



## Between the Boulevards

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### Improvements Planned for Intersection of Arlington Boulevard and N. Manchester St.

Arlington County has completed designs for improvements in the area of the Route 50 gateway to Boulevard Manor. The plans include new sections of sidewalk, accessible ramps, marked crosswalks and traffic signal light improvements, and construction of a cover for the deep drainage ditch immediately adjacent to the roadway.

The timeline for construction is uncertain. This project is funded jointly by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Arlington County. The County must receive authorization from VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration before the project may be advertised for contractor bids. The County hopes for a summer 2017 construction start, but that schedule is only possible if authorization is received in time for the project to be advertised in the next few weeks.

### Ashlawn School Safe Routes Projects Proceed

Arlington County has reached the 60% design stage for the planned construction of a safe, accessible walkway connecting 8<sup>th</sup> Rd. N. with Wilson Blvd. The County is negotiating with the Dominion Hills Area Recreation Association (DHARA) regarding easements that will be needed for construction. DHARA had requested development of a couple of alternative designs, mostly related to how best to manage stormwater drainage from their property. With a mutually agreeable design apparently selected, the county hopes to progress to 100% design over the next several months and to secure the necessary easements.

Two additional Ashlawn-related "Safe Routes" projects (N. Manchester St. sidewalk widening and improvements to the intersection of N. Manchester St. and 5<sup>th</sup> Rd. N.) are scheduled to start construction in late spring to early summer. Another Ashlawn-related project at N. Montague St. and 5<sup>th</sup> Rd. N. is at the 90% design stage, with construction expected later this year.

### Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

**Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.**

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

The agenda includes:

- Alyssa Morel of the Audubon Society will discuss Wildlife Sanctuary Gardens.
- Phil Klingelhofer of the Arlington Urban Forestry Commission will discuss urban forest effects and values.
- Committee reports will include updates on:
  - BMCA's ongoing Neighborhood Conservation project Bluemont Park
  - Arlington Boulevard improvements
  - The 8th Road pedestrian walkway
  - Wilson Boulevard improvements
- We will vote to appoint the 2017 Nominating Committee.

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

### 2017 BMCA Membership Drive

2017 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 annual neighborhood picnic and the Independence Day ice cream social and for neighborhood enhancements such as the trees recently planted along Route 50. Membership is for the calendar year and can be paid using the attached envelope, through the Membership link at [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org), or via a link sent to you as part of our annual membership audit.

## Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren

Saturday, April 15, 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 Carlin Schwartz at  
<mailto:mCarlinSchwartz@boulevardmanor.org>.



### Save the Date

BMCA Spring General Meeting	June 12
Independence Day Ice Cream Social	July 4
Annual Community Picnic	September 17

This year, the audit is focused on email addresses. Due to the large response in our pilot of online voting as part of the Wilson Position project, the BMCA 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 this year is to have an accurate email address for every member who uses email.

Emails are being sent to current and past BMCA members. **Please watch for an email from BMCA membership chair Matt Smith.** Reply to Matt to confirm your address. If you don't receive a message from Matt, please use the attached envelope or the BMCA web site to (re)join the Association and to add your correct email address to our records.

### Nominating Committee to be Appointed

In accordance with BMCA bylaws, at the February 27 general meeting, the membership will elect a nominating committee to choose a slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 elections. John Bloom, Claudia Maloney, and Tony Ermovick have agreed to serve on the committee; additional members may be nominated at the meeting. Elections will be held at our June meeting.

The committee will seek volunteers to serve as our next President and Vice President, or to fill at least five board positions. **So that our neighborhood may**

**benefit from your abilities and ideas, please consider serving as a BMCA officer or board member.** For more information, please contact Claudia at [ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org), John at [JohnBloom@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:JohnBloom@boulevardmanor.org), or Tony at [TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org).

Neighbors are also urged to participate in one of BMCA's committees: Safety, Neighborhood Conservation, Hospitality, etc. See [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org) for a list of committees and links to contact the committee chairpersons.

### Reeves Farm Conservation Society (RFCS) Dissolved

The RFCS 501c3 charitable corporation was dissolved at the end of 2016. The Society had been established to preserve the former Reeves dairy farm for public use. Arlington County had given RFCS three years to develop a plan for restoring the house, making the property operationally self-sufficient, and raising enough funds to pay for both activities. With no organization currently planning to accomplish these goals, the County is expected to continue preparations, begun in 2015, to sell portions of the former Reeves property.

