



Between the Boulevards

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Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) General Meeting

Monday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our fall meeting will include:

- A facilitated listening session for safety concerns related to the Manchester St./Arlington Blvd. intersection, featuring our state Delegate, Patrick Hope, and VDOT representatives
- A conversation with Dulce Carrillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement for Arlington Public Schools
- Discussion of a proposed BMCA oral history project with Arlington Independent Media

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

A Halloween Tradition Continues

Once again, on the evening of October 31, all are welcome to visit the "Haunted Bungalow" on the 5900 block of 3rd Street N. As they have done for many years, Kathi, John, and friends will transform their carport into a scene from a story by Edgar Allen Poe. John will lead a tour of the scenario while costumed actors perform a part of the story. Each tour lasts 5 minutes.



From last year's macabre story at the Haunted Bungalow

All ages, including adults, are invited to the event. Children will receive a bagged treat with a copy of the Poe story. Before each tour begins, John asks the group what level of scariness they would like. Kathi and friends will be working on weekends this month to prepare for this event. If you would like to help, please email kathi@bungalow.org.

BMCA to Host Veterans Day Dinner

Everyone is invited to the 9th annual BMCA Veterans Day dinner on Monday, November 11th, beginning 6:15 pm at the Arlington Community Church (on the corner of Wilson Blvd. and Livingston St.). BMCA will provide beef and pulled chicken from Rocklands, as well as homemade side dishes. We will collect voluntary donations for two important veterans' charities, Fisher House and Wounded Warriors. If you have any questions or you would like to help, please contact Claudia Maloney at vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org.

Holiday Caroling Returns on December 22

Neighbors of all ages are invited to sing songs at Sunrise Retirement at Bluemont. No experience is necessary; lyrics will be provided. The caroling will be preceded by a potluck dinner at Claudia Maloney's house. If you want to attend the dinner, please bring a dish to share and come to 5951 8th Road N., at 5:30pm. At 6:20, the group will walk over to Sunrise. Should you wish to join after the dinner, please come to the James Building (the Sunrise building that is closest to Wilson Blvd.) at 6:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Claudia at vicepresident@boulevardmanor.org.

Trees Need Water Too

Trees, whether they are small, medium, or towering magnificent specimens, add beauty and health to our neighborhood. Every tree that has not been regularly watered is likely stressed from this year's drought. If no heavy rainfall is in the forecast, residents should water the trees in their yards.

Simply let the hose run near the base of the tree on low-medium flow. A mature tree in drought needs 100 gallons each week, which will take 60-90 minutes with

the hose, depending on the flow. A young or small tree needs 25 gallons, about 20-30 minutes. Continue weekly until we get heavy, sustained rain.

Watering trees is not expensive; 100 gallons of water costs only \$1.40. Paying to remove a tree killed by drought, however, can easily cost more than \$1,000. Act now, before your trees are irreparably harmed.

Find more tips on watering at environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/care-for-trees/watering.



Neighbors gathered on September 15 for the 2019 BMCA picnic.

Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is upon us! The air is crisp, leaves crunch under our feet, and kids are back in school. It has been a very busy late summer and beginning fall in Boulevard Manor:

- Arlington Parks and Recreation completed repairs to portions of the Bluemont trail under Wilson Blvd. that had been damaged in the July 7th flooding.
- BMCA hosted another very well attended neighborhood picnic at Upton Hill Park. Please join me in another heartfelt THANK YOU to the Ermovick Family for their phenomenal organization of the most enjoyable event!
- Civic Association officers and residents met onsite with Virginia Delegate Patrick Hope at Route 50 and N. Manchester St. to show him firsthand how dangerous that intersection can be. Though it was a Saturday morning, we witnessed a near-collision and watched pedestrians run across the busy intersection.
- BMCA had the second highest community response rate to the County's online survey regarding the planned rehabilitation of the Bluemont tennis courts and parking area.

Some things that will keep BMCA active in the coming months:

- The Civic Association will reinforce to the County our members' strongly stated preferences on the Bluemont tennis court and parking rehab: that the existing footprint of the facility must not be expanded and that a multi-story parking garage is unacceptable. We will continue to point out the negative impacts (flooding concerns, Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area issues, removal of trees, etc.) of some of the options that have been raised. Although the County has postponed a planned joint community engagement session, the BMCA Board will continue proactive communication on the tennis courts project.
- BMCA will continue pressing the Virginia Dept. of Transportation to implement safety improvements to the 50/Manchester intersection. I encourage you to join us at the October 21 general meeting, where Delegate Hope and VDOT representatives will listen to our concerns and our ideas about what needs to be done.
- Our annual Veterans Day dinner will be held at Arlington Community Church. This event draws a large number of neighbors and raises substantial funds for veterans' causes (see separate article).

With Halloween approaching, I remind you please to be cognizant of pedestrians, especially children, as you drive through the neighborhood. I admit to sometimes being unaware of my speed when I'm eager to get home. All of us must be mindful of neighbors walking along our streets. Pedestrians should do their part as well, using the crosswalks and remaining alert to vehicular traffic.

Safety first!

Chris