

Between the Boulevards

February 2021

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting – Virtual Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

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We are grateful to Arlington Church of the Brethren for offering BMCA use of the church's Zoom account for our neighborhood meeting.

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1. Dial 1-301-715-8592
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Please join us at our winter meeting. The agenda will include the following items:

- We will share a presentation and discussion on **Being a Good Neighbor to the Parks**.
- We will vote to appoint the 2021 Nominating Committee.
- BMCA committees will report on neighborhood activities and issues.

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

2021 BMCA Membership Drive

2021 membership renewals are due this month. Please make your renewal payment today. If you are not a member, please join us (see form on the next page).

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 neighborhood picnic and July 4 ice cream social. Membership is for the calendar year and can be paid using the attached envelope or through the Membership link at www.boulevardmanor.org.

Leaders Needed: The Neighborhood Seeks New Officers and Board Members

A leadership role in BMCA provides a great opportunity to engage in the issues that affect our neighborhood and to help make Boulevard Manor a safe and welcoming community. For information on how you can help, please contact BMCA Nominating Committee chair Tony Ermovick at TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org.

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 the new BMCA president and vice president and at least two new Board members. Term length for all positions is two years.

Reevesland Learning Center and Garden Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Ten years ago, a group of Boulevard Manor neighbors was inspired by the gardening legacy of the late Nelson Reeves, Arlington's last dairy farmer and resident of 400 N. Manchester St. For decades after the farm ceased operation, Mr. Reeves tended a large vegetable garden and shared his knowledge and crops with grateful neighbors.

His garden disappeared after Mr. Reeves' death in 2000, until it was revived and reimagined in 2011 by neighborhood volunteers with support from Arlington County.

The volunteers named their project The Reevesland Learning Garden, in memory of how Mr. Reeves taught many to grow vegetables and with a vision of continuing that tradition with Ashlawn and other elementary school students. The motto of the volunteer-led Reevesland Learning Center: Growing Food, Knowledge and Community.

Over the past 10 years, more than 15,000 Ashlawn students, teachers, and neighbors have participated in the Reevesland Learning Center's programs. These activities include growing organic food in the Reevesland Learning Garden, volunteering for Lawns 2 Lettuce 4 Lunch and, after each twice-yearly neighborhood harvest, participating in the Fiesta Salad celebration at Ashlawn for more than 800 students, teachers, staff and neighbors.

Plans are proceeding to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Reevesland Learning Garden. Organizers ask your help in sharing Reevesland stories and photos. If you have memories to share, please contact:

- ▶ Sandra Kalscheur, Chair, The Reevesland Learning Center, sandra.kalscheur@gmail.com, or
- ▶ Joan Horwitt, President, The Reevesland Learning Center, shorwitt@aol.com

Update from BMCA President Chris Tighe

Dear Neighbors,

WOW...What a year, huh? Half the time, I don't know whether to laugh or cry about 2020. As one of my heroes, President Teddy Roosevelt, said: "It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things." Remember that this guy was SHOT during a speech, persevered through the injury, and concluded his address. That's my model of optimistic resolve.

I look forward to being "back to normal" and to hearing the shouts of kids playing baseball and soccer and walking to and from Ashlawn. By Easter, I think, we'll again be hugging a neighbor or at least shaking their hand, which is what I've missed the most. Nodding from 6 feet away just doesn't feel right.

I want to focus on BMCA leadership for this edition. As you may recall, in 2019, I began a second 2-year term after the membership voted to change the bylaws, allowing

Join the BMCA Listserv

In the Boulevard Manor group at [Googlegroups.com](https://www.google.com/groups), neighbors share information on community news, events, and issues. To join, send a request to Lee Dioso at LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. You can select how often you want the group emails delivered. If you do not post messages, your email address will remain anonymous.

the president and vice president (if re-elected) to serve consecutive terms. My time as BMCA president will end after our elections in June.

In my time remaining in office, I'll certainly talk much about what we did together these past 4 years. Yet more importantly, I want to urge YOU to step up and lead! I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.

Because many plans were put on hold since last March, I expect that the coming months will see many delayed projects go into hyper drive, all at once. The coming burst of activity requires strong, resolute, optimistic leadership. We need a president and a vice president who can continue the work of building a better community for ALL neighbors.

Per the by-laws, I will transition to membership of the BMCA Board and will do all I can to help the new president. In this effort, my esteemed predecessor, Phil Klingelhofer, serves as my role model. Our two-time president was ALWAYS there to offer me counsel and advice, always showing his support for me in public. His graciousness is an example for me and all to follow. I am also highly indebted to Claudia Maloney who, as VP, was a

confidante and a sounding board. She often provided a differing perspective, helping to maintain an essential balance. Our Association needs thoughtful neighbors in both positions.

As one board member pointed out at our recent BMCA board meeting, the pay of the president is a big fat "nulla" while the criticisms are many. However, the true JOY is being in the "Arena" (another TDR speech that I wish all Americans would study). Being in the arena and helping to advance efforts that benefit the whole community is payment enough!

I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU to step into the arena and struggle for BMCA. Please step forward to meet our community's need. I invite you to contact me if you want to learn more about the details of the president and vice president positions. Let's maintain progress in our neighborhood, foster growth of our Association, and continue building a strong community. We want to continue the great things we have begun and WE WANT YOU TO LEAD US! Stay strong, stay vibrant, step up, and get after it! be BMCA brave!

- 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 Member	\$10
Couple (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 Rob Piester, 5907 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