

Between the Boulevards

June 2014

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Earth Day Stream Cleanup

For Earth Day 2014, BMCA organized a community cleanup of Reeves Run, the spring-fed stream that originates in Upton Hill Park and flows into Four Mile Run. The stream runs behind the Arlington Community Church, Powhatan Springs Park, and across the DHARA pool property before entering a culvert beneath the Ashlawn school grounds and Bluemont Park.

Also involved in the April 19 cleanup were the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists and Arlington County's Invasive Species staff. The naturalists report that the wooded area of Reeves Run is home to diverse native species, but has become overgrown with invasives and affected by years of litter. With some hard work, the stream basin could be restored to its natural condition.

During the cleanup, BMCA neighbors filled trash bags with an assortment of garbage, some decades old. They also helped to remove invasive honeysuckle bushes and to pull non-native climbing vines from trees.

BMCA plans to continue cooperating with the Master Naturalists and the County to remove invasive species and trash. Refuse still to be removed includes abandoned household appliances and construction debris. Please watch for announcements of future cleanup events at www.boulevardmanor.org or on the BMCA listserv. Also, please be aware it is unlawful to dump

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association
General Meeting**

Monday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

- Guest speaker: William Roberts, Arlington County Transportation Program Manager, will be discussing the initial plans/concepts for the 8th Road N. pedestrian access and ramp. The existing sidewalk and ramp are used by many Ashlawn students and other pedestrians. Mr. Roberts will discuss the preliminary improvement plans under consideration.
- Annual elections for BMCA officers and for open BMCA Board positions.
- Reports from BMCA standing committees, including Conservation/Beautifications and Parks.

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

any refuse, *including yard waste and plant matter*, in the County land surrounding Reeves Run. Remember that even the most innocuous material may contain seeds or pests that could cause harm.

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 23 election. The nominees for election to one-year terms (2014-2015) as officers of BMCA are:

President	Ann Wilson	N. Lombardy St.
Vice President	Claudia Maloney	8 th Rd. N.
Secretary	Julia Ovando	5 th Rd. N.
Treasurer	Rob Pilot	3 rd St. N.

Nominees for new two-year (2014-2016) terms on the BMCA Board of Directors are:

Courtney Collard-Meltzer	2 nd St. N.
Tony Ermovick	3 rd St. N.



BMCA volunteers removed trash (including a kitchen sink!) from the area surrounding Reeves Run.

Nicole Frost	5 th Rd. N.
Sandy Horwitt	5 th Rd. N.
Paul Svercl	3 rd St. N.
Darcy Reid Trick (TBD)	N. Manchester St.
Sandra Spear	6 th St. N.

The following will continue to serve on the Board, completing the second year of their terms in June 2015:

John Eckrote	Wilson Blvd.
Tamara Gelboin	6 th St. N.
Josh Handler	N. Livingston St.
Phil Klingelhofer	1 st St. N.
Matt Smith	3 rd St. N.

Upcoming BMCA Events

All neighbors are invited to the **Independence Day Ice cream social on Friday, 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.

The Boulevard Manor **annual community picnic** will be held, rain or shine, on **Sunday, September 14**, at Upton Hill Regional Park, noon-3:00pm. All residents of Boulevard Manor (including the Park View, Spy Hill, and Stone Ridge areas) are invited. We are especially eager to welcome neighbors who have not joined the civic association.

BMCA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks, as well as plates, napkins, and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be activities for neighbors of all ages, such as a moon bounce, old fashioned picnic games, paper airplane toss competition, a piñata, and the annual trivia contest. If you are interested in helping with this event (set-up/clean-up, grilling, games, kids' crafts, or the welcome table), please contact the event coordinator, Tony Ermovick, at TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org.

On **Tuesday, November 11**, BMCA and Arlington Community Church will co-host our fourth annual **Veterans Day potluck dinner**. Food and beverages will be provided. There will be opportunities to donate to veterans' charities. If you'd like to help, please contact Carlin Schwartz at carlin.schwartz@boulevardmanor.org.

Arlington Neighborhood Villages Now Open, Will Host June 18 Potluck Supper

Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV) is now serving residents of Arlington County who are 55 or older. Services to ANV members include transportation and shopping assistance, access to social and cultural activities, fitness opportunities, and home maintenance. Arlington residents 55 or older are eligible for membership. Even those who do not yet need ANV's services may access its social and educational programs.

On Wednesday, June 18, from 6:00-8:00pm, ANV will host a potluck supper at Carlin Hall (5711 4th St. South). All neighbors are invited and asked to bring a dish to share. More information about ANV is available at their web site www.arlnvil.org or by phone at 703-509-8057. You may also contact BMCA neighbor Gail Kutner at gaillkutner@arlnvil.org.

Registration Opens for Senior Olympics

Registration forms for the 2014 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will be available in late June. Events will take place Sept. 13-24. For more information, check the website at www.nvso.us or contact BMCA member Judy Massabny at jmassa@arlingtonva.us. Opening ceremonies will be in Arlington. Boulevard Manor resident Herb Levitan is an avid participant and has won multiple gold, silver and bronze medals.

Church of the Brethren to Co-Host Ecumenical Services

BMCA neighbor Arlington Church of the Brethren will join two other local churches to host choral and worship events this August, culminating in an event at Lubber Run Park that will include a picnic. Each service will begin at 10:30am and will last one hour. All are welcome to the August 3 service at Bethel United Church of Christ, August 10 at Church of the Brethren, August 15 at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, and August 24 at Lubber Run Park.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, you may contact any of the churches. Pastor Nancy Fitzgerald of the Church of the Brethren may be reached at 703-524-4100 or pastor@arlingtoncob.org.

Annual Shred Event September 20

The Church of the Brethren and Ann Wilson, Keller Williams Realty, will again co-host a shred event on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the church. Neighbors are invited to bring personal papers to be securely shredded at no charge, along with donations of food and money to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center.