

Between the Boulevards

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Ashlawn Expansion Planning Proceeds

As announced last year, Ashlawn Elementary School is scheduled for a significant building expansion project in 2013/14. With project funding already secured, Arlington County's plans for the expansion are well underway. Three review entities – the School Board, the Public Facilities Review Committee, and the Building Level Planning Committee – have recently approved site concept plan. The plan will be submitted to the County Board at the end of February.

The planned expansion includes an additional 27,000 square feet of school space, primarily in a three-story addition, and 12 additional rooms (nine classrooms plus support space). The project would be phased to keep the school operational during construction. Project completion is anticipated in summer 2014.

The site plan – called “the Manchester Entry Option” by County staff – calls for a new roadway and parking lot to be constructed on the eastern part of the site, with access from N. Manchester Street for staff parking and parent drop-off/pick-up. Some BMCA residents and others have expressed reservations about the loss of green space and about potential safety problems and congestion resulting from traffic changes on Manchester St.

As with any County activity in or around BMCA, concerned neighbors are encouraged to express their views through the BMCA board or directly to the County Board or other County staff. The site plan, along with additional materials and relevant contact information can be found at www.apsva.us/ashlawn-addition. In addition to the Manchester Entry Option, County staff has identified a variety of additional future infrastructure possibilities related to the project. These future options include certain pedestrian enhancements in a variety of locations and the possibility of permitting school buses to enter 8th Road N. from Wilson Blvd. via a new roadway connection.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Guest speakers will include representatives from our neighbors, the Bluemont Civic Association. They will discuss street and sidewalk improvements along Wilson Boulevard that BCA is requesting Arlington County to implement. These improvements are intended to address safety and accessibility problems on Wilson Blvd. between N. George Mason Drive and Four Mile Run. Sidewalks in this area are narrow, adjacent to traffic, and impeded by utility poles.

Also speaking will be Jeremy Watson, Capital Project Management Coordinator from the Arlington County Division of Transportation. Mr. Watson will discuss planned improvements at the intersection of Arlington Blvd. and N. Manchester St. (see article on page 2).

We will have reports from BMCA standing committees and will vote to appoint the 2013 Nominating Committee.

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

Member Dues Now Payable through PayPal

BMCA is kicking off our 2012 membership drive. To renew or establish your membership in the civic association, you may complete the form at the end of this newsletter and follow the instructions for submission to the BMCA Membership Committee.

Alternatively, neighbors can now join BMCA or check and renew their existing membership at www.boulevardmanor.org. From the menu on the left

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@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.

side of the home page, select **Membership**. At the bottom of the Membership page, select **Check Membership**. Depending on whether you are a new or existing member, you will follow instructions to either input or confirm your contact information. Both pathways lead to a link to PayPal, where you can pay BMCA membership dues using a major credit card or through a PayPal account. To protect members' privacy, you must enter the correct e-mail address (i.e., the address stored in BMCA membership records) to verify your contact information.

Dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. See the attached membership form for a summary of recent civic association events and accomplishments. Thank you for your support!

Improvements Proposed for Intersection of N. Manchester St. & U.S. 50

The Arlington County Division of Transportation is developing plans for improvements to the intersection of North Manchester Street and Arlington Boulevard. The county envisions new or enhanced sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals. A concept plan for the improvements can be viewed via a link at www.boulevardmanor.org. A representative from the Transportation Division will speak at the Feb. 25 BMCA meeting.

Nominating Committee to be Appointed

In accordance with BMCA bylaws, at the February 25 general meeting, the membership will elect a nominating committee to choose a slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 officers and 2013-2015 board positions. The positions will be filled by an election held at the June meeting. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or in serving as a civic association officer or board member, please contact BMCA President Claudia Maloney at 703-237-8721 or president@boulevardmanor.org.

Updating Membership Records

BMCA is conducting an audit of our membership records. In the next few days, members may receive an e-mail from us asking for confirmation of address, phone number, members of your household, and areas of interest in the association. If you are a member and don't get an email, it probably means we don't have your correct e-mail address in our records. If you have questions, please contact Membership Committee chair Matt Smith at MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org. Thank you for helping us to keep BMCA membership records accurate.

The BMCA Conservation & Beautification Committee is Looking for Projects

The BMCA Conservation and Beautification Committee is seeking opportunities to help improve the appearance of our neighborhood. Though our area is fairly well developed and primarily private land, there are some areas that might benefit from the efforts of a team of volunteers for a Saturday morning or two. Eligibility criteria for these projects are:

- ▶ Must be on public (not private) land
- ▶ Must benefit the BMCA community as a whole
- ▶ Must be predominantly a project for unskilled or marginally skilled labor, without complex scope or expensive materials

The committee welcomes all ideas for consideration. To support this effort, a generous BMCA supporter has provided some funds. Please provide your ideas or proposed projects (description of project, location, and your name/contact information) to Tony Ermovick, acting chair of the BMCA Conservation & Beautification Committee, at TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org.

Boulevard Manor Neighbors Plan Gatherings to Discuss Creating a Neighborhood Village

Surveys show that nearly 90% of people want to stay in their homes as long as possible as they age. To ensure that they may long remain comfortable and safe in their

homes, many people across the nation are forming villages. A village is a neighborhood-based organization whose members share the goal of staying in their own homes as they age and working together to achieve this goal.

