



# Between the Boulevards

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## Neighborhood Conservation Plan Moves Forward

BMCA has made progress toward the goal of gaining a share of the funds Arlington County apportions for Neighborhood Conservation (NC) projects each year. To qualify for this funding, each Civic Association must complete and submit a NC Plan. The plan should be based on the preferences and concerns of the residents in the neighborhood.

To participate in this process, BMCA distributed NC surveys to over 450 homes earlier this Spring. To date, more than 180 surveys have been returned (approximately 40%). The NC Plan team of volunteers has begun to tabulate the survey results. If you have not yet completed your survey, there's still time to make your opinions known. Please return the completed survey to any of the NC Plan team members listed on the cover memo. If you need another copy of the survey, please call Matt Doyle at 294-4922.

The survey is designed to collect opinions on such topics as land use and zoning, traffic, parking, sidewalks, streets and lighting, and community services. The responses to the survey will help us to define the neighborhood's needs, enabling us to complete a NC Plan. We still need help in analyzing the survey results, and later, in writing the plan. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Lyn-dell Core at 741-3788.

## Breaking News:

### Abduction Attempted in Bluemont Park

On May 12, at approximately 3:00 p.m., a female babysitter was walking on the W&OD bike trail just north of Route 50 with an infant. She was approached by a white male in his 20s, approximately 5'7" tall, medium build with short blond hair. After a short conversation, the suspect began pulling the babysitter and the child toward Four Mile Run. The babysitter was able to free herself from the suspect and flee with the child. At press time, police are still looking for the suspect.

It is appropriate to remember the advice provided to us for last May's newsletter by Cpl. Robert Golladay, BMCA's liaison officer from the First District, Arlington County Police Department, after a separate set of crimes on the bike trail:

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.

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association Meeting

Our Spring meeting will feature:

- ◆ Guest speaker Carol Ann Perovshek, a planner with the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, & Community Resources. Ms. Perovshek will discuss the upcoming revised master plan process for Bluemont and other nearby parks, including an update on studies of the former Reeves property.
- ◆ Elections for BMCA officers and open Board seats
- ◆ Other updates on community issues and Civic Association activities

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

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

## Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, composed of Glenn Bowler, Lee Dioso, and Phil Klingelhofer, presents the following slate of candidates for the May 24 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	Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.

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

Dori Byron	524 N. Madison St.
Brian Finegold	113 N. Liberty St.
Amy & Charles Johaneck	5920 5th Rd. N.
Rich Massabny	5904 4th Rd. N.
Kathi Overton	5927 3rd St. N.
Paul Svercl	5900 3rd St. N.
Ann Wilson	219 N. Manchester St.

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

Glenn Bowler	5905 4th Rd. N.
Cindy Cruse	5947 8th Rd. N.
Lee Dioso	555 N. Livingston St.
Margaret & Lyndell Core	500 N. Longfellow St.

The list of Board nominees may grow in the time leading up to the election. Additional nominations for the Board are eagerly welcomed. According to BMCA By-laws the Board must have at least 11 members in addition to the four officers. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Please contact BMCA president Matt Doyle to find out more.

Special thanks to outgoing Board members Larry Goldschmidt and Phil Klingelhofer, who have each served two consecutive Board terms, the maximum allowed under our By-laws. We appreciate the years of service Larry and Phil have given to the neighborhood.

## Transportation Committee Meeting Planned

Please watch for an announcement of a meeting of the BMCA Transportation Committee in June or July. The

## Are you a member yet?

BMCA invites your 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 \$10.00/couple and \$5.00/individual (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

Traffic and safety

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

meeting will be provide information and promote discussion of Arlington County's ongoing Arterial Transportation Management study of Wilson Boulevard. The findings of this study may lead to changes in how traffic is managed on Wilson Blvd. Our neighborhood should be involved in the ATM process to ensure that our needs and concerns are addressed.

To join the Transportation Committee, please contact Paul Svercl at Paul.Svercl@fhwa.dot.gov or 243-8693.

### Easter Egg Hunt Draws a Crowd

On Saturday April 10, approximately 70 neighbors gathered for the sixth annual neighborhood 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 Dori Byron, Claudia Maloney, and Alma Gallego for their work in organizing the event.

### Seniors News

The Arlington County Office of Seniors



has information on diverse activities and community service opportunities for seniors. Examples include:

- The first ever Home Modification and Product Expo, for seniors and persons with disabilities, their families and caretakers, will be held on May 25 and 26 at the DHS building, 3033 Wilson Blvd. The two-day seminar will focus on how to stay at home longer and safer, through assistive technology and home modifications. Pre-registration is required plus a \$10 fee which includes lunch on day one. To register, call 703-528-5606, ext. 10 or e-mail HomeModsExpo@verizon.net.
- The Arlington Senior Adult Council is sponsoring an Antiques and Attic Treasures Fair on Friday, May 28 at 12:30 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. (off Lee Hwy). Seniors are invited to bring items for display and conversation. Admission is \$4. Specialists will be on hand for evaluation (\$5 per item). Pre-registration is required; call 703-228-4744.

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

### Upton Hill Announces Sundown Music Series

Bring a blanket, a picnic supper, your family and maybe even the neighbors to relax and listen to live music as the sun sets on Upton Hill Regional Park. A variety of performances are scheduled for the summer of 2004, ranging from blues and jazz-fusion to bluegrass and music with a Hispanic flavor. The series is free, but a \$5 donation per adult is requested. All funds collected will go towards paying performers and building Upton Hill's Amphitheater fund.

All concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. and, with a short intermission, will last until 8:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Artist(s)</u>
June 4	The Golden Sun Oldies	The Cat's Meow Band
June 18	Groovin at Sundown	Blue Mountain Groove
July 2	Sundown Blues	The Balloon Man

Other dates TBA

### Upton Hill Improvement Plan Available for Review

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is currently accepting comments on the draft of the 2005 to 2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for all of the Regional Parks. The CIP typically funds new development, land acquisitions and park renovations. For this CIP cycle, roughly \$1.4 mil has been slated for Upton Hill for the purpose of swimming pool and miniature golf renovations. We welcome your comments and suggestions. The complete draft plan is available at [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org) or in the lobby at Upton Hill's pool. Comments are accepted by mail, email or in person at one of the public meetings being held around the region (see draft plan for the complete public meeting schedule).

### BMCA Internet Mailing List

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

### Upcoming BMCA Events

- General Meeting: Monday, May 24, 7pm, Church of the Brethren
- Independence Day Ice Cream Social, July 4, 7:30pm, Church of the Brethren
- Transportation Committee Meeting, June or July (date and place to be announced)
- Neighborhood Picnic, Sunday, September 12, Upton Hill Regional Park
- General Meeting, October
- Halloween House Decorating Contest, October