

Between the Boulevards

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First BMCA Neighborhood Conservation Project Approaches Final Approval

BMCA's first project to complete the county's Neighborhood Conservation review and approval process is the Montague Street Beautification and Street Improvement project. The County Board has approved the budget for the project, which is tentatively scheduled to break ground in late July 2011.

Neighbors within the affected area will have an opportunity to review the 100% design for the project and to vote on whether to proceed with construction. The date for this meeting will be announced soon. After the meeting, the county will send postcards to the affected neighbors to solicit their votes.

The Montague Street Beautification and Street Improvement project will include:

- Installation of Carlisle street lights on the east side of Montague St. from Nottingham St. to 4th St. The new street lights will use LED bulbs that can tie to Arlington's planned "smart energy grid," which will allow dimming to save energy at off hours.
- Curb nubs at the intersections of Montague with 3rd St. and 4th St. to reduce motorists' speed as they turn.
- One speed hump near the intersection of Montague and 1st St.
- Two raised crosswalks across Montague St. at the 3rd St. and 4th St. intersections.
- A "Gateway treatment" or non-raised brick crosswalk at the entrance to the neighborhood (intersection of Manchester St. and Arlington Boulevard).

Reeves Home to Undergo Architectural Evaluation

In another matter related to the BMCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP), the civic association has asked the county to consider a NCP project for Reeves-

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

This meeting will include annual elections for BMCA officers and for open BMCA Board positions.

We will have reports from BMCA standing committees, including Neighborhood Conservation, Parks, and Reevesland.

For more information, contact BMCA President Mike McComis at president@boulevardmanor.org or 703-624-6825.

land. The former Reeves home will be the subject of a new assessment to be conducted this summer by historic architecture consultant John Milner Associates. Milner has been contracted to identify specific actions that should be undertaken to preserve the structural integrity of the house.

Neighborhood Celebrates New Bluemont Park Playground

On Neighborhood Day (May 21), Arlington County and BMCA co-sponsored a ribbon cutting event for the Bluemont Park playground constructed last winter. The playground had recently received an important finishing touch: installation of a low-rise steel fence along the bike path. The County used this event as the milestone for formally opening the facility.

State Delegate Robert Brink attended the event, which included remarks by County Board Member Walter Tejada and Dinesh Tiwari, Arlington's Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources. Both speakers recognized BMCA community members who parti-

icipated in the planning process for the new playground. They specifically praised the productive, collaborative relationship between the County and the civic association.

The new playground features a large play structure designed to look like a locomotive and a farm-themed tot area. This equipment was inspired by the community's suggestion that the playground design evoke two historic neighborhood icons: Bluemont Junction and the former Reeves farm.

At the conclusion of formalities, children were invited to join in the ribbon cutting. The event ended, naturally, with rigorous play.

Neighborhood to Celebrate July 4 with Tenth Annual Ice Cream Social

All neighbors are invited to the Independence Day Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 4, beginning at 7:30pm at the Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St. A neighborhood tradition since 2002, the event is co-sponsored by BMCA and the Church.

Free ice cream, toppings, and water are provided. Neighbors may choose to bring a lawn chair or blanket, other soft drinks, snacks, and mosquito repellent.

Please do not bring fireworks or alcoholic beverages to the event.

Many neighbors stay after the ice cream is gone to watch the fireworks above the National Mall, which typically begin around 9:15pm.

Miscellaneous News from the Parks

- The tennis and basketball courts at Bon Air Park are being resurfaced. Work should be completed by the end of the June.
- The rose garden at Bon Air Park is beautiful this time of year. *Washingtonian* magazine mentioned the rose garden as a unique place in the area to see the diversity of species and spectacular beauty of roses.
- The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia maintain a shade garden and sunny garden at the edge of Bon Air Park. These volunteers are happy to share planting tips and suggestions for private gardens.
- The bowl area of the skate park at Powhatan Springs Park has reopened after repair of cracks in the concrete.



Arlington County Board member Walter Tejada (center) joins neighborhood children in cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the new Bluemont Park playground.

- American Inline will operate weeklong skateboarding camps at Powhatan Springs Park throughout the summer. For information, go to www.americaninline.com.
- Watch for announcement of free summer concerts at Powhatan Springs Park. These concerts will feature unamplified acoustic music.
- The Arlington Park Rangers can be reached at (703) 525-0168. If calling about safety concerns, please be sure to provide location details descriptions.

Mark Your Calendar: BMCA Picnic Scheduled for September 18

The annual neighborhood picnic will be on Sunday, September 18, 2011, from noon to 3pm at Upton Hill Regional Park picnic shelter #1. All BMCA residents (including neighbors in the Boulevard Manor, Spy Hill, and Stone Ridge areas) are invited to attend. Especially invited are residents who have not yet become Boulevard Manor Civic Association members and who would like to meet some of their neighbors.

