



Between the Boulevards

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Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, comprised of Claudia Maloney, Phil Klingelhofer and Glenn Bowler, presents the following slate of candidates for the May 19 election:

Nominees for one-year terms as officers of BMCA:

President	Matt Doyle	202 N Montague St.
Vice President	Chris Schneck	329 N. Madison 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:

Glenn Bowler	5905 4th Rd. N.
Cindy Cruse	5947 8th Rd. N.
Lyndell & Margaret Core	500 N. Longfellow St.
Naina Leo	317 N. Madison St.

To be announced is a nominee to serve out the second year of the Board seat vacated by VP nominee Chris Schneck. As past president, Lee Dioso will serve a one-year term on the Board.

The following currently serve on the BMCA Board and will be completing the second years of their terms:

Brian Finegold	113 N. Liberty St.
Larry Goldschmidt	407 N. Livingston St.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1st St. N.
Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.
Paul Svercl	5900 3rd St. N.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. We are eager to welcome new members onto the Board, which according to BMCA By-laws may have

Letter from the Outgoing President

Dear Neighbors,

With my second term coming to a close, I wish to express my gratitude and a few thoughts about our organization. My deepest thanks are for the BMCA officers and Board members who served with me and whose hard work and commitment were my inspiration. Thanks also to the corps the newsletter "runners" who help get the word out. And thank you to all within the Boulevard Manor area who serve as participating citizens in BMCA and many other civic organizations and community efforts.

Much of BMCA's work these past two years was devoted to addressing issues of safety and development pressures: traffic calming, the future of the Reeves property, existing and planned County parks, the coming of Target, and more. We can take pride in our efforts on these fronts.

I am most proud, however, of the work we've done to advance the Civic Association's social and communication programs. Our annual picnics and other social events repeatedly have afforded us the opportunity to get to know each other and, as a consequence, to care more about the common weal. By dedicating ourselves to more frequent communication – electronic or traditional – we strengthen the neighborhood's bonds and improve our ability to act for the common good.

I'm so thankful to be part of this community.

Have a great summer.

Lee Dioso

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Our Spring meeting will feature elections for BMCA officers and open Board seats and updates on various community issues and BMCA activities.

The panel discussion topic is "Services for Seniors in Arlington." The program is planned to provide information of interest to senior citizens, soon-to-be seniors, and those who care for senior relatives. Our guest speakers, from the Arlington Area Agency on Aging, will be:

- Joyce Hutchins, Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) Coordinator
- Lori Hughes, Personal Advocate Service Program Coordinator

Our guests will present information and answer questions on housing options, transportation, and insurance for senior citizens.

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

Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

more than the minimum 11 members in addition to the four officers. Please contact BMCA president Lee Dioso to find out more.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dozens of neighborhood children and their families enjoyed the Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted again by the Church of the Brethren and BMCA. The event featured separate hunts for three different age groups, door prizes, games, and refreshments. Thanks again to BMCA's Dori Byron, Claudia Maloney, and Matt Doyle and to Alma Gallego and our other hosts at the Church of the Brethren.

N. Manchester Street Update

Since last winter, new information has come to light regarding the water damage that occurred both on N. Manchester St. and on Wilson Blvd. adjacent to the Sunrise retirement community. The County Department of Public Works reports that they repaired the water main at the top of the hill on Wilson Blvd. It appears that water is no longer discharging from the side of the hill.

The main which was repaired did not have a significant flow of water from it, which suggests that the water had accumulated over time and "perched" in the hill. Public Works believes that the hydrostatic force of the water drove it through the subterrain until it reached a fissure along which it could discharge onto N. Manchester St. in front of Sunrise.

The County has been monitoring the hill since the main break to ensure that the fissure will not begin to discharge actual groundwater, and it has not done so since the main was repaired. Because they believe that only potable water from the leaking main was causing the damage, they are no longer planning to install any underdrain in the hillside. They intend, however, to con-

The 2003 BMCA Membership Drive Continues; Have You Paid Your Dues?

