



Between the Boulevards

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Virginia High Court Expands Tree Owners' Liability

In September, the Virginia Supreme Court issued a ruling that may have far-reaching effects for neighborhoods like Boulevard Manor that encompass many large, mature trees. Reversing a 1939 court decision, the ruling states that the owner of a tree "may be held responsible for harm caused to [adjoining property], and may also be required to cut back the encroaching branches or roots, assuming the encroaching vegetation constitutes a nuisance."

A synopsis of the decision in the case of Fancher v. Fagella, with a link to the full court opinion, is available at <http://www.courts.state.va.us/synopsis.htm#1062339>.

Reminder: Special Trash Pickups

Neighbors are reminded that Arlington County offers special pickup services for various types of refuse that cannot fit conveniently in your trash cart. **You must request special pickups** by calling the Solid Waste Division at 703-228-6570 or by using the online form at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/EnvironmentalServices/login.aspx>.

If you do not make a request, special items left at the curb will not be collected. Special pickups include:

- Bulk metal: appliances, air conditioners, cabinets, exercise equipment, etc., weighing more than 50 pounds. The pickup fee is \$20 for the first item, \$10 for each additional item charged to your utility bill. Bulk metal is picked up on alternating Thursdays in BMCA.
- Unbundled brush: branches and logs less than 18 inches in diameter and less than 10 feet long. Brush is picked up on alternating Thursdays in BMCA.
- Yard Wastes: Leaves left curbside are collected by vacuum truck at least twice each autumn. The county also offers biodegradable bags which are collected on Fridays in BMCA during November and December and also during the spring. The county web site lists locations where bags will be available after October 22. The closest location to BMCA is the Lubber Run Recreation Center at the corner of N. Park Drive and George Mason Drive.

To view the schedule for alternating pickups, go to the county web site www.arlingtonva.us and click on "Trash &

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, October 22 at 7:00pm
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

**Featured speaker: Raul Matos, Coordinator,
Arlington Public Schools Adult Education Program**

Mr. Matos will discuss opportunities available for both adult students and potential instructors. Interested in teaching adult or community education? How about arranging for customized classes with friends or neighbors? Share ideas to help improve Arlington's Adult Education Program (www.arlingtonadulthood.org).

The meeting will also include a report by Officer Lutz of the Arlington Police Department, neighborhood committee reports, and fellowship with old friends and new neighbors.

For more information, contact BMCA President Chuck Norton at president@boulevardmanor.org or 703-527-2430.

Recycling." Brush and yard wastes are shredded to create mulch that is available for free at two locations or for a nominal delivery charge. See the county web site for details.

Hazardous materials cannot be picked up. These include flammable, corrosive or poisonous chemicals; televisions; and computers and monitors. For disposal of household hazardous materials, call 703-228-6832 or check the county web site under Environmental Services.

BMCA Urges Neighbors to Report Abandoned Shopping Carts

Shopping carts taken far from their stores are unsightly and potentially hazardous. If you see any carts dumped in our neighborhood, please call the store that owns the cart. See the contact list below for phone numbers for the three largest stores in the Williston Shopping Center.

Cut out and post this reminder near your telephone

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Arlington Police Non-Emergency Line	703-558-2222
County Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Division	703-228-6570
Report missed trash/recycling pickups and request special pickups, including appliances, heavy metal items, and unbundled brush. Note that many services can be ordered online at www.arlingtonva.us .	
County Office of Code Enforcement	703-228-3232
Report violations of codes governing land use/zoning, building maintenance, condition of private property, and noise control.	
Animal Welfare League of Arlington	703-931-9241 (select option 1 for animal control)
Call for retrieval of shopping carts abandoned in the neighborhood:	
Safeway: 703-241-4131	Petsmart: 703-536-2708 Target: 703-237-8118

For neighborhood news, photos, and more, visit BMCA's newly remodeled web site at www.boulevardmanor.org.

Have you paid your civic association dues for 2007?

Your support for BMCA activities is needed. Please use this form to submit annual dues, only \$10.00/couple and \$5.00/individual (cash or check payable to BMCA). Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Name(s):

Telephone:

Address:

E-mail address:

Please mail this form with your payment to Membership Chair Dori Byron (703-243-4025) or drop it off at her house, 524 N. Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203.