RFCS had raised \$6,200 and spent roughly \$4,000 on legal fees, regulatory fees, and administrative costs. Upon dissolution, RFCS donated remaining funds to the Arlington Community Foundation. Former RFCS president Sandra Spear has expressed gratitude to "all who assisted us in our efforts to preserve part of Arlington's history for future generations."

### Bluemont Park Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Project Update

BMCA's NC project approved last year is progressing on schedule. The project aims to restore the natural woodland area of Bluemont Park and install a sidewalk for

### Join BMCA Listserv

The Boulevard Manor group at [YahooGroups.com](http://YahooGroups.com) (aka the listserv) enables neighbors to share news, announce events, and discuss issues. Although there are more than 300 e-mail addresses subscribed, traffic in the group is light, averaging below 2 posts per day.

To join, simply send an e-mail to [blvdmanor-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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.

safer park access from N. Manchester St. Last fall, neighborhood volunteers cut invasive ivy at the base of over 400 trees in the woodland area and a specialist treated the invasives vines and plants covering most of the ground and cut the invasive shrubs and trees. These actions, which will kill off non-native underbrush and ground cover, will give our native plants a chance to regenerate from seed stock and roots that have been buried under the thick mat of invasives.

This spring, a second round of invasive plant removal will be conducted in the woodland area. During the second quarter of 2017, engineers will complete designs for the sidewalk connecting N. Manchester St. at 4<sup>th</sup> St. N. with the Bluemont Trail. The plans will be submitted for permitting, with construction scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017.

Later this year, we will be asking for volunteers to help with other projects in the Bluemont Park woodland, including building a nature trail and removing trash that has accumulated over the years. We will also have work days in Powhatan Springs Park. Please contact Phil Klingelhofer at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org) if you want to get involved.

### **Wilson Blvd. Planning Continues**

In December 2016, BMCA sent a letter (available at [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org)) to the Arlington County Transportation office reflecting our fall prioritization work. Shortly afterward, BMCA members attended a county presentation on the planned Spring 2017 Wilson Blvd. changes, providing feedback in alignment with the Association's priorities. Arlington County officials have informed BMCA that "County staff are incorporating community feedback received and updating the design for the Wilson Blvd. additional short-term changes. Staff anticipate holding a community meeting



Neighborhood scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance at last November's BMCA Veterans Day Dinner, held at Arlington Community Church.

### **WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!**

The Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) is pleased to welcome all new residents to one of the friendliest communities in Arlington. Our Association promotes the common welfare, health, and safety of its residents and sponsors many social activities throughout the year.

If you moved into our neighborhood after January 1, 2017, BMCA would like to deliver you a welcoming gift to you. Please contact me at [ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

Again, welcome to the neighborhood!

Claudia Maloney  
BMCA Hospitality Committee

in mid-late March to share the updated plans before the restriping/installation work begins. Stay tuned to the project web page for meeting information."

The project web site (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/wilson-boulevard-improvements/>) has been updated, though the map mistakenly shows the project's western end at Arlington Mill Road (it actually ends at N. Larrimore St.). Interested neighbors should monitor the project web site for further updates. Through our Yahoo mailing list, BMCA will share the meeting date after the County announces it.

### **Crime Prevention**

The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) offers the following crime prevention services free of charge to all Arlington constituents:

- ▶ Residential premises security surveys
- ▶ Commercial premises security surveys
- ▶ Bicycle registration
- ▶ Crime prevention literature
- ▶ Crime prevention presentations to civic, service or professional organizations on topics such as robbery, burglary, fraud, identity theft, workplace violence and emergency preparedness

Additional information is available at <https://police.arlingtonva.us/prevention-safety>.

Outdoor lighting improves home security. A porch light operating with a light sensor and backyard light with a motion detector are recommended. As a courtesy to neighbors, please direct the lights downward and not toward your neighbor's yards or windows.

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please contact me about volunteering for activities related to:

☐ Conservation and Beautification

☐ Reevesland

☐ Hospitality and Social Events

☐ Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan

☐ Membership

☐ Safety and Emergency Preparedness

☐ Newsletter and Web Site

☐ Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member

☐ Parks

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