Since this year's drive began, 176 neighbors have paid their 2003 dues, including 30 new BMCA members!

Over the past several years, BMCA has developed a roster of 372 members. We urge all neighbors who have paid dues in the past to return to active membership. Please note that dues are not collected retroactively; you can reinstate your membership simply by paying dues for the current year. Member dues are collected for the calendar year. Memberships paid in November and December are applied to the following year.

Dues fund all our activities, including this newsletter and the Easter Egg Hunt and Neighborhood Day celebration described in this issue.

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

tinue monitoring the hillside before construction of traffic calming measures is slated to begin in mid-June. Public Works will make a final determination concerning drainage improvements before completing repairs to N. Manchester St., which must precede the construction of traffic calming measures.

News from Upton Hill Regional Park

This summer at Upton Hill:

- Swim lessons for children and adults at all levels of ability. Sign up at the pool or call 703-534-3437 Ext. 101.
- Adult aerobics classes (non-swimmers welcome). Sign up at the pool or call 703-534-3437 Ext. 101.
- Summer jobs: lifeguard and water safety instructor positions available. Inquire at the pool.
- Enjoy swimming, miniature golf, batting cages and more.

Community Alert System Unveiled

Arlington's new Community Alert System is a free, voluntary, real-time text messaging service that allows peo-

ple who live and work in Arlington to receive emergency and public safety alerts sent to mobile devices – including cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistants – and to e-mail addresses. Registered users will receive public safety alerts delivered in real time. The mobile text messaging can operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing immediate information about disasters, threats, and other emergencies.

For information on how to register, visit the County Web site, www.arlingtonalert.com, or contact Christal Thompson of the County Department of Technology Services at 703-228-7516.

New Park Construction Delayed

The County Parks Department announced that they expect a 3- to 4-month delay in beginning construction of Powhatan Springs Park. The new park, which will be located on the 6000 block of Wilson Blvd., will feature a skateboarding/rollerskating area, youth athletic field, and interpretive nature playground.

The construction bids received by the County on March 31 were much higher than expected and exceeded the budget for park construction. The Parks Department has therefore cancelled the bid and plans to revisit the designs to explore possibilities for reducing the construction cost.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Enright of Spy Hill died May 4, 2003. A retired Navy Captain, Mr. Enright is survived by his wife Roesemary and four children.

Reagan National Airport Noise Study

A study currently underway, called a Part 150 Noise Study, is examining the levels and distribution of noise from arriving and departing aircraft at Reagan National Airport. The study also provides an opportunity for interested parties to make suggestions for abating this noise.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority will be sponsoring public meetings on efforts to develop a new noise compatibility plan for National Airport. These meetings are intended to solicit citizen input on what has been done to date and what needs to be done. For detailed information about these meetings, contact Lee Dioso at DiosoLT@cdm.com or 703-351-9645.

REGISTER YOUR BIKE ONLINE AT

https://www.co.arlington.va.us/police/bicycle_registration.asp

The following was provided by Cpl. Robert Golladay, BMCA's liaison officer with the First District, Arlington County Police Department:

Within the last month or so, we've had two incidents along the W&OD Bike Path where an unknown male has approached lone adult females, touched them in inappropriate places, then run away. The women were otherwise unharmed. While we are making the community aware of these incidents in no way are we suggesting that you can't use the bike trails. If anything, we're trying to encourage you to use the paths, but to follow a few commonsense suggestions:

- Exercise with a friend. It's safer and more fun.
- Carry a cell phone to contact police or emergency services if you or others need assistance.
- Exercise in well-traveled areas.
- Use the paths during daylight hours; County parks are closed after dark.
- If you see someone or something suspicious, get away and call 9-1-1.
- Be aware of your surroundings. It's much easier for police to find you if you can specify where you are.
- If you see people entering the parks at night, especially in groups, please call the police immediately.
- Most of all, please remember: you paid for these trails with your tax dollars. Use them!