



Between the Boulevards

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County Board to Consider Former Reeves Property

At a November 16 hearing, the Arlington County Board is scheduled to discuss the proposed historic district designation for the former Reeves property at 400 N. Manchester St. In January 2002, BMCA requested that the Arlington Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) initiate the process that would lead to historic district designation for the land and house once owned by the family of Nelson Reeves. Built more than 130 years ago, the Reeves house overlooks the final remnant of what was Arlington's last operating dairy farm.

In May 2003, HALRB recommended that the entire 2.48-acre property be designated a historic district. If adopted by the County Board, this designation would require that any proposed changes to the Reeves property receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. The architects of HALRB's Design Review Committee would review proposed changes to ensure their appropriateness in relation to the property's historic character.

Others support an alternative to HALRB's recommendation. This alternative would extend historic district designation to only part of the property, e.g., the portion where the house and outbuildings are located. A partial historic district designation would allow for changes to the unpro-

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association
General Meeting**
Monday, October 18, 2004 at 7pm
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our Fall meeting will feature a demonstration of new voting technology by the Arlington Board of Elections. There will also be updates on Reevesland, transportation issues, neighborhood conservation, and more.

For more information, contact BMCA President Matt Doyle at matthew.doyle@baesystems.com or 703-294-4922.

ected portion of the property without HALRB review.

At the May 2004 BMCA general meeting, the membership voted unanimously to support HALRB's recommendation. The Civic Association has sent a letter to the County Board urging that they approve historic district designation for the entire 2.48 acres of the former Reeves property. BMCA's letter also requested County action to improve the upkeep of the property.

At a September 16 meeting sponsored by BMCA, neighbors reaffirmed a desire to have the entire Reeves property designated a historic district. Plans for promoting our position were discussed. Speakers representing BMCA will speak at the November hearing. Additional speakers from the neighborhood are invited to help to make our case. If you are interested in attending the hearing, please contact BMCA President Matt Doyle at 703-294-4922.

Neighbors Weigh in on Lombardy Development

Beginning last July, BMCA and neighbors met three times with County officials and representatives of the new owner of 501 N. Lombardy Street (the former Lane home). At a fourth meeting on September 14, neighbors were invited to express their preference for one of two alternative development plans. By a wide margin, the neighbors who voted chose the proposed Unified Residential Development (URD) plan over the "By-Right" plan. The URD plan calls for construction of six houses, with three fronting on N. Lombardy St., two sharing a common driveway on 4th Street N., and one with a driveway on N. Littleton St.

BMCA and neighbors continue in active discussions with the developer, County staff, and the Arlington Planning Commission regarding plans for the 501 Lombardy site. Issues include aesthetic concerns, stormwater management, preservation of trees, traffic, parking, and snow removal.

Powhatan Springs Park Grand Opening October 9

You probably are aware that the much-anticipated skate-park at Powhatan Springs Park opened on Labor Day. The entire park, including the children's rain garden and youth athletic field, will open on Saturday, October 9. Beginning at 9:00 am, events will include story telling, tours led by an artist who helped design the park, and demonstrations by professional skaters, peaking with a grand celebration at 2:00 pm. For full details, visit the county web site (www.arlingtonva.us) and search for "Powhatan" or call 703-533-2362.

Calendar of Community Events

Saturday, Oct. 9 Powhatan Springs Park
Grand Opening Celebration. 9am to 5:30pm. See article for details. In case of rain call 703-228-4715.

Saturday, Oct. 16 Lockwood/Elmwood House
Annual Bazaar, 9am to 2pm, at the retirement community at the western end of N. Madison St. There will be ethnic food, crafts, and boutique items for sale. Donations of saleable items are welcome and may be dropped off at Lockwood House. For information, call Kathleen Kelly 703-534-1272.

Sunday, Oct. 17 Upton Hill Regional Park
Jurisdiction Day. Any resident of the NVRPA's six jurisdictions, including Arlington, can play a round of mini golf for FREE.

