



Between the Boulevards

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BMCA Neighborhood Survey

The civic association asks all households within the neighborhood to complete a brief online survey. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKVPKTH. A link is available at BMCA's web site, www.boulevardmanor.org. The survey is intended to collect neighbors' opinions about civic association efforts and activities, providing a basis for continuous improvement.

Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

The Nominating Committee appointed by the BMCA membership at February's meeting presents the following candidates for the June 7 election. The nominees for election to one-year terms (2010-2011) as officers of BMCA are:

President	Mike McComis	4 th St. N.
Vice President	Steve Schwartz	1 st St. N.
Secretary	Tony Ermovick	1 st St. N.
Treasurer	Rob Pilot	3 rd St. N.

Nominees for new two-year (2010-2012) terms on the BMCA Board of Directors are:

David Bradsher	N. Longfellow St.
Chris Braudy	N. Manchester St.
Lee Dioso	N. Livingston St.
Chuck Norton	2 nd St. N.
Molly Stevens	4 th St. N.
Lois Trumbull	3 rd St. N.
Ann Wilson	N. Lombardy St.

The following will continue to serve on the BMCA Board, completing the second years of their terms in June 2011:

David Cloe	N. Liberty St.
Teddy Kunec	N. Montague St.
Claudia Maloney	8 th St. N.
Rich Massabny	4 th Rd. N.
Judy Norton	2 nd St. N.
Julia Ovando	5 th Rd. N.
Paul Svercl	3 rd St. N.

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association
General Meeting
Monday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.**

Featured speaker: Kirsten Conrad-Buhls from the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV)

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) is a group of volunteers who work with the Virginia Cooperative Extension to promote environmentally sound gardening practices. Ms. Conrad-Buhls will discuss planting of native species to replace the non-native varieties commonly used in our area. She will also answer general gardening questions.

Also at the meeting, we will have reports from BMCA standing committees and will vote to elect civic association officers and board members.

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

In addition, outgoing president Phil Klingelhofer will serve a term on the Board in accordance with the provisions of the BMCA Bylaws.

Calling All Rising Kindergartners

Ashlawn Elementary School is currently registering students for the kindergarten class that will begin in September 2010. If you have a child who will start kindergarten at Ashlawn this year, please contact the school right away if you haven't already registered. The school is trying to develop a reliable forecast of how many new students to expect, so that Ashlawn can effectively plan for adequate staff and materials.

Also, rising kindergartners are invited to join group playdates with their future classmates. Contact BMCA board

member (and rising Ashlawn parent) Tamara Gelboin at TamaraGelboin@boulevardmanor.org for more information.

Volunteers Work to Beautify Neighborhood Entrance on Arlington Boulevard

BMCA gratefully acknowledges the recent efforts of Mike Musto and Chris Musto benefitting our neighborhood. Mike and Chris volunteered to perform mowing and edging at the intersection of N. Manchester St. and Arlington Boulevard through the summer.

As you know, this southern entrance to our neighborhood is usually quite unsightly because of litter and overgrown vegetation. BMCA thanks Mike and Chris for their civic pride and their valuable work. The civic association will organize additional cleanup activities at the intersection. Please watch the web site and the e-mail list for announcements, or join the BMCA Conservation and Beautification Committee by contacting Mike McComis at MikeMcComis@boulevardmanor.org.

BMCA and HALRB Board Urge Action on Reevesland

BMCA continues to press the Arlington County government to begin the process for a determination on the future use of the former Reeves property. See the February 2010 issue of *Between the Boulevards* for details on past BMCA efforts to address this issue since the County purchased the land and buildings from the Reeves family in 2001.

Despite the designation of the property as an Arlington County Historic District, the house remains boarded-up and unused. Historic preservation experts and neighbors alike have worried that the house will continue to deteriorate due to lack of use. The BMCA leadership has arranged meetings with Arlington County Board members to discuss Reevesland. Specifically, BMCA has urged the County to authorize a planning process for Reevesland now, instead of waiting for the new Bluemont Park master plan, still unscheduled.

Members of BMCA's Reevesland Committee met in March and April with County Board members Barbara Favola, Mary Hines, and Jay Fisette. County Board Chairman

Fisette acknowledged the validity of our concerns, while also noting the current inability of the County to fund any action due to budget constraints.

As part of this campaign, BMCA has coordinated with the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), an Arlington citizens' commission responsible for advising the County Board regarding history and historic preservation. Mr. Fisette stated that he would authorize BMCA and HALRB to undertake a joint planning project for Reevesland, if the two groups would accept the challenge. He stipulated that any projected use of the property must be self-supporting, so as not to require significant funding from the County.

