

Between the Boulevards

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Updates from the Civic Association President

As I write this, we are still in the grips of winter. Soon, the daffodils will start popping up, shovels, hats, winter coats and mittens will be put away for the season, and our thoughts will be turned to Spring and all the joy and warm weather it will bring.

Once again, I will be silently cursing the massive American Holly tree in my front yard, as I spend almost every weekend (until June) raking up the fallen Spring prickly leaves. Yet in winter, I applaud the same tree as it prevents my driveway (and car) from getting too much snow. At least when I rake, I can hear the joys of children (and parents) enjoying our new ball field in Bluemont Park.

Spring is also when I reflect on how great the community is in Boulevard Manor and what a true joy it is to live here (a Spring highlight being the Easter Egg hunt!). We have a unique and special place that most neighborhoods/civic associations just do not have...and I am happy to say it is only getting BETTER and BETTER.

Join fellow residents at the February 26 BMCA general meeting (see inset box) to hear some of that outstanding news and to be a part of making our neighborhood an even greater place to live and play. Among the topics and special guests:

- ▶ Libby Garvey, County Board Member will be present to take our questions and concerns (and boy, do we have some!). Please note, that due to time constraints and a full agenda, I will only be allowing 20 minutes for her. So, if you have a pressing question or concern, please let me know ahead of time so I can call on you.
- ▶ Come hear about the final draft plan for Upton Hill/Park improvements by the North Virginia Regional Parks Authority (NVRPA). NVRPA has worked very collaboratively with us to make sure our concerns and issues have been taken into account. This is your time to see, hear, and add input to the efforts of that great collaboration!

New to neighborhood? Welcome!

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) 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 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, 2017, please contact Claudia Maloney at VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

The agenda includes:

- County Board member Libby Garvey will discuss community issues.
- Roger Munter, the County Director of Community Engagement will talk about opportunities to make a difference in our community.
- BMCA committees will present reports.
- We will vote to appoint the 2018 Nominating Committee.

For more information, contact BMCA President Chris Tighe at president@boulevardmanor.org.

- ▶ Meet the new Arlington County Director of Community Engagement!
- ▶ Hear about the VERY EXCITING plans for Dominion Hills Shopping center!

And much, much more!

Boulevard Manor, of course, cannot be a great place without people like YOU! Consider volunteering for many of the great projects/activities that BMCA gets involved in. If you have an interest, we probably have a slot!

Have a fabulous Spring! And if you happen to drive on 5th St. N. on a random Spring Saturday and see me cursing that holly tree, feel free to stop! I would probably welcome the distraction!

– Chris

2018 BMCA Membership Drive

2018 membership renewals are due this month. Please make your renewal payment today. If you are not a member, please join us. See details below.

Membership dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. These dues pay for popular activities such as the picnic and the ice cream social, as well as neighborhood enhancements such as the trees that were planted along Route 50. Membership is for the calendar year and can be paid using the attached envelope, through the Membership link on the BMCA website, or through a link sent to you by email as part of our annual membership audit.

This year, the audit is focused on email addresses; you will notice we have removed the phone number from

the membership form. Due to the large response rate in our pilot of online voting as part of the Wilson Position project, the Board is considering expanding the use of online voting. In online voting, your email address serves as your proof of identity; it's how we know you are the person casting the vote.

Our goal is to have an accurate email address for every member who uses email. For your convenience, emails are being sent to current and past BMCA members. These messages include a direct link to PayPal. If you don't receive an email from membership chair Matt Smith shortly, then we don't have your correct email address in our records.

New Farmers Market Planned

A meeting was held January 10 to discuss effort to start a weekly farmers market open on the property of Barrett Elementary School, by June 2018. In attendance were representatives of Field to Table, the organization behind the Westover farmers market and, recently, manager for the Fairlington farmers market.

The process for establishing the new farmers market will include:

- ▶ Getting a special exception use permit from Arlington County. Based on previous experience, Farm to Table expects the permitting process to require up to 3.5 months.
- ▶ Getting approval from Arlington Public Schools. Field to Table is using the successful blueprint from the establishment of the Westover farmers market.

Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren
 Saturday, March 31,
 10:30am at the Church
 (300 N. Montague St.)



Egg hunt for children in 5th grade and under
 Refreshments and fun for all

If you would like to help at the event, please contact Claudia Maloney at VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org.

- ▶ Identifying up to 12 volunteers who will regularly contribute time/labor (e.g., web site design, word-of-mouth advertising.
- ▶ Selecting vendors. Expectations are for 3-4 major farms as anchors, supplemented with a mix of smaller operators that focus on one or two food types or processes.

For additional information about the Barrett farmers market, contact:

Rob Swennes
 Field to Table, Inc.
 703-405-8232
robswennesftt@outlook.com

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E Mail Address(es) _____

Please do not add my e-mail address to the BMCA listserv

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 additional contribution of any amount (Thank you!)	\$ _____
Total Dues and Contribution	\$ _____

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

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