

# Between the Boulevards

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### In Memoriam

## Dori Byron

1924 – 2015



A longtime leader of and tireless contributor to the Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Dori Byron died peacefully in her Gainesville, Va., home on January 23.

Dori was born in Taunton, Ma., as Doris Virginia Crossman. Following service on The President’s Council on E, she began a distinguished career in real estate that continued until Dori was 81 years old.

In 1981, Dori served as president of BMCA. Over the next 25 years, she completed many terms on the board and chaired the membership committee.

Dori is survived by her husband Byron E. Byron, her brother Dick Allen, six children, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Dori’s family encourages memorial donations to the Church of the Brethren <http://arlingtoncob.org>.

### 2015 BMCA Membership Drive

Membership dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. Our 2015 membership drive will kick off with emails sent to members who had registered in previous years. If we have your email address in our membership records, you will receive a message from BMCA membership chairman Matt Smith. **If you don't receive a message, please contact Matt at [MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org).**

After Matt updates the database, you will be able use the online dues paying feature that is accessible on [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org) through the "Membership" link. If you prefer not to pay online, please use the form in this newsletter and the attached envelope.

### Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren

Saturday, April 4, 10:30am at the Church (300 N. Montague St.)

Egg hunt for children 11 and under  
Refreshments and fun for all

If you would like to help at the event, please contact Carlin Schwartz at [CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org).



### Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

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

Guest speakers will include:

- Police Officer Cesar Ruiz will provide updates on safety and crime.
- From the Arlington County Transportation Department, Tom Bruccoleri, Transportation Planning Bureau Chief; Richard Best, Project Manager; and a representative from the Traffic Engineering & Operations Bureau will discuss the installation of improvements of Wilson Blvd.
- Maraea Harris, a member of the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, will discuss the restoration of the Bluemont Bird & Butterfly Garden.

We will have reports from BMCA standing committees and will vote to appoint the 2015 Nominating Committee.

For more information, contact BMCA President Ann Wilson at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org).

### New to the neighborhood? Welcome!

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association is pleased to welcome all new residents to one of the friendliest communities in Arlington. BMCA promotes the common welfare, health, and safety of its residents. The Association also sponsors many well-attended social activities, including such annual events as a community picnic, Easter egg hunt, July 4th ice cream social, and Veteran's Day dinner.

BMCA offers a welcome gift to new neighbors. If you moved into our neighborhood after January 1, 2015, please contact BMCA vice president Claudia Maloney at [vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org).

### Community Meeting on Proposed Wilson Boulevard Improvements

The Arlington County government will host a community formation meeting on the upcoming demonstration project for improvements to Wilson Blvd. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, beginning 7:00pm at Arlington Traditional School, 885 N. Edison St.

The demonstration project will include repaving and restriping Wilson Blvd. between N. Frederick St. and N. Manchester St. The restriping will reconfigure Wilson from four lanes to three lanes, providing a center left turn lane throughout, and adding bike lanes on both sides. Additional information about the project is available online at [projects.arlingtonva.us](http://projects.arlingtonva.us).

**Nominating Committee to be Appointed**

In accordance with BMCA bylaws, at the February 23 general meeting, the membership will elect a nominating committee to choose a slate of candidates for the 2015-2016 officers and 2015-2017 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 Ann Wilson at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org).

**Conservation and Beautification Update**

Last December, BMCA organized a community invasive and trash removal of the area at the northeast corner of N. Manchester St. and Arlington Boulevard. BMCA conservation and beautification committee chair Josh Handler reports: "Clearly, the area had not been touched for a while as our volunteers wrestled with some invasive vines that resembled mid-sized pythons!

"Among our several invasive removal projects in the neighborhood, including Powhatan Springs and Bluemont Park, we will need to add this area to our list for a return visit. As for the Rt. 50 shoulder itself, we are still waiting for the County to provide their design for the reworked bus stop at Rt. 50 and Manchester before proceeding with detailed work. But there are nice and potentially salvageable evergreen trees on the shoulder. We will try to organize some cleaning around those in the coming months."



Josh Handler, Claudia Maloney, and Paul Maloney (pictured) joined Master Naturalist Phil Klingelhofer and other neighborhood volunteers who helped to clear invasive vegetation from the wooded area behind the Route 50 sound walls.

**"Audubon at Home" Wildlife Sanctuary Certification Program**

Would you like to turn your garden into a welcoming space for birds and other wildlife and to help enhance the value of our urban green spaces? The Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary certification program assists homeowners and civic associations in restoring their homes' and neighborhoods' natural habitat. The program promotes sustainable environmental management practices, including using native plants, reducing use of pesticides and fertilizers, removing invasive species, and creating space for native flora and fauna.

Audubon at Home ambassadors, trained Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, will visit and consult with homeowners on suitable native plants, landscaping, water retention, or other best practices. To learn more about the program in Arlington or Alexandria, you can contact Elizabeth Gearin, [egearin@egearin.com](mailto:egearin@egearin.com), 703-980-2258. Additional information about the certification program is available at [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org).

**Upton Hill Regional Park Schedule**

- March 14: Batting cage and mini-golf opens  
Swim lesson registration begins
- April 2: Egg hunt 10:00-11:30am
- May 23: Pool opens (weekends only)
- June 17: Pool opens full-time

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about volunteering for activities related to:

- Conservation and Beautification
- Hospitality and Social Events
- Membership
- Newsletter and Web Site
- Parks
- Reevesland
- Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member

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

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

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