On May 3, BMCA and HALRB sent a joint letter to Mr. Fisette, indicating the organizations' intentions to move forward with the joint planning project. The letter has been posted on BMCA's Yahoo Groups e-mail list and on the BMCA web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

As announced on the Yahoo group, the May 19 public meeting of the HALRB launched the planning process for Reevesland. Ten neighbors and BMCA board members participated in the meeting with the HALRB board and staff. There was universal agreement that the Reevesland buildings were in need of attention and reutilization to ensure that they will be preserved. Several preliminary ideas were presented, such as using the house as a residence, as an arts group's studio and gallery, as a demonstration project for sustainable ("green") preservation improvements, as a community garden project, and as a university study project.

A group of neighbors and HALRB staff/members volunteered to work on the planning project, which will continue over the next several months. BMCA will work to ensure that the process will result in a viable re-use recommendation to the County Board so that this historic property can be rehabilitated and revitalized. Notice of future meetings will be posted on the BMCA web site and e-mail list. Interested neighbors are welcome to participate in the meetings.

Have You Subscribed to the Neighborhood E-Mail List?

BMCA maintains a Yahoo! Groups mailing list, where members can exchange neighborhood news and other important information. To join, simply send an e-mail to blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoo.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@yahoo.com. Only members may post messages to the list. If you choose not to post messages, your e-mail address will remain anonymous.

Lawns 2 Lettuce 4 Lunch®

An innovative school-community pilot project this spring in Arlington, Lawns 2 Lettuce 4 Lunch® is a collaboration between Ashlawn Elementary School and surrounding neighborhoods. The main goals of the project are to:

- ▶ Help Ashlawn students learn about growing and eating healthy foods
- ▶ Foster relationships between the school and its neighbors
- ▶ Grow enough lettuce to provide fresh lettuce to all Ashlawn students, teachers and staff at one celebratory lunch on Tuesday, June 8

That means growing enough lettuce to feed some 400 people! To meet that goal, Ashlawn students helped plant lettuce around the school, and more than 125 neighbors signed up to grow lettuce in their gardens or yards. In addition to Ashlawn students, staff and parents, participants include residents in Boulevard Manor and nearby neighborhoods; the Arlington Church of the Brethren; and the Sunrise at Bluemont Park retirement community.

Lawns 2 Lettuce 4 Lunch® was founded by Joan Horwitt. Joan is a former Arlington County teacher and current school volunteer. For nearly a decade, she wrote a weekly dining column for The Washington Post. Joan has also served on the BMCA Board.

The project will culminate with the harvesting of lettuce on Sunday, June 6, and with a 10:30 assembly and lunch at

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- ▶ Arlington Police Non-Emergency Line: 703-558-2222.
- ▶ Special Refuse Pickups (unbundled brush, appliances, etc.): 703-228-6570.
- ▶ County Office of Code Enforcement: 703-228-3232 or codeenforcement@arlingtonva.us.
- ▶ Animal Control: 703-931-9241 (select option 1).
- ▶ Bluemont Park Ranger Station: 703-525-0168.
- ▶ Powhatan Springs Skate Park Manager: Robin MacEwen 703-228-4712.
- ▶ Park maintenance: For general maintenance, plant care, and graffiti removal, contact Kasey Spriggs at 703-228-7982 or kspriggs@arlingtonva.us.
- ▶ Emergency park maintenance issues after hours and weekends: call the Call Center at 703-228-6555.
- ▶ Volunteer plant cleanup: To organize volunteer work groups for removing invasive plants, contact Jenn Truong at 703-228-7636 or jtruong@vtedu.
- ▶ Arlington Cable TV Administration for cable problems: 703-228-3242 or cable@arlingtonva.us.

Upcoming BMCA events

Supported by member dues, BMCA is planning the following neighborhood events. **All neighbors are invited to participate, free of charge.**

Monday, June 7 Church of the Brethren
BMCA General Meeting, 7:00pm

Sunday, July 4 Church of the Brethren
Independence Day Ice Cream Social, 7:30pm
Coordinator: Judy Norton

Sunday, September 12 Upton Hill Regional Park
Neighborhood Picnic, Noon
Coordinator: Tony Ermovick

Monday, October 18 Church of the Brethren
BMCA General Meeting, 7:00pm

Ashlawn on Tuesday, June 8. The assembly is open to the community. Volunteers are needed to help collect lettuce at Ashlawn on Sunday, June 6 from 2:00-4:00; to wash lettuce and prepare other ingredients for salad on Monday, June 7; and to serve the salad to Ashlawn students and staff at lunch on June 8.

