



Between the Boulevards

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Presenting the Teen Job Board

As a service to the community, BMCA has collected information from local teens interested in performing odd jobs for neighbors. Please see the list on the next page and keep in mind these entrepreneurs when you need some hard work done. If you are a teen who would like to be added to the job board, please contact Michelle Van Lare at mdvanlare@gmail.com.

E-mail Distribution List Moving to Google Groups

Short version: The listserv will move from Yahoo Groups to Google Groups on April 1. If you are currently a member of the listserv and would like to remain a member using the current email address, no action by you is necessary. Listserv moderator Lee Dioso will transfer your information to the new group. If you would like to join the listserv, please send a request to LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. If you would like to change the email address that receives listserv messages, please send a request to LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org.

Long version: After more than 12 years in Yahoo Groups, BMCA will move its email distribution list (aka the listserv") to Google Groups. We are making this change because Yahoo has recently reduced sharply its Groups product, raising the possibility that the free listserv may not remain available for the long term.

Late on March 31, email distribution via Yahoo Groups will be deactivated. A welcome message early on April 1 will initiate email distribution via Google Groups.

For current members of the listserv, no action will be necessary in the transition to Google Groups. Listserv moderator Lee Dioso will transfer your email address from the Yahoo product to Google. If you would like to change the email address at which you receive listserv messages, please send a request to LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. Lee will make the change in Yahoo Groups and, On March 31, Lee will transfer your updated information to Google Groups.

If you are not currently a member of the listserv and would like to join, please send a request to LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. Lee will add you to the Yahoo Group and, on March 31, will transfer your information to Google Groups.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, February 24, 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.

- We will hold a discussion on comprehensive park management, including deer control.
- We will vote to appoint the 2020 Nominating Committee.
- BMCA committees will report on neighborhood activities and issues.

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

2020 BMCA Membership Drive

2020 membership renewals are due this month. Please make your renewal payment today. If you are not a member, please join us.

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, ice cream social, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Membership is for the calendar year and can be paid using the attached envelope, through the Membership link at www.boulevardmanor.org, or through a link in the email sent to you as part of our annual membership audit.

Last year, the association approved a change to the by-laws to permit online voting. When voting online, your e-mail 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 e-mail address for every member who uses e-mail. This year, the audit is focused on e-mail addresses. We have removed the phone number requirement from the membership form.

For your convenience, we are sending to current and past BMCA members e-mail messages that contain a direct

link to PayPal. If you don't receive an email from membership chair Matt Smith, it's likely because we don't have your correct e-mail address in our records.

Nominating Committee to be Selected

BMCA bylaws require appointment of a nominating committee through a vote at our February general meeting. The committee will identify 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.

A leadership role in BMCA provides a unique opportunity 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 or Vice President Claudia Maloney at VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org.

TEEN JOB BOARD

Name	Jobs	Contact Information
Hannah Boone	Babysitting Elder care/companion	703-869-3661 or hboone22@episcopalhighschool.org
Nicholas Boone	Pet care (provides overnight care for dogs, cat and other animals)	571-337-0468
Finn Curtis	Pet-sitting, house-sitting or mother's helper jobs	703-824-9090
Pippin Curtis	Pet-sitting, house-sitting or mother's helper jobs	703-824-9090
Violet Deane	Experienced babysitter and pet sitter	703-980-9002
Ryan Ermovick	Pet care/sitting, dog walking, plant watering, yard work References available upon request	rveermo@gmail.com
William Gellenthien	Plant watering, pet sitting, dog walking, mail/newspaper pickup, snow shoveling, raking	703-395-2031 or william.gellenthien@gmail.com
Dylan Minsker	Glass pickup for recycling	glasspickuparlington@gmail.com
Jay Van Lare	Pet sitting and dog walking, snow shoveling, yard work	johnharmonvl@gmail.com
Nat White	Various odd jobs like yard work, pet sitting, and house sitting	natjwhite007@gmail.com

Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren
Saturday, April 11, 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.



Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I think I am in the minority, but I am SO glad we have had a mild winter! We have endured few school closures, my shovel has stayed in the shed, and so far, only ONE snow day for APS! To think that *Farmers' Almanac* predicted one of the coldest/snowiest winters on record. . . As BMCA looks forward to spring and summer, I call your attention to the following matters:

- ▶ The County is expected to announce before the end of February whether they have approved the Habitat for Humanity's holistic proposal from for the Reevesland Farmhouse. BMCA will be informed immediately and will be prominent in the expected community engagement program. I am truly excited about this opportunity not only to save the farmhouse, but also to transform the house into something that benefits the underserved. Throughout the discussions concerning Reeves Farm, I have strongly advocated inclusion of the Reevesland Learning Center gardens in the final plans.
- ▶ The BMCA annual picnic in September will move to Bluemont Park as work begins Upton Hill Regional Park continues the construction of planned improvements. The upgrades will include a new playground, new picnic shelter, new paths, renovated restroom building, and expanded parking lot.
- ▶ Speaking of Bluemont Park, BMCA awaits the County's first draft design for rehabilitation of the tennis courts and adjacent parking lot. I know that some neighbors have expressed concern about the County removing some legacy trees. Remaining alert to ongoing developments, we plan to be fully engaged in the process, while acknowledging that some trees – especially older and unhealthy ones – are likely to be taken down and replaced. One of my biggest concerns is the County's view that the entrance to the parking may have to be moved, re-routing traffic and potentially affecting healthy vegetation.
- ▶ Please join us at the February 24 for an important discussion of deer management. Members of the BMCA Board are concerned that the absence of a comprehensive strategic management framework for county parklands has resulted in unacceptable waste of taxpayers' funds. The existing master plans for open space, etc., do not address the full life-cycle of park resources and external constraints affecting park management. For example, the County spends money to replant native species (reaction to a need), only to have those plantings eaten by deer or washed away due to inadequate stormwater management. We hope that after the discussion will prompt neighbors to consider the needs for consistent strategies to control deer (as applied by DC and Fairfax County) and for greater emphasis on full life-cycle management of our parks.

Lastly, we have openings for new members of the BMCA Board! The civic association has a continuing need for members of our diverse neighborhood to bring fresh perspective and new ideas to build a better community. If you are interested, please reach out to me or Claudia so that we can forward your name onward to the nominating committee!

Have a FABULOUS Spring!

Chris

Are you new to the neighborhood? Or a longtime neighbor interested in becoming involved in BMCA? Please join us by using the electronic form available at www.boulevardmanor.org (click "Civic Association" then "Membership") or by completing this form and mailing to the address shown below.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Household Address _____ Arlington, VA 2220__

Member 1 Name _____

Member E-mail Address _____

Add me to the Listserv Yes ___ No ___

I am interested in (see list of volunteer opportunities below): _____

Member 2 Name _____

Member E-mail Address _____

Add me to the Listserv Yes ___ No ___

I am interested in (see list of volunteer opportunities below): _____

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Conservation and Beautification, Hospitality and Social Events, Membership, Newsletter, Web Site, Parks, Reevesland, Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member