

Between the Boulevards

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Changes to BMCA By-Laws Proposed

With the input the BMCA Board, Lee Dioso has written proposed changes to the Association's by-laws. These changes are intended to enable BMCA to operate more efficiently and to address ongoing difficulties in identifying volunteers to serve on the Board.

The proposed changes are shown on a mark-up of the current bylaws available at the BMCA web site, www.boulevardmanor.org. The major changes:

- ▶ Add requirement for an annual budget and remove requirement for full membership approval of large expenditures
- ▶ Reduce minimum number of Directors from 11 to 7
- ▶ Recognize postings on the BMCA web site as adequate written notice to the membership

The revised by-laws will be presented for approval by the BMCA membership at the general meeting on October 15. This announcement meets our constitutional requirement for 30 days' advance notice of any vote to change the by-laws.

2nd Annual BMCA Veterans Day Potluck Dinner

The civic association will host a Veterans Day dinner on Monday, November 12, beginning at 6:30pm at Arlington Community Church (corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston St.). This potluck dinner is an evening for neighbors, family and children to get together to honor our Veterans. BMCA will provide Rocklands pulled chicken and pulled beef, as well as drinks. Neighbors are asked to contribute food to share according to the first letter of their family name:

- ▶ A through L: please bring fruit or salad
- ▶ M through R: please bring a side dish
- ▶ S through Z: please bring dessert

Veterans and active duty members of the U.S. armed services are invited as special guests. If you have any questions or would like to help in the arrangements for the dinner, please contact BMCA president Claudia Maloney at President@boulevardmanor.org. Please join us!

Boulevard Manor Civic Association

General Meeting

Monday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren

300 N. Montague St.

Our guest speaker will be Pete Olivere, the co-facilitator of the Arlington Villages Project Team. A "village" is a neighborhood-based organization whose members share the goals of staying in their own homes as they age, enjoying active, healthy and safe lives, and working together to make this happen. The Arlington Villages Project Team is developing a plan to create a network of "local villages" which will be supported by a central hub for the entire county. Further information on the team's work is available at: www.arlingtonvillages.org.

Also at the meeting, proposed changes to the BMCA by-laws will be presented for approval by the membership. The revised by-laws can be viewed at www.boulevardmanor.org.

For more information, contact BMCA President Claudia Maloney at president@boulevardmanor.org or 703-237-8721.

10th Annual Holiday Caroling Event

We will continue BMCA's tradition of gathering at the Sunrise retirement community to sing holiday songs and sharing refreshments afterward. On December 16, at 4:00pm, neighbors will meet at the James Building (the Sunrise building closest to Wilson Blvd.). Approximately an hour later, carolers are invited to a potluck dinner at Claudia Maloney's house, 5951 N. 8th Road.

Remember to Lock Your Car

Our neighborhood has experienced numerous thefts from cars left unlocked, usually overnight. The Arlington County Police Department urges you to report any suspicious activity to the non-emergency number 703-558-2222.

Neighborhood E-Mail Listserv

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@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.

Sept. 15 Shredding Event to Benefit AFAC

Shredding sensitive papers before discarding them is an important safeguard against identify theft. Neighbors will have a convenient option for safe disposal of personal papers when a truck from On-Site Shredding visits the Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague Street. On Saturday, September 15, the truck will be in the church parking lot from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Neighbors are asked to bring donations for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). All food and monetary donations accepted. The event is co-sponsored by the Church of the Brethren and Ann Wilson, Keller Williams Realty.

Please Clean Up After Your Dog

The Arlington County Code States: *The owner of a dog shall be responsible for the removal of the dog's excretion from any property other than the dog owner's property and between the edges or curbs of public streets.* Please be considerate to your neighbors; remember to always bring a plastic bag whenever you walk your dog.

Call for New Members and Renewals

In addition to the future activities listed above, BMCA has offered neighbors a broad range of social events and opportunities to help improve the community. These have ranged from efforts to ensure appropriate use of the former Reeves house and farm to the annual Independence Day ice cream social. All these activities are funded by BMCA member dues and donations.

If you have not yet joined the civic association or renewed your membership, please join us! Complete the form below and send it to Matt Smith with your 2012 membership dues. Your participation and support are very much needed and appreciated.

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Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E Mail Address(es) or Telephone Number(s) _____

Membership Category	Cost
Individual Members	\$10
Couples (Two Adult Members)	\$20
Voluntary extra contribution of any amount (Help us grow the Association!)	\$_____
Total Dues and Contribution	\$_____

Please make out your check to BMCA and mail your dues to:

BMCA Membership c/o Matt Smith 5911 3rd Street N., Arlington, VA 22203

Ashlawn Expansion to be Discussed at Sept. 12 School Board Work Session

The following is taken from the Arlington Public Schools web site, at <http://www.apsva.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=18943>. Visit that page so that you can follow hyperlinks to the additional information mentioned below.

More Seats for More Students: Next Steps

During the 2012-13 school year, the next steps in the “More Seats for More Students” planning process will include the design of the addition to Ashlawn Elementary School and the new elementary school at the Williamsburg site as well as consideration of associated boundary changes.

Community members are invited to participate in both processes.

Boundary & Admission Policy Changes

As new seats come online, boundaries and admissions policies will need to be adjusted. The first step in developing the community engagement process will be a School Board work session on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:45p.m. at the Education Center (1426 N. Quincy St), Room 101. At this meeting, the School Board will review the current boundary policy, discuss the scope of the boundary changes to be considered, and give direction to staff to ensure communication with and feedback from the community.

Information about the boundary planning process can be found on the “More Seats for More Students” webpage.

Questions about boundary planning can be directed to Dr. Alison Denton, Director of Facilities Planning at 703-228-7741 or via email at alison.denton@apsva.us.

Design Process for Addition and New Building

Starting this week, the Building Level Planning Committees (BLPC), made up of parents, teachers, civic association representatives, and APS & County staff, will begin developing schematic designs for the first two projects of the new CIP. The Ashlawn addition is scheduled for completion in 2014 and the new school at Williamsburg will open for the 2015-16 school year.

Information about the BLPC meetings and process can be found at the Ashlawn project page and the new elementary school project page.

Questions about the design and construction process may be directed to John Chadwick, Director of Design & Construction at 703-228-6609 or via email at john.chadwick@apsva.us.



BMCA

(Boulevard Manor Civic Association)



Welcomes Residents of Spy Hill, Stone Ridge, Park View and
Boulevard Manor

to our

Annual Community Picnic

at the main picnic pavilion at the top of
Upton Hill Regional Park

Sunday, September 16th, 2012

12:00 noon to 3:00

Rain or Shine!!

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers on the Grille, Drinks,
Moon Bounce, Crafts, Fun & Games**

Please bring a side dish to share!

(Recommended: last name starting with A - Q side/salad; R - Z dessert)

For up-to-date info, log onto www.boulevardmanor.org



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