



Between the Boulevards

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Annual Membership Drive

It's that time of year again, when we invite all neighbors to participate in the civic association by sending in their annual dues. The cost of membership remains \$10 for couples and \$5 for singles.

Please complete the form on the other side of this newsletter and submit it with your 2006 dues payment, cash or check made out to BMCA. Returning members are most welcome; retroactive payment for previous years is unnecessary. Pick the delivery method most convenient for you:

1. Affix a stamp to the attached envelope and send it to Membership Chairman Dori Byron through the mail.
2. Drop the envelope in the mail slot at Dori's house, 524 N. Madison St.
3. Pay in person at any BMCA meeting

BMCA member dues help to fund the production of this newsletter and a wide range of community events, such as the upcoming Easter egg hunt, the Neighborhood Day celebration in May, the July 4 ice cream social, and the neighborhood picnic in September. Membership enrollment also increases the neighborhood's voice and credibility within Arlington County. Thank you for your support.

Nominating Committee Formed

In accordance with BMCA bylaws, at the February 27 general meeting, the membership will elect a nominating committee to choose a slate of candidates for the 2006-2007 officers and board positions. At least six Board seats will be open and the Association can always use new voices and fresh ideas.

Subject to the membership approval at the meeting, the nominating committee will be composed of Tim Hughes (703-525-3949), Matt Doyle (703-294-4922) or Dori Byron (703-243-4025). If you would like to know more about opportunities to help BMCA, please contact one of the committee members.

2005-2006 BMCA Officers and Board Members

Larry Goldschmidt, President	407 N. Livingston St.
Paul Svercl, Vice President	5900 3rd St N.
Margaret Core, Secretary	500 N. Longfellow St.
Merwin Liss, Treasurer	549 N. Livingston St.
Dori Byron	524 N. Madison St.
Glenn Bowler	5905 4th Rd. N.
Matt Doyle	202 N. Montague St.
Tamara Gelboin	6028 6th St. N.
Irene Guertin	108 N. Liberty St.
Tim Hughes	5929 1st St. N.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1st St. N.
Claudia Maloney	5951 8th Rd N.
Rich Massabny	5904 4th Rd N.
Kathi Overton	5927 3rd St. N.
Ann Wilson	219 N. Manchester St.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting Featuring a Discussion on Emergency Preparedness

Guest speakers from the American Red Cross and Arlington CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will join us at the winter BMCA meeting to discuss how we can be better prepared for disasters and other emergencies. The discussion will include:

- ◆ Family emergency plans
- ◆ Emergency kits
- ◆ Available training
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities

The regular business of the meeting will include updates on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, 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 Larry Goldschmidt at 703-527-7447 or president@boulevardmanor.org. Please come and participate!

Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

New Neighbors

BMCA is pleased to welcome all new arrivals to the neighborhood:

- ◆ The Arlington Church of the Brethren announces the arrival of their new Pastor, Jeff Payne, his wife Chandra, and two sons (ages 9 and 5). The Paynes moved into the church parsonage on 6th Street in December. Pastor Jeff welcomes the community to call him at 703-524-4100 or to visit the Church at 300 N. Montague Street.
- ◆ Brad and Kitty Nix (Spy Hill) welcomed their new son, Jake, born in January.
- ◆ At least 16 new families moved into the BMCA area during 2005. Dori Byron, BMCA Membership Chairman, and Claudia Maloney, Hospitality Committee Chair, plan to visit new neighbors to extend our welcome and to encourage their participation in the Civic Association.



At December's holiday party, BMCA neighbors join with residents of the Sunrise retirement community in singing carols.

Please send your 2006 BMCA dues today.

Annual dues for Boulevard Manor Civic Association are only \$10 per couple, \$5.00 for singles (no need to pay for missed years). 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

Seventh Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Adult Social

Saturday, April 15 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. Younger children will get a head start at 10:40, so arrive early!

If you are interested in helping, please call Claudia Maloney at 703-237-8721 or Dori Byron at 704-243-4025.

Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

Thanks to many contributions from neighbors, we are in editorial production for the BMCA NC Plan. Professional editor and BMCA resident Kathy Snyder has agreed to help us in polishing the chapters. The NC Plan team prepared a draft project list that accompanies the narrative plan. The project list is based on the results of the neighborhood survey conducted in 2004. Many thanks to Glenn Bowler for compiling and analyzing the data from hundreds of surveys.

If you wish to review the final draft submitted to the County NC staff, please email Margaret Core (mecore@gmail.com), who will alert you when the plan draft is available on the BMCA web site for review.

Neighborhood Backyard Habitats Recognized

The Arlington Community Wildlife Habitat Project has recognized BMCA as a neighborhood that has certified five or more properties as wildlife habitats. Each certified habitat provides four basic elements: food, water, cover, and places for beneficial insects and animals to raise young. Participants in the Community Wildlife Habitat Project are educated in sustainable gardening practices, such as composting, eliminating invasive plant species, and planting native flora. In November,

Arlington became the only Virginia county certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

Announcements from the Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs

Jennifer Newman from Arlington's Animal Welfare League will be the guest speaker at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., Wed., March, 1:30 p.m., to discuss volunteer opportunities and its senior adoption program which waives the adoption fee for Arlington residents over 60. Ms. Newman will be joined by one of the League's adoptable animals. For more information, call 703-228-5722.

AARP's two day driver safety course for seniors will be held Thurs., Mar. 9 and Fri., March 10, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center., 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. Participants must attend both classes to receive certificate. Cost is \$10. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

Learn how to create a firm foundation for writing a memoir by joining fellow seniors in a six part series beginning Wed., April 19, 10:00 am-11:30 am, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Instruction on how to generate ideas, use of description, openings and endings, rewriting, by writer and Johns Hopkins graduate Cheryl Somers Aubin. Cost is \$21 for the series. To register, call 703-228-5703.

Free fire alarms for Arlington residents with hearing loss. The Arlington County Fire Department has approximately 65 hearing-impaired smoke alarms to give away. Call for details, 703-228-4659; TTY, 703-228-4610; or e-mail kvangraafeiland@arlingtonva.us

Additional news from the Office of Senior Adult Programs can be viewed at the BMCA web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

Upcoming BMCA Events

- General Meeting: Monday, Feb. 27, 7pm, Church of the Brethren
- Easter Egg Hunt & Adult Social, Saturday, April 15, 10:30am - noon, Church of the Brethren
- Neighborhood Day, Saturday, May 13
- General Meeting: Monday, May 22, Church of the Brethren
- Independence Day Ice Cream Social, July 4, Church of the Brethren
- Neighborhood Picnic, September – date and location to be determined



Neighbors celebrated the first major snowfall of 2006 by sledding the beloved slope at the Reevesland historic district.