



# Between the Boulevards

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## N. Manchester Traffic Calming to Proceed

Efforts to reduce driving speeds on neighborhood streets reached a new milestone last month when the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee (NTCC) allocated \$118,500 to install traffic calming measures on N. Manchester St. between Wilson Blvd. and 4th Road N. In December, a petition in support of these measures was signed by neighbors representing 71 percent of the households within the affected area defined by NTCC, surpassing the 60 percent threshold needed to obtain funding. Ashlawn Elementary School and BMCA also voiced support for the proposed project.

The County Board approved funding of the N. Manchester St. traffic calming project at in their February 8 meeting. The project will include the following features:

- Three speed cushions (like speed humps, but with a gap in the center to allow emergency vehicles to proceed unimpeded) spaced along Manchester
- At the Wilson Blvd. intersection, installation of a textured walkway (at-grade, faux brick) and rehabilitation of the existing island to improve vehicular movement and access for pedestrians
- At 8th Road, textured walkways for all three crossings, plus a curb extension on the east side
- At 4th Road, a textured walkway across 4th and curb extensions on both corners
- An improved barrier south of 4th Road to make the dead end more apparent to southbound drivers

Construction of the traffic calming measures is expected to begin in May 2003. If you have questions about the project, please call Elizabeth Diggs of the Department of Public Works at (703) 228-3202.

This project is the result of an ongoing neighborhood effort, which began in 1999, to implement the Neighborhood Traffic Calming process on our streets. BMCA is grateful for the hard work of everyone involved, especially John Bloom and Steve Stewart, who led the effort to get our streets on the priority list, and the members of the Working Group - including Glenn Bowler and Aaron Wilmoth - who worked with the County and NTCC to plan the traffic calming measures and to circulate the required petition.

## Collecting 2003 Member Dues

At last October's general meeting, the BMCA membership approved an increase in annual dues from \$3 to \$5 per person. The higher contributions will help BMCA to fund a growing array of community activities, while maintaining a reserve for emergency needs.

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

The BMCA Winter meeting will feature representatives from the County Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources and their historic architecture consultant, John Milner Associates. Our guests will discuss the ongoing effort to evaluate the cultural resources of the former Reeves property and will solicit the help of neighbors who can provide additional information about the history of the land and the family who lived there.

In addition, we have invited the Arlington County Police Department to come and answer questions about crime and safety issues.

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

**Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.**  
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

We ask all neighbors to fill out the form on the other side of this newsletter and to submit it with their dues payment of \$5 per person (\$10 per couple), cash or check made out to BMCA. Pick the delivery method most convenient for you:

1. Affix a stamp to the attached envelope and send it through the mail.
2. Drop the envelope through the mail slot at Board member Dori Byron's house, 524 N. Madison St.
3. Drop off the envelope at the home of a nearby BMCA officer or Board member (see list below).

Thank you for your support.

## BMCA Officers and other Board Members

Lee Dioso, President	555 N. Livingston St.
Matt Doyle, Vice President	202 N. Montague St.
Claudia Maloney, Secretary	5951 8th Rd N.
Rich Massabny, Treasurer	5904 4th Rd N.
Scott Allard	518 N. Lombardy St.
Diane Asuncion & Lee White	511 N. Madison St.
Lyndell & Margaret Core	500 N. Longfellow St.
Brian Finegold	113 N. Liberty St.
Larry Goldschmidt	407 N. Livingston St.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1st St N.
Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.
John Pomeranz	5927 3rd St. N.
Chris Schneck	329 N. Madison St.
Paul Svercl	5900 3rd St N.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Arlington County Police Department non-emergency number: 703-558-2222

Use this number to make reports or to ask questions about observations of suspicious activity, dangerous driving, and anything else affecting safety.

### Arlington County Office of Code Enforcement: 703-228-3232

Use this number to make reports or to ask questions about potential violations of County codes governing property maintenance, zoning and land use, junk vehicles, noise, etc.

**Please send your 2003 BMCA dues today.**

Annual dues for Boulevard Manor Civic Association are only \$5.00 per person (\$10 per couple). Please send cash or check payable to BMCA. Thank you for your support!