Sunday, Oct. 17 Church of the Brethren
Cross Cultural Service & International Pot Luck Meal. Beginning at 2:30pm, co-sponsored by COTB, the Cambodian Missionary Alliance, and the Hispanic Congregation. All are welcome. Call 703-524-4100.

Saturday, Oct. 23 Bluemont Park
Upton Hill Regional Park
Invasive Plant Removal. 9:00 am to noon. See article on park cleanups for details.

Saturday, Nov. 6 Church of the Brethren
Annual Soup and Pie Lunch & Bazaar. 9:00am to 2:00pm. The popular event returns, with food, crafts, gifts, and a yard sale.



BMCA Picnic Returns

Neighbors gathered again at Upton Hill Regional Park on the sunny afternoon of Sept. 12. More than 120 shared food and fun, and met guests like Arlington County Board members Barbara Favola and Walter Tejada.

Participate in BMCA Activities

Are you wondering how you can get involved in the community? Are you looking for opportunities to meet neighbors and work with them on fun projects? Contact one of these BMCA committee chairs:

- ✓ Hospitality Committee: Claudia Maloney, 703-237-8721, claudia_l_maloney@msn.com
- ✓ Membership Committee: Dori Byron 703-243-4025, dbbyron@comcast.net
- ✓ Newsletter and Web Committee: Lee Dioso, 703-351-9645, DiosoLT@cdm.com
- ✓ Parks Committee: Phil Klingelhofer, 703-524-5438, PKlingelhofer@Ceednet.Org
- ✓ Reeves Property Committee: John Pomeranz, 703-522-8927, john@bungalow.org
- ✓ Transportation Committee: Paul Svercl, 703-243-8693, Paul.Svercl@fhwa.dot.gov
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness Committee: Matt Doyle, 703-294-4922, matthew.doyle@baesystems.com

Raking Help Available

Our neighbors at Arlington Community Church are pleased to help you rake the leaves from your yard. Watch for the ACC raking crew around the neighborhood this Fall. Neighbors who are unable to rake themselves are encouraged to call Pastor Ron Lithgow at 703-533-9874 to make an appointment.

Neighborhood Conservation Planning Continues

Many thanks to all who completed neighborhood conservation surveys last Spring and to those who helped distribute and collect the surveys. Surveys were collected from more than 40 percent of the homes in the BMCA.

Other Arlington neighborhoods have been satisfied response rates under 30 percent, so we can be most proud of our achievement. The work of tabulating the survey results and we look to writing a plan that reflects the priorities expressed in the survey. Additional volunteers would be appreciated. If you are interested in helping to develop the BMCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan, please contact Glenn Bowler at 703-816-8695 or bowlgs@msn.com.

Bluemont and Upton Hill Park Cleanups October 23

In celebration of National Make a Difference Day, neighbors across Arlington are organizing to remove non-native, invasive plants and to clean up trash in local parks and natural areas. There will be two projects in our area on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9:00am to noon. The Friends of the W&OD trail are sponsoring a cleanup at Bluemont Park. Meet beside bike trail, opposite the caboose. If you would like to help attack the English Ivy at Upton Hill Park, RSVP to Julie Kutruff at 703-534-3437 Ext. 101. Julie will provide gloves, tools, and lunch.

Stilt Grass Invades Neighborhood

The invasive species Japanese stilt grass has been sighted growing in the neighborhood. Also known as eulalia, Japanese stilt grass is an annual that grows very quickly, forming dense mats and crowding out native plants. The best strategy for controlling Japanese stilt grass is removal of the plant by hand or mechanical means late in the growing season before seed production (i.e., now). Selective herbicides will not kill Japanese stilt grass. Fact sheets on invasive plant species of Virginia are available online at <http://www.dcr.state.va.us/dnh/invlst.htm>.

Halloween Home Decorating Contest to Begin

BMCA invites all neighbors to compete in the second bi-annual 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. We need volunteers between the ages of 6 and 16 to serve as judges for the contest. To sign up, please contact Claudia Maloney 703-237-8721 or Matt Doyle 703-294-4922.

We need you!

BMCA invites your participation in Civic Association activities (see above). 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:

Return this form with your payment to Dori Byron (703-243-4025), 524 N. Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203.