



## Between the Boulevards

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### Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) General Meeting

Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Beginning exactly at 7:00, our fall meeting has a packed agenda:

- Police report – Officer Michael Keen, Neighborhood Liaison, Arlington County Police Department
- Wilson Boulevard neighborhood vision process – Matt Smith, BMCA Board
- Wilson Boulevard short-term improvement plans – Bonnie Parker, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES)
- Arlington Public Schools redistricting impact on Boulevard Manor – Tony Ermovick, BMCA Board
- Bluemont Park baseball field update
- Upton Hill Regional Park plans for high rope course – Paul Gilbert, Executive Director, NOVA Parks
- Neighborhood Conservation Plan: ongoing Bluemont Park project update and next priority project
- 2017 Budget – Rob Pilot, BMCA Treasurer
- Upcoming BMCA events

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

### Wilson Boulevard Position

At the June 2016 BMCA general meeting, the association charged the president with creating a committee to determine our community's vision for the future of Wilson Blvd. The committee has drafted a plan to establish the will of the association and is developing draft priorities based on past dialogue. The new Wilson Boulevard page at [boulevardmanor.org](http://boulevardmanor.org), located under the Committees menu, contains links to the plan, draft priorities, and additional information.

The Wilson Blvd. committee is seeking your feedback on the plan prior to adoption at the October 24 BMCA meeting. Bonnie Parker from the Arlington County DES Transportation Division will join us to discuss the process, including opportunities for BMCA to review concept drawings and provide feedback, prior to additional modifications to Wilson in the spring of 2017.

Shortly after the October BMCA meeting, there will be a meeting on the priorities, followed by an electronic vote to rank the priorities. Only active BMCA members may vote, so be sure you are up to date on your dues! Monitor the BMCA listserv for additional information and notification of changes to the Wilson Boulevard page. Questions, suggestions and comments on the

draft priorities and plan to establish BMCA's position on Wilson can be sent to Matt Smith at [MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org).

### BMCA Requests Open Public Process for Bluemont Baseball Field

On August 13, the BMCA Board of Directors asked the Arlington County Board to rescind a decision to construct improvements to the "Bluemont #3" baseball field. Joining the Arlington County Park and Recreation Commission and the Bluemont Civic Association, the BMCA Board objected to a decision process that lacked adequate public notice and open discussion.

The full text of the letter to the County Board is available at [boulevardmanor.org](http://boulevardmanor.org). Information about the planned baseball field improvements may be found at [projects.arlingtonva.us](http://projects.arlingtonva.us); search for "Bluemont."

### Redistricting for Washington-Lee High School

Planning Unit 1303 (encompassing all of BMCA) has been included among the units being considered for removal from the district for Washington-Lee (W-L) High School. Because the W-L student population is projected to grow beyond the school's capacity, the Arlington Public School Board is discussing the realignment of some planning units to the districts of Arlington's

### From the BMCA Hospitality Committee

**New Neighbors:** BMCA welcomes all new residents to one of the friendliest communities in Arlington. The civic association promotes the common welfare, health, and safety of its residents and sponsors many social activities. BMCA would like to give a small welcoming gift to new neighbors. If you moved into our neighborhood after January 1, 2015, please contact BMCA Board member Claudia Maloney at [ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

**BMCA Veterans Day Dinner:** On Friday, November 11, BMCA and Arlington Community Church will co-host our sixth annual Veterans Day dinner, with food service beginning at 6:00 pm. All neighbors are invited; there is nothing you need to bring. BMCA will provide beef and pulled chicken from Rocklands, as well as sides and beverages. We will also collect donations 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](mailto:CarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org).

**Caroling:** Neighbors of all ages are invited to sing holiday songs at Sunrise Retirement at Bluemont on Sunday, December 18th. The event will begin with a potluck dinner at Claudia Maloney's house 5951 8th Rd. N. at 5pm. If you are coming to the potluck, please bring a dish to share. At 6:30 pm, we'll walk over to Sunrise. If you are joining us at Sunrise, please meet us at the James Building (the building closest to Wilson Blvd) at 6:30pm. For questions, contact Claudia at [ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

other high schools. Information about the redistricting process is available at [www.apsva.us/APSboundaries](http://www.apsva.us/APSboundaries).

On October 5, the BMCA Board sent an email to the School Board requesting removal of Planning Unit 1303 from the areas being considered by realignment to a different high school. The school board has not granted the request. A neighborhood information session on the redistricting process is scheduled for October 10 (approximately at the time this newsletter is being completed).

