



Between the Boulevards

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Feedback on Wilson Boulevard Restriping

As you know, Arlington County has initiated a demonstration project, repaving and restriping Wilson Blvd. between N. Frederick St. and N. Manchester St. The project is intended to determine whether these changes provide for safer flow of motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. For more information, visit projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/wilson-boulevard-improvements/.

All neighbors are encouraged to share with the County their observations on the Wilson Blvd. project and its effects. You may provide feedback to:

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County Board Moves to Sell Reeves House

On May 19, the Arlington County Board directed the County Manager to pursue re-subdivision of the 2.4-acre Reevesland parcel, creating a lot that will include the 19th century farmhouse. The remaining parcel would remain public park land. The Board also directed the Manager to pursue sale of the house. The county would require the buyer to preserve the house's historic integrity. For more information, visit projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/reevesland-faqs/.

In recent years, the Reevesland Learning Center steering committee, comprising neighbors from Boulevard Manor and nearby, has sought to have the farmhouse rehabilitated. The renewed house could then be used to educate schoolchildren about farming, nutrition, and Arlington history. The BMCA Board in 2012 expressed support for the Reevesland Learning Center initiative.

Elections to be Held at BMCA Meeting

The Nominating Committee appointed by the BMCA membership presents the following candidates for the June 22 election. The nominees for election to one-year terms (2015-2016) as officers of BMCA are:

President	Phil Klingelhofer	1 st St. N.
Vice President	Claudia Maloney	8 th Rd. N.
Secretary	Sandra Spear	6 th St. N.
Treasurer	Rob Pilot	3 rd St. N.

Nominees for new two-year (2015-2017) terms on the BMCA Board of Directors are:

John Eckrote	Wilson Blvd.
Tamara Gelboin	6 th St. N.
Josh Handler	N. Livingston St.
Chuck Norton	2 nd St. N.
Molly Flynn Stevens	4 th St. N.

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association
General Meeting**

Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

- Guest speaker: Arlington County Board member John Vihstadt will answer questions about county government and neighborhood issues.
- A representative of the Arlington County Police Department will share safety and crime information.
- Annual elections will be held for BMCA officers and for open BMCA Board positions.
- BMCA standing committees, including Conservation/ Beautification and Parks, will present reports.

For more information, contact BMCA President Ann Wilson at president@boulevardmanor.org.

The following will continue to serve on the Board, completing the second year of their terms in June 2016:

Courtney Collard-Meltzer	2 nd St. N.
Tony Ermovick	3 rd St. N.
Nicole Frost	5 th Rd. N.
Sandy Horwitt	5 th Rd. N.
Paul Svercl	3 rd St. N.
Darcy Reid Trick	N. Manchester St.

BMCA is grateful for the service of our outgoing president Ann Wilson, secretary Julia Ovando, and board member Matt Smith.

July 4 Ice Cream Social

All neighbors are invited to the Independence Day ice cream social on Saturday, 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, 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. If you would like to help at the event, please contact Carlin Schwartz at CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org.

Other Upcoming BMCA Events

The Boulevard Manor **annual community picnic** will be held on **Sunday, September 13**, at Upton Hill Regional Park, noon-3:00pm. All neighborhood residents are invited. 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. To help plan and

run the picnic, please contact Tony Ermovick at TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org.

On **Wednesday, November 11**, BMCA and Arlington Community Church will co-host our fifth annual **Veterans Day potluck dinner** beginning at 6:30 pm. At last year's dinner, we raised more than \$320 for two veterans' causes, Fisher House and the Wounded Warrior Project. If you'd like to help, please contact Carlin Schwartz at CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org.

Neighbors will celebrate the late **Nelson Reeves' 115th birthday** at the Reeves farmhouse (400 N. Manchester St.) on Saturday, August 29th, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Community Yard Sale Succeeds for AFAC

BMCA and the Arlington Community Church hosted our first annual community yard sale on Neighborhood Day, June 6. Led by Pastor John Eckrote, the event raised \$1,700 for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. The organizers are aware of unintended impacts from the event on traffic and parking near the church. Improved planning has already begun for next year's yard sale.

Arlington Neighborhood Villages Seeks Members and Volunteers

Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV) is a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors live in their homes longer and stay engaged in their communities. ANV is seeking members among Arlington residents 55 or older. There is an annual fee, with financial assistance provided to those in need.

ANV is also looking for volunteers (many members volunteer) and donations to support their work. A number of Boulevard Manor residents are members or volunteers. For more information on joining or donating, visit www.arlnvil.org or call 703-509-8057.

Neighborhood Beautification Update

The BMCA Conservation and Beautification Committee reports continuing progress in enhancing the appearance of the neighborhood:

- ▶ At BMCA's request, Upton Hill Regional Park has completed improvements on the small slope at the southwest corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

Welcome to Boulevard Manor, one of the friendliest communities in Arlington. The Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) sponsors many well-attended social activities, which includes an Easter egg hunt, July 4th ice cream social, fall picnic, Veterans' Day dinner, and Christmas caroling. We have an e-mail listserv and web page to help keep you informed. Visit www.boulevardmanor.org for instructions on subscribing to the list serve and joining the Civic Association. You can join by mail or by PayPal.

If you moved into our neighborhood after January 1, 2015, BMCA would like to present you a welcome gift. Please contact me vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org.

Again, welcome to the neighborhood!

Claudia Maloney
BMCA Vice President

Ready to help?

With new officers and Board members being elected this month, it is the perfect time for more Boulevard Manor, Spy Hill, and Stone Ridge residents to become involved with BMCA. Your ideas and efforts are needed to help preserve and enhance what makes our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

Consider joining one of our standing committees (Membership, Conservation and Beautification, Parks, and Safety). Or bring new ideas for making a difference in our community. The time commitment may be minimal or extensive, depending on your desires. For more information, please contact Phil Klingelhofer at phil.klingelhofer@gmail.com or 703-524-5438.

If you do nothing else, please join the Boulevard Manor email list at Yahoogroups.com to stay informed about neighborhood news, events, and issues. Simply send an e-mail to blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You can select how often you want the group emails delivered. If you do not post messages, your email address will remain anonymous.

St. New grass and a small retaining wall will greatly reduce erosion and has improved the corner's appearance. BMCA thanks park manager Yahya Abdul-Qaadir and encourages neighbors to express thanks to him at yabdul-qaadir@nvrpa.org. The committee will continue to work with the park on other improvements.

- ▶ On March 28, the committee led another attack on invasive vegetation in the wooded area at the south end of Powhatan Spring Park. Neighbors cleaned vines from many trees to prepare for anticipated work this summer by the County to remove ground-level invasives.
- ▶ The committee is returning attention to beautification of the Arlington Blvd. shoulder. BMCA board member Phil Klingelhofer arranged a May 20 walkthrough of the area with the County arborist. Neighbors learned much about the trees and bushes in the area and what would be best to plant there. The committee is developing a budget for clearing and replanting the area over the next few years. Work is expected to begin with next fall's tree-planting season.



Upton Hill Regional Park planted grass and constructed a retaining wall, improving our neighborhood's northwest entrance.