BMCA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, water, and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Activities will include a moon bounce/obstacle course, water balloon toss, paper airplane competition, piñata, and trivia contest.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, games, kids' crafts, and manning the host desk. If you'd like to help, please contact event coordinator Tony Ermovick at tony_ermo@hotmail.com.

Spring at the New Reevesland Learning Garden

By Joan Horwitt

For Ashlawn students and teachers, it's been a spring of discovery and wonder at the new Reevesland Learning Garden where children are, in fact, learning about growing and eating healthy foods.

Six of the eight raised growing beds that were built by Boulevard Manor volunteers on the historic Reevesland property are assigned to Ashlawn grade levels Kindergarten through 5th. Another bed will be used by Kenmore Girl Scout Troop #2667, and one is the ceremonial first planting and demonstration bed.

Our neighbor Molly Stevens, whose backyard is steps away from the Learning Garden, and her delightful day-care children—five inquisitive 2-year olds—have been busy planting peas and spinach in a section of the Kindergarten bed.

The first and second grade Ashlawn ESOL (English as a Second Language) students planted lima beans which they had sprouted in the classroom. You'll see them in the 2nd grade garden along with marigolds, nasturtiums, and sunflowers.

Ashlawn science aide Alison Sheahan has accompanied many classes to the Reevesland Learning Garden to discuss Natural Resources of Virginia. The Learning Garden adds a new dimension to her annual tour of Reevesland and Bluemont Park. She can now point out the decades-old grape vines that were discovered still growing near the Learning Garden by the Reeves family children – Cheryl, Marcia and Ron – when they helped launch the Learning Garden in April.

Ashlawn teacher Vicki Paris's 4th graders have planted onions and lettuce while using their Reevesland visit for language arts exploration and measuring skills. And Jennifer Fitzpatrick's 5th graders have done soil tests and are working to improve the soil in their bed so that next year's fifth graders will be off to a good start with their planting.

There never seems to be enough time to spend in the Learning Garden, partly because when you're learning and having fun, time seems to fly by. As one 5th grade boy commented as he put his shovel down to head back to Ashlawn: "This gardening is addictive. I love it."

The Reevesland Learning Garden is a wonderful place to test your scientific hypotheses, observe plant cycles, and have fun exploring the wonders of nature. Please stop by as we grow and change with the seasons—and, most importantly, learn together.



Joan Horwitt talks with Ashlawn 5th graders at the Reevesland Learning Garden.

Membership Update

BMCA is grateful to all the neighbors who responded to the membership drive this past winter. We encourage all neighbors to renew or establish their membership in the civic association. If you haven't done so already, please join by contacting BMCA Membership Committee chair Judy Norton at JudyNorton@boulevardmanor.org or by following the "How to Join BMCA" link at our web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

As a service to members in good standing, we have listed below all who have paid their 2011 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	Fomous, Cathy	Little, Katherine	Schwartz, Stephen
Adair, Marshall	Fomous, John	Lo, Tommy	Segars, Ann M.
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*Anderson, Jennifer	Fraser, Mary Ellen	*Logerfo, Randa	Smith, Nga
Annis, Judy	Freericks, Jim	Macready, John	Smith, Sam
Ashby, Roseann	Freitas, Kristen	Maloney, Claudia	Spearbeck, Ed. D.
Bailey, Rhonda	Friedland, Ian	Maloney, Paul	Stambaugh, Oksana
Banks, Sally	Frost, Nicole	Massabny, Judy	Stambaugh, William
Barone, Marissa	Fumich, Marie	Massabny, Rich	Stetekluh, Robert
Berry, Todd	Gellenthien, TTom	*McGough, Michael	Stock, Amy
Berry/Pommerening, Christine	Goldschmidt, Cathy	McManus, John J.	*Straniero, Colleen
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*Bon Salle, Michelle	Grove, Matt	*Min, Win	Thaxter, Maynard
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Bryant, Michael	Hoffman, Ema	Muir, Pamela	Tighe, Chris
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Buzzell, Donald	*Holland, Rick	Munson, Sarah	Truesdale, Dennis H
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Dewald, Thomas G.	Joyce, Edward	Oliveria, Anne	
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Doyle, Matthew	Kodama, Mimi	Pilot, Robert L.	
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Ermovick, Tony	Landrum, Jim	Richardson, Cecil	
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Fisher, Janet	Leathwood, Lisa	Samaha, Thomas S	
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Fitzgerald, Nancy	Lee, Rose	Sams, Monroe Jr. (Buddy)	
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