



Between the Boulevards

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Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our fall meeting will feature:

- Guest speaker Patti Hurst of Skaters for Arlington Skatepark will discuss planned renovations at Powhatan Springs Park
- Guest speaker Sandra Spear of the Reeves Farm Conservation Society will discuss prospects for restoration and preservation of the Reeves farmhouse.
- A discussion of Neighborhood Conservation projects. Proposed improvements for funding under BMCA's Neighborhood Conservation Plan will be compared, with the most popular ideas selected (see article).

For more information, contact BMCA President Phil Klingelhofer at president@boulevardmanor.org.

Call for Neighborhood Conservation Projects

At the BMCA fall general meeting on October 19, neighbors will discuss potential neighborhood conservation (NC) projects. We will select two or three projects to propose for funding under the Arlington County NC Program. Typical NC improvement projects include installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights, park improvements and renovations, neighborhood art, beautification, and traffic management and pedestrian safety measures.

Projects must be in line with BMCA's approved NC Plan. The plan, as well as links to other NC information, are available at www.boulevardmanor.org. All suggested ideas will be discussed at the BMCA meeting; the ideas with the most support will be submitted. To make the best use of our meeting time, please submit ideas for new

NC projects to Phil Klingelhofer at president@boulevardmanor.org by Friday, Oct. 16.

County Board Approves Use Permits for Reevesland

At its September 19 meeting, the Arlington County Board approved a use permit for a Unified Residential Development (URD) covering part of the Reevesland property. The Department of Park and Recreation had

Upcoming Community Events

Halloween Trunk & Treat: Friday, Oct. 31, 6pm-7:30pm at Arlington Community Church (corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Livingston St.). Come see cars dressed up! There will be candy, hot cocoa, games, marshmallows, and a bonfire, all for free! More than 70 guests enjoyed last year's Trunk & Treat. For more information: www.myarlingtoncommunity.com.

Soup & Pie Bazaar: Saturday, November 7, 9am-2 pm at the Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St. All neighbors are invited to enjoy homemade soups and pies. Yard sale items, baked goods, Christmas crafts, and fair trade handicrafts from around the world will be sold. A Heifer International table will offer "Shares of an Animal" to help farmers in developing countries. For further information, call 703-524-4100 or email acob@arlingtoncob.org.

BMCA Veterans Day Dinner: On Wednesday, November 11, BMCA and Arlington Community Church will co-host our fifth annual Veterans Day 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.

Caroling Event: Neighbors of all ages are invited to sing holiday songs at the Sunrise at Bluemont Park retirement community on Sunday December 20th. Unlike previous years, the gathering will begin with a potluck dinner at 5pm, followed by caroling at the James Building (the Sunrise building closest to Wilson Blvd.) at 6:30pm. To participate in the potluck dinner, please bring a dish to share at Claudia Maloney's house, 5951 8th Rd. N. at 5:00. For more information, contact Claudia at vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org.

applied for the URD, which affects approximately one-third of an acre, mainly encompassing the former Reeves house and the driveway. Significantly, the Board directed staff to not record the subdivision until such time as the Board directs them to do so.

At the same time, the Board approved a Park Use Permit for the remainder of the 2.4 acres that Arlington County had purchased from the Reeves family in 2001. The immediately apparent effects of the Board's actions on September 19 include:

- ▶ The URD increases the marketability of the farm house, which last May the Board had directed the County Manager to sell.
- ▶ The Board's direction to staff not to record the subdivision plat leaves open the possibility that the house may not be sold as a dwelling and may be preserved for public use.
- ▶ The Park Use Permit maintains the current public uses of the majority of the former Reeves property, including the gardens of the Reevesland Learning Center.

The terms of the Use Permits allow the County up to three years in which to record the lot. During that time, proposals may be developed for alternatives to the subdivision of the lot and sale of the house for private use. One such alternative has been offered by the recently established Reeves Farm Conservation Society. The society's plans will be discussed at BMCA's October 19 meeting.

Join the BMCA E-mail List

The Boulevard Manor group at Yahoogroups.com (aka the listserv) is the most convenient and timely way to stay informed about neighborhood news, events, and issues. On the listserv, BMCA board members and other neighbors share information through e-mail. Although there are more than 250 e-mail addresses subscribed, traffic in the group is light, averaging fewer than 10 posts per week.

To join, simply send an e-mail to blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You can select how often you want the group messages delivered. If you choose not to post messages, the listserv will not reveal your e-mail address to other members.

Reminder: 2015 Membership Dues

BMCA works to improve the quality of life in our community. Membership in the association ensures that BMCA will remain a vital and active organization that advocates for the neighborhood and sponsors activities throughout the year. Member dues and donations are the primary funding source for:

- ✓ The community picnic, including the popular moonbounce
- ✓ The July 4 ice cream social
- ✓ The Veteran's Day dinner
- ✓ Landscaping and beautification in our community, with a current focus on invasive plant removal to protect the trees and restore the woodlands in our parks
- ✓ Activities at the Ashlawn Fun Fair

For those who are already members, thank you for your ongoing support. If you aren't a member please consider joining BMCA or making a donation to help the Association enhance our community.

At our web site, www.boulevardmanor.org, you can check the status of your membership and pay your 2015 dues. As an alternative to using the web site, you may contact Membership Committee chair Matt Smith at MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org.

Parks Updates

Bluemont Park: The Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct invasive species removal work on the slope above the playing fields where N. Manchester Street intersects 4th Road N. In the coming weeks, a variety of invasive vines which have overwhelmed the trees, shrubs and native plants will be removed. The area will be replanted with a variety of plants species native to Virginia, providing ground cover and creating food for wildlife.

Powhatan Springs Park: Arlington County staff is working with a design firm to review options for renovating or rebuilding the skatepark. Some features of the skatepark, which opened in 2004, have deteriorated and/or do not meet the latest industry standards for safety. The design options may be viewed at http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/105/Forum_311/Issue_3054.