To volunteer, please contact Joan Horwitt at 703-528-2646 or shorwitt@aol.com.

Bluemont Park Playground Construction in Progress

This past winter, contractors for the Arlington County Dept. of Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources began demolition of the Bluemont Park playground, more than 20 years old and overdue for refurbishment. Site preparation is well underway, with new equipment to be installed this summer.

The enhancements to the playground will include new tot and school-age play areas with farm- and train-themed play equipment, climbing boulders, play house and swings, sandbox, picnic area, new site furnishings, accessible paths, drinking fountain, new landscaping and signs. The scheduled completion date for playground construction is August 30.

Neighborhood Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

BMCA and the Church of the Brethren hosted the 12th annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Adult Social on Saturday, April 3. Neighbors enjoyed games, treats, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the event, led by BMCA's Claudia Maloney and Alma Gallego from the Church.

Letter from the President

Dear neighbor:

That “a rolling stone gathers no moss” has long been held to be true, and I can verify that the BMCA Board and committee chairs have no moss. These leaders have done much in 2010 for which we should be appreciative:

- ▶ The Neighborhood Conservation Plan Committee (chaired by Matt Doyle) developed a consensus around aspects of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan that will transform Montague Street and 1st Street into a safer and more attractive roads. Contact MattDoyle@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ The Reevesland Committee (Larry Goldschmidt, chairman) engaged with partner organizations to investigate options for the use of the historic farmhouse on Reevesland to ensure its preservation. Look for updates on the e-mail list. Contact LarryGoldschmidt@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ The Hospitality Committee (chaired by Claudia Maloney) worked with Arlington Church of the Brethren to host yet another successful Easter Egg Hunt. The July 4 Ice Cream Social is our next family event. Contact ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ A Traffic Calming working group (with BMCA Board member Paul Svercl in the lead) spearheaded efforts to prevent speeding and improve safety by working with Arlington County to implement traffic calming measures on 4th Rd. N. Contact PaulSvercl@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ The Conservation and Beautification Committee (Mike McComis, chairman) worked to clean and beautify the neighborhood entrance at Arlington Boulevard and N. Manchester St., The committee plans additional projects; watch for opportunities to help make our neighborhood more attractive. Contact MikeMcComis@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ BMCA’s representatives to the Arlington County Civic Federation (Tony Ermovick, Tamara Gelboin, Chuck Norton, and Paul Svercl) participated in ACCF meetings and activities and maintained dialogues with other civic associations. Future ACCF newsletters will be posted on the e-mail list. See www.civfed.org for more information.

- ▶ The Membership Committee (chaired by Judy Norton) signed up 178 dues-paying members during the first four months of 2010, including 16 first-timers. Let’s give a hearty welcome to the new members! If you haven’t already, please join BMCA. Ask your neighbors to join. See the application form on page 5.
- ▶ The Communications Committee (Lee Dioso, chairman) revamped our web site, produced our most comprehensive newsletters ever, and updated the BMCA e-mail list to increase the number of subscribers. Are you signed up? If not, see the ad on page 2.
- ▶ The Neighborhood Sign Committee (chaired by Steve Schwartz) worked with the county to plan installation of four neighborhood signs this summer near the entrance points to our neighborhood. Contact SteveSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ The Parks Committee (Phil Klingelhofer, chairman) maintained frequent communication with Arlington Parks Department staff regarding activities at Blue-mont and Powhatan Springs parks. Contact PhilKlingelhofer@boulevardmanor.org.
- ▶ BMCA business operations: Treasurer Rob Pilot managed our funds carefully and reported regularly. Tony Ermovick, Secretary, prepared timely meeting minutes and maintained our records. Contact Treasurer@boulevardmanor.org or Secretary@boulevardmanor.org.

Our next general meeting, on Monday, June 7 at the Arlington Church of the Brethren begins at 7pm with a social time for neighbors to meet or catch up on news, and the regular meeting starts at 7:30. See the announcement on page 1 for meeting details.

I look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas for Boulevard Manor. And I defy you to find any moss on any of the Board members and committee chairs.

It has been an honor for me to serve as BMCA President over the past year. The new leadership team looks terrific, and I look forward to what we can accomplish in the year to come. Please join one of our committees and help us in our work to make our neighborhood better.

Phil Klingelhofer
BMCA President

Membership Update

BMCA is grateful to all the neighbors who responded to the membership drive this past winter. We continue to encourage all neighbors to renew or establish their membership in the civic association. If you haven't done so already, please complete the form on the back of this page and follow the instructions for submission to the BMCA Membership Committee.