Draft Neighborhood Conservation Plan to Be Reviewed by County

The Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) committee has integrated neighbors' comments on the draft sections posted to the BMCA web site. The BMCA board will present the latest version of the plan to county neighborhood conservation officials for discussion and comment. The county will help BMCA refine our NCP with practical guidance that should lead to eventual formal approval of our plan and, ultimately, to the delivery of actual projects for the neighborhood. Watch for updates on the progress of our plan.

Senior Information Fair October 27

A major event featuring information for senior citizens will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. (at Lee Highway). The fair will provide extensive information about county services, resources, and programs for seniors. There will be presentations on transportation options, Medicare, and adult day care. Free photo IDs, blood pressure checks and emergency 911 cell phones will be available. The fair is sponsored by Arlington Agency on Aging, Office of Senior Adult Programs, Commission on Aging and Dept. of Human Services. For more information, call 703-228-1700 or 703-228-5321.

From the President

I have been receiving email from a variety of sources, but until recently, had not figured out how to effectively disseminate the information. What I have come up with is the "BMCA UPDATE."

Many of your Arlington County neighbors have spent long hours preparing events and I felt a duty to find a way to pass along their information. Our newsletter is space limited and nobody wants multiple emails from unknown sources. The best solution I have is the "BMCA UPDATE." The email will include the titles of the articles in the attached document. If you see something of interest, open the document and read the article. If nothing is of interest, just delete the email.

The "BMCA UPDATE" is going to be limited to BMCA members, and you have to **request** to be added to the email list. Using this format, I won't have any issues with people receiving email they don't want. Future "BMCA UPDATES" will contain local event notices which I receive from various mailing lists. It will also contain information from Arlington County government agencies, Virginia Dept of Emergency Management (VDEM), The American Red Cross, and other suitable sources.

If you would like to subscribe to the "BMCA UPDATE," just drop me a note or just say "SUBSCRIBE - BMCA UPDATE." Please include your name and address in the e-mail. Send your request to be added to the BMCA update list to the following e-mail:

cenorton@comcast.net

Now, I have done my part to pass along community news, the rest is up to you!!!

Chuck Norton
President, BMCA

Native Trees Available at No Cost

Project Acorn is a fall giveaway of approximately 750 Jamestown Cherrybark Oak trees to enhance Arlington's environment and to celebrate the founding of Jamestown. The acorns were collected from the Jamestown historic site and grown out to tree seedling height by the Virginia Department of Forestry. These trees are intended for planting primarily on private residential properties or school yards. **If interested in a tree**, contact Phil Klingelhofer (703-524-5438 or phil@ceednet.org) with your name, contact information, and address by noon on October 24. The trees will be delivered to his home and ready for pick-up soon after November 2.

Cherrybark Oaks do well in full sun to full shade and in moderate to moist soil. Before you request a tree, make sure you have a location with moderate to moist soil and sufficient room. The oaks may grow to over 100 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide, so you must avoid planting them under overhead power lines or too close to your home. The trees are currently in one-gallon containers and approximately 30 inches tall. For more information about the trees, see: <http://thriftonhillpark.googlepages.com/projectacorn>.

Halloween Parade Planned

The families on N. Longfellow Street invite young children and their families to participate in a Halloween parade and games, Sunday October 28th at 4 pm. Children should wear a costume and gather at the corner of Madison and Longfellow Streets.

If you would like to assist in games or activities or to bring cupcakes for the event, please contact Margaret Core at mecore@gmail.com or 703-741-3788.

Neighborhood Gatherings Continue

On July 4, BMCA and the Church of the Brethren co-hosted the sixth annual Independence Day Ice Cream Social. Neighbors shared dessert, live music, and a view of the Capital Mall fireworks display.

On September 23, neighbors enjoyed the BMCA Neighborhood Picnic at Upton Hill Regional Park. The event featured food, prizes, a moon-bounce, and a visit from Arlington County firefighters and emergency medical service workers. Photos of the picnic may be viewed at the BMCA web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

Soup & Pie Bazaar Returns

The Arlington Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St., will be holding its annual Soup & Pie Bazaar on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Homemade soups, pies, and sandwiches will be served. Handcrafted Christmas paraphernalia, yard sale items, baked goods and crafts from developing countries will be sold. For further information, call the church office at 703-524-4100 weekday mornings.