturday, November 9. **Pre-registration is required;** call 1-800-407-4557. Life Line offers:

1. Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery, \$40
2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, \$40
3. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, \$40
4. Osteoporosis Screening, \$35

You may sign up for a complete vascular package (screenings 1-3) for \$99, or all four screenings for \$125.

Give Blood on Veterans Day

Arlington Community Church (corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston St.) will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 11, from 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm. The goal is 64 donors. To register or ask questions, please call Pastor Tedd Lewellen at 703-533-9874.

Annual Soup 'n' Pie Bazaar

On Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., join neighbors at the Church of the Brethren (300 N. Montague St.) for soup, pie, baked goods, crafts, yard sale items, and more. Flyers for the event will be available at the Oct. 21 BMCA general meeting.

Neighbors Enjoy 2002 BMCA Picnic

Despite cloudy skies and occasional rainfall, approximately 70 neighbors gathered at Upton Hill Park for the annual BMCA Neighborhood Picnic. Activities included miniature golf, volleyball, a trivia contest, and organized children's games. Neighbors enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of pot luck dishes and desserts, including ice cream flash-frozen with liquid nitrogen.

Photos from the picnic can be viewed online at <http://photos.yahoo.com/bc/boulevardmanor>.



Spy Hill Holds Block Party

The residents of Spy Hill celebrated their annual block party last month in the 2nd Street N. cul-de-sac. Kay and Charles James hosted the affair, which featured linen tablecloths and scrumptious food. Neighbors contributed hors d'oeuvres ranging from summer rolls with shrimp and cilantro to puff pastry with cheese and a gorgeous fruit tray. The gathering offered an opportunity to catch up with longtime neighbors and to meet newcomers. Next year's block party will be on N. Liberty Street.

Westover Library News

The Westover Branch of the Arlington Public Library reminds us of some of its offerings:

IN MEMORIAM

John M. Komski of N. Madison St. died July 20, 2002. A well-known artist and Holocaust survivor, Mr. Komski painted works that are on exhibit at Auschwitz. He is remembered fondly for having created illustrations that served neighborhood efforts to stop undesirable development projects. His oil paintings captured the obtrusive size and unsightliness of a proposed hospital development at the site now occupied by Sunrise and a proposed apartment building at the western end of N. Madison St.

- Fall Story Hour for 3-6 years old begins October 23rd. Join the fun Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 7p.m.
- Adult Book Discussion Group is held every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Registration is NOT required – you can pick up a copy of the book at Westover and then join the discussion.
- Available Computers and Internet Access. Need a computer to prepare a document or search the 'net? Come to Westover and sign up at the reference desk for free computer use.
- Movie videos and DVDs are available for one-week rentals at no cost! Music CDs are available for three-week rentals.

Westover Branch Library

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www.co.arlington.va.us/lib/

Senior News

The Office of Senior Adult Programs (OSAP) coordinates and supervises the County's eight senior centers and the senior adult travel office. Seniors (55+) who register with OSAP and pay an annual \$5 fee can access activities at all the senior centers and participate in the travel program. For more information call 703-228-4744. Recent notices include the following

- A basketball league for seniors is forming. Call 703-228-1801.
- The Brave Hearts adventure club organizes outdoor activities such as kayaking, white water rafting, hiking and mountain climbing. Call 703-228-4403.
- Singers are needed for the Senior Singers Chorale. No experience necessary. Call 703-228-0555.
- "The Spellbinders" tell stories to children and adults at schools, camps and senior centers. Call 703-228-4746.
- Among the trips scheduled in November by Arlington County's Senior Adult Travel office are Radio City Music Hall, Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Atlantic City and Thanksgiving at the Cozy Inn. Call 703-228-4749.

Babysitting Co-op Seeks New Members

The Dominion Hill Babysitting Co-op has openings for new member families. Families in the co-op trade babysitting hours, taking care of other members' children and using the banked hours to "purchase" sits. For information on joining, call Meilin Dioso at 703-351-9645.

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association needs your 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 Parks
 Hospitality/social events Conservation & beautification
 Zoning Other: _____

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