



# Between the Boulevards

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## County Board Approves Historic District Designation for Former Reeves Property

In December, the Arlington County Board voted unanimously in favor of historic district designation for the former Reeves property at 400 N. Manchester St. This designation is the culmination of nearly three years of effort that began in January 2002, when BMCA requested that the Arlington Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) district designation for Reevesland. With the historic district in place, the HALRB's Design Review Committee must review any proposed changes to any part of the 2.48-acre property to ensure their appropriateness in relation to the property's historic character.

The approval of the full-property designation was particularly rewarding because County staff had recommended an alternate plan that would have limited the historic district to only a portion of the Reeves property. Members of BMCA's Committee on the Reeves Property, the BMCA Board, and other concerned neighbors collaborate in wide-ranging effort to ensure that the vote would support the neighborhood's position. This effort included meetings with and presentations to County Board members and three County advisory commissions, petitions, letter-writing, and other grass-roots tactics.

At the December meeting, 18 speakers addressed the County Board in favor of the full-property designation. Their words were backed the presence of dozens of supporters, including more than 20 members of the Reeves family. BMCA is grateful to all who contributed time, work, and voice to this successful endeavor, including Heather Baker, Ron Battochi, Byron and Dori Byron, Lyndell Core, Lee Dioso, Matt Doyle, Jan Fisher, Jim Landrum, Claudia Maloney, Rich and Judy Massabny, Kathi Overton, John Pomeranz, Frank Reynolds, Cheryl Scannell, Paul Svercl, and Ann Wilson.

## Collecting 2004 Member Dues

Last year, BMCA's membership drive resulted in an increase of 77 dues-paying members, representing our second consecutive year of dramatic growth. We hope that, by again distributing dues envelopes with this newsletter, we can again continue to increase the number of neighbors who participate in the Civic Association.

### BMCA Officers and Board Members

Matt Doyle, President	202 N. Montague St.
Chris Schneck, Vice President	329 N. Madison St.
Claudia Maloney, Secretary	5951 8th Rd N.
Merwin Liss, Treasurer	549 N. Livingston St.
Dori Byron	524 N. Madison St.
Glenn Bowler	5905 4th Rd. N.
Margaret and Lyndell Core	500 N. Longfellow St.
Lee Dioso	555 N. Livingston St.
Amy and Charles Johanek	5920 5th Rd. N.
Jim Landrum	5910 4th St. 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.

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Featuring the Arlington County Police Dept.

Our guest speaker at the winter BMCA meeting will be Captain David Herbstreit, new commander for the ACPD First District, which includes Boulevard Manor. He will make remarks and take questions about safety and other community issues involving the Police Dept.

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

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, February 28, 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 2005 dues payment of \$5 per person (\$10 per couple), cash or check made out to BMCA. Please do not provide payments for other years. 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).

Thank you for your support.

## Volunteers Needed for BMCA Board

Please help to make a difference! Candidates for the 2005-2006 BMCA Officers and Board will be presented to the Association membership at our May meeting. There is an urgent need for neighbors to help in leading community improvement programs and other neighborhood activities. At least four Board seats will be open, and the continuing Board members are eager for new voices and fresh ideas.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in serving as a BMCA officer (one-year term) or Board member (two-year term), please contact a member of the Nominating Committee by April 30, 2005. Please call Jim Landrum 703-525-6980, Phil Klingelhofer 703-524-5438 or Dori Byron 703-243-4025. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Thanks for Shoveling!

BMCA is grateful to neighbors who promptly remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their homes. All are urged to follow the example of these neighbors in keeping sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

**Please send your 2005 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. There is no need to pay for previous years. 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

**New Arrivals**

Robyn and Tim Owen of 6th St. welcomed a son, Micah, born February 16th. Robyn and Tim are themselves new arrivals to our neighborhood. We welcome them!

In January, Leah and Tony Molyneaux brought daughter Ziva Bea home to 5th Road.

Talia Hanna joined proud parents Tamara Gelboin and David Milewich of 6th St. on October 3rd.

**Amendment to BMCA Bylaws Proposed**

In the past two years, the BMCA Board has prepared an annual budget and presented it to the full association membership for approval. While a budget is not mandated by the Civic Association bylaws, it is only sensible to develop and adhere to annual revenue and spending plans. Often, however, expenditures are overestimated and the resulting savings may be available to address unplanned needs.

To provide adequate flexibility in these circumstances, the BMCA Board recommends the adoption of an amendment to the BMCA bylaws: "After a budget has been approved by the membership, the president may, in consultation with the Treasurer and other board members, re-program unspent or underspent allocations on other budgeted activities and items. However, total expenditures may not exceed the total approved budget figure without the approval of the membership."

The bylaws require that written notice of any proposed amendment be provided to the BMCA membership at least 30 days in advance of a vote. The vote on this proposed amendment, therefore, is scheduled for our May general meeting.

**Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Adult Social**

Saturday, March 26 from 10:30am 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, with refreshments and fellowship for the adults. If you are interested in helping out, please call Dori Byron at 703-243-4025.

**Neighborhood Conservation Plan Progresses**

Work continues on development of a Neighborhood Conservation Plan that will enable BMCA to apply for County bond-funded improvements. Since December, teams of neighbors have been conducting block-by-block inventories to collect data on existing conditions. Watch for a flyer announcing the inventory walk-through for your street. If you are unable to participate in the inventory but have information about issues with existing infrastructure or other neighborhood features, please con-

tact Matt Doyle at 703-294-4922 or matthew.doyle@baesystems.com.

**Second Annual Holiday Social**

The weather actually turned out just fine for a jolly group of neighborhood children and adults at the Church of the Brethren this past Dec. 20th. Music was provided by neighbor John Kunec. John Pomeranz led the singing and battering of the Christmas tree piñata. Kathi Overton captured many of the moments in photos that will be displayed at the Feb. 28th BMCA meeting. Three Kenmore students, led by Ben Edgar of Longfellow St., played a medley of Holiday tunes. Refreshments and decorations were arranged by Claudia Maloney, Amy Johaneck, and Dori Byron.

**Thefts from Cars**

The Arlington Police have concluded their analysis of a series of car break-ins on 4th street on November 28th, 2004. In every case, it was determined that the affected cars were left unlocked. No locked cars were broken into.

**County Transportation Master Plan**

Last October, the County Board directed staff to develop a comprehensive master transportation plan for Arlington. The plan will be developed over a two-year period, with oversight by the Transportation Commission and an extensive public process. The BMCA Transportation Committee will monitor the plan development and will coordinate our participation in the public process. To get involved, contact Paul Svercl at 703-243-8693 or paul.svercl@starpower.net.

**Upcoming BMCA Events**

- General Meeting: Monday, Feb. 28, 7pm, Church of the Brethren
- Easter Egg Hunt & Adult Social, Saturday, March 26, 10:30am - noon, Church of the Brethren
- Neighborhood Day, Saturday, May 14
- General Meeting: Monday, May 23, Church of the Brethren
- Independence Day Ice Cream Social, July 4, Church of the Brethren
- Neighborhood Picnic, Sunday, September 11 or 18, location to be determined
- General Meeting, October 17, Church of the Brethren
- Holiday Decorating Contest, December
- Holiday Social, December (date to be determined)