



Between the Boulevards

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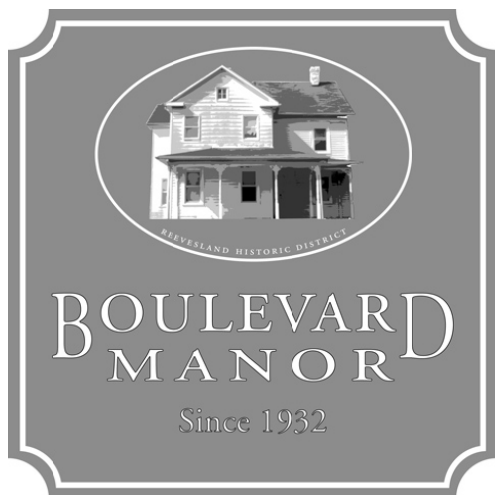
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BMCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan Approved by County Board

In June, the Arlington County Board approved the Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) developed by BMCA. Former BMCA president Matt Doyle's presentation of the NCP was complimented by members of the Board. Having secured this final approval, the Civic Association (or individual neighbors) now can seek county funding for neighborhood conservation projects.

The completed NCP is the culmination of several years of effort by many neighborhood volunteers. BMCA thanks the dozens of neighbors who assisted in the neighborhood survey, in writing and editing the chapters of the NCP, and in presentations to various commissions as well as the County Board. The final NCP is available on the BMCA web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

The first action under the NCP will be the installation of signs identifying Boulevard Manor near three or four entrances to the neighborhood. A committee appointed by the BMCA board has worked with local artist Peter Lindeman and with county staff to design the signs and choose appropriate locations. The design (below) was displayed at the neighborhood picnic and has been approved by the BMCA board.



Proposed design for Boulevard Manor neighborhood sign. The lettering in the oval reads "Reevesland Historic District."

The NCP team has moved quickly to try to secure funding in the next round of county funding for neighborhood conservation projects. The first proposed project focuses on the intersection of N. Montague St. and 1st St. N. and nearby segments of both streets. Working with county planners, architects, and engineers, the NCP team has proposed improvements aimed at enhancing the neighborhood's pedestrian-friendly qualities, increasing nighttime lighting in an especially dark area, and slowing fast-moving traffic. The plans include a re-designed intersection, narrowed intersections along Montague Street, Carlyle lighting, crosswalks, new green space, "gateway" (faux brick) surfacing, and new signage. A detailed proposal has been presented to the neighbors in the affected area,

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Featured speaker: Alice Burton, Chief of Animal Control for Arlington County

Ms. Burton will discuss animal welfare and can answer questions about animal-related safety and other issues. Also at the meeting:

- The BMCA board will seek the membership's approval for the 2010 budget, which will include increasing annual dues from \$5 to \$10 per member.
- A model of the design for the proposed neighborhood signs will be available for viewing.
- There will be updates from BMCA committees, including neighborhood conservation, parks, and transportation.
- Cleanup of the neighborhood entrance at Arlington Blvd. and N. Manchester St. will be discussed.

For more information, contact BMCA President Phil Klingelhofer at president@boulevardmanor.org or (703) 524-5438.

who may choose to accept or reject the planned improvements.

The NCP team will continue to work with neighbors and with county staff to develop projects that can be funded under the neighborhood conservation program. For the next round of funding (June 2010), the NCP Team may pursue a revised version of the Montague/1st project or a separate project.

New Bluemont Park Playground to be Constructed

On October 7, the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation opened bids for construction of the new playground at Bluemont Park. Earlier in the year, neighborhood volunteers worked with Parks De-

New Neighborhood E-Mail List

Since 2001, BMCA has maintained an e-mail distribution list for timely sharing of neighborhood news. Recently, BMCA changed mailing list providers, replacing Topica.com with the popular Yahoo! Groups service. To join the new mailing list, simply send an e-mail to blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive an automated reply with instructions for confirming your membership.

