



Between the Boulevards

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Help Needed for Neighborhood Conservation Plan

This month, volunteers will deliver to every home in the BMCA area a survey designed to collect information that we will use to write a Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP). Completing a NCP will qualify our civic association to apply for County funds to be used for neighborhood maintenance and improvement projects.

In 2002, Arlington voters approved a bond issue worth up to \$9 million for projects proposed by civic associations through the Neighborhood Conservation program. There are currently more than 70 projects active around the county, with over 50 more already proposed. These are diverse projects, ranging from installation of neighborhood signs to \$250,000 street improvement programs. Since 1988, the County has spent more than \$21 million for Neighborhood Conservation projects.

Please help us to earn our share of these bond-financed funds. After you receive the NCP survey please complete it and return it to one of the neighborhood volunteers identified in the instructions. If you want to help analyze the data or write the NCP, please contact Matt Doyle at 703-294-4922, matthew.doyle@baesystems.com or Lyndell Core at 703-741-3788, mecove@aol.com.

Collecting 2004 Member Dues

Last year, BMCA's winter membership drive resulted in an increase of 60 dues-paying members, representing enormous growth over the previous year. We hope that, by again distributing dues envelopes with this newsletter, we can again continue to increase the number of neighborhood families that participate in the Civic Association.

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 envelope in the mail slot at Membership Chairman Dori Byron's house, 524 N. Madison St.
3. Bring the envelope to the home of a nearby BMCA officer or Board member (see list at right).

Thank you for your support.

Health Screening Available

Thursday, April 1, at the Church of the Brethren (300 N. Montague St.)

Neighbors are urged to take this opportunity to detect warning signs of vascular disease. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; call 1-800-407-4557. Life Line, a leading provider of health screening services, will perform Carotid Vascular Tests, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Tests, and Peripheral Arterial Disease Tests to provide early detection of conditions that lead to stroke or other vascular disease. Each test is \$45, or you can take all three for \$99. Also available is Bone Density Screening to detect osteoporosis, for \$35.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Featuring Information on Home Improvements

The winter BMCA meeting will include a speaker from the Arlington County Zoning Office, who will discuss permit and zoning requirements related to residential improvements.

The regular business of the meeting will include updates on the Reeves property, nearby parks, and transportation issues. In addition, we will vote on a proposed Nominating Committee that will build a slate of candidates for BMCA elections in May.

For additional information, please contact BMCA president Matt Doyle at 703-294-4922 or matthew.doyle@baesystems.com. Please come and participate!

Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

BMCA Officers and other Board Members

Matt Doyle, President	202 N. Montague St.
Chris Schneck, Vice President	329 N. Madison St.
Claudia Maloney, Secretary	5951 8th Rd N.
Rich Massabny, Treasurer	5904 4th Rd N.
Glenn Bowler	5905 4th Rd. N.
Lyndell & Margaret Core	500 N. Longfellow St.
Cindy Cruse	5947 8th Rd. N.
Lee Dioso	555 N. Livingston St.
Brian Finegold	113 N. Liberty St.
Larry Goldschmidt	407 N. Livingston St.
Amy and Charles Johaneck	5920 5th Rd. N.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1st St N.
Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.
Kathi Overton	5927 3rd St. N.
Paul Svercl	5900 3rd St N.

Traffic Calming Progress Continues

Efforts to reduce driving speeds on our neighborhood streets have entered their fifth year and we can point to some continuing accomplishments. Pavement markings on the northern segment on N. Manchester St. presage the construction of the next phase of planned traffic calming measures. These will include improvements to the pedestrian island at Wilson Blvd., a curb extension to reduce the distance for pedestrians crossing Manchester at 8th Road N., and curb extensions to slow turning traffic at the intersection with 4th Road N. Construction will begin soon.

In October, the County offered to begin a new traffic calming project on N. Livingston St. between Wilson Blvd. and N. Madison St. This opportunity came much earlier than expected thanks to a new County effort the increase the number of traffic calming projects each year. Under this program, only speed humps or speed cushions are available; more complex measures, such as raised crosswalks or traffic circles, are not considered.

The proposed traffic calming plan calls for installation along Livingston of four speed cushions to encourage

Please send your 2004 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:

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drivers to observe the 25 mph posted speed limit. In December, a petition in support of the plan was signed by neighbors representing 73 percent of all homes within the affected area defined for the project, surpassing the 60 percent threshold needed to obtain funding. The Arlington Community Church, Rainbow Road Preschool, Upton Hill Regional Park, and BMCA also voiced support for the proposed plan.

In their January meeting, the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee voted to recommend the Livingston St. project to the County Board. It is anticipated that the Board will consider the project for funding at their February 21 meeting. You can check the agenda at <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/cbo/meetings/index.htm>. If you have questions about the proposed N. Livingston St. traffic calming project, please call Ron Hicks of the Department of Public Works at (703) 228-3691.

Nominating Committee

At our general meeting in May, BMCA will vote to fill all four officer positions and at least six 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 23 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.

Holiday Festivities

In December, BMCA held our second biannual Holiday House Decorating Contest. A panel of judges reviewed all homes with exterior holiday decorations. The following winners were selected:

- Most Beautiful: 406 N. Livingston St. - 1st Place
- 500 N. Manchester Street - 2nd Place
- Most Creative: 323 N. Madison Street - 1st Place
- 445 N. Manchester Street - 2nd Place
- Simply Elegant: 1st Place: 5948 2nd Street N. - 1st Place
- 300 N. Madison Street - 2nd Place

Honor awards were presented to 318 N. Madison St. and 515 N. Littleton St., which were among the judges' favorites but ineligible for awards due to having won 1st place prizes in the 2001 contest.

The winners were announced at a neighborhood holiday party held at the Church of the Brethren. More than 40

neighbors gathered for caroling, children's games, and refreshments. BMCA is grateful to:

- Ken Kunic, who played accordion and piano
- John Pomeranz, who led the singing
- Kathi Overton, who photographed the decorated houses and the party
- The neighbors who served as judges for the contest
- The party committee, led by Dori Byron, and all who donated refreshments
- The Church of the Brethren, especially secretary Nancy Weimer, who offered their meeting hall for the party free of charge

Photographs of the winning homes and the party may be viewed on the Internet at http://photos.yahoo.com/ph/boulevardmanor/my_photos

Webmaster Needed

To make important community information more widely available, the Boulevard Civic Association needs a new internet site. We need a volunteer with web design experience to work with the BMCA Board in developing and maintaining the web site. Familiarity with free webhosting resources would be a plus. If you are interested, please contact BMCA president Matt Doyle at 703-294-4922, matthew.doyle@baesystems.com

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, or go to <http://www.topica.com/lists/BMCA>.

Seniors in Action

Judy Massabny of the Arlington County Office of Senior Adult Programs has information on diverse activities and community service opportunities for seniors. These include:

- The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics in September 2004
- "Spellbinders": a group of volunteer storytellers who visit Arlington elementary schools, pre-schools and summer recreation programs
- Workshops about hearing loss will be held in April
- Walking clubs, art classes, and a quilting circle

For details about these and other programs, call Judy Massabny at 703-228-4721.



Ken Kunic and John Pomeranz lead neighbors in song at the December holiday party.

Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 17 from 10 am to noon

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

This annual celebration will again be co-hosted by the Church of the Brethren and BMCA. There will be candy and fun for kids up to 10 years old. If you are interested in helping out, please call Dori Byron at 703-243-4025.