### Neighborhood Conservation Project approved by County Board

The Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project selected by BMCA for priority funding was approved by the County Board on October 4. The project involves three improvements at Bluemont Park:

1. Construction of a sidewalk along the parking lot entrance near 4th Street N. to provide safe pedestrian access to the woodland area and nature trail, to the playground, and to the system of trails and other park features.
2. Restoration of the Bluemont Park woodlands (west of Four Mile Run between Carlin Springs Road and the playing fields), including a five-year program of removal of invasive plant species, a comprehensive survey of the flora and fauna, planting native plant species, encouraging and protecting wildlife diversity, and development of a nature trail with plant identification markers.
3. Installation of historical information signage at the former Reeves Farm (Reevesland).

This project will be executed under the guidance of Kathy von Bredow, RLA, of the Arlington County Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Invasive plant treatment by Invasive Planta Control, a professional contractor, will likely begin in November. Engineering design for the new sidewalk will begin shortly, with construction anticipated to be completed by the end of next summer.

At our October 24 BMCA meeting, we will confirm our next priority NC project, defined last year as the "completion of restructuring and safety improvements along N. Montague Street from N. Nottingham Street to 4th

**Want to stay in touch?** Two neighborhood email services are available. Consider joining both to keep up to date with neighborhood news and issues and to be part of a community dialogue. Both services can be set to send you individual emails or daily digests to control the number of messages.

The BMCA Yahoo group (aka **the BMCA listserv**) is the official connection for neighborhood news, events, and issues. Join by sending an e-mail to [blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoo.com) or from the Boulevard Manor web site at [boulevardmanor.org](http://boulevardmanor.org). Only subscribed members may post messages to the list by sending e-mail to [blvdmanor@yahoo.com](mailto:blvdmanor@yahoo.com). If you choose not to post messages, your e-mail address will remain anonymous.

**Nextdoor Boulevard Manor** is a private social network for neighborhoods nationwide. Join at [boulevardmanor.nextdoor.com](http://boulevardmanor.nextdoor.com). Neighbors use Nextdoor for informal information sharing, including things like finding babysitters, sharing contractor references, and selling household items.

### Important Phone Numbers

Emergencies: **911**

Arlington Police Non-Emergency Number: **703-558-2222**

National Capital Poison Center: **202-625-3333**

Consider subscribing to Arlington Alert at [www.arlingtonva.us/alerts](http://www.arlingtonva.us/alerts), which enables you to receive notifications about weather emergencies and traffic and transit disruptions.

Street N., including any re-engineering and other safety measures necessary to achieve those goals."

### Verizon Cleanup of Overhead Cables

Verizon has responded to BMCA's request to correct safety issues and remove tangles and dangling cables throughout our neighborhood. Work is expected to have been completed by October 13. BMCA has also communicated with Comcast, which will be conducting similar work soon.

### In Gratitude

With the approach of the national Thanksgiving holiday, BMCA takes this opportunity to express gratitude for some of the neighbors who help to preserve and enhance our community:

- ▶ Mr. **Mike Musto** of 2nd Street N. has for years improved the appearance of our neighborhood entrance by mowing the area along Arlington Boulevard at N. Manchester St.
- ▶ The **Church of the Brethren**, in addition to serving as BMCA's primary meeting location, has co-hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Independence Day ice cream social for many years.
- ▶ **Arlington Community Church** has co-hosted our annual Veteran's Day dinner since 2011.
- ▶ The BMCA "**runners**" deliver this newsletter and other important information to more than 450 homes across the neighborhood. Led by **Larry Goldschmidt**, the delivery team has included:
  - Ron Battocchi
  - Glenn Bowler
  - David Cloe
  - Lee Dioso
  - Matt Doyle
  - Tony Ermovik
  - Judy Flynn
  - Tom Hanula
  - Mike Hurley
  - Amy Johaneck
  - Phil Klingelhofer
  - Claudia Maloney
  - May Ohman
  - Julia Ovando
  - Barbara Raizen
  - Barbara Rodriguez
  - Sandra Spear
  - Paul Svercl
  - Retired runners Rich Massabny, Tamara Gelboin, and Ann Wilson

Most of the runners have served in their role for more than 10 years! We thank these volunteers, along with their family members who have helped to make the deliveries.