



Between the Boulevards

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Traffic Calming Proposed for 4th Road N.

The Arlington County Department of Public Works (DPW) has determined that 4th Road N. between N. Manchester St. and N. Montague St. is eligible for consideration of traffic calming measures. This determination was based on a priority scoring system that compares neighborhood streets across the county, taking into account measurements of volume and average speeds, along with qualitative factors such as the proximity of schools.

In accordance with Arlington's established neighborhood traffic calming (NTC) process, a series of meetings will be held and a working group will be formed to develop a plan for traffic calming measures. Possible traffic calming measures include speed cushions, raised walkways, curb extensions, and other alternatives. After a plan is developed, it must be approved by at least 60 percent of the households within the affected area (encompassing the 5900 Block of 4th Rd. N. and the adjoining portion of N. Manchester St.).

The first meeting in the NTC process, a discussion of basic information, will be incorporated into BMCA's June 9 meeting (see box). Further meetings, at which traffic calming measures will be evaluated and selected, are scheduled for June 23 and July 14 beginning at 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, located at the corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston St. (in the meeting room near the entrance from the parking lot). The final prep presentation of the proposed 4th Road N. project is scheduled for July 28 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Brethren.

For detailed online information about the NTC process, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us>, click the Transportation link under Topics, then click the Traffic Calming link under Walk-Friendly Arlington.

Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee, composed of Phil Klingelhofer, Dori Byron, and Lee Dioso, presents the following candidates for the June 9 election.

Nominees for reelection to one-year terms as officers of BMCA:

President	Chuck Norton	2 nd St. N.
Vice President	Paul Svercl	3 rd St. N.
Secretary	Julie Ovando	5 th Rd. N.
Treasurer	Rich Massabny	4 th Rd. N.

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

Dori Byron	N. Madison St.
Lee Dioso	N. Livingston St.
Tony Ermovick	1st St. N.
Larry Goldschmidt	N. Livingston St.
Merwin Liss	N. Livingston St.

The Nominating Committee is still awaiting confirmation from additional nominees. The full slate will be presented at the June 9 meeting. The following currently serve on the BMCA Board and will be completing the second years of their terms:

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Please join us for the BMCA Spring meeting, which will include election of officers and board members and committee updates.

The featured speaker will be Ron Hicks, a transportation planner in the Arlington County Department of Public Works. Mr. Hicks will discuss Neighborhood Traffic Calming and the NTC process for 4th Road N.

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

Charles Boone	4 th Rd. N.
Margaret Core	N. Longfellow St.
Barbara Miller Rodriguez	4 th St. N.
Rob Pilot	3 rd St. N.
Lois Trumbull	3 rd St. N.

Special thanks to two distinguished Board members who have completed the maximum two consecutive terms, Matt Doyle and Phil Klingelhofer. Matt is continuing to work on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Phil has agreed to continue serving as chairman of BMCA's Parks Committee.

New School Board Vote Required on School Boundaries

As reported in the last newsletter, the School Board voted in February to adopt a plan for redistricting elementary school boundaries that does not directly affect Ashlawn. On May 29, however, the Arlington County Circuit Court ruled that the Arlington School Board's Feb. 14 was procedurally defective. The advertised public hearing preceding the vote had been rescheduled by one day due to an ice storm. Because the rescheduling violated established School Board procedures which require notice of public hearings to be advertised in the newspaper, the Feb. 14 vote is void.

To address this procedural technicality, a new public hearing and a new School Board vote on the previously adopted changes, will be held on Thursday, June 12,

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- | Arlington Police Non-Emergency Line: 703-558-2222
- | Special Reuse Pickups (unbundled brush, appliances, etc.): 703-228-6570
- | Bluemont Park Ranger Station: 703-525-0168; Weekend Duty Officer: 571-220-2110
- | County Office of Code Enforcement: 703-228-3232
- | Animal Control: 703-931-9241 (select option 1)

Please send your 2008 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

2008 at 7:30 p.m. More detailed information is available at the Arlington Public Schools web site <http://www.apsva.us> under "News Releases."

**Draft Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP)
Reviewed by County Staff**

BMCA completed a new draft of the NCP and provided it to the Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development DCPHD. The draft can be viewed at <http://www.boulevardmanor.org/NCPdraft.htm>. The comments provided by a neighborhood planner were minor and easily addressed.

In the next step of the process, the DCPHD planner will meet with the BMCA Board. Interested neighbors are welcome to attend. The meeting will be announced on the BMCA web site and on the e-mail list.

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Independence Day Tradition Continues

For the past seven years, on July 4, BMCA has co-hosted with the Church of the Brethren an ice cream social on the Church's front lawn. This year's celebration will continue the additional feature of a children's parade, first held in 2007. Guided by parent organizers, kids will march from the corner of 4th Street N. and N. Manchester St. to the Church of the Brethren beginning at 7:00pm. Marchers are encouraged to bring decorated bicycles, wagons, strollers, etc. Posted flyers will have additional information.

The ice cream social will begin at 7:30 pm. All neighbors are invited to enjoy ice cream, toppings, and beverages. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and flashlight and stay to watch the Capitol fireworks from one of highest vantage points in Arlington.

Parks Updates

The Arlington County Parks Dept. has provided the following information about projects and issues in Bluemont and Bon Air Parks:

- The Bluemont tennis courts are being resurfaced. The work should be completed in early June.
- The temporary bridge and stream stabilization at the Frisbee Golf area have been completed. The next step is design of the permanent bridge.
- The foot bridge to the soccer field at Bluemont Junction and the W&OD footbridge (near the caboose) have been replaced.
- Some boards in picnic tables are being replaced because they may contain arsenic.

- The Parks Dept. and Arlington Police are working to address the problem of graffiti (especially gang related) in the parks.
- There is a problem with yard waste being dumped in the parks, especially at the former Reeves property and along Arlington Mill Drive. Neighbors are reminded that Arlington County will pick up unbundled brush. Simply call 703-228-6570 and select option 2 or visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us>, click on "Environment," then click on "Special Pick Ups."

Church of the Brethren Offers Youth Bible Study

Children from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to a free Rainforest Adventure at the Church July 21-25. The weeklong bible study adventure comprises five sessions, Monday to Friday, beginning at 6:30pm and ending at 8:30pm each day. Kids will enjoy stories, crafts, skits, songs, and games, and an opportunity to make new friends. For more information, call the Church at 703-524-4100 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, from 9:00am to Noon. Please register by June 22nd at the same number.

Neighborhood Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

BMCA and the Church of the Brethren hosted the 10th annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Adult Social on Saturday, March 22. Neighbors enjoyed games, treats, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the event, especially BMCA's Dori Byron and Claudia Maloney, and Alma Gallego from the Church.

Calendar of Community Events

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| Monday, June 9 | Church of the Brethren
BMCA General Meeting , 7pm. See box on page 1. |
| Monday, June 23 | Arlington Community Church
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Meeting . 7:00pm. See article on page 1. |
| Friday, July 4 | Church of the Brethren
Annual Independence Day Ice Cream Social . 7:30pm. Children's parade begins at 7:00pm at the corner of N. Manchester St. and 4 th St. N. |
| Monday, July 14 | Arlington Community Church
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Meeting . 7:00pm. See article on first page. |
| Monday, July 28 | Church of the Brethren
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Meeting . 7:00pm. Final meeting for 4 th Road N., project, See article on first page. |
| Sunday, Sept. 14 | Upton Hill Regional Park
BMCA Annual Neighborhood Picnic . 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Free food and games for the whole family. |