Villages provide many of the benefits of a retirement community while enabling residents to maintain their independence, home, and neighborhood ties. Village services typically include volunteer help or referrals for home and computer maintenance; rides to medical or other appointments; daily check-in contact; links to various services including those provided by County agencies and others organizations; and social activities and events.

The Arlington Villages Project Team is working to create one of a network of villages in Arlington. The combined neighborhoods of Boulevard Manor, Arlington Forest, and Glencarlyn will be one of the initial local pilot villages. The population of this area totals more than 5,800 residents, of which more than 1,800 are 55 and older and 1,100 are 65 and older (including those in senior residence buildings).

The Arlington Villages Project Team will be holding neighborhood gatherings over the next few months. These get-togethers will provide an opportunity to learn more about plans for a neighborhood village in Boulevard Manor and to share ideas with friends and neighbors. For announcements of these gatherings, watch the BMCA Yahoo! Group (see top of page 2), www.boulevardmanor.org, and future issues of this newsletter.

If you are interested in finding out more or helping with the get-togethers, the contact in Boulevard Manor is Gail Kutner at gmkutner@gmail.com or 703-524-8540.

For additional information about the overall Arlington Villages Project and volunteer opportunities, see www.arlingtonvillages.org.

Opportunity for Arlington Teens

Aachen, Germany, is one of Arlington's "sister" cities. The Aachen exchange program enables Arlington teens to experience another culture, make new friends here and abroad, and explore German cultural and historical sites. This low-cost program includes a family homestay, enabling students to get a feel for family life in Germany. Students are placed with German counterparts their age. The 15-day program includes multiple excursions; nights and weekends are spent with the

Upcoming neighborhood events

Thursday, February 7 Location to be announced
Arlington Villages information meeting, 7:00pm
Location will be announced at boulevardmanor.org and on the BMCA Yahoo! Group. For more information, contact Gail Kutner at gmkutner@gmail.com or 703-524-8540

Monday, February 25 Church of the Brethren
BMCA General Meeting, 7:00pm
See page 1 for details

Saturday, March 30 Church of the Brethren
Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30am
Co-hosted by the Church and BMCA. Egg hunt for children 10 and under, refreshments and fun for all. All neighbors are welcome. For information or to volunteer, please contact Carlin Schwartz at CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org.

Saturday, May 18 Church of the Brethren
Community Yard Sale, start time TBA
A service project of the Church. Purchase a table for \$20 each and sell whatever they want next to neighbors doing the same. For other community service projects, see arlingtoncob.org/?page_id=368.

host family. The final three days of the program are spent in Berlin with the U.S. group and German teens who will visit the U.S. in the fall. Students must be at least 16 years old. Program dates are July 12-27, 2013. The application deadline is February 15, 2013. Please contact Jennifer Wright for application and program details: jennifer_wright314@mac.com.



BMCA members shared holiday carols at Sunrise Retirement Community.

2013 Membership Drive – Please Support the Civic Association!

Now is the time to renew or establish your membership in the civic association. Please complete the form below and mail it with your dues to BMCA using the attached envelope, or bring them to the February 28 BMCA meeting. Or, you may join or renew your membership (paying dues via PayPal) at our web site, www.boulevardmanor.org.

Dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. In 2012, member dues and donations supported the full range of civic association activities, including:

- ▶ Advocacy in addressing community needs such as:
 - Representation in the Ashlawn Elementary School expansion Public Facilities Review Committee
 - Maintenance and beneficial use of the former Reeves farm and home
- ▶ Multiple social events:
 - Easter egg hunt
 - July 4 ice cream social
 - Neighborhood picnic
 - Veterans Day potluck dinner
 - Holiday caroling party
- ▶ Communication via:
 - The civic association web site, www.boulevardmanor.org

- The Yahoo! Groups e-mail list
- Four issues of *Between the Boulevards*

Much of the effort of the Civic Association is carried out by BMCA's standing and ad hoc committees. These include:

- ▶ Conservation and Beautification – Acting Chair: Tony Ermovick; contact TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Hospitality – Chair: Carlin Schwartz; contact CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Membership – Chair: Matt Smith; contact MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Newsletter and web site – Chair: Lee Dioso; contact LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Parks – Chair: Phil Klingelhofer; contact PhilKlingelhofer@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Reevesland – Chair: Larry Goldschmidt; contact LarryGoldschmidt@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Neighborhood Conservation Plan – Chair: Matt Doyle; contact: MattDoyle@boulevardmanor.org
- ▶ Safety and Emergency Preparedness – Chair: Chuck Norton, contact: ChuckNorton@boulevardmanor.org

Neighbors who are interested in joining Civic Association activities should contact any of the committee chairs.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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

Please contact me about volunteering for activities related to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation and Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Reevesland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and Emergency Preparedness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter and Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | |

Membership Category	Cost
Individual Members	\$10
Couples (Two Adult Members)	\$20
Voluntary extra contribution of any amount (Thank you!)	\$ _____
Total Dues and Contribution	\$ _____

Please make out your check to BMCA and mail this form and the payment to:

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