Once subscribed, you may post messages to the list by sending e-mail to blvdmanor@yahoogroups.com. Only members may post messages to the list. If you choose not to post messages, your e-mail address will remain anonymous.

partment's landscape architect to develop a concept plan. The neighborhood working group continued to provide feedback as county staff finalized the project designs. The plans include complete redevelopment of the playground site and all-new equipment themed to the dairy farm and railroad elements of the neighborhood's history. Construction is expected to begin approximately January 2010, with the new playground ready for use by next summer.

Membership Update

As of this writing, 237 neighbors have paid membership dues for 2009. BMCA thanks all members for supporting civic association services and events, including:

- ✓ The Easter Egg Hunt in April
- ✓ The Independence Day Ice Cream Social in July
- ✓ The Neighborhood Picnic in September
- ✓ Development of the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, required to obtain county funding for desired improvements
- ✓ Coordination of neighbors' in planning traffic calming measures for 4th Road N. and replacement of the playground at Bluemont Park
- ✓ Representation of the neighborhood to the Arlington County Civic Federation
- ✓ Preparation and distribution of the neighborhood Emergency Information Brochure
- ✓ Production of this newsletter
- ✓ www.boulevardmanor.org

We are still below our budgeted level of membership for 2009. If you have not yet paid the annual dues, please use the form above to join BMCA or to renew your membership. If you are unsure whether you have paid, you may ask membership committee chair Dori Byron by calling 703-243-4025 or e-mailing dori.byron@boulevardmanor.org. **We are also accepting additional contributions to help defray the association's growing expenses.** Again, thank you!

Traffic and Transportation Matters

In July, the Arlington County Board approved funding for the installation of traffic calming measures on 4th Road N. Construction is scheduled for spring 2010. The elements of the 4th Road N. project include nubs, parking lines, marked crosswalks, a major modification of the intersection of 4th Road N. at N. Montague St., and new signage.

BMCA transportation committee chair Paul Svercl recently communicated to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) several neighborhood concerns associated with Arlington Boulevard/U.S. Route 50. On at least two matters, VDOT is taking immediate action:

1. Responding to concerns about pedestrian safety, VDOT reviewed accident data for Route 50 at N. Manchester and N. Montague Streets. VDOT will work with the county to identify the feasibility and eligibility of improvements at both intersections under the Highway Safety Improvement Program.
2. VDOT will remove invasive trees from the strip between Route 50 and the frontage road. Trees blocking signs along Route 50 will be trimmed.

Annual Soup & Pie Bazaar

The Arlington Church of the Brethren will be holding its annual Soup & Pie Bazaar on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. All neighbors are invited to the church at 300 N. Montague St. to enjoy homemade soups and pies. Gifts, yard sale items, baked goods and crafts will be sold, including fair trade handicrafts from artisans around the world and "Shares of an Animal" through Heifer International, which provides assistance to farmers in 125 countries. For more information call Nancy Weimer at the church at 703-524-4100.

Please pay your 2009 BMCA membership dues today.

Membership Category	Cost
Individual Members	\$5.00**
Couples (Two Adult Members)	\$10.00**
Voluntary extra contribution of any amount (Help us grow and expand our Civic Association!)	\$_____
Special Membership opportunity: \$50 Gold Member/ \$100 Platinum Member	\$_____**
Total Dues and Contribution	\$_____

Why contribute? BMCA is working to build connections, to enhance the sense of community in our neighborhood, by offering unique and appealing events and civic-minded opportunities year-round (see the extensive list of BMCA activities in the "Membership Update" article above).

Please join us or renew your membership by completing this form and adding a check payable to BMCA. Return to Dori Byron (703-243-4025), 524 N Madison St., Arlington, VA 22203. *Thank you for your support!*

Name (s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

** BMCA plans to publish a list of those who have contributed in the newsletter and the web site.

_____ Please check here if you do NOT want your name included in the honor roll.