Name(s):

Telephone:

Address:

E-mail address:

I am interested in:

- Planning neighborhood social events
- Helping to develop the Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Emergency readiness planning
- Other:

Return to Dori Byron (703-243-4025), 524 N Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203

**Repairs Planned for Water Damage on Manchester**

If you drive or walk along N. Manchester St. north of 8th Road in recent months, you have noticed water pooling along the west side of the street in front of the slope of the Sunrise property. This water has caused considerable damage to the curb and pavement in the area. The County has identified a leak in the water main along Wilson Boulevard near the top of the hill adjacent to the Sunrise property, and will be repairing that in the coming days. It seems unlikely, however, that the water which is appearing along Manchester is related to the water main leak.

The most likely explanation is that water from a natural spring has begun surfacing in the area where the damage is occurring. The Department of Public Works plans to install piping that will rechannel the water to the storm sewer system. Additional testing may be conducted to determine whether the spring water is currently surfacing in other areas nearby, including a spot in Bluemont Park tennis courts parking lot where moisture has been observed. The installation and repairs to the curb and pavement are expected to be complete before the planned construction of traffic calming measures in May.

**Neighborhood Conservation Planning Moves Forward, Help Needed**

The Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) has approved a survey developed by BMCA representatives that will be used to collect data on neighbors concerns and ideas regarding neighborhood maintenance and enhancement. In the coming weeks, the survey will be distributed to every home in Boulevard Manor Civic Association area. The collected data will be used to help establish baselines, goals and objectives to help in writing the Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

Completing a Neighborhood Conservation Plan will qualify BMCA to apply for County funds to be used for neighborhood maintenance and improvement projects. Following are examples of Neighborhood Conservation projects for other Civic Associations approved by the County Board in the Fall 2002 round of funding:

- Columbia Heights West: \$250,000 for street lights
- Fairlington-Shirlington: \$40,000 for neighborhood beautification with landscaping
- Ballston-Virginia Square: \$75,000 for curbs, gutters and sidewalks
- Cherrydale: \$250,000 for curbs, gutters and sidewalks

- Alcovia Heights: \$142,000 for street lights

It's time for us to earn a share of these bond-financed Neighborhood Conservation funds. WE NEED HELP in distributing the surveys, collecting completed surveys from neighbors, and writing the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. To volunteer, please contact Lee Dioso at 703-351-9645, DiosoLT@cdm.com or Lyndell Core at 703-741-3788, mecore@aol.com.

**Historic Studies of Reeves Property Begin**

Arlington County has contracted with consultant John Milner Associates to perform an evaluation of historic architecture of the Reeves farmhouse and other resources on the Reeves property. Milner staff will be working in and around the house over the next few weeks. The County and consultant staff working on the Reeves Property will be discussing the project at the BMCA general meeting on February 24.

**Nominating Committee**

At our general meeting in May, BMCA will vote to fill all four officer positions and five seats on the Board of Directors. A Nominating Committee, charged with building a slate a candidates of these positions, will be elected at the February 24 meeting. If you are interested in serving as a BMCA officer or Board member, please contact Lee Dioso at 703-351-9645 or DiosoLT@cdm.com.

**Celebrate with Our Neighbors**

The Arlington Church of the Brethren at 300 N. Montague St. will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its founding on Sunday, April 13th. All neighbors are invited to share in the festivities, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast, followed by a Worship Service, and ending with Luncheon at Noon.

Check the Church's web site at [www.ArlingtonCOB.org](http://www.ArlingtonCOB.org).

**Citizens Police Academy Open**

The Arlington County Police Department invites BMCA members to take part in the next session of Citizen's Police Academy. Citizens who take part gain a greater understanding of the Police Department while their sharing concerns and perceptions with the Police. Classes meet one night per week over a several month period. For more information, contact Sergeant Regina Heising, at [rheisi@co.arlington.va.us](mailto:rheisi@co.arlington.va.us).

**Gentle Reminders**

BMCA urges all to help keep the neighborhood safe and healthy by observing common courtesies:

- Please clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of your home.
- Please clean up after your dog when walking it in front of residences.

**BMCA Internet Mailing List**

Did you know that BMCA sends e-mail notices of neighborhood news to interested residents? To subscribe, send an e-mail to [BMCA-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:BMCA-subscribe@topica.com), or go to <http://www.topica.com/lists/BMCA>.

*IN MEMORIAM*

Helen L. (Kim) Harper of N. Lombardy Street died January 24, 2003.

Mary P. Walker of N. Longfellow St. died November 30, 2002. Mrs. Walker was most proud of having served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. She is survived by her husband, Leo Walker, four daughters, and one son.