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BMCA Neighborhood Day 2006 Celebration

Saturday, May 13

Powhatan Springs Park, 6020 Wilson Boulevard

Skating, History, and Trees: Something for Everyone!

- 9:30 Coffee and muffins at the skate park shelter
- 9:45 Skating demonstration and free skate for anyone who wants try something fun!
- 10:00-10:30 Archival aerial photos of the neighborhood and history discussion with local historian John Huennekens
Kids' activity in the water garden
- 10:30-11:00 View a very notable tree found in the park

A recent natural resource assessment of Arlington County found a red mulberry 7'5" in diameter on the grounds of Powhatan Springs Park. Come see the record-setting tree! For additional information about the countywide Neighborhood Day celebration and parade, see <http://www.arlingtonva.us>.

Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, composed of Dori Byron, Matt Doyle, and Tim Hughes, presents the following slate of candidates for the May 22 election.

Nominees for one-year terms as officers of BMCA:

President	Larry Goldschmidt	407 N. Livingston St.
Vice President	Paul Svercl	5900 3 rd St. N.
Secretary	Margaret Core	500 N. Longfellow St.
Treasurer	Rich Massabny	5904 4 th Rd. N.

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

Matt Doyle	202 N. Montague St.
Irene Guertin	108 N. Liberty St.
Missy Hardy	5920 4 th St. N.
Phil Klingelhofer	5854 1 st St. N.
Merwin Liss	549 N. Livingston St.
Chuck Norton	5944 2 nd St. N.
John Pomeranz	5927 3 rd St. N.

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

Glenn Bowler	5905 4 th Rd. N.
Tamara Gelboin	6028 6 th St. N.
Tim Hughes	5929 1 st St. N.
Claudia Maloney	5951 8 th Rd. N.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

We will begin with 30 minutes of social time and then will conduct the meeting, including election of officers and board members, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Our guest speakers will be John Sims, new manager of Upton Regional Park and former park manager Julie Kutruff, now NVRPA Assistant Park Operations Superintendent. The meeting will also feature committee reports, crime data, announcements, and other helpful information. Please join us!

For more information, contact BMCA President Larry Goldschmidt at president@boulevardmanor.org or 703-527-7447.

Special thanks to Board members completing their terms: Dori Byron, Kathi Overton, and Ann Wilson.

Neighborhood Volunteers Assist in Planting Trees

BMCA membership chair Dori Byron received a tempting offer from an official of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The deal: provide help for NVRPA's tree-planting event at Upton Hill Park on Earth Day, April 22, in exchange for free use of the park's picnic shelter for the neighborhood picnic in September.

Dori assembled a group of volunteers willing to donate their Saturday and their labor for a good cause. They planted 80 seedlings at Upton Hill before rains forced



Some of the BMCA volunteers who planted 141 trees at Upton Hill Regional Park

them to stop. New park manager John Sims agreed to continue the project on the following Saturday, April 29. The group reconvened to plant another 61 seedlings.

BMCA thanks the volunteers for their time and effort: Glenn Bowler; Byron and Dori Byron; Larry and Cathy Goldschmidt; Tom Henry; Phil, Peter, and Ben Klingelhofer; Paul and Ian Maloney; Paul Svercl; and Bunrith and Sandy Thong with Visoda Heng. Incidentally, the NVRPA Assistant Park Operations Superintendent who offered the deal was former Upton Hill manager Julie Kutruff. BMCA congratulates Julie on her promotion.

TEENAGERS NEEDED to serve as mother's helpers and babysitters. Please call Dori Byron at 703-243-4025 if you are interested in helping neighborhood parents.

BMCA Urges County to Maintain Reeves Farm House

The eventual use of the former Reeves farm remains undecided, pending a County planning process. In the meantime, neighbors have noted that the unoccupied former Reeves home continues to deteriorate without regular maintenance. BMCA has requested that the Arlington County Board set aside funds for a minimal program of maintenance to prevent further damage to the 130-year old farm house and its outbuildings.

Neighbor Jim Landrum has sent a number of messages to the County concerning deteriorating conditions of the buildings at Reevesland. BMCA President Larry Goldschmidt followed with a letter to the County Board expressing our Civic Association's concern. Larry received a reply from Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman indicating that the maintenance issue would be addressed as part of the FY 2007 budget process.

John Pomeranz of the BMCA Reevesland committee spoke at the March 28 budget hearing, requesting that the County (1) budget funds for an assessment of the upkeep necessary to prevent structural disintegration of the property over the next two years and (2) provide funds for the most necessary stabilization repairs.

BMCA continues to monitor Reevesland and remains eager to work with the County on the master planning.

Upcoming BMCA Events

- Neighborhood Day: Saturday, May 13, 9:30-11:00, Powhatan Springs Park
- General Meeting: Monday, May 22, 7pm, Church of the Brethren
- Independence Day Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, July 4, Church of the Brethren
- Neighborhood Picnic (NEW DATE): Sunday, September 24, Upton Hill Regional Park

Help Wanted

We need volunteers for the July and September BMCA events. Help is needed in planning, promotion, set up, clean up, entertainment, and serving. To join, please contact Margaret Core at mecore@gmail.com or 703-741-3788.

Neighbors interested in participating in these efforts should contact BMCA President Larry Goldschmidt.

Neighborhood Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

BMCA and the Church of the Brethren hosted the eighth annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Adult Social on Saturday, April 15. The event continues to be popular gathering, thanks in large measure to BMCA organizers Dori Byron and Claudia Maloney and church member Alma Gallego. More than 80 neighbors enjoyed games, treats, and a visit from the Easter Bunny.



Please send your 2006 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