

## Between the Boulevards

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### Change to BMCA Bylaws Proposed

As announced on the BMCA Yahoo group, BMCA member Tony Ermovick has proposed a change to the Civic Association bylaws. The proposal will be presented for a vote at the February 18 general meeting.

Under our current bylaws, the elected president and vice president may not serve consecutive terms (a term comprises two years). The proposed change would allow a president and/or vice president to be re-elected for an additional two-year term. The proposed changes to BMCA Bylaws Article IV are shown below with removed words ~~struck out~~ and new language in **boldface**:

7. Election of Officers and Directors. All Officers and Directors of the Association shall be elected at the regular June meeting of the Association, with terms of office for those so elected commencing upon adjournment of the meeting at which such election shall have taken place.

**Once elected**, Officers shall hold office for a term of two years, or until their successors shall have been duly elected. ~~Ne~~ **The President or Vice-President may only serve up to two consecutive terms, if duly reelected for the second term. As much as possible, the terms of the President and VP should be staggered so turnover of the two positions does not occur in the same year. The Treasurer and Secretary have no limits on the consecutive terms they may serve, as duly reelected.**

Directors shall serve for a ~~period~~ **term** of two years and may serve up to a maximum of two consecutive terms. To provide for staggered terms, at least two Board members shall be elected each year. In addition, the outgoing President shall automatically become a member of the Board for one term (**two years**) if the Nominating Committee ascertains that this member will serve.

Tony points out, "It takes at least a year for these officers to get up and running at full speed, so that leaves only one year for full productivity. Allowing them to run for a second term will provide them, if duly reelected, an additional two years to implement their initiatives and improvements they are attempting to put in place. Getting a second term would not be automatic; they would have to run for a second term and win reelection. Others could always run for the President or VP position at the end of the incumbent's first term."

The full current bylaws document is available to review at the BMCA web site, [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org).

### 2019 BMCA Membership Drive

2019 membership renewals are due this month. Please make your renewal payment today. If you are not a member, please join us. BMCA offers relief for neighbors financially affected by the federal government shutdown.

Membership dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. 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.

Around the time this newsletter is published, BMCA membership chair Matt Smith will send emails to current and past members. If you don't receive a message from Matt, then we don't have your correct email address in our records. Please join or rejoin us by following the membership link at [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org).

### Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

**Monday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Please join us at our winter meeting. The agenda will include the following items.

- County Board member Katie Cristol will discuss the coming of Amazon to Arlington and other issues.
- A proposed change to the Civic Association bylaws regarding terms of the BMCA president and vice president will be presented to the membership for a vote.
- We will also vote to appoint the 2019 Nominating Committee.
- BMCA committees will report on neighborhood activities and issues.

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

If you do receive the email from Matt, please reply promptly to confirm that we have your correct address. The message will include a PayPal link so that you can pay your BMCA dues electronically.

The BMCA Board recognizes that the government shutdown has directly or indirectly caused financial hardship for some neighbors. If the shutdown has caused the cost of your 2019 dues to be a burden, please send an email to [MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:MattSmith@boulevardmanor.org) asking to defer the 2019 membership dues payment. Members with deferred payment status will maintain full voting rights. Dues can be paid when it is no longer a financial burden.

### The Civic Association needs you!

The BMCA 2019 nominating committee, to be appointed by a vote at the February 18 general meeting, will seek volunteers to serve a term as a BMCA officer or Board member. At our June meeting, the committee will present nominees for BMCA president, vice president, secretary, and at least two new Board members.

Being a member of the BMCA Board involves attending approximately three board meetings a year and three general meetings a year, helping with BMCA events, and becoming involved with neighborhood issues and projects that are of interest to you. Other opportunities include participating in standing committees, such as the Parks, Safety, Hospitality, and Membership Committees. The term of a Board lasts two years, with re-election to a consecutive term permissible.

Being involved in the leadership of BMCA is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and to help improve our community. If you are interested in speaking to the nominating committee, please contact current BMCA President Chris Tighe at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org) or Vice President Claudia Maloney at [VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org).

**Updates from the Civic Association President**

WOW! WOW! AND WOW! That is what comes to mind when, during the historic government shutdown, I witnessed so many neighbors helping neighbors. We are blessed to be living in such a caring community. Offers of groceries, babysitting, and meals out; volunteering for important causes; and even small comforting gestures are examples of BMCA residents and other Arlingtonians strengthening our community in trying times.

During the shutdown, the County restarted sidewalk and road repairs in our neighborhood. County staff have told me that any identified repairs not yet begun should get started in the Spring. I am VERY glad to have our roads and sidewalks scheduled for immediate attention because the deficit facing the county government may result in cuts to such services.

Regrettably, neighborhood news also includes a recent tragedy. An accident at intersection of Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) and Manchester St. claimed the life of a Boulevard Manor resident. This terrible loss has focused our attention on the inadequate safety of the Route 50/Manchester intersection. This issue is priority number ONE for the BMCA Board in the coming months.

In consultation with the Board, I have formed a working group that will work with the County and VDOT to plan vitally needed safety improvements for the intersection. The working group will be chaired by the BMCA secretary, Alex Cumana. The group's first meeting is scheduled to follow the BMCA general meeting at the Church of the Brethren on February 18.

I am grateful to neighbors who have provided information to the BMCA Board about the intersection and other important neighborhood matters. Your input enables us to address issues such as illegal parking at 5th Rd. and Montague, Bluemont Park drainage problems, recommended improvements at bus stops, and the need to protect trees from damage during sidewalk repairs. We strive to be responsive to on your feedback, requests, complaints, etc. So, again, THANK YOU for keeping us moving, centered, and excelling as a Civic Association.

I hope you will join us at the BMCA general meeting. We will have a chance to talk to County Board member Katie

**Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt**

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren  
 Saturday, April 20, 10:30am  
 at the Church  
 (300 N. Montague St.)



Egg hunt for children in 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org).

Cristol. Katie will present information on the establishment of Amazon's "HQ2" in Crystal City and what that may mean for the future of Arlington. I eagerly await this presentation!

Also at the February 18 meeting, BMCA Board member Tony Ermovick will present a proposed change to our by-laws (see separate article). For your information, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Finally, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be elect a committee that will nominate officers and Board members for election in June (see separate article). I will ask the nominating committee to seek to increase the number of BMCA Board members and to identify nominees who have not previously served on the board. Having a mix of experienced Board members and "new blood" will invigorate our association.

Diversity is very important to me! I hope that our 2018-2019 officers and board will be representative of the different origins, ideas, and personalities that enrich our neighborhood. I'm proud that our current Civic Association Board is remarkably diverse, but we can DO BETTER! Please consider serving as a BMCA officer or Board member or working on one of our wonderful committees. Nothing would please me more than to pass on your name to the nominating committee! If you're interested, send me a note at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org).

– Chris

**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!)	\$ ____
<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