

Between the Boulevards

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BMCA to Honor Veterans

Establishing what we hope to be a new neighborhood tradition, BMCA will hold a potluck dinner for Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, beginning at 6:30 pm. The event will be hosted by our neighbors at Arlington Community Church, located on the corner of Wilson Boulevard and N. Livingston St.

For the main dish, BMCA will provide pulled beef and pulled chicken from the popular restaurant Rocklands. Neighbors are asked to contribute to the dinner according to the first letter in their family name:

- ▶ A to F: Drinks
- ▶ G to S: Salad, fruit, or side dish
- ▶ T to Z: Dessert

Veterans and active duty members of the U.S. armed services are invited as special guests. Children can participate in making holiday cards that will be sent to veterans and military personnel serving overseas.

If you have any questions or would like to help in the arrangements for the dinner, please contact BMCA vice president Claudia Maloney at VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org. Please join us to celebrate Veterans Day!

Artists at Work in the Neighborhood

Newcomers and visitors to our neighborhood often remark on its unexpectedly serene and verdant character, despite being so close to major thoroughfares and the urban center of Arlington. It should surprise no one that such an environment, combining the bucolic and the cosmopolitan, is the setting for artistic creation. This article offers a few examples of diverse artists among the neighbors of Boulevard Manor.

Journalist Rob Blackwell resides on N. Manchester St. His first novel, *A Soul to Steal*, was recently published in e-book format. Before becoming a novelist, Rob worked for the Chronicle Newspapers as an entertainment critic. He was also a general assignment reporter for the *Loudoun Times-Mirror*.

The first book in a planned trilogy, *A Soul to Steal* combines suspense, romance, action, and the paranormal. Set in Loudoun County, the story follows two community journalists in a race to stop a serial killer. Information about Rob and his writing is available on his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ASoultoSteal.

Jan Fisher of 4th Street N. is a fiber artist whose work can be seen across the country. Experienced in knitting, crochet, beading, and dyeing yarn, Jan has served as a board member of Knitting Artists of Northern Virginia and as a teacher for her craft. For the past nine years, she has led a knit and crochet club at the Sunrise at Bluemont retirement community.

Last year, Jan helped to create and curate the Smithsonian Community Hyperbolic Crocheted Coral Reef. Using hyperbolic geometry to create natural-looking forms, the work draws connections between crocheted reefs and living corals. The project was displayed at the National Museum of Natural History for six months and is now at the Putnam Museum in Davenport, Iowa. The Sunrise club joined Jan in creating scores of crocheted corals and was recognized by the Smithsonian as contributing artists. See www.mnh.si.edu/exhibits/hreef/.

Artist Randa Fakes LoGerfo moved to 3rd Street N. with her family last June. Randa paints primarily in oil and sometimes in acrylic. Although her focus is abstract, she has also worked with impressionist and traditional styles. You can see some of her work at www.galleryranda.com.



Neighbors gathered to cheer the Washington-Lee HS football team in their October 28 home game vs. JEB Stuart.

Randa's paintings have been displayed in cafes and exhibitions in Amman and Cairo, notably twice at an annual Cairo exhibit entitled "On a Caravan." This event brought together 40 artists from the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East (www.onacaravan.org). Randa is also a piano teacher and a creator of greeting cards.

Sally Zakariya is a poet, writer, and freelance editor living on N. Littleton St. A longtime resident of the Washington area, Sally worked as a magazine writer and editor covering such topics as education, architecture, health and nutrition, and art. Her current projects include a collection of short fiction, a series of illustrated alphabets, and collaboration on a book on how to be happy at work.

A collection of Sally's poetry, *Arithmetic and other verses from late in life*, was recently published by Richer Resources (www.richerresourcespublications.com). The book encompasses more than 50 short poems with such titles as "To a Lightning Bug," "Insomnia, 4 A.M.," and "Maryland Diner."

Like our community, this newsletter can be enriched by the talent and creativity of neighbors. If you are involved in visual or performing art or literature, you are invited to contact newsletter editor Lee Dioso at LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. While commercial advertising is not a part of this publication, we are glad to share news of neighbors' interests and creations.

Babysitting Co-op Seeks New Members

The Dominion Hills Babysitting Co-op welcomes new member families. Members of the co-op, including several families in Boulevard Manor, trade babysitting hours, taking care of other members' children and using the banked hours to "purchase" sittings. For information on



The BMCA annual neighborhood picnic drew neighbors of all ages to Upton Hill Regional Park on September 18.

joining, contact Margie Ayers (mltayers@verizon.net or 703-243-1441) or Anne Michel (boerckelmichel@verizon.net or 703-351-9628).

Fall Leaf Collection

Recently posted signs indicate that Arlington County's leaf vacuum truck will be in our neighborhood on November 14. Past experience indicates that this schedule can be delayed several days by weather and conditions in other neighborhoods. The county's instructions for vacuum collection:

- ▶ Rake leaves to the curb.
- ▶ Pile leaves away from storm drains and water meter covers, low wires, and parked cars.
- ▶ Remove stones, litter, branches or other debris to prevent equipment damage and worker injuries.
- ▶ If you miss the vacuum collection, don't place leaves in plastic bags or County trash carts. Recyclable paper leaf bags are available at the Lubber Run Center (300 N. Park Drive) and other locations. Leaf bags are picked up on the business day after the regular trash collection.
- ▶ Never park your car on leaf piles – it's a fire hazard.

Remember, for other special pickups (unbundled brush, appliances, etc.), you can call 703-228-6570 or schedule a pickup on the county web site www.arlingtonva.us.

Holiday Caroling to Return

We will continue the neighborhood tradition of gathering at the Sunrise retirement community to sing holiday songs, and sharing refreshments afterward. Watch the BMCA mailing list and www.boulevardmanor.org for details. If you'd like to help out, contact Claudia Maloney at VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org.

Neighborhood E-Mail List

BMCA maintains a Yahoo! Groups mailing list, where members can exchange neighborhood news and other important information. The group's membership numbers more than 140, but traffic remains unobtrusive, averaging fewer than two messages per day. To join, 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. If you post no messages, your e-mail address will remain anonymous.