As a service to the members in good standing, we have provided below a list of all those who have paid their 2010 dues as of this printing. Welcome to our new members, marked with an asterisk (*). Special thanks to our premium members, indicated by **boldface** type, who have supplemented their dues with additional donations to support BMCA's activities.

Adair, Ginger	Franchi, Beatriz	Lo, Tommy	Segars, Ann M.
Adair, Marshall	*Fraser, Mary Ellen	Maloney, Claudia	Seligson, Gail
Ayers, Kevin	Freericks, Jim	Maloney, Paul	Smith, Ellen
Ayers, Margaret	Freericks, Susan	Massabny, Judy	Smith, Matt (Albert)
Battocchi, Ronald	Freitas, Bruno	Massabny, Rich	Spearbeck, Ed. D.
Bell, Mary	Freitas, Kristen	McComis, Jeanette	Spearbeck, Loraine C.
Berry, Todd	Friedland, Ian	McComis, Michael	*Spence, Chad
Bersano, Peter	Frost, Nicole	Miller, Barbara	*Spence, D'Anne
Bowler, Glenn	Fumich, Marie	Mullen, Kevin	Stambaugh, Oksana
Bowler, Siobhan	Gellenthien, TTom	Mullen, Susan	Stambaugh, William
Braudy, Chris	George, Chung Hee	Munson, Ronald	Stetekluh, Robert
*Bryant, Heather	Goldschmidt, Cathy	Munson, Sarah	Stewart, Steve LTC
*Bryant, Michael	Goldschmidt, Larry	Musto, Laurine	Stewart, Valeria
Budway, Donna	Goldschmidt, Peter	Musto, Michael	Stock, Amy
Budway, Robert	Grove, Betsy	Myers, Mary E.	Svercl, Mary Alice
Burleson, Herschel	Grove, Matt	Nguyen, Phuong	Svercl, Paul
Chang, Do-Kun	Herring, Maben	*Nix, Bradley	*Tate, Amy L
Chang, Kook- Jung	Hoffman, Carl	*Nix, Katherine	Terwilliger, Betty J
Christmas, Gerald	Hoffman, Ema	Norton, Charles	*Tighe, Chris
Clague, Annette	Horwitt, Joan	Norton, Judy	*Tighe, Megan
Clague, Dennis	Horwitt, Sandy	O'Brien, Nancy	Thaxter, Maynard
Clark, Carole	Jocson, Marilou	O'Brien, William	Thomas, Amelia
*Crepeau, Jonathan	Johnson, William H.	*O'Shea, Garrett	Trumbull, Lois K.
*Crepeau, Dana	Jordan, Deane	*O'Shea, Jeanne	Trumbull, Lyanne
Cruse, Don	Kinder, Cindy	Ohman, Earl, Jr	*Ullom, Krista
Cruse, Marge	Kinder, Robert	Ovando, Julia	*Ullom, Lance
D'Amours, Helen	Klingelhofer, Mary Jane	Ovando, Marco	Vitt, Barbara P.
D'Amours, Norman	Klingelhofer, Phil	Petta, Alicia	Vitt, Francis
Dioso, Lee	Kodama, Terry	Pike, Julie	*Walker, Bruce
Dioso, Meilin	*Kovacerich, Adam	Pilot, Jamie	*Walker, S Symone
Dodson, Mary G.	*Kovacerich, Janelle	Pilot, Robert	Walsh, Cynthia
Doyle, Kimberly	La Marca, Lidia	Pinella, Andrew	Walsh, Margaret
Doyle, Matthew	Landrum, Jim	Pinella, Julie Lynne	Watts, Ted
*Dutta, Ranjan	Landrum, Nellie	Pommerening, Christine	Wilson, Ann
*Dutta, Tutu	Langsdale, Elizabeth	Prial, Elizabeth	Wilson, Kent
Early, James	Langsdale, Gregory	*Quarles, Brian	Zirkle, Ruth
Ermovick, Laura	Leathwood, Bruce	*Quarles, Danielle	
Ermovick, Tony	Leathwood, Lisa	Reynolds, Frank	
Evans, Ana	Lee, Rose	Riley, Patrick	
Evans, David	Levitan, Herb	Rivera, Diana	
Fisher, Janet	Levitan, Karen	Rivera, Joe	
Fitzgerald, Larry	Lipsky, Jean	Rodriguez, Robert	
Fitzgerald, Nancy	Liss, Merwin	*Sagusti, Robert	
Flynn, Judith	Liss, Pauline	Schwartz, Carlin	
Flynn, William	Little, Katherine	Schwartz, Stephen	